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4th EDITOR'S CONFERENCE 2015-16

A REPORT

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The much awaited and talked about Editors' Conference was organized and hosted by The Scindia School from 2nd- 5th of September 2015. Eleven schools including The Scindia School participated in this conference. The participating Schools were:



Dr M.D. Saraswat, Col. S.Kaushal and Ms Puja Pant at the 'Flag Off'.

Assam Valley School, Assam; Genesis Global School, Noida; Daly College, Indore; Welham Girls' School, Dehradun; Welham Boys' School, Dehradun; Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior; M.G.D. Girl's School, Jaipur; Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hissar; BK Birla School, Pune; Vasant Valley School, New Delhi and The Scindia School, Gwalior.

The teams started arriving on the campus from the morning of 2nd September and most of them were on the fort, by late evening. After the dinner, Rock Band - 'The Youth Theory' of The Scindia School performed a few popular songs and enthralled the audience. This was followed by a cake-cutting ceremony in the exquisitely designed reading area which served like an ice-breaking session for all the delegates. The delegates could be seen clicking photos at the photo-booth and enjoying themselves. One could see the warmth and camaraderie developing among them, through the evening. All the delegates were briefed about the programme and keeping in view the much appreciated, non-competitive nature of this conference, all participants were assigned a group which was a mix of delegates from different schools. A total of twelve groups were formed and each was expected to create a Newsletter, at the end of the conference; the main purpose of this congregation.

Formal Opening Ceremony was held on the 3rd September, during the morning assembly, where the school's Brass Band performed several awe-inspiring tunes. After this, the students sang the Anthem of the Editors' Conference- 'Kalam Ki Taaqat'. This was followed by 'Food For Thought' where delegates were asked one question based on journalism and the best two responses received a book as a prize, a practice held each morning. Finally, the Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat declared the conference open.

After this, the first keynote speaker, Mr Kishlay Bhattacharjee addressed the participants. He is a senior journalist, who has worked with broadcast television for more than twenty years, out of which seventeen were spent with NDTV, where he was a Resident Editor covering conflict in India's North-East

as well as the Maoist corridor. He began his talk by sharing how a headline or a picture can evoke humanity. He also explained the risk of presenting a story with only one perspective and suggested that multiple narratives of the story should be given, lest journalism will create stereotypes in society. He suggested that one should avoid sensationalism but should try to make a 'compelling' story. This was followed by a Q & A session with the participants.

The second keynote speaker was Mr Akhil Hardia. A much acclaimed photojournalist, who worked as a Press Photographer with Dainik Bhaskar, Indore from 1984-2011 and is now a freelance photographer. Mr Hardia talked about the differences between press photography and photojournalism. He also presented a slide show on: Camera, types of cameras and tools of photography. His photographs amazed the audience.

Later in the afternoon, all the groups went to the city for collecting news for their newsletters. They roamed around the city of Gwalior in search of compelling stories and catchy photographs. Groups visited many places; a few among them were: Baada, Railway station, Jai Vilas palace, Mental Hospital, L.N.U.P.E University etc.

The next day, Mr Rakesh Mewade, a Sr. Graphic Designer with The Times of India at Bhopal, who has, in the past, worked as a layout Designer and as an Info graphic artist with other reputed dailies, was the keynote speaker. He briefed the delegates on the importance and usage of illustration, Storyboard, Info graphics and Cartoons in a story. He also told the students about Image editing and layouts. This too was followed by an interesting Q & A session.

The fourth keynote speaker for the day was Mr Arindam Mukherjee (Ex-JP, 1991), a New-Media specialist with more than 17 years of experience in journalism who is presently the Associate Editor of India Today. He appealed to the delegates to read, write and think before doing any assignment. He also said that comprehensive note-making is very essential in journalism even today.

After these sessions, the delegates proceeded to design their newsletters which took several gruelling hours of discussions, thinking, debating and finally typing.



Mr Nalin Mehta & Mr Dharendra Sharma at the closing ceremony.



#Honesty. (feedback)



The last day, 5th of September started with the keynote address by Mr Nalin Mehta (Ex-RN, 1996). He is an award-winning social scientist and currently the Consulting Editor with Times of India. Mr N. Mehta gave a fascinating talk on different aspects of journalism. Citing current examples, he said that journalism in many ways is a mirror of the society. He told the budding journalists, how one compelling headline or photo can draw the attention of millions of people across the world. Citing fascinating examples, he explained how media reports can actually lead to a war or war like situations between countries. He also shared some slides and data regarding the impact of internet on newspapers in western countries and what could possibly happen in India in the next two decades or so. After his talk, there was a Q & A session with the participants.

Finally it was time for in-depth analysis and feedback of all the twelve newsletters by Mr Nalin Mehta, Mr Akhil Hardia and Mr Rakesh Mewade. They went through each newsletter



EC participants in the reading area.

in detail. They gave their expert comments and suggestions regarding the content, layout, pictures and illustrations to members of each group. Every word of this feedback was soaked and absorbed by the budding journalists.

This was followed by a Closing Ceremony where the delegates were awarded certificates and mementoes and we drew the curtains on the Editors' conference 2015-16.



IMMERSION PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS OF BHUTAN AT THE SCINDIA SCHOOL - A REPORT

Ms Nihariak Kulshreshtha

The Royal Government of Bhutan is in the process of establishing 'Central Schools' across several districts of Bhutan for the holistic development of their children. As part of this endeavour, a delegation of seven school Principals of Bhutan accompanied by Ms Usha Pathania of 'Universal Learn Today' visited the school from 27th August 2015 to 1st September 2015. On the last day we were honored by the visit of the Director of Education of the Royal Government of Bhutan along with three officials. This immersion program was aimed to contribute towards designing a policy blueprint for school education in Bhutan.

The objectives of the visit were to develop an understanding on:

- Leadership and management of a residential school. Its vision, mission, and values; and how these are translated into the day-to-day activities of the school.
- Various challenges in managing a residential school.
- Roles and responsibilities of a Principal and Pastoral Care team of a residential school.



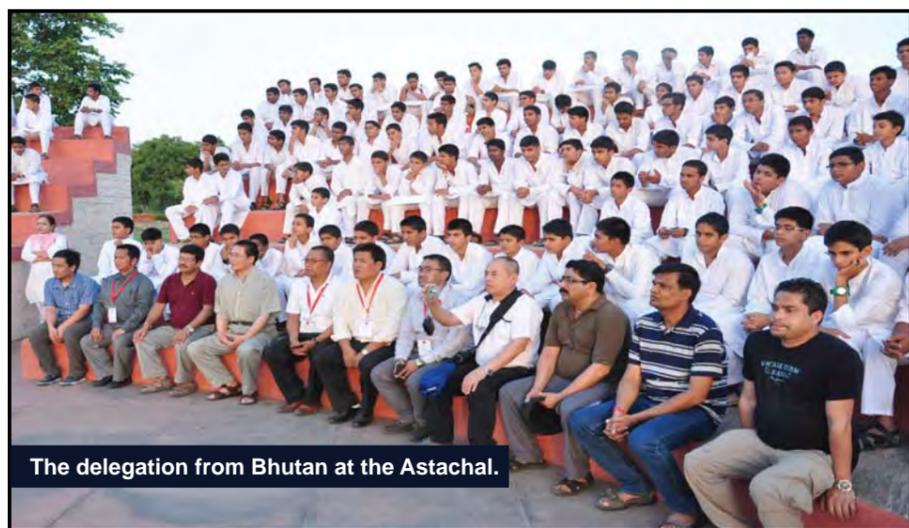
Principal welcoming Ms Usha Pathania.

- The academic programme and other activities (sports, performing arts, visual arts) of a residential school; and how these differ from that of a day school.
- Programme for leadership of students-life-skills, health education and value education.
- Inclusive Education for children with special needs.

As part of this initiative, the team interacted with members of the faculty. They could be seen literally everywhere and anywhere on the campus, for five days. The visit to Astachal, where the students assemble in the quietude of the setting sun, after the day's hectic schedule, to meditate and introspect - particularly drew admiration from the Principals.

Our school community, in return, was amazed by the simplicity, humility and the enthusiasm for learning, of the whole team of Principals.

An excerpt from an e-mail received from one of the Principals says it all: "From the day I set my foot in the Scindia School; self-discovery, cultural focus, warmth in the students could be felt. My interaction with the faculty was very fruitful. I got the essence of a residential school. There were also many things to take from students. Overall I got what I intended. Thank you Scindia, this is just the beginning. We have to go a long way". - Principal - Wanakha Central School, Bhutan.



The delegation from Bhutan at the Astachal.

'FRANKLY SPEAKING' WITH THE BURSAR COL. SANJIV KAUSHAL (Retd.)

Interview by - Pavan Jaini and Kabir Saund

Col. Sanjiv Kaushal, a retired Army Officer, is an impeccably dressed man. Yes, you got it right; he is the new Bursar of the Scindia School. His work is a true reflection of his personality. Literally, every nook and corner of the school is going through renovation and he is on his toes 24/7. The shining cannons, decked up offices and the lightning speed with which the work gets done, marks his presence in that coveted office.

Always forthcoming and willing to help, it is reassuring to work with him. He says, "Children and teachers are my priority, and I will do whatever it takes, to take the school to dizzying heights in times to come".

As he goes about accomplishing his vision for the school, we wish him all the best for this assignment and hope that he actualizes the dreams that he has for the school.

We at the 'Review' thought it would be fascinating for the Scindian fraternity to know the new Bursar. We bring before you a tête-à-tête we had with him.



Bursar, Col. S. Kaushal in his office.

Date of Birth: 3rd march 1961

Married to: Mrs Hanita Kaushal

Wedding Anniversary: 13th December (1987)

Children:

I have two children. My younger son is Dushyant, who is currently studying in class XII in The Scindia School. My older son, Raunaq has done his MS in Bio technology from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and is currently engaged in Cancer research in the US.

Education:

I studied in the Convent School at Patiala, and then went on to do a BA. Soon after that I got selected to join the IMA, Dehradun.

Favourite Book:

I am very fond of reading since my childhood. I have no 'favourite book' as such, but I generally like to read fiction; although off-late I have taken a liking for management books. I also feel that each book that one reads leaves an impact on one's life in one way or the other.

Favourite Dish:

I like a well-cooked dish; the origin of the recipe doesn't matter. It could be Continental or Chinese or our very own Dhaba food. I love tasty food, particularly vegetables cooked in unique ways. However, I do have a slight preference for Continental and Indian recipes over others.

Favourite Singer:

I have a good collection of music and enjoy different genres of music. I like Country, Ghazals, and even popular dance music. What I will listen to or enjoy will also depend on the company I have. My favourite bands are The Carpenters, ABBA and Boney M. I also sometimes listen to the contemporary Bollywood music as well.

Favourite Movie:

I am quite a 'Movie Buff' so to speak. I try and go out every Sunday with my family to watch the latest movie. I don't have any favourite movie as such, but I watch both Hollywood and Bollywood movies with equal interest. My favourite genres are Comedy and Action and I don't appreciate Sci-fi stuff.

Favourite Sport:

I was introduced to sports at a very young age as my father was a Ranji level cricket player and my brother played for the India Under -19 Cricket team, but I must confess I was never as good as they were in their heydays. I like watching sports, my favourite being Track and Field events, Cricket and Gymnastics.

Favourite Sports Person:

I am a fan of Sunil Gavaskar and Carl Lewis, the legendary American sprinter who dominated the 1980s. At the moment I like to see Usain Bolt run and lift his index finger just before he touches the rope, signifying that he is the number one athlete in the world. I like his dominating style at the highest level of the sport. Seeing him, I feel a rush of adrenalin in my body.

Your hobbies:

As I said earlier, I like to read books, spend time with family and watch the news

What are your likes?

I like people who are committed, sincere, honest and hardworking. I sincerely believe, 'Nobody has ever died of hard work'.

What are your dislikes?

When I discover traits in people that are just opposite of what I just said a while ago.

What are your strengths?

I think, I have tremendous willpower and I can sustain a challenge for a long period of time, although I might start slow. I like to look at the smaller details of things and I am a perfectionist when it comes to the job given at hand.

What are your weaknesses?

Well, I do have some weaknesses, but I won't share them here. (laughs...)

What is it that you like about the school?

I appreciate the Army like environment. My first good impression of the school when I joined on 23rd of April this year was the look of the place. The barracks, the greenery and the architecture of the buildings gives it a very military like flavour.

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

Keeping in mind the role that I have been given in school, my vision is to provide the best facilities the students should get in a school of this stature. Students should have a comfortable stay, so comfortable that they should long for coming back quickly from home. Eventually, I want every other school out there to be envious of the facilities that we will provide here; from the food to the classrooms, everything will be top of the line. Every action of mine is student centric; and that is my modus operandi going forward.



Bursar being interviewed by the student Editors of the Review.

FORT NEWS

The dry spell continues on the Fort. With half of September gone, it is time to perhaps accept a deficient rainfall in this part of the country. The average temperature is unexpectedly high, making it feel almost like summers. Water level of *Taals* on the Fort is quite low this year and the Tighra Dam is much below its full capacity. In spite of all this, the Fort is green with Jungle Babbler, Ashy Drongo, Green Bee-eater, Indian Roller and colourful butterflies making life delightful for its residents.

The Scindia School Boys' Hockey team participated in IPSC U-17 Hockey Tournament, organized and hosted by MNSS Rai, Sonapat, from the 25th - 29th Aug 2015. Our team won 3 out of 5 matches and won the IPSC Bronze medal after many years. Congratulations to the team!

A team of 6 students, 3 for Debate -Divyaditya Singh, Satvik Bansal, Abhishek Agrawal, and 3 for Business Quiz-Dushyant Kaushal, Harsh Purwar, Aayush Arora participated in a Debate & Quiz held at Vivek High School Chandigarh from 27th - 28th of August. They were escorted by Dr Maitreyee Bishnoi. It was a learning experience for the students to compete with sixteen elite schools from different parts of India.

Escorted by Mr Rohit Sood, a delegation of seven boys from The Scindia School, namely, Kushagra Kaushik, Sparsh Jain, Keshav Sarawagi, Sarthak Arora, Yash Agarwal, Jayant Kishnani and Hardik Jain participated in the 2nd Creative Eye Film festival hosted by The Assam Valley School from 29th Aug - 2nd September 2015. A group of eminent film makers from Assam were the judges for this event. Jayant Kishnani won the best editor and sound award from our team for their short film: A Day in the life of a pen. An Old Boy, Brij Jamwal (Ex-SH, 1982) who looks after a tea garden, came to know of the presence of our school from the AVS administration and immediately invited the delegation for a visit to the tea factory and showed the traditional scindian hospitality. Many thanks Mr Jamwal.

The Scindia School football team participated in the Mayo Football Tournament, Ajmer from 1st - 5th September. In the captaincy of Vivek Singh and with the



The Scindia School Football team celebrating their success.

guidance of their coach, Mr Sidhartha Rai, The Scindia School team topped the league table and played the Semi-Finals against The Rashtriya Indian Military School, Dehradun and won by 3-0. We then played the final against Mayo College, Ajmer and were the runner-up of the tournament. Rekeela Bhutia was awarded the 'Man of the Tournament' trophy. Congratulations to the team!

A Multimedia Event was conducted on 4th September 2015 at Vasant Valley School, New Delhi. Escorted by Mr Vijay Bhawani, four students, namely, Sanjay Sushant Kaushal, Sanskar Singhal, Snehil Tripathi and Prasoon Naithani represented The Scindia School. The topic of the event was "Treat the Mind Like the Body". A multimedia presentation was to be prepared on the topic. The topic was mainly related to mental illness. It was a very enriching experience for the participants.

Dr Tarachand Memorial Hindi Essay writing contest was held recently.

The topics were:

"Samaj main Media ki Bhoomika, "Prakritik Aapdayen aur Hum"

Results are as under:

Senior group:

I Aadya Mishra II Sannidhya Agicha III Kushagra Srivastav

Middle group:

I Chidghan Prabhu II Abhishek Mahore III Aditya Parashar

A delegation of six boys, namely, Arya Adhikari, Sadanan Dubey, Vedant Nag, Shakti Mahendru, Kartikeya Kulshreshtha and Shubhmanyu Lahiri were escorted by Ms Kirti Ghosh to attend a Round Square Conference at VDJS, Hisar from 31st Aug- 4th of September 2015. The theme of the conference was: EVOKE, EVOLVE and EBMRACE. They had an enriching experience during the conference, made new friends and collected beautiful memories.

The Scindia School Students participated in Gwalior Division Open Swimming Competition held at Gwalior Taran Pushkar. Five students won the medals in following events.

Alankrit Awasthi won a Gold medal in 50 Mt Breast stroke and another Gold medal in 50 Mt. Back Stroke. (Under-12)

Adarsh Gupta won a Gold medal in 50 Mt Breast Stroke. (Under-14)

Samarjith Nalvade won a Silver medal in 50 Mt Back Stroke (Under-14)

Teyjanveer Singh Boora won a Bronze medal in 50 Mt Breast Stroke (Under-19)

Satyam Chaturvedi won a Gold medal in 50 Mt Freestyle and won another Gold medal in 50 Mt Backstroke. (Under-17)

Obituary

Harsh Vardhan Modi (Ex-JP, 2009) passed away due to an unfortunate accident on 13th September 2015.

May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

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