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EDITORIAL

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Opportunity is missed by most people as it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

With this, I thank the Review Editorial Board for inviting me as the Guest-Editor for this issue of the esteemed 'Review' of The Scindia School.

The last time I gave an article for the Review was in 2011, when I was in Class VI. I had written an article on my initial experiences in this magnificent school. So here is my second article, in the form of an editorial.

The weather has transformed itself, from unbearably chilly mornings and evenings to very pleasant days.

With the year about to end and the exams round the corner, we can now see the students glued to their reference books. Suddenly, Gods and teachers are highly significant and the students are giving more respect to them. The teachers are busy doing last minute preparations, like extra classes, practical preparations, question papers and marking schemes, whereas the Gods have a long list of 'impossible' wishes to grant.

Well the school has changed drastically from last year, starting from the 'Enrichment Classes' and 'Math Preps' for Class X, to the Principal's long morning assemblies for the entire school; CHANGE is too small a word to define The Scindia School's situation right now. Class X exchange candidates are getting insane writing the Statements of Purpose, and requesting teachers to write Letters of Recommendation. We hope that these students get their desired destinations.

On top of this, the process of selecting the School Prefects has become a lot more demanding! So, for those of you who didn't pay attention to the Principal or probably slept through the assembly, here is what the process looks like. The interested students have to first 'apply' to the Principal. They must however keep in mind that they have to be die-hard fans of the School's Code of Conduct, making it their Bible, with a promise to adhere to the school's rules and regulations 24/7



and 365 days (like all of us lovely Scindians!). Furthermore, Housemasters and teachers would recommend the names of the students who they think could take up this responsibility. Once the potential list of leaders is ready, they will be sent for an outdoor leadership programme, which will be followed by an appraisal.

Moving on to national issues; a few weeks ago it was the case of Rohith Chakravarti Vemula. He was an Indian PhD student at the University of Hyderabad. His suicide in the month of January 2016 sparked protests and outrage and gained widespread media attention, as an alleged case of discrimination against Dalits in India. The infamous Article 377 of the Indian Penal Code is now under revision, and has brought cheer to the thousands of LGBT activists from across the country. This law from the year 1861, if removed, will pave the way for a more liberal society.

Very interestingly, the Iowa elections ensured that no matter how many 'enlightening' comments are made by Donald John Trump, logic would always supersede nonsense. We are waiting for the day of the results of the US Presidential elections; hopefully it is only till then that we would have to listen to all the 'logical' statements made by Donald J. Trump.

Moving on, my favourite sphere, i.e. the world of Information Technology, is ever-expanding. Newer models of smartphones, tablets and laptops are flooding the market with better specifications. Moreover, this year we might be blessed with electronics which would let us experience the 'Virtual or Augmented Reality'. With virtual reality headsets such as the Oculus Rift, Sony's Project Morpheus, and Microsoft's Holo Lens, the future of gaming looks brighter than ever.

Yesterday was the 14th of February, better known as the Valentine's Day. Unfortunately, this year too we spent it without roses, chocolates and girls! Nevertheless, I still love Scindia!

Once again, I would like to thank the Review for giving me this wonderful chance, to let me have the FRONT PAGE of the Review.

So, Read on!

Follow Traffic Rules, Save Your life

Somesh Kumar | VII A

A 'Road and traffic safety awareness week' was organized in the school from 20th-25th January. This short essay was written by Somesh Kumar during that week, on the said theme.

As we all know, life is the most precious thing that exists in our world. We also know that if we want to safeguard ourselves, we need to truly educate ourselves, imbibe civilized behaviour and follow time-tested rules and regulations.

We humans are vulnerable to both natural and man-made disasters. About one out of seven people die in road accidents every second. This is because they indulge in reckless driving and break traffic rules. Unfortunately this reckless behaviour is all pervasive in our country and somehow people seem to ignore the statistics which are quite shocking. Technology has reached its pinnacle in the 21st century and we all know that. Although we have many technological and scientific innovations these days for the betterment of society, unfortunately they are abused for personal fun and frolic.

In ancient times, people either walked or rode on raw paths because of which they were compelled to move slowly. But now-a-days, we have smooth roads and flyovers to run our vehicles. Yet we drive recklessly and do not follow traffic rules. Hence, frequent accidents take place which at times even turn out

Round Square Conference at the Daly College Indore - A Report

Ms Jasman Randhawa

The Scindian delegation comprising Hriday Soni, Angad Sahni, Yashvardhan Dixit, Harshvardhan Mehta and Irish Rohra were all transported 'over the rainbow' to a 'dreamlike world' as they arrived at the Daly College, Indore on the 4th morning of January 2016 along with their escort, Ms Jasman Randhawa. It was time for the second International Round Square Conference for Young students, aged 11-13 yrs.

The conference brought in sync 42 schools and over 250 young delegates from all over the world for 6 days, to discuss global issues like environment, leadership and all those ideas that would make our world a more beautiful place to live in. All the delegates, along with Mr R D Fraser - Chairman, RS Board of Trustees, Mr Guy McLean- Deputy Chairman, RS and Ms Joanne McLean - who initiated the idea of an International Conference for young students too turned up at the venue. Ms Papri Ghosh - the Regional Director, was as always a pleasure to meet again. Every activity was conceptualized for students to learn from, be it the Baraza names which were inspired by the myriad variety of birds inhabiting the school campus or the keynote addresses, by Capt. Navin Gulia (on leadership, fighting the odds), Mr Ribhu Vohra (wasteless, an environmental workshop), or Mr Dyu D'cunha (Colour connect, on communication and team building). It was a pleasure to see the young minds at work, questioning the malpractices and devising strategies to make the world a better place to live in. Their innocence and unwavering resolve was awe-inspiring.

The activities did not end at Barazas and focus groups. The students were given hands-on training in some of the traditional art forms of India like Warli Art, Lipin Art, Madhubani painting, Bollywood dance etc. which was to be displayed towards the end of the program. The students also enjoyed an afternoon of service with under-privileged children, as they played games and presented them with gift items of utility. A lovely trip to the historical city of Mandu too was organized.

The children were bubbling with energy even at 10 in the night despite the hectic schedule of the days, which clearly meant that this was the best form of learning that the students could experience, and one that would stay with them forever. As always, they were richer not just in experience but also friendships.



Art work by the boys on the said theme.

to be fatal. Some of the vital traffic rules are wearing seatbelts, not drinking while driving, refraining from using cell phones, following the speed limit, looking at both sides before crossing the road, not jaywalking, etc. But we do not bother to follow even these simple ones.

By following traffic rules, we can ensure the smooth functioning of vehicles on the roads. We can preserve our precious lives and help others too. We must ensure that people do not get killed because of our carelessness. We need to be aware of every single rule as we are part of a civil society. By this, we can save time and create less chaos and confusion on the roads. I would like to conclude by saying that we should take care of our safety and ensure safety for others, because God helps those who help themselves.



FORT NEWS

Basant Panchami has just gone by. The temperature on the Fort is fluctuating; we are experiencing weather, like every year. Euphorbia milii, Euphorbia pulcherrima, Roses and White *Semul* are in full bloom. Red *Semul* has also started flowering. All in all, the Fort is covered with red flowers, with pods of *Shirish*, *Amaltas* and *Indrajav*, adding different colours and perfuming the air on the Fort. The ripening of *Ber* is a reminder that *Maha Shivratri* is approaching shortly.

Mr Dhirendra Sharma – Dean of Studies, attended a conference on, 'A communicative approach to school improvement – The Principal's perspective' in Kuala Lumpur from 21st – 23rd January 2016. He attended a lecture on 'Governance, leadership and management' and participated in workshops on - 'Management by objectives – popular, successful – flawed', 'Cooperative Instructional Development: Professional Learning Communities' and 'Quality standards for PLCs'. The phrase, Professional Learning Community was introduced as a synonym for a Teacher, implying that a teacher should be a learner first.

Mr Aniket Dattaraja Garud, a learned Chemistry teacher has joined the Scindian fraternity recently. Apart from being an expert in his subject, he enjoys playing cricket, tennis, badminton and loves photography and travelling. We wish him a long and fruitful career with the school.

On the occasion of Martyr's Day, on the 30th January 2016, a special Astachal was organized. *Bhajans* were sung in the memory of Gandhiji and a couple of excerpts from his writings were recited by the boys.

The school's Brass Band returned to school on the 30th of January after attending the NCC Republic Day Camp. 45 boys marched on the Rajpath, gave a Guard of Honour to a few dignitaries and marched in the Prime Minister's Rally. The recently instituted, Cadet Under Officer Varun Nepram Memorial



Varun's saxophone being handed over to his father.

Running Trophy for the year 2015-16 was given to Cadet Under Officer Satyam Malik and Cadet Under Officer Aayush Jain for leading the Band at the Rajpath. The Cadet Under Officer Varun Nepram Trophy for the Best Saxophone Player for the year 2015-16 was given to Cadet Under Officer Aayush Jain. Cadet Under Officer Param Yadav was given the NCC Cup and the Band Leader cup was given to Sarvesh Arya. The NCC Band Coordinator Cup for coordinating all the four bands at NCC camp was given to Mr Ramesh Sharma. The above mentioned running trophy has been donated by Varun Nepram's batchmates (2015), and the trophy for the Best Saxophone player is funded by a corpus donated by Varun's father, Dr Nepram Sanjib Singh. Several of Varun's batchmates and his father, brother and sister were in school to attend this Assembly.

Results of the Inter House Hockey Tournament :

Position	B- Group	A-Group	Over all positions
I	Shivaji	Jeevaji	Jeevaji
II	Jayaji	Jayappa	Jayaji
III	Jeevaji	Jayaji	Jayappa
IV	Mahadji	Madhav	Shivaji
V	Jayappa	Daulat	Ranoji, Daulat, Madhav, Mahadji
VI	Ranoji	Ranoji	
VII	Daulat	Shivaji	
VIII	Madhav	Mahadji	

On the 31st of January, an Interactive Session was organized in the school for prospective Scindians.

On 1st February 2016, the school fraternity gave an emotional farewell to Mrs Preeti Sharma who worked in school for approximately four years. She taught Economics and Entrepreneurship to senior classes and Social Studies to junior classes. She ran two hobbies, namely, Event Management & Food and Hospitality; and also discharged the duties of the Resident Tutor of Madhav House. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.



Farewell of Mrs Preeti Sharma.

The Final of the Major Kripal Singh Pannu, A Group Tennis tournament was played between Pulkit Kumar and Lakshit Sachdeva on 5th February 2015. Pulkit Kumar won by 6-1 and 7-5.

The Final of the Tej Group of Industries, B Group Tennis tournament was played between Kushagra Patwari and Sundaram Malik on 1st February 2015. Kushagra Patwari won by 6-1.

Following members of the Social Service League were awarded Certificates and Mementos for the excellent Social Work for the year 2015-2016. Priyansh Jain, Abhishek Garg, Divyaditya Singh, Abhishek Agarwal, Sanjay Bhagat, Ayush Agarwal.

95 students escorted by seven teachers went for an educational outing on Sunday, 7th February. The outing was actually an educational trip to the Crocodile Park situated on the banks of Chambal River. Scindians enjoyed a Chambal safari on a boat; during the safari students saw rare migratory birds along with the crocodiles. Students explored Chambal River and soaked themselves in the beautiful natural surroundings. They also saw the crocodile park where alligators are bred and are finally released in the Chambal River when they grow up. It is one of the largest breeding centres for crocodiles and rare turtles.

On 11th February, the Vice-Chancellor of OP Jindal Global University – Dr C. Raj Kumar arrived on the Fort along with his team of Deans. They interacted with the boys of senior classes and gave a presentation on the university which comprises five schools. This was followed by an interactive session. During the interaction, boys asked several questions on the various career options and courses available at the University. They answered every question in as much detail as possible, providing a holistic perspective to the students. The Vice-Chancellor announced the launch of five scholarships exclusively for the students of The Scindia School before leaving the campus.

On 11th February, Dr Swarup Sinha, Principal and Mr Vivek Khanna, Project Manager ITC Hospitality Management Institute visited the campus. They interacted with the students of classes XI and XII and apprised the boys about the four and a half year training programme in Hospitality Management, conducted by the ITC, which is an under-graduate degree course. The cost of the training is borne by the ITC hotels and trainees are paid a stipend during the programme. The name of this programme is 'WelcomLegionnaire Programme'. Students appearing for Class XII examination in the year 2015-16 are eligible to apply for this course. Group discussion, Extempore, and an Aptitude test constitute the selection process. They also discussed their own experience in the Hospitality industry and how it is one of the most rewarding careers.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Agra SOBA recently donated three wheelchairs for use at Agra Railway Station, as part of SOBA's, 'Able the Disabled' initiative. Scindians - Krishan Arora, Rahul Kulshreshtha, Rajnish Rai Kumar, Banjul Badil, Rajat Kayan, Arvind Kapoor, Sanjay Srivastava and several others were present on the occasion for the same.

Kanpur SOBA recently donated four wheelchairs and four trolley stretchers at Kanpur Central Railway Station as part of SOBA's, 'Able the disabled' initiative. Scindians - Gopal Bhargava, Sudhir Mehra, Shравan Lakhota, Gyan Kanodia, Anil Kanodia, Marghoob Alam, Vineet Awasthi, Vikas Agrahari and Vikas Arora were present on the occasion for the same.

Nagpur SOBA donated one stretcher trolley and six wheelchairs for use at the Nagpur Railway Station on 3rd Feb 2016 as part of SOBA's - 'Able the disabled' project. Scindians - Sachin Chanchani, Sandeep Agrawal, Sanjay Arora, Ashish Bansal, Pratik Munot, Dr Siddharth Jagtap and several others were present for the same.



Scindians at the donation site.

On 7th February, a friendly cricket match was played between the team of Teachers and the team Old Boys of Gwalior at the Madhav Cricket Field on the Fort. The teacher's team won the match.

सामप्रदायिक सदभावना

हर्षित अग्रवाल, उमंग रूंगटा |
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लड़ाई, लड़ाई, लड़ाई;
रोको इसे भाई ।
एक तरफ है उज्ज्वल भविष्य,
दूसरी तरफ है लड़ाई ।

मत करो भेद-भाव जाति का,
मत करो भेद-भाव धन का ।
जीने दो सबको खुशहाली से,
जीने दो सबको शांति से ।

न होगा झगड़ा,
न जाएगी जान ।
लड़ाई, लड़ाई, लड़ाई,
बंद करो यह सब भाई ।

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सुनील कुमार | 9डी

मैं था उस आसमाँ के नीचे
जहाँ पर थे बादल घिरे ।
सूरज निकला एकदम नवाबी
बादलों में भर दिया रंग रुआबी ।
कहीं नीला, कहीं सफेद तो कहीं गुलाबी
लेकिन मुझे ये सब लग रहा था ख़वाबी ।
मैंने पलकें झपकाईं
सूरज बढ़ता गया,
बादलों में अनेक रंग भरता गया ।
हवा ने बादलों का आकार बढ़ाया,
बादलों को एक कर दिखाया ।
बादल मुस्कराये
अपने खुशी के आँसू बहाए ।
मैं उन आँसुओं में भीगता गया,

बस! सूरज व बादलों को निहारता गया ।
तभी सूरज ने इन्द्रधनुष बनाया
और मोर ने अपना नाच दिखाया ।
मैं अंदर से बहुत खुश था,
पर मेरे मन में एक दुःख था कि
यह समय भी बीत जाएगा
फिर लौटकर नहीं आएगा ।
लेकिन इस पल का मैंने
जी भर कर लाभ उठाया,
मैं कभी हँसा तो कभी खुश हुआ ।
काश! मैं उस दृश्य को
एक बार फिर देख पाऊँ ।
काश! मैं फिर एक बार
उस बारिश में भीग जाऊँ ।

राजपथ

वंश चोखड़ा | 8ए

30 दिसम्बर 2015 को जब हम राष्ट्रीय कैडेट कोर द्वारा आयोजित गणतंत्र दिवस कैम्प में भाग लेने गए तब हमारे मन में अलग ही विचार उमड़ रहे थे । इस वर्ष हम 45 छात्र श्री रमेश शर्मा जी के मार्ग-दर्शन में इस आयोजन में भाग लेने गए थे । यह कैम्प दिल्ली में आयोजित था, जहाँ हमें गणतंत्र दिवस के लिए बैण्ड प्रदर्शन का अभ्यास करना था । 26 जनवरी से पूर्व हमने उप-राष्ट्रपति, रक्षामंत्री, दिल्ली के राज्य रक्षामंत्री के सामने बैण्ड प्रदर्शित किया । रोज राजपथ पर अभ्यास के दौरान हमने अत्यधिक परिश्रम किया और पर अपनी मेहनत के अनुरूप 26 जनवरी 2016 को राजपथ पर बैण्ड-प्रदर्शन किया। जब 26 जनवरी का दिन आया तब हमारे मन में पहले से अधिक जोश और आत्मविश्वास था। इस शुभ अवसर पर फ्रांस के

राष्ट्रपति फ्रांको ऑलेंड मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित थे । हमने अपनी परेड विजय चौक से शुरू की और जैसे ही हम सलामी मंच की ओर बढ़े वैसे ही हमारे आत्मविश्वास में चार चाँद लग गए ।

सलामी मंच के सामने हमारे बैण्ड कप्तान सत्यम मलिक ने राष्ट्रपति जी को सलामी दी और इंडिया गेट की ओर कदम से कदम मिलाते हुए बढ़ गए। हमें वहाँ बहुत कुछ सीखने को मिला। आम जिन्दगी जीते हुए भी फौजी जिन्दगी बिताने का अवसर प्राप्त हुआ । ये दिन हमारे लिए आनंदित एवं स्मरणीय थे ।