

# REVIEW-16

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR



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## FORT NEWS

The weather has been pleasantly cold in the fortnight just gone by. Fog struck us early on the 2nd and 3rd of December which perhaps is an indication that this year we will have an extended winter. Parakeets and pigeons can be seen basking in the soft sun during afternoons. Dew drops, which often fall from the tree leaves on students who walk towards the school, gives one the delightful feel of a hill station.

Pranav Wadhwa, Sameer Manger, Rohan Jain and Abhinav Jain of our school participated and won the Young Innovators Award in the School Category organized by MeltingPot2020 at the International Innovation Summit held from 24th – 25th November 2016 at Taj Vivanta in Faridabad. The team won the award for their innovative project on - Waste Water Treatment. Further to this, the same organization has recently offered a Research Mentorship from a PhD Expert (at a subsidized cost) to these students, so that they can publish a research paper on their innovation at an international level and make it a permanent piece of knowledge. This should also help them secure an admission in leading universities globally (possibly with a scholarship) creating better life-long opportunities.

Pavan Jaini of Class XI of The Scindia School has been selected for the 62nd SGFI National Squash Championship. The selection for the same was held in the Daly College, Indore.

A friendly cricket match was played between HQ British Army Officials and the School team on 3rd December 2016. The school team consisted of both students and teachers. Mr Naman Saraswat, Mr Mohammad Hasrat, Mr Sarang Tomar and Mr Vijay Kumar Sharma were part of the school team. The HQ



Principal being introduced to the visiting team.

British Army Officials won the match by 5 wickets and their captain was the highest scorer with 49 runs.

Daulat House put up an enjoyable evening of fun and entertainment on Saturday, 3rd December. Vaibhav Singh Kirar (Ex Daulat, 2012) was the Guest of Honour and he made quite an impact with his dramatic entry into the auditorium. The programme began on a musical note with a medley of Bollywood numbers which set the tone for the evening. The literary talent was brought out by Sarthak Agarwal who recited a poem composed by Prince Kumar. The thought provoking English Play conveyed the perils of procrastination and reinforced the message that 'a stitch in time saves nine'. The Hindi play was a spoof

which used humour to expose the shallowness of modern day youth. Another captivating performance was the dance on a medley of foot-tapping numbers which drew rapturous applause from the audience. The last item of the evening was a melodious rendition of popular numbers on the Saxophone by Ayush Jain the School Prefect and Mr Ramesh Sharma the Housemaster. The entire programme was anchored delightfully by Harshit Bhargava and Avi Tyagi who used humour and friendly banter and also engaged the audience to string together the various presentations. Principal Dr Saraswat complimented the House for their wholesome involvement in putting up a great show. He also commended the students of Class XII for their active participation.

Dr Indu Shahani, Founding Dean of the Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship -Mumbai was on the Fort for an interaction with the students of the school. She is also the President and Chair - Academics of the Indian School of Design & Innovation (ISDI), ISDI-WPP School of Communication and the Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship (ISME). She gave an exhaustive presentation on the three institutes and introduced the boys to another wonderful option of higher studies in India. **She offered Yohen Thounaojam of Class XI a 100% scholarship to study in any of the three schools mentioned above.** Dr Vikram Mathur (Ex-Ja, 1974) accompanied Dr Indu Shahani for the same.



Dr Indu Shahani

A delegation of eight students namely, Vansh Chokhda, Rhythm Kukreja, Aditya Rathore, Pratham Dalmia, Utsav Jain, Ujjwal Malik, Ansh Gupta and Tanmay Mahajan participated in the Round Square Conference held at SKV from the 1st – 3rd December 2016. They were escorted by Mr Vishesh Sahai. The theme of the conference was – 'All the world's a stage' which mainly emphasized on the 'Service' ideal of the Round Square. The three day conference was primarily structured around 'Medical Clowning' in which a person acts like a clown to divert the mind of the patients suffering from terminal diseases and act as a painkiller. This not only brings hope to people but also gives the clown a huge sense of contribution towards the society. A spirit of healing and compassion is the real inspiration for a medical clown. Mr Ashwath Bhatt, a professional medical clown along with his team was the resource person for the said conference. Participants also visited Nathon-Ka-Pura village and distributed clothes, blankets and sanitary napkins made by SKV students. Barazaa sessions were intellectually stimulating and revolved around the theme of the conference. Participants enjoyed dancing, making new friends and doing art work.

Students aspiring for Bronze and Gold award in the IAYP curriculum conducted a survey on road and traffic safety on 3rd December 2016 as part of the Service ideal of IAYP. Students interacted with approximately 70 bike riders who were on the Fort that day for various reasons. The survey included a questionnaire which was to be answered by these riders. Students also promoted safety awareness and ethical driving through their interactions. Each respondent was gifted a Scindia sticker as a mark of gratitude for participating in the survey.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Please be informed that Founder's Day programme for 2017 has been rescheduled due to the Festival of Diwali which is going to fall in the week when we usually celebrate our Founder's Day. The new dates for 2017 are: 3rd November - Parent's Day; 4th November - Founder's Day; 5th November - Old Boys' Day.***

## **Cross Country, the only true sport No time-outs; no half-times; no-substitutions.**

Memoy Mishra | VII C

***It is demanding; it is tiring and it is intensely competitive. Perhaps this is what makes the Cross-country one of the most exciting events of the School Sport's calendar. The oval field which is the starting point of the race becomes a riot of colours with boys sporting their House vests, each charged with the desire to surpass his previous year's performance. We have for you two articles - one from a first timer and one from an Old Boy, sharing the memories of the race.***

I think it was the second day of my joining The Scindia School that one of the senior boys from my House, Umang, started telling all the Freshers about the various activities that happen in school. We were all riveted to his narration of how festivals are celebrated at Scindia, particularly the Founder's Day fun and the various Inter-House and Inter-School activities. Out of all the things he told us the one event that particularly excited me was the description of the Cross Country. He told us the route that is to be covered, the practice that precedes the run, the exhaustion and the spirit of joy and competition it carries. I was very fascinated as this was something I had not experienced in my previous school.

The Cross Country this year was scheduled for the 20th of November. The practice started around fifteen days in advance. Each of us wanted to give our best and contribute points for our House. But as we immersed ourselves in the practice we realised that the run goes much beyond a desire for personal excellence. It is also about encouraging others and motivating them to keep improving their timing.

Once the practice began, a lot of us who had imagined coming in the first two blocks got a reality check as just after two rounds of the oval we realised how physically demanding the 1.5 km stretch (Group C distance) was going to be. Soon we found a way to overcome this. While some suggested stamina building exercises, others just believed in the power of cheering to boost confidence and speed. And so by the time the date came near most of us who had begun dreading the run were actually looking forward to it.

On the D day we reported at the Oval Field at 6:30 in the morning. There was a nip in the air but none of that affected us as we were only focussed on the thought of completing the race at our best possible speed. We started amidst loud cheers and all of us completed it at our own individual pace. While the results threw up some new track stars there were also a few broken hearts. Nevertheless it was a day of great fun.

After having participated in my first Cross-country I realised that to

## **40 Before 40**

Mayank Mohan, Ex Ranoji, 1994

A few years ago I set myself a goal to complete 40 half marathon or longer races before I turned 40. On Sep 11th 2016, six days before the deadline, I achieved the task by completing five full marathons, two 18-milers, and 33 half marathons.

While the races started a decade back, it was an extension of a journey that had begun 23 years ago at Scindia in the fall of 1993. Whether it was the complete sapping of energy by multiple bouts of resistant malaria, or just blatant exploitation of systemic loopholes that one can get away in XIIth grade, the fact was that I was both unfit and out of practice for the 4kms of "cross country" running that happened to be the seasonal sport. I had barely run 10 paces in a year, and was often ill. But I had to participate in the grand

successfully complete the run one requires a very high degree of mental and physical fitness. There are several hidden benefits as we begin to practice. The energetic run has the power to recharge us all. Our

mind gets refreshed and we are all set to study with great enthusiasm. It also brings out the leader in some of us when we start encouraging others to put in their best. The practice sessions and the exercises automatically lead to better health.

There is no denying that the thought of coming in a good block was in the mind of most of us but that is not what the cross country is all about. Its true essence is to overcome our mental blocks. It is about pushing yourself to do your best, being aware about fitness and motivating others to be fit. I realised that while the competition exists between individuals and Houses, all of it happens in an atmosphere of friendliness. There was an exchange of good wishes regardless of House loyalties and a strong desire to see a few records broken.

All of us enjoyed the run in the true spirit of sportsmanship, positivity and a winning attitude.

*(Memoy reached in the seventh block in his maiden run. His target is to come in the fifth block next year. We wish him all the best)*

finale when the entire school ran the distance. It turned out to be quite an ordeal, and I ended up walking most of it. My tribulation culminated in the ultimate ignominy. Not only was I the last in the entire school to finish, I was so far behind the penultimate runner that it was safely assumed that the last runner had already completed and the entire school had starting leaving the finish area! I can never forget the reaction of Mr NK Tiwari, who was on the microphone commentating on the proceedings, realizing there was a straggler and announcing tongue-in-cheek - "wait...and here comes Mac Mohan...". I have thought of that moment during every one of these 40 races. Mine is hardly an "achievement" in a world that includes ultramarathoners. But from struggling to complete a 4km run to having completed thirty-three 21kms, two 30kms, and five 42 kms races - I can probably claim to have personally come a long way from that day 23 years ago. Thank you Scindia, for the rounded, overall development which ensured that apart from the academics and the debates, I was also forced to go outside my comfort zone and get a taste of physical challenge.



# A needle in a haystack: A Fable (A teacher's outlook!!)

Kamlesh Singh, Faculty of Psychology

As a student in a school I read an interesting story where a farmer lost his needle which he wanted very badly. He came across a wonderful idea and then he decided to burn the hay stack where his needle was lost!! In theory the idea was very good but the execution left a lot to be desired!

This is similar to the demonetization of currency note recently executed by the government to unearth the black money (the needle). Good intentions pursued with good rationale make for good public policy, something this government hasn't figured out as stated by Mr Ashok Desai who is the former Chief Economic advisor to the government of India. The demonetization process for PURIFICATION thus will be painful. The Demonetization has been earlier tried by Russia in 1991, Myanmar, Zaire and the North Korea in 2010 where it failed miserably. Interestingly Myanmar is headed by a military Junta, North Korea by an insane autocrat and Zaire has a political unstable regime!

There is a huge digital divide and only 20% of people have access to plastic money and 80% of the transactions are cash based. The high denomination notes constitute 84% of our country's currency circulation. The whole banking system is struggling to meet the needs of people.

Moving on, the Kharif crop is in the market and the farmer needs money to buy fertilizers and seeds to prepare for sowing the rabi crop! But the cooperative banks in rural areas are without 100 rupee notes .....imagine the plight of a farmer!

**Einstein once said "Two things in the world are infinite - a) Universe and b) STUPIDITY"**

Instead of removing both high denomination currency notes only 1000 rupee note should have been removed. We have only four currency Mints to print. The one in Dewas (near Indore) is the most technologically updated mint. Government should make efforts to provide cash to the people especially in rural areas as Mr Ratan Tata said, it is like a calamity for poor people.

Interestingly, the major black money is generated through online transactions in the form of FDI and NPA by banks! Certain countries like USA in the name of outsourcing run profitable business in India by paying only nominal tax which is disproportionate to the profits they make and most of the money is directed to tax havens like Switzerland.....This money needs to be unearthed not 6% black money which is generated in our cash



based economy! The government also accepts this viewpoint but as citizens we must back the process as it will cause mayhem if the decision is reversed.

My suggestion is that Tax reforms have to be done in such a manner that more people pay tax. Presently only about 2-5% tax payers like us are HONEST because tax is deducted at source !!

An excellent idea stands wasted due to inadequate planning and execution.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr Atul Dev (Ex - Md, 1955) is the new President of the Aero Club of India. Aero Club of India (ACI) is the National Sports Federation for all air sports in India which includes - Ballooning, General Aviation, Gliding, Hang-Gliding, Paragliding, Microlight, Paramotors, Parachuting and Rotorcraft (Helicopters).

### OBITUARY

Shubham Agarwal (Ex-Shivaji, 2013) passed away in a tragic road accident in Dehradun on 03/12/2016. We pray for the everlasting peace of the young and kind soul. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

V. Madhusudan Rao (Ex - Jeevaji, 1990) passed away in an accident on 08/12/2016 in Kolkata. We pray for everlasting peace for the departed soul. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

## INTER HOUSE RESULTS

### Inter House Skit Competition Results

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

### Results of Inter House Senior Group Hindi Elocution

<b>House Position :</b>			
I Daulat	II Ranoji	III Mahadji	IV Shivaji
V Jeevaji	VI Madhav	VII Jayaji	VIII Jayyapa

### Prose :

I Varun Kapoor	II Snehil Tripathi	III Ishaan Gangwani
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### Poetry :

I Suryansh Goel	II Harshit Santhalia	III Prateek Parihar
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## The Tempe Times

Suryansh Goyal | XI A

*"The most beautiful moments always seemed to accelerate and slip beyond one's grasp just when you want to hold onto them for as long as possible." E.A. Bucchianeri, Brushstrokes of a Gadfly.*

It was a moment of exuberance, when I landed at the Sky Harbour Airport, located in Phoenix in Arizona. As I approached the exit, I noticed a black chart paper with my name engraved on it, "SURYANSH! Welcome to America" it said in a fancy font. The journey had begun on the night of 14th of July when I boarded the flight to the States. I traversed half the hemisphere to reach my destination, thinking and dreaming of the enthusiastic days ahead. This was the beginning of my short exchange programme hosted by the Tempe Sister Cities where 69 delegates from eight different nations gathered. I was warmly welcomed by my host brother Brevik Clark and his family. The first thing I observed was the prevalent nuclear family structure of the USA, much unlike our nation where still a large section of our population firmly believes in the culture of joint family system. My German brother- Lukas arrived the same evening. From the very beginning, we had a number of fascinating activities lined-up for us, such as visiting the lake and the bowling arena, exploring the American Lifestyle and experiencing the phenomenal American Football. It took me almost three days to get out of the jet lag. It was a real proud moment when I unfurled the Indian flag in the Head Quarters of the Tempe Sister Cities, on the night of the 'Welcome Dinner' as I was the pioneer delegate from India. The dress code for the event was the 'Western Cowboy outfit'. The next day we went for the Grand Canyon Adventure. First we halted at the Flagstaff for the rope course and then arrived at the Grand Canyon National Park, where we put up our tents and camped for the whole night. The camping included sitting by the bonfire and chitchatting along with making our own S'more, an American traditional treat. The next day we pursued the 6 mile hike down the Grand Canyon to the Indian Gardens, from where we returned with tired and heavy feet. The next week we went for the California Adventure. It comprised



Suryansh Goyal with the host family.

visiting the New Port beach, wandering around the beaches on Segway and hover boards and finally visiting the California Disney Land. On arriving back in Tempe we had several pool parties and University tours (The Arizona State University). I visited my host brother's school and was fascinated by his weird combination of subjects which included: Weightlifting, Film Study, Drafting technology (which is basically related to architecture), Advanced composition (English), and Pre-Calculus. On the weekend we went to Sedona which is also known as 'Town of Cowboys.' In the third and the last week we had the Sister Cities Prom Night and finally the farewell dinner. Finally, I left the States with a heavy heart and a promise to return soon.

This exchange programme of 21 days was full of exciting and challenging adventures. This experience made me a more open and an outgoing person and thus shaped my approach to life. I am grateful to my school for providing me this precious opportunity. Such international exchanges, develop a different perspective and cross cultural understanding, including improving the language skills and broadening social horizons.

## Inter House Cross Country Results

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

**School Record A Group** : 10 Min 53.8 Sec Mukesh Agarwal 78-79

**Last year's timing** - 11 Min 40.34 Sec Mahendra Chettri

**This year's timing** - 11 Min 26.68 Sec Zigme Gurung

11 Min 46.22 Sec Gaurav Jeronia

11 Min 57.69 Sec Nikhil Kumar

**School Record B Group** - 6 Min 22.71 Sec Vivek Singh Sahariya 2011-12

**Last year's timing** - 6 Min 57.31 Sec Zigme Gurung

**This year's timing** - 6 Min 59.47 Sec Karma Lepcha

7 Min 10.59 Sec Kartikeya Kulshrestha

7 Min 14.97 Sec Sher Bahadur

### Junior Houses Results

I Jankoji II Nimaji

III Kanerkhed IV Dattaji

**School Record Jr. School** : 4 Min 50.50 Sec Rishabh Manaswi

**Last year's timing** - 5 Min 31.96 Sec Kartar Singh

**This year's timing** - 5 Min 18.78 Sec Dhan Bahadur

5 Min 29.24 Sec Shishir Pandey

5 Min 31.28 Sec Suyash Bansal

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