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Round Square Service Project in Nathon-Ka-Pura – A report

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Project Introduction:

This was the 4th consecutive RS service project in Nathon-Ka-Pura. It is a 60 year old village which has about 100 families or in other words, a population of about 1500 people. The entire village now lives in abject poverty as they lost their main occupation of snake charming due to a government ban on the same several years ago. Seeing the state of affairs in the village, The Scindia School decided to extend support to these villagers in every possible way. School has promoted infrastructural development, hygiene and sanitation, education and health awareness. School has also triggered a positive social change through economic empowerment of village women by teaching certain art work and skills through which they can get a permanent source of income.

This year's project:

There were two simultaneous initiatives that went on during this project. One was to construct a 500 feet long concrete water channel so as to direct the soapy water spilled as an outcome of washing clothes and utensils which kept a large part of the village perpetually bedraggled. Second was to refurbish the existing toilets in the primary school, and to continue with our initiative of income generating training-cum-production unit for village women.

Project Report:

Six schools namely, Singapore International school – Mumbai, Dhirubhai Ambani International School - Mumbai, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya- Gwalior, British School - New Delhi, Emerald Heights –Indore, Millenium School –Dubai arrived on the Fort on 18th December. An ice breaking session was organized for them at 5 PM in the evening. The Scindia School delegates too joined them during this session. All the delegates were asked to select a partner of their choice with the condition that the partner must be from another school. All the delegates were then asked to sit in a circle and were supposed to pass on a pillow while the music played on. When the music stopped, whoever held the pillow had to come in the center and introduce his / her partner. Although simple, it did break the ice and the delegates got to know each other.

The project began on the 19th of December. On reaching Nathon-ka-Pura, the delegates were divided into five groups. The 1st group which had the largest number of delegates was assigned the task of constructing the 500 feet water drainage channel. The 2nd group was asked to help in the renovation of school toilets. The 3rd group was held responsible for the women empowerment initiatives in which they had to assist and teach the village women some economically productive skills so that they can earn and contribute in running their homes smoothly. The 4th and 5th group explored the village, interacted with the villagers and conducted a survey on Family Planning methods used by them.

For the next three days i.e. on the 20th, 21st and the 22nd delegates left the Fort for the work site at 8:45 am and the above mentioned work continued with gusto. Delegates endlessly passed tubs full of cement and bricks and continuously cleared big piles of sand and mud lined up on both sides of the water channel. This work was extremely tiring and time consuming. On the penultimate day after lunch, the delegates left for the Jai Vilas Palace to visit the museum. Delegates were aweestruck by the rich heritage and the sheer regalia of the Scindia dynasty, museum and the Palace. They also saw many old weapons and rare artifacts. After returning to the fort the students changed into smart casuals and assembled at the school's Assembly Hall for an interactive session on 'Prioritizing Round Square IDEALS'. Each student discussed and



Constructing the water channel.

deliberated on the 6 IDEALS of Round Square and enjoyed the intellectually stimulating session which lasted for more than one and a half hours.

22nd December was the last day of the project. Delegates reached the work site full of excitement and enthusiasm to finish the job at hand. By lunch time all the work was accomplished. The water channel was completed; toilets were refurbished; women's vocational skills were enhanced and social survey too was completed.

Once all the work got over, the groups created their own newspapers which included the factual reports coupled with their personal reflections. Students also wrote inspiring slogans on chart papers to be displayed in the classrooms of the local school. At the closing ceremony, villagers and teachers of local school also joined in to extend their support for this service project. Items, namely the cushion-covers, table-mats, napkins, tea-cozy covers, and duppats which were made by the women of Nathon-Ka-Pura during the previous four days were also put on sale at the closing ceremony. The eyes of the women could be seen gleaming as their items sold like hot cakes.

Representatives from participating schools shared their experiences of the said project. One thing which was felt across was the immense sense of contribution which the delegates derived from all that was done in the course of the previous four days. All in all it was a successful project which not only accomplished all that was planned but also helped the delegates absorb the Round Square IDEALS in the truest sense.



Items made by village women.

A cold winter morning - Anubhav Sarkar (Ex - Md, 2013)



माँ

राजेश जनार्दन कमाने | पूर्व छात्र, 1986

माँ, क्या यही है तेरा मेरा नाता ?
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ।

बेटे के दिए हर दुख पर तू खुश होती,
और मेरे हर सुख में, तू आँसू बहाती ॥
बेटे पर हर वक्त जताती है अपनापन,
और बेटी को समझती तू पराया धन ॥

माँ, क्या यही है तेरा मेरा नाता ?
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ।
बेटा तो तूने केवल है पाया,
मैं तो हर कद री ही छाया,
फिर भी उसे दुलारती और पुचकारती,
बार-बार क्यों, तू मुझको है सताती ॥

माँ, क्या यही है तेरा मेरा नाता ?
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ।

माना, वो गौरव है तेरा...,
पर मैं भी तो तेरे गौरव की जननी हूँ,
उसका हर गलत कदम भी, अभिमान तेरा,
और मेरा हर सही कदम भी लज्जा और अपमान तेरा ॥
माँ, क्या यही है तेरा मेरा नाता ?
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ।

वो गिरता पड़ता भागता फिरता...
मस्त मौला, खुले आसमां के नीचे,
और मैं बँधी चौखट की लक्ष्मणरेखा से,
घने अंधेरे में, चुल्हे के धुँए के पीछे ॥

माँ, क्या यही है तेरा मेरा नाता ?
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ।
क्यों नहीं कोई, मुझको ये बताता ॥

वक्त

अनुराग यादव | 10 डी

वक्त तो जिन्दगी का एक सफर है ।
यह कब बीत जाता
किसी को न खबर है ।

हर दिन में कुछ नया
ढूँढ़ने के लिए बेवफा निकला
यह जिंदगी तो कुछ लम्हों की है ।
इन्हें जीने के लिए बेफिक्र निकला ।

वक्त को बीत ही जाता
इस वक्त में जिए हुए
लम्हों को न भुला पाता ।

जिसने वक्त को छोड़ा
वह खुद हिल गया ।
जिसने वक्त को बदला
वह खुद बदल गया ।

वक्त से खेलने वालों
उससे मत खेलो
एक दिन ऐसा आएगा
वह तुमसे खेलेगा ।

जी लो इन वक्त के लम्हों को
जितना जी सको
फिर दोबार नहीं महसूस कर पाओगे
इन सुखद लम्हों को ।

FORT NEWS

The Review Editorial Board wishes everyone a happy, prosperous and healthy 2017.

The students returned on the 10th of January and brought with them the warmth needed to stand the cold weather on the Fort.

Mild cold-wave arrived in the 3rd week of December which became intense in January and continues unabated. Recurrent foggy conditions kept the sky obscure, affecting the road and rail traffic of this region. Chilly northerly and northeasterly winds aggravated the wind-chill factor on the Fort due its elevation from the surrounding area. Bird watchers were particularly excited to see the migratory birds like the Green Pigeon and Rufous Treepie on the Fort in large numbers. Wild Geese too could be seen in plenty at the Suraj Kund and playful monkeys basking in the Sun made the view of the Shivaji Parapet captivating. The plunging mercury coupled with the holiday season attracted visitors galore on the Fort. Interestingly, on the 1st of January 2017, the crowd was so large that vehicles were not allowed to climb up the Fort.

The students of Class XII, who were on campus for the Winter Study Camp, were taken for a movie show on New Year's Eve. Thereafter a bonfire, special dinner and DJ evening was arranged at school to make the day memorable for them. The members of the faculty who were on the Fort and the students bonded over sumptuous snacks and lively music. The students temporarily got over their Board jitters and danced their way into the New Year.

The school hosted the Inter-House I.T. Week in the last week of November for the Senior and Junior Houses. After displaying their amazing skills, the participants were awarded with various recognitions in multiple spheres of IT. The winners are as follows: -

Senior School

Website Designing

- I Jayaji - Shubham Agarwal, Yohen Thounaojam
 II Daulat - Sarthak Agarwal, Harsh Vardhan Singh Jadon
 III Ranoji - Prasoon Naithani, Kushagra Shrivastav

Digital Cartoon Making

- I Madhav - Suvrat Mahindroo II Jayaji - Kushagra Kaushik
 III Jeevaji - Drishan Dutt

Digital Brochure Designing

- I Ranoji - Prasoon Naithani II Daulat - Sarthak Agarwal
 III Madhav - Vedang Nag

Digital Photography & Editing

- I Jayaji - Shubham Agarwal II Madhav - Vedang Nag
 III Jeevaji - Anirudh Tyagi

Multimedia Presentation

- I Jayaji - Yohen Thounaojam, Eeshaan Sarada
 II Shivaji - Shubham Sultania, Devansh Maheshwari
 III Ranoji - Rishabh Jain, Aryan Kapoor

IT QUIZ

- I Mahadji - Jayant Kishnani II Jayaji - Mriganka Ghosh
 III Daulat - Pranav Wadhwa

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- I Mahadji - Jayant Kishnani, Aryan Dube
 II Daulat - Suryansh Goyal, Harsh Gupta
 III Jayaji - Mriganka Ghosh, Eeshaan Sarada

Junior School

Website Designing

- I Dattaji - Advait Jain, Ansh Raj
 II Jankoji - Abhey Khanna, Vansh Sethi
 III Kanerkhed - Aryan Khurana, Memoy Mishra

Digital Poster Making

- I Jankoji - Chirag Rathi II Nimaji - Vansh vardhan Kanodia
 III Dattaji - Aryan Yadav

Digital Photography & Editing

- I Jankoji - Vansh Sethi II Nimaji - Aryan Nagpal
 III Dattaji - Aryan Yadav

Power Point Presentation

- I Dattaji - Ansh Raj, Sukhyog Singh
 II Jankoji - Abhey Khanna, Suyash Bansal
 III Kanerkhed - Harshil Agarwal, Pratham Gupta

IT QUIZ

- I Kanerkhed - Augastya Bubhev II Dattaji - Advait Jain
 III Jankoji - Shishir Pandey

SENIOR SCHOOL HOUSE POSITIONS-

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE POSITIONS-

- I Dattaji II Jankoji
 III Kanerkhed IV Nimaji

The Yuletide spirit was in the air just before the closing of school. The students of junior Houses were shown the movie 'A Christmas Carol' the day their Summative Examination ended. The story of the Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption was much enjoyed by all. The boys imbibed the message of love and charity which epitomizes the spirit of Christmas.

The Assembly on Monday, 19th December had a special zing as the students of Junior Houses presented a medley of Christmas carols for the entire school. The melodious rendition of a few all-time favourites like Silent Night, Rudolph the red nose reindeer, Jingle Bells and Joy to the World set the tone for the oncoming festive season. The star attraction of the morning was the surprise entry of Santa Claus (played by Mr Sidhartha Majumdar) on a cycle. He distributed sweets which were grabbed with much eagerness by young and old alike.

The result of Ramanujam Math Olympiad for senior group is :

- I Daulat II Jayaji III Jayappa IV Ranoji

The Scindia School hosted the RS Service Project in Nathon-Ka-Pura village from the 18th - 23rd December 2017. Please read the detailed report on the same printed in this issue.

The Scindia School hosted the International German PASCH Youth Camp from 2nd - 8th Jan 2017, in collaboration with GOETHE INSTITUT - New Delhi. In this event, a total of 104 students and teachers from Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and India participated. The Youth Camp primarily focused on providing high quality German Language classes to the participants to improve their proficiency. Parallel to the German classes, three especially designed workshops too were organized. First workshop was on - Innovations in Germany; second was on - Musicians from Germany; and third was on - Art forms of Germany with clay as the medium. All the participants thoroughly enjoyed these workshops. Apart from attending the Youth Camp, participants enjoyed the heritage and the cold weather of the Fort. They also went around the Gwalior city and saw the usual tourist attractions.



Participants attending a German class.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

ALUMNI CRICKET BASH 2016

The Scindia School hosted the Alumni Cricket Bash 2016 from 16th to 18th December 2016. Cricket teams comprising the Old Boys of the Doon School, The Scindia School, Mayo College and the Daly College participated in this tournament. On 17th December 2016 a glittering opening ceremony was organized to mark the event. Principal, Dr M.D. Saraswat addressed the gathering and welcomed all the team members to the historic Fort. Thereafter,



Principal greeting the captains at the Opening Ceremony.

the ACB flag was unfurled by the Principal along with the captains of all the teams. This was followed by a much appreciated Band Display led by Param Yadav. After this, the tournament which was based on a quadrangular pattern commenced. All the matches were competitive and the next two days saw some amazing cricketing skills on display.

The final match was played between the Doon School and the Mayo College at the Madhav Field. Mayo College batted first and scored 154 runs in 20 overs. Chasing the target, the Doon School won the match by 5 wickets and achieved the target in 19.1 overs. Sherry Singh from Mayo College was declared the Man of the Tournament. Arjun Khanna from the Doon School was declared as the Best Batsman; Harsh Durgiya from the Daly College as the Best Bowler and Kabir from the Doon School as the Best Fielder. The Donny Crawling Award for the Best Fielder above 50 years of age was given to Pankaj Tiwari of The Scindia School. The ACB tournament brought with it an amazing bonhomie and Old Boys made new friends from across the different schools. Evenings were lit up with amazing get-togethers at the recently constructed Heritage Housing Block on the Fort which was also the venue for the Principal's dinner. The event was successfully coordinated by the Central SOBA executive committee comprising the President- Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha (Ex-Rn, 1981), Senior Vice President- Mr Banjul Badil (Ex-Ja, 1988), Vice President- Mr Nupur Patel (Ex- Rn, 1997), Secretary- Mr Arun Kumar Bhagat (Ex-Mj, 1974), and Treasurer- Mr Virupaksha Kadam (Ex - Mj, 1993) along with Director Alumni Relations- Mr G S Bakshi and Director Sports- Mr Naman Saraswat.

An eminent Old Boy, Air Vice-Marshal, Shouvik Roy (Ex-Rn, 1975) visited the school and attended the morning assembly on the 19th of December 2016. He addressed the gathering and spoke on the importance of hard-work and character formation particularly during one's youth. He peppered his talk with a few stunning videos of the Indian Air Force so as to inspire the boys to join the same. He presented the school with two beautiful medals, one to be given to a student and another to be given to a teacher on the discretion of the school. He suggested that the criteria to decide the rightful recipients of the two medals could well be: Variety, Vibrancy, Vitality and Versatility which leads to Victory.

Lajpat Prasad (Ex - Je, 1974) participated in the India-Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Motor Rally 2016 during November / December 2016. He drove along with his counterparts for 40 days and covered 9256 KM in total. The onward journey of rally drivers started from Delhi all the way to Bangkok. Their return journey started from Bangkok and ended in Guwahati. We salute the Scindian spirit.

OBITUARY

Rakesh Raushan (Ex - DI, 2011) unfortunately passed away in a road accident near Ranchi on 15th December 2016. We pray for everlasting peace for the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends.

Somangshu Ghosh (Ex - Rn, 1982) passed away on 30th December 2016. He was suffering from a pulmonary disease for the last two years. May his kind soul rest in peace.

Dr Shrikant Dabhade (Ex - Sh, 1951) passed away on 9th Jan 2017. We pray to God to give strength to the bereaved family and friends.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumnus,

The process for receiving nominations for the prestigious Madhav Award for the year 2017 has begun. I request you to nominate Old Boys of The Scindia School who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and send your nominations to me by 31st March 2017. The nominations received will then be taken up by the Awards Committee for consideration. According to the procedure, the proposer needs to submit:

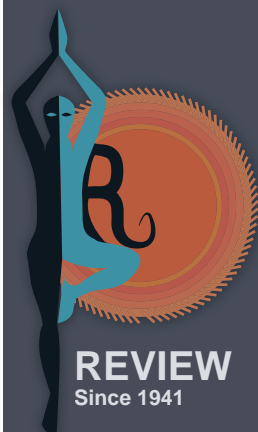
1. Brief particulars of the nominee mentioning his / her achievements and contribution on the basis of which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee's correct contact information.
3. Names and contact information of two referees who have no link with the School in any manner.

I shall appreciate your kind cooperation in this important endeavour to honour our distinguished alumni.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

M.D. Saraswat
Principal

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