

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

REVIEW-17



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FORT NEWS

We welcome our readers to the new Diwali Term. The weather on the Fort is quite humid at times but compared to the sweltering summer, it is quite a relief. Fort is looking lush green since of late it experienced a few good showers of rain. Suraj Kund is bejewelled with lotuses and *taals* are half filled. Bulbuls are busy in nesting and most of the birds are having a feast with the ever growing population of insects on the playgrounds.

Akash Jaini (Ex- Ja 2016) and **Shantanu Kulshreshtha** (Ex- Ja 2016) conducted a debating workshop in School from Friday, 14th July to Sunday, 16th July. A brief report is printed in the same issue.

Mr Rajan Gosain (Ex-Md, 1989) visited the School on 14th July. He interacted with Class XI and XII students and shared his experiences and answered queries concerning career in Hospitality, the colleges that offer the course and the admission procedure.

Ms Meenakshi Sharma, representative of New York University, Abu Dhabi Campus, visited School on 14th July 2017 and interacted with class XII students. She also discussed essay writing, how to approach it and its importance in admission to the University.

The Soccer season began with a soccer match between staff and students, held at the Siddharth Football Ground on the 15th of July 2017. Matches were



Mr Dharendra Sharma shaking hands with the boys.

played between the 8 Senior Houses. Jayappa and Shivaji House made it to the finals and the teams played the final match of the Inter House 'A' Group Soccer Tournament 2017-18 on the 26th of July 2017. Shivaji House won the match by 1-0.

Hobby Orientation Programme for Classes VI to XI was held in the Assembly Hall on the 15th of July 2017. Teachers introduced 9 hobbies and 17 clubs and societies to the students through talk and presentation. The idea behind the changed format is to give maximum exposure to each student and intensify and strengthen the co-curricular activities.

The boys of the Junior Houses went for an invigorating trip to the historically strategic town, Fatehpur Sikri in U.P. followed by a visit to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in Rajasthan. The eventful outing culminated at Crocodile Breeding

Centre near Chambal River in M.P. A brief report is attached in the same issue for you to read.

Five students were awarded a certificate of outstanding performance (National Level) for performing brilliantly in Asset Test 2016-17- **Prakhar Agarwal** for Hindi and Mathematics, (Class VI), **Prashant Agarwal** for Mathematics, **Advait Jain** for Science and Mathematics, **Siddharth Chandel** for Hindi (Class VII), and **Akshat Karwa** for Mathematics (Class VIII).

In order to give a better understanding of the usage of ICT / ICR a team of professionals from NIIT visited the school and interacted with the faculty members. On the 20th of July they met the HOD's of all the Departments and interacted with the Math, Humanities and Science Department. On the 21st of July they met the faculty members of English, Hindi and Foreign Languages, Commerce Department and in the last they interacted with the Deans and the Principal.

On 20th July 2017, 15 students of our school (2016-17 batch) received the Gold Award in IAYP Award Ceremony at New Delhi. Their names are **Shivam Mittal, Govind Swaroop Kela, Satyam Malik, Shashwat Puri, Charchit Raj Singh, Harsimar Singh, Urdesh Thakur, Aditya Vikram Banka, Jatin Rai, Mayank Girdhar, Khubaib Alam, Sarthak Arora, Ayush Arora, Lakshay Garg and Aditya Agarwal.**

Sameer Manger, Shubham Sultania, Nikhil Kumar, Kushagra Patwari and Jai Chahar, along with the teacher escort, Mr Dhiraj Malik went to Wynberg Allen School, Mussorie in order to attend an Inter-school Business Competition named 'Negotium Agon' on 22nd July 2017. **Jai Chahar** won the prize titled, "Outstanding Performance throughout the Fest". The School team secured the 2nd position in the event 'Product Advertising'.

Sujal Jariha and **Devarsh Lokwani** participated in the Sahodaya Skating Championship held at Mount Litera Zee School, Gwalior, on the 22nd of July.

Orientation Programme of IAYP for the entire batch of Class IX and the new comers of Class XI was held on the 22nd of July, 2017.

Mrs Niharika Kulshreshth, Physics Faculty member of the School was selected by CERN (*Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire*) for the three weeks' High School Teacher Programme from 1st - 22nd July 2017. CERN is a European research organization that operates the largest Particle Physics Laboratory in the world. A brief report is attached in the same edition.

The School celebrated the Harmony Week from the 24th of July 2017 to the 26th of July 2017. On the Morning Assembly of the 24th, students presented a song. On the 25th of July, **Pavan Jaini** delivered a speech on the concept of harmony. A film made by students on the concept was displayed in the Assembly Hall. On the 26th of July a Panel Discussion moderated by Mr Vishesh Sahai, was held in the Assembly Hall. Our guests on the occasion were Ms Sangeeta Sharma, an educator and mentor, Mr Udaybhan Rajak, a prolific writer and speaker; Mr Jagdish Tomar, a literary giant, who has written several books of both poems and short stories.

A Report on the Trip to Bharatpur

Review Correspondent

The boys of the Junior House went for an invigorating trip to the historically strategic town, Fatehpur Sikri in U.P. followed by an inevitable visit to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in Rajasthan and the eventful outing culminated at Crocodile Breeding Centre near Chambal River in M.P.

This educational tour from 13th to 14th July 2017 delighted everyone. The boys came to know that Fatehpur Sikri is situated in the upper portion of the Vindhya mountain ranges. Babar, the founder of the Mughal Dynasty and Akbar's grandfather, had won a battle over there when he defeated Rana Sanga of Mewar. In gratitude, he named the area Shukri, which means "thanks". The city was known as Sikri and it was built by Maharaja Sangram Singh who was the last emperor of the Rajput reign. It is regarded as one of the most important buildings amongst a list of World Heritage Structures, which has been brought forward by UNESCO.

The boys were awestruck as they saw the complex, which was made up mostly of sandstone. The palatial complex consists of several pavilions which are arranged geometrically as per the tent formations in Arabic nations.

Next, the boys got up early in the morning to visit Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. During the breeding season, the most spectacular heronry in the region is formed by 15 species of herons, ibis, cormorants, spoonbills and storks, where in a well-flooded year over 20,000 birds nest. It was a pleasure to see cranes, swan, herons etc. The boys were accompanied by expert guides who briefed them about the topography of the place along with important inputs pertaining to birds and animals that frequent the place.



All smiles.

While returning back to School, the last stop was at the Crocodile Breeding Centre near Chambal River. The boys showed a keen interest and asked pertinent questions as they went around looking at the alligators and crocodiles. The adventurous two days' outing was profusely enjoyed by the boys and the interactive sessions were enjoyed to the hilt by one and all.

A Report on the Visit to CERN Laboratory

Ms Niharika Kulshresth | Faculty of Physics

Ms Niharika Kulshresth, Physics Faculty member of the School was selected by CERN for the three weeks' High School Teacher Programme from 1st - 22nd July 2017. 43 teachers from 34 countries attended the programme, which entailed 100 hours of lectures, visits to research facilities and Question & Answer and Discussion Sessions. In addition to this, the programme included 24 hours of activity in the work group 'Gender Inclusive Teaching of Physics'. The work group presented its final report on the penultimate day of the Teacher Programme.

Every year, CERN offers various professional development programmes for teachers to keep themselves up-to-date with the latest developments in Particle Physics and related areas, experiencing a dynamic and international research environment. All programmes are facilitated by experts in the field of physics, engineering, and computing.

Founded in 1954, the CERN laboratory is on the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva. It was one of Europe's first joint ventures to promote Science for peaceful purpose and now has 22 member states.

At CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, physicists and

engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituents of matter – the fundamental particles. The particles are made to collide at a speed which is close to the speed of light. The process gives the physicists clues about how the particles interact, and provides insights into the fundamental laws of nature.

The instruments used at CERN for this purpose are particle accelerators and detectors. Accelerators speed up beams of particles to high energies and then the beams are made to collide with each other or with stationary targets. Detectors observe and analyse the results of these collisions.



Ms Niharika Kulshresth.

Ethnicity Variegated in One Language (Exchange to Sankt-Peter Ording, Germany)

Jai Chahar | XI A

It is getting a 100% scholarship, all the way to Germany, what a student learning the German language aspires for, I would say. This opportunity is very limited out of all, such as the few one would get in a lifetime. Eeshan Agrawal and I were the two recipients of this scholarship to Sankt Peter Ording, Germany, for the year 2017-18. During my flight hours, I kept on continuously meditating over my stay with the people who communed and transacted their daily communication in a language which was still foreign to me, as all I had transacted in that language was the communication I had made in the German class at my school. Three countries other than India- Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand were a part of this Camp. I met people from India itself, those who too were here on the same scholarship. I opined that this Camp would be extremely helpful in refining one's language skills.

Our arrival, here at Sankt Peter Ording, was a distinctive one as our Camp coordinators welcomed us with several gifts and other such presents such as chocolates which fascinated and won our hearts. "Ice-breaking", is what they call 'mixing up', a motive which underlines all camps organized by them. We were provided with different tasks to perform, with unfamiliar faces around us to work with. It all turned out to be of huge worth in the long run.

The first week of our stay commenced in full swing with our German classes scheduled from 9:00 am in the morning till 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon with a 15-minutes' break included. Meals were not a major issue with us as they served the vegetarian course in the pause sessions or breaks. Evenings were way off different as the sun had made all the difference. "Abendrunde", the meaning of which is similar to 'an evening gathering' was cherished by all of us as the student company chorused the anthem, "Menschen LebenTanzenWelt", the song sung at the Camp. Going to bed made us all excited for we received the Wi-Fi code only once in the whole day to access the internet. Days passed on but each morning started with a new phase of learning. The activities were the most attention-grabbing part of the entire camp for each evening lent itself to uniqueness. Our visit to their state-of-the-art, in-house swimming pool was one of my favourite haunts in the entire school. The appearance of artificial waves generated by a machine to give the feel of a beach to the onlooker was a sight to behold. Enjoying the terrific water rides was another major attraction of the place. As we stayed for three weeks, all the three "Fridays" were the special and the most awaited ones. The 'Black and White party', followed by the 'Flirt party' and the 'Betreuer Abend' (Volunteer's night) cannot be compared to anything else in the world as the fun and thrill that I experienced during these were incomparable. From the shopping of grocery items from the supermarkets to asking directions and locations on the streets of Germany, everything made us so comfortable with the language that it dawned on us that we could talk in the language with such felicity. The Germans believe that India is a harbour to the diverse cultures that exemplify 'unity in diversity' and we proved it right by showcasing some wonderful dance performances which gave a panoramic

view of our tradition and culture. Each country had beautifully presented their own lifestyle and culture during the programme. Germans have a policy of celebrating their weekends with much zest and cheerfulness and so we were taken to Husum and Hamburg cities. Husum is a small city situated near Sankt Peter Ording. Here at Husum, we visited a huge sea aquarium and afterwards appeared for an observation test taken by the organisers to check whether we actually paid attention to it or just passed by it. Hamburg is populated with old - fashioned monuments such as- *Rathaus* (German Parliament). As a stark contrast to these ancient buildings, the city also holds a super-modern shopping hub which stretches for a great length along the roadside. Tired with the usual cuisine, we were given some tasty pizzas to tickle our taste buds. Interviewing people in the streets and putting some daily life questions to them was indeed a memorable experience! Treasure hunts, Capture the Flag and indoor games such as 'Halli Galli' was all that we did in our leisure time.

Subsequently, the second week came to an end. The third week began with much zeal and excitement as our last few days were left and no one knew what would be in store for us once the camp ended, for the reason that we had bonded so well! Everything seemed as if it had just started off, thus, making everyone wish that it would never end. In the previous weeks, we had done various projects like start-ups, recycling items, gaining knowledge about some well-known food around the town and photo story. All of this was something new and important to learn, as each of these projects had its own relevance and taught us how things worked here at Germany. Moreover, we drove to Kiel, a city 350 kms. away from our campus. This place had its own sparkle; for though we visited it with some other purpose in our mind but during the bus journeys it captivated us with the scenic beauty which was worth capturing. Studying in Germany was our motive and in addition to it we went to a university which freed us from all our doubts and satiated the queries which we Indians had as international students, regarding the admission procedures. Wandering around the campus and meeting students was helpful and inspiring as many of us explored the possibility of opting for further studies in Germany at the university level. Night walks to the light house in the gusty winds, playing football with the Germans and defeating them though it never mattered who won or lost, was all what we looked for and made good friends and I think we did just that. Such moments collectively metamorphosed our journey into an unforgettable experience! Seeing off was the toughest part as no one amongst us looked forward to bidding adieu! With lead hearts and wealth of memories we left the camp on 17th June 2017. I would fail in my duties if I don't thank our Principal and our school for letting me avail this golden chance to upgrade myself and my language skills. I would also like to express my gratitude to the 'Goethe Institut' for providing me with this prestigious opportunity. This camp not only taught me new wisdom, but also a way to live with the people from across the globe and getting adapted to their daily regime.



Jai Chahar with International students.



The Ladakh Service Project and Trekking Expedition

Mr Vishesh Sahai, Project Leader, The Ladakh Service Project and Trekking Expedition

The Scindia School, for the second time in a row, organized the Regional (South Asia & Gulf) Round Square Service Project at Thiksey village in Ladakh from 25th June - 10th July 2017. 31 students and 8 adults from 11 schools participated in the service project and trekking expedition. Volunteers arrived from the length and breadth of the country and also from a couple of countries in Europe as well. The schools which participated in this venture were: The Shri Ram School –Aravali, The Lawrence School – Lovedale, Vivek High School – Chandigarh, Mayo College – Ajmer, Pinegrove School – Solan, The Dhirubhai Ambani International School – Mumbai, The Daly College – Indore, Mody School – Lakshmanagarh, Landheim Schondorf – Germany, Aiglon College – Switzerland and of course the host school, The Scindia School. Apart from service, the venture also included a very challenging trekking expedition. Mr Tony Hyde, Honorary Member - Round Square was the Project Mentor.

Delegates started this venture on the 25th of June, with the first two days exclusively dedicated to the acclimatization process coupled with an introduction to Ladakh's rich culture, geography and wildlife through some interesting documentaries which were shown at the hotel -Ladakh Residency. The hotel was comfortable, offered delegates a splendid view of the mountains and employed some of the nicest people as staff members. After a relaxed first day, we went out of the hotel on the second day and climbed several hundreds of stairs to the Shanti Stupa which is a Buddhist temple in Leh district. This temple was gifted by the Japanese and has a beautiful architecture. After spending some time at the Shanti Stupa, we walked around the periphery of Leh which almost took around three hours before we returned to the hotel for lunch. This outing not only served the purpose of sight-seeing but prepared us for what was in the offing in the next 15 days. In the evening, the delegates assembled in the seminar hall of the hotel where they were assigned into 6 groups which stuck together for the next fifteen days. An unending list of safety instructions and a general code of conduct was delivered to all the delegates the same evening.

Delegates reached the Thiksey village on the 27th of June and were taken by surprise on arrival. This was because Ladakh residency had all the modern amenities as compared to the *Ladakhi* toilets and bath areas which were rather basic at the campsite. The campsite was situated at a distance of a fifteen minute walk from the worksite -Lamdon School's campus, where we eventually built the two rooms. For the next one week we worked for six hours daily in harsh sun and finally built two rooms for office usage at the

LamdonModel School. Work was extremely tough initially. Carrying heavy bricks, sacks of cement and wooden beams made our bodies sore until our muscles got used to the workload. Delegates worked in groups and took turns when it came to performing each task. During our breaks at the work site, particularly during afternoons, the delegates interacted with the children and played Volleyball and Badminton and took some classes as well. Due to these interactions between the delegates and the *Ladakhi* children, all the gaps, cultural, social or economic that may have existed between the delegates and the *Ladakhi* children disappeared in a very short span of time.

Before we embarked on our next challenge - the trekking expedition, we visited the breathtakingly beautiful Pangong lake which was a memorable experience for all. Its beauty is simply inexplicable. A surprise meeting with His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama on his birthday, the 6th of July was an inexplicable spiritual experience which made the entire Ladakh trip all the more worthwhile. Both these experiences, that is the visit to the heavenly Pangong lake and meeting H.H. Dalai Lama were 'once in a lifetime opportunities for all of us'.

Second part of the Ladakh venture was the Trekking Expedition. On day one, we started the trek from Zinchen and it took us about four hours to reach our uphill destination – Rumbak village. We camped here for the next two nights, right in the midst of the raw beauty of Ladakh. A tributary of the Indus flowed calmly close to our campsite when we reached there in the afternoon. But by evening, I realized that it was a temperamental beast. During the day its turquoise waters glided peacefully mirroring the Zen-like surroundings. However, by evening, the river gushed wildly over rocks, as if in defiance of the calm around. I was told by an accompanying guide that this is the impact of the day's sunlight which melts the snow and hence the evening heavy flow. On day two, our trek was from Rumbak to Kandala Pass and back. We started at 9.15 a.m. and returned to our camp at 7.15 p.m., making it perhaps one of the most demanding treks that one could ever do in a single day. Most members achieved the commendable feat of trekking up to the summit of Kandala Pass which is at a height of approximately 5000 Meters from the sea level. The view of the world from the summit cannot easily be put in words. The next morning, we trekked downhill from Rumbak to Zinchen to the point where we were received by the hotel vehicles and were driven to the hotel just in time for lunch which ended our Ladakh sojourn.

In the end, I would like to share some of the key takeaways that the delegates



At the Pangong Lake.



Happiness in togetherness.

through a feeling of selfless service and gratitude.

Through their interactions with the local children they understood the value of gratitude and sharing even when you have little with yourself. Looking closely at the lives of local children was an eye-opener for them.

Delegates returned with immense confidence which they developed through evening debrief sessions in which they learnt the art of public speaking, dancing, singing and sharing experiences freely and positively in an encouraging environment.

Delegates evolved their socio-emotional skills which is an essential life skill. The structure and routine of the project and the community living helped delegates forge life-long friendships with each other.

Lastly, delegates returned with a more evolved character built through the adventurous and arduous trek in which the only competition was with oneself.

Long live Scindia ! Long live the Ladakh venture !



The spiritual touch with H.H. Dalai Lama.

shared with me through their reflections and personal interactions.

Delegates had a huge sense of satisfaction, for they worked extremely hard for no return whatsoever - thus imbibing the concept of altruistic service.

Delegates developed a sense of appreciation for nature's beauty in its raw form, something which our urban lives do not offer us at all.

Delegates understood that happiness has nothing to do with material pleasures and technology. It is a state of mind which comes

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गंगा निरंतर बहती जाती,
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 कि सामने मत आना मेरे ले जाऊँगी तुम्हें,
 साथ चलो मेरे, दुनिया की सैर कराऊँगी तुम्हें ।
 हे किसान! करते हो तुम इस्तेमाल मेरा पानी,
 मत करो प्रदूषित मुझे वरना
 याद दिलाऊँगी तुम्हें, तुम्हारी नानी।
 जब मिलता ब्रह्मपुत्र मुझसे मिलकर बनते हम 'पद्मा',
 'मेघना' को मत भूलना, वह भी कीमती है उतनी ।
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 मन था मेरा कि मैं हिंद महासागर में मिल जाऊँ,
 किस्मत ने किया कुछ ऐसा मेरे साथ,
 छोड़ना पड़ा मुझे भारत का साथ ।
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 मेरा लक्ष्य था सदा ही सागर
 फिर छोड़ दिया मैंने अपना ही घर,
 रह गई मैं सिर्फ और सिर्फ जल ।
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 अपने जल से सींच पुनः
 इस भारत की कर दी जय-जय ।

OBITUARIES

Mr Suyash Jaiswal (Ex-Jp, 2006) passed away on 19th May 2017 in Bangalore due to a cardiac arrest. We pray for peace of the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear this loss.

Shri R.M. Muchrikar passed away on 29th April 2017 at his residence in Naya Bazaar, Gwalior. He was 104 years old. He served the school as a Chief Accountant for 38 years. He joined the school in 1937 when Mr F.G. Pearce was the Principal of the school. He is survived by his three sons -Sashi, Nishi and Dilip. You may please convey your condolences to Dilip at: 9406503656. We pray for peace for the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear this loss.

Wing Commander (Retd. - I.A.F) and Captain (Retd. - Air India) Qaiser Ali (Ex - Md, 1949) passed away on the 27th of May 2017, aged 83. He is survived by his wife, Razia, and two sons, Rashid and Shahid and a daughter, Naheed. You can convey your condolences to Mrs. Razia Qaiser Ali at: Mobile - 09699426683; Res: 022 26486494. We pray for peace of the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear this loss.

Shri Ramsharan Tandon (Ex - Md, 1954) passed away on 28th May 2017. We pray for peace for the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear this loss.

6:14:09

Mr Ajay Poonia | Ex Sh-2006

After spending the, 'Where the hell did they go?' 2017 Delhi winters in the gym followed by miles after miles of putting one leg ahead of the other in the April heat of the capital's roads, 6:14.09 was my official time at Ironman Western Australia in the scenic town 200km South-West of Perth, Busselton. Busselton, a town known for its iconic 2km long jetty that is southern hemisphere's longest, played host to the race that is known for its strong participation, flat seaside route and frequent shark sightings. Yeap! that last one is true as well, and freakishly, it happened again this year. But thankfully, the shark was in no mood for Indian curry masala and thus turned up 10 minutes after I had finished the swim. I was told later that those still swimming had to be brought back to the beach on a boat. What happened to their race? I am not sure.

After the hot and humid Ironman Indonesia in August, I had been looking forward to a cool weather race at the peak of Delhi summers. Thus, opting for Southern Hemisphere was a no brainer. So Australia became the 2nd destination in my endeavour to compete in all 6 continents. The race day morning was cold and windy, exactly the kind of weather I hoped for. The only downside about the beginning for me (and our age group) was the late start of our wave of athletes. Late start meant the sun was already in its full force by the time we entered the ocean. So during the swim sighting became an issue as looking in the direction of the sharp sun hampered visibility and sense of direction. I relied on proximity to other swimmers to reassure myself if I was going in the right direction. The bike leg was a scenic 2 lap route next to the sea and through the nearby forests. With smooth roads, the bike leg was a comfortable stretch. The second transition for the run was much quicker and I felt strong going into the run. I remember in Indonesia I was extremely tired by the time I reached T2, but I carried on only because I did not want a 'DNF' against my name. The run leg was 3 loops of a circuit on the beach. With families of competitors cheering everybody, the legs didn't feel so heavy. I remember a few posters which made me laugh while running 'If Trump can run, so can you', 'If you collapse, I will pause your Garmin', 'Waking up early to make this poster wasn't easy either' and 'This seems to be a lot of hard work for a free banana'. Finally, I arrived at the finish chute where I picked up the Indian flag from my friend who had been waiting patiently all this while and ran straight to the finish as the announcer, who we had chatted a lot pre-race, said those magical words "Ajay Poonia, you are an Ironman".

Though I wasn't particularly impressed with my performance, especially the bike leg as heavy winds and what I believe was less than optimal pressure in the tyres, I could only shave off my personal best by 1 minute. As far as the overall position is concerned, the field here was much bigger and stronger than Indonesia, with athletes donning the colours of the Tri-clubs of not just the cities but of their neighbourhoods(!), and so I could just about manage to be in the top-400 amongst more than 1800 athletes. As the adrenaline of being a 2x Ironman settled down, I posed with the national flag on my shoulders for a few pictures and went straight to the recovery area looking for the masseuse and a free banana.



Mr Ajay Poonia.

A Report on the Debating Workshop

Review Correspondent

Akash Jaini (Ex- Ja 2016) and Shantanu Kulshreshtha (Ex- Ja 2016) conducted a debating workshop in School from Friday, 14th July to Sunday, 16th July. They drilled children in the Oxford, Cambridge and Parliamentary styles of debating. The participants were familiarised with the minutiae of each format and the debating jargon peculiar to each. The technical terms were simplified for the purpose of effectiveness in developing cogent arguments. One session was devoted exclusively to get children initiated into alternate ways of approaching a motion. Mock drills made all the theoretical knowledge alive for our boys. In addition to active debating the participants were also made to adjudicate so as to get a better understanding of speaker roles and the flow of the debate. The boys of Junior House were introduced to the Oxford format and they too went through a mock session. The workshop threw up some promising and upcoming debaters and three rigorous sessions were held exclusively with them for greater practice. The boys found the sessions very enriching and could be seen flocking around the resource persons for clarifying doubts and queries. They feel a lot more confident about content generation and delivery post the workshop. Akash and Shantanu have promised to come again and will also be sharing video links and a reading list for the benefit of students.

सिंधिया स्कूल में मेरा प्रथम सप्ताह

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सिंधिया स्कूल का मेरा पहला हफ्ता बहुत ही कठिन था और कठिन क्यों नहीं होगा? परिवार को छोड़ अकेला रहना बहुत कठिन होता है तथा यहाँ हमें सारे काम अपने आप करने पड़ते हैं जो कि हमने पहले नहीं किए। जैसे कि अपनी अलमारी ठीक करना, जूते पॉलिश करना, बिस्तर साफ करना और सारे काम समय पर करना आदि। उसी हफ्ते मेरा भाई भी ज़िद कर स्कूल में आ गया क्योंकि वह सोचता था कि यहाँ काम नहीं करना पड़ता और बहुत मज़ा आता है। एक दिन हम दोनों "मेस" में मिले और बोले कि - यार! मैं सुबह की योगा क्लास से परेशान हो गया हूँ और फिर हम दोनों ने ये योजना बनाई कि हम दोनों नाटक कर, चिकित्सालय में भरती हो जाएँगे, बहुत मज़े करेंगे और वही हुआ लेकिन फिर उसमें एक कठिनाई आ गई, वह यह थी कि डॉक्टर ने अगले दिन मेरे भाई को छोड़-दिया और मुझे रख लिया और उसी समय मुझे बहुत गहरा दुख हुआ क्योंकि मेरा भाई अपने हाउस जा रहा था तथा अगले ही दिन रविवार था। रविवार को देर से उठना, कैफे में खाना और खेलना बहुत अच्छा लगता है और मैंने सोचा कि मैं रविवार को मजे नहीं ले पाऊँगा। लेकिन अगले दिन सुबह में बहुत रो कर डॉक्टर सर को मना ही लिया। तब तक मैं ठीक भी हो चुका था। उन्होंने मुझे छोड़ दिया और मैं रविवार को कैफे में मजे लेने के बाद और छुट्टी मनाने के बाद यहाँ पाँच साल रुकने के लिए तैयार हो गया और अब मैं यहाँ बहुत खुश हूँ।

यहाँ अनेक तरह की गतिविधियाँ आयोजित की जाती हैं। इसी हफ्ते मेरे हाउस में वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता हुई जिसमें मैंने भी हिस्सा लिया। पहले मुझे डर लग रहा था लेकिन मेरे बोलने के बाद मुझ पर कोई हँसा नहीं इससे मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा। मेरे हाउस के दोस्तों ने मेरे लिए तालियाँ बजाईं। मैं अगली बार फिर वाद-विवाद में भाग लूँगा।

पहले मैं यह सोचता था कि यह दुनिया का सबसे गंदा स्कूल है लेकिन मुझे अब पता चला कि यह दुनिया का सबसे अच्छा स्कूल है। अब यहाँ मेरे कई दोस्त बन गए हैं और अब एक अच्छा "सिंधियन" बनना ही मेरा लक्ष्य है।

OLD BOYS' NEWS

SOBA Kanpur elected new office bearers recently. The officials are:

- President - Mr Sudhir Mehra (Ex - Mj, 1976)
- Vice President - Mr Vineet Awasthi (Ex - Mj, 1991)
- Vice President - Mr Deepak Khanna (Ex - Sh, 1984)
- Secretary - Mr Deepak Agrahari (Ex - Sh, 2004)

A new SOBA chapter, namely the SOBA Chhattisgarh was formed on 08/04/2017.

The office bearers of this new chapter are:

- President - Mr Sudip Bachhawat (Ex - Md, 1974)
- Vice President - Mr Bhanu Pratap Singh Tyagi (Ex - Ranoji, 1988)
- Secretary - Mr Rajeev Jaswani (Ex - Jp, 2005)
- Treasurer - Mr Sumit Bachhawat (Ex - Rn, 1979)
- Joint Secretary - Mr Chanveer Singh (Ex - Jp, 2007)

Akshay Kumar Guruji (Ex Md 2011) was awarded the Madhav Institute of Technology and Science (MITS) Gold medal for scoring the highest CGPA in



Mr Akshay Kumar Guruji receiving the award.

Electronics and Telecommunications. He received the award from Chairman MITS, H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia on 9th July 2017 during the Gold Award Ceremony.

On Friday, 9th June 2017, Old Boys from all northeastern states met for an informal get together in Guwahati. Mr G. S. Bakshi, Director of Alumni Relations and Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha, President Central SOBA, engineered the idea of reforming the SOBA for North Eastern States. 28 Scindians, including Mr Bakshi and Mr Kulshreshtha, travelled from far off places, to attend the evening. Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, the Principal, connected with the Old Boys through Skype. The Old Boys were urged to continue to energise their association with



SOBA North East.

the school, to be in touch with the school, and visit their 'home away from home', their alma mater. The President of Central Soba, conveyed his desire to stay in touch with fellow Scindians from the region and also mentioned his goal to develop 'one stop database' of all Scindians. He announced the working committee for SOBA North East Chapter.

The Executive Committee for SOBA North East Chapter was formed on Friday 9th June, 2017 in Guwahati. The names are as hereunder:

- President - Mr. Amitabh Hazarika (Ex-Je, 1982)
- Vice President - Mr. Atikur Rehman (Ex-Rn, 1984)
- Secretary - Rishi Baruah (Ex-Mj, 2008)
- Treasurer - Mausoom Dutt (Ex-Jp, 2009)

Executive Members:

- Samudra Baruva (Ex-Ja, 1993)
- Rajesh Jain (Ex-Mj, 1989)
- Bobby Potsangbam (Ex-Sh, 2001)
- Partha Pratim Das (Ex-Ja, 1998)
- Abhishek Baruwa (Ex-Ja, 2008)

Executive body meeting of Central SOBA took place in Kolkata on 11th June, 2017. 14 executive members and nine invited members were present for the



SOBA Meet in Kolkata.

meeting which was followed by dinner. The hosts for the same were Mr & Mrs Rajesh Goenka (Ex-Md 1973). Around 100 Old Boys from Kolkata were present and around 50 of them attended the same along with their families.

Several Old Boys of the Class of 1974 residing on the periphery of the East Coast of the United States of America, organized a reunion at Mr Anil Mandhle's residence in New Jersey on 16th July 2017. Dr Vikram Mathur came over from Delhi to join the nostalgic get-together.

In the pic, L to R - Mr Prashant Patankar (Ex - Ja), Mr Homsy Irani (Ex - Ja), Mr Ajay Khanna (Ex - Vivekanand), Mr Ashok Pamnani (Ex - Md), Mr Kirti Patel (Ex - Rn), Mr Dilip Deokule (Ex - Ja), Dr Vikram Mathur (Ex - Ja) and Mr Anil Mandhle (Ex - Ja).



Old Boys with their wives.

CBSE RESULTS**AN OVERVIEW OF 2017 (CLASS X) RESULTS****School Result (Excluding IT) :** Average CGPA = 8.64; Average Percentage = 82.1%**School Result (English + Best 4) :** Average CGPA = 8.82; Average Percentage = 83.7%

No. of Students : 102 CGPA 10 : 16 CGPA 9.8-9 : 27 CGPA 8.8-8 : 29 CGPA 7.8-7 : 26 CGPA 6.8-6 : 4 CGPA 5.8-5 : Nil

CLASS X TOPPERS LIST – CGPA 10

Akash Phogat	Daksh Gupta	Dhruv Periwal	Himanshu Moojoriya	Jai Chahar	Moksh Jaswal	Pranav Wadhwa
Prateek Parihar	Rhythm Agarwalla	Rishab Jain	Saksham Goel	Shashank Garg	Shashikiran Gonugunta	Shubham Agarwal
Sidharth Jain	Vishvjeet Singh					

CGPA 9 AND ABOVE

Name of the Student	CGPA	Name of the Student	CGPA	Name of the Student	CGPA
Kushagra Patwari	9.8	Shreshth Agrawal	9.8	Devansh Maheshwari	9.8
Siddhant Goel	9.8	Chidghan Prabhu	9.8	Devansh Agarwal	9.8
Satya Prakash Singh	9.8	Ishan Gangwani	9.6	Rachit Agarwal	9.6
Prateek Goyal	9.6	Darshan Ningthoujam	9.6	Janmajey Pargaian	9.6
Nikhil Kumar	9.6	Sourabh Gond	9.6	Keshav Kumar Agarwal	9.4
Mohit Asrani	9.4	Anirudha Awasthi	9.4	Abhinav Sachan	9.4
Chleopus Subba Limboo	9.4	Saideep Kukreja	9.2	Vedant Choudhury	9.2
Kartikey Agrawal	9.2	Naman Kumar	9.2	Shrey Agarwal	9.2
Eeshaan Sarda	9	Siddharth Jain	9	Umang Arya	9

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (CLASS XII) RESULTS**School Result (Best 4) :** Average Percentage = 81.72%**School Result (All Subjects) :** Average Percentage = 78.0%**School Topper (All Subjects) :** Jagjeet Jain - 96.5%**Stream Toppers (Best 4 Aggregates) Science :** Sambhav Mittal (95.5%) **Humanities :** Jagjeet Jain (96.5%) **Commerce :** Shivam (95.3%)**CLASS XII TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE**

Name of the Student	%age	Name of the Student	%age	Name of the Student	%age
Jagjeet Jain	96.50	Sambhav Mittal	95.50	Harsimar Singh	95.50
Shivam	95.30	Pulkit Sharma	95.00	Ayush Shukla	94.80
Aditya Vikram Banka	94.80	Samyak Kumar Kandoi	94.50	Shivam Arora	93.30
Lakshay Garg	93.00	Ayush Barya	92.80	Arbin Das Darjee	92.30
Abhijeet Nagpal	92.30	Govind Swaroop Kela	92.00	Siddhant Agarwalla	91.80
Somil Agrawal	91.30	Prabhav Pachauri	90.50	Shailesh Bhagat	90.30
Satyam Malik	90.00	Sarvesh Arya	89.50	Piyush Dinkar	89.00
Harsh Devprakash Gupta	88.50	Mriganka Ghosh	88.30	Yashwardhan Bansal	87.80
Anshul Singh	87.50	Mahindra Chettri	86.30	Ayush Agarwal	86.30
Aditya Kumar Agarwal	85.80	Sarthak Arora	85.80	Vipray Kala	85.50
Shubham Madhwal	85.00				

SUMMARY

Number of Students Appeared	:	69
Number of Student's 80% and above	:	08
Number of Student's 85% and above	:	11
Number of Student's 90% and above	:	20

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