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FORT NEWS

Congratulations!

We are pleased to inform you that The Scindia School has been ranked India's #2 All Boys' Boarding School in the Education World India School Rankings 2017-18. For this, a total of 12,357 educationists, principals, teachers, and senior school students across India were interviewed on several parameters which included Teacher Competence, Infrastructure, Academic Reputation, Sports and Co-curricular Education etc. Apart from the above overall ranking, The Scindia School is ranked #1 under the parameter of Community Service and #2 for Internationalism.

The School celebrated our nation's entry into the 71st year of independence on the 15th August 2017. The Chief Guest on the sanctimonious day was Mr Dhirendra Chauhan, an Alumnus of The Scindia School from the Batch of 1966. Mr Dhirendra Chauhan is involved in promoting inclusive education for students with Special Educational Needs and interacting with the Government of India and other educational organizations and schools. After a brief introduction with the faculty, the Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag and inspected the contingents of the parade. This was followed by the March Past by the Senior and Junior Houses. The Old Boys from the Class of 2002 also took part in the March Past and re-lived their school days. In his address to



The Chief Guest addressing the gathering.

the School community the Chief Guest exhorted the students to hark back to Jawaharlal Nehru's speech on the midnight of freedom; the famous speech, "Tryst with destiny" which gave us hope and direction to our aspirations but unfortunately, these aspirations, despite 70 years of freedom have not been met, a very important reminder that we still have a long way to go when it comes to managing our free democracy. We have to take a pledge again to

re-build a new India and we have to work towards building a poverty-free India, without communalism, casteism and terrorism. After the March Past, the entire community congregated at the Astachal, the spiritual water spring of The Scindia School, to pay homage to the eternal pilgrim, the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Mr Arjun Dewan, an Old Boy from the Class of 2002, expressed that it was wonderful to be back to School. The customary silence was observed at the Astachal, which saw all immersed in the act of introspection.

The Senior Group Inter-House English Elocution was held on the 15th August 2017 in the Assembly Hall. The results are as follows:

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

Best in Prose: I - Aadya Mishra, II - Saksham Bansal

Best in Poetry: I - Varun Kapoor, II - Jai Sharma

The Middle Group Inter-House Hindi Elocution was held on the 17th August 2017. The House positions are as follows:

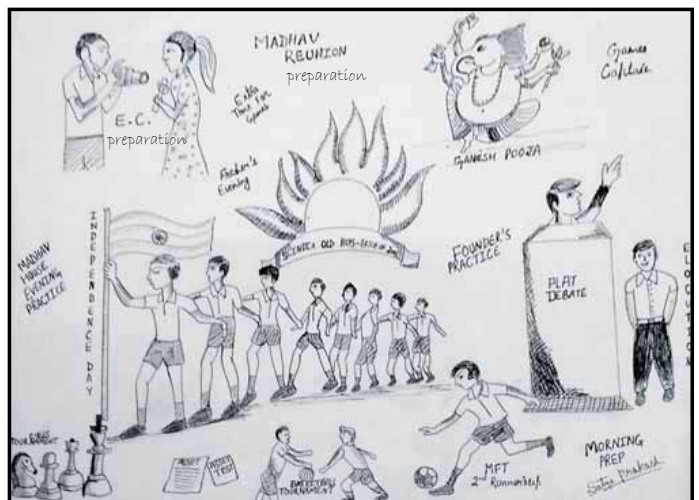
I Shivaji	II Daulat	III Jeevaji	IV Jayaji
V Jayappa	VI Madhav	VII Ranoji	VIII Mahadji

Best in Prose: I - Harshvardhan Chandel, II - Memoy Mishra

Best in Poetry: I - Jazbi Yunus, I - Aryan Samil

Anurag Yadav, Rhythm Kukreja, Varun Kapoor, Saksham Goel, Hridaya Soni, Vedansh Bansal, Varun Gupta and Somesh Kumar participated in DS-MUN at Doon School, Dehradun from the 17th to 21st of August 2017. They were escorted by Ms Sudha Sharma.

In accordance with the School's initiative towards Women Empowerment and Skill development for the Women of *Nathon Ka Pura*, 10 women and girls from *Nathon Ka Pura* village, visited the School from 17th -19th August 2017. During these three days, they learnt the art of 'Tie and Dye', Applique work and





tailoring in order to make bedsheets, table mats, napkins and doormats with crochet work.

Rachit Agarwal, Shashank Kumar, Aditya Rohira, Shashikiran Gonegunta, Angad Sahni, Fatehvir Singh, Kanha Sharma, Memoy Mishra, Toshani Agarwal, Krishna Sharma, Chaitanya Agarwal, Piyush Baghel, Ujjwal Singh, and Vanshvardhan Kanodia participated in the 20th M.P. State Inter-school Shooting Championship 2017 held at Emerald Heights International School, Indore, from the 18th August to 23rd August 2017.

The School hosted the 44th Platinum Jubilee Debate and Quiz from 19th August to 20th August. A detailed report of the same is attached for you to read.

Himanshu Moojoriya, Janmajey Pargaien, Rishabh Jain, Moksh Jaiswal, Eeshan Agarwal, Pratham Agarwal, Aditya Parashar, Karnik Kanojia, and Abishekh Mahour went to Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Gwalior, for the National Anveshika Experimental Skill Test on 19th August 2017. They were escorted by Ms Niharika Kulshrestha.

On the 14th of August 2017, Janamashtami was celebrated in the School during the Morning Assembly. Melodious songs were sung in the praise of Lord Krishna. Parikshita Singh sang the *bhajan*, *Krishna meri nazar ke aagey thadey raha*. Chidghan Prabhu, brought home the teaching of the Bhagwad Gita and urged the community to contemplate on the philosophy of the Bhagwad Gita in his euphonious speech – the belief that the Karma is the most important aspect of life and renunciation is not needed for *moksh*. The energizing celebration stepped into coda with the famous *bhajan*, *choti choti gaiyaan...* and Dharmendra's charming performance as Lord Krishna added loveliness to the celebration.



Dharmendra as Lord Krishna.

Shishir Pandey, Rishikant Yadav and Utkarsh Vats participated in the Quiz Competition under the aegis of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Corporation (District Level) at Government H.S. School, Morar on the 19th of August 2017.

Inter House Quiz Competition 2017 was conducted in the Assembly Hall on 22nd August and 25th August. The preliminary and semi-final round was conducted on 22nd August. It was a novel experience for the school community since it was fully presented on IT platform-Kahoot. Mahadji House, Jeevaji House, Daulat House and Madhav House qualified for the final round which was conducted on the 25th of August. Mr Vishesh Sahai, Faculty Economics was the Quizmaster for the quiz. Madhav House became the winner of the Quiz.

TTFI- STAG Special Table Tennis Coaching Camp was organized in the School from the 22nd to the 27th of August 2017. The five days' table tennis Coaching camp is an ambitious project that targets to train one million table tennis players from across the country by 2020, titled 'TTFI-Stag One Million Players by 2020'. The project is a joint initiative of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and STAG India. The Table Tennis Hall has been recently upgraded with New TTFI approved synthetic flooring and automatic ball feeding Robot. Fifty Students from grade 6th to 10th participated in the same.

The School Soccer Team recently participated in the Mayo Football Tournament held at Mayo College Ajmer. In the tournament the team played the semi-final and won bronze medals by defeating Rashtriya Military School, Dehradun, in a hard-line match. Zigme Gurung was awarded as the Best Defender of the tournament. Chleopus Limboo was awarded the Best Player.

The School team recently participated in the Cascade, 25th Annual Inter-School Cultural Festival organised by Jamnabai Narsee Alumni Association, Mumbai. In the Table Tennis Tournament Ansh Gupta and Darpan Agarwal won the Silver Medal in U-19 Doubles Event.

A Report on Freshers' Entertainment Evening

Akshat Karwa | IX B and Chirag Rathi | IX C

The Junior School celebrated the Freshers' day on the 14th of August 2017 in the Assembly Hall. In the midst of intensive March Past practices for the 15th of August, the new joiners of the School showcased their talents through vaudeville. Anany Srivastav was the compere for the evening. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Bursar, Deans and the School Prefect- Praseon Naithani. The first performance was the Group



A still from the Hindi Play.

Song presented by the students of the Junior School. It was a melodious Choir performance of the famous song, 'If you miss the train I am on...' and the other one being, 'When the sun shines on the mountains...'. The songs mesmerized the audience. The next performance was a tabla and harmonium duet with Chirag Thirani on the tabla and Mr Rajendra Sharma on the harmonium. Next was the English play entitled 'The World of Vampires'. The story revolved around the question- whether it is preferable to be a vampire or a human. After that, two instrumental acts followed, with Jayant Gupta playing the tune of *Rabta* and then, Raghav Sengar putting his magical fingers to the keyboard. The next item was the Hindi Play, *Bhola Ram Ka Jeev* which brought to light the major problems faced by the citizens because of rampant corruption in the country. The Hindi play tickled the audience and they could not stop laughing and giggling. After this Divakar Chaudhary played on the synthesizer and made the jaws drop. Tanmay Kocher and Aryan Girdhar set the stage to fire with their dance moves. They danced to the latest numbers, 'Shape of You' by Ed- Sheeran and the Closer Re-mix. Lastly the choir by the Senior boys gave an appropriate end to the spectacle.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Electric Moist Heat therapy Unit was donated to School Health Centre by Mr Ashish Gupta (Ex - Je, 1988). The machine has Heat therapy pads which relax the muscles and reduce the pain.

OBITUARY

Mr Rahul Bhargava (Ex- Rn, 1994) passed away on 24th August 2017 in Sasni, near Hathras. He was suffering from swine flu and a lung infection. We pray for peace of the departed soul. May God give strength to the bereaved family and friends to bear this loss.

A Report on 44th Platinum Jubilee Memorial Debate and Quiz, 2017

Hriday Soni | IX B

The Scindia School hosted the 44th Platinum Jubilee Debate and Quiz on the 19th August 2017 and 20th August 2017. The debate saw the arrival of seasoned debaters from ten reputed schools which came from different parts of the country to participate in the event. The schools which took part this year were: Vasant Valley, New Delhi; Daly College, Indore; Welham Girls, Dehradun; Mayo Girls, Ajmer; Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior; All Saints' College, Nainital; La Martiniere, Lucknow; Maharani Gayatri Devi, Jaipur; Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai; and The Scindia School, Gwalior. The debate was contested in 3 rounds.

The Preliminary round was in the Oxford format. It was conducted simultaneously at two venues. The motion of the debate was 'Justice should be valued above Mercy', in which students presented fiery arguments for and against the motion. Anagh Agarwal from Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai was declared the Best Speaker from Pool A and Kabir Singh from Vasant Valley School was declared the Best Speaker from Pool B.

Three top scoring teams from each pool moved up into the semi finals, which was conducted in the Cambridge format. The teams that moved into the semi finals were- All Saints', Nainital; Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai; Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer; Vasant Valley, New Delhi; Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur; and The Scindia School, Gwalior. The first debate was contested between All Saints' School, Nainital and Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur on the topic 'Morality is the creation of the weak to deter and limit the strong'. The second debate was contested between Vasant Valley, New Delhi and Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai, on the topic, 'Celebrities make for bad role models'. The third debate was contested between Mayo College Girls' School and The Scindia School, Gwalior, on the topic, 'When all you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail.' Ananya Jain from Vasant Valley School, Delhi, was declared the Best Speaker of the Semi Final Round.

Ms Sujata Aslam, Former HOD English at The Scindia School; Mr Amanpreet Randhawa, Head of the Human Resources at Amity University, Gwalior and Mr Deshan Tucker, Co-founder of QRYTIQ, a knowledge and content development platform, were the judges of the semi final round. The debating teams were formed on the basis of the result of the preliminary round. All the three debates were keenly contested with fiery debaters presenting the pros and cons of the topics with great passion and conviction. It was quite evident that they were out to massacre their opponents, so as to secure a place for themselves into the finals.

Four top scoring teams that moved into the finals were: Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai; Vasant Valley, New Delhi; Mayo College

Girls School; and The Scindia School, Gwalior. Each team consisted of three members: The 'Government' with the Prime Minister (PM); Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Third Affirmative/ Proposition Whip. The Opposition consisted the Leader of Opposition (LO); Deputy Leader of Opposition (DLO) and Third Negative /Opposition Whip.

The first debate was contested between Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai (Government) and Vasant Valley School, New Delhi (Opposition). The topic of the first debate was 'Nationalism ought to be valued above globalism'. The second debate was contested between Mayo College Girls' School (Government) and The Scindia School, Gwalior (Opposition) on the topic, 'This House believes that reservations for women does more harm than good for women's equality'. The speakers on either side presented cogent arguments and used logic with humour and sarcasm and nearly every possible weapon for the verbal arsenal to decimate their opponents. The Scindia School became the 'Winners' and Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai was declared the 'Runner Up'. The final round was judged by Ms Sujata Aslam, former HOD English, at The Scindia School; Dr Iti Roy Chowdury, a Soft skills Trainer and Professor of English at Amity University, Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior; and Mr Deshan Tucker, co founder of QRYTIQ. Lt. General V.K. Sharma, AVSM, was the Chairperson and the Chief Guest of the Final Round. He is an alumnus of the erstwhile King George's School. He was Commissioned into the army on 31 March 1972 and served it for almost 40 years. He is presently the Vice Chancellor of Amity University, Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior.

The complex topics were deftly handled by the debaters. The audience enjoyed the stimulating sessions. The event received widespread coverage in the local press. The visiting teams went back full of praise for the standard of the debate and superb organization, and warm hospitality extended by the school community.

On Sunday 20th August 2017, Mr Ajay Poonia (Ex- Sh, 2006) hosted the Annual Platinum Jubilee Memorial Quiz. Six teams participated in the Quiz and the 7th team was from the host school, which consisted the 'Scindia Blue' and the 'Scindia Red' team. The quiz incorporated the nomenclature of the films which have been recently released. The quiz contained questions as diverse, as ranging from the question on identifying a picture of the legendary writer Mahashweta Devi to the monogram of 'Id' which is read as 'Idli Dosa', a firm that makes fresh foods. The quiz had Ajay Poonia's trademark humour and energy that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Finally, the quiz trophy was bagged by Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior and the host school; The Scindia School stood second in the quiz.



The winning team with the trophy.



Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya receiving the Quiz trophy.

A Report on Young Leaders' Conclave

Ms Puja Pant | Faculty, English

Four students (Keshav Sarawgi, Yohen Thounajaom, Madhav Agarwal and Aadya Mishra) along with Mrs Puja Pant attended the 5th edition of the Young Leaders Conclave hosted by Modern School, Vasant Vihar from 8th August to 12th August. The theme of the conclave was 'The Cost of War' and the facilitators for the same were Mr Parnab Mukherjee, an Independent Media Analyst, Knowledge Resource Curator and Performance Consultant and Ms Agrima Bhasin who is a well-known Public Policy Analyst and Leadership Trainer.

In the course of the five days students got to hear stimulating talks by a couple of eminent speakers. British High Commissioner to India, Sir Dominic Asquith apprised them of the social, political, financial and psychological impact of war. The delegates asked insightful questions like if there is something like a successful war, are military interventions justifiable, the reasons for the inability of UN to prevent war and many more. Ms Amina Sherwani who is an activist, spoke about the importance of dialogue for conflict resolution in insurgency affected areas. She spoke about Islam, the misconceptions around it and the issues related to the *hijab* and triple *talaq*. Some aspects of her talk proved to be rather inflammatory as the delegates felt her approach towards the Kashmiri insurgency and the views about the army were rather anti-Indian. Ms Asiya Zahoor, a poetess from Kashmir read excerpts from poems of different poets. She focused on the very pertinent issue of being open about accepting alternate truths and bridging barriers through writing or other art forms. The most enriching and engaging talk was by Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh. He defined war, its consequences which are human, political, economic, societal and ideological, post war challenges and also how to prevent war. He spoke at length about maritime security and left everyone with a powerful thought, 'The strong do what they can. The weak suffer what they must.'

Through videos and activities students were made aware of the horrors of war and its human cost. They composed poems, speeches and dialogues to express their angst. They were explained the distinction between Gandhian philosophy behind fasting which used to be purposeful and the present attitudes towards it which tend to be directionless. As a part of one of the group activities the students had to establish a Ministry of Peace for a fictitious country. They established different departments under the Ministry namely department of Equitable Distribution, of Social Attitudes, of Human Capital, of Free Flow of Information and of Well Functioning Government. On the penultimate day, the students were taken to the army cantonment where they saw a display of weaponry and some of the training drills the soldiers go through. The aim was to give them a first-hand understanding of the lives led by the men in uniform. The delegates also dined in the army mess. The evening wound up with an enjoyable dance party and formal dinner.

The final day was a deviation from the theme. It comprised a round of reflections on relationships and the need to maintain one's identity. The delegates also witnessed the Independence Day celebrations at school and received their certificates.

All through the five days the students stayed with host families and returned



YLC delegates at the Army Exhibition.

with high words of praise for the hospitality extended by the families and the host school. The host families also appreciated our students for their impeccable behaviour and courtesies. The Scindian delegation was delighted to meet Mr Prashant Chaturvedi, former teacher of the Scindia School, who was representing Welham Boys' School.

The conclave did clear the air on various situations of conflict that the students were aware of but it also left them with many more questions to mull on. It is hoped that these leaders of tomorrow will help in the creation of a conflict free world.

School Games' Captains 2017-18

School Games Captain: Reekeela Bhutia

Achievements: Represented IPSC in SGFI National Games
Awarded Best Player of Mayo Football Tournament
Represented School Hockey Team
A Good Athlete, Disciplined, Regular and Punctual

Sets	Games Captain	Achievements
FOOTBALL	Reekeela Bhutia	Mentioned Above
CRICKET	Akshay Bhargava	Represented MP state as Vice-Captain, Represented IPSC in SGFI National Games
ATHLETICS	Akmal Karim	Winner Inter-house Athletics
HOCKEY	Chopel Bhutia	Captain - UFH Runner up team
SHOOTING	Rachit Agrawal	Represented IPSC in SGFI National; IPSC Gold Medal Winner
SQUASH	Pavan Jaini	Three times SGFI and SRFI National ranking player
SWIMMING	Shreyash Dubey	Bronze Medal in State Championship
TENNIS	Pulkit Kumar	District Ranking No. 1
TABLE TENNIS	Gaurang Mahendru	Bronze Medal In IPSC & Selected for SGFI Nationals
SKATING	Kushagra Kaushik	Selected for SGFI National session 2016-17
HORSE RIDING	Yuvraj Bhatia	Winner in Delhi Horse Show
CHESS	Prateek Parihar	Played IPSC
ARCHERY	Divij Agrawal	SGFI National Player and medal winner in World Crossbow
KARATE	Kabir Saund	Bronze medal in State Championship

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