

# REVIEW-17



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## FORT NEWS

Mercury is on its way south and one can feel a nip in the air in the mornings and in the evenings. During Astachal, sun disappearing in the grey clouds makes for a picturesque setting. One can also see trees laden with *Ber*, *Amla* and *Bel* all around the campus. Boys too have started wearing the winter uniform since they have come from the Camps.

In the National Astronomy Quiz, Aryan Nagpal and Prakhar Agarwal secured the highest position in their Grade and received a Medal of Outstanding Performance for the same. Congratulations !

14th November was celebrated as Children's Day. In the morning assembly the Principal wished the students and two beautiful songs were presented by the School Choir with Kaldenla Bhutia on the guitar- "When the sun shines on the mountains" and "We shall overcome". After *nihari*, games were organized



Games for Junior School.

for the children on the Madhav field. A special lunch was served by the mess to mark the occasion. The mess was decorated with blue and white balloons.

The Middle Group Inter- House English Elocution was held on 12th November 2017 in the Assembly Hall.

#### House Positions :

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

#### Individual Positions:

##### Best Speakers, Prose:

Pranav Wadhwa, Angad Sahni

##### Best speakers, Poetry:

Ojas Agarwal, Surya Gandra, Shakti Mahendran

The final round of the Middle Group English Debate was held on 16th November 2017. The four House teams which reached the final were-Jayaji, Madhav, Daulat and Shivaji. The topics of the two debates in the final round were- 'Criminals have a right to vote' and 'Teenagers must be treated equal to their adult counterparts, whatever is the nature of crime'.

The result is as follows:

**Best Speaker** - Aditi Joshi, Suyash Bansal

**Second Best Speaker** - Akshat Karwa

#### House Positions:

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

Aditya Parashar, Shashank Kilhore, Varun Kapoor, Utkarsh Vats, Kushagra Patwari, Nishchay Agarwal, Akash Phogat and Kavin Chaudhary went to Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur for participating in the Literary Fest from the 15th to 19th November 2017. They were escorted by Ms Sudha Sharma. Aditya Parashar and Shashank Khilore won the 2nd prize in the event 'Double Trouble'.

Raggabund is a German Band which had come to India and the following students watched their live concert in Delhi on 15th November- Daksh Gupta,



Eshaan Agarwal and Harshvardhan Jadon.

Jai Chahar, Eshaan Agarwal, Harshvardhan Jadon, Hardik Sankhla, Jai Sharma, Nitya Mehra, Pratham Agarwal, Aditya Rathore, Aditya Rohira, Samarjith Nalvade, Varun Goel, Venkat Palepu and Tanmay Mahajan. Eshaan Agarwal and Harshvardhan Jadon's video has been selected for Raggabund. These boys will get a chance to participate in the Regional German Youth Camp to be held in Sri Lanka in 2018. They were escorted by Mr Gopal Chaturvedi. Congratulations!

On the 16th and 17th November a Website Designing and Robotics' Workshop was held in the School. The workshop was conducted by Mr Manish Kumar and it focused on dynamic websites and programming the embedded systems.

58 students of the School along with Mr Ramesh Sharma and Mr Ashok Kumar participated in the Smart City Gwalior Heritage Walk organized by Dainik Bhaskar on the 19th November 2017.

Memory Mishra and Abhey Khanna participated in a poster making competition held at Prestige Institute of Management, Gwalior on the 21st of November 2017.



## In the Lap of Mother Nature - Chamba Camp

Raghav Pratap Singh Sengar | VII B

67 boys from Junior House went for an adventure camp to Chamba and beyond, from 23rd to 29th October 2017. EduTrail, a student educational travel company focusing on bringing unique learning experiences to students coordinated with the School for this camp. The camp was the PERFECT combination of astronomy and adventure all packed together to create an unparalleled experience for students of Junior House. We reached Sursingdhar near Chamba after a long journey of 12 hours. The first look of the campsite and mountain air lifted our spirits and we were ready to take up the adventure ahead.

As part of the Astronomy activities during the Camp, we participated in Night Sky Observation, which included view of deep sky objects, stars, planets, and moon through a Professional Telescope. We learnt how to handle a Telescope, read the Sky Chart and Plan Sphere Reading. Towards the end of this interesting session, we could identify the stars in the sky. The most interesting part was rocket making and later launching our rockets in the air in broad daylight. Different groups gave interesting names to their rockets like 'Chandrayaan' etc.

On the first day the students were introduced to the camp, followed by the rules and regulations of the camp. It was followed by Team Division along with Journey Leader and Outdoor Instructor allotment. An exciting round of Ice breaking and introductions was followed by fun games.

Day 2 began on a good note- post breakfast as we departed for an easy and delightful trek. On October 26th we enjoyed an exciting Rocket Making and launching session. It was followed by Mega Challenge, a high power team based activity that encouraged healthy competition. The winner was not the team that finished a task first, but the team that effectively completed a series of tasks based on the learning from various activities during the camp including following safety protocols, LNT principles, cooperation, team work, effective communication and other group activities. We also visited Tehri dam on the second last day.



At the activity.

These exciting days were followed by a visit to Mussoorie and from there we went to Dehradun where we visited FRI (Forest Research Institute). Finally, we reached Gwalior via Delhi after an exciting and fun filled week.

The Adventure activities during the camp included Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Jumaring, Tyrolean Traverse, Zip lining and Valley Crossing, Trekking and above all One Night Out in an Alpine Tent and cooking Maggie under Expert supervision! It was a thrilling experience to trek up at night and pitch our tents in the open and sleep under the star-lit sky.

The other salient features of the camp in Chamba were Survival Training (Tent Pitching, Water Preservation, survival cooking, backpacking etc), First Aid Training, Leave No Trace sessions, Rope courses and obstacle courses apart from team building and fun games. We thoroughly enjoyed all the arduous but fun filled adventure activities.

## A Peek into the Sylvan Woods - Camp Salli

Dhruv Jhriwal | VIII B

On 23rd October 2017, 31 students along with 4 teachers, boarded the AP AC express for the heavenly experience in the Educational camp at Salli, Himachal Pradesh.

The train took us up to Delhi and then in Delhi we boarded an AC bus in the evening. We reached Dharamshala around 2:00pm in the afternoon of the next day. We had a comfortable stay at "Angel's Inn Hotel" in Dharamshala.

Next day, we all boarded the bus and went for the visit to Asia 2nd most beautiful Dharamshala International Cricket Stadium. After Lunch at the Hotel, we all went to visit the Bhagsunag temple and scaled a small trek to the water fall near the temple.

From here, we went to visit a monastery. It had a big statue of Buddha. This was a place where we found the hostel for the students who were pursuing the spiritual courses. Then students went for a stroll on the famous Mall Road. Here the weather was pleasant. In comparison to the sweltering heat that we had left behind in Gwalior the weather here was quite pleasant.

The next day morning we left for Salli, thoroughly enjoying the landscape and the cold breeze. All the students were thrilled with the thought of staying in the tent which was a novel experience for them. Here after lunch students enjoyed adventure activities i.e Flying Fox, Burma Bridge, Commando Net & Mogli Walk etc. As the sun was setting into the horizon with the last gleam of light losing itself in darkness, the temperature started falling. To relieve us of the chill, we had a bonfire, coupled with the fresh vegetable soup that soothed our souls.



A click in the sunshine.

The next day was an exciting trekking to Handi Forest. This stretch was of 8 Km, which everyone scaled successfully. We had to cross the gurgling river and cross a thorny path to Handi. We started around 9:00 a.m. and came back around 5:00 p.m. in the evening. As we all were very tired almost all of us were compelled to sneak into the tents in order to take some rest.

Next day in the morning we boarded the bus for Dharamshala. Enroute, we went to Bajnath Temple in Palampur and had delicious a Corn and Veg pizza with Cold Drinks on the way back.

Norbulingka Institute - One of the most important places for preserving Tibetan Cultural Heritage was our next place of visit. Losel Doll Museum provides records of Tibetan culture from since ancient times. We went back to the hotel from there and then was on our way back to Gwalior. We reached Gwalior on 30th Oct 2017 with memories of the trip embossed in our minds.

## The Green Eyed Love - The Triund Camp

Memoy Mishra | VIII-A, Pranav Wadhwa | VIII-C

32 students along with Camp incharge Mr Akash Sharma and 3 teacher escorts went to Triund, near Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh for an adventure trek and site- seeing. Our journey started on 23rd October, when we boarded a train from Gwalior to Delhi. The group arrived at Delhi in the evening and took an overnight journey in the bus to Dharamshala. It was a long one but the breaks in between broke the monotonous ride. Eventually, we arrived at lunch time at our resort 'ANGEL'S INN' and then took rest for the whole day. On 25th, we went to Dharamshala Cricket stadium which is the highest cricket stadium in the world and a stream of photographs flashed in the sunlight. Then we returned to our hotel. After having lunch, we relaxed for a while and then once again, our site-seeing started. First of all, we all went to Bhagsunag Temple. Then, we were off to Bhagsunag Waterfall. It's a steep trek to this waterfall. All the students got a chance to dip their feet in the chilling and freezing water. It felt quiet icy but thrilling. Then we went to a monastery. Visiting the monastery was a whole different experience as most of us had never seen a religious place like this before. I'm sure, it must have left an impression etched permanently in every student's heart. Then, we explored the various shops of Mall Road. Some saw the nearby local handicrafts while some were surveying the gift shops. We all came to know about the things usually marketed in Macleodganj and Dharamshala. Then, we returned, had our dinner and slept off to replenish our frayed nerves for the next day. The next day we woke up at 6'o clock in the morning, packed our bags, had our breakfast and left for our trek. We had booked a couple of cars as the buses couldn't go to the Mcleodganj parking lot. We reached the place, all of us excited for our trek as it was the first time for some of us. We waited for some moments and we met our instructor and left the place for our trek. The trail was quiet narrow and rocky which made it quite adventurous. It was a long 6 hours trek to the Triund peak and we reached there at 3 'o clock. After that we had some 'garam pakodas with tea' and our tents were allotted to us. We had rest in our tents which was quiet amazing and the first time for some of us .After that we had our dinner with the taste of chilly wind blowing and once more we went to sleep. We were also introduced to a new system of toilet tents which was neither western nor Indian and also pitching up the tents. The next day we woke up at 7 o' clock and had our breakfast. We continued our trek further towards the Dholadhar range which was quite long .When we reached there we had some Maggie in front of a pleasant view sighting the Mun peak. We all came back, had our lunch and descended the mountain. When we reached down the hill, we took cabs and went back to our hotel and had our dinner



Scaling the difficult terrain.

and went for a soothing rest for the day had been a really long one for us. The next day, we went to Palampur to see a tea garden. Then, we boarded our bus and were off to the famous Baijnath Temple. There, we felt a bit different. The temple was not an ordinary one. It had a large lawn. The temple was built like the style of Khajuraho Temples but not the carvings, the stones felt the same. It is believed that the Demon king Ravana worshipped lord Shiva here. We had finally come to the last day of this trip and we were treated with pizzas from Dominos. The last day we went to Norbulingka Institution which is the place for preserving the Tibetan culture. We also saw the Doll Museum and the perfection achieved by the craftsmen was quiet impressive. This was our last site-seeing adventure as we packed our bags to bid adieu to Dharmshala. We went to our hotel for some time, had our lunch and boarded our bus and once again, the long journey started. We stopped at a restaurant and the food served there was fantabulous and it left the students licking their fingers. The name of the restaurant was "Haveli's". Then we sat in the bus and dozed off. It is also quite different to travel in a bus overnight and it provides a different kind of experience. At nearly 3:45 a.m., we arrived at New Delhi Railway Station. The sleepy heads got off and waited for the train which we finally boarded to come back to School. The trip was quite an amazing experience, especially the white mountains set ablaze with the silvery sunlight.

## 78th Inter House Athletics Results 2017

### Senior Houses :

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

### Junior Houses:

House	A Group	B Group	Overall
Jankoji	I	II	I
Dattaji	III	IV	IV
Nimaji	IV	I	III
Kanerkhed	I	III	II

**Senior House "A" group Sanjeeva Raje Trophy** - Anurag Yadav  
**Senior House "B" group Vikram Bogra Trophy** - Kartar Singh  
**Junior House "A" group Individual Trophy** - Rohit Gond  
**Junior House "B" group Individual Trophy** - Anoop Adiwasi



Anurag Yadav touching the finish line.

## A Report on the Labour Camp - Government Primary School, Bhind (23rd to 29th October 2017)

Service is an integral part of the Scindian fabric. The School takes pride in its rich culture of serving the society since times immemorial. A group of 63 boys accompanied by 5 teachers set out on a week-long service camp on the 23rd of October, 2017 to a quaint village by the name of Gadhi in Bhind.

The objective of the project was to provide a face-lift to a primary government school. In no time the students found out an activity of their interest and got going with vigour. Whether it was painting the premises, laying the brick wall or mixing mortar, young Scindians were found engrossed in their respective arena day in and day out. The time that was spent in the village was no less than a lesson in itself and perhaps an important one, which one might not be able to learn in a class room setting.

On the third day a group of students along with a teacher in-charge went around the village to conduct a survey which was designed to identify the difficulties faced by the villagers. A report of which is to be submitted to the local authorities of Bhind after detailed analysis.

The project came to an end with a community lunch which was organized by the staff & students of the Scindia School for the residents of the village. Once again the strong spirit of service was evidently seen, as the team served lunch to rows of people with love. Under the able guidance of the camp leader, Mr Gopal Chaturvedi the camp was successfully completed and everyone was content with the little contribution that they were able to make to the lives of the students of the primary school.

It was an enriching experience to say the least and we owe a special thank you to the people of the village for making us a part of their lives and for the warm welcome we received from each one of them.



United we stand.



Narmada trophy awarded to Daulat House.

## Cycling Expedition - Jhansi to Nagpur 23rd to 28th October 2017

Kushagra Patwari | XI C

Eighteen students-Priyanshu Jain, Mukund Agarwal, Kavin Chaudhary, Mohit Asrani, Pranav Pahwa, Vansh Raj Tyagi, Devansh Agarwal, Kushagra Gupta, Dhruv Periwal, Shrey Agarwal, Somansh Girdhar, Kushagra Patwari, Siddharth Agarwal, Rachit Agarwal, Shashank Kilhore, Chleopus Limboo, Atul Kumar and Aniket Bhati along with six teacher escorts-Ms Raksha Siriah, Mr Manoj Mishra, Mr Vishesh Sahai, Ms Puja Pant, Mr Anil Pathania and Mr Srijith Pillai went on a cycling expedition from Jhansi to Nagpur covering a distance of 620 kms in six days. The halts enroute were Lalitpur, Sagar, Kareli, Amarwada, Sausar and finally the destination, Nagpur. The team paddled along with great gusto facing challenges and thrills with equal delight. On the one hand they had to brave the blazing sun, arduous climbs, dirty tracks yet on the other they enjoyed the scenic beauty, the speedy ride along slopes, delicious food at *dhabas* and the warmth and hospitality of our very own SOBA and at times even from strangers. A support vehicle from school along with the health staff were a great assistance in handling any exigencies that arose while cycling. The expedition received wide coverage in the local newspapers at all halts. The team was received very warmly by Nagpur SOBA and the culmination of the expedition was followed by a grand dinner at Mr Varun Rathi's residence, breakfast at Mr Sandeep Agarwal's residence the next day, movie show and a sumptuous high tea organised by Mr Pratik Bhanot.

However in addition to the great sense of accomplishment what lends true character to such a venture is the free spiritedness of the students, their eager energy, the motivation provided by each member to the other to stretch set targets, the bonds that get reinforced between students and teachers and the adaptability displayed in enjoying plush resorts and decrepit dharamshalas with equal relish. Having just returned from one, Scindian team is already daring to go for another. Way to go Scindia!



On the road.



The avid cyclists.

## A Fling in the Rapids - Rafting Expedition

Darshan Singhal | XI B

Our journey started when we boarded the train to Delhi and the group reached the Byasi Camp from where we had to undertake a journey to Bageshwar. The next day we woke up in the early hours and after having breakfast, we left for Bageshwar which was the starting point of our expedition, reached there at noon and rested for an hour. We were taught about rafting and teams were divided for various constructive work- like making natural toilets, shelters, preparing food for all, and arranging clean water for drinking, etc. After the lesson we rested and were told about the next day's schedule.

It was a thrilling experience of rafting for around 32 kms and we did 'roar's cave', the 'Devprayag current' and some small currents. We learnt about rapids, life jackets, and how to come out if you get stuck in a difficult situation. Our first task got over around 5:30 and we reached the Byasi Ghats. Towards the end of the day we were so exhausted that without even feeling about the sleep in the eyes, we fell fast asleep.

The next day was scheduled for a swim in the holy river followed by 'cliff jump' and 'waterfall'. After the hectic schedule we relaxed ourselves by watching footprints of animals on the sand although we couldn't know which animal's footprints they were! The day ended with a wonderful volleyball match as the sunset left a mellow glow on our faces. The next day we felt the arduous, real rafting. We started the rafting and the first rapid came by that is known as the "DEVIL'S Cry". It was just a beginning and after it we faced some strong currents and then in the noon we were face to face with the most dangerous rapid made of several boilers, whirlpools, strong currents and the famous thrusts exerted by the rapid known as, "THE WALL".

All the students participated in the 'Wall' rapid without getting scared. Everyone overcame their fear of the 'wall' and crossed the rapid. Only the last raft got turned in the rapid but no harm was done. After the 'Wall' we had our lunch and then we faced some more strong rapids like the 'Three Land Mice' and the 'sweet sixteen' rapid and lastly, we faced the 'Shivpuri' current. We reached Shivpuri and the coaches were waiting for us. The coaches took us to the base camp- Byasi.

On the next day, we started our rafting from the last stop. From there we went onto experiencing some of the good rapids like the Clubhouse, the Meadow



Braving the rapid.

hill, and the Roller coaster. We all finished our rafting at the NIM beach, a few meters before the 'Laxmanjhula'. We said goodbye to our guides and started the journey back to School with unforgettable memories.



All set to go.

## Report on IT Week 2017

6th to 9th November 2017

IT Week 2017 was conducted in The Scindia School from 6th to 9th November 2017.

### Day 1:

Following events were held:

1. Website Designing
2. Digital Poster Making

### Website designing:

Both the groups (Senior and Junior Houses) participated with full enthusiasm.

The topic for this event was -

Senior Group - "Artificial Intelligence"

Junior Group - "The Scindia School"

### Digital Poster Making:

The topic for this event for junior houses was "Internet's Influence on kids". All participants seemed to be creative in their own way and expressed the same with their art.

### Day 2:

Following events were held:

1. Multimedia Presentation for senior category
2. Digital Cartoon making for senior category
3. PowerPoint Presentation for junior category



Busy at work.

### Multimedia Presentation:

The topic for this event for the senior house was "How globalization affects economy". Participants were asked to create a self-running and explanatory presentation on the topic. All participants came up with nice thoughts and concepts.



### Digital Cartoon Making:

The topic for this event for senior house was "Impact of drug's use on human body". All participants seemed to be creative in their own ways and expressed the same with their art.

### PowerPoint Presentation:

The topic of this event for junior house was "Effects of Pollution". Participants were asked to create a self-running and explanatory presentation on the topic. All participants came up with nice thoughts and concepts.

### Day 3:

Following events took place:

1. Digital Photography and editing for both senior and junior category
2. Video Editing for Senior category
3. Wiz Kid (Programming)

### Digital Photography and Editing:

The topic of this event for senior house was "Swachh Bharat" and for Junior house was "Natural Beauty". Participants were given one day to click photographs related to the theme. During the event, they were supposed to edit these photographs using Adobe Photoshop.

### Video Editing:

The topic given to the participants was "Future of Artificial Intelligence". Participants were given some raw videos related to the theme and they were supposed to make a final one using Adobe Premiere / After Effects/ Moviemaker/Sound Booth etc.

### Wiz Kid (Programming):

Participants were given one problem to solve. They were allowed to use any programming language from C++, Java and Python to write code.

### Day 4:

Following events were conducted:

1. Digital Brochure Designing for Senior category
2. Digital Sound Editing for Senior category
3. IT quiz for Senior and Junior categories was conducted

### Digital Brochure Designing:

A two-fold or three fold brochure was supposed to be created on the topic "School Brochure". Senior Group participated in this event.

### Sound Editing:

The topic given to the participants was "Future of Artificial Intelligence". Participants were given one video clip related to the theme video was without sound and they were supposed to add sound using multiple audio files in that video and make a final one using Sound Booth/Audacity etc.

### IT Quiz:

It's a kind of competition that was based on Question related to O365, Network/ Internet.. Quiz was conducted on [www.practiceplus.in](http://www.practiceplus.in).

### Digital Cartoon Making – Senior School

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| I Mahadji House | Satya Prakash Singh |
| II Jayaji House | Kushagra Kaushik    |

### Multimedia Presentation – Senior School

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| I Jayaji House  | Yohen Thounaojam |
| II Ranoji House | Prasoon Naithani |

### Brochure Making – Senior School

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| I Ranoji House   | Prasoon Naithani |
| II Shivaji House | Shubham Sultania |

### Composite Video Editing - Senior School

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| I Mahadji House | Jayant Kishnani |
| II Daulat House | Pranav Wadhwa   |

### Photo Editing – Senior School

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| I Daulat House   | Harshvardhan Jadon |
| II Jeevaji House | Anirudh Tyagi      |

### Whiz kid (Programming) – Senior School

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| I Mahadji House | Jayant Kishnani |
| II Daulat House | Suryansh Goyal  |

### Sound Editing – Senior School

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| I Daulat House  | Harshvardhan Jadon |
| II Madhav house | Vedang Nag         |

### IT Quiz – Senior School

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| I Jayaji House  | Eeshaan Sarda  |
| II Daulat House | Suryansh Goyal |

### Website Designing – Junior School

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| I Jankoji House | Vidit Gupta, Lalit Kumar           |
| II Nimaji House | Manjot Singh Sethi, Suryansh Gupta |

### Digital Poster Making – Junior School

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| I Nimaji House    | Raghav Pratap Singh Sengar |
| I Kanerkhed House | Mayank Choudhary           |

### PowerPoint Presentation – Junior School

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| I Dattaji House | Chaitnaya S Joshi |
| II Nimaji House | Prakhar Agarwal   |

### Photo Editing - Junior School

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| I Dattaji House    | Ojas Agarwal  |
| II Kanerkhed House | Keshav Kapoor |

### IT QUIZ – Junior School

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| I Nimaji House              | Jayant Gupta                   |
| II Kanerkhed, Jankoji House | Vansh Raj Chahar, Aditya Kumar |

### The Overall Junior House positions are as follows:-

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| I Nimaji House    | II Jankoji House   |
| III Dattaji House | IV Kanerkhed House |

### The Overall Senior House positions are as follows:-

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



The judges inspecting the work.

### The winners are as follows:-

#### Website Designing – Senior School

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| I Shivaji House | Prashant Bansal, Adarsh Tulsyan |
| II Ranoji House | Rishab Jain, Keshav Agarwal     |



Completing the task.

## A Report on the 2nd Scindia Literary Fest

The 2nd Scindia Literary Fest was a festival to commemorate the importance of literature in our lives. The literary extravaganza was held in the School from the 17th to 19th of November. 11 distinguished writers visited the Fort and the whole Fort perhaps, breathed a lively air of the literati life. The fest exposed the students to the nuances of literature thereby sowing the seeds of interest in literature in general. There were various sessions taken by different authors who made their audience visit the threshold of the human perception. A Book Fair named 'Book Vook' was organised on all the three days and it witnessed a multitude of students and teachers eager to buy the books.

The Opening Ceremony for the same was held in the Assembly Hall on the 17th of November. The auspicious ceremony of lighting the lamp was carried out. Ms Richa D. Saklani, a prominent and distinguished writer was the Chief Guest for the occasion. A lovely orchestra performance impressed the guests and the mime performance stole their hearts. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat applauded the faculty and the students for their superabundant enthusiasm in organising the fest.

The first two sessions were held at two different places. In the Assembly Hall, Ms Richa D. Saklani took up the session which mainly dealt with a student's choice of a career. Ms Saklani runs Stoodnt, Inc., a Palo Alto-based career and college guidance platform for young people between 15 and 30 years of age, in India and South Asia. She has been working with students and adults in career guidance, training and coaching for over 13 years now. An IIM Ahmedabad alumnus, she studied Economics at St. Stephen's College and Jawaharlal Nehru University. She worked in banking and as a stock analyst for some years after completing her MBA before discovering career guidance, training and writing as areas of genuine passion. Over the last few years, she has worked with over 10,000 people across ages to help them build fun and successful work lives. She informed the students that in case they do not enter into their desired - traditional career they still have many options open for them. There is nothing to be disheartened of at any point of time.

The session of Mr Anupam Arunachalam was held simultaneously in the skating rink. He is a writer, illustrator and cartoonist. His day job mainly involves creating fiction and non-fiction comics for kids and adults. Students of classes 6,7 and 8 enthusiastically participated in the conversation. The session was highly interactive in nature and gave an opportunity to students to express their opinion about the literary preferences that they have.

Ms Teesta Guha Sarkar and Mr Ronnie Kuriakose interacted with the students in the Assembly Hall from 12 to 1 p.m. This was the 3rd session of the day. They talked about the renowned writer Jules Verne. His famous book *Voyages Extraordinaires* is originally in the French Language. One of the stories deals with the city of Cawnpore and is located in India. This book has been adapted in the form of 'The Demon of Cawnpore'. Published first in 1880 as a part of the *Voyages*, it is a thrilling story of adventure and vengeance. In the quiz on literature held during the session, the writers nearly gave 11 copies of their book to students as a prize for their brilliant answers.



Mr Anupam Arunachalam.



Lighting the lamp.

Mr Archit Taneja's session was the last one on the 17th for the students. He interacted with the students of Classes 6th and 7th, in the skating rink. He writes novels of mystery for young children. His two prominent books are 'Case of Careless Aliens' and 'The Case of Candy Bandit'. They belong to the 'Superlative Super Sleuth' series. Both are mysteries of intense suspense. The session was greatly admired by the students for it was highly interactive. Mr Taneja displayed certain mystery cases on the LED screen for the children to solve.

Ms Geetanjali Pandit interacted with the Faculty of the School in the Assembly Hall. While studying abroad, she had the unique distinction of working for the late John Kenneth Galbraith. Her career in Human Resources spans over twenty two years, during which time she has been the Chief Human Resources Officer for the India Today Group. She talked about the need to explore the 'Buddhahood' in our lives. According to her, we hand over the remote of our happiness to the other people and stop taking charge of our lives. Stress is not born out of the compulsions that we have in our lives, but the innate desire to control what is beyond our control. She had a practical session on the 'Loving Kindness Meditation' that lasted for 7 minutes. She also explained about the Life of Shakyamuni or Lord Buddha and explained that enlightenment does not come by inflicting pain on our physical being.

Ms Geetanjali Pandit interacted with students of Classes 9th and 11th from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Assembly Hall on the morning of the 17th. While exposing the students to the knowledge of sound Buddhist principles, she informed them about the 'Loving Kindness Meditation' which was demonstrated to the students with the help of a practical session. In the terms of stress, students mostly face the stress conditions related to examination. It is easy to de-stress oneself if we think that there may be situations which are beyond one's control. It is better to temper oneself other than lose one's temper.

Mr Aroon Raman writes novels with a historical characters in mind. Some of his stories are based on historical characters. He mostly writes thrillers. Mr Raman picked up an interesting short story of the lesser known Prince Khurove, half- brother of Prince Khurram of the Mughal dynasty. Prince Khurove, blinded by his father in a moment of infernal rage, imprisons him. Later repenting his act he decides to come to terms with him but he is repelled by Khurove's arrogance. When Jahangir's health is declining, Nur Jahan wants Khurove to become the Sultan by marrying her daughter, born to Nur Jahan by an earlier marriage. But Khurove declines the offer because he wants to be faithful to his wife Aziza. In the end he is killed by Prince Khurram.

Mr Rustom Dadachanji was highly interactive in his session. He is the author of books like 'Ravana Refuses to Die'. He asked the children about what is an epic and why a protagonist cannot exist without an antagonist. He has made a big scrapbook in which he keeps his collected pictures. He had collected several pictures of Ravana in construction, lying on the grass- half built etc. According to him Ravana has its uncanny ability to be there all the time. All his four stories are based in a town called 'Bahubari'. His characters aged 7-12 are those who



solve these mysteries. He also told the students that the story should have a problem and the story should also have a solution. He read excerpts from the book 'Ravana Refuses to Die'. He also enacted a character from his story and mesmerized his audience through this. He asked Manjot Singh to tie a turban round his head- for he played the role of a *sadhu*. He talked about the need to bring imagination into our lives. Science kills the imagination and takes it away. He invoked interest by asking the students to write down the things that they would carry with them "If they wanted to go to Jupiter".

Mr Terry O' Brien is an academican, broadcaster, media consultant, quizmaster and writer. His books cover wide range of subjects from communication skills and language skills to general studies and fiction. He has over three decades of experience in teaching and training people in communication skills and language in India and abroad. He interacted with the students of Classes 8 and 9 in the Assembly Hall on the 18th November from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. Mr Brien gave several tips to the students on phonetic skills in the English Language. He told them about the general things to keep in mind when participating in a debate, elocution etc.

Ms A Khyrunnisa is a prize winning author of children's fiction. She loves reading and enjoys writing for children. She created the popular comic character Butterfingers for the children's magazine, 'Tinkle'. She worked as Associate Professor of English at All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram.

Mr T. Sakari also called Zac O' Yeah is the author of the popular comic thriller 'Once Upon a Time in Scandinavistan' and 'Mr. Majestic! The Tout of Bengaluru' which is the first of the Hari Majestic crime and detective series. He has written twelve other books which have been translated into several languages. He originally hails from Sweden but now India is his home land. He explained how crime and mystery thrillers are so popular in Scandinavian countries where the crime rate is very low. India offers a unique opportunity of providing the plot for novels because of the variety in its culture, language etc.

Ms Anjum Hasan shared the stage with Mr T Sakari and talked about the need to indulge into reading experiences. She recollected that in her time there was nothing else to do in childhood but only to do academic work. Hence, the children did nothing but to read. This reading gives wings to the imagination which is so important for life.

On this note of fulfilment, the three day extravaganza came to an end.



Mr Archit Taneja.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr Sachin Deva (Ex-Jyotiba 2000), currently working with Goldman Sachs in Bangalore planned a solo CYCLE ride from Delhi - Bangalore, distance of 2200 kms. His proposed route is - Delhi-Agra- Jhansi- Sagar- Nagpur- Adilabad-



Mr Sachin Deva.

Biknoor- Gooty- Bangalore. He started the ride from India Gate at 5 am on 30th October. Wishing Sachin a safe journey and the very best!

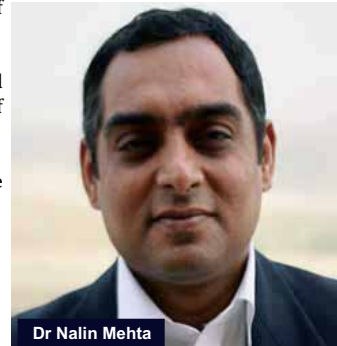
Mr B.S. Sudhir Chandra (Ex- Sh, 1959) has been given Eminent Engineer Award by The Institution of Engineers (India) at Bengaluru on 15th Sept 2017. Our congratulations!

After 9 days of trekking, Mr Amitabh Hazarika (Ex-JE, 1982) President SOBA NE along with his friends reached Everest base camp on 2nd Nov 2017 at 8.30 a.m. Our congratulations!

The Times of India (TOI) has promoted its Consulting Editor, Dr Nalin Mehta and assigned him a new role of Executive Editor, TOI - Online.

Many congratulations to Scindia Old Boys' Association on the formation of the Gurugram-SOBA.

Congratulations to all members of the new Chapter and office bearers.



Dr Nalin Mehta

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