

# REVIEW-18

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR



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The Rain Gods have been quite merciful to the otherwise, rough and dry weather in the summer and rudeness of the monsoon in the rainy season. This magnificent, ancient citadel has felt good showers of rain in the fortnight that has just gone by. The lush green grass stands tall at many places on the Fort rich with a sprinkling of wild flowers. The incessant chirping of birds can be heard from morning to long after twilight.

Ms Sudha Sharma, Mr Ashish Arora, and Ms Manisha Singh attended a workshop conducted by the Institute of Counsellor Training, Research and Consultancy (ICTRC) Delhi, from 1st to 5th June 2018. The workshop addressed the issues faced by the 21st century society and schools and brought to the fore, most practical and positive approaches to deal with the challenges. Child sexual abuse, behavioural issues, addiction, mental health and increasing number of children with special needs are some of the issues vexing the schools, which were addressed during the workshop along with the issues of excessively demanding parents, increasing interference of regulatory authorities and mindless activism of groups with vested interests. The solution, apparently, is collective action by all stakeholders.

The results of the Senior Group Inter House English Debate, held in School from 19th to 21st July 2018, are as follows:

#### House Positions:

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

*Best Speaker* - (Oxford/ Preliminary Round) Akshat Karwa

*Best Speaker* - (Cambridge/ Semi- final Round) Shubham Agarwal

*Best Speaker* - (Parliamentary/ Final Round) Shubham Agarwal  
and Ishan Gangwani

The Freshers' Entertainment Evening was held on 22nd July 2018 in the Assembly Hall. After the welcome address given by Bhuvnesh Gonugunta, the soul- stirring dance performance on "Shri Ganesha Deva" enthralled the audience. Dhruv Jain of Class VII sang a classical song in *Des Raaga* and Jaideo Singh of Class VIII presented an English number. Chaitanya of Class VI gave a solo tabla performance. The Hindi Play, introduced by Rhythm, tickled the



A still from the Hindi Play.

audience. Medhansh Trivedi of Class VI, transported us back into the 70's with the tune '*Jeena Yahan Marna Yahan*' which came alive with his dexterous fingers on the keyboard. The English Play entitled 'The Island of Dreams' was staged next. The play began with lightning striking a television set and the characters from different channels being magically transported out into the real world. Kabir Gupta of Class VIII played on the drums with Ishaan Agarwal of Class VII on the guitar. The sweet symphony was well appreciated. A Group Song followed next, after which the *au courant* dancers with their contemporary dancing styles brought out an intermingling of the old and the new in 'Let My Country Awake'. In his address, the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, profusely admired the participants and pointed towards the novelty and freshness that they brought to the stage.

The Defence Personnel from the Indian Army visited the School on 25th July 2018, in order to interact with students of classes XI and XII. The session was addressed by Major Mahendra Bisht, Company Commander of 11 Kumaon Unit. The presentation touched upon interesting facts about the Indian Army and equipped the students with informed choices in the army. The display of Infantry weaponry and equipment and a short Band Performance was appreciated by all.

The Preliminary Round of the Inter House Quiz Competition was held on 26th July 2018 under the supervision of Mr Manjeet Singh Benipal and Mr Somarajan KS who were technically supported by the NIIT team. The Quiz was conducted on the "Kahoot" platform to ensure transparency in the selection process and accuracy in answering. The questions covered upon various areas like politics, current affairs, literature etc. The four Houses, namely, Madhav, Mahadji, Daulat and Ranoji have qualified for the final round.

The Scindia School I Can. Conference 3.0 was conducted in School from 27th July to 28th July 2018. Students of Classes X to XII participated in the Conference. The two days' event consisted of hands on activities such as ad making, movie making, poster making, forming a political party and making a government, proposing CSR projects etc. After the Registration on 27th July, the orientation programme took place. The 'Placement Fair' was held from 9 to 10 am. Thereafter, the parallel sessions continued in Room numbers- 1 to 9. The students were given training on making a good movie clip under 'Movie Maker Training' module. On July 28th, after the announcements the parallel sessions continued in Room numbers 1 to 9, the Assembly Hall, Music Room and Art Room for the 'Government Update Video', 'Newspaper#2', 'Preparation for Live News Bulletin' and 'recording of electronic news'. 'Radio Ads' and 'Live news content' was shown in the Assembly Hall and different participants and participating teams/ groups were judged on the basis of that. Lastly, the Prize Distribution Ceremony took place. Two students were awarded a cheque of Rs 12,500 for promoting their brilliant business idea.

On 26th July 2018, the School saw an exquisite visit by eminent leaders of the education industry; 21 eminent educationists visited the Fort under the Leadership Summit Programme hosted by the School. Ms Jyotsna Brar, Ex-Principal, Welham Girls' School, Ex- Chairman IPSC, and Dr Harish Choudhary,



Leadership Summit Programme.



Tree Plantation Drive.

a pioneer of the movement on value education that touches more than 4000 schools worldwide, were among the prominent guests and speakers. Mr Dawood Vaid, CEO, Sky Education; Mr Jacob Das, Principal, Yavatmal Public School; Ms Sonu Gupta, Director, GG International School; Mr Vividh Gupta, Vice Principal, Bal Bhavan Public School; Mr Arpit Acharya, Vice Principal, Blue Bells Public School; Ms Meenakshi Malhotra, Primary Wing Incharge, Blue Bells Model School; Ms Anita Sadanand, Officiating Principal, Salmiya Indian Model School; Ms Geeta Gaikwad, Principal, Shri AB Patil School; Ms Minal Dixit, Principal, Shreemant Shivajiraje English Medium School; Mr Geoff Jonathan, Member- Management, Apex Public School; Ms Meenakshi Anand, Principal, Motilal Nehru Public School; Ms Natasha Yadav, Vice Principal, The Asian School; Mr Anupam Pratap Singh Bhadauria, Director, Rapid Global School; Mr Vipul Kakaria, Trustee, Vapi Public School; Ms Naval Bansal, Manager and Trustee, Vapi Public School; Ms Kajal Patil, Director, Smita Patil Public School and Mr Jai Bharat, Principal, Bal Bhavan Public School, visited the School. The visitors were warmly received and welcomed by the Principal, Vice Principals, Deans and Directors in the Academic Block of the School. They were escorted by faculty members and they went around the campus exploring the rich culture and tradition of the School. They posed questions to the teachers, during the interaction, trying to take a peek into what holds this hallowed institution together; comprehending about the best education practices of the School which was the prime objective of the visit. At 3 pm, an exquisite interaction of the guests with prominent faculty and administrative members, was held. The guests presented the School with various burning questions which were answered adequately by the speakers in the panel.

Prashant Bansal, Siddharth Jain, Anurag Yadav, Arnav Mehra and Priyanshu Agarwal participated in 'Negotium Agon', a Business Quiz, organised by Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie on 28th July 2018. They participated in all the events including a business quiz, and 'Le Marque - designing a logo for a product', Vine Video making, and 'Tangozo - Skit Presentation'. Prashant Bansal won the 'Outstanding Performer' award in the same.

Shashikiran Gonugunta, Moksh Jaiswal, Pranav Wadhwa, Krishnam Purwar, Rohan Khanna, and Utsav Jain visited the NIIT University, New Delhi to attend the programme entitled "Seeing is Believing" on 28th and 29th July 2018. At the outskirts of Neemrana, Rajasthan, lies the scenic campus of the NIIT University. Surrounded by the Aravalli hills, the nine year old university boasts of modern infrastructure, with lush green gardens and trees that surround the main academic block which they commonly refer to as the 'spine'. The two days' programme included two workshops on different topics and a tour of the sprawling campus of hundred acres.

Kartikeya Kulshrestha, Siddharth Bahl, Zigmee Gurung, Sonam Wangchuck Bhutia, Kaldenla Bhutia, Kenchay Lepcha, Tashi Dadul Bhutia, Chleopus Limboo, Yashkaran Siddhu, Anany Srivastava, Uttam Rai, Sonam Bhutia, Karma Lepcha, Sanskar Shetty, Sameer Manger, Mehul Singh Patel, Nikhil Kumar and Jai Sharma participated in the Triangular series held at Mayo College, Ajmer, from 30th to 31st July 2018. Yashkaran Siddhu was awarded the 'Player of the Tournament' in the same.

The Scindia School has had a long standing tradition of preservation of culture, heritage, flora and fauna of the Fort. In order to sensitize students towards the need to preserve our environment and ecology, tree plantation drives are organised in the School from time to time. One such drive was held on 2nd August 2018, during which trees were planted around the area of *Khamba Taal*, an ancient water tapping system on the Fort. The water is being sucked from *Chamri Taal*, a water collection centre, quite full because of recent rains, into the *Khamba Taal*. The Vice Principals, Dean of Co-curricular Activities, Dean of ICT, Dean of Activities, and many other teachers were present on the occasion and they planted numerous trees like tamarind, and *Ficus religiosa*, which are elemental to the ecology of the Fort. This drive is being carried out under the Community Service Programme, spearheaded by Mr Gopal Chaturvedi. Every Sunday morning, students collect House wise and undertake labour work activities in the area, removing grasses around the pits which are readied and prepared by students for plantation and cleaning the channels connected to the *taals*. SOBA Gwalior has also joined hands for the same by contributing saplings and tree guards.

The School Shooting Team participated in the M.P. State Shooting Championship 2018 held at Emerald Heights International School, Indore, from 30th July to 7th August 2018.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz was held in the month of August 2017. Students of Classes VI to XII participated in the quiz. 28 students qualified in it with a 'Certificate of Credit'. 34 students qualified in it and received a 'Certificate of Distinction'. 5 students qualified with the 'Certificate of High Distinction'. The following students scored high country percentiles as mentioned hereunder:  
Class X - Eshan Agarwal, country percentile-91  
Class IX - Akshat Karwa, country percentile- 93  
Class IX - Aaryan Nagpal, country percentile- 96  
Class VII - Krish Gupta and Jayant Gupta

Abhishek Mahour, Rhythm Kukreja and Shishir Pandey participated in the Inter School Hindi Debate 'Aaj Tak' held at Vasant Valley School, New Delhi from 2nd to 3rd August 2018.

The School team participated in the 4th Karate Warriors All India Championship held at Solan from 25th to 27th May 2018. The following students won awards in various categories:

*Individual Bout, Bronze Medal* - Sunil Kumar, Mohit Umraiya, Saurabh Gond, Varun Kapoor  
*Individual Bout, Gold Medal* - Akash Phogat

The representatives of the following Universities visited the School on the 1st August 2018- University of Roehampton, University of Portsmouth, Aston University, Northumbria University, Kent State University, Ohio; Indian School of Business and Finance, and St. George's University.

The Vice Principal's Breakfast for the Club of 90's was held on 5th August 2018, at the Vice Principal's residence at 9 am.

Abhey Khanna, Aakash Kumar, Arya Adhikari, Somesh Kumar, Sonam Bhutia, Aryan Yadav, Vansh Sethi, Kaldenla Bhutia, Akshat Karwa, Tarun Bansal, Yuvraj Solanki, Ojas M Agarwal, Prince Kumar, Sukhyog Singh, Parth Chandak, Uttam Rai, and Varun Awasthy participated in the 25th Vidya Devi Jindal Art Fest held at Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar from 6th to 8th August 2018. Six students bagged prizes in different events as mentioned hereunder :

<i>Instrumental Music</i> -	Parth Chandak (I position) Kaldenla Bhutia (Consolation prize)
<i>Thermocol Carving</i> -	Uttam Rai and Arya Adhikari (I position)
<i>Paper Mache</i> -	Yuvraj S. Solanki (II position) Aryan Yadav (II position)
<i>Acrylic Painting</i> -	Abhey Khanna (II position)
<i>Art Quiz</i> -	Prince Kumar, Somesh Kumar (II position)

Mahadji and Jeevaji Houses put up a spectacular House evening on the 4th August 2018. Arya Laddha and Karnik Kanojia set the appropriate tone for the evening by their succinct speech. A prayer dance followed next with the dancers dancing with lighted *diyas* in their hands. It was a feast to behold as the *diyas* swirled in the darkness. The humourous Hindi play entitled 'Patra' sent the audience roaring into fits of laughter and Jaideo Singh's English Song and Siddharth and Adwait Sharma's *jugalbandi* with Arya Adhikari on the

harmonium left the audience spell bound. Kishang Tamang sang 'tuh jo rootha' with Sonam Bhutia on the guitar. The English Play- Arthur and the Legend of the Sword, retold the British lay of King Arthur, the magician- Merlin and the Excalibur. Saideep Kukreja played some wonderful tunes on the synthesizer. Sonam Bhutia with his velvety voice, stole the hearts away with 'allah mujhe dard ke kaabil'. He pursued music with a dilettante spirit but that is turning into a vocation for him as he has launched his music videos on you tube with the name- Acoustic Souls. We wish him all the very best! The students of Class XII set the stage to fire with their dance moves. This brought the scintillating evening to an end.



A still from the dance performance.

## A Report on the Cultural Immersion Programme in Japan

Tushar Saini | VIII C and Shirish Mehra | VIII A

Japanese popular culture not only reflects the attitudes and concerns of the present day, but also provides a link to a glorious past. Popular films, television programs, manga (comics), music, and video games, all have developed from older artistic and literary traditions. Many of their themes and styles of presentation can be traced to traditional art forms. Contemporary forms of popular culture, much like the traditional forms, provide not only entertainment but also an escape for the contemporary Japanese. Six boys of Class VIII,



At the Tokyo Sky Tree.

namely, Arpit Mittal, Shaurya Agarwal, Yuvraj Jain, Tushar Saini, Shirish Mehra and Anuj Pratap Singh Rajput went to Japan on an educational trip. We were escorted by our teacher Mr Mustak Khan Choudhary. It was an eight days' trip which started on 21st June 2018. We took our flight to Tokyo on 21st June. It was a long and exhausting flight but on reaching Tokyo we were stunned to see the beautiful airport. The same day we went to see the Sky Tree. Tokyo Skytree is a broadcasting restaurant, and observation tower in Sumida, Tokyo, Japan. It became the tallest structure in Japan in 2010 and reached its full height of 634 metres in March 2011, making it the tallest tower in the world, and the second tallest structure in the world after the Burj Khalifa. The next day, we were taken to Sensoji Temple, also known as Asakusa Kannon Temple. It is a Buddhist temple located in Asakusa. It is one of Tokyo's most colorful and

popular temples. The popular legend says that in the year 628, two brothers fished a statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, out of the Sumida River. Consequently, Sensoji was built nearby for the goddess of Kannon. The temple was completed in 645, making it Tokyo's oldest temple. In 7th century the samurai donated money to build the temple. Then we went to Meji Fingli Shrine in Mori forest which was built by a Professor of Tokyo University. We also saw the Panasonic Centre, where we had a lot of fun.



At the Sensoji Temple.

On 23rd June, we went to Mount Fuji and went onto a cruise on Lake Ashimara. Then we took a bullet train from Odawara to Tokyo. The ride on a bullet train was really amazing. It was so fast that the view outside the window changed in the flutter of an eyelid. On 24th, we went to Hiroshima Carp Castle, and the Atomic Bomb Museum. The next day, we went to Kyoto to visit Nijojo Castle, and Kingkaugi Golden Pavilion. During the Onin war (1467-1477) all of the buildings in the complex- aside from the pavilion, were burnt down. Then we went to witness the Japanese Tea Ceremony which was an amazing experience. Next, we went to Osaka Aquarium where we saw many kinds of fishes. The most fruitful event was of meeting the students of the Kaifukan High School. We fulfilled our shopping streak at Shinshaibashi. Shinsaibashi-Suji Shopping Street, which runs east to Mido-Suji Avenue, is the best-known shopping area in Osaka, and is enduring symbol of the city. With a history of 380 years, it was already an established shopping area in the Edo Period. Shops of all kinds and for all ages are lined on the street, which is a roofed arcade 600 meters long. There are traditional *kimono* tailors, western clothing and footwear retailers, restaurants and fast food outlets, jewellers, and boutiques featuring the latest fashions. Many people enjoy window-shopping, savouring the food along the way. We also visited the Universal Studios. It was an enriching experience for all of us.

## राष्ट्रीय पर्वतारोहण संस्थान का शिविर

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“साहसे श्री प्रतिवसति ।” साहस में लक्ष्मी का वास होता है और साहसिक कार्य भी आनंद प्रदान करने वाला होता है। इसी बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए सिंधिया स्कूल के छः छात्र, मार्गदर्शक अध्यापक श्री चंदन बैठा के साथ 23 जून को ग्वालियर से उत्तरकाशी के लिए रवाना हुए। देहरादून तक ट्रेन से जाने के बाद वहाँ से उत्तरकाशी तक की यात्रा जीप से पूरी की गई। अब हम पहाड़ों के बीच में थे। हरी-भरी वादियों से भरा उत्तरकाशी शहर अत्यंत मनोरम लग रहा था। ‘राष्ट्रीय पर्वतारोहण संस्थान’ उत्तरकाशी शहर से 300 फुट ऊपर स्थित है। संस्थान तक जाने का रास्ता बहुत सुंदर था। हम सब लोग थके हुए थे। रात के भोजन के पश्चात् हम जल्दी ही सो गए।

सुबह तैयार होकर हम लोगों ने संस्थान का परिसर देखा जो कि बहुत ही सुंदर था वहाँ एक कृत्रिम दीवार भी बनी हुई थी जिस पर चढ़ने का अभ्यास हमें करना था। हमारे अध्यापक उस दिन वापस चले गए, तो हमें स्वयं अपनी देखभाल करनी थी क्योंकि सारा कार्यक्रम अन्य विद्यालयों के छात्रों के आ जाने के बाद अगले दिन शुरू होना था।

अगले दिन विद्यालय की भाँति ही वहाँ की शुरुआत भी प्रातःकालीन पी.टी से हुई। हम लोगों ने वहाँ विभिन्न विद्यालयों से आए छात्रों से भी बातचीत की और दोस्त बनाए। इसके बाद हमारा परिचय सभी प्रशिक्षकों से हुआ। बातचीत और आपसी समझ के बाद हम सभी को अलग-अलग समूहों में बाँट दिया गया। अब हम अपने विद्यालय के ही सभी मित्र अलग-अलग समूहों में बाँट गए थे। हम सभी अलग-अलग समूहों में रह रहे थे। वहाँ देश के सभी कोनों से छात्र आए हुए थे। आज के दिन हमारे समूह में रस्सी के प्रयोग व विभिन्न प्रकार की गाँठों के विषय में बताया गया जिसे हमने स्वयं बाँधकर देखा। फिर हमें पर्वतारोहण में प्रयोग की जाने वाली विभिन्न सामग्रियों के विषय में बताया गया। इसके पश्चात् 29 जून तक हमारा दैनिक कार्यक्रम एक-सा बना रहा। सुबह उठकर व्यायाम करना, तैयार होकर कक्षा के लिए जाना, बीच में 10-10 मिनट का ब्रेक भी मिलता था, यही सब होता रहा। कक्षा के दौरान हमें पर्वतारोहण में काम आने वाली वस्तुओं जैसे कपड़ों, उनकी गुणवत्ता तथा अन्य सामग्रियों के विषय में भी बताया गया। हमें यह भी बताया गया कि पर्वतारोहण के दौरान हम कौन-कौन-सी सामग्री ले जाते हैं। इस शिविर के दौरान हमने कई गतिविधियाँ कीं जैसे बाधा-दौड़, निर्धारित एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान तक पैदल मार्च, क्षेत्रगामी दौड़, भाषण-प्रतियोगिताएँ आदि।

29 जून से 2 जुलाई तक हम ‘टेखला’ नामक स्थान पर गए उसके बाद 5 जुलाई से 8 जुलाई तक हम गंगोत्री गए, जहाँ हम गंगोत्री में मुख्य गंगा-मंदिर भी गए। दोनों

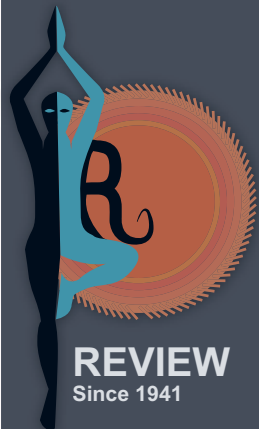
ही यात्राओं में हमने अलग ही रोमांच का अनुभव किया। वहाँ हम सभी टेन्ट में रहे। हमने अपने खाने की थालियाँ स्वयं धोईं। नित्य कर्म के लिए हम जंगल में गए। कुल मिलाकर इन दिनों की हमारी जीवन-शैली ही अलग थी जो कि एक कभी न भुलाए जाने वाला अनुभव रहा। हमें यह भी सिखाया गया कि विभिन्न प्रकार की शिलाओं या पत्थरों पर कैसे चढ़ते हैं। हमने रैप्लिंग, रिवर क्रासिंग के अतिरिक्त यह भी सीखा की टेन्ट लगाते कैसे है। 8 से 10 किलो भार लेकर हमने करीब 15 किलोमीटर की ट्रेकिंग भी की। हम सेना के मुख्य शिविर में भी गए जहाँ हमारा सबसे परिचय कराया गया। उन्होंने हमें नए-नए हथियार दिखाए और उनके विषय में बताया। वहाँ हमने अनेक सैनिकों से बातें कीं।

शिविर की समाप्ति का समय आ चुका था। 9 जुलाई को हमारा अलंकरण समारोह हुआ। चंदन सर आ चुके थे हमें लेने। अलंकरण समारोह में तोषान अग्रवाल व सिद्ध अग्रवाल ने “पाइंट टू पाइंट मार्च” के लिए समूह प्रशस्ति-पत्र प्राप्त किया। 10 जुलाई को हमने राष्ट्रीय पर्वतारोहण संस्थान को धन्यवाद देते हुए अलविदा कहा। हमारी एक सफल और सुखद यात्रा अब हमारी यादों में तरोताज़ा होकर सिमट चुकी थी।



In the NIM Camp.

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