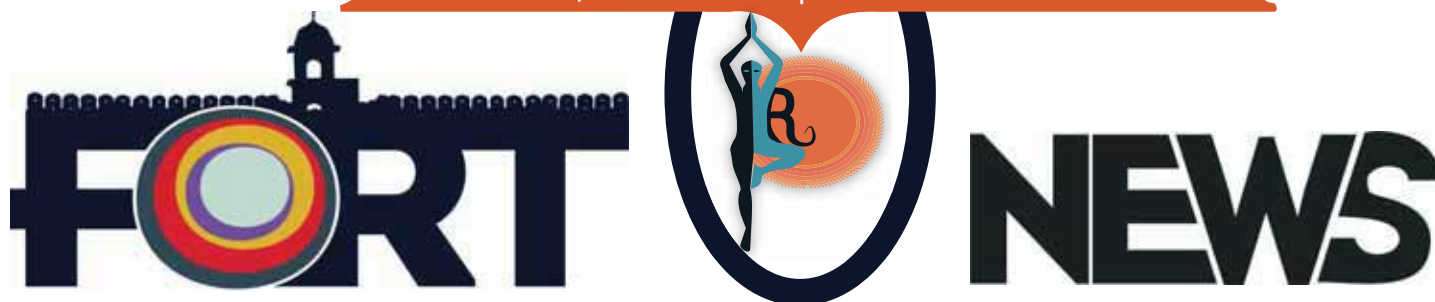


THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

# REVIEW-19



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The sun has been shining brightly on the Fort. Its luminous rays have ranged from warm to scalding hot. Temperatures have soared above 40 degrees. On 16th April, the weather changed suddenly for lovely. As a prelude to this change in weather, the dust storms visited the city twice, during the fortnightly interlude.

An Outreach Programme was organised in the city of Allahabad on 30th of March 2019. The venue for the same was El Chico Conference Hall, 24 MG marg, Civil Lines, Allahabad. On the next day, that is on the 31st of March, another Outreach Programme was organized in Varanasi in the Taj Hotel. Ms Smita Chaturvedi, Mr Vishesh Sahai and Ms Divya Verma represented the school at the two venues. The media coverage of the programme was exceptional, particularly in Varanasi. During the interactive session, it was evident that the prospective parents wanted to send their children to a school which is modern yet one which values traditions, is secular and inclusive, in its ethos. Prospective parents asked questions on curriculum, medical facilities, bullying, safety, emotional support, opportunities in school and beyond. Through this event, we also learnt that this personalized style of advertising (outreach) is an effective way of generating not only business, but it provides us with an opportunity to connect with Old Boys and existing parents in a neutral setting which creates an informal environment; leading to a better understanding of each others' perspectives on issues concerning the school.

The 17th His Highness Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament was held in the School from 1st to 5th April 2019. A total of eight prestigious schools of the country, including The Scindia School participated in the tournament this year, for the coveted trophy. The names of the participating schools are- The Doon School, Dehradun; Modern School, New Delhi; Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai; Assam Valley School, Tezpur; Yadavindra Public School, Patiala; Daly College, Indore; DPS, Mathura Road; and The Scindia School, Gwalior. The Opening Ceremony of the same was held at the Madhav Pavilion on 1st April. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat extended a warm welcome to the participating teams and mentioned that the grand event is much more than just a cricket tournament where we reunite with the members of our extended families, referring to the teams which have been a part of this event since its inception. Dr Saraswat reminded the participating

teams of the spirit of sportsmanship and reiterated that winning or losing is not the ultimate goal. He urged the participants to take the opportunity to exhibit the values of a true sportsman and placed a high premium on camaraderie, zeal, perseverance and above all the style with which one accepts defeat. He also referred to the field being a platform of not just honing sporting skills but also one's attitude. With that, the Principal presented the school caps to the participating teams along with their coaches and wished them good luck for the tournament. The Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony was Ms Nishi Mishra, Principal, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior. The coveted trophy was bagged by Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai.

Yuvraj Singh Tomar, Akshay Singh, Harsh Vardhan Singh Jadon, Suprabha Adhikari, Harsh Vardhan Singh Sisdodia, Dhan Bahadur Karki, Uttam Rai and Jatin Kothary along with Mr Gopal Chaturvedi and Mr Mustaq Khan Choudhary participated in the Community Service at Ram Krishna Mission Ashram on 1st April 2019. The students were divided in two groups. The first group took the responsibility of painting the dormitory of RKVM and the second group took the responsibility of reviving the Snake and Ladders and Chess Boards made on the floor of the main entrance at RKVM. A group of 10 students, namely, Dhan bahadur Karki, Shantanu Yadav, Varun Awasthi, Ayush Yadav, Saarang Agarwal, Suprabha Adhikari, Atherva Karwa, Jazbi Yunus, Aspandhan Sharma and Akshay Singh participated in the Community Service at Ram Krishna Mission Ashram on 7th April 2019. The students collected 16 counterpanes from the Senior Houses- Jayappa, Daulat, Jayaji and Shivaji and donated them in RKVM to be used by the underprivileged students.

A Solo Singing Competition was held in the Assembly Hall on 11th April 2019. Suprabha Adhikari was the compère for the programme. Eight songs ranging from 'Maule mere le le meri jaan' to 'Mai teri chunariya' were sung and captivated the audience. Sonam Bhutia, Parikshita Singh and Palzang Lepcha secured the Winner, First Runner Up and Second Runner Up award, respectively.

Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi and Mr Ashish Arora have undertaken a PG Cert in Educational Leadership and Management from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. The programme, which is in the format of distance education is in two modules with a face-to-face interaction for both



Prize Distribution Ceremony



Ms Smita Chaturvedi and Mr Ashish Arora

the modules. First such interaction, was scheduled from the 7th - 12th of April, in Mumbai. The course is designed to strengthen the leadership and management skills, and to enable the participants to apply theory and ideas within the workplace and utilise existing and emerging research-informed knowledge of educational leadership and management internationally. It focuses on enabling the participants to develop, broaden and deepen critical understanding of an organization and the environment in which it operates, manage change and promote the development of the individual and the organization.

Mr Anil Ghai ( Ex- Md, 1968-69) visited the School on 12th April 2019. Batch of 1968-69 has presented four trophies to the School. The first trophy has been suggested and sponsored by Mr Ashok Lohia, the second from Mr Raj Singh (in



Trophy for the best March Past was awarded to Madhav House

the memory of his father- Late Colonel Shyam Singh), the third from Mr Ajay Kichlu (in the memory of his father- Late Colonel C K Kichlu), and the fourth from Mr Anil Ghai (in the memory of his father- Late K C Ghai)

Chirag Rathi, Krishnam Purwar, Rhythm Kukreja, Aryan Nagpal, Ayush Goyal, Shivansh Bansal, Prince Kumar and Shishir Pandey participated in the Hindi, English Debates and the Quiz held at The Daly College, Indore from 11th to 13th April 2019.

Mr Shashwat Alok (Ex-Rn,2004) visited the Fort and stayed with us for two days- 11th and 12th April 2019. He was accompanied by his wife- Ms Abeera.



Mr Shashwat Alok

A Life Skills' Workshop entitled 'Appreciating Differences' was held in the Assembly Hall on 15th April 2019. The workshop was taken by Ms Niharika Kulshreshtha. Perceived or real difference is a major reason why children are singled out for bullying. This 'difference' can be anything from somebody's mannerisms to background and looks. To help the the students eliminate



Ms Niharika Kulshreshtha taking the workshop

stereotyping and recognize the uniqueness of each individual, a Life Skills' workshop was conducted for the students of classes IX and X. The children were shown a presentation on empathy and appreciating differences. The key message was to imagine themselves in the 'shoes' of others. A small video clip on how we easily typecast people was shown. The 'potato activity' was done to get the message home in a fun way. In the concluding exercise, students were asked to close their eyes for two minutes and imagine themselves to be in the 'shoes' of a stray dog, a poor child, a girl, their parents, teachers, etc. and describe the feeling . A scenario of a child being bullied was also presented to them and they were asked to give their reactions.

Anirudh Tyagi, Bharat Jain, Surya Gandra, Aryan Khurana, Sanchit Khanna, Ansh Jaiswal, Fatehvir Singh, Bhuvnesh Gonugunta and Pranay Agarwal went to Punjab Public School, Nabha, Patiala, Punjab, to participate in the Model United Nations' Conference.

Kartikeya Kulshreshtha, Aryan Yadav, Kkanul Verma, Vishnudeep Tyagi, Siddh Agarwal, Adwait Sharma, Shivang Kumar, Gaurang Paliwal and Mayank Yadav participated in RKC MUN -IPSC RAJKOT 2019 held at Rajkumar College, Rajkot; from 16th to 19th April 2019. There were 6 committees namely UNSC, UNODC, Continuous Crisis Committee, All India Political Parties Meet, The League of Arab States and International press with varied agendas and students from 9 schools across India took part in it.

The result of the Major Kripal Singh 'A' group Inter House Tennis Tournament is as follows:

*In Singles-*

*Winner-* Anant Narayan Rai

*Runner up-* Irish Rohra

*In Doubles -*

*Winner-* Anant Narayan Rai and Gatik Bhonwal

*Runner up-* Irish Rohra and Sundaram Malik

The result of the Tej Group Inter House Tennis Tournament is as follows:

*In Singles -*

*Winner -* Gatik Bhonwal

*Runner up-* Yuvraj Singh

Campus Run for Health was organised on 28th January 2019. 76 students participated in the run in the 'B' group. The top ten winners are:

I Shivraj Pratap Singh	II Brijraj Pratap Singh
III Chewang Palzer Bhutia	IV Gyurmee Bhutia
V Ujjwal Mehrotra	VI Prashast Pandey
VII Vansh Sethi	VIII Pratik Garg
IX Swatik Arora	X Herein Chaudhary

In the Junior group 55 students participated in the Campus Run. The top ten winners are:

I Kushagra Agarwal	II Guransh Johar
III Vinod Banjara	IV Karma Bhutia
V Yatish Srivastava	VI Uday Ahuja
VII Dharmender Singh	VIII Rohan Arora
IX Amogh Bhargava	X Ritik Sachdeva

The result of Inter House Hockey Tournament Junior Group 2018-19 is as follows:

*House Positions:*

I Kanerkhed II Dattaji III Nimaji IV Jankoji

*Best Player of the tournament-* Sozim Lepcha

The result of Inter House Basketball Tournament Junior Group 2018-19 is as follows:

I Jankoji II Kanerkhed III Nimaji IV Dattaji

*Best Player of the tournament-* Shaurya Chirania

*Most Promising Player of the Tournament-* Anuj Pratap Singh

*House Positions :*

I Mahadji II Ranoji III Jayappa IV Daulat

V Madhav VI Jayaji VII Shivaji VIII Jeevaji

*Individual Awards:*

*Best Player of the tournament-* Prateek Parihar and Mukund Agarwal

*Most Promising Player of the tournament-*

Krishnam Purwar and Mridul Anand Singh

The result of the Inter House Table Tennis tournament 'B' group is as follows:

*House Positions :*

I Ranoji II Mahadji III Jayaji IV Madhav

V Shivaji VI Jeevaji and Daulat VIII Jayappa

*Individual results:*

*Best Player of the tournament-* Aryan Agarwal and Ketan Singhal

*Most Promising Player of the tournament-* Krish Gupta and Abhey Khanna

Tushar Nagi Reddy, Abbas Khan, Shaurya Agarwal, Yash Singh, Kenchay Lepcha, Sundaram Malik, Memoy Mishra, Yuvraj Singh, Aditya Kumar and Kshitij Sharma participated in the 'Daly College Youth Parliament 2019' held at Daly College, Indore, from 17th April to 19th April 2019. The theme for this MUN was - "Novum Principium" which means "New Beginnings".

Somesh Kumar, Prince Kumar, Shishir Kumar, Nischay Agarwal, Arya Laddha Yanglem Arjun Singh and Suyash Bansal participated in the Young Ideators Conclave, held at Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital, from 18th April to 21st April 2019. Yanglem Singh secured the first position in Creative Writing.

When one puts one's heart and soul into what one desires to achieve, it is not merely the end result that ought to be celebrated but the journey as a whole needs to be cherished. The IAYP Award Ceremony, which was held in the School on 19th April 2019 marks a moment of pride in each *Scindian's* journey of self-discovery. Events like these, acknowledge the efforts of teachers and achievements of students who collaborate for the development of young people. The participants gain the confidence to become committed young adults and they learn to channelize their aspirations to achieve something big and to bring about positive changes in their environment. The Award Ceremony is yet another milestone moment in Scindia School's stride that acknowledges the dreams of young people and their efforts to realize them. The International Award for Young People, popularly known as IAYP was founded by The Duke of Edinburgh, in conjunction with Kurt Hahn, the German educationist in 1956. Both were concerned that young people's development was lacking in certain key areas, and they resolved to create a programme that would be a 'do-it-yourself kit in the art of civilized living'. Although challenging, it lays emphasis on an individual's endurance to come out of his comfort zone and go the extra mile. Here, young people design their own Award Programme, set their own



IAYP Award Ceremony

goals, and record their own progress. The only person you compete against is yourself, by challenging your own beliefs about what you can achieve. The International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all - 14 to 25 year olds. This year, 12 students will receive the Gold award. They will go to Delhi to receive the award in July. 32 students received Bronze and 20, the Silver award.

Girish Karnad's classic master piece 'Tughlaq' was staged on 20th April 2019. The story of the play runs this way- a local court levies a penalty to Sultan Muhammad in lieu of harassment to a brahmin farmer. Later, he announces



A still from the Hindi Play

to shift his capital to Daulatabad and invite everyone there. In due course, some of the religious leaders and some powerful members of his own court hatch a conspiracy against him but they do not succeed in their motives. Then, the Sultan gets violent against them. He faces many difficulties to execute his dream to create a better world. People just want to live- just as they want to be, unable to understand the positive motive behind his policies. Till the last breath, he does not quit but he tries to do what he had thought about in the favour of the public.

The English Play - A Midsummer Night's Dream was staged on 22nd April 2019. The play is a comedy written by William Shakespeare in 1595. It portrays the events around the marriage of Theseus, the Duke of Athens, to Hippolyta,



A still from the English Play

the former queen of the Amazons. These include the adventures of the young Athenian lovers and a group of six amateur actors who are controlled and manipulated by the fairies. The play tickled the audience with its subtle and sharp humour- which is a mark of the Shakespearean wit.

Sidhharth Chandel, Atherva Kerwa, Aryan Nagpal, Vidit Gupta, Manjot Sethi, Aayush Yadav, Harsh Jain and Aditya Parashar have gone to Rashtriya Indian Military Academy School, Dehradun to participate in English Debates, Hindi Debates, and Quiz held at the same, from 21st April to 26th April 2019.



## Unlock Yourself

Mr Sandeep Agrawal (Ex-Sh, 1980)

*Where the World is without locks  
And there are no keys to carry  
Where the rooms are always open  
And none need bolt the doors  
Where there is trust amongst all  
Only coveting what is rightfully theirs  
Into that heaven of freedom, my friend  
Let my heart awake!  
Oh, to live in this Utopia!*

I sometimes dwell on that, had our revered Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore lived in this age, he may have added some lines to this effect in his composition. Yearning for freedom, from locks of all shapes and sizes. Starting from the main door, to the cupboard, cars, laptops, and now the phone! Manual locks, combination and digital ones, passwords, thumbprints, retina scans, pattern locks, face recognition, firewalls, and so much more.

Technology seems to be intent on perfecting the art of locking away our things, while a totally different group is busy in breaking into them. We have so many people whose livelihood depends upon this growing dishonest trait. Security agencies are mushrooming all over to prevent theft. The efficacies of CCTV's are increasing by the day, with the inclusion of motion-detection, night-vision, and more.

There is so much of research in the development of antivirus software, while many others are engaged in phishing, hacking and developing malwares capable of destroying entire databases in seconds. Had there been a Rip Van Winkle amongst us, who had got up from his slumber after twenty years, many of these words and phrases would have been double dutch for him.

People live in morbid fear from having the contents of their mobile handsets visible to even their closest family members. Their phones have surely become smart, but what about their owners? What is there to hide, or to lock away? Why this sense of insecurity and anxiety? Do we realize the effect of all this on our health? Do we realize how much of productive time is spent in this? Setting passwords, memorizing them, entering them as required, changing them frequently, and the fear of not being able to recall them at the most critical moments.

We normally lock things that can be bought with money, while all that is more valuable is kept open. We leave our children and other family members in the custody of our domestic help, but choose to bolt our jewels. The air we breathe is open for all, so are the seas and oceans. The sun shines on all of us, irrespective of our financial worth. All these are invaluable, but free in terms of monetary value. I dread the day when locks would be placed on these too.

Wouldn't it be great to live in a world without constraints: One where we could roam without fear of loss? But what is it that we lose? It could be only something that truly belonged to us. Could we not remove this sense of belonging: This sense of ownership? Choosing to enjoy each object till such time it is with us, without any sense of attachment. If it never belonged to us, we would never regret its loss. A wise man once told me, "Do not weep for the loss of any object that could be bought with money." For, there is so much within all of us that cannot be stolen. If only we could concentrate on retaining and appreciating this enormous internal wealth, we would care little for our smaller possessions.

I end with an adaptation of Karl Marx' famous lines, "Citizens of the world unlock! You have nothing to lose but your chains!"

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## The Story Untold

Ansh Garg | VII B

A long time back, during the 16th century, the great Mughals were ruling the land. At this time the great Emperor Zurich ruled all over the land of Hindustan. He was a master of strategizing winning; so that no ruler could even think of winning a single battle against him. With his court adorned by the fifteen Jewels who would counsel him every time, he was stronger than ever. He held a big Fort called the Invincible Fort. But the question is: If he was so strong how did he die?

There was an alien invasion by a race called the Hululo. They lived on the planet called Hogo - Hogo. Their race was smarter than the human race that lived on the earth at that time. At a time when the humans on the earth were using bullock carts to commute from one place to the other- the aliens at Hogo- Hogo were using spaceships and anti gravity aircrafts for transportation. But their race had one single genetic flaw which forced them to move from one place to the other; really, one planet to the other because they carried a special energy with them called Holo. Whenever the Hululoians stayed on a planet, this special energy would cause the core of the planet to decay. After a length of time, the planet would explode into a supernova. When their occupied planet Hogo- Hogo started showing signs of excessive energy radiation to make it explode into a supernova, they planned to move to the earth. This time it was going to be a bit different because the scientists had told them that the earth would not explode for it had a special core which would remain unaffected and would not decay.

They all packed their stuff and armed their forces. They reached the earth the next day. The spaceship stayed in the atmosphere. It contained the Hululo civilians. The ship was of a horrid, black colour and was in the shape of an H. Zurich saw the ship coming by his telescope, a little late. He prepared his army

in less than half an hour, and got the city evacuated. At 12 pm, their armies stood at a distance of 500 metre between them. The Hululo leader asked Zurich, "The olqvwzmmlo opqhhssudifhjbvkvj". Zurich asked, "What the hell are you speaking?" Suddenly a voice came from the device on the speaker's neck "Translating into English" The leader said, "I will kill you first and then I will claim your planet. We are an alien race for you. Remember we will have no mercy on you."

Zurich replied in a worried tone, "May the best race win!" The Hululo race applied the whole Hulo energy to kill the human race. But there was a secret to Zurich's birth that nobody had ever known. The emperor had been endowed with a blue sapphire which was extremely powerful. It had the ability to destroy or give life! But the emperor could use it only once in his life. When the emperor was born, there had been strange and wierd, nay, ethereal changes in the sky and on the earth. His parents had been marvellous rulers, such that the humankind had never seen. For a long time they were not bestowed with a child. His parents were greivous of this one spasm in their life. After all they were rulers and had to give their subjects a future king or a future queen. They prayed day and night for that child to be born to them. And one day a benevolent fairy came and gave his mother that Blue Sapphire. The gemstone had unparalleled powers but could be used only once to prevent it from any wanton use. Seeing that there was no escape from this crude and barbaric race, Zurich went into his mother's room who was a kind and divine lady as which had ever walked on the surface of this earth. He summoned the Blue Sapphire and it came on its own through the darkness. Putting it in his robe, Zurich fought the war and was a lion in the battle. His armies defeated the Hululoians and peace was restored. And yes, he died a natural death.

## Suryodaya IT Fest '19

The Scindia School hosted the Inter Public School Suryodaya IT Fest from Saturday, 6th April to Monday, 8th April 2019. The School has been organising this fest, successfully since 2006. Six leading schools participated in the fest this year. They were- Mayo College, Ajmer; Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur; Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior; Welham Girls' School Dehradun; The Punjab Public School, Nabha and the host school The Scindia School, Gwalior. The theme for the Fest was 'Edge Computing'. The three-day event was coordinated by the Dean of ICT, Mr R.K. Kapoor.

### Result :

#### Day - 1

##### Website Designing (Topic: Mobile Edge Computing)

- I The Scindia School (Vedanga Naag and Memoy Mishra)
- II Welham Girls' School (Debanshi Todi and Ananya Agrawal)
- III Mayo College (Piyush Upadhyay and Kubber Bansal)

##### Sound Editing (Topic: Edge Intelligence)

- I Welhams Girls' School (Smriti Trivedi)
- II Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (Anik Shrivastava)
- III The Scindia School (Vansh Chahar)

##### Online Quiz

- I The Punjab Public School (Robin Singh)
- II Welhams Girls' School (Palak Porwal)
- III The Scindia School (Lav Asrani)  
 Mayo College (Ramyak Sharma)

##### Multimedia Presentation (Topic: Edge Gateway)

- I The Scindia School (Toshan Agarwal and Arya Laddha)
- II Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (Shreya Prasad and Aditi Agarwal)
- III Maharani Gayatri Devi School (Kirti Sharma and Shalika jain)

#### Day - 2

##### Digital Cartoon Making (Topic: Benefits of Edge Computing)

- I The Scindia School (Vansh Chahar)
- II Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (Sandeepani S. Vatsa)
- III Mayo College (Ramyak Sharma)

##### Digital Photography & Editing (Topic: IOT-Edge Computing)

- I The Scindia School (Pranav Wadhwa and Harsh Vardhan Jadon)
- II Mayo College (Utsav Jaiswal and Ryan Singh)
- III Maharani Gayatri Devi School (Disha Kabra and Pratibha Sharma)

##### Whiz Kid

- I Welhams Girls' School (Anisha Gupta)
- II The Punjab Public School (Sandeep Singh)
- III Mayo College (Akshal Dhal)

##### Movie Making (Topic: AI-Based Decision Making at Edge)

- I Mayo College (Piyush Upadhyay and Ryan Singh)
- II The Scindia School (Harsh vardhan Jadon and Vedang Naag)
- III The Punjab Public School (Anmolpreet Singh and Harnoor Singh)

### Overall Positions are as follows:

Team's Name	Total Position	
The Scindia School	27	Winner
Mayo College	15	1st Runner Up
Welhams Girls' School	12	2nd Runner Up
Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya	8	
The Punjab Public School	7	
Maharani Gayatri Devi School	4	

The Principal Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat was the Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony. He appreciated the hard work of the students of various schools and thanked the escorts of the various teams for participating in the event every year and making it successful.



IT Fest



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IT Fest



The Scindia School lifting the trophy

## यूरोप की यात्रा

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हर व्यक्ति को जीवन में यात्राएँ अवश्य करनी चाहिए क्योंकि यात्रा करके ही वह अलग-अलग जगहों को जान सकता है, समझ सकता है और अपने ज्ञान को बढ़ा सकता है और यदि उसमें भी विदेश-यात्रा हो तो हमारी समझ और भी बढ़ जाती है क्योंकि हमें हमारे देश से अलग दूसरे देशों की संस्कृति देखने को मिलती है।

इस बार मैं अपने परिवार के साथ गर्मी की छुट्टी में यूरोप घूमने गया था। हम 15 जून 2018 को काठमाण्डू एयरपोर्ट से 'दोहा' के लिए रवाना हुए। हमारी फ्लाइट लगभग 8 घंटे की थी। दोहा पहुँचने के बाद हमने वहाँ पर खाना खाया और मस्ती की। वहाँ पर एक से एक बड़े मॉल थे और खेलने के लिए फुटबॉल का मैदान वगैरह भी था। हमें पता ही नहीं चला कि हमारे 10 घंटे कैसे बीत गए और फिर हम दूसरी फ्लाइट के लिए बैठ गए। हम वहाँ से विना जा रहे थे। वह फ्लाइट लगभग 7 घंटे की थी। हमारा पूरा समय टी.वी. देखने में निकल गया। फिर हमने विना से ट्रेन पकड़ी बुडापेस्ट के लिए। वह भी लगभग 2-3 घंटे का सफर था। फिर जाकर हम हमारे पहले स्थान पर पहुँचे। वहाँ पर बहुत बड़ी-बड़ी इमारतें थीं। फिर हम टैक्सी लेकर अपने होटल पहुँचे।

हमारे होटल का नाम था "रेनेसाँ अपार्टमेन्ट"। हमें वहाँ बहुत मज़ा आया। हम सब लोग अपने कमरे में चले गए। फिर करीब शाम के सात बजे हम कूज़ के लिए निकल गए। कूज़ में हमें खाना-पीना सब कराया गया। बुडापोस्ट एक ऐतिहासिक जगह है। वहाँ पर खूब सारे संसद भवन, संग्रहालय वगैरह थे। वह सब देखने में भी बहुत मज़ा आया। सबसे अच्छी बात तो यह है कि पूरे यूरोप में गर्मी के समय सूर्यास्त शाम के 9 बजे होती है। अगले दिन हम वहीं संग्रहालय वगैरह घूमने गए। तीसरे दिन हम 'सोना बाथ' के लिए गए थे। वहाँ पर लगभग 50 से भी ज़्यादा तरण-ताल थे, वह भी गरम पानी से भरा हुआ। वहाँ पर हमारा पूरा दिन निकल गया।

शाम के 5 बजे हम प्राग पहुँचे। वहाँ पर थोड़ी ठंड भी थी लेकिन हल्की-हल्की ठंडक में घूमने में बहुत मज़ा आया। हम स्टेशन से होटल चले गए और जाकर अपने कमरे में सो गए। फिर शाम के 8 बजे हमारा कूज़ था। हम प्राग में लगभग 4 दिन रुके। दूसरे दिन हम शहर घूमने के लिए निकले। वहाँ पर एक बस ले लीजिए और वह पूरा प्राग आपको एक दिन में घुमा देती है। अगले दिन हम वहाँ पर वही संग्रहालय फिर से देखने चले गए। इस बार वहाँ पर हमें खूब मज़ा आया था। पूरा दिन इसी सब में निकल गया था। हमारा प्राग का आखिरी दिन खूब अच्छा था क्योंकि उस दिन हमने खूब खरीददारी की थी। अगले दिन हम हमारे पसंदीदा जगह के लिए निकल गए। स्विज़रलैण्ड, हाँ यही है वह जगह जहाँ मैं जाना चाहता था। हमारी यात्रा पूरे एक दिन की थी। वहाँ के ट्रेन में भी बहुत कुछ था जैसे वहाँ कक्ष होता था जिसमें सिर्फ दो लोग सो सकते थे। बेड के सामने अलमारी एवं स्नानागार थे। ऐसा सबके लिए था। अगले दिन हम पहुँच गए वहाँ पर। हमारा होटल वहाँ

से लगभग एक किलोमीटर दूर था तो हमने वहाँ पैदल ही चलकर जाने का विचार किया। हम होटल पहुँचे, आराम किया और इस बार हम कूज़ शाम 5 बजे ही ले लिए क्योंकि रास्ता बहुत लंबा था। अगले दिन हम 'लुर्ज़न' गए। वहाँ पर हमें बहुत मज़ा आया। लगभग दस दिन के बाद हमने भारतीय खाना खाया, नहीं तो इटैलियन खा-खा कर ऊब गए थे। वहाँ हमने वहीं सिटी बस ले लिया और रात तक वापस आ गए। तीसरे दिन हम ज्यूरिख के लिए निकल पड़े। वहाँ भी सिटी बस लिया और पूरा ज्यूरिख घूमे। रात को हम फिर लौट गए। अगले दिन हम एक और संग्रहालय गए थे। वहाँ पर हमें बहुत कुछ पता चला यूरोप के बारे में। हमारा पाँचवाँ दिन फिर खरीददारी-दिवस के रूप में बीत गया जिसमें हम दिन भर घूम-घूमकर खरीददारी ही करते रहे। अगले दिन हम हमारे पूरी यात्रा के आखिरी पड़ाव पर आ गए थे पेरिस। हमारा होटल 'एफिल टॉवर' के एकदम बगल में था। हम हमारे कमरे की खिड़की से 'एफिल टॉवर' देख सकते थे।

पहले दिन हम कूज़ पर गए थे। अब तक किए गए सभी यात्राओं में पेरिस की कूज़-यात्रा सबसे अच्छी थी। वहाँ पर हम कोई 3-4 तरह के 'ब्रिज़' गए एवं एक प्रसिद्ध ब्रिज़ गए जहाँ के विषय में लोगों का मानना था कि एक ताले पर यदि कुछ भी चिपकाकर छोड़ दो तो वह मन्नत पूरी होती है जो मन्नत आप माँगते हैं। अगले दिन हम गए थे पेरिस के डिज़नीलैंड। वह भी बहुत अच्छी जगह थी हम सबके लिए। हम सुबह 7 बजे निकल पड़े थे। हम लगभग हर झूले पर घूम पाए क्योंकि हमारे पास एक्सप्रेस टिकट था। फिर रात के 10 बजे से लेकर 12 बजे तक डिज़नी-लैंड में होने वाले एक अद्भुत प्रदर्शन का हम हिस्सा बने। वह एक देखने लायक चीज थी। हम सब कुछ खत्म कर वापस ट्रेन में बैठकर अपने होटल चले गए। दूसरे दिन हम वहाँ का प्रसिद्ध संग्रहालय 'ल-लूवर' देखने चले गए। हमने वहाँ पर मोनालिसा का 'पोर्ट्रेट' भी देखा। वहाँ पर भयंकर भीड़ थी। हमारी पूरी यात्रा के आखिरी दिन में हम वहाँ के 'ला-विलेज' गए जहाँ पर दुनिया का सारा सामान, सारा ब्रैंड मिलता है पर वहाँ पर कुछ भी खरीदना खूब महंगा था। हमारी फ्लाइट थी पेरिस से दोहा। जाते वक्त मन नहीं कर रहा था पर कुछ हो नहीं सकता था। हम दोहा से काठमाण्डू पहुँच गए। मुझे तो बहुत ज़्यादा मज़ा आया और यह एक यादगार यात्रा रहेगी हमारे लिए।

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With profound grief we inform you of the sad demise of Mr Rajeev Somani (Ex-Chaitanya, 68-69).

We are very sad to inform you of the death of Mr Jugesh Khattar (Ex-Je, 1962) in Bhopal on 22nd April. Condolences may be sent on 9827057583.

*"The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling, doth glance from heaven to Earth, from Earth to heaven; and as imagination bodies forth the forms of things unknown, the poet's pen turns them to shape, and gives to airy nothing a local habitation and a name; such tricks hath strong imagination."*

- William Shakespeare

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