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FORT NEWS

A Leadership Training Programme was held in The Doon School, Dehradun, from 13th October 2019 to 16th October 2019. 12 schools took part in this Leadership Programme which was held for students aged- 12 to 14 years. 5



Leadership Programme

students, namely, Ishan Agarwal, Khushal Agarwal, Shubham Agarwal, Inesh Agarwal, Muhstasim and the teacher escort, Mr Suggu Shekhar represented The Scindia School in the same.

In order to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, the Central Board of Secondary Education instructed all schools and institutions affiliated with it to celebrate 31st October 2019 onwards, as the *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*. Sports event- Run for Unity and an interactive talk session, based on the life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - India's first home minister and freedom fighter, was organised in The Scindia School. The event was celebrated to "re-affirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country." The 'Run for Unity' was conducted during the Sports time. The Run witnessed two flags - the National Tricolour and the Scindian flag taking the lead, being held most reverently by the flag bearers. It was a symbolic representation of national solidarity. The race ran for a stretch of five kilometres. The students and the faculty participated in the same. A constructive talk on the life and views of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was held in the Assembly Hall. The panellists comprised of the faculty members- Mr Vishesh Sahai, Mr Manoj Mishra, Mr Kamlesh Singh, Mr Manzoor Ahmed, Mr Soma Rajan and two students, Suprabha Adhikari and Agatsya Bubber.

Mr Pawan Gupta (Ex-Rn, 1970), a US based communications expert was on campus from 1st to 4th November 2019. He was here under the Scindia Old Boys in Residence Programme (SOBiR), which brings the Old Boys from all corners of the world to their alma mater and makes them share their knowledge and expertise, in their specific fields, with the school community. A workshop titled, 'Talk to Convince' was attended by Ms Smita Chaturvedi, Ms Sneha Bhagat, Mr Manoj Mishra, Mr Ashish Arora, Dr Smita Trivedi, Mr Dharendra Sharma, Mr Parash Moni Dutta, Ms Kirti Srivastava, Ms Divya

Verma, Ms Niharika Kulshrestha, Mr Soma Rajan K.S., Ms Mubashir Ahmed, Mr Manzoor Ahmed, Mr Vishesh Sahai, Mr Manjeet Bainipal, Mr Saurabh Kaul and Ms Sangeeta Jain, in Lab I of the Science Block, in the school campus from 2nd



'Talk to Convince' Workshop

November to 3rd November 2019. A seminar for the boys of Classes XI and XII was also held in the Assembly Hall on 4th November 2019.

The Inter House Group 'A' Hockey Tournament was held in school from 8th October to 11th October 2019 and thereafter from 5th November to



Hockey Tournament

8th November 2019. In total 15 matches were played. The 8 senior Houses competed for the trophy. 82 goals were secured during the entire tournament. The final match was played between Ranoji House and Jayappa House. Ranoji House won the match by 4-2 in a penalty stroke. Anup Limboo of Ranoji House was adjudged the Best player of the tournament. Yuvraj Singh Tomar of Mahadji House was adjudged the Best Defender of the tournament.

The Scindia School Model United Nations Conference 2019 was held from 8th November to 10th November 2019. 8 schools participated in the event, namely, Sanskar Valley School, Bhopal; Bhartiya Vidya Niketan School,



SCIMUN 2019

Gwalior; Welham Boys School, Dehradun; Heritage Girls School, Udaipur; Daly College, Indore; Vantage Hall Girls School, Dehradun; Modern School, Vasant Vihar, Delhi and The Scindia School. The Chief Guest, Mr Anurag Chauhan, an eminent social worker, talked about the huge issues that threaten the world today- environmental threats for an instance. The Rock Band synergized the ceremony with its melodious notes. A dance sequence on the title 'War and Peace' followed next. The Secretary General of SCIMUN, Hriday Soni, welcomed the schools and declared the Conference open. A video was played next, which discussed about the proceeding and agendas to be discussed during the Conference. The Committees ran till 6 pm. In the evening, a comedy show by Mr Nishant Suri, a Stand-up comedian who has won the first season of Amazon Prime's Comicstaan, enthralled the audience. The day's events came to a close with the dinner for delegates. The second day of The Scindia School Model United Nations progressed with the delegates preparing the Draft Resolution in their respective committees. Mr Neel Madhav, the Indian TV Personality, author, mentalist, illusionist and TedEx Speaker entertained the delegates in the Assembly Hall at 7.15 pm in the "Neel Madhav Night". The day ended with a Special Dinner for the delegates in the Dining Hall. The third and the last day on 10th November 2019, started with the last session and the adjournment of the Committee. Thereafter, all the teams and the escorts as well as the Scindian fraternity collected for the Band Display at the Madhav Pavilion. The Closing Ceremony for the same was held in the Assembly Hall of the School. Rhythm Kukreja delivered the Vote of Thanks. Welham Boys School became the Winners of SCIMUN and The Scindia School bagged the Runner up trophy. The result is as follows:

IP

Best Journalist- Suyash Bansal (The Scindia School)
High Commendation- Arya Adhikari (The Scindia School)
Special Mention- Krish Gupta (The Scindia School)
Best Photographer- Shlok Sonthalia (The Scindia School)
High Commendation- Gautam Agarwal (The Scindia School)
Best Cartoonist- Ojasvi Goel (Vantage Hall)

Lok Sabha

Best Delegate- Aarav Gupta (Shashi Tharoor, Modern School)
High Commendation- Vihaan Sachdeva (Rajnath Singh, Daly College)
 Isha Chabra (Ashwini Kumar, Heritage Girls)
Special Mention- Parth Tewari (Smriti Irani, Welham Boys)
 Kirti Sharma (Gen. V K Singh, Maharani Gayatri Devi)

UNGA

Best Delegate- Saadgi Garg (China, Daly College)
High Commendation- Sahajveer Singh (Brazil, Daly College)
 Shivam Dodal (USA, Welham Boys)
Special Mention- Shlok Sonthalia (Iraq, The Scindia School)
 Ishmeher Kaur (India, Heritage Girls)
 Suryansh Didwania (Spain, Weham Boys)

UNSC

Best Delegate- Radhika Vichitra (Russia, Sanskar Valley)
High Commendation- Arjun Abbott (Costa Rica, Lancers)
Special Mention- Memoy Mishra (Iraq, The Scindia School)
 Aryan Mahipal (USA, Welham Boys)

FIFA

Best Delegate- Sanshray Ghorawat (Spain, Welham Boys)
High Commendation- Harsh Jain (Argentina, The Scindia School)
 Aryan Girdhar (Germany, The Scindia School)

Special Mention- Sneha Golchha (Daly College, Daly College)
 Tanmay Gupta (France, Modern School)

UNHRC

Best Delegate- Arnav Goel (Spain, Welham Boys)

UN Women

Best Delegate- Shreyansh Jindal (USA, Welham Boys)

IAEA

Best Delegate- Anagha Ghosh (France, Modern School)

In the Inter-house Cross Country Race-2019, Dhan Bahadur Karki of Jayappa House broke the previous record of the year 1978-79 by Mukesh Agarwal of Jayappa House, with a new record timing of 10: 48: 59. Congratulations!



Dhan Bahadur Karki

Children's Day was celebrated in school on 14th November 2019. Face Painting and Board Making Competitions were organised for the students. In the evening, the teachers put up a splendid cultural programme which left the students spell-bound. They were immensely happy to see their teachers perform on the stage and profusely applauded them.



Teachers' Day Celebration

The 4th Scindia Literary Fest was held in school from 16th November to 18th November 2019. Nine reputed authors visited the Fort. A report on the same is attached in the same edition.

The Scindia School hosted the CBSE Sahodaya Inter School U-19 Cricket Tournament from 21st November to 23rd November 2019. The schools participating in the tournament were-Central Academy School, Woodstock School, Ramshree International School, Airforce School, Radhav Vallabh Academy and The Scindia School. The finals were played between The Scindia School and Ramshree International School. The Scindia School won the match by 103 runs and lifted the Winners' Trophy. Vihaan Gupta was adjudged Man of the Match.



The Scindia School lifting the Winners' trophy

A Report on the 4th Scindia Literary Fest

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Opening Ceremony

for the same was held in the Assembly Hall of the School on 16th November 2019. Keshav Dudhani welcomed the gathering. Thereafter, the ceremonial lamp was lighted. The 'Saraswati Vandana' 'Veena Vadini Var Dey' invoked the blessings of Goddess Saraswati and the Orchestra Presentation in 'Rag Vrindabani Sarang' enthralled the audience. The self composed poetry by Kshitij Dogra and Jeh Hilluwala, was well received and profusely applauded. The Dean of Co-curricular Activities, Mr Dharendra Sharma, welcomed the writers, the Chief Guest and the fest was declared open. Our Chief Guest for the day was Mr Ravindra Singh who is an author, and a software engineer. He is the best selling romance writer and he was born in the state of Odisha. He started his career as an IT professional in Infosys. He has written eight novels entitled- I Too Had a Love Story, Can Love Happen Twice?, Like it happened Yesterday, Love Stories That Touched My Heart, Tell Me A Story, Your Dreams are Mine Now , This Love That Feels Right, and Will You Still Love Me. While interacting with the students, he said that self-expression can be achieved in a variety of ways and it gives you opportunities to share the experiences of others and lets others share your views.

During the second session of the day, we met the authors- Mr Sudheer Singhal and Ms Aditi Singhal who have written a variety of books: Crack the Code-Maths Mysteries and a Memory Handbook. They started their session by



Mr Sudheer and Aditi Singhal

telling us about the importance of the human brain. Ms Aditi Singhal started with a game. Students were told to share the last two digits of their father's mobile number. Whole slide was filled with these digits. Mr Sudheer Singhal recalled all the digits one by one and Ms Aditi recalled them in the reverse order. Students were awestruck at this. Students were so engrossed in the activities that they didn't even realize that the session had ended. Mr Sudhir Singhal shared many tricks with the students to enable them remember facts and figures. Both of them created an intense interest in Mathematics.

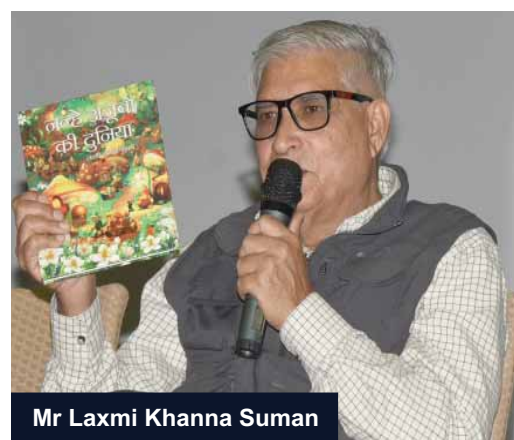
Ms Arthy Muthanna Singh who is a children's writer, freelance journalist, copywriter, editor and cartoonist conducted a session with the boys of classes VI and VII on the first day of The Scindia Literary Fest. Her gripping session

was a clear reflection of the diverse range of experience she possesses in the publishing industry. She introduced the boys to her recent work which is a set of two books under the title "A dozen and a half stories", which has been created by her along with Mamta Nainy as the co-author. She instantly established a connect with the audience and tickled the historian within them. She took up one of the stories from her book titled "The Peacock Throne" and explained the students how interesting history could be. Ms Singh did not allow them to lose their interest even for a minute and encouraged the budding talents to become a "History sleuth".

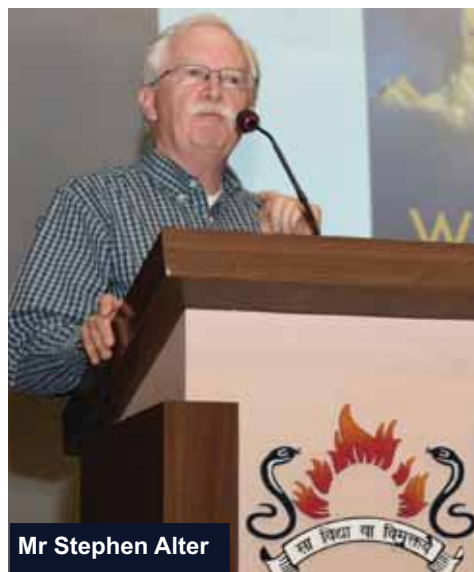


Ms Arthy Singh

Mr Laxmi Khanna Suman interacted with the students of classes VI and VII on 17th November 2019. He has authored several books comprising ghazals, dohas and poetry. He has also published books focusing on Children's Literature. An alumnus of IIT Roorkee in Nuclear Physics, he currently lives in Nainital and Gurgaon. He has written books in Hindi entitled- *Ajoobey*, *Main Bhi School Jaungi*, and *Chidiyon Ki Rangeen Duniya*. He picked up the story of a poor girl Shabnam entitled- *Neele Patthar Wali Peetal Ki Angoothi* and told it to the students. After finishing with the story he asked the students to come up with the moral of the story. The students were quite interactive and came up with several answers to the question.



Mr Laxmi Khanna Suman



Mr Stephen Alter

Mr Stephen Alter interacted with the students during the second session on 17th November 2019. He is an author of non-fiction and fiction, who was born and raised in India. He continues to live and write in his hometown of Landour in the Lower Himalaya. He graduated from Woodstock School. He has taught writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the American University in Cairo. He is the founding director of the Mussoorie Mountain Festival. His non-fiction book 'Becoming a Mountain: Himalayan Journeys in Search of the Sacred and the Sublime' received the 2015 Kekoo Naoroji Award for

Himalayan Literature. His most read novel about Jim Corbett 'In the Jungles of the Night' was shortlisted for the 2017 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature. He talked to the students about his book 'Wild Himalaya'. During the session he showed breathtaking snapshots of the wildlife and landscape of the Himalayan region. The Blue Poppy, Birch trees, the rhododendrons, Goat Antelope, and Petroglyphs from Ladakh were some of the many things that he talked about. He started the session with a short film shot in the Jabarkhet Natural Reserve, which harbours 150 species of birds. All images in the movie were taken by the animals themselves on a camera trap. Talking about the Nanda Parvat Glacier, he said that life in the Himalayas is basically an interaction between water and the rock. Mr Alter took us all through an exciting journey of the migrations within the Himalayas. He shared his travel diaries through photographs and talked about how the Himalayas are a reservoir of stories and experiences of all sorts and how the young fold mountains in the north have inspired him as a writer. He focused on the different aspects of flora and fauna and encouraged the students to 'step out of the box' to explore and discover secrets of life through nature. Students asked a variety of questions that ranged from Mr Alter's personal travel experiences to understanding what it takes to draw

inspiration from nature and pen down the thoughts. In the end, Mr Alter signed a few copies of his latest book for the students in the library.

A session with Mr Salman Khurshid was held on 17th of November 2019, as the third session in the Assembly Hall on his book 'Visible Muslims, Invisible Citizens'. Mr Khurshid said that he has known many pass-outs from The Scindia School who are doing very well in all walks of life. He said that the youth of today must form an unbiased view of India which he likes to call as the 'idea of India'. He further said that the history of Gwalior is quite intertwined with the legacy that went on to form modern India.



Mr Salman Khurshid

He talked about the problem of differences in the country and how they can be resolved. He answered that if we bring compassion in our nation, like in a school, we can achieve ultimate harmony amongst all religions. He gave a very polished and lucid explanation to the issues that he has spoken about in his books. He also talked about his experiences to further talk about the above said point. The session was followed by a question and answer session. The students and the teachers put some questions to Mr Khurshid on the issues that India is facing at present like- terrorism, differences of opinion etc.

Mr Aditya Sharma interacted with the students of Class VI, VII and VIII during the first session of the day on 18th November 2019. He informed the students that he always wanted to write in English but unfortunately, he did not pursue his dreams quite early in life and therefore he instructed the students to adequately expose themselves to learning early in life.



Mr Aditya Sharma

In order to pursue his dream of becoming a writer in the English Language, he left Sonipat and went to Delhi. After that he started working for the Reader's Digest in Mumbai. He cited the reason for writing the book- Champs of Devgarh. He says that the idea presented is that one should try out many things and judge where his/ her passion lies and then, pursue ones passion to the fullest quite early in life. He talked to the students about the struggle that he faced in getting his book published. He



Mr Kevin Missal signing the books

inspired the students by sharing with them the fact that he never gave up even after facing many rejections. His hardwork and perseverance bore fruit and his highly acclaimed book 'The Champs of Devgarh' was published by Penguin Publication. The book is loosely based on his life and traces the journey of a School- Boys' Cricket Team which faced the odds and emerged triumphant. The session ended with a question answer session.

The last session on the 18th of November 2019 was of Kevin Missal who is the best- selling author of the Kalki series. Kevin Missal is a graduate from St. Stephen's College, who has written four novels ranging from crime to mythology to horror. He had written his first book at the age of 14, which was released by the Chief Minister of Delhi. His second book was written at the age of 16 and was published by a British Indie-press. He is a pioneer in writing the World's First InstaRead and is a bestseller on Amazon under horror category. He talked about his recent book - 'Narsimha'. He asked the students as to why mythological stories are not interesting for them. The students gave a variety of answers. Mr Kevin Missal explained about his journey into the mythological stories and his research about them which gave him the inspiration to write about them.



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