

# REVIEW-22



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*We will miss you!*



Inspiring all to carry the lesson ahead

Dear Madhav

It has been a wonderful journey and together we have seen the school grow from strength to strength. Your presence will be missed!

I take this opportunity on behalf of the board of governors and myself personally to wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. Please do keep in touch.

Warm regards,  
**His Highness Maharaja Jyotiraditya M Scindia**

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Dear Saraswat ji,

Thank you for your contribution and hard work towards pushing the school to new heights.

It was a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the best!

Hope to see you soon again.

**Yuvraj Mahanaaryaman J Scindia**

## “Signing off as the Principal of this wonderful School” - Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat

Dear All,

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to address all of you for the last time as your principal.

7 Years, 84 months, 2555 days.

That's how long I've spent on Fort, on this campus, with all of you. And I am grateful for every bit of it. Today, standing here, if I were to look back- I only see how gracefully we all have collectively grown as a community. We haven't had a single failure- our time together is made up of abundant success and learning because with every road block, we learnt new meaning of growth and success.

I often refer to myself as a 'master' and do it to remind myself of my roots, of where I come from. Whatever chair I hold in whichever place – I always want

to remember that I am a teacher first and foremost. This is because being a teacher isn't simply about imparting knowledge, it is about constantly learning, absorbing my blind spots, trusting others, knowing that there is always so much that I wouldn't know. Reminding myself that I am a teacher helps me to remain a student of everything that life has to offer.

As I turn to a new chapter of my journey, I cannot leave the campus without thanking each one of you for supporting me the best way you could during the most testing personal and professional times. We all need a village to survive – you have been my family and my village for the last 7 years. Thank you!

Winnie-the-Pooh captures my emotions so well today- “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard”

Here's what I have learnt so far.

For a community to be happy and successful – each member needs to understand the value of integrity, discipline, hard-work, honesty and accountability. If we are playing our role with integrity then, there is no reason that we won't prosper. We need to create safe spaces for everyone alike in a manner that all can share their stories without feeling weak and without the fear of judgement. Free flowing dialogues without the fear of rejection must be had, people should feel heard, seen, respected and appreciated.

Yes, as a community of teachers who understand the competition in the world, we have to take care of academic results. But at the same time, we have to strive for something greater- we have to be able to inspire our kids and ourselves as well – to be better humans. We have to inculcate a culture where health and stability of mind, body, emotions matter as much as marks (academic performance), if not more. We have to strengthen our core and understand the value of being a genuinely good person. We have to tell our kids the true narrative that after a point no one will remember how much you scored in Class 12th even though it means so much right now – after a point people will remember you by how you made them feel, how respectful you are, how caring you are, how patient, honest, kind, helpful you are. Truth be told- that is the only way I decide who will be my company. We have to learn ourselves and



Addressing his last Assembly



teach our students to be such humans who use their privilege in a way that it paves easier paths for the less privileged. We have to be such humans who do not differentiate among people or accord respect based on what they do for a living. We have to be such people who can create a safe space for all, animals as well. I would say respect, nurture everything around us- the entire creation.

My dear boys rise above everything and be caring, empathetic – don't forget that even a blade of grassroot contributes to the splendour of this place, be conscious of this exceptional physical gift- make an extra effort (my urge and last request to all on the Fort) to take care of people, buildings, trees, plants, birds, butterflies, snakes and other beautiful creatures on the Fort that will be the most important contribution to strengthen the institute and the world at large. Make sure when you leave from here, not just you but even this place is enriched by your contribution.

The other day I learnt an Italian word – Attraversiamo.

It means: let's cross over.

It means to let go, to learn and carry the lesson ahead and build a future as beautiful as you can even if you are scared, it means to move ahead, onward and upward.

This word is my gift to you. Let's cross over.

I'm sure I will see you all again soon.

I'm forever grateful for your affection, respect and support.

My blessings to the entire community to be strong and successful in every manner yet gracious and humble in every given situation.

May God be with us in all our humane endeavours.

Until next time :)

Borrowing the customary sentence from the valedictory speech of the SSP (Ujjwal) – Signing off as the principal of this wonderful school.

Thank you Sachin Deva, Rahul Bhai and Rajnish Ji for joining today. That's my net earnings.

God bless us all.



Receiving best wishes from the School Community



Mementoes being presented by the prefects

### "If we are, then we must be the best – 'Sarvshreshtha'!"

**Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat**

Dr Saraswat's speech during the farewell given by the Teacher's Association began with his distinctive wry humour where he shared that he had prepared his speech in advance but then as on most of the occasions, he made notes after listening to others. He expressed how, the past seven years of his life would have been incomplete and meaningless without his wife, Ms Kanan Saraswat and daughter, Kaushiki Saraswat, who had given him unconditional support. He went on to say that he had indeed been difficult with his team and in retrospect was a bit mortified about being so but then it was only because he wanted the very best from all. He has always been obsessed about being the best and there has never been any place in his life for mediocrity. "If we are,



An expression of gratitude

then we must be the best – 'Sarvshreshtha'! He does not like the idea of being No. 2. He has always striven to inspire everyone to be No. 1 or Numero Uno and has motivated the boys to get the best for themselves out of life. Nothing worked for him, except the top-notch. He reiterated that he was difficult because of his tendency to expect and demand perfection. Now, he was leaving with a great contentment and joy because the Scindian Fraternity had lived up to his expectations and despite everything, had been very supportive to him. He added that the Scindia Fraternity was known for its unique simplicity which was unparalleled but they must never be contented with mediocrity or anything less than the superlative. He observed that most of those sitting in the front rows must have been at the receiving end of his unkindness at times but then they had also become perfectionists eventually, as he had wanted them to be. He added that he was leaving in a state of happiness, contentment and with an enriched heart, humorously quipping that he was glad that only those people were chosen to speak on the occasion who would have had something kind and compassionate to say about him. He thanked the evening's speakers who had said such kind things about him and who had been most supportive too. He concluded by saying that life often proffered occasions when one felt that it was fit to move on but as he and his family undertook their onward journey, they would do so with gratitude for all. At the end of the evening, Dr Saraswat called upon all to continue working together as a family.

### A Disciplinarian with a Sense of Humour!

When I first communicated with Dr Saraswat, I was working in a place which I loved and was quite reluctant to move from, in spite of the fact that I knew that I was in a comfort zone. After two interactions with him, (the first one was online, and the second one was a meeting in his office on the 2nd of January, 2020, to be precise), I was convinced that I was doing the right thing by preparing to join the Scindia School. My decision was augmented by the dignity, wisdom and the sense of humour of Dr Saraswat coupled by the fact that I wished to work with a mentor who was a literary figure, adept at Hindi and English. Incidentally, I came to know afterwards that Dr Saraswat was known to be quite a strict disciplinarian! This was surprising to me because his demeanour had seemed to be quite approachable and he was very easy to talk to. When I heard that he was moving on from the school, I was truly unhappy but accepted it stoically.

**Ms Aliya Khan, Staff Editor**

### The Poignant and Mellifluous Evenings!

*Bidding Goodbye and Godspeed to the Revered Mentor, Principal Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat*

*The much-respected mentor was accorded befitting farewells by the various teams of the school such as the support staff, the admin staff, the teacher's association and the entire students' body, starting from the 28th of March to the 31st of March, 2022.*

The evenings of the 29th and the 30th of March, 2022 left one with poignant emotions of regret and loss as the much-revered academician and mentor, the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat was being bid farewell from the School after a fruitful period of selfless service of seven years. Everyone hung on to his words as with great dignity but much pathos which was relieved by his characteristic humour, he described his journey which brought forth a transformation in the very fabric of this stronghold of learning.

The Principal's farewell organized by the Teachers' Association in the pleasant evening of the 29th of March, 2022, had a remarkable beginning when the anchor for the evening, Mr Vishesh Sahai led all into a meditative mode, guiding



Mr Vishesh Sahai hosting the farewell by the Teachers' Association

them to get into a state of mindfulness and recall the beautiful moments of their association with the Saraswat family. The evening was noteworthy for beautiful songs/classical/ghazal by Ms Mrinal Bhatt, Ms Ahilya Shinde and Mr Raja Banerjee. The latter expressed his gratitude to Dr Saraswat saying that he had blossomed and grown because of the many reprimands (jhaad) by his beloved mentor!

#### **"I won't use the word 'farewell' rather the term, 'thankfulness'..."**

Mr Manoj Mishra's speech had a charm unique to his own persona as he educated how Dr Saraswat had inspired him by saying that 'teachers never retired'. He didn't want to use the word 'farewell' but rather the term gratitude



Mr Manoj Mishra expressing his words of appreciation

or thankfulness to be associated with the esteemed Principal who had been a stickler for perfection and his anger or gruffness had been directed at people with the sole purpose of eliciting the best out of them. Mr Mishra went on to elaborate how he had always been supported by his mentor in all his endeavours. He pointed out that the Principal had been known to be immensely punctual and had a habit of arriving at occasions well before time, a trait picked up by many of the Scindia Faculties. Moreover, his administrative capacities were highly admirable and one could learn the art of maintaining documents impeccably from him.

Mr Mishra's rendering of Kishore Kumar's timeless song, "Aanewala pal" added to the charisma of the evening.

#### **"Saying goodbye was the most arduous task..."**

When it was his turn to speak, Mr Ashok Shivaraman, shared with all that he had not really come to the podium to say goodbye because that was the most arduous task. He recalled how things were pretty tough when Dr Saraswat had joined the school seven years ago but he had nevertheless made a great impact through his magnificent character and commanding personality. Since then, Mr Shivaraman had learnt many things from him for e.g. the art of making presentations, collecting and preserving data, the need to be prepared for all eventualities in one's professional life and much more. He said that under his guidance he had tried his best to enhance the Commerce Department and to get the best out of the team in spite of the many challenges facing it. According to him, a noteworthy achievement by Dr Saraswat was that he had brought food wastage to zero and had been very jubilant about it. At the end of his speech, he fondly recalled that Dr Saraswat had been very empathetic to his family and had been a supportive mentor in their lives.

#### **"Under his guidance, I never felt anxious about making a mistake..."**

Mr Ganpat Swaroop Pathak was the next to express his thoughts about the respected Principal and in his exceptional manner began by remembering that Dr Saraswat had always validated his work and because of his blessed presence, he had never felt afraid to undertake any task, however gruelling and had never felt anxious about making a mistake. He stressed that without a mentor like him, the teaching fraternity was in a dilemma: would they be strong enough to carry on with their crusade: the task of imparting true education to the youth under their charge? He said that someone like Dr Saraswat was sorely needed to reassure them that they were on the right path. The rest of his thoughts were expressed in an inspiring self-composed poem which is given on page 10.

#### **"The name, 'Madhav' epitomizes discipline..."**

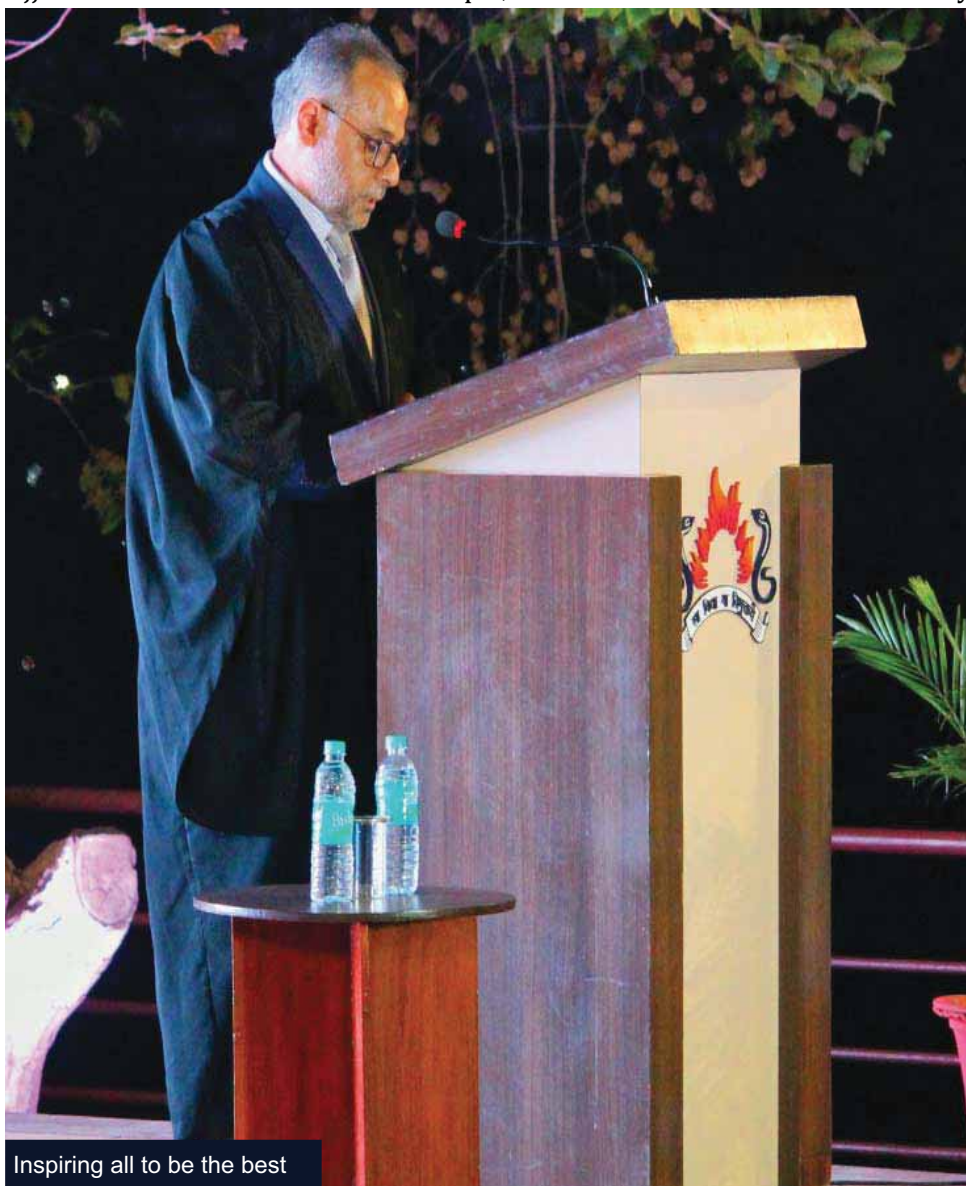
In his simplistic yet assertive manner, Mr Somarajan shared with all that he had served in seven institutions, under ten heads and each principal had taught him a valuable lesson. For him, the name 'Madhav' stood for discipline and doubtlessly, very few could be as disciplined or experienced as him, a leader who was also a great mentor. Adding a touch of humour, Mr Somarajan joked that they were initially so scared of the Principal that a meeting with him could be like a death sentence but somehow one always managed to get out of it alive, to the relief of all! He concluded that Dr Saraswat had maintained the Principal's office with grace and dignity.

#### **"He is a great planner and coordinator..."**

Mr Vishesh Sahai had his own share of enriching anecdotes and went down the memory lane, circa 2015, when the School was trying to engage the legendary, Mr J.R.D. Tata with little success as replies were not coming through from his office. At this juncture, Dr Saraswat had suggested to Mr Sahai that he must try and have an interview with Mr Tata. Befitting questions were formulated and the interview was a great success streaming live! According to Mr Sahai, that incident changed the way he thought about himself. Furthermore, he recalled the experience of accompanying Dr Saraswat for an outreach programme in Lucknow when he had been encouraged by this very generous mentor to carry it out on his own and during one of his interactions with parents, Dr Saraswat had flabbergasted him by bringing for him at the podium, a plate loaded with delicacies! He further added that the respected Principal was a great planner and coordinator and was a fantastic mentor to him, always promoting and encouraging him in whatever he did.

### His Last Assembly at School

The final assembly to bid farewell to Dr Saraswat was held in the evening of the 30th of March, 2022 in the calming grandeur of the SMOAT when tokens of gratitude were presented to Dr Saraswat and Ms Kanan Saraswat by the SSP, Ujjwal Mehrotra and the Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi. The assembly



Inspiring all to be the best

was anchored by Vidit Gupta. It was noteworthy for the presence of a few old boys who had graced the occasion.

SSP, Ujjwal Mehrotra set the right tone for the evening by his words of great gratitude to the Principal for all his guidance to the impressionable students through the past years. His thoughtful words are given below:

#### Sir always had a commanding presence around the campus...

Good evening, everyone, respected principals, deans, teachers, and my fellow Scindians, we are gathered here today to bid farewell to a highly valuable



Being escorted from the SMOAT for his farewell dinner

individual who entered the gates of the fort in the year 2015 and after 7 years of selfless devotion to this school and to this family being its pillar of strength, the journey has finally ended. Time goes by quickly when you are having an enjoyable time and sir under your guidance we had the best time, and for time well spent sometimes, departures are celebrated more than arrivals. Goodbyes are hard but also special as you can say how special the person is to you. So, on behalf of all fellow students, I would like to say a huge thank you to the person who taught us to keep a strong suit even in times of despair, to find the courage to raise one's voice against what is wrong irrespective of age or post. The morning prayer that was said by sir in the assembly was the perfect example of him teaching us by leading through example saying "teach us good lord to not bend our knees before insolent might" and that is what he did leading this school not just in terms of being a savior when the school was going through turmoil but letting it sail by venturing through the treacherous seas providing a comfortable sail for us while handling the toughest of the blows.

Sir always had a commanding presence around the campus and till date we are cautious of the white Innova coming from behind us to catch us for our uniform or for our masks but most of all the spirit of sir having an approachable personality and forgiving us for our mistakes just like his own children would be missed by all.

We all look up to sir in many ways. As he has been our principal and by being our friend and mentor, he has also shown us the right path to choose personally. He has also inculcated in us the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. Taking your successes with a humble smile and your failures with a gentle nod contemplating where you went wrong and working on it. Before coming to the school, I had never heard of a school being referred to as a family and hearing sir say that for the first time, changed my outlook towards school. I believe that there are no goodbyes in a family it's more like a see you again.

**Ujjwal Mehrotra, SSP**

*The respected Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi reminisced about her own time spent while working with Dr Saraswat. Her thoughtful words are as follows:*

#### He rarely fed me the fish, he taught me how to catch one!!

Good evening honorable Principal Dr Saraswat, Mrs Saraswat, alumnus and the entire Scindia School team. Just like the season is changing and summer is in the air, our school is also going through a momentous shift. I stand here with mixed emotions. On one hand there's a sense of sadness that our Principal is leaving us for another destination. On the other hand, there is this huge responsibility I face that of stepping into his shoes even though it may be for a short while. Both the leaving and the taking make this moment a difficult one indeed. I am sure, today as we have gathered here to bid adieu to Sir, we have walked down the memory lane, reminiscing days and moments that are etched in our minds forever.

When I joined school in 2017, it wasn't an easy ride, but in due course of time I learned the ropes of administration here with a lot of guidance from Sir.



Ms Smita Chaturvedi speaking in the honour of Dr Saraswat

Working closely with him, I learned the nuances of man-management and of managing stakeholder expectations. But neither was my learning easy, nor my teacher! Often, when I found myself stuck and approached Sir for help but he gave me another set of challenges so that I could develop my own wherewithal to tide over on my own. He rarely fed me the fish, he taught me how to catch one!! And that's why it has been an enriching journey. Thank you for presenting these challenges to me. They made me stronger and bolder.

There were times when I had a strong difference of opinion and Sir was kind enough, not only to hear me out but sometimes changed his stance on my suggestion! This gave me confidence and I became more and more engaged with school. Under his guidance, my learning curve has only shaped upwards. In my humble opinion, he is leaving a legacy of 'striving for excellence' and leadership in the heart of the organization which will continue to guide us in our future endeavours. He has scripted love, generosity and compassion in the hearts of not only fellow human beings but also other living beings who came in touch with him. Unlike the buried monuments of stone, what he has authored in our hearts will live on forever!

I wish him the very best for all his future endeavours. On behalf of the entire fraternity I take this opportunity of sharing with you Sir, that our hearts and homes shall forever be open for you and we look forward to seeing you on the Fort, sooner than later.

**Ms Smita Chaturvedi**

#### **The Principal's Secretariat Bids him Adieu**

*In another set of events held to honour the Principal, a musical evening was organised beside the swimming pool, where several bouquets and tokens of appreciation were presented to the Principal. The anchors for the evening were Dr Smita Trivedi and Mr Vishesh Sahai. This part of the evening was notable for the touching speech by Mr Pawan Verma, the Principal's secretary. His words are as follows:*

Good Evening. Respected Principal Dr Saraswat & Mrs Saraswat, Smita Ma'am, Col. Saxena Senior Old Boys and dear colleagues.

I consider myself fortunate to have worked closely with Madhav Sir during the last 7 years. Sir, I learnt a lot because of the motivation, liberty and confidence which I received from you on several occasions. My sincere apologies that on a few occasions I committed mistakes, even after your kind guidance. One thing which I have learnt from you is honesty in conversation, which I am trying to do here.

I feel that I have learnt quite a few things from you, which I could not learn in my initial 15 years of service. You gave me ample space to explore and improve,

which are the most important aspects of the learning process. I will always be grateful for the faith and trust which you have bestowed upon me. I believe, trust is the most important factor between two professionals.

Some of us may recollect the time when the School was facing lots of challenges in 2015. It was the leadership, managerial skills, and the motivation from Madhav Sir, which allowed us to be the No. 1 School in the country. Believe me friends, I have seen many ups and downs in my long tenure of almost 23 years with Scindia School, but the happiest moment in my professional career was when I came to know that we were ranked the No. 1 School in the country! It was like a dream come true.

As per my observation and knowledge, Madhav Sir is an extremely kind soul and a wonderful human being, a complete family man and a thorough gentleman in every respect. I was wondering if I will ever get the chance to assist Sir at anytime in the remaining tenure of my service. I am not so sure that I am fortunate enough !! Anyways the journey will continue and I am sure that this beautiful community of people will work hard for the progress of the institution and keep healthy relations with each other, as taught by Sir.

On a different note, I would also like to thank Sir for a positive development which has happened during his tenure. Prior to Sir's joining School in 2015, there was no process for the appraisal of the Admin Staff. It was Madhav Sir who made it a regular practice and now all admin staff members are being appraised and rewarded, as per their performance on regular basis. I am sure this step has motivated the admin staff to work harder. All of us shall ever remain grateful to you for starting this practice Sir.

I would also like to thank Kanan Ma'am and in fact apologise to her – because I was the one who bothered Madhav Sir the most, at odd hours, on holidays, and even during Kaushiki's illness.

Being an emotional person, my emotions were same on the farewell of Mr N K Tewari and Mr Samik Ghosh, our respected and dear past Principals with whom I worked as closely as I worked with Madhav Sir. I consider myself lucky to have received similar love and affection from these three exceptional educationists. So, before I get more emotional this time, I will say good-bye and urge Madhav Sir to continue to shower his blessings on all of us and also allow us to take the liberty of calling him up in case of any guidance required.

Truly, you are one-of-a-kind. Even though it is tough to say goodbye, I know you need to move on. I wish you the very best, and good luck.

Thank you so much for the bottom of my heart, Sir.

**Mr Pawan Verma**



The School Brass Band playing 'Auld Lang Syne'



Mr Pawan Verma's expression of gratitude



A sumptuous dinner with the accompaniment of contemporary and classical singing by two gifted singers who rendered some soulful memories, delighted all.

True to his nature, Dr Saraswat mingled with the faculties and the support staff present, having brief, humorous conversations with all and getting photographed with all who requested him to do so.

#### Showering rose petals upon his car

The early morning of the 31st of March saw the students lined up starting from the Principal's residence to the main gate of the school along with housemasters and faculties, with rose petals in their hands to shower upon the Principal's car. This was a very sentimental moment, notable for the fact that



His car leaving the venerated gates of the School

he stopped his car at short intervals to personally say goodbye to students, faculties and support staff who stood on either side of the road. Another epoch thus ended for the Scindia School, which stands stolidly on its feet, waiting to write the next chapter of its celebrated history.

#### Thank you for Leading with Purpose!

### Messages in the honour of Dr Saraswat by the Members of the Board of Governors:

Dear Madhav,

In the seven years of your association with the Scindia School, we have seen the School and its fraternity immensely benefitting from your association. You led with purpose and handled many challenging situations with calm and with a sense of duty. The school achieved new heights, most important being the quality of education imparted to young minds. In all the achievements during the years of your association, your contributions were significant and merit appreciation.

I take this opportunity of wishing you and Mrs Saraswat the very best for the future and pray for success in your new endeavors. Having earned the status of being a senior ambassador of the school we look forward to your continued association.

With warm regards,  
**Mr Harpal Singh**

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#### The Class of 1974 is greatly indebted to him

I was introduced in 2015 to Dr Saraswat by Mr Samik Ghosh, the out going Principal during the handing and taking over which was in process for a smooth transition.

On each occasion that I met Dr Saraswat thereafter, my respect grew to reverence. I observed him to be intrinsically mild and gentle but behind those characteristics he was firm in his resolve and had more than requisite experience to take the School forward towards a pinnacle never earlier realised. He was determined, armed with a vision and had pegged his goals to see that the School reach new and daring heights in a well defined and structured manner.

His vision and goal right from the start was to make The Scindia School the premier boarding school in the country.

My interactions with Dr Saraswat were many, on various issues concerning the school, the academics, scholarships, pastoral care, betterment of the student life experience on the Fort, along with nurturing the faculty, the historical environment, as well as maintaining the tradition and values that have been carried on through the generations of students that have completed their schooling at The Scindia School.

He completely took on and mentored the Scindia Old Boy in 'Residence Program', by making it interesting for alumni to come on the Fort, relive their life at school as well as inspire the present students in mentoring and guiding them with their own real life experiences.

My Class of 1974 is greatly indebted to him as he honoured our Class by inviting two of my classmates Mr Gagan Khosla and Mr Devendra Bhatnagar to hoist the National Tricolour on the Republic Day as well the Independence Day respectively.

Our classmate Gagan Khosla's epic ride from Leh to Kanyakumari was celebrated by the school. Dr. Saraswat took the lead in ushering in the spirit of adventure and camaraderie by commemorating him and our Class of 1974 on the Fort.

The legacy of Scindia School stretches back 125 years. Without doubt it requires at its helm always, a Principal, whom the past, the present and the future expect to be a super human being. In short this was expected and Dr Saraswat filled that position with grace, elan and excellence. A seventh-generation educationist he held himself to his own belief- service through leadership.

We will remain indebted to Dr Saraswat for shaping and steering the School in the past 7 years to its number one position and a legacy that will be a bedrock for greater heights.

As Dr Saraswat takes up his new assignment, we are all happy for him but feel a sense of emptiness, because in him, we found an amazing person, a visionary, a dedicated academic, a fond and caring parent, a gentle soul with a passion to inspire young students to make this world a better place, with hard work, dedication, thereby nurturing the true spirit of being a Scindian.

His presence on the Fort will be greatly missed.

**Mr Vikram Mathur (Ex-Ja, 1974)**



At the farewell hosted by the Teachers' Association

Dear Sir

My thoughts and sentiments are reflected in the Citation presented to you on behalf of the Class of 1974 on the 12th of March 2022 at Gwalior

Our best wishes to you and Ma'am, on your new assignment and we pray for your success in your new role

Sir, you have brought The Scindia School to new heights , and we will always cherish your contribution.

**Mr Vikram Mathur (Ex-Ja, 1974)**

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Dear Madhav,

In the seven years that you have been with Scindia, you have been a pillar of strength, exemplary leadership and compassion. You have exhibited beyond doubt that you are willing to do anything it takes to take the school to the next level, from strength to strength.

I wish you the very best for this next exciting phase of your life.

Warm regards,

**Mr Arun Kapur**

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My Dear Doctor Sahib,

Thank you so much for your mail.

Our association has been relatively short in the context of your long innings at Scindia, and I am further "handicapped "by the fact that all our interactions till now have been virtual.

But your unique and extraordinary combination of character, values, purpose and competence shone brightly through the ether, and the computer screen on which it materialised in front of my eyes.

The school has been fortunate to have had a leader like you, and I feel not only privileged but also lucky to have got the opportunity to interact with you in the past few months that I have been on the board.

I wish you all the best as you step into the next Chapter of Life, and look forward to remaining connected with you in your new avatar.

Warmest regards and best wishes,

**Mr Rajeev Dubey**

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Dear Sir,

A great Principal builds character, inspires dreams, encourages creativity , builds confidence and instils a love for learning . You have encompassed all the



This is not goodbye but see you soon, Dr Saraswat

above in your commitment to prepare the young Scindian leaders of tomorrow. You will be fondly remembered as a good friend and missed dearly. I wish you all the best for your future , which is sure to be dedicated in mentoring the future generation .

With best wishes ,

**Mr Ravi Saund (Ex-Ja, 1988)**

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Dear Dr Saraswat,

Thank you for your note and the sentiments expressed. You have endeared yourself to the staff, students and alumni by the professionalism, integrity and commitment that you brought to your role. These qualities contributed to taking the school forward to newer heights. I am sure you leave with great satisfaction for all the accomplishments that the school has achieved during your tenure. Your presence will indeed be sorely missed.

Wishing you all the best in all your future endeavours.

With best regards,

**Mr Dipak Haksar (Ex-Md, 1976)**

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## Old Boys' Messages and Articles

See you soon, Mr Chips!

I recall this old movie, 'Goodbye Mr Chips', starring Peter O'Toole very vividly. The story line of the film is about a simple, honest, no nonsense teacher, who is elevated to the post of Principal of the school. His tenure is extended by the Great War, but soon it is time to move on. The children, who have grown to be very fond of him, are distraught. They cannot imagine life without Mr Chips. The film ends on a very poignant note when Mr Chips bids all children a fond farewell. It is a farewell, because deep within, Mr Chips realizes that he will never see his beloved children again. And that is why the title, 'Goodbye Mr Chips'.

I first met Dr Saraswat in 2018, or 2019. I can't remember the exact year. But the events leading up to that first meeting were very interesting.

I am an alumna of the Scindia School, and one day in Mumbai (my home), I received a call from RSP, who was the Vice President of the Board of Governors of the school. Himself an alumnus of The Scindia School, RSP was an eminent person, having being conferred with the Padma Bhushan. RSP's ask was simple. 'Atul, someone referred you to me, and I would like you to help the school in its marketing and communications initiatives'.

Not having been back to school for many years, barring a couple of re-unions, I said yes to RSP. And one of the first things that he suggested was a visit to the school to meet Dr Saraswat, and his team.



Spending precious quality time with family



That day, as I stepped back onto the fort, where the school is located, it really felt that I was coming home again. Many old boys had told me that Dr Saraswat had joined the school after stints in a few other institutions, including the well-known school in Dehra Dun. He had come to Scindia at a challenging time. However, the disciplinarian that he was, he had turned the school around in every which way possible.

A meeting was set up with Dr Saraswat, and I was honestly a bit apprehensive, having heard about his reputation as a hard taskmaster. The man who greeted me with a broad smile and introduced himself seemed like anything but what his reputation was made out to be.

Two cups of masala chai (which only his office assistant Dheeraj could make), and we began speaking like old friends. Dr Saraswat made me feel totally at ease.

That first meeting, I was largely silent, preferring to let him do all the talking. He spoke of the children, how he cared for their well-being. He spoke of the school, and how fortunate he was in getting the assignment as the Principal. He also spoke of his background – he came from a family of teachers who had been practicing this noble profession for 7 generations. He spoke about the Geeta, the Upanishads, the role of karma.... though an atheist myself, I could understand where he was coming from, without quite understanding the verses he was reciting.

He then spoke of his vision for the school, and it was a sweeping one. A vision that excited me. Towards the end of the conversation, he explained what was required for the school from a marketing and communications perspective.

We shook hands and he said, 'Atul ji (that's what he always called me), the next time you visit, you must get me some of the famous Nasik chivda.'

Having agreed to be associated with the school, it was not long thereafter that I found myself back – with his chivda. He was delighted and invited me over to his place for high tea.

Later, I discovered that he was an extremely private person, and getting an invitation from him was something which clearly indicated that he had liked the ideas I had suggested. Possibly, I thought, he also liked me!

Over the next few months, we built a team of teachers who were also good communicators. Many of that team have moved on as I write this, and a new team is being trained.

The most significant achievement of his tenure was the way he had transformed the school. From being an also ran, he and his colleagues took the school to the very pinnacle – and made it the best boys' residential school in the country – not once but for 3 consecutive years. And much of what he and the team achieved was during Covid times.

One day he 'suggested', as was his style, that I might want to consider the role of Director – Alumni Relations for the school. That would entail me staying on the fort for 15 days a month, with the other 15 being spent in Mumbai with my family. I accepted.

Over the few years that I have known him, I am astounded by his simplicity, his ability to look at things beyond the obvious, and his graciousness, very often in the face of adversity. His quiet composure is another aspect of his personality many would do well to emulate.

Two instances stand out which were perhaps catalysts in strengthening the bond between us. The first incident was when I was having lunch in Mumbai and I got a call from the Vice Principal, informing me that there was an exigency in Dr Saraswat's family and could I go and meet a person close to him, who had been admitted to the Saifee Hospital in Mumbai. In a couple of hours, I reached the hospital and found that the patient was in the ICU.

Dr Saraswat and his lovely wife came to Mumbai early the next morning. I picked them up from the airport and took them to the hospital. For the next 15

days thereafter, I used to visit the hospital almost on a daily basis. And both of would sit and drink chai and exchange thoughts on many subjects. Even then, the well-being of the boys back in school, the faculty and the staff were always on top of his mind. I like to believe that we came much closer in those two weeks that he was in Mumbai.

The second instance which will always endear him to me was his humanity and humaneness. We have a lot of stray dogs on the fort. I remember that close to where I live on the Fort, there was a dog with a litter of 7 pups. Unfortunately, the mother died of snakebite, leaving behind 7 pups who were not even 2 weeks old. Dr Saraswat used to ensure that every morning and evening, food for the pups was sent from his home to feed the little ones. Being a dog lover myself... this gesture brought tears to my eyes. Two of the pups have survived and are growing well....in fact, there are two other dogs that Dr Saraswat adopted and has taken to his new abode.

The new abode is the Hyderabad Public School, where he has taken over as Principal only a few days back.

Rewinding to a few months ago, when I had just accepted the role of the Director – Alumni Relations, a few of us were on a Zoom call. At the conclusion of the call, Dr Saraswat asked me to stay on the call. And then he burst his bombshell. 'Atul ji, I have put in my papers and will be leaving the school by the end of March 2022.'

Frankly, I did not know how to react. The question 'why' was uppermost in my mind, but I realized that he will share the reasons for his decision with me over the next few times we met.

He did. But that in no way helped fill the void in my heart which used to keep me awake at night.

Life continued normally thereafter – with one difference. Whenever I was on the fort, Dr Saraswat used to spend at least an hour with me, every day, explaining the way things should be done in the marketing and communications space after his departure. My learning from that time spent with him will continue to inspire me forever. On the 30th March 2022, the school organized a farewell for him. A dinner. I stayed there for a bit, and then quietly slipped away, because I am terrible at saying goodbyes! Particularly when it is to someone like Dr Saraswat.

The entire school had lined up on the morning of the 31st March to give him a guard of honor. I stayed away again for the same reason. I really cannot put into words what he has come to mean to me.

A simple person, a good human being, a great administrator, extremely warm hearted, and always ready to help. I was fortunate not to see the 'disciplinarian' in him, barring just once in these past years. A song comes to mind here from the group, The 'Alan Parson's Project', the song is called 'Time'.

A part of the lyrics go as follows:

'Goodbye my friend, maybe for forever. Who knows when we shall meet again, if ever.

Time, flowing like a river, to the sea. Time, it doesn't wait for you and me...'  
I will not end this article by saying 'Goodbye Mr Chips'.

But 'See you again, Dr Saraswat'.  
**Mr Atul Takle (Ex-Rn, 1973)**

### **An Era is Over**

The fort seems so empty all at once. An era is over. Seven years of dedicated service, with an ever-smiling countenance, has come to an end. It will take some time for all of us to come to terms with his absence, as we had got so used to his being around, taking the School to new heights, solving problems, and if nothing else, just lending a patient ear.

Today is a quiet day, with all of us gathering our thoughts on how to cope without his guidance and serene presence that we all had got so used to. I consider myself blessed to have received his love and blessings, which he freely



distributed to all those he came in contact with, while having a rare attribute of making each one feel that much more special.

It's a feeling of emptiness that envelopes me at the SMOAT this evening, as I see the setting sun, and realise that while it goes down on our horizon, it is surely rising at another, where it is presently needed more, perhaps. The birds join me in singing a farewell song to this lovely person, and the Palash shines in all its brilliance, saying adieu to our respected Principal, whose office was just a few meters behind where I stand now.

All good things must come to an end, and so has Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat's stint at our alma mater. He shall now be starting a new innings shortly. He may be leaving Scindia, but Scindia shall never leave him, nor shall any Scindian ever forget his enormous contribution to the growth of our School.

I wish Principal Sir, respected Ma'am, and dear Kaushiki all the best for the times ahead, and look forward to their continued love, guidance and blessings.

Sincere regards.

**Mr Sandeep Agrawal (Ex-Sh, 1980)**

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**'You have had an excellent term!'**

Dear Dr Madhav Deo ji,

I can only say the love and affection I got from you was from no other till date. You have made a special place in our hearts. I and Kanpur SOBA will remember you always.

I wish you all success where ever you are.

Best Wishes,

**Mr Vimal Jhajharia (Ex-Sh, 1968)**

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Dear Saraswat ji

Thanks for your email

You have had an excellent term

You took the school to yet another level

I hope your retirement does not mean that I will lose contact with you  
Please stay in touch

I fondly remember the time we spent together when I visited the school three years ago

My regards to your daughter and wife

I have turned 90 years old this month, with all the pains and aches, weaker legs and limbs, but thank God mind is still working

Stay in touch and stay well and safe

Pray for me

Warmly

**Mr Amir Bhatia (Ex-Ja, 1948)**

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Respected Principal Saheb Dr Saraswat,

I am privileged to address you this way on your last working day.

As an alumni of our great school I have seen all the principals from shri k.c.shukla till now with a good connect with all of them. I can say with conviction that you were second to none.

With a heavy heart I wish you the best of health and happiness in life ahead. You are a jolly good fellow and may you spread sunshine around you.

Wishing you well,

Warmly,

**Mr Surendra Malhotra (Ex-Md, 1957)**

Respected Sir,

On behalf of Gwalior SOBA, I extend my gratitude towards you for your invaluable contribution to the Scindia School under your leadership. We are thankful to you for instilling students with good values. We were truly blessed to have a Principal like you and we all are going to miss you.

With a heavy heart, we bid you goodbye. We wish you the best with all your future endeavours. You will always stay in our hearts as we continue to honour your legacy.

With warm regards,

**Mr Rajeev Wadhwa (Ex-Ja, 1984)**

President

Gwalior SOBA, Gwalior

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Congratulations for the successful great inning played by you. There were lot of personal mutual beneficial interaction were there during this time. It is indeed a grave personal loss to me. Anyway we will remain in touch and do remember me at anytime ivl can be of any help. All the best for the future endeavours.

Regards

**Dr Sunil Agrawal (Ex-Je, 1986)**

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Dear Sir,

Even though I couldn't interact personally with you since I couldn't visit school, I would still like to say on the basis of what I have observed/heard that the School made tremendous progress under your able leadership.

It was nice to see the school make great progress and also increase its brand value all across. Scindia is a part of our lives and we Scindians would always want the school to do well and continue being counted as an institution of excellence.

You have made it possible and our gratitude to you for the same.

Wishing you the very best for your future endeavors!

Regards

**Mr Aditya Sahu (Ex-Sh, 2001)**

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Respected Sir,

Thank you for all the efforts you have made to bring The Scindia School to where it stands today. Wish you all the best for your future endeavours & you shall be missed.

Regards,

**Mr Gurtek Sodhi (Ex-Rn, 1997)**

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Dear Dr Saraswat

All the best to you Sir!

Do let us know if you even plan a trip to Australia.

Thanking you

**Mr Mohit Garg (Ex-Md, 1998)**

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Respected Sir,

Greetings from SOBA Nagpur!!

Sir I on behalf of SOBA Nagpur and on my own behalf from the bottom of our heart express our gratitude in taking our Alma Mater to new heights. You steered the ship in most challenging times of Pandemic with passion and determination. We are surely going to miss your presence on Gwalior Fort and shall remain connected.

**Mr Ashish Bansal, (Ex-Jp,1987)**

## Some Cherished Thoughts for Dr Saraswat

Yashodhan Jagnani, XI-C: 'I feel as if Sir's leaving has left a huge void at the fort.'

Mayank Choudhary, XI-A: 'It feels amazing to have something so special to which bidding farewell is so hard.'

Rhythm Arora, XI-C: 'The memories that we have created with Sir are invaluable and shall be cherished for life.'

Keshav Kapoor, XI-C: 'Sir's leaving feels like the end of an Era.'

Bharat Jain XI-C: 'It was an amazing journey with Sir; hope to see him soon.'

Suryansh Gupta, XI-A: 'The time has passed away so quickly, but the memories created will be cherished for an eternity.'

Ms Kirti Srivastava (faculty): 'Sir's departure is difficult; yet I feel good for him since he has given his good seven years to school which is a long time especially in a boarding school, I think he deserves every moment to rejuvenate.'

Ms Sneha Bhagat (faculty): 'I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Sir; he has an aura about him that makes you feel motivated and pushes you to excel.'

Mr Akash Sharma (faculty) Though he is not from Science background, yet his observation skills are a great part of his personality. He always took ownership of the institution. While he is a sensitive person, conversely, he is also a great disciplinarian.

Mr Srijith Pillai (faculty) I learnt analytical skills from him and also about looking at different situations from different perspectives. He has always been an efficient taskmaster.

खोज में हूँ  
बेचैन व्याकुल होकर  
पिछले कई दिनों से  
ऐसे शब्दों की  
जिनमें हो अर्थ  
अर्थ में हो सत्य  
सत्य में हो मिठास।

खोज  
अभी भी अधूरी है  
कुछ शब्द मिले  
अर्थ सहित  
मगर सत्य नहीं  
सत्य मिला तो  
उनमें मिठास नहीं।

ऐसी भी सोच है  
कि मिलें ऐसे शब्द  
हो न पक्षपात  
सधे हों  
सच और असच की धुरी पर  
मगर असर न हो

## आज भी हैं

किसी भी सर का  
सिर्फ अभिव्यक्त हों  
अपने मूल अर्थ में।

अच्छा!  
क्यों खोजने हैं?  
क्या ऐसा खास है?  
कहाँ कहना है?  
जो जरूरी है, शब्दों की  
सत्यता! शिवता! सुंदरता!

अब कैसे कहूँ!  
आज भी हैं ऐसे लोग  
जिन्हें सराहना नहीं  
अपनत्व चाहिए  
अम्लान सत्य और  
शिव-स्वरूप आचरण चाहिए  
अपने लिए नहीं  
सभी के लिए सुंदरता चाहिए!  
**गणपत मस्वरूपफपाठक,  
हिन्दी अध्यापक**



The School listens to his speech in reverend silence



Au Revoir, Sir

# FORT NEWS

## The way we are!

This majestic citadel, the seat of traditional and modernistic learning, glowed like a gem, unfazed by the temperatures rising from 38 degrees to 44 degrees. The lush foliage around the Fort proved to be a great reprieve for all despite the harsh summers. According to a research study, "the Gwalior Fort has a moderate diversity of trees comprising of 2165 trees belonging to 51 species, 46 genera and 24 families". Each of these gleamed and swayed as dry breeze blew at them in fits and starts during the past fortnight, waxing eloquent of the efforts of those generations which had lovingly planted them as a befitting legacy to posterity. The curricular and cocurricular activities continued undeterred despite the heat radiating all around. This is the way we are!

## Results of the Energizing Cross Country Race held on the 13th of March, 2022

### Cross Country House Position (Junior)

Position	House
I	Kanerkhed
II	Jankoji
III	Nimaji
IV	Dattaji

### Cross Country Individual Position (Junior)

Position	Name of Student	House
I	Shahi Raj	Nimaji
II	Beniwattaba Waikhom	Kanerkhed
III	Atharv Tiwari	Jankoji

### Cross Country Senior House Positions (B Group)

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

### Individual Position (B Group)

Position	Name of Student	House
I	Shaurya Gupta	Jeevaji
II	Yatish Shrivastava	Jayappa
III	Saksham Agarwal	Jayappa

### Cross Country Senior House Positions (A Group)

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

### Individual Position (A Group)

Position	Name of Student	House
I	Shivraj Pratap Singh	Jayappa
II	Rohit Gound	Jayaji
III	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji

### Senior House Overall Position

Position	House
I	Jayappa
II	Daulat
III	Jeevaji

IV	Jayaji
V	Mahadji
VI	Madhav
VII	Shivaji
VIII	Ranoji

Smt Prakash Kaur Bakshi Over-All-Cross-Country Trophy for the year 2021-22 goes to Jayappa House! The School congratulates the house!!

## Championships are won at practice:

### The 81st Inter -House Annual Athletic Meet 2021-22

The 81st Inter-House Annual Athletic Meet held from the 14th to the 18th of March 2022, tested the endurance and mental strength of all those who participated. It proved the adage that the important thing in life is not to win but to participate. As one saw the boys giving their best at each race and activity, one was recalled of the five educational themes of Olympism: joy of effort in sport and physical activity; fair play; respect for others; pursuit of excellence and balance among body, will and mind. These themes were reflected indeed in the efforts of the boys whose youth was belied by their maturity in the fields. The Results are given below: -

#### 100 Meter Junior Group results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Beniwattaba waikhom	Kanerkhed.
II	Prakshal Agarwal	Kanerkhed.
III	Aryaneel Majumdar	Dattaji.

#### 200 Meter Junior Group results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shahi Raj	Nimaji
II	Divyansh Parecha	Kanerkhed
III	Shaurya Pankaj Veer	Kanerkhed

#### 400 Meter Junior Group results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shahi Raj	Nimaji
II	Aryaneel Majumdar	Kanerkhed
III	Beniwattaba waikhom	Kanerkhed

#### 4x100 Meter Relay Junior Group.

Position	House
I	Kanerkhed
II	Nimaji
III	Jankoji

#### Long Jump Junior Group

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Prakshal Agarwal	Kanerkhed
II	Abdul Haji	Nimaji
III	Shaurya Veer	Kanherkhed

#### High Jump Junior Group Result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Beniwattaba Waikhom	Kanerkhed
II	Shahi Raj	Kanerkhed
III	Shaurya Pankaj Veer	Jankoji

#### Shot Put Junior Group Result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Beniwattaba Waikhom	Kanerkhed
II	Sarthak Dalal	Jankoji
III	Khush Todi	Jankoji

#### House Points

Position	House	Points
I	Kanherkhed	63
II	Nimaji	43
III	Dattaji	34
IV	Jankoji	22

- The Trophy for the 81st Inter House Athletic meet 2021-22 junior house winner is Kanerkhed House!
- The 81st Inter House Athletic Meet 2021-22 junior group individual winner is Beni wattaba Waikhom of Kanerkhed House!

Heartiest congratulations!

#### 1500 Meter 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shaurya Gupta	Jeevaji
II	Jahan Nagpal	Daulat
III	Saksham Agarwal	Jayappa

#### High Jump 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Jahan Nagpal	Daulat
II	Ashmit Sharma	Jeevaji
III	Tanish Agarwal	Daulat

#### Shot Put 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Akash Pratap Singh	Jayappa
II	Rajveer Tondon	Shivaji
III	Arush Agrawal	Ranoji

#### 800 Meter 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shaurya Gupta	Jeevaji
II	Saksham Agarwal	Jayappa
III	Aditya Singh	Jayappa

#### 400 Meter 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Vansh Mehra	Ranoji
II	Yatish Shrivastava	Jayappa
III	Rohan Arora	Mahadji

#### 200 Meter 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Vaansh Mehra	Ranoji
II	Jahan Nagpal	Daulat
III	Garv Harkut	Ranoji

#### 4x400 Meter Relay 'B' Group Senior (Housewise Position)

Position	House
I	Daulat
II	Jayappa
III	Ranoji

#### 100 Meter 'B' Group Senior result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Vaansh Mehra	Ranoji
II	Yatish Shrivastava	Jayappa
III	Jahan Nagpal	Daulat

#### Long Jump Senior Group 'B' results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Amogh Bhargava	Daulat
II	Aditya Singh	Jayappa
III	Aditya Raj Pandey	Jayaji

#### 4x100 Meter Relay 'B' Group results.

Position	House
I	Ranoji
II	Daulat
III	Jayappa

#### 1200 Meter Non-Comp 'B' Group results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Kavya Kushagra	Jayappa
II	Aditya Bikram K.	Daulat
III	Simarjyot Singh	Jayappa

#### Triple Jump 'B' Group Senior results.

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Amogh Bhargava	Daulat
II	Jahan Nagpal	Daulat
III	Aditya Raj Pandey	Jayappa

#### Total House Points Table

House	Points	Position
Daulat	71	I
Jayappa	64	II
Ranoji	57	III
Mahadji	35	IV
Jeevaji	23	V
Jayaji	16	VI
Shivaji	11	VII
Madhav	0	VIII

- The Trophy for the 81st inter house athletic meet 2021-22 'B' group went to Daulat house!
- The 81st Inter house Athletic meet 2021-22 'B' group individual winner was Jahaan Nagpal of Daulat house!

Heartiest Congratulations!!

#### 3000 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shivraj Pratap Singh	Jayappa
II	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji
III	Krrish Lokwani	Daulat

#### High Jump Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji
II	Krrish Lokwani	Daulat
III	Aditya Singh	Madhav

#### 800 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shivraj Pratap Singh	Jayappa
II	Brijraj Pratap Singh	Mahadji
III	Dhruv Jhriwal	Jayappa

#### 4x400 Meter Relay Senior Group 'A'

Position	House
I	Jayaji
II	Ranoji
III	Daulat

#### 200 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Rohit Gond	Jayaji
II	Prashant Singh	Ranoji
III	Anoop Adiwasi	Daulat

#### 400 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Rohit Gond	Jayaji
II	Brijraj Pratap Singh	Mahadji
III	Prashant Singh	Ranoji

#### Shot put Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Gursewak Singh	Jeevaji
II	Pranay Suwalka	Jeevaji
III	Arnav Gupta	Jayappa

#### 1500 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Shivraj Pratap Singh	Jayappa
II	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji
III	Brijraj Pratap Singh	Mahadji

#### 100 Meter Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Rohit Gond	Jayaji
II	Ravi Adiwasi	Jayappa
III	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji

#### Triple Jump Senior Group 'A' result

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Dhruv Jhriwal	Jayappa

II	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji
III	Rohit Gond	Jayaji

**4x100 Meter Relay Senior Group 'A' result**

Position House

I	Jayappa
II	Jayaji
III	Ranoji

**Triple jump Senior Group 'A' result**

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Dhruv Jhriwal	Jayappa
II	Mayank Chaudhary	Shivaji
III	Rohit Gond	Jayaji

**1200 Meter Non-Comp Senior Group 'A' result**

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Pratik Garg	Jayappa
II	Prashant Agarwal	Shivaji
III	Joish Jain	Daulat

**Long Jump Senior Group 'A' result**

Position	Name of the student	House
I	Kartar Singh	Jayappa
II	Rohit Gond	Jayaji
III	Dhruv Jhriwal	Jayappa

**Total House Points Table**

House	Points	Position
Jayappa	85	I
Daulat	47	II
Jayaji	45	III
Ranoji	38	IV
Shivaji	37	V
Mahadji	18	VI
Jeevaji & Madhav	12	VII

The 7th Position is shared between Madhav and Jeevaji houses with 12 points each.

- The Trophy for the 81st Inter house Athletic Meet 2021-22 'A' group went to Jayappa House with 85 points!
- The 81st Inter house Athletic Meet 2021-22 A group individual winner was Rohit Gound of Jayaji house!

The School congratulates them heartily!

**Artistic Endeavours: Manika Ghosh Memorial**

**Inter-House Art Competition 2021-2022 for Junior Group**

The Manika Ghosh Memorial Art Inter-House Competition for Junior Group was held on the 20th of March 2022. Apart from Painting and Clay Modelling, Metal Work and Paper Mache were also included. The results are as follows:



An engrossing Art Competition

**Painting**

Position	Name of Student	Class	House
I	Aarav Rungta	VIII	Dattaji
	Aanya Pillai	VII	Dattaji
II	Anjum Nishad	VII	Jankoji
	Khush Todi	VII	Jankoji

	Lakshya Mittal	VIII	Kanerkhed
	Ayaan Agrawal	VIII	Kanerkhed
III	Stefan Konjengbam	VII	Nimaji
	Yugank Sulaniya	VIII	Nimaji

**Clay Modelling**

Position	Name of Student	Class	House
I	Kush Surana	VIII	Nimaji
	Vivek Sharma	VII	Nimaji
II	Aarni Sharma	VIII	Kanerkhed
	Ranveer Chauhan	VII	Kanerkhed
III	Abhiraj Kumar	VI	Jankoji
	Swarit Varshney	VIII	Jankoji
IV	Devam Garg	VII	Dattaji
	Arnav Mittal	VII	Dattaji

**Metal Work**

Position	Name of Student	Class	House
I	Om Mungalpara	VIII	Jankoji
	Navansh Mankar	VIII	Jankoji
II	Kavin Chhatwal	VIII	Nimaji
	Nityam Jain	VIII	Nimaji
III	Bhavya Jain	VIII	Dattaji
	Sagnik Chanda	VIII	Dattaji
IV	Rudransh Agrawal	VIII	Kanerkhed
	Abhiraj Singh Parmar	VIII	Kanerkhed

**Paper Mache**

Position	Name of Student	Class	House
I	Nimit Agarwal	VIII	Jankoji
	Ayaan Chintan Shah	VIII	Jankoji
II	Priyansh Agarwal	VII	Nimaji
	Shreyansh Jain	VIII	Nimaji
III	Kushagra Soni	VIII	Kanerkhed
	Shaurya Krishna	VIII	Kanerkhed
IV	Ansh Gupta	VIII	Dattaji
	Adwait Jaiswal	VIII	Dattaji

**Overall House Position**

Position	Name of House	Points
I	Jankoji House	206.5
II	Nimaji House	197.5
III	Kanerkhed House	196.5
IV	Dattaji House	192.5

**Cricket never fails to impress!**

**The Middle Group Inter House Cricket Tournament**

The Middle Group Inter House Cricket Tournament was concluded on the 5th of April 2022. The tournament elicited an exuberant participation by the boys.

**Upholding the Essence of Democratic Discourses: The Middle Group Inter House English Debate**

The Middle Group Inter House English Debate held on the 5th of April 2022, was based on the British Parliamentary format with the contemporary motion: 'India as a secular country should permit religious dress code in educational institutions'. Both the teams made very strong arguments and were forceful and assertive without being aggressive. It was encouraging to see the young debaters speaking with maturity and flair.

**Bringing out the English Acumen**

The Junior Group Inter House English Language Quiz and the Middle Group Inter House Elocution were held as separate events on the 12th of April 2022. Both the competitions were unique in their essence and delivery. While the quiz tested the linguistic skills of students, the elocution gave them a unique opportunity to express themselves through fantastic and well-chosen literary pieces.

**Moulding Future Leaders: The Leadership Camp**

A Leadership Camp was held for Class XI from the 3rd to the 9th of April 2022, organized by Mr Sarabjit Wallia and conducted by Ms Divya Verma. The purpose was to mould the boys into transforming themselves into future leaders. They were divided into teams and were given real life situations, where they needed to find out about the best ways to handle a crisis. They



The leadership camp

were given an opportunity to introspect and reflect about their weaknesses and strengths. In a fun-filled manner, they also learnt the skills of handling difficult conversations, adjusting with others and working with new teams. They emerged better prepared to be motivators and leaders of their school and the society at large.

#### **Bidding Ciao and Good Luck to Class XII, the outgoing batch of 2021-22 – House Farewells**

The house farewells held on the 1st of April 2022, were nostalgic, heart-warming and reminiscent of the many beautiful moments spent together in this magnificent bastion of erudition. Each house had its own celebration which was distinctive in its spirit. Humorous plays, dancing, singing and speeches were the order of the evening. The faculties visited the houses at the invitation of students and shared fun-filled moments with them. It was a specially touching time for the outgoing batch of Class XII because they were bidding goodbye to the citadel of their learning, their home for many years. After the house parties, the students enjoyed a DJ night and relished a delicious dinner.

#### **The School Brass Band Appreciated**

Morning assemblies are always much looked forward to and are distinctive for the announcement of the results of events, tournaments and accolades by the Principal. On the morning of the 11th of April 2022, the Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi on behalf of the School Brass Band, thanked its Band Major, Gatik Bhonwal, Pranay Agarwal and Band Leaders Siddharth Chandel and Keshav Dudhani.



Band Major, Mayank Choudhary being awarded

#### **The appointments for the year 2021-22 are:**

*Band Major – Tushar Saini and Mayank Choudhary*

*Band Leader – Keshav Kapoor*

*The Trophy for Band Major 2021-22 goes to Tushar Saini!*

*The Varun Nepram Memorial Trophy goes to Band Major Mayank Choudhary*

*Band Leader Trophy goes to Keshav Kapoor*

*Best Saxophone Varun Nepram Memorial Trophy goes to Nimit Jain*

*The School wishes them luck for their upcoming duties!*

#### **A New Partnership!**

We wish to share very proudly that that Scindia School and Manipal University, Jaipur have entered into a partnership, opening yet another door of quality higher education! This includes opportunities of career development through small projects, educational workshops and internships.

#### **Achievements Galore! Junior and Senior House Reports**

The Junior House reports presented on the 11th of April 2022 were anchored by Ayaan Chintan Shah and Ayaan Agarwal of Class VIII. They evoked smiles and applause as the house representatives announced the achievements of the four junior houses: Dattaji, Jankoji, Kanerkhed and Nimaji. The accomplishments were many and were remarkable for the fact that such young students had attained greatly in the field of academics and co-curricular activities. They were glad to be presented with trophies for their achievements by their dotting house masters.

The beauty of the evening was heightened by the enchanting performances of the boys who presented a play, a song, a bhajan, a dance routine and a video on the junior house.

Their presentations were rightly applauded by the Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi and the Dean, Mr Dharendra Sharma. The respected Principal said that it was great to see their transformative journey and it was a priceless honour to receive a trophy from the house masters because they had seen them at their best and their worst. The house representatives were praised for being great speakers who would give the senior boys a tough competition.



The Junior School evening enchanted all

Mr Dharendra Sharma said that the boys had done a wonderful job and it was a delight to have such an event after a long time.

The Senior House reports anchored by Arjun S. Bhatt, Class XII were held on the 13th of April 2022 with the house representatives of all the eight houses: Jeevaji, Madhav, Daulat, Mahadji, Jayaji, Ranoji, Shivaji and Jayappa, giving the most eloquent description of the achievements of each house. The boys had attained progress not just in academics but also in sports and co-curricular activities. The house representatives quoted from great authors, sportspersons, leaders and old boys. They expressed gratitude towards their house masters, resident tutors, attached tutors, matrons, health centre team, maintenance team and support staff.



Senior boys, all smiles

## A Positive Step towards Preserving Our Ecology: The Rewilding Seminar

Ayaan Chintan Shah | VIII B

On the 26th of March 2022, the students of the junior section were invited to a seminar, where Mr Pradip Krishen who works extensively on the Ecology Park, would speak about his experiences rewilding the Rao Jodha Rock Park, Jodhpur.

His voice carried a certain knowledge putting us into an inquisitive silence. He introduced himself humbly and presented his work on the park. He shared his experiences of his decade long work on the project. All the students were full of questions for him.

I can only hope to briefly summarize the contents of his seminar, capturing the depth and tone of his speech which he did so effortlessly.



Mr Pradip Krishen addressing the students

He began with his reasons for choosing this project, a hill overrun with invasive and harmful trees growing out of hard volcanic rock which he needed to pull out one by one and replant with native flora. His explanation was simple, he liked the challenge.

He explained that miners could break through the rocks, employing the ingenious idea of using the dug-up pits as planting pits to slowly cultivate a wonderful variety of native flora that spread across the rocky terrain. He spoke about the food chain that was so deeply affected by this, the species of birds and termites skyrocketing, which healed the ragged ecosystem of the park. Through and through, the audience was enthralled by Mr Pradip Krishen's

resourcefulness and humility as they hung on to his every word.

A lesson that everyone learnt from this workshop was patience. The amount of time that he had invested into the Rao Jodha Park and the hardships that came with it, were the reasons for its current glory. Maybe that is a testament to the value of patience and hard work.



Rewilding seminar

Mr Anubhav Sarkar | Faculty

The development of the Rao Jodha Park desert landscape in Jodhpur was one of Mr Krishen's major landscape restoration assignments that was successfully completed in 2011, when it became open for the public to visit. In his presentation, he took us through a variety of plants and grasses that can be found in that habitat with the help of some fabulous photographs.

Many students took great interest in his talk and were asking exciting questions related to ecology and conservation at the end of the presentation. The students are very happy to learn that as they continue to grow intellectually, academically, emotionally and spiritually here at the Scindia School, they will also be able to connect on a deeper level with nature by being a part of this living laboratory that is currently under development. Regular engagement of students from different grades is also being undertaken by the school to promote better hands-on experience working closely in the ecological park project. We have also recently completed laying stones in pathway number one, located near the beautiful meadow area around Khamba taal.

## Probing your Intellect! The Inter House Ramanujan Quiz for Junior School

Anubhav Sachan | XI C

The Ramanujan quiz for the Junior Group 2021-22 was held on the 9th of April 2022. It was a tough competition among all the houses. The participants from Kanerkhed house were- Rudransh Agrawal from Class VIII, Sahaj Agrawal from Class VII and Rishit Sharma from Class VI. The Nimaji house nominated Shreyansh Jain from Class VIII, Adwait Khaemka from Class VII and Devraj Singh Chauhan from Class VI. The participants from Class VIII in Dattaji were Arnav Joshi, Anay Goel from Class VII and Sanidhya Singh from Class VI. The Jankoji house appointed Saksham Agrawal from Class VIII, Atharv Tiwari from Class VII and Arya Mittal from Class VI.

The first round started with basic questions of percentage. The second round was of Logical Reasoning in which there was passing of questions and both Dattaji and Nimaji were neck to neck with 20 points and Kanerkhed with 25 points leading the competition because of the passed question by Jankoji house. As the game went on, at the end of the 5th round the scores were- Kanerkhed was still in the lead with 45 points and Dattaji was chasing with 30 points and Nimaji, Jankoji were at a far distance with 20 points each. After the 6th round things got interesting because of the wonderful chase by Dattaji who covered up the gap between them and Kanerkhed, by their total points being 45 and Kanerkhed's being 55. Jankoji and Nimaji were still far away with 30 points each. Then came the last round of 'Rapid fire' which was going to be very interesting. The rules were that only one person from each team could answer and they would be asked 10 questions and they had to answer them in 60 seconds. Each question in this specific round consisted of 5 points. Ultimately, the Ramanujan quiz ended with Kanerkhed house securing the 1st position, Dattaji house, the 2nd position and Nimaji house at the 3rd position.

**Excellence in Broadcast!**

Scn. Kingshuk Bhattacharya (Ex-Da/Md, 1991) has been recently awarded for Excellence in Broadcast at the 5th edition of the Digital Studio Awards in Mumbai. He is presently the Head of Broadcast Operations and Network Engineering of Sony Pictures Networks India. Our congratulations !!



Kingshuk joined the School in 1982, while his parents were in Agartala, Tripura. While on the fort, he took a keen interest in painting and was a bagpiper in the school band that marched on Rajpath. He thereafter moved to Nashik, and then to Mumbai, completing his PG Diploma in Film & TV Production from Xavier Institute of Communications in 1997. While in Mumbai, he fondly recalls staying at his batchmate, Scn. Vijay Singh Tomar's apartment in Juhu, which has been a second home to many Scindians travelling to that city.

He worked with Reliance MediaWorks, where he looked after the sound stages, Broadcast Rentals & operations management, and then moved on to Sony Entertainment in 2010, to now head their Broadcast Operations. He is a pioneer in multi-camera production technology and was the technical head of the first season of Indian Idol 2004. He has travelled extensively to Netherlands, USA, UK, & Germany. He was awarded Innovator of the Year by Sony Entertainment Network in 2013.

He started as an editor in advertising, then handled post-production of content, LIVE and sports production. He now technically designs television and OTT networks.

He presently stays in Mumbai with his wife Pooja, daughter Aastha, and son Aadi (twins). He is the younger brother of Scn. Kaushik Bhattacharya (Ex-Da/Md, 1988).

He looks forward to giving his guidance to Scindians looking for a career in broadcasting, television, or related fields. We wish him all success in his chosen career.

**Obituary****May his soul rest in peace**

We would like to notify with a heavy heart about the sad demise of Jammu SOBA President Dr Nasib Singh (Ex-Sh, 1968) School Prefect, a very fine and thorough gentleman. May God bless his soul.

## “Life is not about accumulation. It is also about distribution.” The Social Service League

The Scindia School believes in upliftment of the society through community services and creating an eco-friendly as well as a healthy environment. Community service has always been an integral part of The Scindia School.

After the pandemic, with normalcy being restored, the School reignited the value of social service by providing various forms of help to the needy. A group of 13 students along with 3 teachers went to RKVM Sharda Bal Gram to distribute school shoes to the children residing at the ashram.

Everyone who paid a visit to the ashram was exhilarated about this activity. After reaching RKVM Sharda Bal Gram, we were given a warm welcome and escorted by Mr Karkare. He expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to us for our support.

The ashram had a very serene and scintillating ambience filled with tranquillity and lush greenery. They had a strong vision of sustainability and we were thrilled to see Gaushala, solar plants and different agricultural activities taking place in the premises of the ashram.

The students of the Scindia School were highly motivated and encouraged to see that the student driven community was engaged in running day-to-day activities.

At the ashram, we were welcomed by a cultural programme during which the students recited various poems and shlokas. The students of the Scindia School thus got an opportunity to interact with inspiring students and also provided them with black school shoes for which the RKVM community was extremely grateful.

This service experience gave our students a strong insight and perspective into understanding the challenges of a different strata of the community.

The Scindia School looks forward to extending such support and help towards the community and to continue setting benchmarks in social service.



Learning the essence of selfless service

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