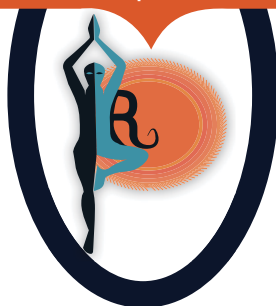


# REVIEW-22



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## A Dialogue with the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh

Dr Smita Trivedi, Staff Editor and  
Shirish Mehra, Student Editor

He is the Principal of The Scindia School. A fine example of a public-school leader, he comes across as a gentleman with a core of compassion which is tinged by the appreciation of the human element in all of us. His steady gaze speaks of his unwavering honesty with which he utters his reply. His answers to questions, which are amazingly spontaneous, leave you fascinated, for they seem to stem from long hours of his musings on the eternal truths of life and the meaning of life itself.

The lighter side of him is fun loving and jovial, one that loves old songs to the one who revels in the ardour on a sports field. He practices mindfulness in whatever he does, for he believes in enjoying life to the brim.

**Date of Birth:** 28 April 1970

**Married to:** Anamika

**Wedding Anniversary:** 2 February

**Children:** Twins, a girl and a boy

**Alma Mater:** If you look at it, all the schools that I have been to. So, I have been to at least three schools and a university. The Banaras Hindu University remains my most favourite alma mater.

**Favourite Book:** I would recommend two books for everyone to read. One book which I received when I was in grade VI and that is 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' written by Richard Bach. At that time, I could not comprehend the book but when I read it a couple of times, I think that it has been the most inspiring book that I have ever read. It talks about a seagull which can fly and symbolically, about all the prejudice and misconceptions that we are born with. The second book is 'The Autobiography of a Yogi'. It is about the philosophy of life and its meaning. I discover a journey in it and every time that I read it, I find something new. Everybody can have lots of money, or none, but they all act in a certain way because of their core beliefs. Pertaining to the school, if we have strong and sound core beliefs, we can achieve anything as an institution.

**Favourite Dish:** My favourite dish; that's a difficult question actually, because I love eating but if I had to go down the memory lane I would say 'litti chokha' (nostalgically). Even when I was at BHU, I would look for eating joints which would serve that.

**Favourite Singer:** Kishore Kumar (very quickly)

**Favourite Movie:** There are two movies which I love. And they both are of different genres. One is 'Padosan'. I love that movie for the comic relief that it gives; a blend of fantastic acting and a generous dose of laughter. The second one is 'Anand'. Quoting the last line of the movie, "Anand mara nahi, Anand marte nahi...", so Anand is within us and another dialogue which is close to my heart from the same film, "Babumushoi, zindagi badi honi chahiye ... lambi nahin".

**Favourite Sport:** The sport that is closest to my heart is Hockey. But I love



In conversation with Shirish Mehra

playing my own game as well which is Table Tennis. I have been a national level Tennis player. And I like playing Badminton and Cricket also.

**Favourite Sportsperson:** For me, Sachin Tendulkar stands out. Not because of his batting scores, but that he made every Indian believe that we could emerge as winners against the world. I have never seen him nervous and intimidated, a perfect gentleman who ensured that he would fight to win.

**Hobbies:** The first one that you have already seen is reading. Second, I love listening to songs from the Hindi films of the 50s to the 80s. I also love sketching.

**Likes:** I would like to have at least half an hour everyday when I can sit down and read my books. And otherwise I like being happy. Happiness is something very abstract yet very concrete. People search for happiness but what I have realized is that happiness is within me. So, I will be happy whatever the situation is. I always tell my boys, even if there are difficult circumstances, smile.

**Dislikes:** There can be any criticism in the world but it has to be decently spoken and people should speak what they think is right. I would always appreciate honesty and the quality of being straightforward. People should have the conviction to put across their thought. There is space and time for everybody.

**What are the things that make you angry?**

The first thing is any kind of indiscipline. Over time, I have learnt how to respond to such situations though. Second is when we don't put in the efforts and wait for the results to come. One should put in the best efforts, and forget worrying about the results.

**What are your strengths?**

My strengths (now), first one is my patience. Second is the capability to listen. Over the years I have cultivated good listening. And now I feel that it has made me a good speaker.



### What are your weaknesses?

The first and the foremost is anger, which thankfully, I have managed to greatly control but it exists. I never want my anger to come out because anger of any kind always leads to some kind of a loss. Anger may lead to loss of my health but it may damage somebody else also. Sentimentality may be a weakness sometimes. Well, for me being emotional also means that one is true and honest. But weakness comes in when your emotions are taken for a ride.

### Could you please tell us something that was intriguing about your career path?

I wanted to be in the Civil Services but I became a teacher. So be good at whatever you do, you will end up in a good place. Give your best, you will land up in a good position.

### What do you truly appreciate about Scindia?

The first most important thing is the sense of humility. And that I correlate with the Astachal. For me, it is a wonderful activity. The whole concept of young students coming together and immersing themselves into a sense of reflection, which the world is missing today. The world does not reflect, it only reacts, and here, there is a world where it is a reflection and not a reaction. Second is, being in an ecosystem which is a vibrant and natural space that we are living in.

# FORT NEWS

*Mais où sont les neiges d'antan* or "But where are the snows of yesteryear?" is the refrain of a famous poem by François Villon. Well, most of us have been asking this question in a matter of fact style for the past two years. We have seen the highs and the lows of the pandemic and the looming fear of uncertainty all around us. It is such a great blessing to be back on campus with the classrooms echoing the footfalls of the students, the engrossing jazziness of the interactions, and the soothing calm of the verdant greens.

The temperature, which had soared previously, blessed the students with a good shower of rain on arrival, as a welcome bounty and covered the Fort in a carpet of green and grassy knolls, sprinkled with flowers of all colours and hues. The birds and insects, with the peacocks on the Fort, vocalized the celebration and the breeze sometimes, played hide and seek rushing through the galleries and ramparts of this 6th Century citadel.

### Staging of Hindi and English Plays

Before we broke off for the Summer Vacation, the two dramatic performances-



Hindi Play

### What would you like to change about Scindia?

If I had to say it, I would say what I could add onto Scindia. You see change is the only constant. I would not like to change people; I would like to change mindsets. Scindia is all about moulding a good human being and you become a true human being when you live in a natural environment, not an artificial one.

### What is your vision for the school?

My vision for the school is how I can bring assorted elements from various subjects to make us understand that knowledge is one. We have been dividing knowledge into different compartments, so lots of interdisciplinary lectures or classes which cut across various disciplines, are my dream. This will make learning holistic, transform us into inquisitive individuals and I would also like students to be involved in some kind of research work. They need to identify problems. The vision is to try and formulate a solution to it. I visited the Khamba Taal, and I was mesmerized to see some six inches of water in it and then, the water gushing into the channels that you all have made. It was simply commendable that you all are already problem solvers. Also we need to see if we can formalise a career path for a Scindian early in their lives and envision their careers beforehand.

Annual Hindi and English Plays marked an invigorating close to the dramatic societies for the session. On 20 April 2022, a total of thirty students came together to present the popular play, 'Charandas Chor' at the Shukla Memorial Open Air Theatre. In the play, Rhythm Arora played the role of a thief and Aarni Sharma played the role of 'Rani'. Ayushman Rai played the 'Guru'. The music was composed by Mr Raja Banerjee and the rhythm was composed by Mr Rajendra Kumar Sharma. Medhansh Trivedi and Arjun Bhat contributed significantly to the music of the play. This dramatic presentation was profusely admired by the students.

The Scindia School's English Dramatics Society under the aegis of the English Department put up a fabulous English Play- 'Aladdin' on 22 April 2022, and transported the audience into a magical fairyland. The props, costumes and the total ambience created in the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre, where the play was staged, was one of splendor incarnate. With students on and off stage, the crew consisted of fifty students supported by a team of ten teachers. The play was profusely appreciated by the Guest of Honour, Mr Parnab Mukherjee and well received by the audience.



English Play

### Summer Adventure Camps

The three summer camps made the students plunge into what is the closest to their hearts- the Adventure Camps. The activity of adventure enthralled every Scindian. It had been at bay for two years that the pandemic necessitated its suspension. But this time the joys and arduous of the adventure camps were strongly felt. Adventure is one of the preeminent activities at the School. It unearths new environments and cultures which are packed with meaningful life lessons that the students may not be able to assimilate in mundane life.

With this in view, the school organised an invigorating trek to Markha Valley in Ladakh from 20 June 2022 to 28 June 2022. Ms Raksha Siriah and Mr Suggu Sekhar, the teacher incharges led the expedition comprising seven students. The trek mesmerised the participants with its stunning natural beauty and



Trek to Markha Valley

offered the best views of Ladakh and Zaskar Ranges. True to its nickname of 'tea-house trek', it was filled with the local culture of Ladakh. The school team crossed Kongmarula Pass which was 5200 mts high and explored the Ladakh region of Northern India between Kashmir and Tibet. The magic of the mountainside enamoured the students and the visit to ancient Buddhist monasteries seeped in local culture left them awe-struck.

8 high-spirited students of class X participated in the 14 days' Adventure Course from 10 June 2022 to 25 June 2022 at the prestigious Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi. During the course they were exposed to various outward-bound activities like Trekking, Rock Climbing, Bush Craft,



Adventure Course at NIM

River Crossing, Camping, Cooking, Navigation, study of flora and fauna etc. All students successfully completed the course.

A team of 14 students and 3 teachers, namely, Mr Dharendra Sharma, Mr Vishesh Sahai and Mr Anil Pathania undertook a cycling expedition from Jispa (HP) to Chutuk (KA) from 19 June 2022 to 2 July 2022. The team cycled for a total of 9 days and covered more than 360 kms. The expedition started with



Cycling expedition

the arrival of the team in Sissu which is 40 kms ahead of Manali. The team acclimatized in Sissu for 24 hours and then drove to Jispa from where the ride began. After crossing the snowcapped Shinkula Pass, the team entered the borders of Ladakh Union territory. The next camping site was at Gumbo Rajang. Next day, the team reached Padum. After resting for a day, the team got ready for the other half of our expedition. The last ride was a tough one and the team cycled for 70 kms which was the maximum distance in a day throughout the expedition and reached Chutuk (Kargil). Lastly, the team went for some sightseeing and shopping and enjoyed the shikara ride along with a stroll along the Laal Chowk, enjoyed the local cuisine and took a flight to New Delhi the next morning.

### Recognition of the Spirit of Community Service- the IAYP Gold Awards

The Annual Duke of Edinburgh- International Award for Young People Gold Award Ceremony was held at the India International Center, New Delhi on the 5 July 2022. The award identifies, recognizes and honors the spirit of adventure in individuals and as well as the collective efforts of various schools in the country in the areas of Community Service, Adventure, development and strengthening of creative skills, physical recreation and residential projects across the nation. The Scindia School has been recognized for its outstanding contribution towards community service and was presented with an award by the Chief Guest, General Manoj Mukund Naravane, Former Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army. Many congratulations!

### Diwali Term commences

The Term took off with the arrival of the teachers on the Fort. The faculty and staff members were invited to the Principal's Dinner on 7 July 2022. With the summer vacation interspersed with the CBSE Board Exams and Spot Evaluation, there was a lot for teachers to catch up with their colleagues and they made the most of it.

With renewed vigour and energy, the faculty members pursued their academic responsibilities; they looked into Measurements of Syllabus, tweaked the Lesson Plans, incorporated a myriad other activities for proper scaffolding of learning and planned for bringing further innovation and technology into the classroom. A General Body Staff Meeting was conducted by the Principal on 9 July 2022 to headstart the activities of the term.

### Nav Chetna Session

Further, the strings of camaraderie were strengthened by the 'Nav Chetna Session- Art of Living' on the campus. The three- days' programme rejuvenated the faculty. It was conducted by Dr Sangeeta Jha and Ms Ruchira Dhal, from 8 July to 10 July 2022, and helped the participants in learning mind-management skills. It gave practical tools for physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It taught yoga, pranayama, sutras, and meditative techniques including the renowned- Sudarshan Kriya which is known to improve the quality of sleep, management of emotions and decrease stress levels. All the processes learned in the workshop will aid the faculty to handle personal as well as professional challenges with stability and equanimity.

### Morning Assembly

The first Morning Assembly was conducted on 11 July 2022. The customary Sanskrit and English Prayer set the tone for the occasion. While conducting his first Assembly, the new Principal, Mr Ajay Singh introduced himself to the audience as the proud entity who has become a part of the rich legacy. He emphasised that the school presents itself as a place for transformational learning. He also talked about the stupendous efforts on water conservation and harvesting as well as the outstanding Ecology Project which has been undertaken on the Fort. The Assembly ended with the School Song.



Unfurling the School flag

### Bienvenue - Welcome!

With open hearts and beaming smiles, we welcomed our new students to the campus. The Orientation Programme for new students of the school was conducted on 11 July 2022 in the Assembly Hall. The Principal, Deans and a



Orientation of new parents

few faculty members interacted with the parents. In the evening the students of class XI handed in their choice of subjects/streams, post the orientation given by the Heads of various Departments to enable the students to make an informed choice. A heavy downpour in the evening blessed the school community.

### Cultivating bonhomie: Induction Programme for New Students

On 12 July 2022, the new students left for Orchha and participated in an Induction Programme specifically cut and tailored by the school to make them



Induction Programme

comfortable in their new surroundings and develop a feel of camaraderie and bonhomie. The children had a brilliant opportunity to meet each other and the teachers who would play a significant role in their time at school during this "Know Your Friends" outing. The students had the chance to learn more about their history and culture when they visited the Orchha Fort. Also, a nighttime light and sound performance was seen by them. The students were given an overview of The Scindia School and its various extracurricular activities and sports so they could choose a course that suits their interest. The children were then divided into groups and engaged in various activities, such as dramatics, dancing, Zumba classes, pool games, and the like, to learn about each new inductee's talents and abilities. The children also participated in team building exercises; letter writing and many of them displayed their cool dance routines during the DJ sessions.

### Congratulations, Ayaan!

Our student Ayaan Chintan Shah (IX D, Md) has made us extremely proud as a budding writer. After being offered a spot in the Scholastic Programme, he was included as a story writer, and his story 'How to Kill a Tyranny' was published in a children's omnibus titled 'Wonder Stories Just for You'. Way to go Ayaan!

### Adieu and Good Wishes!

The school bid adieu to the Bursar, (Retd.) Col. Rajiv Saxena in a farewell ceremony on 12 July 2022. We also bid farewell to Mr Trimurthulu Achanta and Mr Manjeet Bainipal who taught Physics and Geography respectively at the school. We wish them all the luck in their future endeavours!



Bursar's Farewell

**CBSE RESULTS****CLASS X, OVERVIEW OF 2022****School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 89%**

No. of Students : 97    90% &amp; Above : 55    85% – 90% : 21    80% – 85% : 13    75% – 80% : 7    60% – 75% : 1    Below 60% : 0

**TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE**

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Vedansh Balasaria	98.8	Vinayak Mittal	95.4	Shubham K. Agrawal	92.8	Aditya Nandan	89.2
Ansh Garg	98.8	Gyan Shankar	95	Shrey Shukla	92.8	Laksh Mamodia	88.8
Advik Garg	98	Gursewak S. Waraich	95	Sumit Maheshwari	92.8	Anuj Pratap S. Rajpoot	88.6
Ayush Jain	97.8	Shivansh Sahu	95	Dhruv Goyal	92.6	Abhijith George	88.6
Kushal Agarwal	97.8	Ojus Agarwal	94.6	Keshav Singhanian	92.4	Tejasv Goyal	88
Akshay Suman	97.6	Yash Jain	94.6	Anav Goel	92.2	Divyansh Gupta	87.4
Keshav Vallabh Bhagat	97.6	Lakshya Agarwal	94.6	Lakshay Chauhan	92.2	Abhay Kumar	87.4
Pratham Jain	97.6	Nishant Saxena	94.6	Rishith Mehrotra	92	Akhil Sharma	87.2
Abhimanyu B. Mudgal	97.4	Aaradhy Shiv Shukla	94.4	Inesh Agrawal	91.6	Satkrit Poddar	87.2
Ekaksh Mohan	97	Archit Baranwal	94.2	Krrish Lokwani	91.2	Shivam Agarwal	87.2
Daksh Bajaj	97	Shivang Jhunjhunwala	94.2	Aarush Atul Prabhu	91.2	Arjit Bansal	87.2
Krishna Gupta	97	Abhishek Chauhan	94	Pragyesh Mauli Maurya	90.8	Vasant S Bhat	87.2
Arpit Mittal	96.8	Yash Pathak	94	Pranshu Chaudhary	90.8	Aditya Agrawal	86.4
Dev Pratap Bansal	96.8	Parth Goel	93.8	Shourya Mittal	90.2	Siddhanth Kaul	86.2
Hardik Shivhare	96.6	Nimesh Singh	93.8	Savar Singhal	89.8	Jatin Singh	85.8
Shaurya Chirania	95.8	Joish Jain	93.2	Ritik Sachdeva	89.6	Shorya Aggarwal	85.8
Krish Agarwal	95.8	Muhtasim Md Amin	93.2	Vidhan Khandelwal	89.6	Dharmender Singh	85
Krrishn L. Divyaa	95.6	Ajeet Singh	93	Arnav Yadav	89.4	Shakti Singh Gaud	85
Aditya Singh	95.4	Yuvraj Jain	93	Lakshya Nathany	89.4	Arushh S Gupta	84.6

**100% in Mathematics** - Vedansh Balasaria, Advik Garg, Abhimanyu Bhushan Mudgal, Daksh Bajaj**100% in Social Science** - Ansh Garg, Hardik Shivhare**100% in Artificial Intelligence** - Vedansh Balasaria, Ayush Jain, Kushal Agarwal, Keshav Vallabh Bhagat, Pratham Jain, Dev Pratap Bansal, Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa, Yash Jain, Shivang Jhunjhunwala**CLASS XII, OVERVIEW OF 2022****School Result (Best 4) : Average Percentage = 92%****School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 90%****Stream Toppers (Best 4 Aggregates)** Science : Prashant Agrawal (98.50%), Humanities : Shantanu Yadav (99.30%), Commerce : Pranav Wadhwa (97%)

No. of Students : 81    95% and above : 33    85% – 94% : 41    75% – 84% : 7    65% – 74% : 0    55% – 64% : 0    Below 55% : 0

**School Topper (English + Best 4) : Pranav Agarwal (98.20%)****TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE**

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Shantanu Yadav	99.30	Siddharth Chandel	96.00	Varun Chaudhary	93.80	Saksham Agrawal	90.00
Gatik Bhonwal	98.80	Veer Raj	96.00	Daksh Mehta	93.30	Harsh Bansal	89.50
Pranav Agarwal	98.80	Pranav Agarwal	96.00	Arnav Agrawal	93.30	Sanchit Khanna	89.50
Prashant Agrawal	98.50	Aditya Dhanraj Singh	95.80	Parakh Agrawal	92.80	Aaryan Girdhar	89.30
Vihhaan Gupta	98.50	Arihant Jain	95.30	Garv Kaushik	92.50	Dhruv Jhiriwal	89.30
Memoy Mishra	97.80	Garv Sajnani	95.30	Jazbi Bazmi Yunus	92.50	Skandh Sharma	89.00
Abhey Khanna	97.50	Girish Goel	95.30	Anubhav Jain	92.50	Sachin Chaudhary	89.00
Ujjwal Mehrotra	97.50	Agrim Singh	95.00	Gurudev	92.30	Prathvi Dev Singh	89.00
Utkarsh Gupta	97.50	Brijraj Pratap Singh	95.00	Yashvardhan Yadav	92.00	Akshay Agarwal	88.80
Keshav Dudhani	97.00	Shubh Garg	95.00	Sujal Agarwalla	92.00	Vansh Parswani	88.80
Pranav Wadhwa	97.00	Garvit Thakur	95.00	Siddharth Sachdeva	91.50	Adhish Sharma	87.30
Dev Moorjani	96.80	Rajdeep Singh Semil	94.80	Aaryan Khurana	91.50	Ishan	87.30
Yash Gupta	96.80	Love Yadav	94.80	Vansh Sethi	91.50	Aryan Singhanian	87.00
Rabindra Moirangthem	96.50	Shubham Singal	94.50	Aniket Gond	91.30	Arnav Gupta	86.80
Saransh Agarwal	96.50	Sujal Jariha	94.30	Toshan Aggarwal	91.00	Harsh Kumar	86.30
Atherva Karwa	96.50	Suyash Bansal	94.30	Yanglem Arjun Singh	90.50	Pranav Suwalka	86.00
Khushal Agarwal	96.30	Harshit K Agrawal	94.00	Kartar A. Sahriya	90.50	Shivraj Pratap Singh	86.00
Pratik Garg	96.30	Veer Arora	94.00	Umang Rungta	90.50		
Svastik Arora	96.30	Shlok Sonthalia	93.80	Maan Arora	90.30		

**100% in Accountancy** - Ujjwal Mehrotra, Pranav Agarwal, Shubham Singal, Shlok Sonthalia**100% in Economics** - Utkarsh Gupta**100% in Painting** - Abhey Khanna**100% in Geography** - Shantanu Yadav, Gatik Bhonwal, Daksh Mehta**100% in Psychology** - Shantanu Yadav, Gatik Bhonwal, Pranav Agarwal, Vihhaan Gupta, Khushal Agarwal, Garvit Thakur

### Welcome Aboard

Some new faculty members have joined the Scindian family: Mr Mandaar Sharma, HOD Sports; Ms Sangeetha, Behavioural Counsellor; Mr Dhruv Sharma, Western Music; Mr Yogesh Sharma, Music; and Mr Anoop V., Geography. We wish them a fruitful stay at Scindia!

### The Board of Governors visit the school

Mr Harpal Singh and Mr Rajeev Dubey, the Board of Governors, visited the campus from 15 July to 16 July 2022. They interacted with the students and the faculty.



Inspecting the SSEP

### Conference for German Teachers

On 8 July 2022, Mr Gopal Chaturvedi went to Delhi to participate in the German Teacher's Conference- DLT 2022-23. He attended three workshops on the



Mr Gopal Chaturvedi participating in the workshop

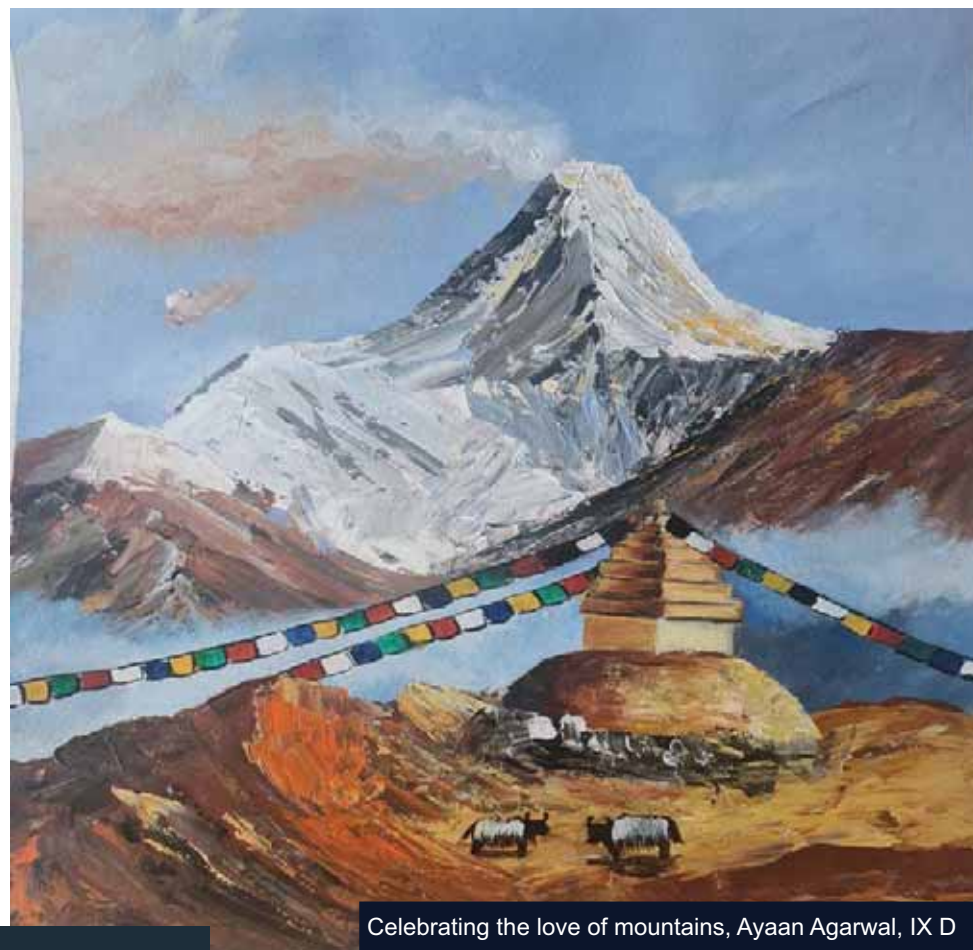
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The Football Season on the campus started with a friendly match between staff and students on 16 July 2022. It was a sight to see as the students and their



Friendly Football match

teachers competed with each other after a long break of two years because of the pandemic. The friendly match resulted in a draw.



Celebrating the love of mountains, Ayaan Agarwal, IX D

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