

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

REVIEW-24



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FORT NEWS

Weather Report

The havoc of cold continues on the Fort. The cold did not subside in the entire month of January. First the fog, then the clouds in the sky made the sunshine disappear and increased the cold. Due to the cold wave, the intensity of the sun reduced and people felt cold in the sun and had to resort to warm clothes inside the Houses too. The minimum temperature was recorded at 4.6 degrees Celsius, if the cold increases further, it can reach the figure of three degrees Celsius. However, in the meantime, the effect of fog will reduce, due to which the night temperature may drop by one to two degrees. The life on the Fort seems still but Sunshine is just round the corner!

Makar Sankranti

On 14th January 2024, the school celebrated the joyous festival of Makar Sankranti with fervor and enthusiasm. The highlight of the day was the exhilarating kite-flying, where students showcased their skills and dexterity in the art of flying kites. The students from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya were also a part of this event which added to the festivities.

Workshop on Posture correction by Sandeep Agarwal

On 15th January 2024, a renowned alumnus, Mr Sandeep Agarwal (Ex-Sh, 1980), as part of The Scindia School's SOBIR program (Scindian Old Boy in Residence), conducted session on posture correction which was held at the School's Assembly Hall. The session was attended by about 350 students, faculty members and the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh.



Teaching students the exercise for correct posture

In the one-hour session, students were informed about the benefits of always maintaining an erect posture and its positive impact on the personality, health and overall physical and mental well-being. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Sandeep Agrawal gave the students some simple exercises to do on the spot, along with a request to make them a part of their daily routine. He also cautioned them not to exert themselves and do only what their own bodies permitted.

The session concluded with an interactive session with the audience. Mr Sandeep also visited the Houses later in the day and had some individual sessions with students who were interested in finding out more about this subject.

Workshop by Ms Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan

On 19th January 2024, renowned author Ms Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan graced our school with an enlightening workshop on the art of crafting diverse poems. Students were enthralled as she unraveled the intricacies of writing



Students participating enthusiastically in the workshop

various poetic forms, from sonnets to haikus. Her insightful guidance sparked creativity, encouraging students to experiment with rhythm, meter and emotions in their verses. The students were able to write their own poems while sitting in the Assembly Hall through fun activities.

IIMUN

Twenty eight students participated in IIMUN organised at G.D. Goenka School, Gwalior from 19th January to 21st January 2024. The delegation portrayed an excellent performance and the results are a testament to the same. In ICIJ (The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists) committee, **Lakshya Arora** won the best journalist award, **Sahil Kishore Sinha** won the best Designer award and **Jayant Rath** won the best photographer award. In UNW(United Nations Women) committee, **Saksham Agrawal** won the Best Delegate award, **Nibhir Jyoti Nath** won a special mention, **Tanush Somani** and **Lokesh Awasthi** won a verbal mention. In UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) committee, **Rohan Asrani** won a Verbal Mention and in Lok Sabha **Atharv Tiwai** won the high commendation award. The school won the overall Best Delegation Award.

Model G20

On 19th January 2024, a team of 6 students and 1 teacher escort went to Mayo College, Ajmer, for the Model G20 event. The students participated in a non-



The team at Mayo College, Ajmer

competetive environment to come to a consensus on various issues raised during the three days. The trip provided a platform for intellectual growth and fostered a deeper understanding of international relations.

O.P. Jindal Global University MUN

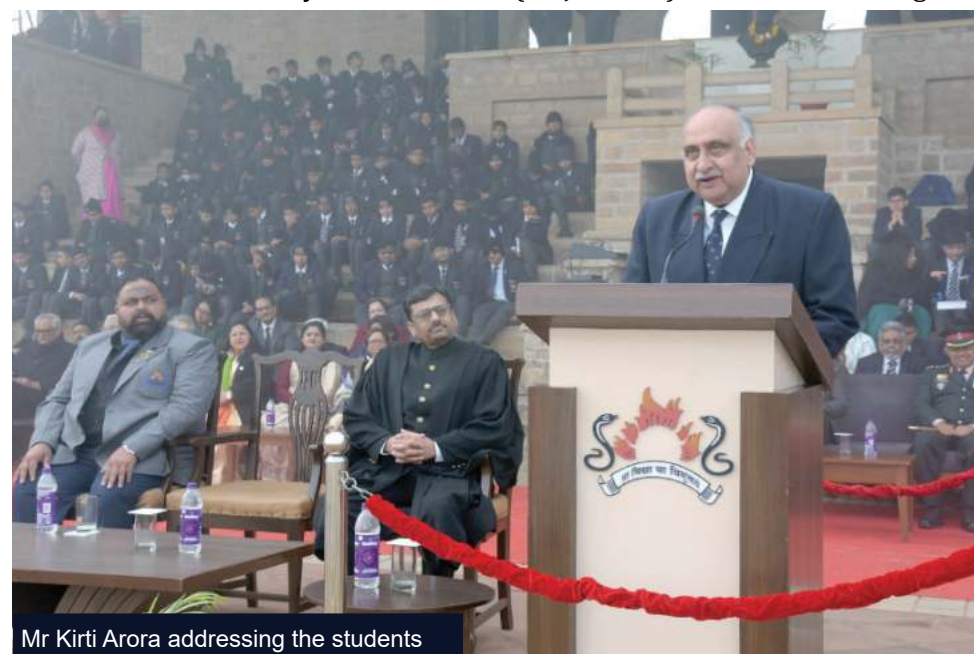
A delegation of 11 students, accompanied by one teacher escort, enthusiastically participated in the O.P. Jindal Global University Model United Nations held in Sonipat. Their exceptional efforts and diplomatic prowess were acknowledged as the delegation clinched three prestigious awards. The accolades include a Special Mention for **Rohil Sharma** and Honorable Mentions for **Fravash Vikamsey** and **Prataksh Sharma**.

Golden Jubilee Reunion of the Batch of 1974

On 25th January 2024, the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 returned to their home away from home. After 50 years the batch relived their days by attending the school assembly, eating in the mess, meditating in the Astachal and just walking around the fresh air, chirping birds and the historic structures on the fort. Their presence added an extra layer of nostalgia and true friendship and care on the campus. After lunch the batch attended the school assembly. The batch representatives Mr Devendra Bhatnagar (Ex-Ja, 1974), Mr Kirti Arora (Ex-Je, 1974) and the member of Board of Governors, Mr Vikram Mathur (Ex-Ja, 1974) addressed the gathering. There was a special orchestra performance from the music department. Senior School Prefect, **Aditya Singh** gave the vote of thanks and later the assembly was concluded by the school song. Later in the evening, there was a special Astachal for the Golden Jubilee batch. They relived their good old days! Mr Tarun Kunzru (Ex-Ja, 1974) stood up and presented a Bhajan, that he had learnt during his days in the school choir. The next day during the Republic Day celebrations, the batch also marched with the students.

Republic Day Celebration

On 26th January 2024, the school celebrated the 75th Republic Day. The Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 was also a part of this event. The Chief Guest for the event was an eminent Old Boy Mr Kirti Arora (Ex-Je, 1974). The House contingents



Mr Kirti Arora addressing the students

and the old boys of the 1974 batch marched on the Madhav Field to the tunes of The Scindia School Brass Band. Principal, Mr Ajay Singh and the Chief Guest addressed the gathering. Col Arvind Jha on behalf of NCC, Gwalior awarded medals and badges to the Old Boys, Principal and **Akshay Suman** (Deputy Senior School Prefect). The Marchpast was judged by Captain Shatrugan Singh Tomar (Armoured Regiment), Captain Jai Hind Singh Bhadoria (Artillery Regiment) and Captain Ram Singh Tomar (Rajputana Rifles). Later everybody went to Astachal. The Chief Guest and the representative of the golden jubilee batch of 1974 planted a sapling. The Scindian fraternity then paid homage to the father of our Nation. The school choir with their patriotic songs instilled patriotism in everyone. Later the faculty and Old Boys moved to the Principal's Bungalow for breakfast. The rest of the school observed the public holiday.

Outreach Programmes

The school conducted an outreach programme in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar. Parents and prospective Scindians were a part of this event. This outreach

programme briefed parents about everything the school offers to make their child a 'Man of Mettle'. Few Old Boys became the part of this outreach programme namely, Palash Bhargava (Ex-Rn, 2008), Neelav Agarwala (Ex-Sh, 2013), Ayush Agarwal (Ex-Md, 2011), Keshav Agarwal (Ex-Rn, 2009). Akshay Kumar Guruji (Ex-Md, 2011) and Palash Bhargava were the brand ambassadors of the event.

Narmada Trophy

Jayappa House was awarded the prestigious Narmada Trophy for Middle-Group for their exceptional contribution to the Social Service League.

Annual English Play Auditions

Auditions of the students of the Senior Houses for the Annual English Play took place in the Assembly Hall after lunch. The students had to prepare a script and present it, it was amazing to see the creativity displayed by the students. The auditions for the boys of Junior House will be conducted soon!

Walkathon

On 21st January 2024, the Scindia School organized the impactful 'Stride for Solutions: Join Water Warriors in Walkathon for Change.' Engaging 120 students, teachers and staff, the event traversed Gwalior's landmarks,



Students performing the street play

spotlighting pressing environmental concerns, particularly water conservation and pollution. At Phool Bagh selfie point, the students performed a street play, on the topic of river pollution. The journey concluded at Chowpatty Tiraha. Water conservation is one of the nine responsibilities that Prime Minister Narendra Modi assigned the students of the school during his visit on the 125th year celebration.

Storytelling workshop

On 27th January 2024, an eminent author and Old Boy Mr Nand Kishore Agarwal (Ex-Jp, 2001), returned to his alma mater, igniting a spark in young minds with his captivating workshop on 'The Art of Story Writing and Telling.' His insightful words, peppered with humor and personal anecdotes, painted a vivid picture of the writer's journey. Students of classes IX and XI were a part of this workshop.

Inter House A Group Hockey Tournament

Inter House A Group Hockey Tournament was conducted in December 2023 and January 2024. The tournament was played in the Round Robin Cum knockout formats. Four teams qualified for the Semi Finals namely Ranoji, Mahadji, Jeevaji and Madhav. The Final was played between Ranoji and Mahadji. The result is as follows:

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

The players who showcased outstanding skills are:

Best Goalkeeper of the tournament- **Vishith**

Best Midfielder Cum Defender of the tournament- **Shresth Agarwal**

Best Player of the tournament- **Aditya Singh Gurjar**

Lohri Celebrations at Kanerkhed House

On 14th January 2024, the students of Kanerkhed House celebrated Lohri.



Enjoying Lohri

This brought warmth and cheer as students gathered around a lively bonfire. Amidst the flickering flames, the air echoed with joyous laughter and songs while playing Antakshari. The House spirit thrived as the housemates shared traditional treats, reinforcing bonds in this home away from home. The bonfire, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, becomes a beacon of togetherness, casting a glow on shared stories and newfound friendships. Lohri in the boarding House isn't just a festival; it's a celebration of unity, echoing the essence of home in every crackling ember.

Shramjeevi Divas

On the evening of 26th January 2024, the social service league organized various competitions for the support staff and their families. Members of the Social Service League and the Junior School students enjoyed the amazing skill



A test of strength - Tug of War

sets portrayed by our 'bhaiyas' and 'didis'. It was indeed inspiring to watch them play games like Kabaddi, Tug of War, races and cycling. This event was a way to appreciate those who look after us day and night. Blankets were given to the support staff as gifts by the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh and his wife Ms Anamika Singh, Vice Principal, Ms Smita Chaturvedi and Dean of Co-curricular Activities, Mr Dharendra Sharma.

The Brass Band performs at the Prime Minister's Rally

On 27th January 2024, The Scindia School Brass Band performed at the Prime Minister's Rally in New Delhi. The performance was telecasted through DD National and 102.6 FM.

How I see India in 2047

Aanya Pillai | IX C

I envision India as a more developed and advanced country in 2047. The nation's infrastructure will be more robust and well-connected and its education system will have seen significant improvements. India will have invested heavily in enhancing the quality of schools and colleges. By 2047, India is poised to become a technologically advanced nation. Furthermore, the country will celebrate its 100th year of independence from British rule. India has already made substantial progress over the past few decades and is poised to make even more significant strides in the next 25 years.

Sankranti at The Scindia School

Mr Sandeep Agarwal (Ex-Sh, 1980)

14th January 2024 will surely be a special day in my life, for it was the first time that I ever flew a kite. Though it may surely sound odd to many, it is the pure truth.



Enjoying kite flying on the Madhav field

I landed on the Fort with my heart aflutter at the very thought of it and my expectations were also fulfilled in toto. For, it was a carnival out there on the Madhav field, with the entire school, Principal and faculty members enjoying this lovely Sankranti festival to the fullest. The wind Gods were also kind to us, as they kept blowing on and on, so that our kites could keep flying up and high. Despite of my advancing years, it was the child in me that kept wanting for more. It was as if a void had been filled within or the fulfilment of a lifelong desire, maybe?

The presence of some young ladies from SKV, who had their brothers in our School, was also a welcome sight. This took me back to my own School days, when I used to visit SKV and get Rakhi tied by my sisters, who were studying there. I also recall that in addition to my own sisters, there would be at least a dozen other girls who would tie Rakhi on both my hands. It was surely a day well spent! Happy Sankranti to all my friends.

Magical Morning

Sparsh Tulsyan | VIII C

In the morning light, I rise
 Birds chirp songs, the breeze surprises
 The dew on grass, so fresh and new
 A new day starts, what shall I do?
 The sun climbs high, the clouds drift by
 My heart feels happy, I want to fly
 So let me run, let me explore
 This magical world, forevermore.

Dreams do come true

Dhanraj Jajodia | XI D

Life is like a big puzzle, and our dreams are the colourful pieces that bring our hopes to life. Turning our dreams into reality isn't always easy, but it's the journey that makes the achievement special. There's a saying that goes, 'Success comes after hard work, not before.' Let's look at Thomas Edison's story—he failed a lot before finally creating the light bulb. His story shows us that problems are just challenges that can lead us to success.

Staying motivated is crucial for making dreams come true. Walt Disney once said, "If we have the courage to follow our dreams, they can all come true." This courage comes from believing in ourselves and our dreams. Many people have overcome difficulties because they dared to dream big and worked hard to make those dreams real. Dreams build a person and carves the person in every way possible. If one truly works hard and the dream comes true, then the smile that arises makes it all worth it. Life is like a song, and dreams give it the tune that moves us forward. Staying motivated is not a very difficult task, inspirations are all around us, we just need the eye to identify it. If you see, this article in itself can be a motivation!

Writing a Poem

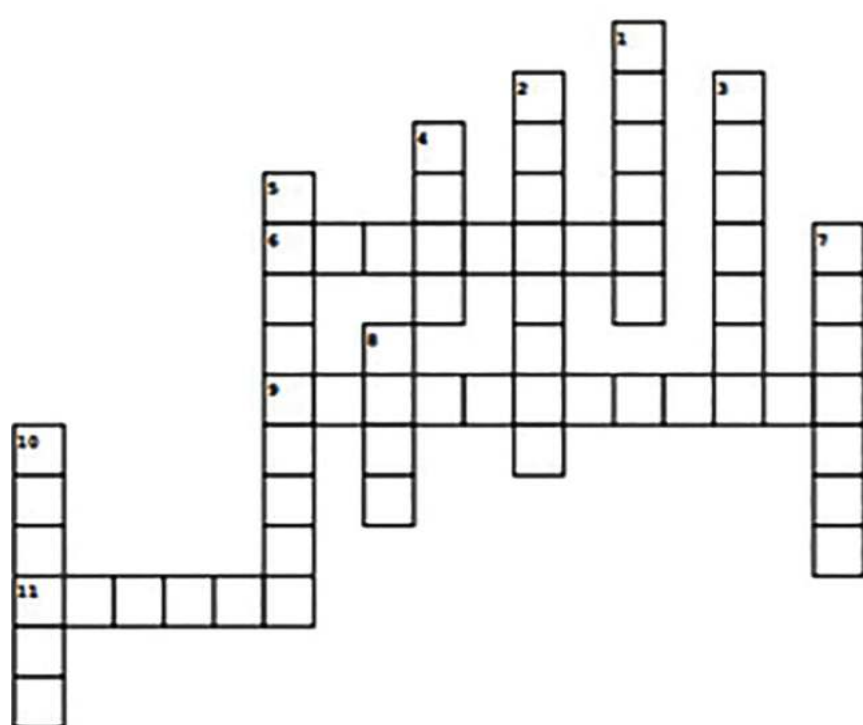
Vinayak Agarwal | VII C

Anyone can write a poem,
It just has a lot of rhyme,
Writing it feels like the best time
It can contain things that are defying,
In a poem, you can have a tree
growing, or dying
something can be talking,
maybe even projecting something
shocking!
But what you write you must know,
And not write just in the flow,

Anyone can write a poem,
It just has a lot of rhyme,
Writing it is like the best time
One can write things that are utopian
Creativity flows
While Intellect grows
That's how I wrote a poem!

The Scindian Scoop : Puzzle and Facts

Crossword:



Across

6. Traditional Indian medicine gaining worldwide recognition
9. Award given to recognize achievements in science and technology
11. Landmark bridge inaugurated on Independence Day

Down

1. Indian rocket that recently carried scientific instruments to space
2. Popular cryptocurrency known for its rapid price fluctuations
3. Former name of the famous social media platform "X"
4. Indian satellite network providing communication services
5. Powerful telescope recently capturing stunning images of galaxies
7. India's first female astronaut
8. Which planet recently had the successful landing of a robotic rover?
10. International organization working to improve children's education

Fun Facts:

- * The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin.
- * The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros.
- * Bats are the only mammal that can fly.
- * Eating parts of a pufferfish can kill you because, in a defense mechanism to ward off predators, it contains a deadly chemical called tetrodotoxin. There is enough in one pufferfish to kill 30 people and there is no antidote.
- * The word "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with only one vowel.

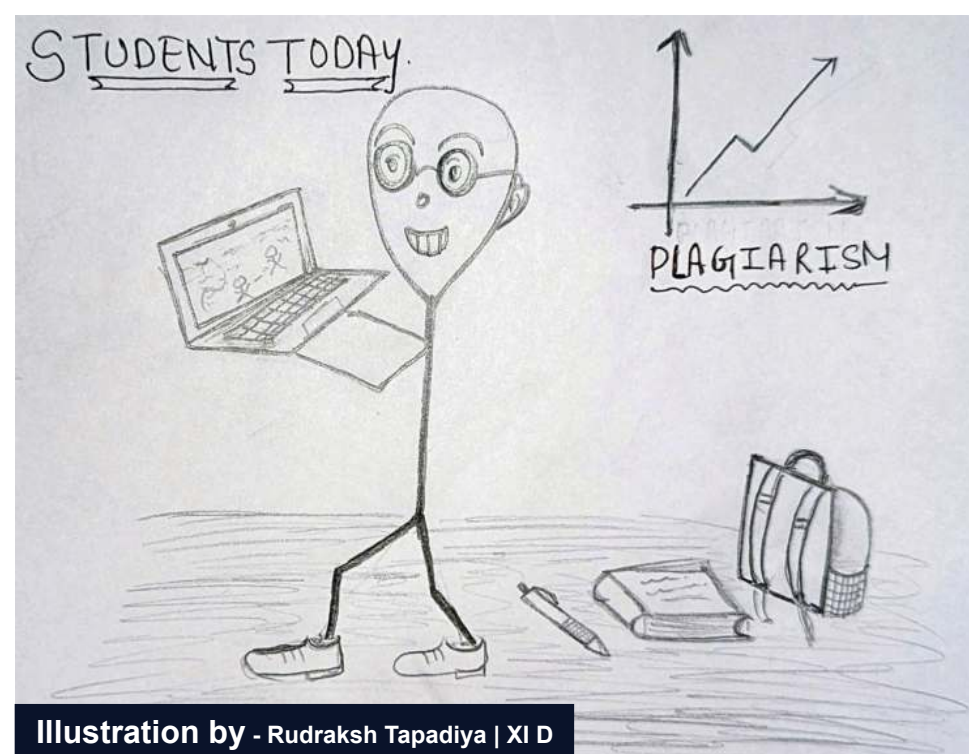


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumnus,

You are kindly reminded to nominate Old Boys of The Scindia School who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and send your nominations to me by 31st March 2024. The proposer needs to submit:

1. Brief particulars of the nominee mentioning his/her achievements and contribution on the basis of which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee's correct contact information.
3. Names and contact information of two referees who have no link with the school in any manner.

I shall appreciate your kind cooperation in this important endeavour to honour our distinguished alumni.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,
Ajay Singh

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