



In continuation of the LSIP program, the entire school gathered once more in Town Hall discussing the progress and planned actions for the future. Mr Saunak Chakraborty helped the core

team members create presentations based on the projects that are being taken up by the school. The long hours of meetings and tireless discussions have started to bear the fruits of transformation now.

South Africa Sports Tour
A group of thirty-one students and three coaches Mr Prakash Parihar, Mr Sumit Bhadoriya and Mr Mayank Verma, went on the South Africa Sports Tour 2025 from 2nd to 11th May. They explored sports like Basketball, Hockey, and Tennis, visited Nelson Mandela Square, Lion & Safari Park, Durban’s North Beach, Ushaka Marine World and the Gateway Mall. A highlight was visiting the FNB Soccer Stadium and meeting The Great Khali. Students played matches against international teams, gaining valuable experience, and many received individual awards for outstanding performance. They are as follows: -



Sports at South Africa

- Basketball:**
Most Valuable Player of the Tournament: **Akshay Pratap Singh**
Defensive Player of the Tournament: **Harshit Singh**
Hockey:
Best Player of the Tournament: **Kavin Singh Chhatwal**
Most Promising Player of the Tournament: **Hardik Bhatia**
Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament: **Krishnav Ahuja**
Best Defender of the Tournament: **Kumar Abhikshit Narayan**
Fighting Player of the Tournament: **Hardik Yadav**
Tennis:
Best Player of the team: **Divyam Bhagwani**
Most Energetic Player: **Aryan Nishant Gupta**
Best volleyer: **Nikunj Agarwal**
Best Base line player: **Divit Deswal**
Best Server: **Viraj Agarwal** and **Garv Lamba**

Gwalior Sahodaya Samiti Hosts AGM and ‘Happy Classroom’ Workshop
The school proudly hosted the Annual General Body Meeting of the Gwalior

Sahodaya Samiti on 3rd May 2025, with twenty-eight member principals in attendance. The meeting featured collaborative discussions and a review of twenty-five successful Inter-school activities conducted in 2024. Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, was appreciated for his leadership and seamless coordination of the event.



Annual Sahodaya meet

As Chairperson of the Samiti, sir also graced the “Happy Classroom” workshop, conducted the same day. Led by Dr. Hariom Singh Ahmana, the interactive session focused on creating joyful learning environments and enhancing teaching practices through dynamic, reflective activities. The workshop highlighted the importance of empathy and compassion in education.

Junior House Reports
The students of junior school were honored followed by their house reports on 23rd April 2025, The following received recognition for the same-



The young winners

- Kanerkhed House:**
The report was read by **Chirag Raj Goel**
Best in Academics- **Diya Chirag Sharma, Vedant Jaiswal** and **Bhavni Jain**
Best in sports- **Rushil Gupta** and **Ayan N. Krishna**
Best in discipline- **Rudra Pratap Dubey**
All Rounder- **Rudraksh Bansal**
Housemaster's Cup- **Sutirtha Banerjee**
Jankoji House-
The report was read by **Shourya Agarwal**
Best in academics- **Aarav, Yuvan Agarwal, Arnav Jain** and **Shivaan Rastogi**
All Rounder- **Nikhil Dua**
Best In Sports- **Ishaan Modi** and **Ariket Kumar**

- Best In Discipline- **Sehaj Jain** and **Saatvik Mittal**
Housemaster's Cup- **Polem Vishwajit Singh**
Nimaji House-
Speaker who delivered the House report - **Manvik Naga**
Best in Academics - **Athul Shankar Prasanna**
Best in sports - **Kovid Kashyap**
Vedang Goenka
Best in discipline - **Namish Singh**
All rounder - **Arjun Dhoreliya**
Housemaster's cup - **Harshit Agarwal**

- Dattaji House-**
The report was read by **Dhruv Vikamsey**
Best in Academics - **Vinayak Agrawal, Rudraksh Jindal** and **Hansita Mankar**
Best in Sports - **Lakshya Agarwal** and **Ekam Singh Dang**
Best in Discipline - **Bhawisya Modi**
All Rounder - **Devraj Singh**
Housemaster's Cup - **Manan Goyal**

Annual Hindi Play
25 अप्रैल 2025 की शाम को शुक्ला मेमोरियल ओपन एयर थिएटर हिंदी विभाग द्वारा प्रस्तुत नाटक “एक और द्रोणाचार्य” के मंचन से जीवंत हो उठा। शंकर शेष द्वारा रचित यह नाटक आज के शिक्षकों के संघर्ष को दर्शाता है, जो एक दोषपूर्ण शिक्षा प्रणाली में अपने सिद्धांतों और सामाजिक दबावों के बीच जूझते हैं।

श्री मनोज मिश्रा के निर्देशन में, छात्रों द्वारा निभाए गए पात्र मंच पर सजीव हो उठे। एक गंभीर और सामाजिक रूप से प्रासंगिक विषय को उठाते हुए, छात्रों ने न केवल मंच पर अपने अभिनय के माध्यम से बल्कि दर्शकों से गहरे जुड़ाव के द्वारा भी सराहनीय परिपक्वता का प्रदर्शन किया।

अतीत और वर्तमान के दृश्यों के बीच संक्रमण अत्यंत सहज था। साथ ही, प्रॉप्स, वेशभूषा और पृष्ठभूमि संगीत के प्रभावी उपयोग ने कहानी को और अधिक प्रभावशाली और भावनात्मक बना दिया।



The cast of Hindi play

Annual English Play

The English Annual Play, staged on 26th April at the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre, brought alive the timeless tale of ‘The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.’ The gripping adaptation presented by the English Department explored deep themes of duality and inner conflict, leaving the audience spellbound and emotionally stirred. Through seamless transitions between the two characters, evocative



Performers of the English play

props, and haunting music, the students demonstrated remarkable acting and storytelling finesse. The use of lights of different colours which mirrored the acts, made the play more gripping.

Exploring the Skies:
A Celestial Journey

This summer, **Anirudh Lohia** and **Aadi Dev Goel** were selected to visit the prestigious Solar Observatories in Kodaikanal and Nainital. Their scientific journey began at the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, where they explored historic instruments like the Tunnel Telescope and the H-Alpha Solar Telescope, gaining firsthand insight into solar imaging and spectroscopy.

Their experience extended beyond Kodaikanal, with visits to the Raman Research Institute, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and CREST in Bengaluru. Here, they delved into advanced concepts of optics and were inspired by the legacy of C.V. Raman's groundbreaking work in physics.



Aadi Dev Goel being felicitated



Anirudh Lohia at the Observatory

Interacting with leading scientists and witnessing real-time research in action ignited a deeper curiosity in both students.

Chintan Shivir at LNIPE

Mr Mandaar Sharma, Head of the Department, Sports, was the only expert from a school in the entire country invited to take part in the 3-Day Chintan Shivir held at the Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education



Mr Mandaar Sharma at LNIPE

(LNIPE), Gwalior. The event, led by Dr Kalpana Sharma, Vice Chancellor of LNIPE, focused on updating the syllabus for Physical Education degrees. Mr Mandaar’s contribution was a proud moment for our school and a step forward in shaping the future of sports education.

International Yoga Day

The school celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June 2025 with great enthusiasm and spirit. Despite the summer break, the school ensured active participation by organizing a special online yoga session for students and parents. The session focused on mindfulness, breathing techniques, and simple asanas, promoting physical and mental well-being.

Dubai Cricket Tour

Thirty-one students with three teacher escorts- Mr Mandaar Sharma, Mr Vijay Prakash Sharma and Mr Naveen Rathore went for the Dubai Cricket Tour held from 20th to 30th June 2025.



Cricketers at the International ground

The students had a wonderful chance to play with renowned clubs and academies in Ajman and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. They also had the privilege of meeting famous Afghan cricketers – Mr Rashid Khan (captain T20 cricket Team) and Mr Mohammad Nabi (former captain). They were given school caps as a

souvenir after which the students took photographs, interacted with them, and gained valuable insights during the session.

Two teams represented the school in Dubai – U-14 and U-17. Both teams performed commendably and put up a strong challenge against their opponents. Apart from cricket, they explored several attractions in the UAE, including Dubai Mall, the 125th floor of Burj Khalifa, Ferrari World, Meena Bazaar, Outlet Mall, Dubai Frame, Dhow Cruise, and many more.

‘Know your friend’ outing

The new students of the school were taken on a "Know Your Friend" outing to Orchha from 2nd to 5th July 2025, accompanied by the pastoral team of the Junior Houses. The trip offered students a valuable opportunity to build friendships and bond with their respective House teams. Mr Dhruv Sharma, Mr Ganpat Swarup Pathak and Mr Sumit Bhadoriya enriched the experience by engaging students in music, dramatics and sports, making the trip both memorable and enjoyable.

Building Connections
Orientation of new Students

On 5th July, students from classes VI to XI attended a workshop titled “Understanding Friendship, Conflict Resolution and Gender Sensitization.” The session included role-plays and discussions that encouraged students to reflect on friendship, behaviour in



Orientation of new Scindians

a boarding setup, and respect for all peers. It reinforced empathy and self-awareness.

Building Bonds
Beyond Dorm Walls

On 10th July, the “Circle of Strength” activity was conducted in Junior



Expressing yourself

CBSE RESULTS

CLASS X, OVERVIEW OF 2025

School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 87%

No. of Students : 82	90% & Above : 38	85% – 90% : 18	80% – 85% : 12
	75% – 80% : 7	60% – 75% : 7	Below 60% : 0

TOPPERS LIST (English + Best 4) – 85% AND ABOVE

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Pratik Banka	98	Rajvirr Agarwal	97.4	Sahaj Agarwal	97
Aditya Agarwal	96.6	Saharsh Singh	96.2	Atharv Tiwari	96.2
Advait Khemka	96	Vivek Sharma	96	Aryan Bhagat	95.8
Suraj Kumar Agarwalla	95.4	Yuvraj Singh	95	Naman Dua	94.6
Akhand Pradeep Rai	94	Bhavya Raj Jain	94	Prabh Sahibsingh Oberoi	93.8
Nikunj Jalan	93.2	Prahlad Tyagi	93.2	Manan Agarwal	93
Abhishek Agrawal	92.6	Pratyush Agarwal	92.6	Aditya Kishnani	92.6
Khush Todi	92.6	Shaurya Pankaj Veer	92.6	Govind Goyal	92.4
Priyansh Agarwal	92.2	Amogh Bansal	91.6	Pranav Agarwal	91.2
Aditya Raj	91	Sarthak Dalal	90.8	Riyansh Oswal	90.6
Hansiddh Kothari	90.4	Shauryaa Goel	90.4	Divij Agrawal	90.4
Ranveer Chauhan	90.2	Yash Nitharwal	90.2	Ram Chandra Dhengula	90
Anjum Nishad	90	Nishchal Daksh	89.6	Hitesh Singhal	89.2
Ayush Agnihotri	88.4	Keshav Kumar Rathour	88.2	Manikanta Vattam	88
Devam Garg	88	Sayush Agarwal	87.8	Divit Deswal	87.6
Harsh Ahuja	87.2	Anay Gupta	87	Saaransh Singhal	86.8
Sanatan Agarwal	86.6	Adarsh Gupta	86.4	Shlok Sharma	86.2
Prem Kumar Thawani	86	Garvit Bangard	85.6	Trinav Kumar Gupta	85.6
Shourya Barnwal	85.2	Atishay Mongia	85.2		

100% in Artificial Intelligence - Pratik Banka, Manan Agarwal

100% in Data Science - Rajvirr Agarwal, Sahaj Agarwal, Aditya Agarwal, Atharv Tiwari, Advait Khemka, Vivek Sharma, Akhand Pradeep Rai, Khush Todi, Aditya Raj

100% in Mathematics - Pratik Banka, Rajvirr Agarwal

Houses. Students shared thoughts on themes like fear, pride and empathy while sitting in a circle. The aim was to create a safe space for open communication and build trust among peers. The session is now being extended across all Junior Houses.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony for the year 2025-26 was held at the Shukla



The Investiture Ceremony

Memorial Open-Air Theatre on 7th July 2025.

Anti-Bullying Workshop

Ms Niharika Kulshrestha conducted a workshop in the Assembly Hall for the Junior Houses on ‘Bullying Prevention and Empathy Building’ on



Preparing for tomorrow

10th July 2025. The session explored the differences between bullying and conflict, stressed the importance of supporting victims, and highlighted the urgent need to address bullying.

ITMMUN Manthan 7.0

Nine students participated in the ITMMUN Manthan 7.0 organised by ITM Global School from 10th to 12th July 2025. The following students bagged awards:

- Neil Agarwal - Special Mention
- Riyansh Oswal - Special Mention
- Krish Agarwal - Special Mention
- Keshav Kumar Rathore - Special Mention
- Abhiraj Singh Parmar - Special Mention
- Yash Nitharwal - High Commendation
- Suraj Kumar Agarwalla - High Commendaion
- Lakshya Tulsian - Best Delegate



Best delegate - Lakshya Tulsian

Welcoming New Educators to The Scindia School

We are delighted to welcome a group of talented educators to The Scindia School family:

- Ms Mahima Nanda, the French department
- Mr YPS Ramakrishnan, Mathematics department
- Mr Lokesh Kumar Awasthi, Accounts faculty, Commerce department
- Mr Saptarshi Bhattacharya, English department
- Mr Sanjay Choudhary, Physics faculty, Science department
- Ms Sagarika Pradhan, Special Education teacher

My feelings after coming to school Kabir Jha, VIII C

On 6th July 2025, I returned to my study home, ‘The Scindia School’. At first, when I saw my parents leaving, I became sad, but on the contrary, I was also happy because I was going to meet my friends after such a long time. I felt homesick in the beginning but as soon as I started reading my book, I forgot that I was homesick. Now I am pleased and happy to have returned to school.

CBSE RESULTS

CLASS XII, OVERVIEW OF 2025

School Result (Best 4) : Average Percentage = 90.75%
School Result (English + Best 4) : Average Percentage = 87.8%

Stream Toppers (Best 4 Aggregates)

Science : Keshav Jhunjhunwala : (97.3%), Humanities : Lakshya Arora : (98%), Commerce : Yugraj Singh : (97.5%)
No. of Students : 81 95% and above : 23 85% – 94% : 49 75% – 84% : 8
65% – 74% : 01 55% – 64% : 0 Below 55% : 0

School Topper : Lakshya Arora : (98%)

TOPPERS LIST (BEST 4) – 85% AND ABOVE

Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage	Name of the Student	Percentage
Lakshya Arora	98.00	Prataksh Sharma	97.80	Saksham Agrawal	97.50
Yugraj Singh	97.50	Keshav Jhunjhunwala	97.30	Navit Jain	97.30
Brahm Motwani	97.00	Raghav Sharma	97.00	Rohan Asrani	96.50
Uday Ahuja	96.50	Aryavardhan Singh Somvanshi	96.50	Vaibhav Agrawal	96.50
Vatsal Agrawal	96.30	Neev Agarwal	96.30	Chingkheinganba Rajkumar	95.80
Nibir Jyoti Nath	95.80	Simarjot Singh Malhi	95.30	Sameep Mody	95.30
Tanish Agrawal	95.00	Yash Agarwal	95.00	Fravash R Vikamsey	94.80
Shaurya Prakash	94.50	Vivek Singh	94.50	Mohammad Rehan Mansuri	94.30
Adwait Budhia	94.00	Abhyudaya Bansal	94.00	Lakshya Sharma	94.00
Darsh Kumar Tulsyan	93.80	Ayush Kumar Garg	93.30	Jahaan Nagpal	93.30
Kavish Patwari	93.00	Pratyush Agrawal	93.00	Sreekar Erukulapati	93.00
Archit Agarwal	92.80	Aryan Vikram Bhatia	92.80	Syed Aarish Bin Sarosh	91.80
Devaansh Harlalka	91.80	Saksham Sameer Kubde	91.50	Dhairya Goyal	91.50
Arsh Agrawal	91.50	Jyotiradityasinh Jadeja	91.30	Arjun Sharma	91.30
Rushil Rajan	91.00	Jay Gupta	90.80	Ujjwal Gupta	90.80
Tanush Somani	90.80	Harshvardhan Himanshu Wadher	90.50	Devansh Agarwal	90.30
Rudra Pratap Tyagi	90.30	Lokesh Awasthi	90.00	Satyam Kumar Soni	89.80
Omitya Singh	89.30	Dhanraj Jajodia	89.00	Ved Gupta	88.80
Amogh Bhargava	88.80	Vedaant Yogesh Joshi	88.50	Akshit Kyal	88.30
Vibhor Singh	88.00	Rohil Sharma	88.00	Mahiman Vikamsey	87.50
Medhansh Trivedi	87.30	Arrthham Jalan	87.30	Harsh Upadhyay	87.30
Vaansh Mehra	87.30	Anubhav Agarwal	87.00	Ashmit Sharma	86.80
Atharv Goel	86.80	Saksham Agrawal	86.80	Rudraksh Tapadiya	86.80
Divas Chahal	86.30	Aditya Garg	86.00	Vinayak Kapoor	86.00

100% in Painting - Adwait Budhia, Ashmit Sharma, Ayush Kumar Garg, Brahm Motwani, Devansh Agarwal, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Mohammad Rehan Mansuri, Raghav Sharma, Satyam Kumar Soni, Aryavardhan Singh Somvanshi, Diyaa Singh, Lakshya Arora, Prataksh Sharma, Aarush Agrawal, Arjun Sharma, Arrthham Jalan, Atharv Goel, Devaansh Harlalka, Fravash R Vikamsey, Jay Gupta, Lakshya Sharma, Navit Jain, Nibir Jyoti Nath, Ujjwal Gupta, Vaibhav Agrawal, Vatsal Agrawal, Yash Agarwal, Amogh Bhargava, Anubhav Agarwal,Archit Agarwal,Aryan Vikram Bhatia, Bhavy Chaudary, Darsh Kumar Tulsyan, Devansh Pahwa, Harsh Upadhyay, Jahaan Nagpal, Pratyush Agrawal, Rudra Pratap Tyagi, Rudraksh Tapadiya, Vaansh Mehra, Vinayak Kapoor, Vivek Singh, Yugraj Singh

100% in Music - Rushil Rajan, Dhairya Goyal, Lakshya Sharma

Young Economist Riyansh Ritolia, IX B

Discussing money issues with children is essential for developing financial literacy, responsibility and a healthy attitude towards money. From an early age by involving children in age-appropriate conversations about budgeting, saving, spending and even financial challenges, parents prepare them for real world decision making. Firstly, financial education often isn’t taught in schools. Leaving children unprepared for adult responsibilities, like managing a bank account, using credit wisely, or understanding debt. Parents can fill this gap by being open about money matters, providing practical examples and lessons in everyday situations.

Secondly, transparency about financial situations can help children appreciate the value of money and develop empathy and gratitude. For instance, if a family is facing financial constraints, explaining the reasons behind the budget cuts can prevent misunderstandings and foster cooperation. Lastly, early exposure to financial discussions, responsible habits, such as saving regularly or distinguishing between needs and wants, are important. These skills become increasingly important as children grow and start earning or managing their own money. Open and honest discussion about money helps children become financially confident and responsible adults.

Old Boys’ News Scindian appointed as Governor

Mr Ashok Gajapathi Raju (Ex Chaitanya, 1968) was appointed as the Governor of Goa. The Scindian family congratulates him on his success.



The Promise at Astachal

I have stood here for generations—quiet, constant, and listening. Every evening, they come to me. Boys in uniform. Some laughing softly, some deep in thought. Some dragging their feet with the weight of homesickness, others climbing with purpose. And I receive them all—without judgment, without question.

It was his fifth evening at the school, and Aarav still felt the ache of home. The unfamiliar walls of his dormitory, the strange rhythm of the day, and the quiet weight of being away from his parents all seemed to press a little harder during the walk up to Astachal. The boys walked in silence, as they always did during the evening reflection. Aarav followed, uncertain, his hands tucked into the pockets of his kurta, his thoughts lost somewhere between Gwalior Fort and the comfort of his home miles away.

As they reached the hilltop, the golden sun was just beginning to set. Its warm light stretched over the Fort’s age-old stones and dipped behind the horizon in a soft, solemn bow. Everyone sat, heads down, eyes lifted only to the sky. Aarav sat too, though his heart still tugged in the other direction.

And then a boy stood up. He was older, confident. With calm words and steady voice, he recited a short poem:
“Each day the sun may disappear,
But it rises not in defeat.
In every end, a start is near,
A chance to stand on one’s own feet.”

There was a pause for reflection. The breeze picked up. Aarav didn’t know the boy, but the poem felt personal—like it had been spoken just for him. Something shifted inside him. He looked again at the sun, now only a sliver above the edge. It had travelled across the sky with purpose, only to rest and begin again. So could he.

In that moment, Aarav made a quiet promise to himself. He would stay. Not because he had to, but because he wanted to grow—to become more confident, to discover who he was beyond the safety of home. He would trade homesickness for resolve. He would focus not on what he missed, but on what he had come here to find. As they walked back down from Astachal in silence, the stars slowly taking the sun’s place above them, Aarav felt something new. Not comfort, not certainty, but purpose.

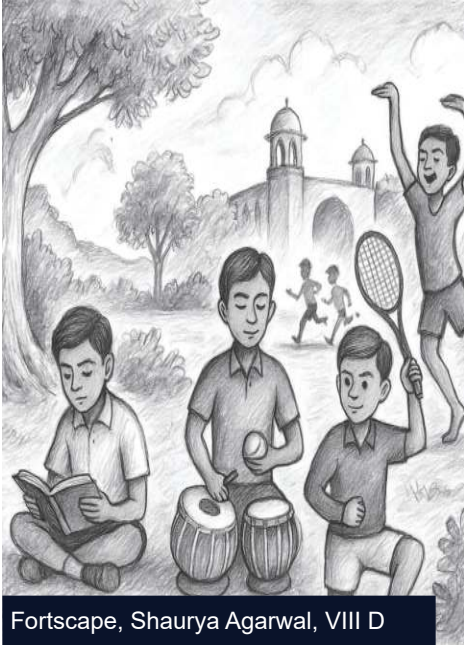
And that was enough to begin. I watched as he rose with the others and walked down the hill. The stars took their places above him, and I stayed where I’ve always been. Waiting. Listening.
Because I am Astachal—not just a place, but a presence. A space where boys learn not just to reflect, but to begin.

Teacher’s Excursion: NIM Basic Mountaineering Course
Mr Pushpesh Pandey, Faculty of Mathematics

Being born in Uttarakhand, also known as Devbhoomi (The Land of the Gods), I have always shared a natural bond with the mountains. Growing up amidst the Himalayan ranges, I developed a deep fascination for their beauty, strength, and spiritual presence. I’ve always been adventurous at heart, and one of my long-standing dreams was to pursue professional mountaineering training from one of India’s best institutes — the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi. I feel fortunate that The Scindia School gave me the opportunity to turn this dream into reality by sponsoring my participation in the Basic Mountaineering Course (BMC). This course not only sharpened my technical skills but also tested and strengthened my physical endurance, mental resilience, and emotional discipline.



Receiving the Batch



Fortscape, Shaurya Agarwal, VIII D

The BMC was an intense, high-altitude mountaineering course covering rock, snow, and ice craft. Daily treks, technical training, and summiting Hurra Peak tested our endurance. We learned survival skills, rescue techniques, and leadership skills under pressure. This course was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Every step, climb, and challenge helped me grow not just as a mountaineer, but as a person. The mountains taught me patience, humility, and resilience. Completing BMC has not only deepened my love for the mountains but also instilled in me a stronger sense of discipline, responsibility, and mental toughness.

I am incredibly thankful to The Scindia School for this opportunity, and to the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering for their world-class training and mentorship. This experience has further fueled my passion for mountaineering, and I now look forward to taking this journey even further.

Obituary

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Shankar Narayan Shrivastwa (Ex-MJ, 1969). Mr Shrivastwa passed away due to a heart attack at Navkar Hospital. He will be remembered fondly by his batchmates and the extended Scindian fraternity for his warmth, spirit and camaraderie. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may his family find strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Japan Tour

Adhiraj Singh, XII A



The students at the JAXA

Twenty-Six students along with two teacher escorts, Ms Raksha Siriah and Mr Aniket Garud, and one very patient guide took a flight from Delhi to Tokyo on 15th May 2025, beginning the journey that would go on to become one of the most memorable pages in our school history. With months of preparation, endless group discussions, and the typical last-minute packing frenzy behind us, we finally set off for Japan — a nation famous for its unique combination of tradition and technology.

Our adventure started in Tokyo, which blindsided us with its neon lights, clean streets, and astonishingly efficient transportation system. A highlight was the JAXA Airspace Museum, where we learned of Japan's space missions, rocket technology, and even got to see actual

satellite models. A couple of students who aspire to be future astronauts were literally star-struck — no pun intended. Later in the day, we walked to the Tokyo Sky Tree, from whose observation deck the view left us speechless. The whole city lay before us in all directions. Well, this was also the ideal moment for Madhav Agarwal to start something that would become a trip-long habit: pausing to take a single photograph every few minutes. Whether temples, towers, trains, or trees — Madhav was standing in front of them, posing, and the rest of us waited (occasionally not very patiently). We then took our first bullet train — the fabled Shinkansen — to Kyoto. Seeing the countryside whizzing by at almost 300 km/h felt unreal.

Kyoto presented a very different ambiance — serene, historic, and with lots of cultural charm. We toured the old Japanese shrines and marveled at the architecture, even partaking in a little traditional ritual. The serenity of the setting, the bell-like sound, and the fragrance of incense made Kyoto an existing time capsule. The next day we found us on another Shinkansen to Osaka, a vibrant city with its markets, street eats, and welcoming locals. Venturing out to the local markets was a culinary enthusiast paradise — Takoyaki, sushi, mochi, matcha everything we indulged in it all. But things really got very interesting when the whole crew somehow ended up split up into four different groups while venturing out. With no agreed-upon meeting spot, it took dozens of calls, some walking in circles, and some collaboration to reunite everyone. It was crazy but funny — something we'll be joking about for years. To add to the adventure, one student was left behind at a BIC shop while the rest of us had already proceeded to the metro station. Fortunately, thanks to our guide and some speedy calls, they caught up with the group — something that we all recall with a touch of panic and laughter. Osaka also instilled patience



At Kansai University

and late-night collaboration in us in ways we never could have expected. Let's just say that advanced lock mechanisms can be tricky to comprehend when nobody around seems to know the password, and that standing outside in the stars together in silence with 12 other individuals can be an extremely bonding experience. The group also visited the famous amusement park, Universal Studios, Osaka, where we spent the entire day snacking and getting on scary rides, one of the Jurassic Park rides got us completely wet and yet we marched on, determined to make the most of the day as we explored the huge park. Even the laziest of us had at least twenty thousand steps by the time we reached back to our hotel. While Universal studios was a fun experience, a more breath-taking one was the Osaka EXPO 2025, where all the countries had gathered to share their exhibitions and cultures with others. There were exhibitions everywhere and awe-inspiring displays of how each culture interpreted life in different ways.



In front of Osaka Castle

Our last stop was Hiroshima, a city that had a profound emotional effect. We toured the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and Museum and stood before the Atomic Bomb Dome — the one building still partially standing after the bomb fell in 1945. The displays were moving, and the anecdotes heart-wrenching. It was a moment of quiet for our group, as we pored over history and the stark message of peace that Hiroshima represents today. On May 26th, we returned to Delhi — exhausted physically but enriched mentally and emotionally. The journey had provided us not only with a greater insight into Japan's culture, history, and technology but also indelible memories packed with laughter, learning, and friendship. From stunning skylines and bullet trains to vending machines, street food, and some crazy group escapades, this trip had a little bit of everything.

This Summer Around the World

From holy smoke to air turbulence, the world's been spinning faster than your new Cisco Wi-Fi's credit to **IT Department** that too on the newly installed Apple devices. In Ahmedabad, an **Air India plane** had a rough time, losing valuable lives. Across the border, India launched **Operation Sindoor** for a comeback against the not-so-peaceful Pakistan; diplomacy with drama, as always. Meanwhile, **Israel and Iran** continued their favorite pastime—lobbing threats and missiles. India, ever the cautious parent, is now calling its kids home from the mess. Sensible. In brighter, less Earth-bound news: India finally has a citizen floating in space — not in traffic, but the International Space Station. Proud moment as **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** completes his mission at ISS. Back on Earth, and slightly below it in maturity: **Elon Musk and Donald Trump** are feuding again — this time over AI, social media, and who has the bigger digital ego. At this rate, 2025 might end with a cage match... or a joint podcast called "Make Mars Great Again." Vatican City welcomed a **new Pope**. He's yet to tweet anything controversial, but give it time. And on the lighter side: Elon Musk teased "X-phone," Meta launched another app nobody asked for, and the UK's PM mistook "AI summit" for "awkward small talk in suits. **Tripura** just became the third Indian state to hit 100% literacy — meaning everyone can now fluently read newspapers, WhatsApp forwards, and fake news with equal ease. Next goal: understanding taxes. In a plot twist no one saw coming, **Bihar** is now the first Indian state to implement mobile-based e-voting. Yes, Bihar. Credit goes to the Telecommunication Minister, who has officially replaced Jio as the nation's fastest connection to progress. After years of heartbreak and rain-ruined dreams, South Africa has finally won

the **World Test Championship 2025** — proving miracles do happen if you wait long enough. Australia came in second, which is basically losing in their own favourite sport. Somewhere, the baggy green wept in disbelief. D. Gukesh, all of 18, has become the new **World Chess Champion**, making grandmasters everywhere question their career choices. While most teens are stuck in exam halls, Gukesh just casually outplayed global legends — with the calm of someone deciding between two snacks, not two queens.

Banu Mushtaq has won the Booker Prize for her short story collection "Heart Lamp" — a lyrical masterpiece that's been called "profound, poetic, and probably too smart for your book club." Critics wept, publishers scrambled, and somewhere, Chetan Bhagat nervously refreshed his Goodreads page. The world's most powerful leaders met at the **G7 Summit** in Canada — where they mostly agreed on climate change, partially agreed on trade, and completely ignored their own carbon footprints. At least the maple syrup was diplomatic. Israel and Iran continue to one-up each other in a high-stakes game of "who wants to spark a regional war?" Missiles flew, tensions rose, and global leaders responded with their signature move: strongly worded tweets and absolutely no action.

In a plot twist that shocked cricket fans and astrologers alike, **Royal Challengers Bangalore** actually won the IPL. Virat Kohli cried. Bangalore suffered. And somewhere, a meme page died peacefully, having completed its mission." Climate change? Still here. Global peace? Still buffering. See you next fortnight—if the world hasn't melted, exploded, or been rebranded by tech bros.

E-commerce Growth

During the pandemic, the e-commerce platform of the world saw a dramatic jump of 27.6% in just about one year (2019-20), from \$3.35 trillion in 2019 to \$4.2 trillion in 2020, one of the highest in the past time. The top e-commerce sectors which benefited from this huge increase were grocery, essential, electronics, apparel, healthcare, and pharmaceuticals. The e-commerce platform has majorly helped the world by providing the public with the most important day-to-day goods through their safe, secure and fast deliveries even when everyone was locked inside their homes. The COVID-19 pandemic gave a boost to the growth of the e-commerce platform which has likely caused a permanent shift in consumer behavior, with many consumers continuing to prefer online shopping even after restrictions have eased. With this, new upcoming start-ups are starting to use online marketing for their product launch and many of the big companies have most of their products being bought for e-commerce platforms.

As the pandemic ended and we entered the post-pandemic era, e-commerce is not looking to slow its growth, and it is expected that by 2026 it will grow to an outstanding \$8.1 trillion. Isn't it flabbergasting? Still even after the pandemic, the growth of the companies is on an inclined slope. Just take for example of Amazon, the e-commerce tycoon, it had a revenue of \$386.06 billion in 2020 and finished FY – 23 with \$574.8 billion in revenue. This huge leap proves how e-commerce is, in fact, still growing. To an extent, this pandemic was a boon for e-commerce which changed people's mindset of buying things, company's strategies and techniques of marketing their product and the way people now see e-commerce.

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