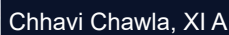




रिब्यू त्रिडिटे ग्रीष्म्यु ठिम्या ठिव्या नीव्या रिब्यू तिदिठु रिद्वहू बिडिडे रिद्व५ रिभ्यू रिभ्हू त्रिडिडे रिभ्यू ريو



@ Negotium Agon

participated in Negotium Agon, a business event hosted by Wynberg-Allen School, Mussoorie on 26th July 2025. The school was honoured with the People's Choice Award for its overall performance. Additionally, **Ansh Mittal** received special recognition for Outstanding Performance.

Gyanshree MUN

Eight students, **Rudraksh Bansal, Ishaan Modi, Arjun Dholeliya, Saman Mehrotra, Advik Kumar Garg, Vinayak Agarwal, Akshaj Agarwal** and **Vedang Goenka** escorted



Receiving award

by Mr Abhinav Anshu participated in the Gyanshree MUN at Gyanshree School, Noida from 24th to 26th July. **Rudraksh Bansal** won a verbal mention in UNGA(Spec Pol)

Faculty Development at Orchha: A Journey of Growth

As part of our Large Scale Intervention Programme, nineteen enthusiastic faculty members participated in the two-day programme from 26th to 28th July 2025, which blended experiential games, interactive sessions and a



Fun at Orchha

talent showcase to foster collaboration and team spirit. Led by Mr Sounak Chakraborty, the FDP covered advanced teaching methodologies, research orientation, compliance and classroom tech integration. Uniquely hosted off-site at a tranquil resort in Orchha, the setting offered a refreshing backdrop for focused and immersive learning. Day two featured rigorous assessments alongside light-hearted moments like quizzes—with chocolate prizes—to maintain engagement. The programme concluded with a serene riverside walk along the Betwa, where local expert Mr Sanjay shared rich insights into Orchha's royal legacy.

SGFI Table Tennis

The school organised the SGFI Table Tennis competition on 29th July in three categories: Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19. In the Under-14 category, **Vandan Sankhla, Pritam**

Patel, Raghuveer Kochar and **Vihaan Surana** secured 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th positions respectively. In the Under-17 category, **Aryan Bhagat, Rivaan Shivhare, Aniruddh Lohia** and **Shaurya Singhal** secured 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions respectively. In the Under-19 category **Devam Garg, Yatharth Agarwal, Ayush Agnihotri** and **Pushkal Agarwal** secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions respectively.

Vasant Valley Techviz

Four students **Divyansh Parecha, Jayant Rathi, Korounganba Rajkumar** and **Priyansh Agarwal** escorted by Mr Chirag Sharma participated in the Techviz competition held at Vasant Valley School, Delhi from 30th July to 2nd August.

संगीत, सौंदर्य और सौहार्द का रंगारंग

उत्सव : सावन झूला पार्टी

“सावन की हरियाली में नारी शक्ति संग झूले”- इसी उत्साह और उल्लास के साथ लेडीज़ क्लब द्वारा सावन झूला पार्टी का आयोजन 30 जुलाई को किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्रीमती ज्योति सिंह ने किया, जबकि क्लब की अध्यक्ष श्रीमती अनामिका सिंह ने नए सदस्यों का गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत उत्साहपूर्ण अंताक्षरी से हुई, जिसमें नीली, पीली, हरी और लाल – चार टीमों ने भाग लिया। हरी टीम विजेता रही और माहौल



Ladies' club

को मस्ती और उमंग से भर दिया। इसके बाद हुए नृत्य प्रदर्शन और नंबर गेम ने सभी को खूब आनंदित किया। विजेताओं को पुरस्कार देकर सम्मानित किया गया।

‘हरियाली क्रीन’ का खिताब श्रीमती सृष्टि मिश्रा को मिला, वहीं छह अन्य सदस्यों को भी विशेष सम्मान प्रदान किया गया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में क्लब की उपाध्यक्षा सुश्री स्मिता चतुर्वेदी ने सभी को धन्यवाद देते हुए भविष्य में ऐसे आयोजनों की निरंतरता की कामना की। कार्यक्रम का समापन स्वादिष्ट चाट पार्टी के साथ हुआ - जो आपसी मिलन, उत्साह और सौहार्द की एक मधुर स्मृति बन गई।

IPSC Art Fest, Nainital

Sanatan Agarwal, Pranjal Sharma, Saharsh Singhal and **Anjum Nishad** along with Mr Somnath Das went to



Critics' choice award

the All India IPSC Art Fest 2025 hosted by Birla Vidya Mandir from 1st to 3rd August 2025. **Anjum Nishad**, earned the prestigious Critics' Choice Award in Charcoal portrait.

IPSC Football (U14)

Eighteen students **Prajit Thokchom, Pratham Lohia, Yash Vardhan Bhakar, Atharv Agarwal, Rudraveer Raghav, Prithvi Singh Chouhan, Arnav Jain, Kabir Tripathi, Akshansh Singh, Yuvan Agarwal, Kapil Gupta Bajrang, Rajveer Kakde Venkateshwar, Devraj Singh, Drona Anil Agarwal, Pratyush Karamchandani, Kapish Bansal, Palash Bansal** and **Yash Gaur** participated in the IPSC Football (U14) Competition held at the Emerald Heights International School, Indore from 1st to 5th August.

The School Basketball Team Shines at Inter-School League

The school Basketball team recently participated in the Inter-School Basketball League (3X3) organised by Raj Express, held at Gajra Raja Medical College, Gwalior from 1st to 3rd August 2025. The tournament



Runners up

witnessed participation from 20 leading schools in the boys' category, making the competition intense and exciting. Displaying exceptional skills, teamwork and perseverance, the school team secured the Second Runner-Up position. The team members — **Akshay Pratap Singh, Rituparn Singh, Parakram Dudi** and **Prabhat Bajpai** — brought pride to the school with their spirited performance.

Junior School Eco Park Visit

Students of class VI took a short field trip to our on-campus Eco Park in the Fort Biosphere on 2nd August 2025.



They toured the butterfly enclave, medicinal plant beds and organic farm plots; joined a guided nature walk and planted saplings while learning simple waste- and water-conservation tips. The outing blended fun with hands-on environmental lessons, inspiring the children to adopt eco-friendly habits back in class and at home.

The Scindian Talkhouse

The Scindian Talkhouse was organised on 2nd August 2025. The topic for this edition was ‘Does comparison breed confidence or misery?’ All the panellists offered unique and fresh opinions on the topic. The audience also became a part of the discussion by asking panellists various questions



and sometimes presenting their views on the topic. It was chaired by **Sahaj Agarwal**. The panellists were **Mr Sumit Bhadoriya**, **Mr Y.P.S Ramakrishna**, **Mr Pankaj Mishra**, **Suraj Kumar Agarwalla**, **Shaurya Pankaj Veer**, **Sayush Agarwal** and **Anant Sodani**.

Book Bee Club Meeting

The Book Bee Club hosted a thought-provoking teachers’ session on the classic *How Green Was My Valley* on 2nd August, sparking lively debate on its rich themes and cultural relevance. The discussion explored the joint family dynamics of the Morgan household, the sweeping societal changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution, and the question of whether humanity can rise above religious divisions. Teachers also reflected on the importance of community spirit, where individual ambitions align with the greater good, and on the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

Adding depth to the conversation, faculty members drew parallels between the text and historical as

well as cultural contexts closer to home — from the lingering influence of colonisation on Indian habits and speech patterns, to the adoption of Western attire and etiquette in urban India, and traditional practices shaped by earlier rulers.

Doon School Young Entrepreneurs Conclave

Nine students namely **Ranveer Chauhan**, **Aryan Bhagat**, **Archit Chaudhary**, **Ramchandra Dhengula**, **Mohit Agarwal**, **Pratyush Agarwal**, **Yuvraj Singh**, **Aryan Garg** and **Sarthak Dalal** escorted by Mr Raj Kamal participated in the Prestigious Young Entrepreneurs Conclave hosted by The Doon School on 2nd and 3rd August 2025.

MUN Workshop

The school organized another MUN Workshop for the members of the



MUN Society on 3rd August 2025. The workshop taught students on how to do research and plan the perfect speech using Artificial Intelligence. The ImpleMentors team taught the students not only about MUNs but also about the art of articulation.

SGFI Squash

The school organised the SGFI Division competitions of Squash on 3rd August under two categories: Under-17 and Under-19. In the Under-17 category, seven students represented the school, with **Arnav Joshi**, **Govind Goyal**, **Mayank Jindal** and **Parshva Kochar** representing the Gwalior division and securing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th positions respectively. In the Under-19 category, the Gwalior division was represented by **Annagh Nadu Vath**, **Gaurang Mangal**, **Yatharth Agarwal** and **Pushkal Agarwal**, who secured the top four positions respectively.

School Council Meeting

The School Council met on 4th August 2025 to review the minutes of the

previous meeting and discuss matters including assembly hall seating, washroom hygiene, lab access, sports facilities and infrastructure repairs. The discussion also clarified a common student misconception about tuck shop prices, confirming that all items are actually sold at a 5% discount on MRP. Key decisions included introducing debit card-enabled student wallets, discouraging iPhones brought by the students to the school and announcing a surprise between Daulat and Jayappa. For the 2025–26 term, **Suraj Kumar Agarwalla** was elected as Secretary, with **Atul Shankar Prasanna** and **Rudraksh Bansal** as Joint Secretaries.

Stemletics Fest

Six students from our school namely **Harshil Gupta**, **Sarthak Dalal**, **Prabhat Bajpai**, **Rishabh Agarwal**, **Rajvirr Agarwal** and **Lakshya Tulsian** participated in the Stemletics Fest held at Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior held on 5th and 6th August 2025. They were escorted by Mr Akhil K. Lakshmanan. The students took part in exciting events like Aero Nova, Robo War and Water Rocket. The fest proved to be an enriching experience, sparking greater interest in STEM among our students.

Critical Thought Gathering at Sunbeam School, Sarnath

Five students from our school, **Abeer Sinha**, **Dhruv Vikamsey**, **Atharv Tripathi**, **Vedant Jaiswal** and **Smayan Batra** along with escort teacher Mr



George Varghese went to Sunbeam School, Sarnath for the Critical Thought Gathering from 4th to 8th August where they participated in various events like English debate, Extempore drama and Creative writing. **Abeer Sinha** and **Dhruv Vikamsey** came 3rd in the Creative Writing competition.

IPSC Music Fest, Bhopal

Fifteen students along with Mr Yogesh Sharma and Mr Anshul Srivastava participated in the All India IPSC Music Fest 2025 from 5th to 7th August 2025. There the students showed exceptional talent and got standing ovation for their magical mesmerizing notes. The students brought back laurels to the school. The winners are as follows:



Classical Solo Singing - Most Promising
Swaraj Santosh Mahadik
Qawwali – Most promising
Nityam Jain, Jai Agarwal, Shlok Sharma, Ansh Mittal, Aryan Raj, Akshat Singh Kamal Nayan Gupta

Faculty Development Program
The Scindia School hosted a Town Hall on 6th August 2025, to mark the launch of its Faculty Development Programme (FDP) — a landmark initiative aimed at fostering excellence, collaboration,



and lifelong learning among educators. Board Members Mr Harpal Singh and Mr Rajeev Dubey shared their inspiring vision for enhancing teaching standards, deepening subject expertise, upholding values, and promoting accountability. Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, spoke about the transformative role teachers play in shaping young minds, while Mr Sounak Chakrabarty underscored the importance of investing in students’ futures as the school’s enduring legacy.

The event also introduced the three core FDP academies Subject Mastery, Innovation & Learning Design and Values, Leadership & Culture. This launch marks a significant step towards building a stronger, more impactful future for education at The Scindia School.

Freshers’ Evening
The Freshers’ evening was organised on the evening of 7th August by the new members of the Scindia fraternity. The evening captivated the audience



throughout with a humorous Hindi play, a pensive and wistful English play and mesmerizing musical numbers that left the audience speechless. The evening really showcased the talents of all the new members of our ever-growing family.

PTM and Raksha Bandhan Outing
A Parent-Teacher Meeting was organised on 8th August, which enabled productive interaction between parents and teachers. This was followed by a two-day night outing for students. Students who stayed back enjoyed a movie outing and a special Raksha Bandhan dinner, ensuring the festive spirit was shared by all.

Monetary Peacock
At the Monetary Peacock Business Fest organised by the Mayo College Ajmer from 5th to 9th August , our team escorted by Mr Y.P.S. Ramakrishna excelled among eleven contenders: **Kavin Singh Chhatwal and Ishaan**



Chokhani won the CEO’s Dilemma, while **Shriyans Agarwal** and **Bhavesh Mittal** were First Runners-up in The Next Big Thing. Their combined efforts secured overall First Position and the Best Delegation Award, showcasing our students’ strategic brilliance, innovation and teamwork.

Tula's MUN
Fourteen students from the school, **Keshav Rathour, Yash Nitharwal, Krish Agarwal, Parth Pratap Singh, Riyansh Oswal, Saaransh Singhal, Hitesh Singhal, Hardik Singh Yadav, Ayush Agnihotri, Anirudh Lohia, Nimish Jain, Rudraksh Jindal, Ariket Kumar** and **Avneesh Jhunjhunwala** participated in the Tula's MUN held



from 2nd to 4th August 2025.
Keshav Rathour - Best Delegate, AIPPM, Rahul Gandhi
Yash Nitharwal - Best Delegate, UNSC, Russia
Ayush Agnihotri - Best Journalist, The Hindu
Saaransh Singhal, Hitesh Singhal and Riyansh Oswal - Best Delegates, IPL Auction, CSK
Hardik Singh Yadav - High Commendation, Photography
Rudraksh Jindal - Special Mention, UNHRC, Australia
Krish Agarwal - Verbal Mention, UNSC, UAE
Avneesh Jhunjhunwala - Verbal Mention, UNODC, Bangladesh

Annual Vivek High Fiesta
Thirteen students **Khush Thodi, Hardik Bhatia, Harshit Singh, Hansiddh Kothari, Taksh Bhoot, Shaurya Pankaj Veer, Gaurang Mangal, Devam Garg, Ishan Garg, Shresth Agarwal, Arya Dua and Himaksh Sharma** escorted by Mr Sankha Chakraborty and Mr Sumit Singh Bhaduria took part in the Annual Vivek High Fiesta held at Vivek High School held from 4th to 7th August. They participated in various events which tested their skills ranging from video making to eloquence to debating. They made the school proud by bringing laurels to the school.

Khush Todi, Harshit Singh and Hardik Bhatia came 3rd in the Reel to Real event.

Shaurya Veer, Taksh Bhoot Darshan, and Hansiddh Kothari also secured 3rd position in the Debate Competition.

Shaurya Veer was adjudged the best speaker in the semi final round.

Academic Honours’ Ceremony
222 Students from Classes VII to XII were felicitated with awards for their academic prowess on the eve of 5th August. It was a monumental event that rewarded the students for their hard work and motivated all the students who weren't able to secure



Young scholars

a seat at the Scholar’s Banquet. The large number of students who won showcase the school’s commitment towards academic excellence and the continuous academic progress made by the students. Heartiest Congratulations to all the winners.

Inter House Senior Group Quiz

The Inter-House Senior Group Quiz was held on 11th August 2025 in the School Assembly Hall at 6:30 p.m. Six teams made it to the finals after a preliminary round conducted on 8th August post-lunch. The finalists were Daulat, Madhav, Ranoji, Shivaji, Jayappa, and Jeevaji House.



Quiz master at work

The quiz featured engaging and challenging rounds, including Infinite Bounce, Triple Trouble, Challengers’ Deep, and Paired-Impaired. After a thrilling contest of knowledge and quick thinking, the final House rankings were as follows:

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

Jindal Art Fest

Thirteen students, **Saksham Goyal, Ayaan Khan, Divyam Bhagwani, Chirag Jalan, Anhad Juneja, Divesh Kumar, Sutirtha Banerjee, Riddhiman Singh, Agastya Sharma, Rahat Panwar, Rudraksh Jindal, Mayank Jindal and Arjun Kharb** escorted by Mr Deepanshu Sharma and Mr Dharmendra Singh Morya participated in the Jindal Art Fest at Vidhya Devi Jindal School, Hisar from 6th to 9th August 2025. The following students were awarded at the event:



Arjun with his award

- I in Sargam Sutra
(Classical Instrumental)
Divyam Bhagwani and Chirag Jalan
II in Cubist Canvas Painting
Arjun Kharb
III Prize in Western Band
Saksham Goyal, Agastya Sharma, Ayaan Khan and Riddhiman Singh

Mr Veerendra Singh Nagvanshi’s Contribution to NCERT’s Paper Mâché Artisan Textbook

Mr Veerendra Singh Nagvanshi, faculty member at The Scindia School, served as an expert and resource person in developing NCERT’s textbook for Classes XI and XII on the job role of “Paper Mâché Product Artisan,” under PSSCIVE, Bhopal. He contributed by integrating the cultural, historical, and contemporary relevance of paper mâché with vocational education, blending traditional techniques with modern skill development.

The textbook was shaped over two Working Group meetings in Gwalior and Bhopal, with experts, academics, and industry professionals. Mr



Mr Nagvanshi being felicitated

Nagvanshi collaborated with Dr. Balwant Singh Bhadoriya, Dr. Niharika Singhal, Mr Prateek Singh, Mr Tarunay Singh, Ms Gul Paharaj and Mr Aman Varma, expressing gratitude to Dr. Pinki Khanna and Mr Tarunay Singh for their guidance. The initiative aims to equip students with both artistic and vocational skills for future careers.

Refurbished Chemistry Lab with Enhanced Facilities

The school’s Chemistry Laboratory has been recently refurbished to provide upgraded facilities and a more efficient learning environment. The renovation includes modern workstations, improved safety equipment, advanced laboratory instruments and better storage for chemicals and apparatus. Enhanced ventilation and lighting further ensure a safe and comfortable space for experiments.



The new Chemistry lab

The Mess Staff Training Workshop

The Mess Staff chose to spend their summer break in a truly meaningful way. They participated in a professional training programme at the Institute of Hotel Management, Gwalior, where they honed their skills in dining etiquette, formal table setup and the preparation of soups and starters.

Both our servers and cooks attended the programme with great enthusiasm and sincerity and enriched their skillset in the process. The following members participated in it:

- Mr Dheeraj Bhadouriya (Cook)
Mr Ganesh Kushwah (Cook)
Mr Bunty Singh Tomar (Cook)
Mr Bunty Jha (Head Waiter)
Mr Mukul Kushwah (Kitchen Helper)
Mr Satyam Bhadouriya (Kitchen Helper)
Mr Aniket Bhadouriya (Kitchen Helper)
Mr Gaurav Sen (Guest House)
Mr Mudit (Guest House)

Sports Internship from Kerala

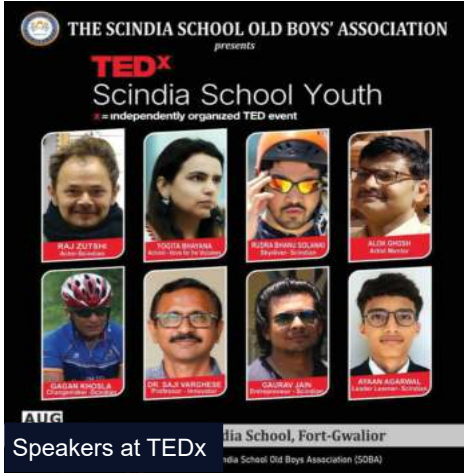
Five new coaches from LNCPE Trivandrum, Kerala have come to the Fort for a four month internship program with the School. Their names are as follows-

- Mr Athul AS, Hockey; Mr S. Anand Krishna, Basketball; Mr Arjun S, Swimming; Mr Amen N Mohammed, Football and Mr Ananthakrishnan S, Football.

TEDx Scindia School Youth Makes a Return

The School was brimming with excitement for the second edition of the TEDx Scindia School Youth. The following panellists are expected to come:

- Ayaan Agrawal** (Senior School Prefect)
Mr Alok Ghosh (Faculty of Art)
Mr Raj Zutshi (Ex-Vivekanand, 1978)
Mr Gagan Khosla (Ex-Je, 1974)
Mr Rudra Bhanu Solanki (Ex-Ja, 2007)
Mr Gaurav Jain (Ex-Mj, 1989)
Mr Saji Varghese (Founder-Sunbird Straws)
Ms Yogita Bhayana (Activist)



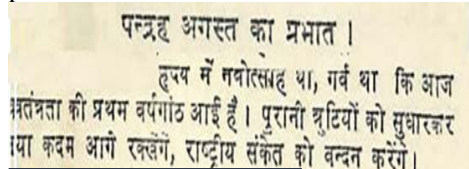
Bastille Day Lakshya Tulsian, X C

Nous, les élèves de la classe de 10e (français), avons célébré le 14 juillet avec joie et enthousiasme. Le 14 juillet est la fête nationale de la France. Elle célèbre la prise de la Bastille en 1789, un moment important de la Révolution française. Ce jour-là, il y a des défilés militaires, surtout à Paris sur les Champs-Élysées. Le soir, les gens regardent des feux d'artifice. C'est un jour de liberté, d'égalité et de fraternité. We, the students of Class 10 French, celebrated July 14th with joy and enthusiasm. July 14th is the national day of France. It commemorates the storming of the Bastille in 1789, an important event during the French Revolution. On this day, there are military parades, especially in Paris on the Champs-Élysées. In the evening, people watch fireworks and celebrate. It is a day of liberty, equality, and fraternity - a true celebration of France's history and freedom.

Print Media and the Neglected Importance of The Present

Nikhil Dua, IX B

In a world dominated by fleeting digital notifications and 24/7 news cycles, the importance of print media's permanence has faded. We scroll



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endlessly often not retaining what we read moments ago. Print media-once the backbone of history as we know it now finds itself increasingly dismissed as obsolete. But in this rush for the future we risk forgetting what needs to be remembered. One shocking example comes from the pages of Review itself. It may come as a shock, but when India first got freedom from the British, The pages of the Review didn't deem it report-worthy. Just as the past editorial boards of the Review didn't fully understand the historical value of 15th August 1947 we too might be living through times that might one day define our legacy. If we want the future to understand us-not just the headlines, but our ideas, our hopes and our dreams. We must treat print media not as a relic of the past but a record for

The fourth Independence Day was celebrated in the School with a march-past, planting more than 50 trees, music at the Astachal, and the showing of three educational films (Poetry in Nature, Magic in the stick and Distant races) in the evening.

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Remembering the Martyr's Avneesh Jhunjhunwala, VIII B

Bal Gangadhar Tilak, a fearless freedom fighter and reformer, played a vital role in India's struggle for independence, inspiring the nation with his iconic words, "Swaraj is my birthright, and I shall have it!" Through education, cultural revival, and unwavering courage, he taught the values of leadership, resilience, cultural pride, and standing firm for one's beliefs. He passed away on 1st August 1920, leaving behind a legacy of bravery, intellect, and patriotism that continues to inspire students and citizens alike.

Rabindranath Tagore was a towering figure in Indian literature, art, and culture, known as the "Bard of Bengal." Born on 7th May 1861, he was a poet, writer, philosopher, composer, and social reformer who reshaped Indian thought and creativity. Tagore became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for his profound poetry collection "Gitanjali."

He composed over 2,000 songs, including the national anthems of India and Bangladesh, and founded Visva-Bharati University, promoting holistic education and cultural exchange. Tagore's life teaches the values of creativity, universal humanism, intellectual freedom, and a harmonious blend of tradition with modernity. He passed away on 7th August 1941, after a prolonged illness, leaving behind an enduring legacy that continues to inspire artists, students, and citizens worldwide.

Another Fortnight on Planet Earth

In the latest round of global news, world leaders and nature both made headlines in equal measure. Donald Trump declared Washington, DC a warzone, deploying the National Guard because apparently calm streets are too boring. The Israel-Gaza conflict continued its tragic exchanges, while Australia prepared to join France and Canada in recognising Palestine. In France, jellyfish shut down a nuclear plant (yes, really), and in Colombia, a politician died after a shooting. Meanwhile, Europe anxiously eyed the Trump-Putin "Alaska meeting," hyped as an icebreaker in more ways than one. Just Another Fortnight on Planet Earth!

New Projector Installed in Assembly Hall

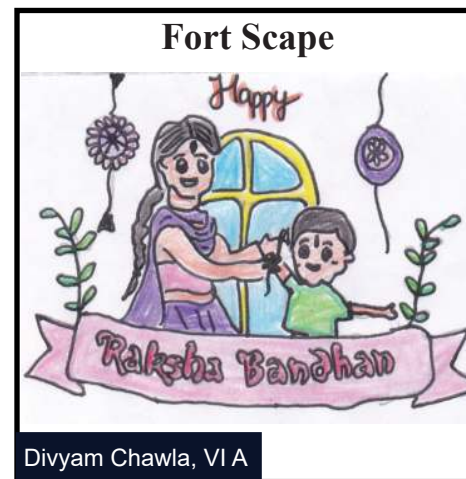
A new high-resolution projector had been installed in the school's assembly hall during the summer vacation. The upgraded system delivers sharper image quality, brighter visuals, and improved clarity.

प्रकृति: हमारा अमूल्य उपहार अथर्व प्रताप सिंह, 9-बी

प्रकृति हमारे जीवन की सबसे बड़ी साथी और अनमोल उपहार है। यह वह वरदान है जिसने हमें जीवन के लिए आवश्यक सभी संसाधन प्रदान किए हैं। पेड़-पौधे, नदियाँ, पहाड़, वायु, जल, और जीव-जंतु यह सब मिलकर प्रकृति का अद्भुत रूप बनाते हैं।

प्रकृति हमें सुंदरता के साथ-साथ जीवन की ऊर्जा भी प्रदान करती है। हर सुबह सूरज की किरणें, ठंडी हवा का झोंका, और पक्षियों का मधुर गीत हमारे मन को शांति और ताजगी देते हैं। पेड़ हमें ऑक्सीजन देते हैं, जल हमें जीवन का आधार बनाता है, और मिट्टी से हमें अन्न और फल मिलते हैं। लेकिन दुर्भाग्य से, आज मानव गतिविधियों के कारण प्रकृति का संतुलन बिगड़ता जा रहा है। जंगलों की कटाई, प्रदूषण, जल स्रोतों का शोषण, और अनियंत्रित शहरीकरण ने प्रकृति को हानि पहुंचाई है। इससे न केवल पर्यावरण संकट बढ़ रहा है, बल्कि हमारी खुद की सेहत और जीवन पर भी इसका बुरा असर पड़ रहा है।

इसलिए, हमें प्रकृति की रक्षा करना हमारी जिम्मेदारी बनती है। हमें पेड़ लगाने चाहिए, जल का संरक्षण करना चाहिए, और प्रकृति के प्रति सम्मान भाव रखना चाहिए। छोटे-छोटे प्रयास जैसे कूड़ा न फैलाना, पुनः उपयोग करने योग्य वस्तुओं का प्रयोग करना, और ऊर्जा की बचत करना भी बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। प्रकृति हमें हर दिन अपनी सुंदरता और कृपा से नवाज़ती है, हमें भी चाहिए कि हम इसका सम्मान करें और इसे सुरक्षित रखें ताकि आने वाली पीढ़ियाँ भी इस अमूल्य धरोहर का आनंद उठा सकें।



Divyam Chawla, VI A

The Genius of ‘And’ in Hillcrest Residential School
Chirag Raj Goel, IX A

At Hillcrest Residential School, life was always buzzing with activity — morning assemblies, rigorous academics, evening sports, music classes, community service, and a daunting list of clubs and competitions.

Aarav, a Class 9 student, was passionate about everything — he loved science experiments, played football with the zeal of a striker, was a talented guitarist, and enjoyed writing poetry. But lately, he had felt suffocated by advice from seniors and even some teachers:

“Choose one thing, Aarav. You can’t do everything.”
“Either focus on studies or focus on sports — otherwise you'll fail at both.”

This, as the Principal later called it, was the Tyranny of OR — the belief that you must choose between two good things, never attempting both.

Aarav tried to pick just one. For a week, he dropped football to prepare for the science fair. But he was restless, missing the game. Next, he ignored his guitar to revise for exams — but felt a dull ache when music night came around. With every choice of “OR,” something inside felt incomplete.

One day, during evening study hour, Aarav approached the Principal, Mrs. D’Souza, with his confusion. She smiled and shared a phrase he’d never heard before:

“Why must it be this OR that, Aarav? That’s the Tyranny of Or talking. What about this AND that? Genius lies in finding a way to make both possible.”

She told him to plan his week like a puzzle — not cutting away things he loved, but arranging them smartly. Aarav created a chart: early-morning runs for fitness, lunch-hour guitar practice, evenings for football, and focused night study sessions for academics. He learned to prioritise, manage energy, and even say “no” to meaningless distractions.

Two months later, Aarav’s team lifted the inter-house football trophy, his science project won at the district level, and he performed a self-composed song at the Founders’ Day celebration. His friends were stunned.

When asked how he managed it all, Aarav grinned:
“I stopped thinking in OR. I started living in AND.”

From then on, “The Genius of AND” became a motto at Hillcrest — proving that in life, with discipline, passion and balance, you don’t always have to choose one. Sometimes, you can make space for all that matters.

August 12: A Date Between Peace
and Provocation
Parth Agarwal, XII A

The irony of August 12, 2025, resonates deeply when we connect the past with the present. On this very day in 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh of Jammu and Kashmir signed the Standstill Agreement with Pakistan, aimed at preserving peace and maintaining existing administrative arrangements during the turbulent partition of British India. This agreement represented a hopeful pause, a diplomatic effort to prevent immediate conflict as the future of Kashmir remained undecided.

However, nearly 78 years later, the tone and context have dramatically shifted. In 2025, the region remains engulfed in conflict. The recent India-Pakistan military confrontation earlier this year in May, triggered by militant attacks and escalating hostilities, ended in a tense ceasefire but underscored the fragile and volatile state of relations. Pakistani Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, during his visit to the United States in August 2025, reiterated aggressive rhetoric that sharply contrasts with the 1947 spirit of cautious diplomacy. Munir described Kashmir as Pakistan's "jugular vein," asserted it as an unresolved international issue, and issued severe threats including destruction of Indian dams on the Indus River, accompanied by nuclear sabre-rattling.

Thus, the contrast is stark and bitter: the Standstill Agreement of August 12, 1947, symbolized a moment of restraint and hope for peaceful coexistence, whereas the reality of August 12, 2025, reflects entrenched hostility, high-stakes threats, and unresolved geopolitical tensions. This day embodies a tragic irony—the peaceful intention of a historic agreement stands in sharp opposition to the ongoing confrontations and militant posturing characterizing the current India-Pakistan relationship. It reminds us of the complexity and enduring challenge of achieving lasting peace in Kashmir and the subcontinent at large.

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A SURPRISE COMING UP

From the Eyes of Astachal

I am Astachal. Each evening, I rise in silence, my steps paved with the slanting rays of the sun, my stones warmed through the day. I have watched thousands of boys walk up to me over years — some laughing, some lost in thought, some nursing dreams, some nursing wounds of the heart.

Today, I saw him again. The boy who had returned after Raksha Bandhan.

When the bugle blew, its mellow note floating through the cool evening wind, he emerged from the path behind the dorms. Dressed in his crisp white kurta-pyjama, he walked slowly towards me. I could read his mind — the colour of his clothes, the rustle of the trees, the golden light in the valley — everything was pulling him back to the home he had just left. His mother’s warm voice, his sister’s laughter tying a Rakhi on his wrist, the moment his father stepped through the door — all of it replayed in his heart.

I could sense the heaviness in his steps. For a month, he had been battling homesickness, trying to settle back into the rhythm of school life. Just when I thought he had found his pace again, the memories returned in a rush. His eyes glistened; he looked away from the crowd, hoping no one would notice.

But then, something shifted.

He spotted a group of unfamiliar-yet-familiar faces sitting on my steps — the Old Boys, men who had once been schoolboys themselves, their eyes shining with memories. They had returned to their alma mater, their home away from home, and they joined Astachal with an enthusiasm that filled the air.

One of them stood up and began to recite — a short poem in Hindi. His voice was deep, sure, alive with meaning:

मन भटके पथ अनजाने,
ज्ञान दीप जब राह दिखाए,
पलकों पर सपने सुहाने,
बंधन सारे वह तोड़ मिटाए।
सीख वही जो साहस भर दे,
सत्य प्रेम की ज्योत जलाए,
दृढ़ कदम जो पर्वत पर चढ़ दे,
सा विद्या या विमुक्तये, जो मन के भय मिटाए।

The boy’s eyes widened. Those words sank into him like sunlight after a storm.

The heart will wander — it is its nature. But learning to guide it, to steady it — that is the true knowledge, the kind that sets you free.

After the prayer, the boy approached the old boy. They talked — not of lessons or timetables, but of life, of homesickness, of how even the strongest miss home yet learn to carry it inside them. They spoke of struggles, of discipline, of the strange beauty in staying when you want to run. The old boy told him that sometimes courage isn’t about grand gestures, but about showing up every single day.

And as they spoke, I could feel something lifting from the boy — the uncertainty, the loneliness, the ache.

I have seen this happen before. Sometimes, answers don’t arrive from the quiet within — they come from someone who once stood exactly where you stand, someone whose footsteps have already carved the path you now walk.

The boy climbed down my slope later that evening with a straighter back, a braver heart and eyes that no longer looked over the hills for home — because, I knew, he had just found another part of it here, with me. He had found a new anchor.

I, Astachal, have watched countless such moments. And I know:

The wind will still remind him of home. But now, it will also remind him of the strength he found here — the strength that stays.

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