



participants are awarded the unique opportunity to visit ISRO. Through his engaging talk, titled "Let's Upgrade



Swamiji being felicitated by the Principal

Our Portfolio," he encouraged students to embark on a journey of self-reflection, emphasizing the pursuit of clarity and lasting happiness through inner growth.

The session highlighted the importance of harmonizing the body, mind, and soul, and underscored the transformative power of Abhyas (dedicated practice) and Vairagya (detachment) in cultivating a steady and resilient mind. Swamiji reminded students to focus on their duties with sincerity and dedication, rather than being preoccupied with the results, thereby nurturing discipline, purpose, and moral fortitude.

The talk was both thought-provoking and inspiring, leaving students with a renewed sense of self-awareness and an appreciation for the profound guidance of the Gita. It was a remarkable opportunity to reflect on one's inner potential and the pursuit of excellence with integrity and balance.

## Waste Management Workshop

On 2nd December 2025, the Fort Biosphere Team hosted Mr S. D. Singh, a waste-management specialist with extensive governmental experience. He conducted an engaging and highly informative session for students of Classes 6 to 9 and 11. Mr Singh explained how air, water, and soil pollution occur and discussed practical ways to reduce them. He introduced the concepts of grey water, black water, and clean water, while also referring to the 6 taals within the school campus. He highlighted the importance of oxygenated and aerated water. Along



Session with Mr S.D. Singh

with explaining how to obtain aerated water and the chemistry behind it.

Addressing soil health, he spoke about garbage burning, massive waste piles in Delhi, their link to cancer, soil pH, and the need for conservation. In the context of air, he discussed AQI, smoke-related diseases, and overall air quality. He also explained how garbage collectors resell waste at higher rates. And the proper ways to dispose of the Waste. The session ended on a lively note with humorous "chutkalas", leaving students both informed and energized.

## The Scindia School at MIQ Inter-School National Quiz

The MIQ Inter-School National Quiz was organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Yelahanka Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka, in association with Nexus Corporation. This prestigious Pan-India quiz aimed to foster a culture of quizzing and enhance general awareness among students of Classes IX to XII.

The competition commenced with online elimination rounds that witnessed participation from over 1,600 schools across the country. These eliminations were conducted in two stages, following which teams were shortlisted zone-wise. From each of the four zones—North, South, East, and West—200 teams (50 from each zone) qualified for the next level.

The Scindia School was represented by two teams: Team A: Bhavya Saini and Aadi Dev Goyal and Team B: Chirag Raj Goel and Athul Shankar Prasanna. After a keenly contested preliminary round, Team B qualified for the first elimination round. Demonstrating exceptional knowledge, composure and teamwork, the team progressed further and emerged as the sole representative from the West Zone to qualify for the National Finals. Notably, only one team from each zone advanced to the finals.

The Semi-Finals were conducted on Friday, 5 December 2025, following which six teams competed in the Grand Finals of the MIQ Quiz. The Finals were hosted by renowned Quiz Master Mr Venkatesh (Venky) from Nexus Corporation.

After five closely contested and intellectually stimulating rounds, the Scindia School team comprising Chirag

Raj Goel and Athul Shankar Prasanna (Grade IX) impressed both the audience and the Quiz Master. Despite being the youngest participants in the finals, they delivered an outstanding performance and secured Fourth Place, scoring 50 points.

Their achievement at a national-level competition is a matter of immense pride for the school and stands as a testament to their dedication, curiosity, and quizzing prowess. The school congratulates the team for their commendable performance and wishes them continued success in future academic and co-curricular endeavours.

## Young CEO Programme

The third edition of the Young CEO Programme was conducted from 5th December to 7th December. The event was organized in collaboration between The Scindia School, White Canvas India and Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya. The programme brought together various industrial experts, each with different background, experience, method and technique. Students got to learn valuables on the basics of entrepreneurship, innovation, sustainability & digital awareness.

Mr Samaresh Shah conducted the initial session for the Young CEO Program. His presentation on "Basics for Success" focused on helping students differentiate between an idea and execution of that idea. Additionally, it addressed three core forms of 'currency' (Time, Knowledge, and Money). He stressed on how perception is often the cause of most challenges and urged students to think outside their own limits, as long as passion drives their decisions. Then, Mrs Purvi Roy spoke about the products and innovations that Arista Vault (India's first smart luggage brand) has created, including her patents and international awards that have allowed her to represent India in Japan at a summit with the Prime Minister. Mrs Surbhi Manocha of Ekobae shared her expertise and perspectives regarding building sustainable startups and how her startup correlates with several of



Young CEO

the Sustainable Development Goals. She went into detail about the current 'fast-fashion crisis' and provided an overview of the varying types of business models and their ability to create both value and generate revenue.

On the second day of the event, Mr Samaresh Shah held another workshop titled "How to Market a Startup". In this workshop, he presented the steps involved with starting a business, introduced the Business Model Canvas (BMC), and described four principles: need, purpose, credibility and visibility.

The next speaker, Mrs Diksha Nigam, led an in-depth session about the Startup India Ecosystem, including the importance of government support, types of funding available for startups, and the process of transforming an idea into a business in the framework of India's entrepreneurial ecosystem. To end this discussion, students had a lively debate regarding which was more important, speed or stamina. Then, Mrs Amrita Bhama led a Creativity Workshop, where she provided students with the opportunity to experiment with different fabrics as a means of expressing their designs and creativity. Finally, Mrs Surbhi Khatri led a workshop about the responsible use of the Internet, as well as Digital Marketing Techniques, and how to differentiate between Doom-Scrolling and Bloom-Scrolling.

On the last day of the program, Ms Priya Rawat, who is the former COO of Invest India, was interviewed by Aryan Bhagat, Vibhor Goel and Mr Samaresh Shah. This session gave students valuable insight into the challenges that businesses face and the leadership quality and skill needed to succeed in entrepreneurship. Through her case studies and personal experiences, she was able to help students prepare for future job opportunities. The fish pond activity allowed students to share their startup ideas with each other to inspire them about creativity, innovation and how they can think about where their businesses may grow in the future.

The Young CEO Programme 2025 proved to be an interactive and transformative experience, offering students a holistic exposure to entrepreneurship—from ideation and innovation to sustainability, marketing, digital strategy, and practical execution. The three-day journey empowered participants with knowledge,

confidence, and inspiration to take meaningful steps toward becoming the next generation of young leaders and change makers.

However, this is not where the programme ends, it is the first phase which is over, now we move to the phase where the students will prepare for their product launch by keeping in mind the key principles & values they learned in the past three days about entrepreneurship.

### Inter House Cross Country

The Inter-House Cross Country was held on the cold yet spirited morning of 7th December 2025. The air carried a sense of anticipation as students from all 12 houses gathered with determination and pride. Ten blocks were arranged in the oval field to mark and celebrate the achievement of the boys.

The event began at first light of the sun, with the C-Group race at 6:30 am for the junior houses. The young runners covered a distance of 1.6 kilometres, starting from the oval field and concluding in the blocks. Their steady yet fast pace set an inspiring start for the event.

Following that, the B-Group race commenced at 7:15 am from the front of the principal's residence. Boys from grades 9th and 10th represented the senior houses and ran a 2-kilometre course that concluded in the blocks. Their performance reflected discipline and growing competitive spirit.



Inter House Cross country

The morning reached its peak with the A-Group race for grades 11th and 12th. Beginning at 8:00 am from the oval field, the runners covered an extensive 4-kilometre route, circling around the senior school campus before finishing in the blocks. Their endurance and composure brought a sense of pride to all who witnessed their efforts.

*Special Mentions:*

*C-Group :*

- I Arjun Lamba.
- II Mudit Saraf.
- III Ariket Kumar.

*B-Group:*

- I Ishaan Gupta.

II Abhigyan Singh Rathore.

III Pushpender Singh.

*A-Group:*

I Yuvraj Singh.

II Akhand Pradeep Rai.

III Ryan Batra.

The cross country marked a checkpoint for the boys' physical abilities and mental resilience. The event concluded with the top 10 finishers, from each group, receiving special treats organized by the ladies' club.

### XXVI Scholars' Banquet 2025: A Celebration of Brilliance and Scindian Spirit

The XXVI Scholars' Banquet of The Scindia School, held on 8th December 2025, was an evening marked by grace, tradition and academic pride. This year, 106 Scholars were honoured for their outstanding academic achievements, making it one of the most distinguished events of the school calendar.

The ceremony began with the prestigious School Band Display, a timeless Scindian tradition that immediately set an atmosphere of dignity and celebration. Their synchronised, powerful performance echoed across the campus, capturing the discipline and excellence that the evening sought to honour.

Guests then entered the beautifully illuminated school mess, transformed for the occasion with elegant décor and warm lighting, creating an ambience perfectly suited to the grandeur of the banquet.

Following tradition, the evening opened with the ceremonial toasts. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh raised the first toast, applauding the Scholars for their perseverance and academic commitment. He highlighted the school's exceptional academic performance in 2025—an impressive 88% average in Class X and 90.75% in Class XII, marking yet another milestone in The Scindia School's academic journey.

The second toast was delivered by



Scholar's Banquet

the Academic Prefect, Master Swarit Varshney, who spoke on behalf of the Scholar community. His address reflected on the importance of curiosity, consistency and the mentorship that shapes every Scindian scholar.

The banquet honoured the relentless hard work of all Scholars. Special appreciation was given to students who achieved a perfect 100% in Painting and Music, a testament to the school's commitment to holistic excellence—where academic rigour and artistic mastery thrive side by side.

The presence of the Chief Guest, IAS Officer and distinguished alumnus, Dr. Subodh Agarwal, added great significance to the occasion. In his powerful address, he urged the Scholars to dream boldly, stay adaptable, build character rooted in integrity and value meaningful friendships. His words, shaped by experience and leadership, left the audience motivated and reflective.

The night concluded with a celebratory dinner, as teachers and Scholars shared moments of pride, conversation, and joy within the softly lit, beautifully decorated venue. The banquet stood as a reflection of The Scindia School's belief that true excellence lies not only in grades, but in character, humility and aspiration.

The XXVI Scholars' Banquet 2025 will be remembered as a radiant chapter in the school's continuing pursuit of academic and moral distinction.

### Yet Another Milestone Achieved by a Scindia Student

Dhruv Periwal (Ex-Mahadji, 2019) has secured admission to Harvard Business

School's MBA program. A former School Prefect and Governor's Medal recipient, he nurtured his early passion for communications by leading the



boards of The Review, Qila Quotes, and The Year Book. He is currently based in Singapore and has over three years of experience in strategy consulting at Strategy & (PwC) after completing his undergraduate studies at Nanyang Technological University. He recently worked with Hello Tractor, an agritech startup in Kenya, and has continued to advance his commitment to public speaking by founding The Speaks Group, a communications mentorship platform.

### CLAT Achievement

Raghav Sharma of the Batch of 2025 has achieved a commendable All India Rank 613 in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT), one of the most competitive law entrance



examinations in the country. This outstanding performance has ensured his admission to a prestigious National Law University (NLU). Raghav's success is a testament to his consistent hard work, disciplined preparation, and strong academic foundation. His achievement brings great pride to The Scindia School and serves as an inspiration to fellow students aspiring to pursue careers in law. The school congratulates him and wishes him continued success in his future academic and professional endeavours.

### From the Editor's Desk

#### 2026 : A Year of New Beginnings

A new year brings with it the promise of fresh opportunities, new challenges and the chance to grow in ways we never imagined. As we reflect on the past months, we celebrate the resilience, creativity and determination that define our school community. Every effort, every achievement and every act of kindness has shaped a foundation we can build upon.

This year, let us embrace learning with curiosity, face challenges with courage and support one another with compassion. Let each day be a step towards becoming the best versions of ourselves—students, teachers and staff alike.

May this year inspire us to dream bigger, work harder and achieve more than we thought possible. Let us fill it with knowledge, growth and shared joy, remembering that our collective spirit is what truly makes our school thrive. Together, we can transform every challenge into an opportunity and every effort into success.

Let this year be a reminder that even the smallest steps forward can create the brightest futures.

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