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## FORT NEWS

### Weather Report

The clouds have been playing hide and seek with the sun this fortnight. While regular showers have brought relief, they've also heightened humidity on the Fort. The call of peacocks echo in the mornings and evenings. Amidst the flurry of events, life on the Fort continues to move smoothly.

### Inter-House Senior Group English Debate

The Inter-House Senior Group English Debate was conducted from 7th to 9th August, 2024. The debate was conducted in three different formats namely Oxford, British Parliamentary and Special Scindia Format 2.0. The Semi-Finalist teams were Mahadji, Jeevaji, Jayaji and Madhav. The final round was conducted in the Special Scindia Format 2.0 between Madhav and Jayaji. Madhav House was adjudged victorious.

The individual awards were as follows:

- Best Speaker for preliminary round (Proposition)- **Ayaan Shah**
- Best Speaker for preliminary round (Opposition)- **Arnav Joshi**
- Best Speaker for Semi-Final round (Proposition)- **Kavin Singh Chhatwal**
- Best Speaker for Semi-Final round (Opposition)- **Ayaan Agrawal**



War of words - Debate

(Opposition)- **Ayaan Agrawal**

Best Speaker for Final round (Affirmative)- **Ayaan Shah**

Best Speaker for Final round (Negative)- **Ayaan Agrawal**

The overall House positions are as follows-

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

### Inter-House Senior Group General Knowledge Quiz

The Inter-House Senior Group General Knowledge Quiz took place on 10th August 2024, in the assembly hall. Four teams advanced to the final round. Following a fierce competition, the final rankings were as follows: Jayaji finished in fourth place, Madhav in third, Jeevaji in second and Ranoji emerged as the winner.

### Inter-House Senior Group Business Quiz

The Inter-House Senior Group Business Quiz was conducted on 11th August 2024, in the school assembly hall. The quizmaster for the event was Mr Ajay Punia (Ex-SH, 2009). The event concluded with Daulat House securing first place, followed by Jayaji House in second, Shivaji House in third and Jeevaji House in fourth.

स्वराज- एक क्रांतिकारी आन्दोलन  
स्वतंत्रता दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर संगीत विभाग

द्वारा 'स्वराज - एक क्रांतिकारी आन्दोलन' का सफल मंचन 'शुक्ल स्मृति मुक्ताकाशी मंच' पर किया गया, जो भारत की आजादी के लिए क्रांतिकारी नेताओं के संघर्ष और बलिदान को दर्शाता है। विस्तृत रिपोर्ट इसी संस्करण में।

### 78th Independence Day Celebration

On 15th August 2024, The Scindia School celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by Honourable Justice Pankaj Bhatia (Ex-Vivekanand, 1984), a distinguished alumnus and a sitting High Court Judge, as the Chief Guest. The Senior Houses and Junior School contingents marched to the tunes of The Scindia School's Brass Band, with the contingents led by Senior School Prefect, Tanish Agarwal.

The Chief Guest hoisted the national flag, which was followed by a general salute from all the contingents, accompanied by the School Brass Band. Following this, the students participated in a Special Astachal ceremony, where the Chief Guest, the Principal, Mrs Anamika Singh, Deans, two teachers and two student representatives planted saplings near the Astachal, symbolizing



Ranoji House contingent

the school's dedication towards nature conservation.

Afterwards, the Chief Guest, faculty members and the prefectorial body proceeded for the Principal's breakfast. The occasion was further blessed by a timely shower from the rain God, adding to the serenity of the environment.

The results of the Inter House March Past Competition (Independence Day) were declared on 29th August 2024. They are as follows:

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

**Freshers' Day**

The Freshers' Day Evening program was held on 22nd August 2024 in the school assembly hall. The event featured a vibrant array of cultural performances, including dance, drama



An evening full of fun

and orchestra. All the new members of the Scindian family enthusiastically participated in the event, making it a memorable evening.

**Parent-Teacher-Meeting and Raksha Bandhan outing**

On 17th August 2024, the Parent-Teacher Meeting was held, followed by the Raksha Bandhan outing for the students. Those who did not go for the outing were treated to a movie and scrumptious meals. The remaining students returned on 19th August 2024.

**Inter-House Table Tennis 'A' and 'B' Group-2024**

Inter-House Table Tennis 'A' Group was conducted from 20th August 2024 to 23rd August 2024 in the knockout format. The final was played between Shivaji and Madhav Houses in which Madhav House emerged victorious.

- The House positions are as follows: -
- I Madhav            II Shivaji
  - III Jeevaji            IV Jayappa
  - V Ranoji            VI Jayaji
  - VII Daulat            VIII Mahadji

The individual awards are as follows: -  
*Best player of the tournament- Yatharth Agrawal*  
*Promising player of the tournament- Aryan Bhagat*

The Inter-House Table Tennis 'B' Group was conducted from 30th July to 2nd August 2024 in the knockout format. The final was played between Shivaji and Madhav Houses in which Madhav House was victorious.

- The House positions are as follows: -
- I Madhav            II Shivaji
  - III Jeevaji            IV Mahadji
  - V Jayappa
  - VI Ranoji and Daulat
  - VII Jayaji

The individual awards are as follows: -  
*Best player of the tournament- Akshaj Garg*

*Promising player of the tournament- Neil Agarwal*

The overall House positions are as follows: -

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

**MCGS Silver Jubilee Commemorative Young Thinkers' Conclave**

Ten students namely, **Pratakh Sharma, Shaurya Prakash, Lakshya Arora, Saksham Agarwal, Lokesh Awasthi, Ayaan Shah, Arnav Joshi, Vivek Sharma, Sahil Kilhore and Atharv Tiwari** participated in the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Young Thinkers' Conclave organized by Mayo College Girls' School from 19th to 24th



Best research delegation

August 2024. **Shaurya Prakash** was awarded the 'Critics' Choice' award in the creative writing event. **Pratakh Sharma** was adjudged as the 'Best Speaker' in the semi-final round of the English Debate. The English Debate delegation was adjudged as the overall 'Best Research Delegation'. **Vivek Sharma** was adjudged as the 'Best Speaker' for the preliminary round of the Hindi Debate.

**V.G Sidhartha Memorial Quiz-2024**

Fifty five students from our school participated in the V.G. Sidhartha Memorial Quiz 2024, hosted by Amber Valley Residential School, Chikmangluru. Among the staggering 5000 participants and over 500 schools, **Lakshya Tulsian** of class

IX, stood out and secured a coveted spot in the semi-finals. His exceptional



Lakshya Tulsian receiving the award

performance propelled him further into the Top 8 finalists. As a reward for his outstanding accomplishment, **Lakshya** was honoured with a fully sponsored trip to Chikmangluru from 22nd to 24th August 2024. He secured the 5th position in the national finals.

**Teachers vs. Students Basketball Match**

Teachers vs. students Basketball match was conducted on the night of 23rd August 2024 on the newly renovated Basketball Court. The first game saw the teachers take on the students, with the teachers securing a win with a score



In action at Staff vs. students

of 42-22. The friendly match between our class XII and players from classes IX, X and XI ended in a thrilling draw.

**51st Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate and Quiz**

The 51st Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate was held at The Scindia School from 23rd to 25th August 2024, with participation from ten schools nationwide. These schools included Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer; Mayo College, Ajmer; Vasant Valley School, New Delhi; Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior; Emerald Heights International School, Indore; Genesis Global School, Noida; Pinegrove School, Subathu; Welham



Winners of the Platinum Jubilee Debate

Girls' School, Dehradun; Daly College, Indore; and The Scindia School, Gwalior.

The final debate featured teams from Emerald Heights International School and The Scindia School, who passionately argued the motion, 'This House would consider human suffering as unavoidable, rather than a consequence of a specific action.' Ms Nishi Misra, Principal Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, graciously agreed to chair the final debate. The Scindia School emerged victorious. However, in keeping with tradition, as the host school, they passed the trophy to the runner-up, Emerald Heights International School. The individual awards were as follows:

#### **Round 1 Turncoat Round-**

**Best Speaker - Aditya Dev** from Daly College, Indore

**Second Best Speaker- Manasvi Mudgal** from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior

#### **Round 2 Oxford Format-**

**Best Speaker Proposition- Saisha Sahani** from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior

**Best Speaker Opposition- Aarna Agarwal** from Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer

**Best Adjudicator-Trishika Jain** from The Emerald Heights International School, Indore

#### **Round 3 British Parliamentary-**

**Best Speaker Opening Government- Many Mod** from Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer

**Best Speaker Opening Opposition- Jhanvi Garg** from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior

**Best Speaker Closing Government- Manveer Pratap Rathore** from The Emerald Heights International School, Indore

**Best Speaker Closing Opposition- Sameep Mody** from The Scindia School, Gwalior

#### **Round 4 Special Scindia Format 2.0-**

**Best Speaker Affirmative- Sameep Mody** from The Scindia School, Gwalior

**Best Speaker Negative- Manveer Pratap Rathore** from The Emerald Heights International School, Indore

**Runners up of 51st Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate - The Emerald Heights International School, Indore**

**Winners of 51st Platinum Jubilee Memorial Inter-School English Debate - The Scindia School - Kavin Singh Chhatwal, Dhir Bharat Jhunjunwala and Sameep Mody.**

The Scindia School hosted the Platinum Jubilee General Quiz-2024 on 25th August, with nine schools from across the nation participating. These



included Mayo College Girls' School, Mayo College, Vasant Valley School, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Emerald Heights International School, Genesis Global School, Welham Girls' School, Daly College and The Scindia School.

The four teams that advanced to the final round were The Scindia School, Vasant Valley School, Mayo College and Mayo College Girls' School. The Scindia School emerged victorious, securing the win with a total of 73 points. The winning team from The Scindia School comprised of **Rohan Asrani** and **Rohil Sharma**. However, in keeping with tradition, as the host school, they passed the trophy to the runner-up, Vasant Valley School.

### **Quasquicentennial**

#### **Entrepreneurship Summit-2024**

The second edition of the Quasquicentennial Entrepreneurship Summit 2024 was organized from 25th - 26th August 2024. Six schools namely Mussoorie International School, Mussoorie; Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior; Tula's International School, Dehradun; Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh; Mayo College, Ajmer and The Scindia School, Gwalior participated in it. Quest 2024 concluded with The Scindia School winning the overall trophy. However, as the host school the overall trophy was awarded to the runner-up, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior.

The results in each category were:

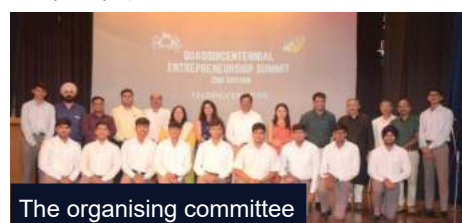
#### **Brainy Bucks:**

**Runners Up: Paarth Aggarwal and Shaurya Tyagi** (Mayo College)

**Winners: Vaarin Mittal and Shivam Goyal** (Bhavan Vidyalaya)

#### **Pitch Powerplay:**

**Runners Up: Jhanvi Agarwal and Navya Gupta** (Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya)



**Winners: Samarth Garg and Bhavesh Mittal** (The Scindia School)

#### **Stock Xcelerator:**

**Runners Up: Vanshika Agarwal** (Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya)

**Winners: Sun Kumar Tola** (The Scindia School)

#### **Ad Quest:**

**Runners Up: Ananya Singh and Mokshit Gurubaxani** (Tula's International School)

**Winners: Vanshika Garg and Riddhi Jain** (Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya)

#### **Commerce Carnival:**

**Runners Up: Prashuk Jain and Vineet Kumar** (Tula's International School)

**Winners: Yuvraj Sethia and Bhavesh Mittal** (The Scindia School)

#### **Overall Team Positions:**

I The Scindia School, Gwalior

II Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior

III Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh

IV Tula's International School,

Dehradun

V Mayo College, Ajmer

VI Mussoorie International School,

Mussoorie

### **Inter-House Senior Group Hindi Debate**

Inter-House Senior Group Hindi Debate was conducted from 27th to 28th August 2024. Six Houses qualified for the finals.

The individual awards are as follows:

**Best Speaker (Affirmative)- Vivek Sharma**

**Best Speaker (Negative)- Ayaan Agarwal**

**Best Interjector- Aryan Bhagat**

The overall House positions are as follows-

I Jayaji II Daulat

III Shivaji IV Ranoji

V Mahadji VI Jayappa

VII Jeevaji and Madhav

### **Teachers vs. Students Hockey Match**

The Teachers vs. students Hockey match was conducted on 29th August



2024 on the occasion of National Sports Day to celebrate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyanchand known as the 'Magician of Hockey'. It was a thrilling match with teachers winning with a score of 1-0.

### **Janmashtami Celebration**

The School Choir beautifully presented



a series of melodious bhajans dedicated to Lord Krishna during the school assembly on 26th August 2024, in celebration of Janmashtami.

### Inter House Senior Group Ramanujan Quiz

The Inter-House Senior Group Ramanujan quiz was held on the 28th August 2024. The quiz masters were



Mr Pankaj Mishra, Mr Pushpesh Pandey and Mr Shiv Kumar Sharma. Four teams qualified for the finals: Daulat, Mahadji, Shivaji and Madhav. Shivaji House emerged as the winner, showcasing outstanding problem-solving abilities and quick reflexes in the Rapid-Fire round. Runner up was Madhav House.

### From Tears to Triumph: My Journey at Scindia Vedaan Jindal, VII-A

My first day at school was a memorable one. After my parents left, I attended an anti-bullying workshop. Later, I went to the clothing store to buy some clothes. However, I soon started crying as I missed my parents terribly. Overwhelmed with emotion, I eventually fainted (which I still find funny). Fortunately, my cousin, Arrttam Jalan of class XII, took me to the health centre. My brother's Resident Tutor in Madhav House, Mr Chetan Bhatia, came to support me and helped me feel comfortable and a little settled.

The next day was a bit easier, and I managed to handle myself better. Then came Sunday, and I spent the day playing games with my friends, which helped me forget everything that had happened just two days before. Since then, I haven't cried a single time and I am determined not to cry again. Today, I am a part of a happy family at Scindia. It's been over a month now and I am proud to be a happy member of the Scindia Family.

### From Hesitant Beginnings to Uncharted Horizons: My Scindia Journey Prataksh Sharma, XII-B

When I first passed through the school gate in 2018, it bore little resemblance to what we see today. With the school itself going through immense changes, we both have grown and changed together. From a hesitant introvert who couldn't even introduce himself to the secretary of the English Literary Society, from cross-dressing in class IX English play to directing the play in class XI himself, from sitting in audience and meticulously listening to his seniors speaking debates to doing Platinum Jubilee debate, from learning to elocute to winning Inter House, from asking his seniors the meaning of 'MUN' to winning university MUNS. Living in this school has taught me resilience and adaptability, friendships in dormitories to altercations in hallways. As I reflect on these formative years if you tell me to go back in time and talk to my 6- grade self who has just won his best in academics in Kanerkhed House, we both would be in awe of the incredible surprise and transformation.

I vividly remember reading the yearbook 2018 and dreaming of having my picture in one of the pages, who knew after few years I would find myself in the editorial page. Reading, Review with those sparkling eyes to making it to the Editorial Board someday and now writing the final article. Working in the Yearbook, Review, Quila Quotes, Nucleus and Haykaa has taught me interminable things including team spirit, communication, responsibility and creativity. All these things came with a price, but nothing was as worth and thrilling than doing the most challenging thing in Scindia (aside from waking up for morning fitness), the 500km cycling expedition I did from Gwalior to Ajmer. It is indubitable that nothing of this could have been possible without my friends and my teachers. Getting to know them has been the greatest benison of my life. As I approach the culmination of my time here, I reflect with gratitude on the impact this school has had on shaping my character and aspirations. I would not have been writing an article like this if it weren't for Scindia. As I prepare to embark on a new journey beyond these walls in 8 months, I carry with me not just memories of growth, friendships, stay backs and achievement, but a profound sense of gratitude for the transformative journey that all of which has shaped not just who I am today, but also my aspirations for the future. Long Live Scindia!

### 'Perfect' isn't fun. Lakshya Arora, XII B

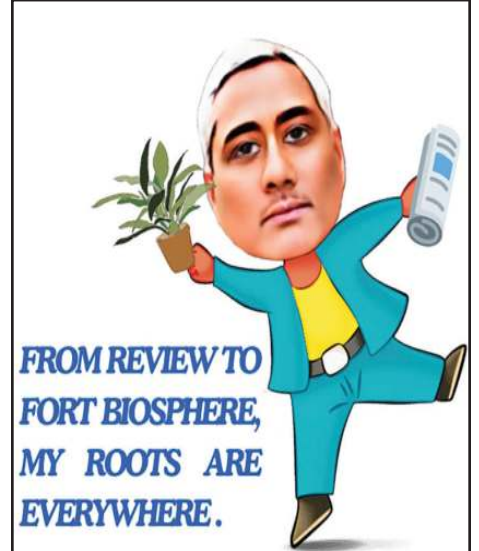
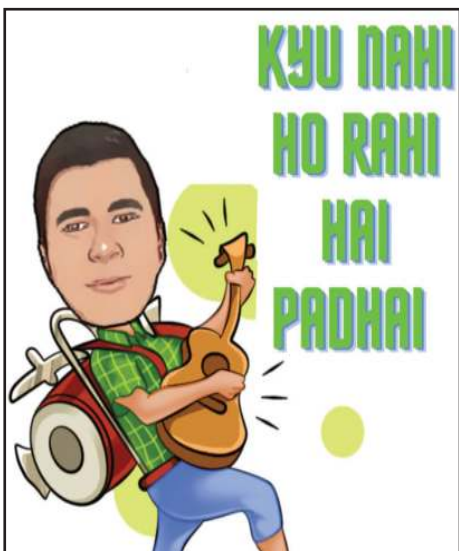
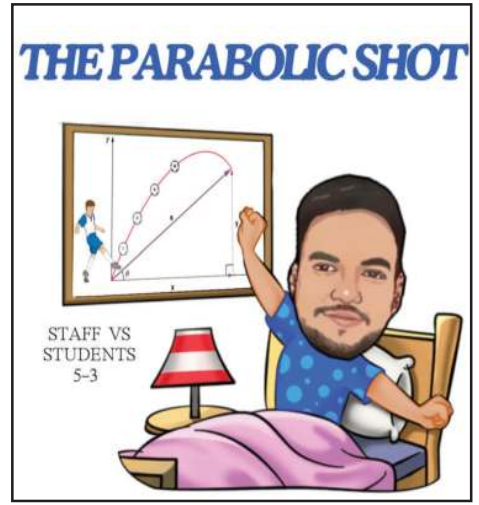
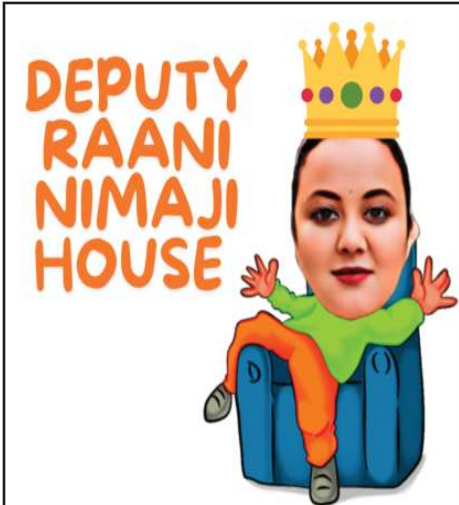
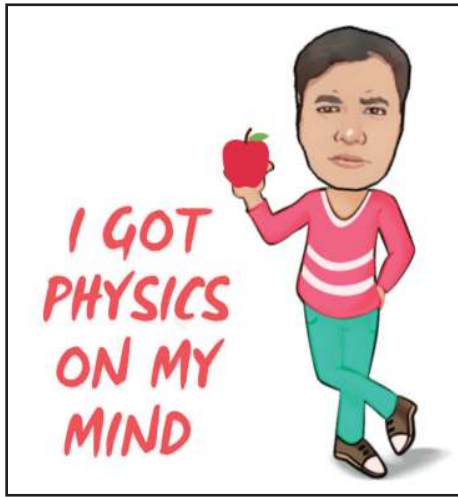
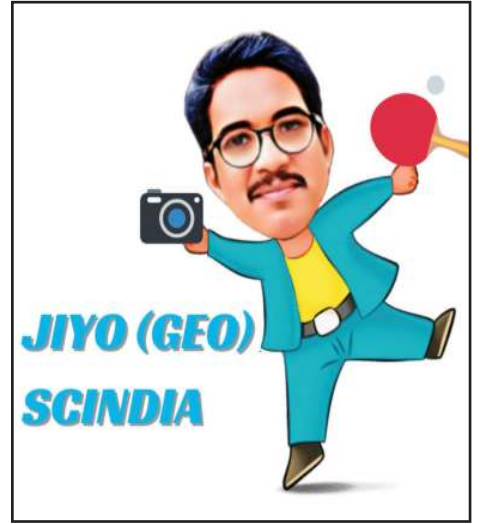
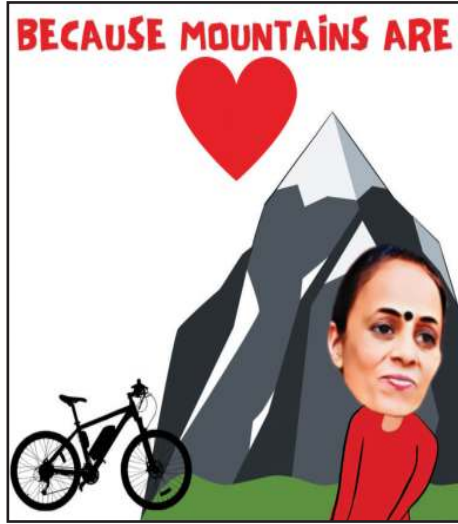
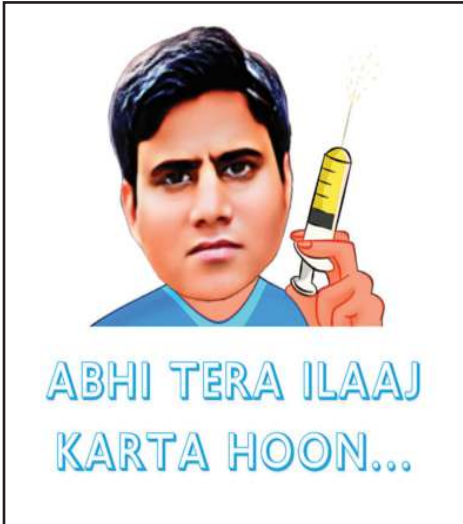
Commotion is undoubtedly my favourite part of life, it is a moment of loud silence where consciousness may just be your biggest enemy. It is in moments like such that life seems to not feel trapped, while you're actually trapped. It gives me pleasure at times to be stuck, to be trying, or to just be. In my generation, we refer to this as 'phase,' which we think will pass, or has already passed. I feel it is constant. I succumb to the same melody, repeatedly, a melody that feels like the title track of my life. No human is as mature to battle thoughts. Defeating a thought just leads to the creation of a new one. This is why life is constant and that's why it's beautiful.

Its the little crumbs of biscuits on my bed, the leftover cake that starts to taste better and the satisfaction of writing that is making me work every day. Life would feel pale if there wasn't an aspect of mess and chaos. To me, everything perfect is good until it's in a picture, now, I don't blame this on my nature, but I rather put this on my choices. It's a choice to stay back and work until you sweat in an air-conditioned room.

I hate sleeping in the day, well hate is a strong word, I just don't prefer it often. This is because I want to keep working, I want to keep fidgeting and moving. What is fun in life, if it's perfect, if it's organised and planned. The fun originates from the unexpected, the sudden and the 'moving with the flow.' Life is unpredictable and it should always stay that way, because it's the movies that hold maximum suspense that end up being the most memorable ones. I am sure that my destiny wasn't written in cursive, but I hope it was a scribble. 'Perfect' is subjective and has various interpretations, for me chaos is perfect and fun.

# Happy Teachers' Day

Creative designer -  
Lakshya Mittal | XI C  
and  
Naksha Mandhyani | XI A



**Unapologetically Me!**  
**Ms Sneha Bhagat, Faculty English Department**

Don't;  
Don't do this, don't say this, don't go there, just don't.  
Listen;  
Listen to what is being said, listen to those with experience, listen to the advice,  
just listen.  
Follow;  
Follow the rules, follow the commands, follow the instructions, just follow.  
Stop;  
Stop this behavior, stop being selfish, stop being stubborn, just stop.

And I didn't, and I listened, and I followed, and I stopped...  
And now I am no longer me.

I ask, "Can you hear me?" But there is silence on the other side,  
I look around and see, crumbling and falling, no hope, no light.  
I stand in the eye of the storm and see the world swirling around me,  
I fall and feel, the ground breaking apart,  
I am drowning and I cannot reach the surface...

You wanted me to conform, to be ruled by prejudiced dictates,  
You scratched and rubbed salt on wounds long forgotten,  
By treating me less than human, by hushing my voice, by pushing me down,  
You thought that you have shattered my self-worth,  
You thought you were victorious.  
And I watched your smile from beneath your feet,  
And I watched you parade in your glory,  
But you could not be more wrong.  
All you have done is used a chink in my armour,  
But my dear friend, the war is not won.

I will not be silenced.  
I will break the glass, I will rise from the ashes, I will not be broken.  
I will shout till there is no breath in my being but I will not give up.  
I have got so much more in me than you think.  
I will tape myself back together and stand tall,  
I will not cower in the shadow of your might,  
I will not give in.  
I have listened enough and followed enough,  
But no more,  
I will roar and scream till my voice reaches those who looked away,  
Till they see me for who I am and not who they want me to be,  
I am and will be - unapologetically me!!

**Echoes of Joy**  
**Dev Chakrabarty, IX D**

In the depths of our hearts,  
Where past and present gently start,  
Live the moments, pure and sweet,  
Memories we always keep.

Laughter, smiles, and goofing around,  
Bits of joy we can't put to ground,  
Though with passing time they may fade  
Cherished memories that together  
we made.

When the day feels dark and cold,  
And your will starts to fold,  
Think of these awesome rhyme,  
It will bring back pleasant times.



Created by - Naksha Mandhyani, XI A

**खुशियों और उत्साह से भरी गर्मी की  
छुट्टियाँ**

**सार्थक अग्रवाल कक्षा - 10**

मेरी इस साल की गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ बेहद खुशी और उत्साह से भरी हुई थीं। स्कूल के दिनों के तमाम तनाव को पीछे छोड़ते हुए, मैंने जमकर मस्ती की और हर पल का आनंद लिया। स्कूल और घर की दिनचर्या से दूर, मैं पूरी तरह से तनावमुक्त था।

इस बार की गर्मी की छुट्टियों के लिए मैंने कोई योजना नहीं बनाई थी, क्योंकि मेरे माता-पिता ने मेरे लिए एक 'सरप्राइज' रखा था। जब मुझे इस योजना के बारे में पता चला, तो मैं खुशी से झूम उठा। यह वास्तव में एक लंबी यात्रा थी, जिसमें हमने कई सांस्कृतिक धरोहरों और खूबसूरत पर्यटक स्थलों का दौरा किया।

मैंने अपने स्मार्टफोन में हर यादगार पल को कैद कर लिया, जिसमें मेरे प्यारे परिवार के सदस्य भी शामिल हैं। हमने तैराकी की, ठंडी प्राकृतिक हवा में सुबह की सैर का आनंद लिया, हरे-भरे रास्तों पर घूमे, मैदान में फुटबॉल खेला, कार चलाई, पैरासेलिंग की, और हर मौके पर मजेदार गतिविधियों में हिस्सा लिया।

मुझे क्रिकेट अकादमी में शामिल होने का उत्साह था, लेकिन जब मैंने अपने माता-पिता की योजना के बारे में सुना, तो मैं खुशी से जोर-जोर से चिल्लाया और खुशी के मारे उछल पड़ा, और क्रिकेट को भूल गया। मैं बहुत खुश हूँ, क्योंकि मेरी अंतरात्मा संतुष्ट है। मैंने इस दौरान भारत के विभिन्न स्थानों पर अपने माता-पिता के साथ बहुत सारी खरीदारी भी की।

मुझे लगता है कि यह मेरे जीवन की अब तक की सबसे अच्छी गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ थीं। अब हम घर लौट आए हैं, और मैंने अपने 'प्रोजेक्ट' का काम शुरू कर दिया है। इसके बाद मैंने अपने दादा-दादी के साथ भी खूब मजे किए। हमने आइसक्रीम बनाई और इस दौरान मेरा जन्मदिन भी आया। मेरे माता-पिता ने मेरे जन्मदिन को यादगार बनाने के लिए एक 'सरप्राइज' योजना बनाई, जिससे मेरा यह दिन और भी खास हो गया।

यह गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ वाकई मेरे लिए बहुत मजेदार और यादगार थीं। अब मुझे अपने स्वास्थ्य का ध्यान रखना है, ताकि मैं स्कूल जाने के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार रहूँ और बीमार न पड़ूँ।

“स्वराज- एक क्रांतिकारी आन्दोलन”  
लक्ष्य शर्मा, कक्षा - 12 सी



स्वतंत्रता दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर संगीत विभाग द्वारा “स्वराज - एक क्रांतिकारी आन्दोलन का सफल मंचन ‘शुक्ल स्मृति मुक्ताकाशी मंच’ पर किया गया, जो भारत की आजादी के लिए क्रांतिकारी नेताओं के संघर्ष और बलिदान को दर्शाता है। विद्यालय के छात्रों की इस बेहतरीन प्रस्तुति ने दर्शकों को भाव - विभोर कर दिया। देशभक्ति, निष्ठा और साहस से भरा यह नाटक युवाओं को अपने देश के प्रति जिम्मेदारी का एहसास कराता है। नाटक का मुख्य संदेश यह था कि स्वतंत्रता, बिना बलिदान के प्राप्त नहीं होती। विद्यालय के संगीत विभागाध्यक्ष श्री योगेश शर्मा द्वारा

निर्देशित और स्कूल के कक्षा 12 के छात्र लक्ष्य शर्मा द्वारा लिखित इस नाटक में ब्रिटिश शासन के खिलाफ विद्रोह और स्वराज की माँग को बखूबी दिखाया गया। इसमें भगत सिंह, चंद्रशेखर आजाद, सुभाष चंद्र बोस, और अन्य प्रमुख क्रांतिकारियों की भूमिका को विस्तार से दिखाया गया है, जिन्होंने स्वतंत्रता प्राप्ति के लिए अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी। नाटक में क्रांतिकारी गतिविधियों के माध्यम से स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के महत्वपूर्ण क्षणों

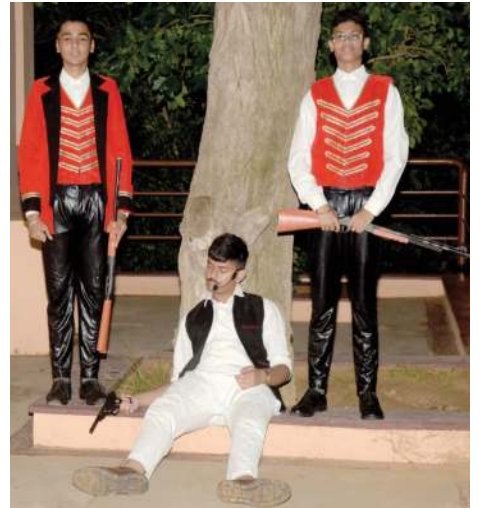


को जीवंत करने में नाटक के सभी पात्र सफल रहे। प्रदर्शन की खासियत थी कलाकारों का जोशीला अभिनय, सटीक संवाद और संगीत, जिसने माहौल को और भी जीवंत बना दिया। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के विभिन्न घटनाक्रमों को दर्शाते हुए यह नाटक युवा पीढ़ी को देशभक्ति के प्रति प्रेरित करने वाला साबित हुआ। दर्शकों की प्रतिक्रिया उत्साहपूर्ण रही और नाटक खत्म होते ही पूरे ‘मुक्ताकाशी मंच’ पर तालियों की गड़गड़ाहट गूँज उठी। विद्यालय के छात्रों ने इसे एक यादगार प्रस्तुति बताया।



इस प्रस्तुति में भाग लेने वाले छात्र इस प्रकार हैं- लक्ष्य शर्मा (भगत सिंह), श्लोक शर्मा (सुखदेव), अंश मित्तल (राजगुरु), खुश तोड़ी (जेलर), रणवीर

चौहान (बटुकेश्वर दत्त), अक्षत सिंह (चंद्रशेखर आजाद), वेदांत जोशी (जज), शौर्य जैन (अंग्रेज़), राघव शर्मा (सूत्रधार), आदि देव गोयल (पृष्ठभूमि संगीत) अनहद जुनेजा (अंग्रेज़), कमल नयन गुप्ता, आदर्श गुप्ता, नैतिक मोर, आर्यन राज (क्रांतिकारी), अमन गुप्ता (जल्लाद)।



अंत में विद्यालय के प्राचार्य श्री अजय सिंह ने अपनी सक्षिप्त संबोधन में सभी कलाकारों की भूरी - भूरी प्रशंसा की और कहा कि ‘स्वराज - एक क्रांतिकारी आन्दोलन’ नाटक ने न केवल स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के वीरों को श्रद्धांजलि दी, बल्कि विद्यालय के छात्रों में देशभक्ति की भावना को भी प्रबल किया। उन्होंने भविष्य में इस प्रकार के नाटकों का आयोजन करने का भी अनुरोध किया।



### Interview of Justice Pankaj Bhatia in conversation with Swarit Varshney, XI-A

Swarit : After class X, today's students go to coaching centers to prepare for exams like JEE, NEET, CLAT, etc. What do you think if a student stays after X and continues to study in class XI-XII in boarding schools then can he/she prepare for these exams?

Justice Pankaj Bhatia : Of course, it can happen. Even studying in class XI-XII a student can crack these examinations because he has to study for it and take the same exam with the same question paper whether he stays in a boarding school or any other school. But the focus and the balance that he needs for the preparations of these competitive exams are developed only while staying in a boarding school with a jam-packed schedule of various activities. Let's take an example, suppose a student is indulged in different activities like sports, house activities, academics, etc., has other tasks to do, and is given a schedule in which there is a specific time for everything. Then it gets difficult for him to manage all these things. For this, he needs utmost focus and balance which he can't learn in every school and is only possible in boarding schools. But those in day schools who already know how to focus on one thing and balance it out, get distracted by personal problems and are inevitably to not study because of lack of focus which in contrast to boarding schools doesn't happen. There isn't a single facility that boarding schools don't offer compared to other schools. One thing that is, learning how to maintain your work, also is a part and parcel of these schools.

Swarit : How has Review helped you during your journey in The Scindia School?

Justice Pankaj Bhatia : Review has just

taught me how to express my thoughts into words. I used to see like that if a school prefect can write his thoughts so beautifully, then why can't I write? This was the challenge that I took upon myself. In our times, we had the letter writing. Letter writing was also nothing but expressing your thoughts into words. Now unfortunately letter writing is not there, therefore, Review is one of the major things that can help anybody to express their thoughts into words and this is the only thing that will help you in your future journey. The one who will be able to express and present his thoughts in a better manner will eventually succeed and those who fail to express their thoughts will be in trouble.

Swarit : The Astachal is an important part of our school that no other school has. The students come here and introspect. So, after leaving the school, do you still continue with the practice of Astachal?

Justice Pankaj Bhatia : Even today, what we used to do in the evening, now I do it daily in the morning. Every day I wake up at 4:30 or 5 a.m., and the first thing to start my day is to meditate and pray which I have continued to do till date. This has given me peace and led to my road to success.

Swarit : Talking about the Indian education system, in the past we had the Gurukul system of teaching and in the modern era, we now have transitioned to classroom-based teaching. What are your views on going back to the Gurukul system of teaching from the class-based teaching?

Justice Pankaj Bhatia : The change



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from the classroom to the Gurukul system of teaching should happen, which is true. But now the question arises, would we be able to change? It has its challenges, because we're not in isolation, we're a society that is working altogether. So we will have to behave according to what will be the norms of society. We cannot live in isolation and say that we will move this way and the rest of the world will move in a different way. This should happen, it is a fact, that the Gurukul system must come. However, it is not possible to evaluate until it comes across India or in most places.



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