

Best Bowler of the Tournament-

Archit Chaudhary

Best Fielder of the Tournament-

Navansh Mankar

The final House positions are as follows: -

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

The individual awards for 'B' Group are as follows: -

Best Batter of the Tournament- **Devraj Singh Chauhan**

Best Bowler of the Tournament- **Aryaneel Majumder**

Best Fielder of the Tournament- **Abhijay Pratap Singh**

Abhijay Pratap Singh was also awarded the match ball of the final match as he took 6 wickets in the match.

The final House positions are as follows: -

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

The overall House positions are as follows: -

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

Inter House Swimming

The 61st Purushottam Inter-House Swimming Competition 2024-25 for 'A' Group was conducted from 22nd to 24th November 2024 and for 'B' and 'Junior' Group from 29th to 1st December 2024.

Individual Champion of 'A' Group was awarded to **Hansiddh Kothari**

The final House positions of 'A' Group are as follows: -

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

Individual Champion of 'B' Group was



'A' Group



'B' Group

awarded to **Abhijay Pratap Singh**

The final House positions of 'B' Group are as follows: -

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

The overall House positions are as follows: -

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

Individual Champion of Junior Group was awarded to **Akshaj Agarwal**

The final House positions are as follows: -

I Dattaji	II Nimaji
III Kanerkhed	IV Jankoji

Visit of Mr Yuvan Aves

Mr Yuvan Aves, a renowned environmentalist from Chennai and the author of 'Intertidal - A Coast and Marsh Diary', visited the school from 23rd to 26th November 2024. Here, he led a series of engaging activities for both teachers and students. Known for his unconventional educational journey, Mr Aves advocates for alternative learning methods and emphasises the importance of environmental education. He shared his expertise on nature and ecology during



Getting close to nature

a field trip with teachers, highlighting symbiotic relationships, the role of pollinators, and incorporating subjects like mathematics into environmental education. In an afternoon session with students, Mr Aves captivated them with stories about insects and plants, fostering curiosity about the natural world. He later addressed students in the assembly hall, discussing his journey as a nature writer and activist. The session culminated with a plant-life exploration for the Fort Biosphere team, where students observed and documented the stages of plant growth. Mr Aves visit left a lasting impact, inspiring students to engage with nature and environmental causes.

अंतर्सदनीय हिंदी वाग्मिता प्रतियोगिता
अंतर्सदनीय हिंदी वाग्मिता प्रतियोगिता (वरिष्ठ वर्ग) दिनांक 24 नवंबर 2024 को आयोजित

की गई। प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम निम्नलिखित रहे:

कहानी सुनाना (गद्य खंड) :

क. दिवित देसवाल - प्रथम

ख. आयुष्मान - द्वितीय

कविता पाठ (पद्य खंड) :

क. अथर्व तिवारी - प्रथम

ख. रुषिल राजन और सुशील सिन्हा -

(संयुक्त विजेता) द्वितीय

सदनों का क्रम इस प्रकार रहा -

I दौलत II जयाजी

III जयप्पा IV जीवाजी

V महादजी VI रानोजी

VII माधव VIII शिवाजी

NIIT University

Twenty one students from our school, namely **Paarth Agrawal, Prakshal Agrawal, Ankesh Bihari, Nikunj Agrawal, Radhe Gopal Yadav, Rudransh Agrawal, Shreyansh Jain, Garvit Sharma, Vedant Tripathi, Jay Gopal Ram, Siddhant Agarwal, Abhiraj Singh Parmar, Ayaan Agrawal, Harshil Gupta, Shiv Shah, Aarav Rungta, Naksha Mandhyani, Rituparn Singh, Shivansh Patwari, Sagnik Chanda, and Aarni Sharma**, with 4 teacher escorts, Mr Dharendra Sharma, Ms Sangeeta Jain, Ms Manisha Singh, and Ms Divya Verma, got a chance to attend the annual lecture of the NIIT university, Neemrana, from 25th to 27th November, 2024. The key speaker of the annual lecture was Mr Amitabh Kant, Former CEO of the NITI Aayog and India's G-20 Sherpa.

Volleyball match vs Germans

A friendly volleyball match was held in the afternoon of 25th November 2024,

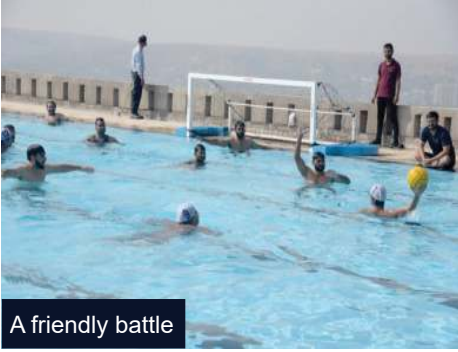


A game of fun

between The Scindia School students and the German exchange students. The match concluded with mutual appreciation, fun and a shared spirit of camaraderie.

Water Polo Match between Students and Teachers

A fun Water Polo match between the teachers and the young Scindians was played on 26th November 2024. Both teams displayed exceptional skill and spirit with the teachers claiming victory with the score of 6-4.



A friendly battle

Inter House Middle Group English Debate

Inter House Middle Group English Debate was organised on 28th November 2024. Eight Houses were divided into two pools A and B. The debate was conducted in British Parliamentary format.



Young debaters

The results of the competition are as follows:

Best Speaker side Government -
Granth J. Mehta

Best Speaker side opposition -
Lakshya Tulsian

Most promising speaker -
Chirag Jalan

The House position is as follows:

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

अंतर्सदनीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता (मध्य वर्ग)

अंतर्सदनीय मध्य वर्ग हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता दिनांक 30 नवंबर 2024 को आयोजित की गई। प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम इस प्रकार रहे -

पूल 'अ':

सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता - कुमार अभिक्षित नारायण

द्वितीय सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता - कृषिव अग्रवाल

पूल 'ब':

सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता - आदि देव गोयल

द्वितीय सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता - नमन जैन

सदनों का स्थान इस प्रकार हैं -

I महादजी	II जयाजी
III जयप्पा	IV दौलत
V रानोजी	VI जीवाजी
VII माधव	VIII शिवाजी

Workshop on Cyber Crime

The school hosted a Cyber Crime workshop conducted by the 'Naii Duniya' Newspaper on 3rd December

2024. The workshop was conducted to raise awareness about new types of cyber frauds with 'Digital Arrest' in focus. The event was graced with the presence of DSP CyberCell, Sanjeev Nayan Sharma and Cyber Cell Inspector Kaushalya.

Workshop on Arts

Padma Shri Paresh Maity, a renowned artist known for his exceptional talent and dedication towards art visited



Master art work

the school on 3rd December 2024. He interacted with the students in the assembly hall and answered their questions about modern and contemporary art. He also created a live painting which was breathtaking and was gifted to the school as a token of appreciation. Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, appreciated him and presented him with a token of gratitude.

School Council Meeting

The meeting of the school council was organised on 3rd December 2024 at F.G. Pearce Memorial Library. The agenda of the meeting was welfare of the school. The secretary, Kavin Singh Chhatwal read out the minutes of the last meeting. Aadi Dev Goel raised the concern faced by the students of Daulat House and Junior House as they have to wait for a vehicle on the main gate for very long time. The Bursar noted the issue and promised to resolve it by hiring more drivers. Lakshya Tulsian proposed that the 'Inquisitive Club' for G.K. quiz should be revived. Principal Sir agreed to revive it in the next session.

Yuvraj Sethia raised the concern about the daily schedule being too congested. The Dean of Co-Curricular Activities, Mr Dharendra Sharma noted the point and said he would look into it. Dhir Bharat Jhunjunwala raised the concern about the buttons of the blazer not being up to the mark and suggested that the tuck shop, clothing store and stationery shop should have biometric system.

Kavin Singh Chhatwal pointed out that

a 'Sports Council' should be formed for upgrading the sporting standards of the school. He also pointed out on reviving the mentorship program to improve the student-teacher interaction. The Principal agreed and approved the formation of a Sports Council and added that more sporting opportunities both national and international will be given to students for their improvement. He also emphasised on the power of mentorship program and a strong need of its revival. Saksham Agarwal requested the Bursar to kindly display a list of products and its prices outside tuck shop, stationery shop and clothing store for the ease of students. The Bursar took this request on priority and assured that a rate list will be put up by the next week.

Shaurya Prakash requested the Principal to form a reading club. The Principal said that all the Houses should take the charge of inculcating reading habits and allotting specific timings for the same.

Advance Placement workshop by College Board

Two teachers Mr Pushpesh Pandey and Ms Sangeeta Jain, attended the International AP Workshop 2024 by College Board. It was held at Amity University, Noida, on 5th and 6th December 2024. This was the first time the workshop was conducted in India, with teachers attending from countries such as Kazakhstan, Bhutan, the USA, and many others. The primary goal of the workshop was to train school teachers in AP courses. Mr Pushpesh Pandey participated in the AP Mathematics course, while Ms Sangeeta Jain attended the AP Biology course.

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यादगार शाम का अहसास

श्रीमती बबली जोशी

20 नवंबर को लेडीज़ क्लब ने अपने वार्षिक दीपावली समारोह का आयोजन किया, जो उमंग, उत्साह और खुशियों से भरपूर रहा। इस भव्य कार्यक्रम में सभी सदस्यों के



Always in style

जीवनसाथियों को भी आमंत्रित किया गया, जिससे आयोजन और भी खास बन गया। शाम की शुरुआत क्लब की अध्यक्ष श्रीमती अनामिका सिंह और सचिव श्रीमती बबीता फर्शवाल के स्वागत भाषण से हुई। इसके बाद एक रोचक और मनोरंजक खेल का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें प्रत्येक सज्जन को एक शब्द दिया गया और उस शब्द का उपयोग करते हुए उन्हें गीत गाना था। सभी ने पूरे जोश और रचनात्मकता के साथ भाग लिया, जिससे माहौल हास्य और उल्लास से भर गया। उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन के लिए श्री अजय सिंह, श्री कमलेश सिंह और श्री योगेश शर्मा को संयुक्त रूप से सम्मानित किया गया। सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों ने समारोह में चार चांद लगा दिए। महिलाओं ने अपनी ऊर्जा और मनमोहक नृत्य प्रस्तुतियों से दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। इन प्रस्तुतियों ने हर किसी को थिरकने पर मजबूर कर दिया। इसके साथ ही 'तंबोला' का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें सभी ने अपनी किस्मत आजमाई। भाग्यशाली विजेताओं को आकर्षक इनाम दिए गए, जिससे उनकी खुशी और बढ़ गई। कार्यक्रम का समापन नृत्य और उल्लास के साथ हुआ। सभी महिलाओं को क्लब की ओर से उपहार भेंट किए गए, और स्वादिष्ट रात्रिभोज ने इस यादगार शाम को और भी विशेष बना दिया। कुशल संचालन श्रीमती स्मिता त्रिवेदी ने किया। खेलों का आयोजन श्रीमती सीरिया, श्रीमती संगीता जैन, श्रीमती निहारिका कुलश्रेष्ठ और श्रीमती प्रियंका शर्मा ने किया। अंत में, सुश्री स्मिता चतुर्वेदी ने क्लब के सभी परिवारों को धन्यवाद दिया और भविष्य में ऐसे और कार्यक्रम आयोजित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा। यह दीपावली मिलन केवल एक आयोजन नहीं, बल्कि एक भावनात्मक अनुभव था, जिसने सभी के दिलों में खुशी, स्नेह और समर्पण की भावना को गहरा कर दिया।

VP's Breakfast

The school organised the VP's Breakfast to celebrate the academic achievements



Celebration of intellect

of eighty-six students, who are in the 90's Club on 8th December 2024.

Editors' Conference

The Editors' Conference was hosted at the school after a gap of eight years, bringing together distinguished delegations from across the globe. Representing Indian schools were prominent institutions such as The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal, Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar, and The

Sagar School, Alwar. International delegates also attended, including representatives from Gymnasium Neustadt an der Waldnaab, Germany.

Day 1 commenced with an inspiring Opening Ceremony, where the Principal gave the opening address, followed by a Keynote Address by Mr Rajeev Kidwai, a renowned journalist. He also chaired a dynamic talk show, engaging with representatives from participating schools on the conference theme: 'A Stream Away from Mainstream'. The day continued with an impressive



Lightening the lamp

performance by the school's Brass Band, before the participants gathered for the Conference Photograph.

Delegates then moved into their respective workshops, led by eminent professionals from the world of journalism. Among the experts were Mr Arun Anand (Editor), Ms Nidhi Sharma (Journalist), Mr Sandeep Adhwaryu (Illustrator), Mr Bhavneet Singh Aurora (Creative Designer) and alumnus Mr Saunak Shah (Photographer). These seasoned professionals shared invaluable insights with the participants.

In the evening, the delegates visited Bada, the bustling Gwalior market, to gain firsthand experiences and gather material for their newsletters. Later, the participants faced an unexpected



The talk show

challenge — a simulated 'breaking news' event. This activity tested their ability to think critically, manage crisis situations, and work under pressure. To add an authentic touch, the teams were also given at least two interviewing a person who had been associated with the Fort for more than 20 years, ensuring the preservation of the school's history.

Day 2 began with intense collaboration as teams worked against the clock to finalise their newsletters, mirroring

the pressures of real-world journalism. Despite the tight deadline, they



Learning from the best

managed to submit seven unique and creative newspaper editions: 'De Routers', 'Chambal ki Charcha', 'Black Band Exposures', 'Azad Awaz', 'Lex et Ordo', 'Gymnasium Neustad', and 'The Organisers'. In the afternoon, the teams enjoyed a meadow walk at



The international delegation

the Fortbiosphere, followed by the mesmerising Maan Singh Palace Light



Editor at work

and Sound Show, which celebrated the rich history of Gwalior Fort. The day concluded with the Principal's Dinner, where delegates reflected on their experiences.

Day 3 featured the much-awaited critical analysis of the newsletters by the mentors. This session offered both positive and constructive feedback, helping the teams to improve their journalistic skills. The closing ceremony marked the end of the conference, where participants received certificates for their hard work. Notably, the conference was non-competitive, focusing on learning, collaboration, and personal growth.

Through overcoming various challenges, delegates honed essential skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and crisis management, all of which are crucial in the world of journalism. At last Lakshya Arora delivered a vote of thanks.



The conference photograph

Camps Reports

Hands of Change: A Transformative Journey at Snehalaya Arjun Kharb, IX E

The Labour Camp held at Snehalaya, Ahmednagar from 24th to 27th October 2024, involved thirty-three students from class IX and five teachers, Group Leader Mr Manoj Mishra, Mr Ashok Shivaraman, Dr Ruchira G. Chawla,



Service at heart

Mr Tridib Choudhury and Mr Aniket Garud. The camp included a variety of activities aimed at social service, environmental awareness and personal growth. On Day 1, the group was introduced to Snehalaya's mission through a documentary and met Mr Rajeev Kumar Singh (Ex-Mj, 1990). They took part in sports, visited the Snehalaya English Medium School and Geographical Park and learned about the entrepreneurship program at the Disabled Centre. Day 2 focused on environmental activities, including a tree plantation initiative and historical exploration, with visits to the Cavalry Tank Museum, Chand Bibi Tomb and the Snehankur Adoption Centre. The day concluded with a dinner with Snehalaya school children. Day 3 featured continued environmental service with tree planting at Manas gram, followed by interactions with residents at the Manas gram Center, a workshop on architecture by Mr Aurgcho Jyoti and community service through hygiene kit assembly and the packing of edible items. On Day 4, 'a study abroad preparation session' and an inspiring address by Snehalaya founder Mr Girish Kulkarni motivated the students. The camp culminated in a celebratory evening with certificate distribution.

Pedalling Through A 576-Kilometer Journey from Jaipur to Barmer Paarth Agrawal, Class XI A

A group of ten young and adventurous cyclists, Dhairya Rungta, Paarth Agrawal, Gaurang Mangal, Nikunj Agrawal, Prakshal Agrawal, Rituparn Singh, Ryan Agrawal, Sagnik Chanda, Shriyans Agarwal and Sindhudeep Singh, along with their four dedicated teachers, Group Leader Mrs Raksha

Siriah, Mr Anil Pathania, Mr Amit Kumar and Mr Pushpesh Pandey, went on an extraordinary 576-kilometre cycling expedition from the vibrant



We are not tired

city of Jaipur to the arid desert town of Barmer. The first leg of the journey, a 106-kilometre ride to Kishangarh, was a thrilling start, filled with excitement and anticipation. However, as the days progressed, the physical demands of the expedition began to take the toll. The second day's ride to Barr, covering 120 kilometres, was particularly gruelling. The scorching heat and the relentless terrain tested the cyclists' endurance. Yet, with unwavering determination and the support of their teachers, they pushed through the pain and fatigue. The third day's journey to Jodhpur, spanning 126 kilometres, was equally challenging. The arid landscape, coupled with the scorching sun, made cycling a daunting task. However, the team's strong spirit and the encouragement from their mentors kept them going. The fourth day's ride to Panchpadra, covering 125 kilometres, was one of the most difficult. The extreme heat, often reaching 38 degree Celsius, pushed the cyclists to their limits. But their unwavering determination and the camaraderie within the team helped them overcome the adversity. The final leg of the journey, a 99-kilometre ride to Barmer, was met with renewed enthusiasm. The end was in sight, and the team, buoyed by their collective achievement, completed the final stretch.

Climbing Together: A Journey to the Pristine Kareri Lake Bhavya Saini, Class XI C

A group of thirty-five students and four teachers, Group Leader Ms Manisha Singh, Ms Divya Verma, Mr Ashok



The view

Kumar and Mr Chetan Bhatia, went on a trekking expedition to Kareri Lake, a pristine freshwater lake on the southern spur of the Dhauladhar range in Himachal Pradesh from 22nd to 28th October 2024. The challenging trek took them to an elevation of around 2,950 metres (9,678 feet) above the sea level.

Throughout the journey, team spirit was palpable as all team members supported one another, shared responsibilities and encouraged those needing an extra boost. The teachers played a vital role as guides and motivators, ensuring everyone remained safe and focused on reaching their goal. Despite the physical demands of fatigue and high altitude, each participant pushed their limits, showing resilience and a collective commitment to completing the trek.

Reaching the serene Kareri Lake was a shared victory—a testament to their perseverance and teamwork. This experience instilled in each member a lasting sense of accomplishment, unity, and personal growth, making it a memory they will treasure.

सूर्य टॉप: प्रकृति की गोद में एक पर्वतीय रोमांच

युवराज सेठिया, कक्षा 11

22 अक्टूबर 2024 को हमारे विद्यालय के 26 छात्रों और तीन शिक्षकों का एक समूह सूर्या टॉप की रोमांचक पर्वतीय यात्रा पर निकला। यह एक सप्ताह की यात्रा थी, जिसमें प्रकृति से जुड़ते हुए सीखने और खोजबीन का अनोखा अनुभव मिला। 'इंडियाहाइक्स' द्वारा आयोजित इस 'ट्रेक' ने हमें न केवल हमारी सहनशक्ति की परीक्षा लेने का अवसर दिया, बल्कि हिमालय की अद्भुत सुंदरता में डूबने का भी मौका दिया। यात्रा का आरंभ पहले दिन हुआ जब देहरादून से रैथल तक का 9 घंटे का सुंदर 'ड्राइव' किया गया। 7,142 फीट की ऊँचाई पर स्थित रैथल हमारा बेस कैम्प था। इस यात्रा के दौरान उत्तराखंड की ऊँची चोटियों जैसे नंदा देवी, बंदरपूछ और शीकंठ के



Scaling peaks

विहंगम दृश्य देखने को मिले। इन चोटियों पर पड़ती सुनहरी सूरज की किरणें हमारी आगामी यात्रा के रोमांच का संकेत दे रही थीं। दूसरे दिन, रैथल से बार्सू तक का सफर गाड़ी से तय किया गया, जिसके बाद 5.3 किमी लंबा ट्रैक पिचकिया तक हुआ। यह रास्ता गाँव के खेतों, घने ओक और बुरांश के जंगलों तथा शांत साफ-सुथरी जगहों से होकर गुजरा। 9,650 फीट की ऊँचाई तक पहुँचने वाला यह पहला दिन हमारे आने वाले चुनौतीपूर्ण दिनों के लिए एक अभ्यास जैसा था। तीसरे दिन, पिचकिया से सियारी तक 5.5 किमी का ट्रैक किया गया। 11,482 फीट की ऊँचाई तक पहुँचने वाले इस ट्रैक के दौरान पहाड़ी रिज पर चलने का अनुभव हुआ, जहाँ से गंगोत्री और यमुनोत्री पर्वत श्रृंखलाओं का अद्भुत दृश्य देखने को मिला। झरनों की कलकल और पक्षियों की चहचहाहट ने इस यात्रा को और भी सुखद और प्रेरणादायक बना दिया। सियारी कैंपसाइट से गंगोत्री चोटियों का अद्भुत नजारा दिखाई दिया, जो मनमोहक था। चौथे दिन का ट्रेक सबसे प्रमुख और चुनौतीपूर्ण था। दिन की शुरुआत सूर्या टॉप तक 2.5 किमी की खड़ी चढ़ाई से हुई, जो 12,900 फीट की ऊँचाई पर स्थित है। यह चढ़ाई हमारी दृढ़ता की परीक्षा ले रही थी, लेकिन शिखर पर पहुँचने के बाद हमें अपार खुशी और संतोष की अनुभूति हुई। बर्फ से ढकी चोटियों का 360-डिग्री दृश्य एक दिव्य अनुभव था। सूर्या टॉप पर खड़े होकर ऐसा लग रहा था मानो गंगोत्री और यमुनोत्री की पर्वत श्रृंखलाएं हमारी जीत का उत्सव मना रही हों। शिखर से उतरते हुए, हम 7 किमी लंबी 'रिज वॉक' के माध्यम से देवकुंड पहुँचे यह यात्रा खिलते हुए घास के मैदानों और रहस्यमय बादलों के बीच से होती हुई एक सपने जैसी प्रतीत हो रही थी। उसी दिन, 4 किमी की ट्रेकिंग करके चिलापाड़ा पहुँचे, जो 10,500 फीट की ऊँचाई पर स्थित है। दयारा के विशाल घास के मैदानों से होकर गुजरने वाला यह रास्ता शांत और मनमोहक था। सूर्यास्त की सुनहरी किरणें इस इलाके की सुंदरता को और भी निखार रही थीं। रात में कैंपसाइट पर हमने तारों भरे आसमान के नीचे कहानियां साझा करते हुए समय बिताया। पांचवें दिन, 7 किमी का ट्रैक करके रैथल वापस पहुँचे। यह रास्ता घने ओक के जंगलों और मनमोहक साफ-सुथरी जगहों से होकर गुजरता था। जैसे-जैसे हम रैथल के करीब आते गए, ट्रैक के समाप्त होने का अहसास होता गया। छठे दिन, देहरादून के लिए वापसी की यात्रा की गई। यह ट्रैक आत्म-खोज, सहनशक्ति और टीमवर्क का एक अद्वितीय अनुभव था। सूर्या टॉप की यह यात्रा हमें प्रेरणा, विनम्रता और प्रकृति की भव्यता के प्रति और भी अधिक आभार व्यक्त करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है।

यह एक ऐसी यात्रा थी, जो हमेशा हमारे दिलों में बसी रहेगी।

Exploring Limits: An Adventure Odyssey at Pachmarhi

Avneesh Jhunjunwala, VII A

A group of twenty-eight students and five teachers led by Mr Brijesh Kumar, Mr Pulkit Sharma, Mr Chirag Sharma, Mr Hasrat Ali and Ms Dolly Pawaiya attended an adventure camp at the National Adventure Institute (NAI), Pachmarhi, from 24th to 27th October 2024. After travelling by train at Pipariya to the campsite, participants settled into tents and began a series of enriching activities.

The camp started with a trek to Pachmarhi Lake for boating, followed by visits to the Bison Lodge Museum and Pandava Caves, where participants learned about local flora, fauna, and its history. Post-lunch, they engaged in rock climbing and rappelling, overcoming fears and gaining confidence. The day ended with a lively campfire. Participants undertook a challenging trek to Jatashankar temple the next day, displaying their stamina and resilience. Adventure activities like Burma Bridge and sky walking followed, fostering excitement and teamwork. In the evening, students entertained everyone at the campfire with songs and performances. A highlight of the camp was the trek to Bee Falls through rugged jungle terrain,



Young trekkers

culminating in a rewarding view of the waterfall. Afternoon activities included shooting and archery, where students honed their aiming skills. Fun activities like sky cycling, zip lining, and knot-tying sessions added variety, while a dinner outing with live music provided a delightful break.

The camp concluded with team challenges like tent pitching and meal preparation, followed by a closing ceremony where certificates and mementos were distributed. Participants returned home with cherished memories and newfound skills.

Ascending Peaks:

Tales of Kuari Pass

Shivaan Rastogi, VIII C

The Kuari Pass Trek, held from 22nd to 29th October 2024, was an enriching experience for thirty-six students of class VIII C and D, accompanied by four teacher escorts group leader Mr Shiv Kumar Sharma, Mr Raj Kamal, Mr Nitesh Jain and Mr Mukesh Chawla. The journey began on the night of 22nd October, with the group boarding a train to Delhi and then continuing by bus to Rishikesh, followed by a transfer to the base camp in Karchi, found in the Himalayas at 7,313 feet. Arriving at 2 AM on 24th October, the students were greeted by the crisp mountain air and began their adventure after a safety briefing and breakfast. The first day involved trekking from Karchi to Akhrotgetta, which saw an altitude gain of 1,951 feet. After setting up tents and enjoying tea and snacks, students took part in a 'Chai Par Charcha' session, sharing their first experiences and excitement. The day ended with stories from the guides about the region's culture and natural environment. On the second day, the group moved to Khullara, where activities included waste segregation and using 'eco-bags' to collect litter, reinforcing environmental conservation. The day also featured a tree-hugging activity as a symbolic gesture of gratitude to nature.

Summit day was a significant challenge, with twenty-eight students successfully reaching the summit at 12,516 feet and eight students achieving an impressive altitude of 11,200 feet. This day tested their stamina and spirit but resulted in a sense of accomplishment and pride. The final descent from Talli to the base camp was demanding yet fulfilling, marked by a debriefing session and a celebratory award ceremony at Talli Lake. The trek concluded with reflections and a group dinner, solidifying the friendships and lessons learned.



Building character

Trailblazing Through the Himalayas: A Journey of Growth and Resilience

Manvick Kapoor, VIII B

The Ali Bedni Bugyal Trek, held from 23rd to 28th October 2024, was a transformative experience for thirty-two students, guided by group leader Ms Mahvish, Dr Ishani Roy Chowdhury and Mr Abhinav



Anshu. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Uttarakhand's Himalayan meadows, the trek offered participants an opportunity to build endurance, resilience, and teamwork skills. The journey began with a 260 km drive from Rishikesh to Lohajung, preparing the group for the challenges ahead. Over the next five days, they trekked through diverse terrains, ascending and descending between 7,550 ft and 12,550 ft, traversing picturesque locations like Gehroli Patal, Bedni Bugyal, Ali Bugyal, and Didna. Each phase of the trek tested their stamina, navigation and adaptability, especially as they faced steep paths, rocky trails and high-altitude conditions.

The trek emphasised key learning outcomes, including physical endurance, teamwork, and environmental awareness. Participants gained valuable skills in self-reliance, such as tent setup and cooking, while overcoming challenges like altitude sickness, fatigue and harsh weather. Regular breaks, acclimatisation sessions, and the guidance of teacher escorts helped them navigate difficult trails and keep morale. Students also learned eco-friendly trekking principles, fostering a sense of responsibility toward preserving natural spaces. Despite the physical demands and environmental challenges, the group completed the trek successfully.

Labour Camp - Datia

A group of 59 students of class IX, accompanied by eight teachers, participated in a week-long labour camp in Datia. The primary goal was to construct a boundary wall for an ashram while also conducting surveys and participating in cultural and environmental activities.



The trip began with a visit to Maa Pitambari Temple, followed by an awareness drive in collaboration with SRA World School. Through a nukkad natak, students highlighted the impact of environmental degradation. Construction of the wall commenced with students working tirelessly under the sun, gaining insights into the challenges faced by laborers. In the evenings, they visited Balaji Dham and Sonagir Temples, enjoying serene moments and architectural beauty.

Students also explored Datia Fort and Jhansi Fort, marveling at their historical significance. A trek to Panchami Kavi Ki Toriya temple added an adventurous touch. The wall construction was completed successfully, and SRA World School hosted a cultural program where our school's students performed.

The students conducted surveys on girl-child education and participated in a plantation drive. Lastly, warm hospitality, delicious meals, and support from alumni enriched the trip further.

MTLD-01

Medhansh Trivedi from Class XII (Madhav House) has accomplished an extraordinary feat by developing the MTLD-01, a drone capable of manned flight. Weighing just 32 kg and powered by 50 horsepower, the drone can reach the speed upto 80 km/h and soar up to 4 kilometres high, all while lifting a passenger weighing up to 80 kg. This was recognised by various news channels across the world.



Rewilding: The Call of the Wild Mr Kamlesh Singh, Faculty of Psychology

The 95th Academy Awards saw the Indian documentary *The Elephant Whisperers* winning hearts as it showcased Bomman and Bellie's journey of raising orphaned elephant calves in Tamil Nadu. Similarly, Kerala's bull elephant, Arikkomman, captured media attention for his infamous raids on rice shops, symbolizing the complexities of human-animal coexistence. Despite being relocated to a forest with ample resources, Arikkomman resumed his raids, highlighting the challenges of rewilding animals.

Rewilding involves restoring ecosystems to their native state by removing invasive plants and introducing species that harmonize with the local flora. The Scindia School, Gwalior, is actively contributing to this effort through its Ecosphere project, focusing on rewilding and water conservation.

Another notable conservation effort is the reintroduction of cheetahs from Namibia to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. Despite extensive research, the terrain and climate differences have posed challenges, with some cheetahs reportedly succumbing to exhaustion.

As history and the Vedas teach us, nature operates in harmony, reminding humans to respect and coexist with the environment. India's spiritual connection with nature is reflected in its traditions, like worshipping trees and gods in the natural world. With hope and reverence, we look forward to the blessings of nature, especially through a bountiful monsoon.



Obituary

With profound sadness, we inform you of the untimely passing of Lt Col (Retd) Deepak Sarkar of 67 Armd Regt (Ex-Rn, 1973) on the night of 28th November at around 11 PM due to a cardiac arrest.

सच्चे दोस्त की खोज

स्वरित वाष्णय, कक्षा 11 डी

दोस्त । यह एक ऐसा व्यक्ति है या इसे कह सकते हैं एक ऐसा अटूट जोड़, जो बहुत मुश्किल से टूटता है। यह एक ऐसा जोड़ है जो एक-दो दिन का परिणाम नहीं होता पर उन अनगिनत कई पलों, यादों और सालों की मिली हुई एक परिणीति है। मेरे छठवीं कक्षा से लेकर ग्यारहवीं तक के सफर में बहुत सारे लोग आये। उनमें से 100 - 150 मेरे दोस्त बने और इनमें से भी 1 - 2 लोग थे जो मेरे पक्के दोस्त रहे और अभी भी हैं। ऐसा अटूट जोड़, इस पूरी दुनिया में, या कहूँ कि इस ब्रम्हांड में, दोस्ती का जोड़ है। लड़ाईयाँ हों, मज़े हों, झगड़े हो जाए पर कभी भी पक्की दोस्ती नहीं टूटती। जैसे हमारी आयु बढ़ती है, कुछ जोड़ टूटते हैं कुछ नए बनते हैं। मेरे भी टूटे और कुछ नये बने। मैं अपने उन पुराने मित्रों को स्मरण करता हूँ।

उनके साथ बिताए वह पल कभी वापस नहीं आने वाले और ये पल जो मैं जी रहा हूँ वो भी कभी नहीं आने वाले। हां, पर एक बात है, जब भी धोखा मिलता है- खासकर कि उन करीबी दोस्तों या लोगों से - तो अनुभूति दिल पर बहुत बुरी तरह से लगती है। मतलब, वे लोग जो इतने सालों से तुम्हारे साथ थे, तुम्हारे दिल के पास थे, वे बस धोखा देकर चले जाते हैं। एक पल में सारी भाव-भंगिमा इतनी परिवर्तित हो जाती है, इसका क्या ही कहना। जैसे ही हम बड़े होते हैं और हमारे विचारों में बदलाव आते हैं वैसे ही हमारे रिश्ते बदलते हैं। 16 से 19 आयु की अवधि में ऐसे रिश्तों में बदलाव आते हैं जिन्हें कहे बिना भी लोग समझ लेते हैं। लड़का हो या लड़की। दोस्ती निभाना और दोस्ती करना, दो अलग-अलग चीज़ें हैं। दोस्ती उनसे ही निभा सकते हैं जिन्हें दोस्ती निभानी आती है। ये दोस्ती दोनों तरफ

से होती है। इस दोस्ती से ऐसे दोस्त बनते हैं जो पूरी जिंदगी तुम्हारे साथ रहते हैं। जब भी तुम किसी मुसीबत में हो या किसी दुविधा में हो, ये लोग हर समय तुम्हारे पीछे रहेंगे। दोस्ती करना - इसका मतलब अपने आप ही समझ में आ जाता है - ये बस दिखावे की दोस्ती है। ये एक तरफा दोस्ती होती है। इसका उदाहरण भी बताना चाहूँगा कि - हम सब परीक्षा देते हैं - जिंदगी की, स्कूल की आदि। जैसे परीक्षाएँ पास आती जाती हैं तो सबको डर लगता है, ऐसे वक्त हमें एक शख्स की मदद चाहिए होती है। अगर हमारा प्यारा, सच्चा दोस्त ही ऐसे वक्त पर काम न आये, उसे दोस्त कैसे माने। दोस्त ऐसा होना चाहिए जो हमारी शुरु से अंत तक मदद करें और हम उसकी। ऐसे दोस्त कैसी भी परिस्थित हो - हर समय हमारी मदद करने के लिए उपस्थित हों। ऐसे दोस्त जो पूरी जिंदगी हमारे साथ रहे। वही सच्चे दोस्त कहलाते हैं।

Memories

Shiv Shah, XI A

Everything comes to an end
Nothing lasts forever
It could end by the death of the person
It could end by the person deported
from the country,
Or even
Because of the distance
Ending is inevitable
It all ends when you take your final
breath
Only thing that you can cherish are
memories
Little memories that you spent that
These stay forever
Even when she is not with you
She is in your heart in the form of
memories
That is real love
When you can't get her
When she is not there for you
Still, you think about her
That is real love
Love is a connection made by God
himself
You don't get tired while being around

them

You don't feel sad when you think
about them
Even they are not with you
You smile while seeing those memories
Moving like clips of movies
Showing all your happy and sad
moments together
Even if it was for a day or months or
years.
You still wish to meet that person.
You don't love a person
You love the memories you spent with
them
You love the moments you make with
them
Those moments make you realise
yourself
Makes you feel there are things worth
living
That's true love
Memories
When you can't stop thinking about a
person.
Love has many meanings, and it
changes overtime

But when you think of these memories
You get to know how much you love
that person
That is true love
Memories

The New Years Note

As the joyous spirit of Christmas fills the air and the New Year approaches with fresh hopes and dreams, The Scindia School extends its warmest wishes to every member of the Scindian family.

May this festive season bring you abundant joy, cherished moments with loved ones, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow. Let the warmth of togetherness, the glow of achievements, and the spark of aspirations guide us into a wonderful new year. Here's to a season filled with happiness, love, and prosperity. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
With warm regards,
The Scindia School Family

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