

Secretary and Joint Secretary Appointments

Painting -

Secretary: **Rajveer Singh**

Joint Secretary: **Khush Todi**

Paper Mache -

Secretary: **Ansh Gupta**

Joint Secretary: **Pranjal Sharma**

Wood Work -

Secretary: **Shresth Agarwal**

Joint Secretary: **Govind Goyal**

Stone Carving -

Secretary: **Gaurang Mangal**

Joint Secretary: **Sanatan Agarwal**

Metal Work -

Secretary: **Abhiraj Singh Parmar**

Joint Secretary: **Aviral Ankit Dalmia**

Clay Modelling -

Secretary: **Swarit Varshney**

Joint Secretary: **Aarni Sharma**

Ramanujam Society -

Secretary: **Rudransh Agrawal**

Joint Secretary: **Pratik Banka**

Bhabha Scientific Society -

Secretary: **Keshav Jhunjunwala**

Joint Secretary: **Divij Agrawal**

Eco Club -

Secretary: **Ujjwal Gupta**

Joint Secretary: **Nimit Agarwal**

Hindi Literary Society -

Secretary: **Yuvraj Sethia**

Joint Secretary: **Vivek Sharma**

English Literary Society -

Secretary: **Ayaan Shah**

English Debating Society -

Joint Secretary: **Arnav Joshi**

English Elocution and Public Speaking -

Joint Secretary: **Ayaan Agrawal**

English Dramatics -

Joint Secretary: **Suraj Kumar**

Agarwalla

A/V Squad -

Secretary: **Shiv Sah**

Joint Secretary: **Atharv Kasera**

Cyber Scindia -

Secretary: **Harshil Gupta**

Joint Secretary: **Aadi Dev Goel**

Robotics -

Secretary: **Divit Deswal**

Joint Secretary: **Anant Jhunjunwala**

Music Department -

Joint Secretary: **Aarush Sharma**

German Department -

Secretary: **Rishit Sharma**

Joint Secretaries: **Abhijay Pratap**

Singh, Aryaneel Majumder

Photography -

Secretary: **Hardik Singh Yadav**

Joint Secretaries: **Janmesh**

Parimalbhai Pardava,

Samanvay Gupta

Fort Biosphere -

Secretary: **Simarjot Singh Malhi**

Joint Secretary: **Swaraj Santosh**

Mahadik

Business Bee -

Secretary- **Kavin Singh Chatwal**

Joint Secretary- **Jayant Agarwal,**

Harshit Singh

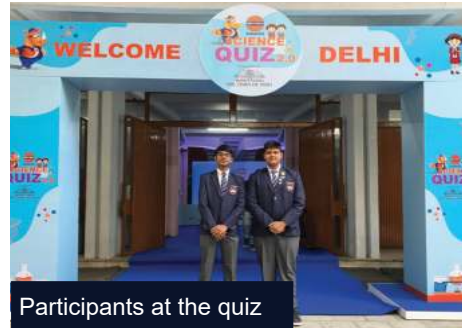
Indian Oil Quiz

Lakshya Tulsyan and **Kumar**

Abhikshit Narayan took part in the

Indian Oil Science Quiz 2024 (Delhi

Round) on 11th November 2024. The



Participants at the quiz

boys bagged the 14th position out of the 95 schools across the country.

Farewell of Mr Saurabh Kaul

The school bid farewell to Mr Saurabh Kaul, a dedicated member of the English faculty, after six and a half years of impactful service on 11th November 2024. He has been appointed as the Principal of Royal Oaks World School, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. Renowned for his sense of style and passion for dramatics, both students and colleagues greatly admired him. The school extends its best wishes to him for his future endeavours.

Nanhi Chhaan

Ayaan Shah of Class XI bagged the runner-up position in the 11th edition



Runners-up at Nanhi Chhaan

of the National Level Nanhi Chhaan Essay Competition held at Navrachana International School, Vadodara from 11th to 13th November 2024.

Children's Day

The school celebrated children's day on 14th November 2024. The students of classes VI to IX participated in various games such as tug of war and musical



A fun filled evening

chairs. Followed by the evening entertainment program organised by the teachers. The program was filled by energetic dances and lazy dance to skits and ending it with the traditional Ramp Walk.

Editors' Conference

The school hosted the sixth edition of Editors' Conference from 14th to



The conference photograph

16th November 2024. Delegations from schools like The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal, Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar and The Sagar School, Alwar were joined by delegates from Gymnasium Neustadt an der Waldnaab, Germany. The theme for this year was 'A Stream Away from Mainstream.'

Inter House Hockey 'A' Group

Inter House Hockey 'A' Group was played in the robin-cum-knockout format. The final was played between Ranoji and Madhav House. The final House positions are as follows:

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

The following students showcased outstanding performances:

Best Goalkeeper - **Vishith V**

Best Mid-fielder cum defender-
Akshay Pratap Singh

Best Player- **Harsh Upadhyay**

Visit of Ambassador of Armenia

H.E. Mr Vahagn Afyan, Ambassador of Armenia to India, along with his family, visited the school to explore its rich heritage and legacy. During the visit, he engaged in discussions about setting up an MoU to foster higher education and student exchange programs. Ambassador Afyan also visited the Astachal and was delighted to uncover the school's historical Armenian connection dating back to colonial India.



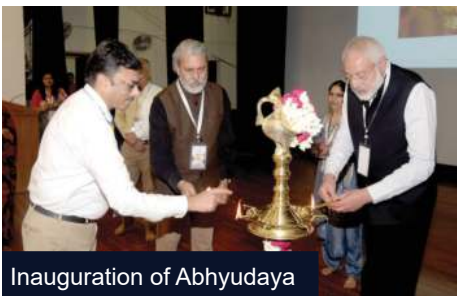
With the Ambassador

Abhyudaya:

Shaping Scindia School's Future

Abhyudaya is an initiative designed to align The Scindia School's mission with the demands of the future. Focused on faculty development, it fosters ownership, collaboration, and innovation in teaching while creating a strategic action plan for holistic personal and professional growth.

The first two days of the LSIP (Large Scale Interactive Process) workshop brought together the school's leadership, faculty, and stakeholders in an inclusive and participatory process. Day 1 emphasised reflecting on shared values, successes, and challenges through activities like 'Glads, Sads,



Inauguration of Abhyudaya

Mads' and finding opportunities for growth. Day 2 focused on strategic planning, with departments and Houses collaborating to outline actionable steps for faculty development, enhanced learning, and institutional progress.

Led by resource person Mr Sounak Chakrabarty, the workshop combined energising activities and mindfulness sessions to keep the community engaged and inspired. Together, everyone crafted a visionary roadmap that honours Scindia's traditions while embracing innovation, fostering a spirit of collaboration, creativity, and commitment.

Magic Circle: Building Resilience Against Exam Stress

Magic Circle session was conducted in the Junior House to help students tackle exam and study pressure with



Magic circle

a positive mindset on 17th November 2024. Led by the school counsellor Ms Jaya Sahdev, the session emphasised affirmations, mindfulness, and peer support.

Workshops attended for students' well-being

Ms Jaya Sahdev, the school counsellor attended multiple workshops throughout the session for students' well-being. Some of them are:

Workshop on 'Embracing Wellness' at The Unison World School, Dehradun, 'Inclusive Education' at RKM Gwalior, 'Wellbeing at Schools: Pathways to Flourish' at Woodstock School, Mussoorie.

Change in TT Captain

Devansh Agarwal was appointed as the new Table Tennis Captain for the year 2024-25.

House Master and RT of Jeevaji House

Mr Brijesh Kumar was appointed as the new Housemaster and Mr Chirag Ambwani was appointed as the new Resident Tutor of Jeevaji House.

Achievement by a Scindian

Lakshya Sharma got 1st position in State Level Youth Festival Tabla Solo



Lakshya Sharma being awarded

Competition at Raja Mansing Tomar Music and Art University Gwalior on 22nd November 2024.

The visit by Scoo News, India

Scoo News India team visited the school, as part of their Great Indian Schools Tour! Celebrating excellence in education, team engaged with the



Signing the Scoo News car

school community, explored innovative teaching practices, and shared valuable insights. Teachers and Principals from various school participated in the Masterclasses and learned from them to transform education across the country.

IPSC SAAZ-E-RANG 2024 Result Indian Classical Percussion Instrumental Solo

Excellence - The Scindia School
Distinction - Emerald Heights,

Indore

Merit – YPS, Mohali

Hindi Group Song Patriotic

Excellence - Daly College, Indore

Distinction - The Scindia School

Merit – YPS, Mohali

Indian Classical Vocal Solo

Excellence - Emerald Heights, Indore

Distinction - The Scindia School HPS, Ramanthapur

Rajkumar College, Rajkot

Merit – HPS, Begumpet

Indian Classical Melodic Instrumental Solo

Excellence - Emerald Heights, Indore

Distinction – MGD, Jaipur

Merit - Mayo College, Ajmer

Indian Classical Instrumental Orchestra

Excellence - Mayo College, Ajmer

Distinction - Daly College, Indore

Merit - The Scindia School

Sufi Qawwali Group

Excellence - Daly College, Indore

Distinction - The Scindia School

Merit – YPS, Mohali

Emerald Heights, Indore

Western Instrumental Solo

Excellence - The Scindia School

Distinction - The Doon School, Dehradun

Merit - Rajkumar College, Raipur
Emerald Heights, Indore

Western Vocal Solo

Excellence - Emerald Heights, Indore

Distinction - The Lawrence School, Lovedale

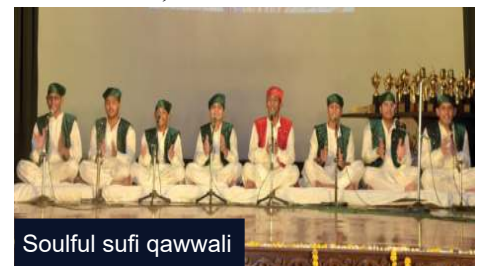
Merit - Daly College, Indore

Western Rock Band

Excellence - Mayo College, Ajmer

Distinction - Emerald Heights, Indore

Merit – YPS, Mohali



Soulful sufi qawwali

Founder's Day Report

The school marked the 127th celebration of its Founder's Day on 21st October 2024, a momentous occasion that was followed by the observance of Old Boys' Day on 22nd October.

The Founder's Day festivities began with a special assembly on the morning of 21st October, where Mr Sahil Arora (Ex-Ja, 1999), the Batch Representative of the 1999 batch, had the honour of unfurling the school flag. During this assembly, the latest editions of the school's publications were released, including Review, Year Book, Qila Quotes, Uplabdhi, Zeitgeist, La'ube, magazines of the Fort Biosphere, Nagma, Hykaa, Nucleus, Lexvisum, and Venture Capital.

The Founder's Day event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. S. Somanath, the current Chairman of ISRO, who was the Chief Guest. Dr. Somanath saw the fascinating exhibitions put up by the Scindians, displaying their creativity and innovation. The evening celebrations started off with a performance by 'The Scindia School Brass Band'. It was followed by the school song sung by the school choir. The school orchestra then performed the stirring 'Qila Geet,' a beautiful musical composition written and composed by Mr Yogesh Sharma, Head of the Music Department.

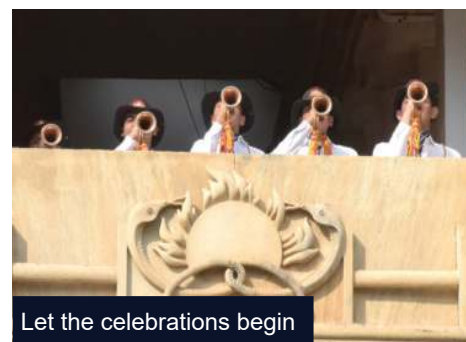
The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, presented the annual report for the academic year 2023-24, reflecting on the achievements and growth of the school. H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, in his speech, warmly welcomed Dr. Somanath with immense pride and honour. The Chief Guest delivered an insightful address, sharing his thoughts on the transformative power of science and technology and highlighting the contributions made by the Indian government in the field of space exploration.

A significant moment of the event was the presentation of the prestigious 'Madhav Award' to Mr Amit Jain (Ex-Je, 1988), which was followed by the reading of the citation by H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. This was followed by the symbolic ceremony of passing the lamp from the Madhav Awardee to the youngest Scindian Dhruv Vikamsey, a meaningful tradition that underscores the enduring spirit of the school. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the

National Anthem, marking a fitting end to a day of pride and celebration.

On 22nd October, the second day of celebrations, alumni and students came together for friendly football and cricket matches. In an exciting football match, the alumni team triumphed with a 3-2 victory, while in the cricket match, the students appeared victorious by 9 wickets. In the afternoon, the Class IX students presented the adventurous Karate, the vibrant Zumba and finally the mass demonstration of 'The Great Maratha'. The Madhav Pavilion roared with thunderous applause on seeing the students perform with perfection. The evening culminated in a cultural programme organised by the Scindia Old Boys' Association (SOBA), celebrating the enduring bond between the school and its alumni. The SOBA awards were distributed with much

enthusiasm, The SOBA Cup of the year was won by Delhi Chapter. The SOBA award 2024 was awarded to Mr Arun Kumar Bhagat (Ex Mj, 1974) and the Young Turk award was given to Mr Madhur D. Singh (Ex Mj, 1999). The event was graced by the Chief Guest Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Awardee Ustad Amjad Ali Khan. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan is an Indian classical sarod player, best known for his clear and fast ekhara taans.



Awards and Recognitions for the year 2023-24

Awards

- Umang Mathur Memorial Trophy (for the best Class XI Scholar)
- Mahendra Mishra Memorial Trophy (for the best Class XI Sportsman)
- Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia II Medal (for All Round Proficiency)
- Sam Pitroda Award (2024-25) (for the Best Innovative Project- 'A drone capable of carrying a hunam passenger')
- The R. B. Pawar Medal (for scoring the highest percentage of marks in Mathematics in Class XII)
- Governor's Medal (for scoring Highest Percentage in Class XII)
- Field Marshal Cariappa Shield (for the Best Sportsman)
- Maharaja Jeevajirao Scindia Medal (for All Round Proficiency in Class XII)
- The Khurshid Lakdawala, Jr. House Efficiency Shield
- Guru Hargovind Singh (Gurdwara) Trophy (for the Best House in Academics)
- Nepal Trophy (for the Best House in Games)
- The Scindia School, Inter House General Efficiency Shield
- Madhav Award
- Milestone award In recognition of dedicated service to the School continuously for over Ten years, a Silver Salver and an honorarium of Rs. 25,000/-
- Milestone award In recognition of dedicated service to the School continuously for over Twenty years, a Silver Salver and an honorarium of Rs. 50,000/-

Awardees

- Keshav Jhunjunwala (Jayaji House)
 Amogh Bhargava (Daulat House)
 Keshav Jhunjunwala (Jayaji House)
 Medhansh Trivedi (Madhav House)
 Swejeet Taparia (Mahadji House)
 Keshav Vallabh Bhagat (Madhav House)
 Krrishn Leelotpal Divyaa (Ranoji House)
 Dharmendra Singh Monga (Jayaji House)
 Dev Pratap Bansal (Jayappa House)
 Kanerkhed House
 Ranoji House
 Ranoji House
 Ranoji and Mahadji House
 Mr Amit Jain (Ex-Jeevaji, 1988)
 Mr Anil Pathania

Ms Sangeeta Jain

FOUNDER'S DAY SPEECHES – 21st OCTOBER 2024

Principal's Report 2023-24

Honourable Chief Guest of the evening, Secretary of the Department of Space and Chairperson of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Dr. S. Somanath, President, Board of Governors, H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Members of the Board of Governors, Madhav Awardee Mr Amit Jain, distinguished Guests, parents, Old Boys, my colleagues, dear students, ladies and gentlemen. It is my privilege to welcome each one of you to the 127th Founder's Day of this magnificent institution.

It is my distinct honour to welcome our Chief Guest, Dr. S. Somanath. Sir has been an omniscient observer to the most significant contributions to lunar exploration and its growing prominence in the global space community in India. A watershed moment of the same has been Chandrayaan-3's historic landing near the Moon's South Pole on August 23, 2023. The historic moment marked India as the first nation to achieve this feat, placing it in an elite group of countries capable of lunar landings and our Chief Guest tonight is the cornerstone of the same. Sir has been awarded the prestigious International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award for the remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. We are honoured to have a visionary like you amongst us today!

I extend a warm welcome to the students of the batches of 1999, and 2014 who are here for their batch reunion. With warm smiles and open arms, I welcome you back to the place that taught you conviction, welcome back home.

I am also delighted to welcome Mr Vikram Pearce, son of Mr F G Pearce, our Founding Principal. Mr Vikram Pearce is on a pilgrimage to India, following his father's footsteps by visiting all the schools he was associated with.

Dear Sirs, with the permission of the President, Board of Governors and with your permission I would like to present the report of the school for the year gone by.

Why are we special? As the world grapples with global problems, specially to climate change, The Scindia School take measured yet assured steps to nurture ecologically

sensitive citizens of tomorrow. We have now 235 lakh litres of water in our 6 taals out of the capacity of 340 lakh litres. It makes us water positive today thanks to the efforts by the students and staff. The 1.5 kms of native grassland, our Meadow is home to several species of native grasses, which do not require any watering. Their roots are so dense that they are our carbon sink, a modern day 'Neelkanth' absorbing poison i.e., carbon from the air.

To let our students grow into well rounded individuals in a nurturing environment the school's counselling room has been renamed as 'The Smile Hub'. We have launched the Non-motorised Vehicle Day on every Tuesday and the Zero Hour of no electricity on the last day of every month, to ensure ecologically sensitive citizens on the Fort.

To achieve our future goals, we have launched a transformative initiative—Abhyudaya, meaning 'rise'—an initiative, to be implemented through the Large-Scale Interactive Process model, designed to reshape the future of our school through a journey of co-creation, collaboration, and collective growth.

We are indeed proud of our achievements in the use of IT, both for academic and creative purposes. All our classrooms are equipped with sense-boards and the faculty has been successfully using the smart boards in the classrooms to walk the trajectory of learning. We also use Edunext ERP which is India's most advanced school management software with mobile apps for students, parents, teachers and management.

Awards and Encomiums:

We started with the successful organisation of the 125th Anniversary of the Founder's Day and emboldened by our achievements, went further to bring innovation and newness in whatever we did. We were amazed by the awards and encomiums that came our way. The award by C-Fore Survey in which the school was ranked in the top two of the Best Boys' Residential Schools (Indian Curriculum) category, was another milestone that we achieved this year.

We have received the Fortune – World's



Leading Boarding School Award 2023 and the Best School Brand in 2023 by The Economic Times.

Dainik Bhaskar's School Excellence Awards 2024 recognised The Scindia School for its premier education.

We hosted a workshop for around 80 teachers from the Gwalior region on 'AI in Education', organised by Gwalior Sahodaya. We also hosted the AFS India Regional Summit.

The period saw a surge in the activities to fortify our ambition to make a true Scindian who leads by example. While the young CEOs unveiled their products in the Young CEOs Programme; the many Model United Nations and Debating Contests that we participated in brought glory to the school.

We won the 51st Platinum Jubilee Inter School English Debate and the Inter School Quiz. We won the prestigious IPSC Brass and Pipe Band competition and the Business Fest, His Highness Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Inter School Hindi Debate and PI Summit. The school won the second edition of the Quasiquicentennial Entrepreneurship Summit 2024. We made history by lifting the trophy of the XIX HH Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament for the first time in 19 years, defeating MNSS Rai. But the recognition was not limited to the Fort; we won the prestigious Daly College's Platinum Debates as well. We secured first place in the Sahodaya Inter School Heritage Quiz. We also won the Best Delegation award at the SNS MUN conference 2024, IIMUN and MUN at Shiv Nadar School, Gurgaon and won awards at HIXS MUN. The school won the Best Enterprising School Award in Innoventure 2024.

The Scindia School Brass Band made

us proud once again by performing at the 75th NCC Day Celebration of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Directorate. They also performed at Cariappa Parade Ground in January for the Republic Day Parade. Band Major Vaibhav Agrawal was awarded the Best Band Major by NCC.

CBSE Results & Academics:

While we provide every possible opportunity to our students for the all-round development, academics remains our prime focus. The thrust in academics motivates the students to actualise their potential to the fullest and to deepen the learning curve. In Class XII, 78 students appeared in the Board Exam in which 62% students secured a percentage of 85% and above (Best 4) and the school result was 87% (Best 4). 15 students secured 100% marks in Painting. In Class X, 90 students appeared in the Board Exam in which 40% students secured a percentage of 90% and above (English + Best 4) and the school result was 85%. 11 students secured 100% marks in Artificial Intelligence, 4 students secured 100% marks in Mathematics and 1 student secured 100% marks in French. It remains our constant drive to keep the academic credentials onward and upward.

Extracurricular

The field of the extracurricular immensely broadened as we gave our students the opportunity to participate in several Inter-school competitions. While Lakshya Tulsian secured the 5th position in the national finals in the V.G. Siddhartha Memorial Quiz 2024 and distinguished himself in The Climate Olympiad by achieving a top 100 ranking, Aadi Dev Goyal, had the opportunity to visit the Udaipur and Mount Abu observatories after securing the 9th position in National 'Aryabhat Astronomy Quiz 2024'. Shaurya Prakash of class XII became a published author for the second time. His most recent contribution was to an anthology titled 'Teenage Love Story - Vol. 1' published by Ukiyoto Publishing House in the USA. His book has also been showcased at the Bologna Literary Festival in Italy. We witnessed the 6th Scindia Literary Fest wherein eleven distinguished authors came to the Fort and painted the air 'literary'. In the prestigious Aaj Tak Debate, the school team stood second.

Our students won first and second

place in Website Designing and IT Quest Quiz at the IPSC IT Fest 2024, held at LK Singhania School, Gotan, Rajasthan.

We hosted the sixth edition of Scindia Model United Nations (SCIMUN). We saw the first edition of the Youth Parliament, and conduction of the Scindian Talk-house in which about 100 students participated. Three students were a part of the international team of scientists around the world to make 344 preliminary observations of asteroids.

The impetus to music was imparted by participating in several events like the MIS - Vision (Bhaav) 2024. The senior Inter-House Instrumental Orchestra Competition was a grand showcase of musical talent and the Inter-House Duet Singing Competition at school brought fine talent to the stage.

In the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Young Thinkers' Conclave organised by Mayo College Girls' School we won the 'Critics' Choice' and 'Best Research delegation' awards.

Cultural Immersions and Exchanges:

Beniamino Ravera, an exchange student from Milan, Italy, and two exchange students from Ghana, Theodore Dei-Tutu and Joel Leslie K. Brown stayed with us. Thirteen German students along with three teachers came to our school for an Exchange programme from Deutschland, Germany.

Five students were part of The Dubai International Program with Rochester Institute of Technology. Three students participated in a month-long student exchange program at St. Marks School, Southborough. Twelve students represented the school in the Indo-Sri Lankan Cultural Festival 2024. Ten students went on an Exchange program to Germany. Sixteen students went on a transformative linguistic and cultural journey to France. Twenty students went on the Japan Immersion Trip. Two students participated in a student internship program at the National University of Singapore. Thirteen students participated in the Oxford Model United Nations conducted by the University of Oxford, UK.

Annual Camps, Adventure and Treks:

Annual Camps were attended by every student on the Fort. The students from classes VI and VIII embarked on a

journey to the National Adventure Institute in Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh; Class VII went to Tadoba National Park and Class IX embarked on a journey to Snehalya and 'Amla Anusandhan Kendra', Tapovan. Fifty students of class XI went for a trekking expedition to Indarhar Pass at Mcleodganj, Dharamshala. Twelve students attended a Green House Project in Spiti Valley.

Our Math faculty-Mr Shiv Kumar Sharma attended The NCC training camp held at Officer's Training Academy, Kamptee and was appointed as the Assistant NCC Officer (ANO).

The teachers of the school scaled peaks during the summer vacation: Mr Rahul Bharadwaj along with Mr Srijith Pillai - Kedarkantha (12,500 ft) and Ms Manisha Singh - Dayara Bugyal (11,939 ft).

Ms Mahvish Panwar successfully completed 26 days' Basic Mountaineering course from ABVMAS.

Eleven students went on a mountaineering expedition to Norbu Peak (17146 ft.) A group of nine boys, embarked on a remarkable 480-kilometre cycling expedition from Gwalior to Ajmer. Seventeen students went on a cycling expedition from Leh to Hanle, a distance of 380 kms ascending to height of 15,000 ft at some points.) Thirteen students completed a 16-day adventure course at the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. The IAYP Award Ceremony celebrated students' remarkable achievements in adventure sports and community service projects. This year, 22 Bronze and 18 Silver awards were earned for the completion of diverse expeditions and service work.

Sports:

Nine students participated at the Delhi Horse Show with Swaraj Santosh Mahadik bagging the Bronze Medal.

Shooting

Nine boys participated in the 26th M.P. State Open & 19th M.P. State Inter School Shooting Championship 2023-24 at Army Marksman Unit, Mhow, Indore from 2nd July to 8th July 2023. They won two silver, three bronze medals. Six students participated in the 10th West Zone Shooting Championship 2023-24 at Ahmedabad Military & Rifle Training Association,

Rifle Club, Khanpur, Ahmedabad from 23rd August to 30th August 2023. The students got selected for 66th National Shooting Championship 2023-24. Fourteen boys participated in All India IPSC Shooting Championship 2023-24 at The Emerald Heights International School, Indore from 30th October to 3rd November 2023. The team won one silver, one individual silver, one individual bronze and one student selected for 67th SGFI National 2023-24. Six students participated in the 66th National Shooting Championship 2023-24 at the M.P. State Shooting Academy, Goregaon, Bhopal & Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi from 15th November to 6th December 2023. Five Students qualified for the 66th National Shooting Championship 2023-24. One student participated in the 67th National School Games in Shooting (U-14, U-17 & U-19 Boys) 2023 at T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal from 27th December 2023 to 1st January 2024. He qualified for the 67th SGFI National Shooting Championship 2023-24.

Tennis

Rudraksh Bansal (U-14): Silver, Ujjwal Gupta (U-17): Bronze, Lavam Makaharia (U-17): Gold, Diya Singh (U-17 Girls): Bronze, Shyan Rohra (U-19): Gold, Shrey Shukla (U-19): Bronze in SGFI District Tournament organised at GCTA, Gwalior, 2023-24. Rudraksh Bansal (U-14): Silver, Ujjwal Gupta (U-17): Bronze, Lavam Makaharia (U-17): Gold, Diya Singh (U-17 Girls): Bronze, Shyan Rohra (U-19): Gold, Shrey Shukla (U-19): Bronze in SGFI Division Tournament organised at Shivpuri, 2023-24. Ujjwal Gupta (U-17): Bronze, Lavam Makaharia (U-17): Bronze at the SGFI State Tournament organised at Devas, 2023-24.

Basketball

Runner-up at Inter-School Basketball Tournament held at Little Angels School, Gwalior). Key Players were Kunwar Pratap Singh & Prabhat Bajpai. Kunwar Pratap Singh and Prabhat Bajpai participated in the 48th Sub Junior Madhya Pradesh State Basketball Championship.

Table Tennis

Abhyoday Sharma (U-13) won 1st Open District Table Tennis Tournament held at Jiwaji Club and qualified for M.P. State Table Tennis Tournament.

Swimming

100m Free: Silver, 50m Free: Gold

and 50m Fly: Gold in SGFI District Swimming Championship 2023-24.

Cricket

In H.H. Cricket Tournament 2023-24 the school became champions after nineteen years. Key players were Shresth Agrawal, Yash Chauhan, Harsh Upadhyay, Aryan Kushwah and Shivansh Sahu. Seventeen students went to the United Kingdom. The matches were played in three different cities – Tokyo, Trent, Manchester, and London. The team performed exceptionally well throughout the tour, registering 6 wins out of the 7 and brought laurels to the school. The school hosted the All-India IPSC U-17 Cricket Tournament in which eighteen teams from across the country participated and reached the quarter finals. Seven boys have been selected to represent at the SGFI Cricket Nationals. In Hockey IPSC U-17, Bhavya Raj Jain of Ranoji House has been selected for the SGFI Nationals. This report highlights the diverse achievements and strong performances by our students across multiple sports disciplines during the academic year 2023-24. Fifty-seven students have reached the State level tournaments.

Infrastructure

The school has taken up a planned approach for the development of infrastructure. Every year certain projects are taken up to be completed from one Founder's Day celebration to the next. While the original historic character of the school remains unchanged, I am sure you must have noticed that due care has been taken to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of all places.

The new swimming pool 'Mansarovar' was inaugurated on 9th July 2024.

Daulat House is being renovated presently and the work for the Multipurpose Sports Hall is in full swing. Three senior staff members have started enjoying their stay in the sprawling New Bungalows.

Workshops

Her Holiness Maa Purnananda Ji, a disciple of Sri Guru Swami Chinmayananda Ji gave a talk on spirituality. Mr Nand Kishore Agarwal (Ex-Jp, 2001), took a workshop on 'The Art of Story Writing and Telling.' A Gratitude workshop was conducted by the Behavioural Counsellor. Mr Sarabjeet Walia and Ms Kamakshi

from Entendido conducted workshops on teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking etc. Ms Divya Saxena, Head of Bhopal Campus of 'Canvas France,' visited the school, for an orientation session for students of class XI about the French Universities and Courses. Ms Sangeetha P. and Ms Divya Verma participated in the National Teachers' Conference on Guidance and Counselling in Guwahati, Assam. The Young CEO Boot Camp, organised by White Canvas India, took place at The Scindia School from 18th to 21st December 2023. These ventures range from digital literacy platforms for village folk to sustainable products, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit of young Scindians. From 22nd to 24th February 2024, a delegation from The Art of Living took workshops for classes VI to VIII in the assembly hall. On 19th January 2024, renowned author Ms Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan took an enlightening session on the art of crafting diverse poems. A POCSO awareness workshop for students from classes VI to XII was organised on 10th and 11th August 2024. Teachers and staff also attended the POCSO and POSH workshops. Ms Niharika Kulsresth conducted an interactive workshop on bullying prevention and empathy building and a 'Good Touch, Bad Touch' workshop for Junior Houses. Mr Dale Edwards, India Head – Academic Team -Language, Communication, Drama and Performance for Trinity College London interacted with the students on importance of communication.

A critical thinking workshop for students of class IX was conducted by Mr Anshul Verma. ScooNews Global Educators Fest 2024 was organised in Jaipur in which the Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, shared his views on democratisation of teachers training under the ambit of preparing the teachers for the future unknown.' Harshit Raj Srivastava conducted an engaging debating workshop for our students under the aegis of Hindi Debating Society, SOBA Nagpur organised a webinar on organ donation, focusing on "Heart and Lungs." The session was moderated by Dr. Sanjay P. Kolte. Ms Jaya Sahdev went to attend a workshop organised by Woodstock School, Mussoorie on Digital & Physical Wellness during September 2024. She also attended a workshop on Inclusive Education for School Teachers in RKM Gwalior. We organised a workshop on Artificial Intelligence for the schools

under the aegis of Sahodaya Samiti Gwalior. A workshop on Innovating Ways to Teach Science by Ms Pragya Nopany was organised by the school for our Science Department.

Round Square

A delegation consisting of six attended the International Round Square Conference in São Paulo, Brazil, on September 15, 2023. Five students escorted by Mr Rahul Bhardwaj participated in the Round Square Conference held at Sunbeam Suncity School, Varanasi. Three students participated in the Round Square International Service Project in Thailand. Forty-four students from across the globe also participated in this service project.

Service

Twenty four students and seven teachers from five schools completed the 6th Ladakh Service Project. The Scindia School organised the impactful 'Stride for Solutions: Join Water Warriors in Walkathon for Change.' Engaging 120 students, teachers and staff, the event traversed Gwalior's landmarks, spotlighting pressing environmental concerns, particularly water conservation and pollution. The Social Service League went to Sonsa village and organised multiple sporting events. 'Digital Literacy' as mentioned by the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was the primary goal of the League. Republic Day, Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, and Teachers' Day were celebrated on the Fort.

Old Boys and SOBiR

Mr Ravi Saund (Ex-Ja 1988) was honoured by the Chief Minister of Haryana with the esteemed Amar Ujala Haryana Achievers Award. Manish Rajoria (Ex-Rn, 1992) Bhopal has been honoured with the Best Incubation Center Award 2024 by BIRAC-DBT, Government of India at the Global Bio-India 2024 event held in Delhi. Mr Rajiv Kathpalia and Mr Yogendra Desai, Secretary Somnath Trust visited the school to witness the Astachal as recommended by the honorable Prime Minister. Conceived as an opportunity to bring together students of two diverse backgrounds, "Uddayan" was brought to fruition from 5th to 9th November 2023 by members of SOBA Nagpur. The school supported and hosted this event most gracefully. As part of our ongoing SOBiR (Scindia Old Boys in

Residence) programme, Mr Sandeep Agarwal (Ex-Sh, 1980), conducted session on posture correction which was held at the School's Assembly Hall. Mr Atul Takle (Ex-Rn, 1973) conducted sessions over two consecutive days with the students and staff on the field of Advertising and Marketing. Let us acknowledge the Scindian spirit of giving back to society which is carried on wonderfully by the various SOBA chapters through their Blood Donation camps and Relief work during the recent Floods.

Admissions

The school has signed an MOU with IDP. IDP Education India is a wholly owned subsidiary of IDP Education Limited, Australia, a global leader in international education services. The MOU will help the students of The Scindia School to access top overseas universities, eminent scholars, and professors. The MOU would also provide professional development opportunities, IELTS training, internship opportunities and Fast-lane services to the students to get quick admission offers from universities. In 2023-24 our students have secured admission in the following Indian Universities-Delhi University, Symbiosis International University, Pune, University of Mumbai, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, NLU Jodhpur, IIM Rohtak, and Christ College Bengaluru. Outside India they have secured admission in - Stanford University (awaited), National University of Singapore, University of Manchester, UK, Monash University, Australia, University of Warwick, UK, Pennsylvania State University, USA, Boston University, USA, Purdue University, USA, Lancaster University., UK, University of Texas, Michigan State University, Arizona State University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst USA, Stony Brooks University, USA, Nottingham Trent University, UK, and Rochester Institute of Technology – Dubai.

University Fair

Over the year the school has organised University Fairs exhibiting top universities in India and overseas. Representatives from more than seventy Universities from all around the world were present.

Visits

Thirty nine students and four teacher escorts from Sainik School, Goalpara,

Assam visited the school. Twenty-seven students and two teachers, Mr K S Paware and Mr S D Guttewar, from Lok Biradari Prakalp School visited the school. These students enthusiastically participated in all the activities of the school and on the penultimate day of their stay, gave a captivating display of Mallakhamb. Thirty-five women entrepreneurs from Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry visited the school on 21st February 2024.

On 25th January 2024, the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 returned to their home away from home. After 50 years the batch relived their days.

Welcome and adieu

The school bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr Mustaq Khan Chaudhary and Mr Dinesh Madhwal. Both have spent more than 30 years on the Fort and made a significant contribution to the school. The school bid farewell to Mr Ritendra Diwedi, Ms Sangeetha P and Ms Ritu Guglani. The school extended a warm welcome to the following teachers: Dr. Ishani Roy Chowdhury – Science; Mr Pushpesh Pandey – Mathematics; Mr Ruchir Sharma – English; Ms Mousumi Chatterjee – French; Mr Mukesh Chawla – Science; Ms Jaya Sahdev – Counsellor; Mr Sankha Chakraborty – English.

HOMAGE:

Fate takes away from us some of our dear ones. It is time to remember them with a heavy heart and a deep sense of gratitude for their contribution to the society at large and to the school.

Shrimant Rajmata Madhavi Raje Scindia, whose love and affection for The Scindia School fraternity is known to all of us for her simplicity, high ideals, a philanthropic spirit, and a commitment to serve with exceptional leadership. Her memory will forever illuminate the path for generations of Scindians, ensuring that our institution is still inspired by her exemplary life. I request the gathering to kindly rise and observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for our beloved Rajmata Saheb. Shri K Natwar Singh ji, Ex Ja 1947, First Madhav Awardee, statesman and past board member of the Scindia School, Mr N K Tewari, legendary Principal and Housemaster of Mahadji House, Shri Ameen Sayani, Ex Ja 1948, Madhav Awardee, whose distinct contribution in the broadcasting sector over All India Radio and television is

known to all of us. The entire country fondly remembers his velvet voice and the unique style of speaking on the radio. I request the gathering to kindly rise and observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the departed members of the Scindia fraternity.

Before I end, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the President and members of the Board of Governors

for their support and guidance. I thank all the parents for their support, understanding and valuable inputs. I am thankful to my colleagues from teaching, administrative and services wings for their teamwork and understanding. I sincerely appreciate the help that I have received from the band of bright youngsters, our team of school prefects. I am also grateful to the government and civil administration

for their constant support, Army, and Air Force authorities for their help. I expect that you will carry back beautiful memories of the Founder's Day 2024 and faith in what The Scindia School does with the budding citizens of India in our care.

Thank you.

Speech by - H.H Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Our Chief Guest this evening, the Chairman of ISRO and the Secretary of the Space Department of the Government of India, Dr. Somanath Ji, members of the Board of Governors, our Madhava Awardee this year, Mr Amit Jain, Principal Ajay Singh ji, members of the faculty, parents, alumni gathered here today, especially the batch of 1999 and 2014, resplendent in their coloured t-shirts this evening, and my dear students, welcome to the 127th Founder's Day of the Scindia School. India today, ladies and gentlemen, is on a path of transformation. India today is on a path where she steers the path of not only 140 crore people within her country, but truly symbolizes the thought of 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam,' one earth, one family, and one future. A country that was known as a land of famine, today has transformed itself into a land of fortune. A country that was always described as one being divided; India now celebrates being both diverse and dynamic. Once known as a third world country, she has now transformed herself into the world's third largest economic superpower. Indeed, we have come a long way, having witnessed unprecedented transformation from being a follower of erstwhile superpowers to becoming one ourselves. As The Scindia School stands proudly, emerging from its 125th year of existence, it mirrors this journey of our great country, India. As we steadfastly resolve to reclaim our title as a country as a global leader, driven by our ability of technology, driven by our ability to innovate, driven by the energy of our young population that we have seen over the last two hours on this historical Fort. That, ladies, and gentlemen, is the potential that India holds for the rest of the worlds. Our achievements today as a country, across sectors, including the moon and beyond, has catapulted us onto a new league as an emerging superpower. From Chandrayaan to

Mangalyaan to Aditya L1 to Gaganayan, it underscores our commitment both to scientific excellence and technological prowess. There's a paradigm shift in the nature of our attitude, in the nature of our aspirations. And we today as a country are setting paradigm shifts for the world to follow in our wake. And always the question arises why? And I firmly believe that our ability, our potential lies in the fact that 70% of our population is below the age of 35. We are talking about 980 million youngsters, three times the population of the United States of America, two times the population of Europe. That is the potential that we have in our country today. And let me say this with conviction, that each one of our students present here in this open-air theatre represents that cosmos, that part of history that is yet to be scripted, represents that 'Amrit Piri' that will transform this country in the years to come. As we move on that journey, from our 'Amrit Kaal' to our 'Shatabdi Kaal,' The Scindia School aims to nurture those very qualities, driving India's transformation today. A vision that is instilled on the sound value system. I say that with a great amount of pride and envy. The admiration for our youth today. It is this generation that will drive innovation in India. It is this generation that is driven by a desire for change, not incremental change, but monumental change. It is this generation that is leading in every field, from science to sports. I believe that it is this very desire that we try to instil in our students at the Fort at The Scindia School. These were the visions and the value systems of our founder, HH Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia 1. He always believed in creating the new talent for our country, creating the new human centric citizens for tomorrow. And not only good human beings, but those with a strong sense of values and communities, those who would carry



H.H. Maharaja Jyotiraditya M. Scindia addressing the audience

themselves with pride, but with feet's that are strongly rooted in our 'Matra Bhoomi' and our earth. That combination, ladies, and gentlemen is what The Scindia School offers to our country and on a larger script to the world. Our school last year was graced with the presence of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji on our 125th year. And he left us with nine thoughts for us to imbibe. The Navratna framework or as what we call it, is not only about a set of tasks, but it embodies the spirit of growth. It embodies the spirit of community. It embodies the spirit of service. And since 1897, The Scindia School has always aimed at creating a legacy established in a high benchmark of excellence, guiding us towards our mission. The next 22 years of our country guarantee unprecedented opportunity with that backdrop, I am privileged to introduce to you the remarkable role model that has highlighted and trailblazed that path and will significantly shape the development of every single student present here this evening and indeed, significantly shape the developmental path of our country, India, for the years to come. Today, we are honoured and graced by the presence of a personality who is an embodiment of our country's ascent, not only on the world stage, but if I may, at the stage of the universe, a personality that is silent, a personality that is unassuming. At the same time, a personality that is a repository, a repository of knowledge. A personality that has not only ensured that 'Bharat's Tiranga' is unfurled on the global stage,

but a personality that has ensured that 'Bharat's Tiranga' is unfurled on the moon. May I present Dr. Sridhar Panicker Somanath Ji to The Scindia School with a loud round of applause. We have amongst us a visionary who has taken India to incredible heights, beyond the skies into space. And even if I made to the edges of the universe, the captain of our ship, our ship that is on a journey to 'Viksit Bharat.' The captain of that spaceship, ladies and gentlemen, is Dr. Somanath. I am reminded of my childhood years, Dr. Somanath, where I was an avid watcher of the serial Star Trek. And I still remember Captain Jean-Luc Picard's famous words, 'boldly go where no man has gone before.' And that is the spirit that Dr. Somanath represents today. He spearheaded the mammoth mission of Chandrayaan 3, which concluded safely and securely and successfully, a touchdown of Vikram Lander. India became, because of his perseverance, the fourth nation to achieve a soft landing on the moon, and the first nation to land on that difficult, unconfigured part of the South's lunar surface. The first time a country from this earth that has landed on the southern face of the moon and unfurled a 'Tiranga' on that southern face, ladies, and gentlemen. It is his visionary leadership that has resulted in our country entering into an arena where no other nation has dared to enter. And behind his success is his team. Behind his success is his team, and his dedication, their sense of sacrifice, and their relentless efforts. In a country where perseverance, reliance and resilience are a part of our DNA, the

mission of Chandrayaan 2, even though it was unsuccessful, did not dampen ISRO's spirit, but even firmed up their resolve once again to persevere until they gain success. Nelson Mandela once said, and I quote, the greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time that we fall, unquote. But resilience is not an overnight achievement. It has to be accompanied by the capability, the tenacity to take risks, to think beyond oneself. And on the Founder's Day of 2021, I remember, standing on this very stage, I mentioned to you, venture forth, venture forth, as the sky is the limit. But after that statement, Dr. Sridhara Panicker Somanath Ji, who himself emerged victorious, has dismantled that theorem. The sky, ladies, and gentlemen, is no longer the limit. The entire universe is. Dr. Somanath is an inspiration to every single Indian across the length and breadth of our country, and two and a half million of our 'Pravasi Bhartiyas' scattered across 130 countries across the globe. He has encountered many difficulties in his life. But he has always persevered. And what has led to his success is his commitment to his work and his vision to dream big for his nation. I echo the words of former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam when he said, and I quote, to have a small aim is a crime, unquote. So, to our dear students, I say to you, do not be afraid to take bold steps. Do not be afraid to take risks. Do not be afraid to fail. Because every failure is a stepping stone to the door of success that awaits your knock. History is replete with stories of perseverance. From Nelson

Mandela's 27 years in a prison cell, six by six, where he fought against apartheid. J.K. Rowling's 12 rejections for Harry Potter. From PV Sindhu's Olympic silver to Mary Kom's countless championship victories. From ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 to the Mars Orbiter mission. And it's this very mindset that has fuelled the Chandrayaan mission. And it is this same mindset that will help carry each one of you through your own challenges, both here at The Scindia School and onwards in your life. That is exactly what we try and teach you and instil in you at The Scindia School at the Fort. And I really believe, like the protagonist Pi said, in the life of Pi, the lower you are, the higher your mind will want to soar. And therefore, be resilient. Do not be afraid to dream big. Now, unlike its predecessor, Chandrayaan-3, the success hinge on a very strategic decision, that of a smaller propulsion module. Propellants fuel rocket systems and provide the thrust that lifts rockets into space. To my dear students, I say that in this golden age, innovation, energy, and dedication too can propel our nation to new unprecedented heights. And I do hope that as you navigate your way in this golden era, keep close to your heart the Scindian values of integrity, the Scindian values of honesty, the Scindian values of patience, the Scindian values of compassion, and make these four values your guiding light. Do well, but also do good. And with this, I invite our esteemed chief guest, the stage is yours, Dr. Somanath.



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Speech by Chief Guest - Dr. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Good evening, everyone!

Maharaja Jyotiraditya Scindia Ji, The Madhav awardee today, the members of the Board of Governors, Principal, faculty, alumni, students of Batch of 1999 who are assembled here, students and their parents, my greetings to you all on this occasion of the 127th year of this school. It is an honour for me to be invited here by Maharaja Ji and to be able to come and watch this wonderful institution and a glorious journey of 125 years plus something fantastic. In fact, when I came here, I was thinking about talking about ISRO to you about some aspect of our journey, then I came to understand the school and its structure, its training, and its co-curriculum, and I really lost that part. No, I'm not going to speak much about that today, but it is something Maharaja Ji just mentioned about me and my team. I must acknowledge before I start, thank you so much for the appreciation that you have for me and my team. I would like to tell you at this moment that it's not my glory or personal greatness that I achieved all of this. It's just because of my team. I think Maharaja you mentioned it and so correctly that it is the team that we were able to mentor, energized to do such wonderful things, and I thank the entire ISRO team community for making us successful this time. Landing on the moon was not an easy feat at all. (everyone applauds) And enduring failures is never an easy thing at all because it goes back to my memory of my joining ISRO, I think this is something which I would like to share with you. Way back in 1980s, I joined ISRO, those time ISRO was not very popular. Today, you know about ISRO the rockets and the spacecrafts and when we joined Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was still there, and he was not very well known other than being a project director of SLV-3. What was happening when he left was that the rockets were still going not to the orbit but then to the Arabian Sea. Many of the rockets of the SLV-3 era and the ASLV were all failing and we were into building the PSLV rocket programme and I was recruited for that purpose straight from college. But then the ambience in the organisation was not very great. We were not successful, and it was casting a dark shadow on the project programmes of PSLV. Many of us were very disillusioned at that moment, young people joining an institution trying to build a space programme for us and where is the

motivation to do all of this will come from? However, there were legendary leaders amongst us, many of whom you may not ever know. Some of them you would have talked about, like APJ Abdul Kalam, but many others who are his deputies in the projects were my bosses; they were the leaders in the organization at that point. They were able to assemble people, build a team, and build great leadership to demonstrate to us that it is through commitment and hard work, we can overcome those failures, understand why it went wrong, and make our rocket the PSLV today. The PSLV is such a successful rocket that it has done its 55th mission successfully recently and we are going to do the 56th one immediately. We are getting ready for the launch and later after this event of building rockets of PSLV launching, communication satellites, remote sensing satellite and a great journey that we went through. We are hailed as a successful organization. But when you look back into the organisation, it will really reflect on the nature of the building of their great organisation and I am a co-traveller. I am really blessed to be amongst those great men and women who build that organisation and thank you once again for the compliments that you have given at this stage to me. It actually goes all of that to them my generation of leadership as well as the current young ones. I can tell you that there are unsung heroes amongst that organisation, and they still didn't get a stage to come and talk to you maybe one day they will all come. Great leaders will come out of this organisation. I'm very sure about it, and it's the important duty of all of us to create leadership in the community in which we walk. I think this is what this school is also going to do. I am very sure about it, but before I dwell on that part, I would like to take a moment and then make you look up at the sky. Possibly it is well-lit here. You are not able to see the stars up there. Have you ever imagined looking back in the attic and looking up in the sky and wondered? Have you ever looked at the sky and then wondered where all the stars are and where this universe, the earth that we live on, the planet we live on, is such a tiny element, a speck of dust in the hall of this cosmos? Have you ever wondered about the whole of this structure, and I can tell you one thing: it is not easy to be successful in any activity that you do unless you love it, unless you find joy in doing it, unless



Dr. Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

you find fun in doing it. This is something that I would like to tell you. For me, when I walk in ISRO as a scientist or engineer and build rockets and satellites, I take great joy in doing it. I find great fun in doing it, and that's why I think we are all successful, and this is going to be the case for you as well. Each one of you who are in whichever profession you are, I can guarantee you unless you find joy in doing it you are not going to be successful, you are not going to be a great leader at all. You will find it punishing, you will find it very painful, every day will be a great troubled journey. I can guarantee you that. So, the first thing which I would like to tell you is about converting whatever you are doing whatever you are passionate about to become very joyful and very funny really if you can convert it, then it will be really great. This is the same spirit that has driven all of us in ISRO. It started as a small journey, building small rockets in 1960s in the shores of the Tumba where we started building the small rockets with the support of US, France and Russia. When they were already moving to sending humans to moon, that was a time 1960s and we were just launching small sounding rockets. Today a journey of 60 years, that we have bridged a huge gap that existed from that space agencies and also Indian Space Ecosystem. Today the technological gap between us and them are hardly maybe a little bit not very far separated. We have the competence to build rockets and build satellites and launch it from our own land. It's not a small power. Landing on the moon with our Chandrayaan-3 and that too on the southern pole India is the very first nation ever did it correctly and after that, you possibly would have all watched when we were launching the moon mission, other nations were doing, Americans were sending their moon crafts in the recent times, China was sending, Japan was sending and all of them were complex missions but

none of them could achieve the perfection that we achieved. All of this was built by our engineers and scientists in India that true example of our 'mother Pratha.' I think this is something great, and I want to congratulate all those people. But then riding on the glory of a mission like Chandrayaan-3 is not going to be enough for us. I think we know very well that for us to go further, we need to have a new vision. I think this is the vision that has been recently announced by our Honourable Prime Minister possibly some of you are aware of it that we have a 'Gaganyaan programme' a mission to send humans to space and our astronauts are undergoing training for it our rocket for such a mission is getting ready and the craft a crew module which will send our brothers to space and bring them back safely is also getting ready and another maybe one and a half years to two years of time, we will be sending them to space and this is going to be a great journey and in the 'Amrit kaal 2047' when we look at the journey of space programme to towards next 25 years a new path has been opened up by the government recently I think this is very important for all of you for students and people aspiring to get into space in 2020. Government of India made an announcement that we are opening the space sector to everyone it's not going to be a restricted one for people like you throw a loan to work in, but everyone can come into space sector Industries startups and new entrants are allowed and you can build rockets, you can build satellites, you can build applications and create an economic activity around them. You know our contribution to the space economy today, which is valued at around 600 billion US dollars, is only 2%. The Indian contribution in the space economy is very small. It's primarily because we don't do it in scale, which is comparable to other nations. And if you really make it sustainable, long-term investment is required and more business is required in the space sector, and for that, we need private companies to come into this, and this is now made possible by the government policy. Now we have a new policy in the space sector, which is called the Indian space policy 2023, and also there is a foreign direct investment policy that has been announced today in India. We have almost 200 plus startups working in space technologies and some of the company owners the CEOs of the companies were engineers who worked

with me. They resigned from ISRO and started new companies and some of them are valued at even 500 crores just started 2-3 years back and they are already making their mark in building rockets, building satellites and building applications and getting into the mainstream of space activities. Really great things to happen but more important is the government intention to invest more into space ecosystem. Recently government announced it is not going to be just Chandrayaan-3, we are going to have a series of missions to moon Chandrayaan-3, Chandrayaan-4, Chandrayaan-5 and maybe Chandrayaan-X is going to be and this will not lead just for some missions technology demonstration but ultimately leading to an Indian landing on the moon and coming back safely to earth and that will happen in 2040 much before we celebrate our 100th year of independence. And we will build a space station called Bharatiya Dhrishtha station by 2028-2035 time frame we will be building and launching them and this will be built in India using and launched using our own rockets and we will operate with our astronauts and our Gagani R-3s and this is again approved by government. Recently we have also got approval to build missions to Venus and other exploration missions as well. So, it's really a great thing to happen and huge investments are coming into space sector from government also. And there is a great interest in private ecosystem also. So, this is a fantastic time, but the space is just an example of what we can do with shoestring budget. The word shoestring budget is very important. You know, our investment in space is hardly 2 billion US dollars per year compared to the investments that others are making in the space sector. For example, the US invests at least an announced budget of approximately 60 billion US dollars per annum. Our neighbour spends at least 25 billion US dollars per annum, and our investment is hardly 1.82 billion US dollars per annum. It's very small and even with this budget, we can do fantastic things. We are able to build our satellites. We have almost 52 satellites in orbit, and they do a lot of services. You know weather services, your communication services or your television broadcasting, your borders being watched by our satellites they provide our navigation services and our climate services like your cyclone watching and then providing disaster warning and things like that and support our science

adventures like the moon mission Mars mission and all such things all with this money, I think this is really fantastic and many a time when I go to international conferences or people from other space agencies meet me, they ask me can you share the secret of how you are able to do with this much of money? How you did the Chandrayaan 3 with a budget so small? I tell you, that's the ingenuity of our Indian mind. Now we are wired now in such a manner that we can spend less money and do great things. Okay, but I never share the secret of what you do in ISRO. There is something beyond that, but then it's very important for you to do it with that type of frugal budget and frugal engineering approach because the resources that we have are limited. I think we have so much to do in this country, though we are a very powerful nation. We are the third largest economy in the world. Our investment in this domain has not grown substantially enough to that extent that we can boast about it but in the coming days, this is going to change and that's why the examples of the building of the space station, an ambition to go to moon etc. have been talked about. But if you have to go to the moon, we need to spend not small money like this we need to expand our investment in space to something like two lakh crores of money is needed. If you are ever going to the moon and then send a man up there and this needs to be spent in next 20 years or so. So, this much of money is going to be spent by the government in the coming days. So, it's great news for all of us. But it equally great news for each one of you. Why I tell this is for you the changing times are very important. I think you need to observe very carefully. As a nation, we have reached some level now. We have reached a position of the third largest economy, but if you have to jump up from the fifth largest economy to the third, the second, or the first, the only ladder that you have is technology. There is no other ladder. Now through the trade or there was a time in which you could make a lot of money using trade processes the businesses the second approach is to make use of the natural resources and then make money out of it like petroleum if I have enough of petroleum or minerals that you can sell it and make money out of it, but then the growth of economy will become stagnant at some point in time. You will understand that the growth in the power that technology comes out of the finances. All come out of the

technological intervention that you are able to make in the markets whether you are in a position to do fundamental research and development in our laboratories and institutions and convert that fundamental research into products and services that will fetch businesses and if you can do that only then the economy will grow beyond a point, otherwise, you will remain stagnant at about fourth or fifth position, you will never jump up to the third or second position and this is well understood by our government and they have started investing in more and more into research and development in various ecosystem. Possibly you are aware of the new announcement by the government into of the Anuswantar Research Foundation where there is an announcement by government that you are going to fund more into academic institutions for doing collaborative research and translational research of converting the research work into products and services. For example, if you look at the American ecosystem, the industry, the educational institutions they are producing fundamentally very high calibre people who will be able to do research in a high level institutions of learning which have a connected industry. Industry look at the academic institutions to source the knowledge for bringing new products like your Google or your Apple phones or the services that you see every day comes out of the academic funded research, connected with that Industrial research and that products come out and it goes to the market and this happens in those nations which are capable of driving the economy. For example, look at the electronics the microchips revolution that is actually very important for us. The government announcement to invest almost 75,000 crores into chip manufacturing is one of the examples, that we understood this change transition. Why is it all of this to young people is that, in the coming days the world is going to see a major change though it has been happening slowly is the change of techno power comes out of technology. Tomorrow's nations will be the one which will have the first-hand information about the latest of the technology. They will remain to be the most powerful and it is not going to be the army that you have or the money that you have will decide the power. It is a power that you are able to innovate to create new solutions whether you are able to come to the market with a new products and services at the earliest. Some of you may be looking at the

conflict situations that are happening around the world today and you would be seeing the role of technology in all of these places. For example the wars which are happening there the space has become such as powerful enabler in providing services for all the ammunition's or even targets or even identification or even observation of areas in our situations. All happen through the power of space today and the communication infrastructure also has improved substantially. The position navigation timing services all provide to satellites have become the most powerful tool in the hands of those who want to win and this is going to be the case in the in the future So basically for our country to grow we need to invest in various technology sectors one example is space and we want to make sure that space remains at the top of the agenda and another area is electronics and microelectronics and software and we have shown it very well to the world that we are one of the leading IT service provider and we are one of the best in writing codes, but in terms of the fundamental software that we use for solutions, we are still not the best. We are more into IT services, but not into the core engineering software designs, which is very important. Though we are one of the best in terms of IC chip design, which is in the back-end design, but we are not in the manufacturing. Most of the Indians work in the chip design in the Indian companies but when they went to convert into products, there is a monopoly, and we are not into that game yet. But if you look at again bio area, for example, medicine, India is one of the leading producers of generic medicines in the world. And of course, we are one of the highest exporters of generic medicines of the world. But when you talk about synthesising medicines and building new medicines and new investigations, we are not up to the mark. I think this is one other area where we need to progress and grow. You look at agriculture, we from a community of just 35 crore people at the time of independence today, we are 140 crore people. Today, we are able to feed all of them and we have surplus of food grains for ready for export, and how it happened? It happened only through the interventions of technology over the last so many years but coming years, it's going to be much more difficult because our soil productivity will come down, our agricultural yield may come down. The climate change is going to affect us, and we need to feed

160 crore people and almost I know that it's going to stabilise around 160-165 crore people and when it happens, we should be able to feed them with food and we need huge amount of technology that need to come into an agriculture sector. We need to come with high technology into food processing industry. We need to bring in higher technology into our natural resources' conversion to value-added materials. For example minerals, especially the high-end minerals processing there are many areas where we need to bring in technology and leadership in those areas, nuclear energy is another example, green energy is another example, green hydrogen for mobility is another example, electronic and electric vehicle revolution is yet another example. I think in many of them, we started working in various sectors, so I want to tell you young people that it is just not space that we are making leadership, though it may be possible for us to be able to succeed in one of the toughest domains that we are able to succeed with the very small investment. And I am very sure about it that India will be able to succeed in many, many other areas with those types of investments in the coming days. We should watch and see how India will grow in various technology sectors. For that we need you people, the people with the holistic knowledge, expertise, and skills to become leaders. I think here is something that I would like to tell you. For example, a great leader comes out of not just now being in some good position; it comes out of understanding the various complex natures of the interaction of people, men, and materials. In ISRO, we were trained to become leaders by many processes because I can tell you that no one is born as a leader. You are actually trained to become a leader. One of the important qualities that each one of you needs to have; is to become more deeply knowledgeable in at least one domain. It can be anything. It can be engineering, it can be science; it can be economics, it can be less but then if you are to be deep in knowledge in one domain it won't help you in the coming days in the years when the new leaderships are emerging, we need to become a deep type of leader T. You know the english alphabet T, where there is a vertical element and also a horizontal part. The vertical part indicates the depth of your knowledge in one domain. It is to be really deep, and you really focused you should be

really skilled in at least in one domain but equally important is to have a horizontal breadth of understanding of various other connected and unconnected domains. Because in the coming days it's going to be important that unless you have an understanding appreciation of various other influencing factors into the business into the science and technology into the domain whichever you work and unless

you understand that type of interplay between them, you will not be able to make progress or will not be able to bring in people to provide leadership to systems. For me to build a rocket, I need people of various expertise, some of them will be propulsion expert, some of them will be structural experts, some are computer science people, and some are software writers and some are manufacturing experts. I talked to them

all of them. I need to talk to them continuously to understand what they know about this complex system. Their inputs are to be taken. I need to assimilate and make a decision; each one of you needs to do that at a later point in time in life. I am impressed by the fantastic staff. It was a honour to speak to you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Madhav Awardee Citation

Mr Amit Jain, an alumnus of The Scindia School, exemplifies in his life and work the fundamental values that the institution stands for. He exemplifies in his thoughts and actions, a true Scindian who is a global leader, aspiring for a sustainable future and leading by by example. Amit Jain is the Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) of Emaar Properties PJSC, a leading real estate company in the Middle East, renowned for its notable landmarks such as Burj Khalifa, the Dubai Mall, and the Dubai Fountain.

Mr Amit Jain was a proud student of the Jeevaji House of the Scindia School from 1984 to 1988. He was an all-rounder, extremely focused on Academics and all that he committed himself to. The practice of introspection in Astachal has made him a calm and composed person that he is, unperturbed during difficult situations. Armed with a degree in Business and Commerce from Delhi University, and qualifications in CA and CFA, he went on to successfully assay the roles of Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Emaar Properties, as well as CFO roles at

Dubai Bank and Audit and Risk Officer at Emirates Bank and Management Consultant at Ernst and Young, Mr Amit Jain has also been recognised in Forbes Middle East's CEO rankings and featured in Arabian Business's India Power List. His strategic vision includes expanding Emaar's presence globally, with operations in eleven countries, and a focus on sustainable real estate development. He has played a pivotal role in the development of an ESG framework for the company, with aims to reduce energy costs and integrate green technology into future projects. As a proud Indian, he is the Board Member of the UAE India Business Council (UIBC) responsible for the identification of business development opportunities between UAE and India. He spearheaded a project relating to food security for Government of UAE with assistance from India, which was sponsored by the Indian Prime Minister and the President of UAE. Mr Amit Jain's corporate social responsibility induced regular donations to educational institutions, supporting affordable housing projects, and providing aid during crises, such as assistance to Turkey following an earthquake.



Presenting the Madhav award

His leadership emphasis innovation, resilience, and teamwork, with a focus on creating superior lifestyle offerings for customers, inculcating AI and technological advancements in all his endeavours. In his personal life, he is known for his Interest in architecture, current affairs, and sports, particularly golf and athletics.

The Scindia School acknowledges Mr Amit Jain as an Old Boy of Eminence for his exemplary leadership qualities with deep commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and for his outstanding contribution to real estate, by conferring upon him the Madhav Award 2024.

Speech by Madhav Awardee - Mr Amit Jain (Ex-Je, 1988)

The Principal, the Chief Guest Dr. S. Somanath, all the teachers who are present over here, the alumni of batch of 1999 and 2014, The parents and everyone who's present over here, I'm so humbled by this experience and I feel myself privilege to receive such an esteemed award. Today I was talking to the students in the hotel, and they asked me, what is Scindia for me? I mean how did Scindia School affect me? And I think, at that moment of time when I thought back, everything I am today because of the school. Even if I'm standing over here and talking it's because I studied in the school. I remember the first time I actually came to the stage was for an elocution in my 9th grade and I forgot my lines and my

legs were trembling and I thought, ohh no, I will never be able to go to the stage. But that stage fear, I had at that point of time went away because I kept on trying in the school. The school teaches you how to overcome your fear. Our esteemed Chief Guest mentioned how you can learn from the failures and that is what I keep on learning. The whole spirit of winning, we saw all those trophies over here it's the same trophies we used to have when we used to be here. I remember we used to fight. We may not be the best team, we may not be the best House, but every time we walked onto the field, we wanted to win, 'Jitna Hai' that was the spirit. This spirit is what has taken a lot of us to that journey today, even in Emaar when



Madhav awardee - Mr Amit Jain

it's the largest company that we created against Government owned companies is because we had that attitude of winning. We had the passion, we could gather people and say doesn't matter, you can lose one, you can lose two,

but you'll win the third and that is the most important thing that sports in this school has taught us. With that spirit also comes the requirement that we are humble it's very important the winning should not get to your head. We used to come from different parts of the world but we all used to go to Sonsa Village for social service, we all used to do labour camps, we all used to talk to our 'bhaiya's' or our Barber like they are friends. But that is important because when you come to real life, it's those people who are going to matter. They want nothing, they just want you to say, How are you? Is your family OK? Are you fine? And they'll give the life for you. That is what we have learnt in the school. This is what the character that is built into us that ethos that the school has built into us. It has built us that strength, whether it's mental, it's emotional when we all go to tough times. I was talking to my friends coming to Gwalior and, one of my friends mentioned that they spend the whole day on the railway station platform in the VI standard. That's not easy. Do you remember we used to put water on the bed sheet to sleep in 40° temperature? 3 fans and Junior dormitory and only ventilation available is cross ventilation when you open the door. Taking cold water bath in a four-degree temperature because water will be available only to XII and XI maybe. And those junior guys who are favourite who might get half bucket, but that is what we have built. We've overcome all those pressures, we've overcome those challenges. And one thing you'll find in us is that anytime, anywhere, even in all the hardships and adversity, you'll see a Scindian smiling. I have seen all of them smiling in any trouble. And that is, what Scindia is.

The other thing that's Scindia is that, I was also talking the same to the students saying that you can leave Scindia, but The Scindia School never leaves you. We are Scindians always. I mean last 25 years. I live in Dubai, a lot of my friends are Ex-Scindian. Our wives are completely bored about hearing her stories about Scindia. They say any other but Scindia, please do not say Scindia school. We have non Scindians as friends and trust me, they know more about Scindia school than lot of us here. I have a friend sitting over here, I introduced one of the non Scindians as a Scindian from his House to him and for 10 minutes he actually believed it. So, you can understand how much Scindia is within us. We always talk about stories. We always narrate the stories because that is what we are. The Scindia School is completely inside us, but what does Scindia School stand for? The Scindia School stands for that we are always there for each other. We always will hold our hand out, we always will tell we are available for you, we always will help people even if they don't ask for it, we always will help a fellow Scindian. A Scindian, never shies saying that let me not ask for help. I have been to management training and this they taught us that you should not shy away from asking for help. I said really!! That's a lesson we Scindians are built for. We ask for help always. Sometimes we don't even know people stand for us, without even telling us. About two years back, and I was in a little bit trouble, and I had a Scindian right next to me, but I didn't ask him, but he just came, and he said can I help you in any manner and do you need anything? You know, last week, there was a friend of mine, his mother was in hospital in Delhi,

and he doesn't know what to do. And I called another Scindian from my batch. More than for four days he took care of him. He got him to all the doctors that he could and it's not even for me, it's for my friend. So, I think that is what Scindia is. All the students over here, everyone, even the old boys there's only one thing I will ask; I just implore upon you that please always be in touch with your friends from the school. Your family's there, but this will always be your family. A Scindian will always be a Scindian. He will always be there. Your best friends are always going to be from the school. I'm so proud to be a Scindian and I think I will always be proud to be a Scindian. I think in the end, you've heard too many speeches already, but I think in the end, I have to thank my teachers who were there at that point of time, my House Master who probably I had troubled a lot, but he still guided me and I owe a lot to him, our Principal, Dr S D Singh who was an inspiration for us. I have to thank my parents who did everything for me to study in this amazing institution. I thank my batchmates who have come over here and who have not been able to come over here as well, but I know they wish well for me. I thank all my Jeevajian friends who were always there. And I thank you all for all those years and making me the person I am. And I think in the end, I have to thank my wife because I have to go home but I think my wife, my daughter, they still think I'm in the school. They still treat me like, I'm a student, but they keep me grounded and they always try to make me a better person. Thank you so much. And I wish all the best to all Scindians today and tomorrow. Thank you so much

Vote of Thanks by the Senior School Prefect



SSP, Tanish Agrawal

A very good evening to one and all, It is an honour for me to present the vote of thanks on this 127th Founder's Day of The Scindia School. A school which

has the vision to transform young minds with the help of world class education into next generation leaders and nation builders who will and have been transforming the landscape of the country and the globe since the inception of this school.

Swami Vivekanand once said and I quote, "Arise, Awake and stop not until the goal is reached." For a nation builder these words are reassurance of their work. Our Chief Guest for the evening is an epitome of a nation builder himself. He justifies every inch of hard work which went into fostering the story of the establishment of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

The magnificent work done by ISRO and the feats which India is achieving in the field of space exploration, under the leadership of our chief guest, Dr. S. Somanath, speaks volumes about him. The higher purpose for which Dr. Somanath works for and the childlike wonder which he entails makes him the person he is today. His dedication to work, his monk-like patience and commitment to being an organisational man is something which everyone is in awe of. Sir, thank you for inspiring the next generation of Somanaths, Kalam and Sarabhais.

I would also like to thank the Honourable President and members of the Board

of Governors for being the backbone of the school and constantly working upon the true value of education in this glorious institution, the deep thought which you put in every decision you take is exceptional. My thanks are also due to the Madhav Awardee, Mr Amit Jain. Sir it is people like you who embody the Scindian education in the best fashion. I would also like to thank all our old boys, especially the batches of 1999 and 2014, who have returned to reminisce about the place where they were moulded into men of mettle. My speech would be incomplete without thanking our teachers and the faculty. Thank you for always reminding us of what we as students are capable of. Thank you for being the beacon of light in our lives which shows us a future, gives us hope and makes us do incredible things. I express a deep gratitude towards all parents for being here with us today. The thought of sending your child to this institution for their development is a thought of a visionary parent. You all are visionaries in thought and action. I would also like to thank my family, for always sacrificing for my growth and keeping my education at the forefront of their priority. I must also congratulate the student body for such a successful Founder's Day, it was the result of days worth of hard work. I will fail in my duties if I do not thank the support staff, the unsung heroes of the school, for their selfless work. It is them who act as a bridge between all sections of

the school.

Furthermore, I thank my batch, the batch of 2025. For making me who I am, for giving me that confidence and casting an indelible mark on my character which made me capable enough to be standing here. Ladies and Gentlemen, today when I stand in front of this gathering, I am compelled to look back at my 6 years of sojourn in the school. My first Founder' Day in Scindia, I was wearing a shining blue kurta and was sitting on the steps around this very podium, singing my heart out in the orchestra while trying to find my mother in the crowd. Cut short to today, I am privileged enough to live the perfect day of every Scindians dream, it being the Founder's Day and you being the Senior School Prefect.

In this moment I question myself, should there be a sense of being arrived? No, is the answer I get from within. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam once said and I quote, "Excellence is a continuous process and not an accident." Scindians embrace this thought and commit to lifelong learning. We work towards being role models for our society and our nation. We do it while inspiring tons and thousands of people along the way in more ways than one. You might not know the extent to which you will change the trajectory of people's life, you will not know how much a person did when you did your duties the Scindian way. I was inspired

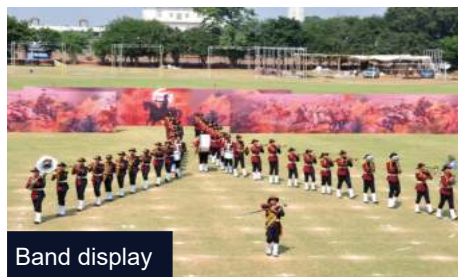
when someone else was speaking here when I was in 7th grade. I wish and I hope I do the same for someone else. The Scindia School has played a vital role in making me understand the value of purpose. The purpose which we get from within. Our school through Astachal engraves this idea that we have to have a journey inward for a better journey outward. Throughout the years I have met numerous Scindians and I realised that a true Scindian is a leader, who delivers in all facets of life, being the best in what they do. They have something special in them which makes them stand apart.

When I walk through the corridors of the school, I remember the people who walked the same before me. The Scindian ethos which has chiselled me comes from those very people. The genuine dedication they had towards the institution makes me keep their churning in my mind before taking any action. Such higher ideals is what The Scindia School gives to its students. It elevated me from the steps down here to this podium. It made a nervous boy unaware of his capabilities be apt enough to be delivering this speech. It made me a Scindian. I thank The Scindia School for crafting me in the most perfect way one can imagine. In the end, I thank everyone for being kind enough to spend the evening here and making it even more momentous.

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