

of their seats. The score was tied at the final whistle and the match proceeded to a penalty shootout. As a result of penalty shootout, Jankoji House won the Inter House Junior Group Hockey trophy for the year 2024-25.

Outstanding Players of the Tournament are as follows:

Best Player of the Tournament: **Manan Goyal**

Best Defender of the Tournament: **Vansh Gupta**

Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament: **Advik Shukla**

House Positions are as follows:

I Jankoji II Dattaji
III Kanerkhed IV Nimaji

Visit to the British School, New Delhi

On 3rd February 2025, a team of four students namely Ayaan Agrawal, Swarit Varshney, Rudransh Agrawal



Meeting the Duke of Edinburgh

and Yuvraj Sethia along with Mr Abhinav Anshu went to The British School, New Delhi to meet the Duke of Edinburgh HRH Prince Edward. There they set up a stall which showcased the four verticals of IAYP and how our school prepares the students for IAYP.

Panchmarhi Trip

Nine students along with Mr Gopal Chaturvedi, Ms Sangeeta Jain and Mr Jitendra Jawale, embarked on to an Ecological Immersion for the Fort Biosphere program to Panchmarhi from 2nd to 6th February 2025. Mr Harpal Singh (Member of Board of



The young explorers

Governors and an eminent member of Fort Biosphere Program) with Mr Pradip Krishen (Renowned Naturalist) enlightened the boys about the 3 habitats majorly found in Panchmarhi. They visited Riparian, Evergreen and Mountainous Habitats along with exploring the wild Panchmarhi Jungles.

Sports Colours 2024-25

Half and Full Colours are awarded to players who show extraordinary



Recipient of Sports colour

performance in their sports, while representing their House or school in various tournaments. The winners of Half and Full Colours for the year 2024-25 are as follows:

Athletic

Half Colour - Yuvraj Singh, Ishaan Gupta, Aditya Raj Pandey, Abhigyan Singh, Pushpendra Singh, Akhand Pradeep Rai, Ryan Batra and Ramchandra

Basketball

Half Colour - Akshay Pratap Singh, Amogh Bhargava, Parakram Dudi, Nikunj Jalan, Prabhat Bajpai, Kunwar Pratap Singh, Anaggh Naduvath, Ayan N Krishna, Lakshya Agarwal, Manan Goyal and Mrigank Singh

Cricket

Half Colour - Bhavesh Mittal, Navansh Mankar, Devraj Singh Chauhan, Abhijay Pratap Singh, Aryaneel Majumder, Rudransh Agarwal, Shidharth Chaudhary, Rishit Sharma, Arnav Agarwal, Shourya Pratap Singh and Saransh Singhal

Full Colour - Shresth Agarwal, Archit Chaudhary and Pranit Pathak

Football

Half Colour - Kabir Tripathi, Advik Shukla, Khoirom Surjakanta Singh, Anirudh Yadav, Aarush Sharma, Mridul Roy and Vivaan Agarwal

Full Colour - Leitanthem Sanahal Meetei

Hockey

Half Colour - Ashmit Sharma, Swarit Varshney

Full Colour - Bhavya Raj Jain, Nikhil Dua, Jayesh Agarwal

Horse Riding

Half Colour - Siddanth Agarwal, Syed Aarish Bin Sarosh, Madhav Nath Kaushal

Full Colour - Swaraj Santosh Mahadik

Shooting

Half Colour - Varad Agarwal

Full Colour - Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Shlok Tulsyan, Ishan Singh, Shivansh Bhardwaj, Atulya Krishna and Raunak Ahuja

Swimming

Half Colour - Aryavardhan Singh Somvanshi, Saksham Agarwal, Nimit Agarwal, Hansiddh Kothari, Priyansh Agarwal, Aditya Sharma, Samanvay Gupta, Naman Jain, Diptanshu Pokar, Rajveer Singh, Advait Budhia, Akshaj Agarwal, Agastya Sinhmar, Amogh Bhargava and Abhijay Pratap Singh

Table Tennis

Half Colour - Abhyoday Sharma, Aryan Bhagat, Raghuvveer Kochar, Yatharth Agarwal and Akshaj Garg

Tennis
Half Colour - Aayush Kumar Garg, Tanush Somani, Shayn Rohra, Vishith Venkantesh

Full Colour - Arnav Agarwal, Rudraksh Bansal and Divyam Bhagwani

Appointment of Assistant Head of Sports

Congratulations to Mr Prakash Singh Parihar on his appointment as Assistant Sports Head of Junior School. It's an exciting new chapter for him and for the school community!

Valedictory Assembly

The Valedictory Assembly was held on 7th February 2025 at the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre, marking a poignant farewell for the graduating batch. Principal Mr Ajay Singh addressed the gathering, sharing invaluable life lessons through inspirational songs. Senior School Prefect, **Tanish Agarwal**, eloquently recounted the batch's journey, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the faculty and support staff. A nostalgic video presentation revisited cherished school memories, evoking deep emotions among students and teachers alike.



Passing out batch of 2025

As the Class XII students walked out of the OAT, with brightly light candles, the School Brass Band played a soulful melody, adding to the solemnity of the moment. The candle-lighting tradition, a symbol of their commitment to spreading knowledge and wisdom, created a mesmerising farewell scene. The evening concluded with a special dinner at the Principal's residence,

where the graduating students were given mementos and a batch hoodie.

Farewell of Batch of 2025

The Senior Houses bid farewell to the batch of 2025 on 8th February 2025.



Farewell of batch of 2025

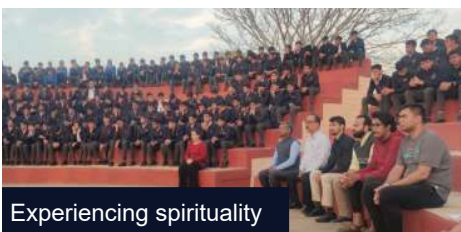
Every House organised their evenings into a nostalgic atmosphere. The batch of 2025 was very emotional and gave their speeches about their special time while growing up in their Houses. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh and senior faculty members, graced each House with his presence, speaking words of inspiration and motivation. Students of classes IX and X gave various performances like dance, music and drama to honour their seniors. At last, the senior Houses moved to the Archery field for a special dinner and a dance party.

Periodic Test II

The Periodic Test II for classes VI to IX and XI started on 10th February 2024.

Visit of Mr Amit Trivedi

Mr Amit Trivedi, a journalist from Mumbai, arrived at the Fort on 10th



Experiencing spirituality

February 2025. On the same day, he had an interactive session with all the Secretaries and Joint-Secretaries of the various hobbies and societies. He asked about their experience on the Fort, about the school, about them and many more.

Visit of Mr Mike, Mr Ryan and Ms Priyanka from U.S.

On 10th February 2025, The Scindia School had the pleasure of hosting Mr Mike Hankey, U.S. Consul General, along with Mr Ryan Mullen, Political



Meeting the U.S. Consul General

Officer, and Ms Priyanka Visaria Nayak, Political Advisor. Principal Mr Ajay Singh welcomed them and highlighted the school's dedication to holistic education and service. The guests provided valuable insights into U.S. universities and visa procedures for aspiring students

Fort Biosphere

By Ishaan Chokhani, XI D

The Scindia School has long been committed to preserving its rich biodiversity. Inspired by Board of Governors member Mr Harpal Singh, the Fort Biosphere was launched to enhance sustainability and ecological balance. This initiative aligns with the ongoing Water Harvesting Project and is built on four key pillars: Rewilding, Water Conservation, Waste Management and Energy Conservation.

Rewilding efforts began with analysing the Fort's terrain, soil testing and selecting native plant species with guidance from experts like Mr Pradip Krishen and Mr Fazal Rashid. The project follows a Passive Rewilding approach, minimising human intervention to allow natural restoration. A meadow spanning 10,000 sq. km, featuring 80 grass varieties, has been established to enhance biodiversity and carbon sequestration. Learning in this space is enriched with informational signs and classes held outdoors.

Water Conservation involves maintaining a network of six taals (water bodies) connected by channels that are cleaned annually for irrigation. Measures to reduce water evaporation are being explored.

Waste Management includes composting fallen leaves and treating wastewater from the dining hall in the Effluent Treatment Plant for irrigation. Sewage treatment plants behind boarding houses further process waste for reuse in irrigation, contributing to organic farming.

Energy Conservation is advancing with the installation of solar panels, moving towards energy self-sufficiency. The mission aims to sensitise students about sustainability, position the school as a model of ecological balance and achieve self-sufficiency in managing the Fort's natural resources. These efforts reinforce the belief that nature's systems are inherently the most sustainable.

National Economics Olympiad 2024

Swarit Varshney secured AIR 90 out of thousands of economics enthusiasts across the world in the National Economics Olympiad conducted by SRCC on 19th January 2025. As a token of appreciation, he was awarded with a Certificate of Merit.

Psyllids and Jamun –

An Ecological Partnership

Mr Gopal Chaturvedi, HOD

Foreign Languages

In the grand web of life, every plant and insect has a role to play. Though we often overlook these tiny interactions, they shape the natural world in ways we rarely notice. One such silent yet fascinating partnership exists between the Jamun tree and the Psyllids—a story of trust, survival, and renewal.

On a warm summer morning, deep within a lush green forest, a Psyllid mother fluttered from tree to tree, searching for the perfect place to lay her eggs. She knew that her tiny larvae would need shelter, warmth and protection. However, not all trees welcomed her. The Banyan was too rough, the Neem too bitter, and the Peepal too unyielding.

But then, she reached a grand Jamun tree, standing tall with its deep green leaves and dark purple fruits. The Jamun tree, unlike the others, had a special gift—it understood the delicate balance of nature. Instead of rejecting the Psyllid, it allowed her to lay her eggs on its leaves. In response, the tree gently formed protective galls—small, enclosed structures—to house the eggs. Days passed and the Psyllid larvae hatched inside their leafy shelters. They grew, fed and eventually emerged as adult insects, ready to continue the cycle of life. Interestingly, the Jamun tree did not suffer from this arrangement. Instead, after the Psyllids left, it shed the old leaves and sprouted new, healthier ones. This quiet understanding between the Jamun and the Psyllids teaches us a profound lesson. Nature thrives on harmony, cooperation, and selflessness. The tree offers a home, and in return, it renews itself with fresh leaves—an example of coexistence without complaint.

As humans, we can learn from this biospheric story. Just as the Jamun tree nurtures the Psyllids without hesitation, we too must learn to share, support and live in balance with the world around us. Nature is full of such partnerships, waiting to be noticed, understood and respected.

Round Square Conference 2025

The Scindia School successfully hosted the Round Square Conference 2025 from 27th to 31st January, welcoming delegates from 19 schools to explore the theme of Environmentalism. The event featured engaging activities, beginning with ice-breaking sessions, followed by a mindfulness session at Astachal, fostering reflection and connection among participants.



The lighting of the lamp



Workshop by Mr Rakesh Khatri



At Astachal

The Opening Ceremony, held at the School Assembly Hall, featured two distinguished speakers. Mr Rakesh Khatri, popularly known as "The Nest Man", shared his inspiring work in bird conservation, emphasizing the importance of protecting avian habitats. Mr Animesh Kapoor, a dedicated environmentalist, spoke about the role of humans in preserving animal habitats and highlighted the urgent need for greater compassion and responsibility towards nature.



Papermache activity



Best out of waste activity



Seed bomb activity

Throughout the conference, participants engaged in Baraza sessions, discussing environmental issues and sustainability. Creative activities such as Nukkad Natak (street play), Best Out of Waste, Paper Mache, and Block Printing encouraged artistic expression while promoting environmental consciousness. A visit to the Fort Biosphere provided hands-on learning about ecological conservation, and the Seed Bomb Activity promoted afforestation. The Delegates also attended the Light and Sound Show at Gwalior Fort, offering them a glimpse into the city's rich cultural and historical heritage.



Cultural evening



Dance performance



Masquerade party

Evenings were filled with lively social events, including a DJ Night (Jam Session) and a Masquerade Party, followed by special dinner, fostering friendships and cultural exchange among students. The Closing Ceremony on 31st January featured students' reflections on environmentalism and their commitment to sustainable practices. A mime performance depicting the deep connection between nature and mental well-being added a thought-provoking dimension to the event. The conference concluded with an address by the Principal Mr Ajay Singh and a Vote of Thanks by Round Square Coordinator Ms Divya Verma. The Round Square Conference 2025 proved to be an exceptional platform for young minds to engage in meaningful discussions, cultural exchanges, and environmental initiatives, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.



The conference photograph

My journey in the Brass Band Madesh Ashok, XI A

Joining the school brass band in class 7 was both exciting and challenging. As one of the youngest among the band boys, it wasn't easy to keep up with the older students. While I didn't face many challenges then, the emotional struggle of fitting in and proving myself was sometimes overwhelming. I often felt nervous and doubted my abilities, but my determination and the motivation of my seniors kept me going. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we couldn't participate in the Republic Day Camp (RDC) that year. Instead, we performed band displays on the school campus, which was still a proud moment for me. These performances helped boost my confidence and reminded me why I joined the band in the first place. Despite the setbacks, I began to find my place and grow emotionally, learning to overcome self-doubt.

In class VIII, the pandemic continued to disrupt our plans, and we missed the RDC again. However, in class IX, I finally got to attend the RDC camp. The experience was intense, with a packed schedule and strict routines. Life at the camp demanded self-discipline, punctuality, and resilience. The days were long and exhausting, but they were also incredibly rewarding. We would get very little time for rest, except for the 7-8 hours of sleep at night, and it often

My experience in the Republic Day Camp (RDC) Shashaanth Dasari, VIII – C

As members of The Scindia Band contingent, we will always treasure the honour of participating in the Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025 in India. RDC, organized in January, offered a stage for us to demonstrate our discipline, skills, and patriotism, representing the peak of our months of intensive training. This remarkable event represented the culmination of months of intensive training, hard work, and dedication.

A highlight of our experience was the opportunity to perform the Guard of Honour for esteemed dignitaries, such as the Chief of Naval Staff, the Air Chief Marshal and the Minister of State for Defence. We felt a sense of pride and reverence, bolstering our dedication to service and discipline, as we stood tall before such esteemed dignitaries. Each performance was a testament to our precision, discipline, and the values we uphold as cadets.



The Scindia School brass band at the Kartavya path.

felt like we were always moving—practicing, rehearsing, or preparing for the next task. The camp taught me the importance of hard work, perseverance, and pushing through challenges, even when every part of me wanted to stop. It was a test of endurance, both physically and mentally, but it shaped me in ways I will always be grateful for. In class XI, my dedication paid off when I was appointed Band Major. Leading the band on Kartavya Path on 26th January 2025, was a thrilling and unforgettable experience. The responsibility of guiding the band taught me leadership, patience, and teamwork. However, it wasn't without its challenges. There were moments when I felt scared, wondering what would happen if I made a mistake or did something wrong in front of everyone. But I pushed through those

Another unforgettable moment was marching on the Kartavya Path. Marching together, we were filled with pride for our country and joy from the vibrant crowd and festive atmosphere. By taking part in the Prime Minister's Rally alongside thousands of other young cadets, we further underscored the importance of this event and demonstrated our steadfast commitment to India.

We were also privileged to be present at the Home Event at the President's House. Through this distinguished occasion, we were able to engage with high-ranking officials and acquire important knowledge about the country's governance and defence. We were all deeply impressed by the occasion's magnificence and the warmth of the hospitality.

In summary, RDC 2025 proved to be an inspiring experience that enriched us and deepened our national affection and pride in being members of such a

fears, reminding myself of the hard work and discipline that had brought me this far. I still remember what our bandmaster said to me at the end of the parade while I was tired and drained: "RDC is not a cup of tea." Those words perfectly captured the immense effort, discipline, and resilience required to succeed. Being part of the band has been a transformative experience. It wasn't just about playing music and marching; it was about growing as a person. The lessons I learnt—self-discipline, punctuality, and respect—will stay with me forever. My years in the band have shaped me into a more confident and disciplined individual, and I will always cherish the memories and friendships I made along the way. My journey in the band taught me invaluable life lessons and shaped me into the person I am today.

prestigious institution. The memories we created, the lessons we learned, and the bonds we forged during this camp will remain with us forever, serving as a constant source of inspiration as we continue our journey.

Another Fortnight on Planet Earth!

In the latest news, BJP triumphed in the Delhi assembly elections, while a Sri Lankan minister hilariously blamed a monkey for causing a nationwide power cut. Meanwhile, several Indians were deported from the USA for "illegal immigration," though who knows what their actual crime was—looking too good for US standards? Trump, in classic fashion, is now thinking about making Canada a part of the USA. Oh, and Deep Seek AI has just replaced ChatGPT as the new "threat" in town. It's a wild world! Just another fortnight on planet earth.

Message from Astachal:**A Timeless Witness to Reflection**

I have stood here for years, watching the sun paint the sky in hues of gold, as countless students have come to me—some in silence, some in quiet conversation with their own thoughts. I have seen their restless minds seeking clarity, their uncertain hearts searching for direction. And, in my stillness, I have witnessed them find the answers they needed. Today I am going to share the story of a Scindian just like you all—

One evening, as the sun dipped behind the hills, a boy arrived, his steps hesitant, his heart weighed down by the burden of approaching board examinations. He sat in the quiet, his thoughts tangled between fear and expectation. How do I prepare? What if I fail? The questions swirled within him, relentless and unanswered.

But as he sat in solitude, the answers did not come from books or spoken words. They emerged from within. He realised that fear was but a shadow cast by doubt, that his effort would shape his destiny, and that true success lay in discipline, patience, and belief. With each passing moment, his confusion faded, replaced by quiet determination. When he finally rose, his steps were lighter, his resolve firmer—he had found his answer, the one that only introspection could offer.

I, Astachal, have witnessed this transformation countless times. I have heard the questions unspoken, the doubts unvoiced. And I will continue to listen. If ever your heart is restless, if ever your mind is clouded with uncertainty, I invite you to come. Sit in silence, embrace the stillness, and seek your answers—for they are already within you, waiting to be heard.

As I Listen**Dr. Ishani Roy Chowdhury,
Chemistry Faculty**

Sound- a basic sensory ability juxtaposed alongside light and touch that forms the root of a human's developmental years. Also known as naad, swar, shruti, etc amongst many other things, when it is musically pleasant. I can't help but wonder if these sounds are merely sensations that we have learned to live with or if there is a deeper meaning to it. The sound of a baby gurgling with delight, of your loved one over a phone call, your favourite recipe whistling over the pressure cooker- each one of them stirs some emotion that we normally don't give a second thought to.

Imagine a world or just a day without sounds. The alarm beeping on a Monday morning hour just when you get the sweetest sleep, the loud sound of pressure horns of vehicles, the sound of receding tap water- not likable but relatable. The sudden thud on the rooftop alarms us, the sound of the doorbell relieves us of the anxiety of having waited long for a loved one, and the mighty thunderclaps humble us before Mother Nature.

The enigma that sounds carry has intrigued me for long and I have often wondered what would be the beauty of a cascade without the gushing sound of water. How lifeless will the rising sun look if there is no orchestrated sound of birds chirping in the morning sky?

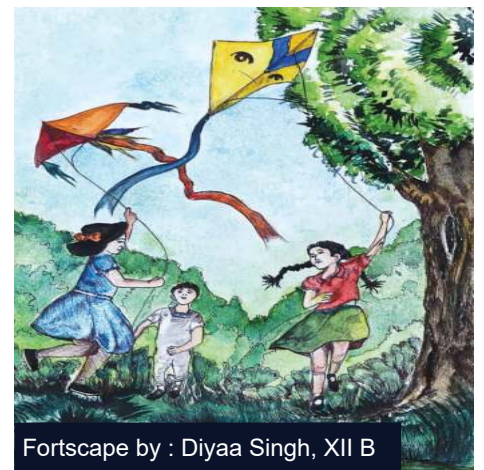
Yes- light travels faster than sound but sound travels deeper than light. It depicts longing for a cow mooing to find her lost calf and ecstasy for the bridal party when the church choir plays the bridal march. As I sit here penning these words, I can hear the crickets'

buzzing interspersed by the croaking sound of frogs and the soft rustling sound of the wind by my window in the stillness of the night. I can try and find the source of these sounds but will take Ruskin bond's advice, "In this world where everything is led by reasons and theories, it is better to stay with a few things that have no reasons."

I end here, as I listen..... as I listen....

**परीक्षा में प्राप्त अंक जीवन के लिए
सही मापदंड है****अथर्व प्रताप सिंह, कक्षा - 8 बी**

परीक्षा में प्राप्त अंकों के आधार पर छात्र की योग्यता का मूल्यांकन एक सामान्य तरीका है, लेकिन यह पूरी तस्वीर नहीं दिखाता। सही मापदंड वह है जो केवल अंकों तक सीमित न हो, बल्कि छात्र के सोचने की क्षमता, समस्या सुलझाने की विधि, रचनात्मकता, और व्यक्तिगत विकास को भी ध्यान में रखे। अंकों के अलावा, छात्र की मेहनत, उसकी समझ और विषय में रुचि को भी मापदंड माना जाना चाहिए। इसके अलावा, उसका आत्मविश्वास, सामाजिक कौशल, और टीम वर्क जैसे गुण भी उसकी असली योग्यता को दर्शाते हैं। इसलिए, एक छात्र की योग्यता का सही मापदंड तब होता है जब उसे एक समग्र दृष्टिकोण से परखा जाए, जिसमें उसकी अकादमिक और गैर-अकादमिक दोनों क्षमताओं का समावेश हो।



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