

# Weather Report

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Over the next two weeks, Fort is in for a scorching transformation, shifting from the mild embrace of late winter to the fiery grip of early summer. Daytime highs are set to sizzle between 32°C and 38°C, making it the perfect time to trade in those sweaters for sunscreen. Nighttime temperatures will hover between 18°C and 22°C - pleasant, but don't be fooled, the summer takeover is near! The Neem and Peepal trees are standing tall, ready to provide premium shady spots for overheated students and lazy squirrels. Bougainvillaea is blossoming along the Fort walls, adding a splash of colour to the landscape -Mother Nature's way of reminding us to stay fabulous despite the heat!

Pro Tips for Survival in Scindia's Sahara:

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! (Yes, even your water bottles are sweating.) Sunglasses aren't just an accessory they're a necessity! Find a tree, befriend it, and claim its

- shade before someone else does.
- If someone says "It's not that hot," they're probably a reptile.

As we march (literally) into March, one thing is certain—summer isn't knocking on the door, it's kicking it wide open! Stay cool, Scindians.

# Intra-Set Shooting Championship

The Intra-Set Shooting Championship took place from 27th January to 2nd February 2025. The results are as follows:



The overall House positions-T Jankoji II Jayaji IV Ranoji Ш Mahadji VI Shivaji V Nimaji VII Madhav & Jayappa VIII Dattaji IX Kanerkhed (Jeevaji and Daulat House did not participate.) Special Achievements Champion of Champions (Rifle): I Keshav Jhunjhunwala Champion of Champions (Pistol): I Atulya Krishna **Individual Category Winners** U-14 (Pistol) I Raunak Ahuja II Atulya Krishna **III** Aahan Pratap Singh *U-14 (Rifle)* I Ashankya Singh II Riyansh Ritolia **III Vishwajit Singh** U-17 (Rifle) Ι Keshav Jhunjhunwala II Ishan Singh **III Shlok Tulsyan** U-17 (Pistol) Ι Varad Agarwal II Akshat Prajapati **III Mridul Roy** 

U-19 (Rifle)

I Saksham Sameer Kubde

Sleeping is important

- II Shivansh Bhardwaj
- III Sameep Mody
- U-19 (Pistol)
- I Sarthak Agrawal
- II Rudraksh Tapadiya
- III Harsh Daruka
- Team Results
- U-14 Pistol Team I Jankoji Raghav Goel
- Raunak Ahuja
- Atulya Krishna II Nimaji Aahan Pratap Singh Prayan Agarwal
  - Manan Sharma
- III Kanerkhed Kagam Gadi Punyah Rathi Athary Pratap Singh
- U-14 Rifle Team I Nimaji Riyansh Ritolia Ashankya Singh Manav Singh
- U-17 Pistol Team I Madhav Adhiraj Singh Neev Agarwal Arjun Sharma
- II Jayappa Shaurya Goel Varad Agarwal Chirag Jalan
- III Shivaji Harshvardhan Wadher
  - Vedant Tripathi

Akshat Prajapati U-17 Rifle Team I Dattaji **Divy Gurjar Rajveer Singh** Pankaj Parihar Π Jayaji Keshav Jhunjhunwala Dhanraj Jajodia III Madhav Ujjwal Gupta Medansh Trivedi U-19 Pistol Team Jayaji T **Rudraksh** Tapadiya Sarthak Agrawal Aagman Agarwal Π Ranoji Harsh Daruka **Aarush Agarwal** Prabh Sahib U-19 Rifle Team I Shivaji Shivansh Bhardwaj **Sameep Mody Shaurya Prakash** Π Ranoii Saksham Sameer Kubde Vaidik Yadav **Agrim Pratap Singh Young CEO Product Launch** The Young CEO Boot Camp, organized

# by White Canvas India in November, culminated in a product launch on 20th February 2025, featuring three teams formed during the camp. Profeed



introduced a range of sustainable cookies and protein bars, focusing on health and nutrition. Rebloomers showcased eco-friendly innovations, including upcycled bags and Eco bricks, promoting waste reduction and sustainability. Ecobam presented a collection of bamboo-based products such as bottles, mugs, and plates made from raw sugarcane pulp, emphasising biodegradable alternatives.

# **Students receiving University offers**

The following Scindians have received offers from prestigious universities mentioned with their ranks :

Arrthham Jalan - University of Southampton-80University of Liverpool - 165 Lancaster University – 141

Program: Business management, specialization in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Strategy Keshav Jhunjhunwala – University of Illinois – Urbana Campaign – 69, Michigan State University (28 thousand dollars scholarship) Program: Computer Science Prataksh Sharma – University of Manchester – 34 Program: International Relations and

History

Lokesh Awasthi - Kings College London – 40, Queens Mary University of London - 120

Program: International Relations

Ayush Kumar Garg – University of Manchester - 34, University College Dublin - 123, Trinity College Dublin - 87, Kings College London - 40, Pennsylvania State University - 89 Program: Bachelor of Sciences Chemistry

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National University of Singapore-8 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology- 47 (100% scholarship) Program : Computer Science Darsh Kumar Tulsyan The University of Warwick - 69 University of Birmingham – 80 University of Norttingham- 108 Lancaster university- 141 Program : Business Management

#### **Counselling Sessions on Bullying** and Conflict Resolution

Ms Java Sahdev, the School Counsellor, conducted sessions for students of Classes VI to IX, focusing on bullying, empathy and conflict resolution. These sessions aimed to help students understand the roles of the bystander, oppressor, and victim, the impact of bullying and exclusion, and the importance of healthy peer relationships.



During a group counselling session for Class IX students, discussions handling conflicts. centered on improving communication, and fostering inclusivity. Students reflected on their experiences and explored ways to resolve misunderstandings and strengthen relationships.

These sessions provided students with practical tools to create a respectful and supportive school environment, reinforcing that bullying and intimidation have no place in a strong community.

#### **Board Examination begins for** classes X and XII

The Board Examinations of classes X and XII have started from 15th and 17th February 2025 respectively. We wish them all the best.

### Shivaji Jayanti

On the evening of 19th February 2025, the students of Shivaji House with their Housemaster Mr Perminder Singh Ghai and Resident Tutor Mr



Shiv Kumar Sharma celebrated Shivaji Jayanti. A puja was organised on this auspicious day for the students appearing for the board examination and for the betterment of society to seek the blessings of the almighty. The Principal Mr Ajay Singh performed the puja giving his blessings to the Scindians.

#### **'B'** Group Hockey Tournament

The Inter-House 'B' group Hockey tournament was conducted from 2nd



February to 8th February 2025 in round robin cum knockout format. The House positions are as follows: -

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

The individual winners are as follows: Best goalkeeper of the tournament-**Devraj Singh Chauhan** 



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Anaggh Naduvath							
Best player of the tournament- Arnav							
Agarwal							
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V	Madhav	VI	Jayaj	ji			
VII	Jayappa	VI	II Shiva	aji			

# Pandit Atmaram Sharma Trophy for Excellence in Hindi 2024-25

The Pandit Atmaram Sharma Trophy for the best performance in Hindi for the Academic session 2024-25 has



been awarded to **Swarit Varshney** of class XI D of Jayaji House.

# Records Broken in Inter-House Athletics Meet 2024-25

The Inter-House Athletics Meet 2024-25 witnessed outstanding performances as several longstanding records were broken across various categories. Shot Put (Junior 'A' Group) New Record: 9.67m Athlete: Anant Shivhare Previous Record: 9.37m (Karan Raj, 2011-12) 400m (Senior 'B' Group) New Record: 0:55:96 seconds Athlete : Ishaan Gupta Runner-up: 0:57:69 seconds (Abhigyan Singh Rathore) Previous Record: 0:57:87 seconds (Hardeep Singh Gill, 1999-2000) 100m (Junior 'B' Group) New Record: 13.13 seconds Athlete : Ekam Singh Dang Runner-up: 13.50 seconds (Ariket Kumar) Previous Record: 13.91 seconds (Peter, 2010-11)

800m (Senior 'B' Group) New Record: 2:14:58 seconds Athlete: Abhigyan Singh Rathore Previous Record: 2:15:72 seconds (Tanuj Ahuja, 1992-93) 400m (Junior 'A' Group) New Record: 01:02:06 seconds Athlete: Lakshya Agarwal Previous Record: 01:02:44 seconds (Ishaan Gupta, 2023-24) 400m (Senior 'B' Category – Personal Record)

New Record: 0:55:43 seconds

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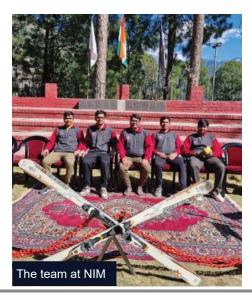
Athlete: Ishaan Gupta Previous Record: 0:55:96 seconds (Ishaan Gupta, 2024-25) High Jump (Junior 'A' Group) New Record: 1.46m Athlete: Lakshya Agarwal Previous Record: 1.40m (Ishaan Gupta, 2023-24) 200m (Junior 'B' Group) New Record: 27.76 seconds Athlete: Ekam Singh Dang Previous Record: 28.18 seconds (Sanahal Meetei, 2022-23)

This year's Inter-House Athletics Meet so far has showcased remarkable talent, with multiple records being rewritten. The athletes have displayed determination and skill, setting new benchmarks for future competitions. As the Athletics meet is still on, we look forward to more fantastic performances.

# **Skiing NIM Report**

Five students, Sachit Agarwal, Tanmay Miglani, Suyash Jain, Sushil Kumar Sinha and Ansh Gupta along with Mr Rahul Bharadwaj embarked on a transformative journey to NIM Uttarkashi for a basic skiing course from 4th to 17th February 2025. The adventure began from 2nd February and upon arrival on 3rd February they immediately immersed themselves in the program. On the morning of 4th February, they started with physical training, setting the stage for the demanding days ahead.

On 5th February, the students reached Harshil by bus, then trekked to the camps. The next day, they hit the slopes, learning essential beginner skills like sliding and gliding. As the days progressed, they advanced to techniques such as snow plough, snow plough turns and stem turns, improving their balance and coordination on the snow.



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Beyond skiing, the course also provided insightful lectures on safety, including first aid, snow disasters and avalanche victim detection. These practical lessons, delivered by experienced instructors, prepared the students for both a written exam and real-life emergency situations.

The students faced challenges, but with the guidance of their instructors and the support of their peers, they exceeded their limits. The course wasn't just about skiing; it was about growth, resilience, and pushing beyond what they thought possible. By the end of the program, they had gained not only skiing skills but also valuable life lessons, confidence, and unforgettable memories that would stay with them for a lifetime.

### Message from Astachal: A Timeless Witness to Reflection Editor's desk

For years, I have stood in silence, watching over generations of students who have come to me, burdened with questions, seeking clarity in the golden hues of dusk. Some have arrived restless, some contemplative, and some lost in the noise of their own thoughts. Yet, in my quiet presence, they have found answers—not from me, but from within themselves.

I remember a boy who once came to me, troubled by time itself. He felt it slipping through his fingers like grains of sand, leaving him anxious, overwhelmed, and frustrated. "There isn't enough time," he whispered into the evening air. His thoughts raced faster than the wind that brushed past him.

That evening, he heard a poem by Benjamin Franklin:

'Lost time is never found again,

A fleeting moment, a life may drain.

Time is precious, use it well,

Each second counts, let no hour dwell.'

He listened. He sat in silence for two minutes—just two minutes. In that stillness, something shifted. He did not find a shortcut or a trick to control time, but he found his answer. He realized that time was never against him; it was only waiting for him to use it wisely.

He left that evening, not with more hours, but with a new way of seeing them. And I, Astachal, knew this because I hear your questions even before you speak them.

# Another Fortnight on Planet Earth

India defeated Pakistan in the ODI, giving fans a reason to breatheuntil the next match-induced panic attack. Meanwhile, India's also assembling iPhones now, so we can produce both centuries and smartphones with equal finesse. Students, on the other hand, are panicking over the new doubleboard policy-because why suffer once when you can suffer twice? And in global news, Trump and Musk continue their competition for most unpredictable headline-one tweets, the other "Xs." Just another Fortnight on Planet Earth

## The Revenge of 2017 Shresth Agarwal, XI C

Eight years ago, Pakistan knocked India out of the ICC Champions Trophy 2017, leaving millions of Indian fans heartbroken. However, on 23rd February 2025, the tables turned as India exacted revenge by eliminating Pakistan from the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. This time, millions celebrated as Virat Kohli once again proved why he is considered the G.O.A.T. of the game, scoring a masterful 100 off 111 balls (not out) to guide India to victory. After winning the toss, Pakistan chose to bat first but was restricted to 241 runs. In response, India chased down the target in less than 45 overs, with Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill providing a solid start. Kohli anchored the innings brilliantly, registering his 82nd international century (51st in ODIs) and sealing India's victory. A special mention goes to India's bowling attack and Axar Patel's fielding, which played a crucial role in securing the win. Watching India triumph in such a high-stakes match was an unforgettable experience.

# पद्म सरोवर की यादें मयंक जिंदल, 9 ए

सदन में रहकर, मैं अक्सर अपने वरिष्ठ क्षात्रों को हमारे पुराने स्विमिंग पूल, पद्मसरोवर की अविश्वसनीय यादें साझा करते हुए सुनता हूँ। वे हमें, उस समय की रात में छिपकर बाहर निकलने, चाँदनी रात में गूँजती हँसी की कहानियाँ सुनाते हैं। पद्मसरोवर सिर्फ एक स्विमिंग पूल नहीं था; यह वह जगह थी जहाँ हमारे वरिष्ठ क्षात्रों ने दोस्ती की, जीत का जश्न मनाया और पानी के किनारे अपने–अपने रहस्य साझा किए। अब, नए स्विमिंग पूल के साथ, मैं उत्साह और उदासी का मिश्रण महसूस किए बिना नहीं रह सकता। हालाँकि यह आधुनिक है और अच्छा है; लेकिन इसमें उतनी गर्मजोशी और ऐतिहासिकता नहीं है। पद्मसरोवर हमारे लिए विशेष था। हमारे वरिष्ठ क्षात्र हमें नए पूल में अपनी कहानियाँ बनाने की याद दिलाते हैं, लेकिन मुझे पता है कि हम पद्मसरोवर की भावना को हमेशा अपने साथ रखेंगे। नए तरण–पुष्कर में पानी का हर छींटा हमें उन यादों से जोड़ता है जो जयाजी सदन की विरासत को जीवंत कर देता है।

### Obituary

With deep sorrow, we bid farewell to Lieutenant General Moti Dar (Retd.), an esteemed alumnus of The Scindia School (Ex-Je, 1953, Madhav Awardee 1994) and a distinguished officer of the Indian Army.

After completing his Senior Cambridge in 1953, he joined the National **Defence Academy** and later the **Indian Military Academy**, from where he was commissioned into **The Poona Horse** in June 1958. Over the course of his illustrious military career, Lt. Gen. Dar held significant command and staff appointments, including commanding a **Mountain Brigade in high altitudes, an Armoured Brigade, a Rapid Division in semi-desert terrain, and India's only Desert Corps**. He rose to the rank of **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Command**, a testament to his leadership and strategic acumen.

A veteran of the **1965 Indo-Pak War**, he saw action in the **Sialkot Sector**. In the **1971 war**, he was gravely wounded while leading a tank assault in the **Shakargarh Sector**. His courage and commitment were recognised when he was awarded the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 1984** for distinguished service while commanding a Mountain Brigade in high-altitude operations.

Beyond his military career, Lt. Gen. Dar was a man of **diverse passions**. He was an **accomplished artist** who exhibited his work in renowned galleries across India and abroad. His love for **art**, **the environment**, **and wildlife** reflected his deep appreciation for beauty and nature. In recognition of his exceptional contributions to the nation and his alma mater, **The Scindia School conferred upon him the prestigious Madhav Award in 1994**.

Lt. Gen. Moti Dar leaves behind a legacy of valour, wisdom, and inspiration. His life's journey will continue to inspire generations of Scindians and the nation at large.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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