





### Visit of Students and Teachers from St. Marks School, Boston

A delegation of six students and two teachers from St. Mark's School, Boston, visited the school as part of a one-week exchange programme.



St. Marks School's delegation

During their stay, they actively engaged in classroom learning, immersing themselves in the academic environment. They also explored various sports, trying their hands at cricket, hockey, and basketball, fostering camaraderie with their peers. One of the most serene moments of their visit was at Astachal, where they experienced the tranquility of the setting sun in peaceful reflection. Their exploration continued through



Learning about paper mache

various workshops, where they created handcrafted souvenirs as keepsakes. Delving into history, they visited the majestic Maan Singh Palace and were captivated by the enchanting light and sound show that brought the past to life. The grandeur of Jai Vilas Palace further left them in awe.

Beyond sightseeing, the exchange facilitated meaningful discussions and the sharing of diverse perspectives. Their journey through the school was an enriching experience, filled with learning, cultural exploration, and unforgettable memories.

### Sustainable Schools of India

The school was ranked first in the overall category of Green Rankings 2025 in the Sustainable Schools of India.



Ranked #1 in Green Rankings  
The Scindia School is Leading the Way in Sustainability

### The Starting of a new term

The new term, 2025-26, started on 27th March 2025 with the morning assembly addressed by our Principal Mr Ajay Singh followed by a special assembly taken by Ms Jaya Sahdev and Mr Deepanshu Sharma which focused on inner self guarding meditative practice. Classes, IX, X, XI and XII got their books and a Mindler Session for class XII was organised.

### Holika Celebrations

The school celebrated Holika Dahan with immense enthusiasm at the Shukla Memorial Open-Air Theatre on 13th March 2025. The evening commenced



Holika Dahan

with a sacred puja ceremony, attended by faculty members and school prefects, marking the triumph of good over evil. Every student participated in the Holika Pujan. The celebrations continued with a vibrant cultural programme, where students showcased their talents through soulful songs, poetry recitations, and energetic dance performances dedicated to the spirit of Holi. Faculty members also contributed by sharing their insights on the festival's significance and joining in the musical festivities.

The following day, the Madhav and Oval fields transformed into a canvas of colors as students celebrated with



Starting new season with colours

eco-friendly gulal, spreading joy and camaraderie. The celebrations concluded on a delightful note with the distribution of traditional Pedas and refreshing Thandai.

### Promotion Examinations

The Annual Promotional Examination for classes VIII, IX and XI started from 17th March 2025 and ended on 26th March 2025.

### Annual House Report

The annual house report for the senior houses was held on 15th March 2025. Each house presented their house report with honour and passion. The awardees for Best-in-Sports (Group A and Group B), Best-in-Academics (Group A and Group B) and House Master's Cup are as follows:



Awardees for 'A' group

#### Jayaji House

House Master's Cup - Anubhav Agrawal and Satyam Kumar Soni  
Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Rushil Rajan and Rehan Mansuri  
Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Nibir Jyoti Nath and Syed Aarish  
Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Arav Garg and Swaraj Santosh Mahadik  
Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Kumar Abhikshit Narayan and Aagman Agrawal

#### Ranoji House

House Master's Cup - Aarush Agrawal  
Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Vaansh Mehra  
Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Chingkheingamba Rajkumar  
Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Arnav Agrawal, Abhijay Partap Singh and Abhigyan Singh Rathaur  
Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Vivaan Poddar and Atharv Kasera

#### Mahadji House

House Master's Cup - Pratyush Agarwal  
Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Raghav Sharma  
Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Rudra Pratap Tyagi  
Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Leitanthem Sanahal Meetei  
Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Yashwin Saluja and Devansh Khandelwal

#### Jeevaji House

House Master's Cup - Yugraj Singh



Awardees for 'B' group



*Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Aryan Bhatia*

*Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Rohil Sharma*

*Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Rishit Sharma*

*Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Ayush Bajaj*

#### **Madhav House**

*House Master's Cup - Arjun Sharma*

*Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Arsh Agarwal*

*Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Neev Agarwal*

*Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Devesh Khemka and Kanishk Jain*

*Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Neil Agarwal and Akshaj Garg*

#### **Shivaji House**

*House Master's Cup - Abhyudaya Bansal*

*Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Vatsal Agrawal*

*Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Sameep Mody*

*Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Shaourya Pratap Singh and Kunwar Pratap Singh*

*Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Prabhat Bajpai and Aarav Gupta*

#### **Jayappa House**

*House Master's Cup - Bhavya Chaudhary*

*Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Rajveer Tandon*

*Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Simarjot Singh Malhi and Lakshya Arora*

*Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Anirudh Yadav and Ishan Gupta*

*Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Chirag Jagan*

#### **Daulat House**

*House Master's Cup - Vivek Singh*

*Best-in-Sports (A Group) - Amogh Bhargav and Harsh Upadhyay*

*Best-in-Academics (A Group) - Jyotiraditya Jadeja*

*Best-in-Sports (B Group) - Khoirom Surjakanta Singh*

*Best-in-Academics (B Group) - Granth Jagdish Mehta*

#### **GSLC AcadElite Awards 2025**

Mr Ajay Singh, Principal of our school, has been honoured with the prestigious EduIcon Award 2024-25. His unwavering dedication and service to transformative education has been of a remarkable significance. We wish him many congratulations on being honoured with this award.

#### **A friendly Water Polo Match**

A friendly Water Polo match was played between the students and the teachers on 19th March 2025. Both the teams played with energy and showcased their skills. The teachers secured an 8-5 victory against the students.

#### **The Scindian Aptitude Assessment**

The Scindian Aptitude Assessment (SAA) was organised on 29th March 2025 for admission of new students.

#### **Scindian Podcast**

The third episode of the Scindian Podcast was released on 8th March 2025, on its YouTube channel featuring Mr Anil Mehta (Ex Sh, 1978), a renowned cinematographer, as the Guest of the podcast. This episode delves into the art of storytelling through the lens. From working on some of the Bollywood's most iconic films to his journey as an Old Boy of The Scindia School, this episode is packed with wisdom, creativity, and behind-the-scenes insights.

#### **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

##### **USA Certification**

The school counsellor, Ms Jaya Sahadev, successfully completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid USA Certification under Dr Stuart Roe's guidance. The training was organised



Ms Jaya Sahadev receiving the award

from 21st to 22nd March 2025, at Woodstock School. This program was conducted by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

#### **Movie Screening**

Students of grades VIII, IX, X, and XI were treated to a movie screening of Skyforce in the Assembly Hall to celebrate the end of their exams on 27th March 2025.

#### **The Scindia School vs The Tansen**

##### **Cricket Academy**

The school hosted a practice match with The Tansen Cricket Academy, Gwalior for the upcoming H.H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament on 23rd March 2025. The Chief Guest for the match was Mr Mohnish Dinesh Mishra. He is

currently the BCCI Level 2 Cricket coach. The school won by a margin of 24 runs.

#### **The beginning of The H.H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament**

The 20th Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament began with a grand opening ceremony on 28th March 2025. The Chief Guest was Mr Harwinder Singh Sodhi (Ex Rn, 1989),



Ceremonial lighting of the lamp

a former India First-Class Cricketer who has represented Madhya Pradesh Cricket Team between 1990/91 and 2004/04 seasons. He is currently the BCCI Junior Indian Team Selector.

#### **Students' Artworks Featured in Online Magazine "UPAL"**

We are delighted to share that two of our talented students, **Pratham Lohia**



Budding artists

(Class IX) and **Akshay Kumar Singh** (Class IX), have had their artworks featured in the online magazine UPAL, published by Sahitya Kala Chetna Parivar, Rajasthan.

#### **Farewell of Shree Krishan Pal Bhaiya Pranav Agarwal XI C**

Jayappa House bid an emotional farewell to their beloved house attendant, Shree Krishan Pal Bhaiya, who had dedicated 41 years of his life to the house and its family on 26th



March 2025. His unwavering service, commitment, and affection made him an integral part of the house.

A unique initiative was undertaken by the house, where the students decided to prepare snacks and dinner for the



Farewell of Shree Krishan Pal Bhaiya

party themselves under the guidance of their Housemaster, Resident Tutor and bhaiyas. This effort was appreciated by everyone assembled, as the preparation was done by the students from scratch.

Vice Principal, Bursar, Deans, some senior Housemasters and faculty members joined the farewell. A token of appreciation was given from the House to Shree Bhaiya. Everyone shared some emotional stories and their experience working with him.

Over the years, Shree Bhaiya has not only managed the house but has also looked after each and every child in the house, ensuring a comfortable stay for all. His departure leaves a void in the house, but his memories and contributions will always be cherished. The house wishes him a happy and peaceful journey ahead, acknowledging his invaluable presence and the deep bond he shared with them.

**MARTYR’S DAY**

**Rudraksh Jindal, VI A**

The unsung heroes who fought for us bravely,  
 I bow and thank them for my safety.  
 They gave us the courage to raise our heads,  
 And not bend our knees before insolent threats.  
 Time flew away, day by day,  
 Yet they are remembered, in every way.  
 Though remembered, vividly they are,  
 They take a place, in every heart.  
 We celebrate sincerely, every year their day,  
 Which is the infamous, martyr’s day.

**The Scindian Shelf**

Chirag Raj Goel- The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien  
 Shaurya Kumar Jain- Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell  
 Rajvirr Agarwal- The Twilight Saga by Stephenie Meyer

**Different shades of Holi**



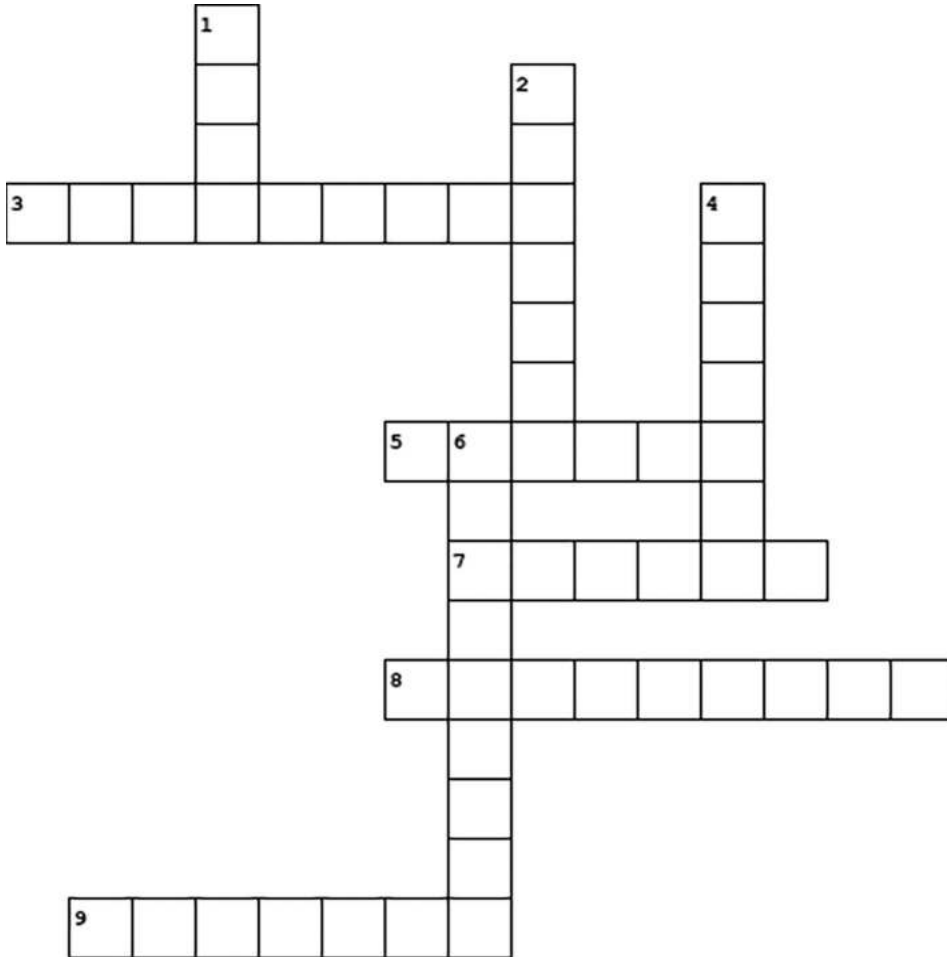
**Freedom of Speech**

**Chirag Raj Goel, IX-A**

In the age of memes, stand-up specials, and late-night talk shows, comedy is often hailed as the last bastion of free expression. But recently, comedians, once the fearless court jesters, have found themselves caught in a web of rising concerns about freedom of speech. The question looms over us: where do we draw the line between satire and insensitivity, humour and harm and what does objectionable really mean?

The essence of comedy lies in its ability to provoke thought, to make us laugh, and even challenge societal norms. Yet, in a world increasingly divided by political correctness and the quest for inclusivity and correctness, the comedian’s sharp tongue is often under scrutiny. The debate isn’t new—think of the political cartoons that once stirred the ire of rulers, or satirists who dared mock the social order. What makes this moment unique is the speed at which outrage travels today, and the pressure on comedians to toe the line. You have to object to show how “morally” outraged you are. I really don’t think all the neighbourhood gossip mongers had seen enough of 'latent' to ask me if I know Mr Ranveer Allahbadia. For all its value in holding a mirror to society, comedy must walk a fine line, balancing free speech with the sensitivity of an ever-evolving audience. The stakes are higher than ever, but one thing remains clear: humor, like freedom, is most potent when it challenges the status quo—no matter how uncomfortable that may feel.

### The Scindian Scoop



#### Across

- City where the largest Cricket Stadium in the world is situated
- The city where the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise, Rajasthan Royals, is based
- This Indian cricketer has the record for the most runs in a World Cup
- The Post held by H.H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia II in BCCI in 1990
- This city is home to the iconic Eden Gardens stadium

#### Down

- The color of the Indian cricket team's jersey in limited-overs cricket
- Indian cricketer with the nickname "Captain Cool"
- Runners Up of the XX HH Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament in 2025
- Team with highest number of ODI World Cups in the world.

### Fun Facts

- Longest Game Ever:** The longest cricket match in history lasted 12 days! It was a Test match between South Africa and England in 1939, but it was abandoned after 12 days without a result.
- The First-ever World Cup:** The first-ever Cricket World Cup was held in 1975, and it was played in the One Day International (ODI) format. The final was played at Lord's in London, where the West Indies defeated Australia.
- Cricket's Only Tied World Cup Final:** The 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup final between India and Australia almost ended in a tie. The match was decided with Australia winning, but it was one of the closest finishes in World Cup history.
- The "Ball-tampering" Incident:** In 2018, Australian cricketers Steve Smith, David Warner, and Cameron Bancroft were involved in a notorious "ball-tampering" scandal during a Test match in South Africa. It led to lengthy bans for the players involved.
- The First 100:** The first-ever recorded century in Test cricket was made by Charles Bannerman of Australia in 1877, during the very first Test match ever played.
- Highest Ever Score in ODIs:** The highest-ever individual score in an ODI match is 264 runs, set by Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma in 2014 against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
- The 6-6-6s in One Over:** In 2007, Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh hit six consecutive sixes off England's Stuart Broad in the ICC T20 World Cup, setting a record for the most sixes in an over in an international match.

### Message from Astachal:

#### A New Beginning

I have stood here for generations, silent yet listening, ever-present yet unseen. Beneath the vast sky, as the sun sets in golden hues, I have watched countless young souls arrive with questions and leave with clarity. Today, I see a boy sitting on my steps, his shoulders slightly hunched, his eyes scanning the horizon but seeing nothing. He is new here, unfamiliar with the rhythm of this place. Doubts cloud his mind. He misses home, the comfort of his family, the certainty of his past. The path ahead seems overwhelming, a journey without direction. I feel his unease, his silent plea for reassurance.

Then, the air carries a soft voice—an older student reciting a poem, its words imbued with hope:

“नई राह, नया कारवां, नया उजाला साथ,  
चलना ही जीवन है, मत छोड़ तू ये हाथ,  
हर अंधेरे के आगे, है रोशनी का द्वार,  
बस खुद पर रख भरोसा, होगा सपना साकार।”

The boy looks up, his expression changing. The sun dips lower, and in its retreat, he sees not an ending, but a beginning. A quiet resolution takes root in his heart. He will make the most of this journey. He will work hard, excel in all he does, make his parents proud, forge new friendships, and embrace every challenge that comes his way. He has found his answer—not in words spoken by another, but in the reflection of his own thoughts, nurtured in silence.

I, Astachal, know this because I hear your questions. I watch your hesitations turn into determination. I witness your fears dissolve into purpose.

### सूर्यास्त

#### स्वरित वार्ष्णेय, 11-डी

मैं बैठा था एकांत में,  
सूर्यास्त का समय था।  
उसके ख्यालों में डूबा हुआ,  
एक अजनबी सा सुस्त था,  
गयी वह सूरज की लालिमा,  
गयी वह एक आशा की किरण।  
वही आशा की किरण जो  
उसके जाने से पहले थी,  
वही आशा की किरण जो  
उसके आने पे थी,  
मेरे मन में एक युद्ध चल रहा,  
सोच रहा था,  
क्या होगा उस पंछी का जो  
हवा में मग्न था।  
सूर्यास्त हो गया परन्तु  
मेरे मन का सूर्यास्त होना बाकी था।



**Obituary**  
**Mr Umesh Chandra Bhardwaj**

With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of Mr Umesh Chandra Bhardwaj on 22nd March 2025. A dedicated educator and mentor, Mr Bhardwaj joined the school in 1969 as an English teacher. His passion for fitness and sports led to his appointment as Sports In-charge, entrusted with the responsibility of morning PT.



Mr U.C. Bharadwaj

In 1970, he was briefly appointed as the House Master of Sarvapalli House before moving to the Senior Section. His unwavering commitment to student welfare and discipline earned him the position of House Master of Jayaji House in 1976, a role he held with distinction until 1987. Despite being relatively young in service at the time of his appointment, Mr Bhardwaj took on the challenge with dedication, proving his mettle as a leader. Under his guidance, Jayaji House continued its legacy of excellence, producing many distinguished alumni.

An officer of the NCC Senior Wing, he was also entrusted with the responsibility of leading the Army Wing, instilling discipline and leadership qualities in countless students. Mr. Bhardwaj's journey was marked by perseverance, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the values of integrity and service.

His tenure at the school was defined by his ability to inspire generations of students and staff alike. The love and respect he garnered from his students, both past and present, stand as a testament to his immense contributions.



Mr Bharawdaj receiving a token from Late H.H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia

Mr Umesh Chandra Bhardwaj will be remembered not only as a mentor and guide but also as a pillar of the institution whose legacy will continue to inspire. His presence will be deeply missed, but his teachings and values will forever remain in the hearts of those whose lives he touched.

**FortTunes**

Rudra Pratap Dubey- Sweet Child o' Mine by Guns N' Roses  
Devesh Khemka- One Dance by Drake  
Yash Nitharwal- Birds of a Feather by Billie Eilish  
Rudransh Agarwal- Blue by Young Kai  
Rituparn Singh – Smooth Operator by Sade

**Another Fortnight on Planet Earth**

In the latest round of global news, India takes center stage with a wild blend of finance, technology, and humour. First, India lifts its "Google tax," perhaps to appease the tech titans that had been facing a 6% surcharge—now Google can breathe easy, but SEBI's new proposal to limit derivatives expiry to Tuesdays or Thursdays might leave some investors asking for a calendar update. Meanwhile, 14-year-old prodigy Aaryan Shukla is making headlines by setting world records (broke six Guinness World Records in one day during a mental math competition), while Nestle India shares take a small tumble, proving even global giants aren't immune to market fluctuations. Myanmar was struck with a Earthquake of 7.7 Richter. The sensations tumbled people in Thailand and Laos. We regret the loss caused to the family's and the victims of this earthquake. And finally, a woman outsmarts an AI robot, proving once again that humans can still win in the game of tech. Just Another Fortnight on Planet Earth!

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