



The Scindian Nostalgia

A Golden Jubilee Reunion's Special Issue. Sunday, 25th - Tuesday, 27th January 2015

Welcome address by the Principal through a timeless poem of Rabindranath Tagore

Dream of a distant night,
Touches the smile of the new.
Pathos of a spring time gone by
Plays in the flute of spring time of today.
Alas, gone are our days,
Only to shine like mirage in the charm of the present.
Eternal time, at the end of the day,
Had our flowers droop.
Now it put wreath around the
Forehead of the young.
Speaking of the end
It brought tears of despair
It now fills the void again,
In a new guise through you.
We played our games,
And sang our songs.
We hoisted the sails,
We rowed our boats,
Nothing is lost forever.
Nothing crosses the Vaitarna.
Through the dance of light in the young eyes
We found our days again...

Old Boys cock-a-hoop on the Fort

The Scindia School family was exultant on the 25th, 26th and the 27th of January 2015 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Reunion of the Class of 1964-65.

Eighteen veteran alumni attended this celebration. In the tumultuous roller coaster ride of life, they found time, in such inclement weather, only for their Alma Mater. They were here to relive those memorable moments which were interspersed with myriad emotions shared with classmates and friends. They remembered these bonds built with teachers, the exchange of knowledge, decisive turns of challenges and the dreams woven in the sojourn of the School life. It is mainly from such noble bonds of souls that life drives its true meaning.

One of the most important pillars of The Scindia School family is the Alumni. We understand and appreciate that Alumni support is essential for a progressive and healthy present and future. We are grateful to these Old Boys for their constructive and valuable suggestions and befitting contributions!



Family photo at Astachal.

Lastly, feelings are not bound by time – they stay with you forever. They are non-verbal, living inside the heart and are often hidden from apparent view. The Protagonists were here to acknowledge the connection between the Past and the Present; between them and their Alma Mater.

Long Live The Scindia School; long live the Batch of 1964-65...

Mr Vishesh Sahai

Introduction

The Class of 1964-65, which had 60 students was an outstanding batch, which made significant achievements and contributions in their lifetime. It is our privilege to introduce the 18 attendees from this batch who made it all the way, for the Golden Jubilee Reunion Celebrations.

Starting alphabetically, we begin with Ajeet Barshikar (Jeevaji) who completed his Engineering and MBA from New York University. He has always been in the private sector working as an entrepreneur, management consultant and as an investor in India and the US. He has two children and presently lives in Pune with his wife, Sarita.

Rajiv Bansal (Chaitanya/Jayappa). After his engineering, he joined the family textile mill. Later, he ventured into the steel sector and now owns a steel rolling mill in Chennai where he lives with his wife, Rita, son and grandchildren.

Dr. Surendra Singh Bundela (Ravindra/Jyotiba), is an eye specialist and was Chief Medical Officer in Government of Madhya Pradesh. He currently practices in Chattarapur. He is blessed with three children and five grandchildren.

Dilip Singh Dhadha (Jeevaji), BE, MBA has worked in various fields and projects for the past 43 years. He now lives in Mumbai and enjoys his time in religious and spiritual pursuits.

Lt. Gen. Samer Pal Singh Dhillon (Retd.) (Ravindra/Jyotiba), joined the Army and retired as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff in 2009 after an illustrious career.



Reminiscing good old times.

He specialized in Counter Terrorism, Desert Warfare and Disaster Management. He is the recipient of many national prestigious awards.

Vice admiral Brij Kaul (Retd.) (Ravindra/Jyotiba) joined NDA and was commissioned in the Indian Navy since 1970. After a long and rewarding career, he retired in 2008 and has numerous national prestigious awards to his credit. He graced this occasion with his wife, Aruna.

Arun Kanodia (Madhav), an Engineer by profession joined his family textile business and boosted its export market tremendously. He is the recipient of the



Visit to the Labs.

coveted SOBA award for his outstanding contribution to the alumni movement. He is on the advisory board of Scindia School. He with his wife Anjali resides in Kanpur.

Dr. Arun Swarup Mathur (Jayaji) was here with his wife Manju. He is a doctor by profession and practices in his hometown, Alwar, Rajasthan. Away from the madding city crowds, he lives a satisfying stress-free life.

Raghu Murti (Mahadji) from ISC batch has an inborn talent for debates and elocutions. Post Scindia, he joined the Private Sector and has held Senior Management positions in prestigious companies. He resides in Pune.

Pradeep Mehta (Vivekanand/Daulat), a student of Law and Economics, is well known for his long and sterling work on Competition and Trade Policy through his 30 year old international NGO called CUTS International. He was here with his wife, Aruna.

Hassan Khalid Rashid (Chaitanya/Jayappa) started working with American Cynamid in India, later moved to Gulf region and finally retired from Ministry of Civil Aviation, Saudi Arabia. He was here with his wife, Shahana.

Anand Rao Pawar (Shivaji), after leaving Scindia,



Visit to the Art Center.

he graduated in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT Mumbai but preferred to join the Indian Police Service. He retired as Director General of Police, Madhya Pradesh. He lives in Bhopal now with his wife, Gayatri and enjoys travelling, painting and writing.

Krishna Singhal (Jayaji), and his wife Veena came all the way from Sydney, Australia. He is working there as an IT Governance Officer for the Justice Department, NSW State Government.

Kiran K Sindhu (Shivaji), after his Electrical Engineering from BIT Mesra, Ranchi left for UK and had a rewarding career with various multi-national firms abroad and in India and has contributed in setting up an NGO in Rajasthan. At the moment he is working as a technical consultant and lives in Greater Noida with his wife and daughter.

Mayur Shah (Mahadji), an LLB from Mumbai, went into entrepreneurship by setting up a plastic factory specializing in packaging and baby products. He enjoys playing sports till date. He lives in Mumbai now with his wife, Meera.

Rajeshwar Tyagi (Ravindra), after leaving Scindia, studied law, a family profession and enrolled himself as an Advocate in 1972. He has made a mark for himself as an Attorney and a Solicitor and is a leading lawyer based out of Delhi.

Chandra Ketu Verma (Ranoji) is a Strategic Management Advisor. He earned his CMA & MBA in Montreal, Canada. He and his wife Rashi have returned to India after 38 years and are settled in Bangalore, intending to pay back to society.

Vijay Vatal (Ranoji), a Mechanical Engineer by profession. He has worked with numerous multi-nationals and finally retired from Luigi A.G, Germany. His main interest today is travelling with his wife, Purnima.

An interaction

An interaction was organized between the students of classes 9th, 10th, 11th and the Batch of 1964-65 on 27th January 2015. The Old Boys spoke at length regarding careers in the Defense, Police and Private Corporate sector. Students and the Old Boys had a wonderful dialogue on 'Seniority and Hierarchy'. This included, how one should see them in contemporary society, and why a certain degree of Hierarchy is necessary to run social systems smoothly. However, Old Boys also shared with the students that bullying and ragging are medieval concepts and there is no place for them in a civilized society. They said that a heightened hurt sensitivity is also undesirable as in the long term it is detrimental to our growth and youngsters must learn to deal with some of these challenges themselves. The main organizers of this interaction were, Lt. Gen Samer Pal Dhillon, Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Mr. Arun Kanodia and Mr. Raghu Murti. In the end, Principal Mr. Ghosh expressed his gratitude for the Old Boys for their time and contribution in the lives of the present boys of the School.

Akash Jaini, XI C



Students at the interactive session.



Class of 1964-65 at the interactive session.

Poem - Alma Mater

O Alma Mater, O bountiful mother,
The time I spent with you was special,
Those sunny days on the Fort, of long ago,
When time was seamless as the river's flow.

I sit back now at Astachal time
And see the dipping orange glow,
Days melding into shadows grey
I wait for another night to go.

And dream I do of yester years
Of all I did and learned with you,
Longing for those magic moments
That never any ennui knew.

But happy I am in your memory
In the thought, perhaps, you think of me,
For all said and done my dear
I am but your progeny.

Contributed by : Lt. Gen. Samer Pal Singh Dhillon



Visit to the Houses.



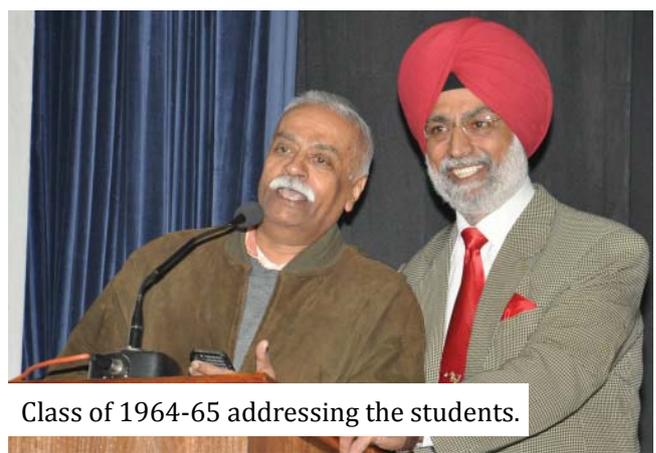
Capturing moments.



Contingent of Class of 1964-65.



Friends reunite.



Class of 1964-65 addressing the students.

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