



**SCINDIA
KANYA
VIDYALAYA**

Top Ranked Girls Boarding School

Message from the Principal



**PRO-ACTIVELY
ENGAGING
STUDENTS
TO ENSURE
HOLISTIC
LEARNING
AND GROWTH**

We welcomed back our students after the Winter Holidays to intense cold wave conditions in the New Year 2020. But the warmth of camaraderie among friends and the affection of teachers more than makes up for the freezing chill. The heat of Board exams also dispelled the frosty mist of the season. Read on for the more heart-warming happenings in gelid January.

A month of celebrations



LOHRI

We celebrated the North Indian festival of Lohri, that heralds the coming of spring, on 13th January with a bonfire. Even though the evening was chilly, our students showed no sign of it as the warmth of the bonfire and the joyful singing of traditional songs warmed every heart with an anticipation of milder weather to come. Madhavi House hosted a short programme to explain the significance of Lohri and spoke about how it is connected with the harvesting of the Rabi crop. This was followed by a rendition of a Punjabi song and a dance performance. In complying with ancient traditions, staff and students took turns round the fire, symbolically offering revadi, popcorn and groundnuts as an oblation to the presiding deity.



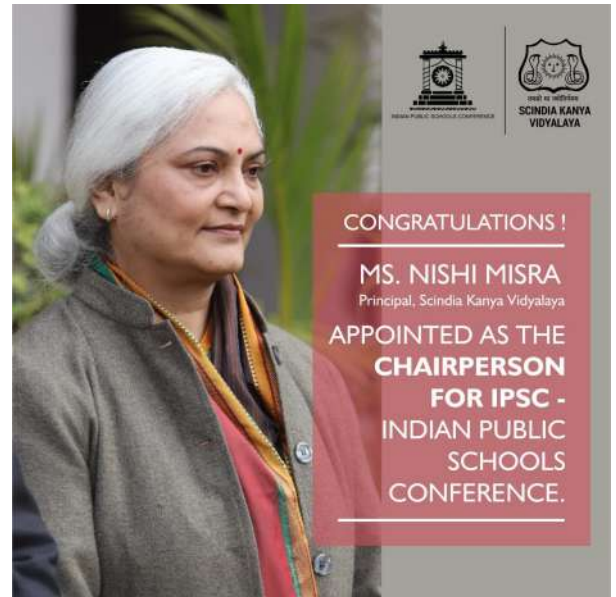
MAKAR SAKRANTI

We celebrated Makar Sankranti on 15th January in the school arena. This festival is considered to be one of the most enjoyable of festivals for children, as it brings with it the fun and frolic of flying kites. It was a feast for sore eyes to see the colourful kites wafting in the breeze, as our girls ran about attempting to make their kites fly as high as they could.



REPUBLIC DAY

We celebrated the 71st Republic Day with a flag hoisting ceremony in the morning and a cultural program in the evening.



APPOINTED AS IPSC CHAIRPERSON

We are elated to announce that our respected Principal, Ms. Nishi Misra took over as the chairperson of the prestigious Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) at the 80th session of the IPSC Principals' Conclave.

Inter-class declamation

Declamation is a form of oratory where one either delivers a famous speech or declaims one's personal opinions on a particular topic. The Intra-Class English Declamation Competition, held on 20th January for Classes VI to IX, adopted the definition given above and had the contestants delivering well-known speeches by famous figures such as Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, John F. Kennedy, and others.

The speeches were delivered with confidence and provided the students with the opportunity to explore their skills in public speaking.



The competition was divided into two categories. In the first category, classes VI and VII competed while the second category saw classes VIII and IX compete against each other. There were 10 participants in total and the judging panel included the Vice Principal, Ms. Naina Dhillon, HoD English, Mr. Peter Strange and Ms. Sita Chaudhary. Participants were judged on the following criteria: oration, clarity, intonation, pronunciation and presentation.



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CATEGORY I WINNERS WERE:

- **Lavanya Singh** (Class VI) – 1st position
- **Shreya Agrawal** (Class VII) – 2nd position
- **Shanaya Hiranadani** (Class VII) – 3rd position

CATEGORY II WINNERS WERE:

- **Vibhuti Singh** (Class VIII) & **Sejal Jain** (Class IX) – shared 1st position
- **Prathna Agrawal** (Class IX) – 2nd position
- **Nritya Pillai** (Class VIII) – 3rd position

TEDx at MITS Gwalior

Eighty-six SKVians from classes IX and XI attended a TEDx event organised by the Madhav Institute of Technology and Science, Gwalior. The talks focused on ways to create a culture that fosters innovation and encourages one to take small steps that can empower the world of the future; based on the event's theme of "Maneuvering Ingenuity". Eminent national and international speakers such as Ms. Malini Gowrishankar, Mr. Rajagopal, Mr. Vijay Kalra, Mr. Utsav Mishra, Mr. Ramli Ibrahim, Mr. Piyush Mishra and Mr. Ishan Shukla shared their thoughts on the topic with the audience.



CBSE capacity building programme workshop



On 4th January, we played host to a CBSE Capacity Building Programme Workshop on the remodelled structure of assessment for secondary classes. The event was attended by the concerned faculty of SKV, who were joined by teachers from a few other institutions in Madhya Pradesh. The day-long workshop was led by Ms. Neha Sharma and Mr. Vikram Singh and was divided into five sessions. The workshop provided valuable insights into the teaching and learning process of the recent CBSE curriculum, including forms of assessment and portfolio building.

Self-defence workshop

On 11th and 12th January we organized a Self Defence Workshop for the entire staff, including academic, administrative, hostel, housekeeping, security and support staff. Ms. Dipti Shankar and her team from Safe Campus conducted 6 sessions for all our 170 staff members.

The crucial topic of safety on and off the campus was communicated through interactive discussions and physical activity. The workshop brought the seriousness of being aware and prepared in these troubled times into limelight, but the approach was lively and congenial.



CBSE workshop at DPS Gwalior

On 15th January, two teachers from SKV participated in a training programme organized by the CBSE in collaboration with the Aurobindo Society. Held at DPS Gwalior, the event featured Mr. Muneesh Patel from Sri Aurobindo Society, who gave an interesting talk about innovative pathshalas and zero investment innovations for education initiatives (ZIEI).

Microbial culture workshop

The first meeting of Vigyan Prasar Network (VIPNET) of Science Clubs was held on 20th January. 26 students from various schools, along with their teachers, attended the 4th workshop on microbial culture. The participating schools included Vidya Bhavans Public School, The Woodstock School, IATS Public School, The Radiant School and Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya

Students were briefed on microbes and culturing techniques before they were given hands-on experience of preparing culture mediums - such as streaking on bacterial cultures on agar plates and staining and observing bacteria from both soil and curd samples.

The workshop provided our students with an opportunity to learn first-hand about microbiology. The planned exercises were performed with much enthusiasm and left the participants with a keen desire to further explore the microbial world on the internet and undertake additional projects in the field.

Punyatithi of our beloved Founder H.H Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia

25th January 2020 marked the 19th death anniversary (Punyatithi) of our beloved founder, Her Highness Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia ji. In the morning, prayers and floral tributes were offered to her memory and later in the day, under the sponsorship of our service project SANKALP, sanitary napkins were distributed to the Sahayikas of the school to mark the occasion.



When referring to the founding of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Her Highness Vijaya Raje Scindia once said, "I felt the Indian woman was drifting away from her valuable heritage. The progress of science along with industrialization it brought, changed the old pattern of family life. Because of economic conditions, Indian women had to come out, (and) also add to the family income. I believe in the old adage, 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world'. I wanted a school to strengthen those hands. My dream was to start a school which would serve both these ends"

School Managing Committee Meeting

The School Managing Committee Meeting was held on 30th January. The committee members attended the cultural program to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami and enjoyed the community lunch post the meeting.



One nation reading together

On 24th January, classes VI to VIII participated in a reading programme called "one nation reading together". This was held in the football field, with the balmy sunshine adding a bonus to reading outdoors. It was heartening to see staff and students engrossed in books; they also expressed the simple joys that reading can bring in this world of hi-tech distractions on the "graffiti wall" set up for the event.

Pariksha Pe Charcha

With the board examinations approaching and exam pressure building up, our students watched the live telecast of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' on 18th January. This is an initiative by our Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, where thousands of students across the country can get their queries answered on the effective methods of preparing for examinations and coping with the stress that the exams bring with them. It was an informative session for our class X and XII students.



Karo Sambhav



SKV participated in the facilitation round of Karo Sambhav held in Gwalior on 22nd January at Gwalior Glory High School. Seven students with two teachers, Mrs. M. Dixit and Mrs. R. Pathak took part in teaching the all-important idea of waste management to young people, through a skit with the tagline 'the e-waste dhamaka'. The school received the Golden Award, the Best Community Outreach Award and an award for the maximum collection of e-waste.

Volunteer From London



Ms. Isabella Fowler, GAP Volunteer from London arrived at SKV on 18th January for a duration of two months and will stay with us till 15th March 2020. She will be volunteering as a part of our English Department for this duration.

Visit By Mr. Sanjeev Nayyar



Mr. Sanjeev Nayyar, Founder of Esamskriti (an online encyclopedia of all things Indian), a C.A. by profession and an Independent Journalist & Photographer visited Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya on 24th January.

From an alumna to her alma mater



Alma Mater is a Latin term that literally translates to "nourishing mother".

Ruchi Bindal Gupta
(Batch 1988)

It describes the relationship between the alumni and the institution to which they belong very aptly! I have been fortunate that SKV has, like a mother, nurtured and empowered me to be who I am today. After graduating from SKV, whatever skills I acquired or accolades that came my way were because of the foundation laid in school. Therefore when it came to choosing a boarding school for my daughter, I chose the best, I chose SKV. It reconnected me to my roots.

The very fact that one has been nurtured gives rise to an obligation to nurture others. That, in my mind, is the role of the alumni. When I saw the vibrant buzz in the school, met the confident, enterprising young SKVians, they inspired me to ask myself what can I do to add to their experiences? Is there some way I can contribute to their enrichment? With the keen interest and support of the Principal, Mrs. Mishra, I invited Mr. Akhil Bansal, CEO KPMG, India to conduct a seminar in school and mentor the students. He spoke about how technology is disrupting and shaping future careers. I'm buoyed by the enthusiasm of the girls and hope to contribute to creating more exchanges such as this. Just my humble Guru-dakshina to my Gurukul.

Sankalp Sponsors

We are grateful and thank all those who have sponsored a year's supply of sanitary napkins for underprivileged women.

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