

# SCINDIA KANYA VIDYALAYA

Top Ranked Girls Boarding School



# Message from the Principal



The festival of lights resonates with the motto of our school 'Tamso ma jyotirgamaya: From Darkness to light'. The twinkling lights of Diwali lit up the October landscape at SKV. This newsletter comes to you with sparkling Diwali wishes of good health and happiness.

### Skilled SKVian

Marking the centenary year of our founder, late Rajmata Shrimant Vijaya Raje Scindia, students created two sculptures dedicating them to the spirit of SKV embodied by our Founder. Trained by Mr B Rao, the following students created these beautiful pieces: Nandini Tiwari – 10 C, Yashodhara Vidhishree Bansal - 10 C and Vasundhara Khushi Parihar - 10 B



# The Sculptures were titled "Mother and Child" & "Life"

#### H.H. Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Hindi Debate

A team of 3 debaters from our school, Kaavya Sharma, Plaksha Garqsya and Shubhanqi Anuragi, participated in the 'H.H. Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Hindi Debate', hosted by The Scindia School, Gwalior. The event was organised in three rounds, wherein the first two rounds determined the four qualifying teams for the third and final round. Our team spoke for the topic, 'नये मोटर व्हीकल कानुन से यातायात व्यवस्था में सुधार आया है' and strongly delivered their arguments. The second round comprised of a turncoat debate, where our team spontaneously spoke both for and against the topic 'हमारे देश की मीडिया स्वतंत्र है'. Our team qualified for the final round, the topic for which was शिक्षा संसाधनों की मोहताज नहीं' With strong arguments, structured debates and conviction in favour of the topic, SKV bagged the first position among the four finalist teams. Plaksha Gargsya and Kaavya Sharma also brought laurels to the school by receiving the individual first and second positions respectively.





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#### **Alumni Meet**

#### Welcoming the Old Girls

The alumni visiting their Alma Mater were given a traditional welcome by the Principal, staff and students. They re-lived memories of their schooldays by visiting various landmarks of the school such as the temple, Gajra Bhawan and Kamla Bhawan.







#### Alumni Dinner

A grand dinner was organized in honour of the 1994 batch celebrating their silver jubilee. To awaken their remembrance of schooldays, a special counter of their all-time favourite kadi, Rajma Chawal, Aloo rassa and Puri stirred up memories of childhood favourites.



# **Alumni Meet** Entertaining the Old Girls

#### English Play

On the occasion of Alumni Reception by the SKV Links Society, the dramatic society of SKV decided to go all out to demonstrate their talent and passion for drama. The play, The Night of January 16th by Ayn Rand, is a riveting courtroom drama, that presents a conflict between staid traditional values being shaken by Rand's own philosophy of individualistic objectivism. It was a challenge, indeed, for our young thespians, but in true SKV spirit they took up the challenge and worked hard on stepping into the skin of the adult characters they portrayed so successfully. It was a no frills, pure theatrical experience — and, for quite a number in the audience, their first such experience.



#### The Karma Naach

Karma Naach is a traditional dance of central and Eastern India annually performed during the Autumn Karma festival. It is traditionally performed in Chhattisgarh, Odisha and West Bengal. This folk dance is held during the worship of the god of fate which is known as Karam Devta. This energetic folk dance was performed by the SKV Dance Society, during the Links Alumni Reception.



# CELEBRATING THE BIRTH CENTENARY OF OUR FOUNDER, H.H. SHRIMANT RAJMATA VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA





The Birth Anniversary of H.H. Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia was celebrated on 12/10/2019.

Traditional Pooja was performed by Principal Mrs. Nishi Misra at Kamla Bhavan at 8.30 am.

The Diya was lit and flowers were offered. All the teachers and students council also offered their prayers to Rajmata seeking her blessings.



# International Baccalaureate Introduction

On the 12th October, right after the parent-teacher meeting, a talk was given by Mahesh Balakrishnan, a representative of the International Baccalaureate in India, on the diploma programme —the IBDP. He spoke at length to parents on the structure and advantages of the DP as a dynamic programme that is well-tuned to the needs of a globalized world. SKV endeavours to provide for its students a forward-looking curriculum, that caters to the needs of a 21st century world. The IB authorisation journey has begun, with the application for candidacy underway. We look ahead to commencing the DP session in 2021.



# Career Counselling

Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya has partnered with Univariety to cater to the career related needs of the students. On 12th October 2019, Ms Charu Malhotra from Univariety visited the school campus and conducted a workshop for parents on the importance of CV building and its role in the students' life after they graduate from school. She also briefed parents on how they can help their child with the same.

# 63rd Founder's Sports Day

Sports Day, on the occasion of the 63rd Founder's Day at SKV was held at the newly constructed openair arena. The event began with the Inter house March Past Competition. The Chief guest Mr S.R Mohanty, Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh, accepted the salute as each house passed the base.

2 contingents of the Alumni also participated. Batch 1994 was led by their then House Captain Sonali. The contingent of 1993 was led by their then Head Girl Anjali Singh.

This was followed by the traditional torch lightning ceremony, with the Chief Guest declaring the meet open. The games prefect, Chinmay Tiwari, handed over the torch to the school games captain Sneha Patel. The next in line was the Karate demonstration followed by athletics.









#### Dance performances

Dance is in the DNA of SKV, and this was so apparent on the occasion of sports day during the Founder's Day Celebrations of 2019. Under the tutelage of Umashanker Dance Safari, two items were presented. The first one was a traditional dance performance entitled Rangilo Rajasthan. This dance portrayed the vibrant and colourful folk traditions of Rajasthan, a land of both kings and rustic folk.

The second dance item was startlingly different as wave after wave of students, all dressed in the glamorous fashions of yesteryear, came on to the arena to sway, jive and groove to a medley of retro hits from Elvis Presley to Michael Jackson – with a bit of R.D. Burman thrown in for good measure! It was a fitting climax to the two-day celebrations of Founder's Day 2019.

The sounding of the retreat brought to a close the 63rd annual sports meet. As per the school's tradition, the school flag was handed over to Mr Mohanty, who, in turn, handed it over to the Principal for safe custody.

# ISRO Space Exhibition

On 15th October, students of SKV from classes IX, X, XI and XII, visited the ISRO Space Exhibition held at Madhav Institute of Technology and Science, Gwalior. The occasion was the birth centenary year of Dr. Vikram Sarbhai. The model of the first Indian satellite, Aryabhatta, launched by India in 1975 with assistance from the erstwhile Soviet Union was also on display.





Students learnt about the launching vehicles such as GSLV and PSLV and had the opportunity to interact with Mr N.K. Gupta, a scientist from ISRO, who has held the post of Project Director for 40 years.

Informative videos on how a satellite crosses the gravitational field and the parts and features of Chadrayan II were screened for the students. The visit gave the students an insight into the projects being carried out at the Indian Space Research Organization.

#### Self-defence Workshop

From 17th to 20th October, the 3rd session of the self-defence workshop based on self-protection, and techniques to stay safe in the outside world, for students was conducted. Students were taught to stay aware, understand the situation by proper analysis and quickly respond to it through this activity-based workshop.

#### Lecture-Demonstration on Bharatnatyam

Indian Classical dance is sustained by a profound philosophy, where the dancing individual seeks to become one with the eternal dance of the cosmos. On October 20th, Ms. Tanya Saxena, talked about portraying the eternal human emotions through dance, preserving the historic classical dance of Bharatnatyam.





## Visit of UWP Chancellor to SKV

On the 21st October 2019, Chancellor Ms. Deborah Ford of University of Wisconsin Parkside (US) along with the university's International Engagement head Mr Abbey Kuruvilla visited Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya. After a school tour the esteemed guests had an interaction with the students of Classes 11 & 12 where they spoke about life at UWP, it's application and admission procedures. They answered queries put forward by the students.

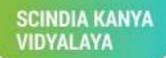


#### Legal Aid Camp: "Ek Koshish"

The students of Legal Studies and Political Science from Grade 11th and 12th conducted a Legal Aid Camp: "Ek Koshish". The purpose of the camp was to empower our support staff through information about their basic rights and legal consequences. This occasion was graced Mr. Sanjay Jain, Magistrate Gwalior Session court, Mr. Sharleen Sharma, government officer for the upliftment of women and children, Rtd. Major Gen Rajendra Kumar, Director Amity Law School and Dr. Rakhi S. Chauhan, HOD Amity Law School, Ms. Deborad Ford the Chancellor from University Wisconsin Parkside & Mr. Abbie Kuruvilla, International engagement head UWP. Our students performed Nukkad Nataks to effectively explain the issue of domestic violence, dowry, black magic, transgender equality, sexual harassment. Thereafter, a Mediation camp was organised where the officials listened to the problems of the support staff and counseled them.







# Empowering Personal Growth Personality Development and Grooming Session

To enlighten the students and teachers about the importance of Personality Development and Personal Grooming, Ms. Bia Sandhu a Personality Development trainer conducted a workshop on 21st October for students of 11th and 12th, and on 22nd October for the teaching staff. Ms. Sandhu talked about the ABCDE of Personality Development:- Appearance, Body language, communication, footprint and etiquette. The students and teachers learnt about various body shapes and types, and the kind of clothes & accessories best suited to each. She even individually helped each person understand what's best for their personality.





#### I-create Workshop

A workshop for class 11 students to develop entrepreneurial and motivational skills was organized from 18th October to 22nd Oct 2019. The event prompted them to start thinking about being job creators instead of job seekers. Students initiated four projects at village Jarga - i.e, manufacturing detergent powder, phenyl, paper bags and liquid soap. They presented business plans on the above products and learned the practicability of the selected ventures while providing a means of livelihood for the women in Jarga.

#### Dental Hygiene Awareness Workshop

To increase awareness about dental health and hygiene, and awareness workshop was conducted by Dr. Rashmi Sukhwani. She educated the students about the importance of dental hygiene, correct brushing techniques and how to prevent dental problems. Thereafter, she conducted a dental check-up of all students and advised them on improving their dental health.

# Capacity Building Programme on Life Skills by CBSE

On 23rd October, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya hosted a Capacity Building Programme on Life Skills by CBSE. The workshop emphasised the need to develop life skills when teaching students. This can be attained by implementing effective, unbiased and neutral approaches in teaching methods. Seventy-nine participants from schools from across Gwalior, Bhind, Kota, Ashoknagar and Pratapgarh attended this very important workshop on effective learning.





#### Financial Workshop

A Financial Workshop for the staff was organised at Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya on 23rd October 2019 by Mr. Harshad Rao. Focusing on financial literacy, the workshop introduced the participants to ways of managing investments effectively, in order to secure one's future by attaining wealth stability and accumulating a corpus for one's future needs and goals. Tax Saving Solutions under the investor education initiative were also highlighted.







#### Magic Show and Planetarium Visit

On 23rd October, students of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya witnessed a magic show conducted by Mr. Rajendra Singhl, from Children's Science Centre, Indore. They showcased some magic tricks and also explained the science behind the tricks. After the magic show a documentary was screened in the hemispherical dome shaped planetarium on Mangalyaan and the different star constellations like Libra, Leo, Gemini, ect. They also displayed the working models of steam engine, hydel power plant and the brakes of a train. It was an enriching experience for one and all.



# Celebrating the Festival of Lights

#### A Special Diwali

On 25th October, 25 girls who stayed back in the school during the Diwali break took a refreshing trip to the medieval city of Orchha, along with 5 teachers. Located on the banks of Betwa river, the city of Orchha was the capital of one of the largest and most powerful kingdoms of Central India.

During their time in Orchha, they visited the famous Orchha Fort, the Chaturbhuj Temple and had lunch overlooking the scenic river.

As they say, friends are the family we chose! A very Happy Diwali from us and our girls to everyone!







#### Movie and Masti

The Diwali party-time continued on October 26th, binge-watching 2 movies in MJS with Popcorn and Coke. On 28th October, the students went to DB Mall to watch Saand ki Aank, a biopic based on the lives of the Indian sharpshooters Chandro and Prakashi Tomar. Popcorn and soft drinks added to the thrill of the movie.



# Green and Eco-Friendly Diwali

On 27th October, on the occasion of Diwali, the students who remained on campus during the festival break, demonstrated their artistic talents by creating rangoli patterns in both, Chitrangada Bhawan and Kamala Bhawan. They etched beautiful mehandi patterns on each other's palms. The students also painted diyas for the evening puja.

Those with culinary skills participated in an Indian cookery session, where they prepared dal, bati with churma laddus, and eggplant & potato mix(chokha) which everyone relished.

In the evening, our Principal, Mrs. Nishi Misra, along with the students performed Lakshmi Pooja in Chitrangada Bhawan and Kamala Bhawan.

It was wonderful to see the girls dressed in colorful, traditional Indian attire, celebrating a "fireworks-free" and eco-friendly Diwali in the school campus.

