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NEWSLETTER OF YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA (JULY-SEPT., 2019)

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The school celebrated its 70th Academic Day on Saturday, August 10. **Mr. Vijayinder Singla**, Minister for PWD and School Education, Government of Punjab, and an OY of the 1988 ICSE Batch, was the Chief Guest.
- The school hosted the IPSC Hockey Tournament for Boys U-19 from August 23 - 25. School team was the runners-up
- The annual House Nights were celebrated on August 27, 29 and 31.
- The school hosted a Round Square Adventure Programme from September 13-15. The theme of the programme was -'WANDER, EXPLORE, DISCOVER'
- The first phase of the Annual Cross Country races was held on Sunday, September 1.
- The Inter-House Swimming Meet was conducted from September 16-18

FIRST THOUGHT

As we grow,
memories of
childhood
shine
like stars in
the sky!

Rajsher Singh, IXP

THE 70th ANNUAL ACADEMIC DAY



The 70th School Academic Day was celebrated on Saturday, August 10. The Chief Guest was **Mr. Vijayinder Singla**, Minister for Public Works Department and School Education,

Government of Punjab, and also an OY of the 1988 ICSE batch. The programme began with the Lighting of the Lamp which was followed by the presentation of the

School Annual Reports and the Director's speech. The Director, **Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma**, spoke on the school achievements and on other important aspects such as the integration of the present day technology with teaching. He also apprised the audience of the new policies and programmes going to be implemented soon.

The Chief Guest delivered his address after the prize distribution ceremony. He recalled his school days and the role his teachers played in shaping up his life.

The programme concluded with a rousing song, '*Neki Ki raahon Pe Tu Chal*' by the School Choir and the National Anthem.

An Art exhibition showcasing the paintings of the students was also put up on the occasion.



Campus News

School Shooters shine in International Tournaments

Rajkanwar Singh, XII Arts, won a silver medal in shooting in the World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

Besides this, **Abhay Sekhon**, XII Arts, and **Sukhdarshan Singh**, XII Commerce, participated in the International Shotgun Championship held in Finland where Abhay won a silver (team) medal in Skeet Shooting . Abhay also won a silver (team) and a bronze (individual) in the 9th Asian Shotgun Championship, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Another feat has been Abhay and Rajkanwar qualifying for the Asian Championship in shooting to be held in Doha, Qatar, in November

Representing India in World Roller Skate Games

Tejveer Sood, XP, represented India in the World Roller Skate Games held in Barcelona.

Medals in 1st National Archery Championship

School archers won the following medals in the 1st National Archery Crossbow Championship-

1. **Harguntas Singh**, XII Commerce- Silver(individual)
2. **Gurshaan Singh Dhaliwal**, XII Arts- Bronze (individual)

Medals in Archery in 'Tandrust Punjab Games'

Jodhbir Singh, VIIE, won a silver medal in archery in the 'Tandrust Punjab Games on the state level. Jodhbir and and Gurmehar Singh, VIIE, also won a gold and a silver medal respectively, in the same tournament.

Gold and Bronze in State and District Fencing Tournament

Dev Malhotra, VIIIO, won a gold medal and a bronze medal (

team) in fencing in the State Championship and a bronze medal in the District Championship.

Silver Medal in State Shooting Championship

Naunihal Singh, VIIIO, won a silver medal in the Punjab State Inter-School Shooting Championship

Medals in School Games (District) Shooting Tournament

The following students won medals in School Games(District) in shooting –

1. **Jasnaaz Sidhu**, XP- Gold
2. **Gauri Garg**, XO- Silver
3. **Garima**, IXO- Bronze
4. **Paras Singla**, VIIN –Silver
5. **Mridvika Bhardwaj**, VIIIO- Bronze

14 Medals in IPSC Boxing Tournament

School students participated in the IPSC Boxing Tournament held at Rashtriya Military School, Dhaulpur, and won the following amidst some closely –contested bouts-

1. **Rajdeep Duggal**, XI Arts- Silver
2. **Sehajbir Singh Khroud**, XI Science- Bronze
3. **Jujhar Singh**, XI Science- Bronze
4. **Gurkaran Singh Chahal**, XI Commerce- Bronze
5. **Anmoldeep Singh**, XI Arts- Bronze
6. **Manpreet Singh**, XI Commerce- Bronze
7. **Jaiveer Singh**, XI Arts- Bronze
8. **Bhalinder Singh**, IXO- Silver
9. **Navraj Singh**, IXN- Bronze
10. **Ishpratap Singh**, IXN – Bronze
11. **Rajeshwar**, IXP- Bronze
12. **Abhaylaksh Gupta**, VIIP- Bronze
13. **Prabhjot Singh**, VIO- Silver
14. **Anubhav Verma**, VIO- Bronze

Medals in IPSC Shooting Championship

The following students won medals in the IPSC Shooting Championship –

1. **Yuvnoor Dhaliwal**, XO- Silver

Dakshita Bhalla, VIIIP- Bronze Medal in IPSC Squash Tournament

Inayat Grewal, IXE, won a bronze medal in the IPSC Squash Tournament in the U-17 category

19 Medals in Punjab State Junior Equestrian Championship

School students participated in the Punjab State Junior Equestrian Championship held at Punjab Public School ,Nabha

The following students won medals-

1. **Jashandeep Singh**, XP-two bronze medals
2. **Kanav Garg**, XO- Bronze
3. **Veerangad**, XE- Bronze
4. **Bilawal Singh**, VIIIN- Bronze
5. **Agamjeet Singh**, VIIIN- Bronze
6. **Ria Puri**, VIIE-a silver and a bronze medal
7. **Jayveer**, IVO- a gold and a bronze medal
8. **Simon Kohli**, III- Gold
9. **Zorawar Singh**, III- Silver
10. **Mehreen**, III- Bronze
11. **Sehs**, III- Bronze
12. **Shivika Puri**, II- Silver
13. **Mankirat Singh**, II- Silver
14. **Tarika Kalia**, II- two bronze medals

Medals in Girls' District Hockey Tournament

The following girls from the school won medals in the Girls' District Hockey Tournament -

1. **Muskaan Sood**, IXO, and **Shana Mukherjee**, IXE, - a silver medal each
2. **Suveer Kaur**, IXE, **Thea Aggarwal**, **Adab Kaur** and **Divroop**, VIIIO, - a bronze medal each

U-18

1. **Manmeet Bhullar**, VIIIP- Gold medal each.
2. **Arsheen Kaur**, VIIP- Gold medal
3. **Inayat**, VIIE- Silver
4. **Anvi Gupta**, VIIIO- Silver

District Boxing Tournament

The following students achieved medals –

1. **Karan Batheja**, XII Arts- Silver
2. **Jaiveer Tanwar**, XI Arts- Bronze
3. **Punitpal Singh Toor**, IXP- Bronze
4. **Dewan Saniaz**, VIIIP- Gold

District Athletic Tournament

Qaayanat, XI Arts- Gold in Long Jump

National Ranking Lawn Tennis Tournament

“BENETTON IS THE NEW BLACK”

The new black shorts introduced in collaboration with United Colours of Benetton have become really popular among the students. Everyone wants to grab a pair of those !



Uday Batra, VIIP, reached the semi-final of the National Ranking Lawn Tennis Tournament and remained the runner-up in the U-16 age category.

• **Swimming Meets / 'Tandrust Punjab Games'**

The following school swimmers won medals at the Punjab State Swimming Championship-

1. **Aadil Saluja**, XI Commerce- 2 bronze medals
2. **Chaitanya Singla**, XO- 1 gold, 4 silver, 1 bronze

The following students won medals in the 'Tandrust Punjab State Level Competition' –

1. **Shiven Tayal**, VIIP- 2 bronze medals
2. **Chitwan Goel**, VIIN – 1 bronze medal
3. **Agamteshwar Singh**, VE- 1 bronze medal

The following students won medals in the Senior State Swimming Championship –

1. **Aadil Saluja**, XI Commerce- 2 bronze
2. **Chaitanya Singla**, XO- 1 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze

The following school swimmers won medals in the 'Tandrust Punjab District Level (U-18) Competition' –

1. **Aadil Saluja**, XI Commerce- 2 gold and 1 silver
2. **Sukoon Shergill**, XI Commerce- 1 silver and 1 bronze
3. **Anisha Bajaj**, XI Science-2 bronze medals
4. **Chitanya Singla**, XO- 3 gold
5. **Manreet Kaur**, IXP- 1 gold and 2 bronze
6. **Ekamarmaan Singh**, IXP- 2 bronze
7. **Sumer Singh**, VIIP- 1 gold and 1 bronze
8. **Harshita Thaman**, VIIE 1 silver

The following swimmers won medals in the 'Tandrust Punjab District Level (U-25)

Competition'-

1. **Aadil Saluja**, XI Commerce- 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze
2. **Chaitanya Singla**, XO -3 gold and 2 silver
3. **Ekamarmaan Singh**, IXP- 1 bronze
4. **Sumer Singh**, VIIP- 1 silver and 1 bronze

The following students won medals in the School District Swimming Meet –

1. **Pulkit Papneja**, XII Accounts- 1 silver, 2 bronze
2. **Aadil Saluja**, XI Commerce- 3 gold
3. **Naunidh Marya**, XI Accounts – 1 gold and 2 silver
4. **Chaitanya Singla**, XO- 2 gold
5. **Ekamarmaan Singh**, IXP= 1 gold, 2 silver
6. **Daksh Vasudev**, IXP 1 silver, 1 bronze
7. **Manreet Kaur**, IXP- 1 silver
8. **Harshita Thaman**, VIIE-2 silver
9. **Moksh Gupta**, VIIE 1 silver and 2 bronze
10. **Chitwan Goyal**, VIIN- 2 silver and 1 bronze
11. **Shiven Tayal**, VIIP=2 gold and 1 silver
12. **Rabbani Saharan**, VIIE- 2 gold and 1 silver
13. **Sumer Singh**, VIIP- 3 silver
14. **Adishree Rai Sood**, VIIP – 1 bronze
15. **Parvaj Singh**, VIIE- 1 gold, 2 bronze
16. **Seerat Sidhu**, VIIE- 2 silver
17. **Disha Jain**, VIIE- 1 silver, 1 bronze

The following students from the Junior School participated and won medals in the School District Swimming Meet-

1. **Agamteshwar Singh**, VO- 2 gold
2. **Prabhinder Singh**, VO- 1 silver and 1 bronze
3. **Uday Singh**, VE- 1 silver
4. **Yuvandeep Singh** – 1 silver and 1 bronze
5. **Harshvardhan Kakar**, VO- 1

bronze

6. **Ustat Kaur**, IVO- 2 gold
7. **Samira Waraich**, IVE- 1 silver and 1 bronze
8. **Adishwar Singh**, IVE- 1 silver
9. **Piyush Garg**, IVE- 1 bronze
10. **Hridyansh Kapil**, IVN- 1 bronze
11. **Manan Sharma**, IIN – 1 bronze

Agamteshwar Singh was declared the Best Swimmer in the under-11 category .He also participated in the Sub –Junior National Swimming Meet and won 4 gold medals in the State Swimming Meet

• **Friendly Fixtures**

1. School Soccer XI and Hockey XI played friendly fixtures against YPS, Mohali, on their grounds. YPS, Patiala won the Hockey match. The score was 5-2.
2. YPS, Patiala, played friendly matches in Squash with PPS, Nabha, in U-14 boys,,U-17 boys and U-17 girls. YPS won in all the categories
3. YPS, Patiala won cricket matches(U-14 and U-17) played against Pinegrove School, Subathu. The former was won by 7 wickets and the latter by 17 runs.

• **Results of Inter-House Creative Writing Contests**

English –

- I. **Rabbani Batra**, VIIP
 - II. **Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia**, VIIE
 - III. **Harbani Kaur**, VIIP
- Punjabi-
- I. **Divnoor**, XE
 - II. **Bhavneet Kaur**, XII Commerce
 - III. **Gurshaan Singh Dhaliwal**, XII Arts

• **Students Participate in Heritage Walk**

15 students , along with two teacher escorts, **Mrs. Sunita Kumari** and **Kamini Goyal**, participated in a Heritage Walk conducted by an NGO, Patiala Foundation ,at Samana. The team availed the opportunity to visit and explore some famous historical places of the city

“Bye- Bye Spiderman”

Because of the Disney-Sony split, we lost our beloved Spiderman. Yeah, we won't get to see Peter Parker just because of a stupid fight.
2 minutes of silence



ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

Banning 'TikTok' has been one of the good things the Indian government has done. And ,well. removing the ban brings us back to our original statements!

The Annual House Nights

“MH!PH!DRH!” -

We scream out very loud,
Well, who are we? Of course, we
the applauding crowd,

Let me tell you of the Inter House
Nights,

Which are by far the most
friendly sights,

We saw the wonderful **English
plays**,

The actors did an outstanding job
on the first day,

Shakespeare's dramas, '**Hamlet**'
and '**The Merchant of Venice**' given
modern takes,

Oh! The **group songs** of each
House were an icing on the cake!

The night ended with the next
day's wait,

And the second day opened with
anticipation large and great,

Amphitheatre, once again, it
called for a starry night,



The **Hindi plays and songs**
within the range of sound and sight,

Those performances thrilled us
even more,

We did not want it to end, that was
for sure!

The last day of enjoyment was to
come,

Till then we said, 'Goodbye', and
the night was done!

The third and the final time we
gathered once again,

With energy and enthusiasm, all
the same,

As soon as **Punjabi songs** and
'**Bhangra**' came alive,

We forgot everything and took a
joyous dive,

Into the ocean of thrill and never-
ending pleasure,

Happiness and fun for all beyond
measure,

The experience was so good,
But now, the question arose was-
which House had first stood?

But, no matter which House wins

We love our Houses and thank
them for all the smiles and grins,

“MH!PH!DRH!”- We scream out
very loud,

Well who are we? Of course, we are
the applauding crowd!

- ERICA, XN

Results of the House Nights

The House Nights, this year, were conducted in an interesting manner, the pre-requisite being self composed scripts. The theme of the English plays was 'Modern Adaptation of Shakespeare plays' and the Hindi plays centred around the characters of the epic, 'The Mahabharata'

Best Performances (English Plays)

1. **Abhiraj Brar (PH)**, XI Com
2. **Chirag Bansal (DRH)**, XI Com
3. **Harabhay Singh (PH)**, XII Com
4. **Kanwar Sidhu (DRH)**, XN
5. **Kanwar Mehtab (MH)**, XII Arts
6. **Naina Grewal (MH)**, XII Arts
7. **Rahat Gill (MH)**, IXO

Best Performances (Hindi Plays)

1. **Anmol Deep Singh Sandhu (PH)**, XI Arts
2. **Gurnoor Chauhan (PH)**, XE
3. **Harshil Goyal (MH)**, XII Arts
4. **Mankirat Virk (MH)**, IXN
5. **Sanchita Gupta (MH)**, XI Arts
6. **Sehar Sidhu (DRH)**, XI Comm

WET, SET, FLOW...!

THE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING MEET

(September 16-18)



Over-all House Positions

- I. DRH II. MH III. PH

Best Swimmers

1. Boys (U-14)- **Sumer Singh (PH)**
2. Girls (U-14)- **Rabbani (DRH)**
3. Boys (U-17)- **Ekam Armaan Singh (MH)**
4. Girls (U-17)- **Chaitanya Singla (DRH)**
5. Boys (U-19)- **Aadil Saluja (PH)**
6. Girls (U-19)- **Sukoon Shergill (MH)**

This year, an unprecedented number of 27 new school records were created by the adroit school swimmers.

LEXICOGRPAHERS

OPINE

Did you know that '**Enneacontakaienneagon**' is actually a word in the English language? The meaning of the word is just as bizarre as the word itself: it's a shape with ninety-nine sides.



Workshops/Counselling Sessions

- Uni Variety Training workshop for teachers was held
- Uni Variety Career Guidance workshop for class XII was conducted wherein the students were guided collectively and, subsequently, individually through Skype.
- Workshops for classes XI and XII by ISBF (Indian School of Business and Finance, New Delhi) were conducted

YPS, PATIALA, HOSTS ROUND SQUARE ADVENTURE PROGRAMME



The school hosted a Round Square Adventure Programme from September 13-15 for students of age 12-14 years. The theme of the programme was -'WANDER, EXPLORE, DISCOVER' and it had 120 students from 13 schools participating. As a part of the programme, the delegates attended an Eco camp at Pine Hill, Barog, Himachal Pradesh, where they

participated in various adventure activities.

Apart from this, Round Square Conferences were attended at the following venues-

1. The Doon School, Dehradun(6 participants)
2. British School, New Delhi (9 participants)
3. Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal.(6 participants)

YPS, PATIALA, RANKS NO. 1 SCHOOL IN PUNJAB IN 'EDUCATION WORLD' SURVEY

YPS, Patiala has significantly improved its rankings in a survey conducted by Human Resource journal, 'Education World. The school now stands ranked number 1 Day-Cum-Boarding School in Punjab (as against number 2 last year) and number 13 nationally (as against number 24 in 2016, number 18 in 2017 and number 17 in 2018).

The School Director, Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma, in an interview given to the magazine in its September, 2019, issue avers, "It is gratifying to

learn that YPS has been steadily moving upwards in the rankings ladder of the annual EWISR which is based on elaborate survey parameters. This is because of rising public awareness that we are expanding our facilities in academics and sports education through effective use of new digital technologies and simultaneously according great importance to developing the leadership and soft skills of our students."

Arrival of Baby Sussex!

As Queen Elizabeth II's grandson was born sometime back, he becomes the seventh in line to the throne and we can't really wait to see him in Meghan Marple's inspired suits as well as her confidence!



MUN UPDATES

Students attended MUN Conferences at the following venues-

1. Genesis Global School (12 participants) **Rehmat Walia, X**, won High Commendation and **Gurnoor Virk, XI**, and **Naaz Puri, XI**, were awarded Special Mention
2. Strawberry Fields High School, Chandigarh (10 participants) – **Shemoila Saini, X**, was awarded High Commendation.
3. Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh (10 participants) – **Ayush Sharma, X**, was awarded Honourable Mention
4. Doon School, Dehradun(9 participants)
5. Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur (11 participants)

A SILENT SCREAM FOR HELP ...!!!

I will keep quiet ,I swear,
I will cave into my feelings,
But I won't yell nor tell,
I will keep quiet ,I swear.

I will let my anxiety eat me up,
I will cry my eyes dry,
But I won't yell nor tell,
I will keep quiet, I swear.

I know you fear the society frowns,
So do I,
So, I won't yell nor tell,
I will keep quiet ,I swear.

I will let the depression cling,
But I won't let the neighbours know,
I won't yell nor tell,
I will keep quiet ,I swear.

My scream for help will be silent,
So, no one knows how messed up I am,

I have got thick skin you know,
So ,I won't yell nor tell,
I will keep quiet ,I swear.

– Nimar Sidhu,
IXN

RESULTS OF INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS (CO-CURRICULAR)

1. **Best Speakers in English Debates-**
Class VI- Avraj Manchanda (PH)
Class VII- Gunraj Kaur (DRH)
Class VIII – Samaira Singh (MH) and Punya Arora (PH)
2. **Best Speakers in Hindi Debates-**
Class VI- Kanwar Ratnakar (PH)
Class VII- Kavya Aggarwal (MH)
Class VIII- Gunmay Garg (DRH)
3. **Best Speakers in Punjabi Debates-**
Class VI- Akalpreet Singh
Class VII- Ujeshwar Singh and Samarpratap Singh
4. **Elocution Competition –**
Class VI- Divnoor Kaur (MH)
Class VII- Shubrika Chopra (PH) and Shreshth Singh (MH)
Class VIII- Shireen Kaur Kathuria (PH)
5. **Mathematics Quiz-**
Class VI- PH team (Bhomik, Avraj, Renee and Satvik)
Class VII- MH team (Naman, Kavya, Rabbani and Devina)
Class VIII- DRH team (Gurkripa, Gunmay, Uday and Kiratnoor)
6. **English Quiz-**
Winners were the PH team (Satvik, Divroop, Kristy, Avanayae, Arsheen, Yuvika, Zoravar, Asees, Sabir, Hetal, Brahmjot and Sumer)
7. **IT Competition (Senior School)**
 - **Java Programming**
 - I. Sachish Singla, XO
 - II. Sankalp Mittal, XP
 - III. Ayush Sharma, XP
 - **Web Page Designing**
 - I. Sugam Jain, XO
 - II. Mehul Goyal, XP
 - III. Amber Bansal, XN
 - **3D Printing**
 - I- Anirudh Gupta, XN
 - II- Parth Garg, IXO
 - III- Vanshika Goel, IXN
 - **Robotics**
 - I. Tanvir Walia, IXO
 - II. Savr Bansal, IXN
 - III. Yashub Goel, IXO

Junior School Activities



- **Platinum Category Winners**

The Platinum category winners of classes I to V (session 2018-19), received their Platinum Category Certificates from the School Director, **Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma**. The excitement and happiness of the awardees could be seen on their faces and they felt so grown up and important.

- **Independence Day Celebrations**

The Junior School amphitheatre looked vibrant, decorated in saffron and green as they celebrated the Independence Day. The group songs, in English and Hindi, the well synchronized dances, and the children dressed as freedom fighters, all reflected the spirit of the Independence Day.

The School Director, Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma, congratulated the children on their performance and spoke on how to become true citizens of our great country.

- **'Janamashtmi' Celebrations**

A group song, a poem, a small skit on friendship, and a 'Radha Krishna' dance were the highlights of the Janamashtmi Celebrations in the Junior School



I-Phone

Looking at the i-Phone 11's back, makes one wonder how the company's going to fit 17 cameras on the back of i-Phone 24. Maybe, the Apple logo will be another hidden camera which transmits visions to the company without us knowing!



English Recitation (Classes I to IV)

1. Class I-
 - I. Sarah Jain
 - II. Viresh Jindal
 - III. Amyra Sood
2. Class II-
 - I. Nlisa Jain
 - II. Sabadasees Kaur
 - III. Dhruvi Garg
3. Class III-
 - I. Anhad
 - II. Aashna
 - III. Shamsheer
4. Class IV-
 - I. Gursifat Kaur
 - II. Neil Sachdeva
 - III. Jaanya Ahluwalia
 - IV. Samara Waraich
- **Hindi Recitation (Classes III to V)**

Students of classes III to V displayed their brilliant recitation skills, fluency, clarity, voice modulation and retention in the Hindi Recitation Competition.

- The results are-
1. Class III-
 - I. Guntas Kaur
 - II. Samreet Kaur
 - III. Anahad Kaur
 2. Class IV-
 - I. Hridyaansh Kapil
 - II. Aaisha Gupta
 - III. Prisha Mahinder
 3. Class V-
 - I. Gaatha Mittal
 - II. Kamakshi Gupta
 - III. Reet Brar and Aarohi Goyal
 - **Spell Bee (Classes I to III)**

A Spell Bee Competition was conducted for students of classes I to III. The results are-

- Class I-Viresh Jindal and Rajvansh Aggarwal**
Class II- Shashank and Dhruvi Garg
Class III- Shreya Gupta and Shamsheer Randhawa

Prep School Activities

- **Independence Day Celebrations** : - Besides the Junior School, the Independence Day was celebrated in the Prep School. One of the highlights was a fancy dress with the tiny tots dressed up in colourful attires enacting as brave freedom fighters and soldiers
- **World Environment Day** : - The students of Prep II E presented a skit followed by a group dance on the occasion of the World Environment Day on June 6. The theme of the skit was-' Save Trees'. The presentation concluded with a dance titled - "The Earth Is My Home".
- **English Recitation** : - All the 78 children of Prep II participated in



an English Recitation. Each child was given a chance to step on to the stage and recite to the audience.

On August 22, an English Recitation was organised where the selected children recited their poems in the presence of heads of various schools who were specially invited for the occasion. The function was a big success.

CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME TO FINLAND

Sir Richard Burton rightly framed-
"The gladdest moment in human life is a departure into unknown lands."

My marvellous journey started the minute I filled in forms for my Finland Exchange Program organised by AFS. It feels as if it was just yesterday when I was on my own on a plane, not really knowing what to expect, but excited for what the future had in store for me. Now, I'm back home with a ton of memories, e-mails to answer, and a lot of stories to share. I don't even know where to start now that I'm writing about my experience of being an exchange student in Finland for a whole month.

To begin with, I had the greatest host family! All my clouds of doubt and nervousness cleared the minute they walked in and gave me a warm hug. They taught me a dozen things and gave me my first experiences in fishing, swimming in a lake, sauna and many more. I cannot forget the time when I got on the wrong bus (twice) and when I saw the baby chicken taking its first step-it was so adorable!

The days just swept by like wind and I had to leave. That was the hardest part of my journey. We gave each other hugs, holding back tears and said our 'goodbyes'.

The one month exchange in Finland was a lesson which I shall do again anytime. It was possible to travel the countries nearby like Sweden and Ethiopia. The programme was a milestone in my journey of knowing Finnish culture and people better. Kiitos (Finnish for 'Thank you')!

Yafrin, XII Arts

STORY BEHIND THE TROPHY

MK Anand Memorial Award for the Best Result in Maths and Science in the Junior School –The award is given every year on the Annual Academic Day in the memory of Mr. M.K. Anand, former Head of the Junior School, An affable and affectionate man, Mr. Anand was a thorough gentleman, who besides sundry other qualities, was known for his immaculate dressing sense..



INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS



- A team of seven students attended the ICT Conclave held at Punjab Public School, Nabha, and won positions in the following categories –
 1. ICT Quiz- 1st position (**Anmol Ratan**, IXN, and **Yashubh Goel**, IXO)
 2. Dirt Race- 1st position (**Savr Bansal**, IXN, and **Yashubh Goel**, IXO)
 3. 'My Innovation' – 2nd position (**Poorva Puri**, IXN, **Udayveer Singh**, IXE, **Savr Bansal**, IXN, and **Tanvir Walia**, IXO)
 4. Robo Premier League- 3rd position (**Anmol Ratan**, IXN, and **Sarvagya Thapliyal**, IXN)
- A team of 15 students participated in the World Robotics Championship held at Thyagaraj Sports Complex, New Delhi. Around 5000 participants from across the world took part. YPS team competed in a variety of events and secured the 3rd position in Robo Soccer and was ranked amongst the top 11 groups in the Water Rocket event. The participants also won three cash prizes of rupees 15000 each.
- A team of six students attended the IPSC Inaugural Leadership Conclave held at Doon School, Dehradun.
- A team of 12 students participated in the JK Kate Knowledge Conclave held at Punjab Public School, Nabha, The English debate team qualified for the semi-final round from a total of 16 schools and school team won the 3rd position in the Wall Magazine section.
- Five students participated in a Business Quiz hosted by Wynberg Allan School, Mussoorie. **Megha Mittal**, XI Arts, and **Jannat Teja**, XI Commerce, qualified for the final round. YPS, Patiala, stood among the top six teams from a total of 40 schools. **Parth Gupta**, XII Science, won the award for the Overall Outstanding Performance. **Shaanjeet Singh**, XII Commerce, and **Arjun Gurram**, XII Arts, won the 3rd position in the Vine Video Round.
- Teams of students participated in inter-School English Debates held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh, Pinegrove School, Subathu, and Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, where **Simarleen Bajwa**, XI Science, secured the first runner up speaker award. Students also participated in the Frank Antony Memorial English Debate.
- A team of eight students participated in the IPSC IT Fest held at Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet. Another group of five students secured the 2nd position in a Robotics Competition held at Gems Public School, Patiala.
- **Pavit Panag**, XI Science, was adjudged the Best Interjector in an inter school debating contest held at St. John's School, Chandigarh.

WHOOOPS, WEDDING BELLS FAIL FOR A COUPLE TOO!

While everyone was celebrating Pewdiepie's wedding, Miley Cyrus was writing her latest hit single 'Slide Away', hinting her breakup with the ideal husband from The Last Song Hemsworth

SUPW/IAYP ACTIVITIES



As a part of the SUPW/IAYP activities, a 15 day service project was completed by the students of class XII during the summer vacation. The students visited the Government Elementary School in Hassanpur village and carried out activities such as repair and refurbishing of the school building, painting of the classrooms and planting of trees on the campus.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU READING THESE DAYS ??



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| 1) Gunmay Garg-' Maze Runner Series '
(VIII-O) (James Dashner) | 11) Aaina Saini-' Villette '
(IX-O) (Charlotte Bronte) |
| 2) Shiven Tayal - 'The Murder In The Mews'
(VIII-P) (Agatha Christie) | 12) Anahat Billing-' The Raven King '
(IX-N) (Maggie Stiefvater) |
| 3) Naunihal Singh-' The Fall of the Kingdom of Punjab '
(VIII-O) (Khushwant Singh) | 13) Tejasvi Dhillon-' Chicken Soup for the Mother and Daughter Soul '
(VIII-E) (Jack Canfield) |
| 4) Mrs. Arshdeep Mangat-' Walking with Nanak '
(Haroon Khalid) | 14) Tushar Ahluwlia-' Cuckoo's Calling '
(XI-Science) (J.K. Rowling) |
| 5) Tanisha Garg-' Many Lives, Many Masters '
(XI-A) (Dr. Brian Weiss) | 15) Gurmehar Sandhu-' Train to Pakistan '
(XI-Science) (Khushwant Singh) |
| 6) Agrim Goyal-' Murder on the Orient Express '
(X-N) (Agatha Christie) | 16) Preen Arora-' Children of Blood and Bone '
(VIII-E) (Tomi Adeyemi) |
| 7) Amber Bansal-' Death on the Nile '
(X-N) (Agatha Christie) | 17) Anisha Bajaj-' The Pearl that Broke its Shell '
(XI-Science) (Nadia Hasimi) |
| 8) Nirvair Singh-' Noughts and Crosses '
(IX-E) (Malorie Blackman) | 18) Naman Jain-' Why I Killed Gandhi '
(XI-Science) (Nathuram Godse) |
| 9) Pavit Panag-' Lolita '
(XI-Sci) (Vladimir Nabokov) | 19) Megha Mittal-' Heads You Win '
(XI-Arts) (Jeffrey Archer) |
| 10) Inaayat Grewal-' Allegiant '
(IX-E) (Veronica Roth) | 20) Damneet Shergill-' The House of Blue Mangoes '
(XI-Arts) (David Davindar) |



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Do you know what is special about the following sentence- 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog'? This type of sentence is called a 'Pangram' as it uses every letter in the English Language

P.V. SINDHU - THE GOLDEN GIRL OF INDIA

On 26th August, P.V. Sindhu became the reigning Queen of Badminton, and of many an Indian heart. She emerged as the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Badminton World Championship held in Basel, Switzerland, by defeating her arch rival, Nozomi Okuhara, (Japan) in straight sets.

Pusarla Venkata Sindhu was born in Hyderabad. Her parents were national volleyball players. She began playing at the tender age of eight under the able guidance of Mehboob Ali. She later joined Pullela Gopichand's Badminton Academy and it was under his guidance that she has evolved and grown. Her father

used to drive her to the Academy at 4:00 a.m. every morning, a 56 km journey, to and fro. She was always on time which showed her commitment and focus.

Sindhu's path to success has not been an easy one. She achieved fame due to her hard work, discipline, grit and determination. While preparing for the Rio Olympics, she was forbidden to use a mobile phone and had to give up her favourite delicacies- chocolates and ice creams. In the last month, she would train for 15 hours a day. This courage and will-power drove her to an Olympic silver in 2016 and she became the first Indian and the youngest female to do so.

She went on to win many more medals and achieved a career high ranking of World no. 2. She became a recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

She has her eyes set higher still- her dream being to win a gold medal at the Olympic games.

She is a source of inspiration to many budding shuttlers across the world. She has shown us that with hard work and perseverance, even the highest mountain can be climbed, the greatest challenge can be overcome. Thank you, P.V. Sindhu, and hats off to you for bringing glory to India!

*-Divyam
Bansal, VII*

THE FRENCH CONNECTION - EXCHANGE PROGRAMME TO LYCEE CLOS MAIRE FRANCE

Our group of 18 students and two escort teachers, Mr. K.L. Dhiman and Miss Vidushi Datta, boarded aircraft to Abu Dhabi for our exchange programme to Lycee Clos Maire, France. The programme was being held under the patronage of AFS (American Field Service).

One first destination, in a way, was Beaune where our host families resided. Meeting them was, certainly, a great experience! The next day a welcome ceremony was hosted for us by the Mayor of the city. Some of the

highlights of our stay at Beaune were a science and technology workshop and visits to the Magnificent Chateau of Sully, a Business School, 500 year old hospital and a recycling unit. We also went for a delightful picnic to Chateau de Louyre. The day ended with a cultural show where we performed our Punjabi folk dance in traditional attire.

On our last day at Beaune, we bid goodbye to our host families and travelled to Paris where we visited famous sites such as the Notre Dame,

Champs Elysees, Hotel de Ville, Musee de Orsay, Tour Eiffel, Jardin Des Plantes, Saint Germain Des Pres and the Louvre Museum.

On the day of our departure, we left Paris at 10:17 am and arrived in India the next day at noon.

This trip was, certainly, invigorating, refreshing and enlightening. Now, we eagerly wait for our host buddies who will be arriving here at YPS, Patiala, in October!

- Steve Gupta, VIII



WEDDING RINGS FOR PEWDIEPIE



The guy with a 100 million subscribers on YouTube apparently got married to the woman who apparently was his fan- Marzia!

GUEST TALK

Dr. Madhukar Gupta, IAS, and an OY of the ICSE 1976 batch, visited the school to conduct a fruitful interactive session with students of senior classes. He spoke on various issues relevant to a student's life. He reiterated the importance of critical thinking and being original in life. He also guided the students on how to prioritize their goals and manage with the allotted frame of time.

Fall Out Finance *Cryptocurrency: Insight into a Future*

Cryptocurrency is that silhouette lurking around the dark alleys waiting to pounce on the current, traditional currency with a motive of bleeding its pockets dry from a future. The concept of cryptocurrency was popularized by Satoshi Nakamoto who being the founder of Bitcoin feels and quotes “With e-currency based on cryptographic proof, without the need to trust a third party, middleman money can be secure, transaction effortless.” While cryptocurrency could be seen as a paradox in plain sight where it would get the money to be invested in itself in order to replace that with more of its kind we need to realize it is creating a possibility of a future where our money is free from politics or human error. As a decentralized currency, cryptocurrency uses the peer-to-peer network and blockchain technology to issue currency, process exchanges and verify transactions. This makes it free of government interference or manipulation, unlike a fiat currency, which is controlled by a nation's central bank.

This entire system of currency functions through 'blockchain technology' a mathematical

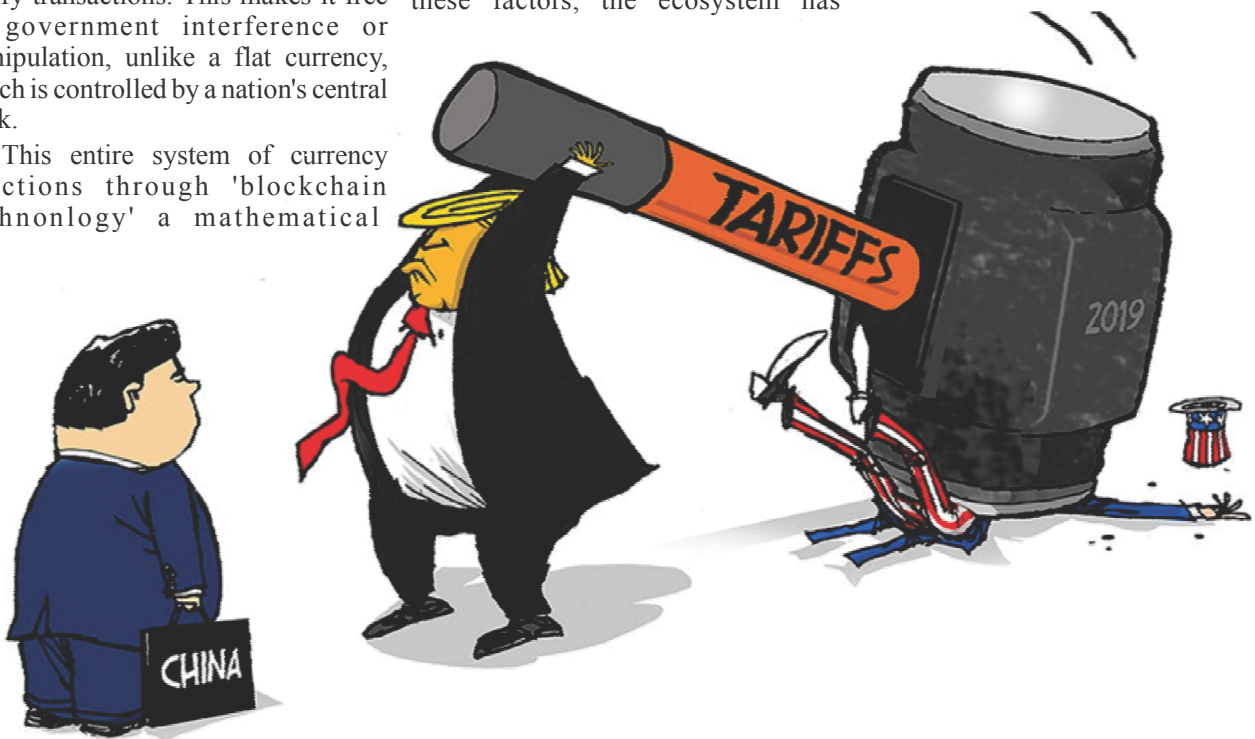
framework designed in order to rule out hacking or forming a chain that has its elements linked together in a pattern of blocks. The blocks are identified with something known as the DNA of a block(making it unique) which is linked to one of the blocks before Hence, making a change in one block means causing a change in the entire chain which makes it easier to detect the presence of a hacker and immediately measures are taken to secure the chain. Therefore, hacking is ruled out. That guarantees the safety of this technology.

At present, roughly 1600 cryptocurrencies are there on the internet. Entrepreneurs, start-ups, and large as well as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are taking an interest in cryptocurrency and find it a revolutionary concept to counter transactional compliances. Owing to these factors, the ecosystem has

attracted extensive venture funding, collaborations, and partnerships among cryptocurrency solutions, vendors to provide end-to-end solutions. Inspired by the success of Bitcoin and other renowned cryptocurrencies(Litecoin, Ethereum, etc) Facebook wishes to introduce one of its own partnering with 28 companies. Cryptocurrency market is expected to reach, \$142 billion in the U.S. by 2019 through sharing commonalities with mobile payments and 850 billion USD by 2024.

The numbers of growth indicate an establishment of the cryptocurrency concept which will grow further into the roots of the economy and in the times to come, become a regular part of our lives. And when they say 'Future is here' cryptocurrency is there to assure it.

- Jannat Teja
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• War fought with guns	• War fought with tariffs
• Demonetization India	• Demonetization Kenya
• Facebook selling privacy	• Facebook selling Libra
• 4G Network	• 5G Network
• Netflix	• Disney+

FAMOUS LAST WORDS !

“Of course, I am still the ' Universe Boss' . I shall take that to the grave.”
The news of **Chris Gayle's** retirement from ODIs broke the hearts, but this comic statement knocked us dead –not really modest, yet absolutely true !

A FINAL GOODBYE

W. Somerset Maugham hesitates with the words, 'I wonder if I can do it' as he begins to narrate the story of Salvatore -an Italian fisherman, quoting the fact that the man had no 'heroic' credentials. But as we read the story, there unfolds before us a beautiful tale of a simple, down to earth, morally sound rock-like figure, whom we can't help admiring and falling in love.

Just so was Ashwini Sir! You never found him sitting idle. There was always an urgency to finish the task allotted to him. He would seemingly keep everyone at an arm's length. So much so, that it took one some time to discover that under the wraps of a stern front, there was a witty young child waiting to take over. This chirpy side surfaced when he ventured for treks and tours. No wonder, so many children wished to go with him.

More than two decades ago, (when we were extremely

adventurous, and treks hadn't become the flagship of companies),

Mr Ashwani would set forth on

and cared for.

One had to be polite with Ashwini Sir. He was a no-nonsense man who demanded respect.

Fortunately, and deservedly, he received plenty of it.

Could anyone fall short of respecting a man full of integrity and honesty?

Though he had a scientific temper, being a Physics teacher, he delved into the share market. Being a man of few words, he would give the correct advice and many of us hung on to his words when it came to investments.

As I glance towards the seat he occupied in the staff room, I feel upset.

There was so much he had yet to accomplish and so many 'more miles' to go before...

Life shall go on and soon we shall have someone to fill the lacuna in the Physics department. But, one thing is for sure, no one can ever replace our dearest colleague and friend, Ashwini Sir. May his soul rest in peace!

-Mrs Arshdeep Mangat



difficult 'less travelled' routes, peppered with all sorts of challenges. As I pen down memories, I recollect coming across his group at a small railway station in the middle of the night, waiting for the train. He was sitting in the middle of the group, singing the most melodious numbers as the tired, yet spirited, young students sat mesmerised, feeling safe, loved

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