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**THE 70TH YEAR BOOK OF**  
— YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA —

PLATINUM PAGES







## Founder's Message

The School Founder's  
immortal words as they were  
published in the first issue of  
'The Yadavindrian' in 1959.



I have been privileged to be associated with Y.P.S. since its very inception. Naturally, I have got some affection for it. I am happy to see that the School has made good and steady progress in the very short time of its existence. It has shown good results in the examinations and also in the sphere of sports.

A school is really the place where foundations are laid for our future careers in life. We grow the way we allow ourselves to be influenced by our surroundings, the contacts we develop, and the association we form while there. Somehow, with most of us this realisation comes slow. Everyone must endeavour to make the best of his or her time and opportunities as a student. It is of fundamental importance to live a clean, truthful, and disciplined life.

We live in difficult times but difficulties perhaps come to test one's mettle. All of you who are studying in our Schools and Colleges are our future hopes. We want to look up to you with pride because you have to shoulder the future responsibilities of our country. I am one of those who is a great believer in the future greatness of India and I wish you all to share this greatness happily.



“ Much time, thought and effort was spent on the production of the School Crest ... What is more striking is that when seen from a distance, they (the three V's) resemble crossed hockey sticks, and everyone knows that YPS is renowned for its skill in hockey ...

With regard to the first word of our motto, Dr. Radhakrishnan, when he presided a few years ago, pointed out that it was incorrect to measure WISDOM in terms of examination results, but if we apply to the word its other meaning – KNOWLEDGE – which is symbolised on the School Crest by a flame and a book, I feel it will not be amiss ...

The second of our V's – VINAY or VIRTUE – is depicted on our crest by ears of wheat drooping in humility, and this humbleness and gentleness, we have endeavoured to turn into gentlemanliness. One of the qualities required in our Best All Round Boy is that he should be generous and modest in victory and cheerful and magnanimous in defeat, and this underlines all our efforts at work and at play ...

As for the third 'V' – VEERTA or VALOUR – can anyone doubt that we possess courage ....?”





**YPS -**

## A Short Story

The YPS story dates back to the days of the country's partition when an institution was needed in Northern India that matched the stature of Aitchison College, Lahore. His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh, here, gave shape to his dream of setting up a similar school that came to be known after his illustrious name –Yadavindra Public School.

The school began functioning on February 2, 1948, with 9 teachers and 21 students. Rai Bahadur Dhaniram Kapila, His Highness' former teacher at Aitchison College took charge as the first Headmaster.

The school saw swift growth with its altruistic approach of entertaining all people irrespective of caste, colour or creed, an expansive infrastructure and a broad-based curriculum that ascertained an over-all growth of the students' minds and bodies.

The school has since grown in size and composition. The strength steadily rose and presently stands at over 1600 students and 125 staff members.

Soon after its inception, three houses – Mohindra House, Dhaniram House and Headmaster's House, which later came to be called Phulkian House, were added. The school became a member of the IPSC Federation in 1950 and turned co-educational in 1954.

The school has had the privilege of being led by towering personalities over the years. His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh and his son, His Highness Maharaja Amarinder Singh, have been School Patrons and distinguished people such as Raja Surinder Singh of

Nalagarh, Raja Ram Partap Singh, Rajmata Mohinder Kaur and Raja Malvinder Singh have been the Chairpersons.

Besides this, a number of personages have been members of the YPS, Board of Governors who have brought more name and fame to the institution.

The list of school headmasters has been equally impressive. Rai Bahadur Dhaniram Kapila was succeeded by Col Frank Von Goldstein, Mr. HN Kashyap, Dr. HS Dhillon, Mr. Pramod Sharma, Brigadier MP Singh, Mr. AS Jawanda, Mr. RP Devgan and Mr. Stanley Vinod Kumar. The school, at present, has Major General Sanjiv Varma as its Director.



**YPS' FIRST COUPLE**

The School Founder, His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh, and Rajmata Mohinder Kaur.  
A priceless picture!



The Patron's  
**Message**



**FOREWORD**

It is, indeed, heartening to know that Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, is bringing out a special book on the occasion of the school completing seventy years in commemoration of its Platinum Jubilee.

The school, we all know, has made significant headway in the course of these seventy eventful years.

The growth, I must say, has been the result of the foresight and fastidiousness of a number of eminent people associated with the institution. Here, first of all, I remember with deep regard and reverence our Founder, His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh, whose vision, idea and dream when translated into reality brought YPS into existence. I must also thank all the distinguished people who have served as part of the School's Governing Body through the years, the Headmasters and Principals who have steered and shepherded the school to glory and, of course, the dedicated staff and the students whose earnestness and enthusiasm have compulsively added to the school's aura and glory.

I extend my very warm greeting to the YPS family on this occasion and wish many more milestones for it in the years to come.

Chandigarh,  
May 14, 2018.

*(Signature)*  
(Amarinder Singh)



## The Chairman's Message

BOARD  
OF  
GOVERNORS

Vedavyasa Public School, Patiala - 147 001

### THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to note that Vedavyasa Public School, Patiala is bringing out a special edition of its Year-Book to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the school.

The school, which I have seen grow from close quarters, has come a long way since its inception in 1941. It is inspiring to see that successive generations have lived up to the ideals, hopes and aspirations of our founder His Highness Maharaja Bhai Nidhan Singh, my father and the then ruler of Patiala State. VPS is today ranked among the premier educational institutions of our country.

The school is, at present, just on the way to transition and reform. As an endeavour to remain to not predominantly boarding school, some major expansions in the infrastructure and services in the plans, subjects and programmes of the school are already bearing fruit.

For all this, I must thank all the people whose efforts and perseverance have led to the school's growth - former and present Deans of Governors, Headmasters and Principals, the staff and the students who have graced these portals through the years.

This issue, I am sure, shall chronicle the rich history and heritage of the school in all variety and vividness and bring to the fore not just the story of its triumphs, but of the trials and tribulations too which the school has successfully overcome.

I once again, congratulate the VPS fraternity on this historic occasion and compliment the staff and students on producing this book.

Raju Mahinder Singh  
Chairman



## The Director's Message

It becomes imperative at the completion of a year, to look back and feel elated and satisfied at all that has been achieved. And one of the traditional ways of doing this is compiling and chronicling these achievements in the school journal.

The year is extremely special for us as the school completes seventy years of a glorious journey.

The release of this special Coffee Table Book aptly titled, 'Platinum Pages' is yet another step towards the celebration of this event. The aim, design and purpose has been to relive the moments that have been important through the course of this journey. The endeavour has been to acknowledge the contribution of all those people who have played a part and been instrumental in the school's success. This, we have endeavoured to do through a series of thoroughly-probed and well-researched articles and a compendium of pictures. I, sincerely, hope that the book shall be able to live up to and truly encapsulate the splendour and grandeur of the school in the years gone by. Along with, we also release our Annual Year Book showcasing the yearly activities and the next edition of our creative journal, 'Athena'.

The moment, I must add here, is certainly one to revel, but also an apt time to reflect at all that has been achieved and all that we have set out to achieve in the near future. The school students, over the year, have done exceedingly well in all fields and with a marked shift in our ways and methods of teaching and our working schedule, we hope to meet our broader aims and larger objectives, sooner rather than later.

I extend my warm greetings to the school fraternity and wish all the readers a happy perusal of these books.



## Message

Governor of Punjab  
and Administrator,  
Union Territory, Chandigarh

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee this year.

Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, since its inception in 1948, has been playing a laudable role in the development of the youth in the country. Today, it stands amongst the foremost institutions of learning in India.

I extend my best wishes to the organisers and the participants on this occasion.

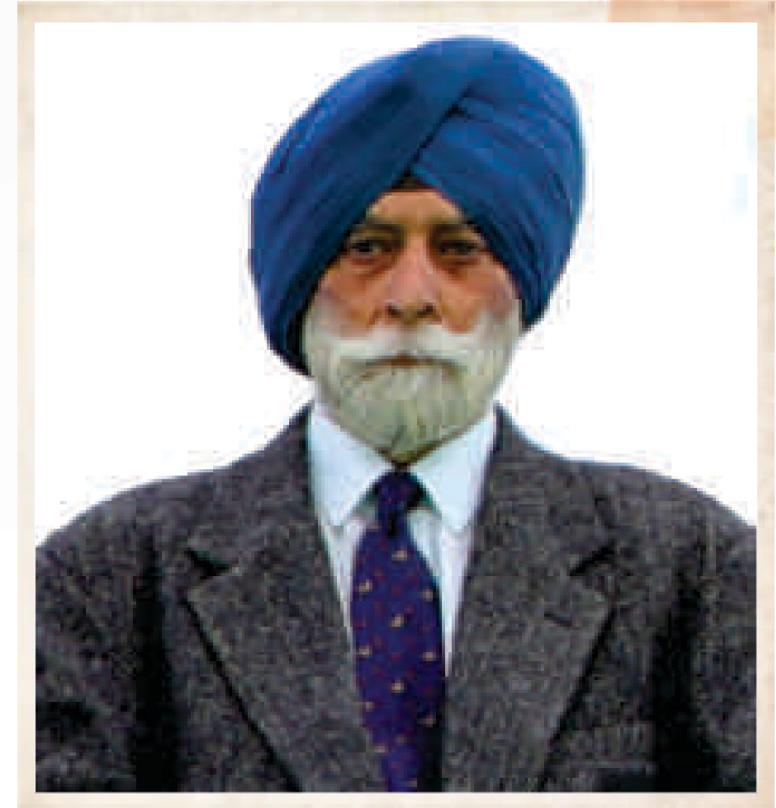
## Message

Brigadier Sukhjit Singh,  
MVC (Retd.), member of the  
Royal Family of Kapurthala

Education or the process of “acquiring or imparting general knowledge and of developing the powers of reasoning and judgement” is uniquely a human attribute, though perhaps, it would not be incorrect to define this process in the animal world as one dominated by survival instincts. Among humans, education is almost totally absolute in its concept and reach. Witness the great thoughts of enlightened minds that guide us, the scientific feats that are global in their reach and effect. Why do we then narrowly link education with the ability to merely pass examination?

For young, impressionable and fertile minds to be ignited by the passion of imbibing knowledge, developing skills and acquiring or setting personal achievement goals in exceptional institutions such as the Yadavindra Public School, is the very acme of providing quality service by dedicated teachers, to every young student. In this noble venture, Yadavindra Public School is truly second to none and is perhaps even 'primus inter pares'. Devotedly, diligently and sincerely, does it prepare its students to pass the most important test of all- that is of life itself, where we all get only one chance to appear in this, the greater of all tests where there are no grace marks, review of papers or marks or even retests. This unique institution, Yadavindra Public School, meticulously conditions its alumni to pass this supreme test with flying colours as good human beings, thereby earning universal plaudits and encomiums. Fortunate indeed are those who pass through its portals.

On the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee observances of Yadavindra Public School I send my greetings, good wishes and felicitations to this hallowed institution, its illustrious guardians, the entire faculty and staff and, of course, to each and every one of the students- past and present. May you all go from strength to strength and may your many achievements adorn this noble institution with greater honour and recognition in the days and years to come.





## Message

Raja Randhir Singh  
Life President,  
Indian Olympic Association

Being an Old Yadavindrian, I am justly proud of my school's achievements, both in the fields of academics and sports.

I compliment the YPS fraternity on the successful completion of seventy years of laudable service towards the cause of education.

Having witnessed the growth from close quarters myself, I feel confident that the school shall continue to shine in its glory.



## Message

Justice S. S. Sodhi  
OY, ex-Board member, former Judge of the  
High Court of Punjab and Haryana, and former  
Chief Justice of the High Court of Allahabad

Looking back at the 70 year journey of our school, my thoughts go back to the difficult and uncertain days in the aftermath of Partition in 1947.

Students and teachers alike had to leave Aitchison College, Lahore, never to go back to it, not knowing what to do, where to go or what would become of their education. Such were the circumstances when there came the grand gesture of Maharaja Yadavindra Singh of setting up a new school, so rightly bearing his name-and what a lovely building he gave for the school, the Yadavindra Stadium, along with all the furniture required, plenty of school equipment, grounds for playing fields and boarding houses and more than sufficient finances to develop it into the sterling education institution that it has become today. As if that was not enough, he also took personal interest in seeing to it that every need of the school was fulfilled at the earliest.

The first Headmaster of the school was none else than Rai Bahadur Dhani Ram Kapila, who had been Head Master of Aitchison College, Lahore. Along with him came other former teachers of Aitchison College, prominent amongst them being Mr Chitkara, Mr Gulati and Mr Hetwa Nand Kashyap, who later became Principal of the school.

Yadavindra Public School holds a very special place in my heart, making me most nostalgic each time I go down memory lane. I joined it early in 1948 and passed out after doing the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1949. I owe so much to it for laying the firm foundation that has held me in good stead in my future career and life, a feeling shared by so many other former students who have all gone on to excel in different walks of life. Today, we see our alumni serving our country in a myriad of positions and fields of great importance. It's no wonder then that our school ranks amongst the best public schools in the country and will, no doubt, continue to pursue the path of excellence in the years ahead. All the best to the students and staff.



## Message

Swashpawan Singh,  
YPS alumnus, former IFS  
officer and Ambassador

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routines, examinations, and sporting exchanges with other schools. Time just flew and, before we realised it, we had taken our ISC exams, and were ready to enter the wide world outside the protective ethos of comfort and care that YPS had given us. We had worked hard, played hard, and got our names on the Honour Rolls in the Assembly Hall, to the joy of our parents and teachers.

I look back on YPS with nostalgia and affection, these long years later, for it gave us knowledge, skills, values, and the grit to uphold them in life. It got me into College (St. Stephens', Delhi) both as a student and on the teaching staff, a stint in the private sector, and then a fascinating career in the Indian Foreign Service. The foundation was laid in the class rooms and playing fields during our impressionable years. I owe YPS a debt of gratitude. Sure there were difficulties and setbacks, and all was not smooth sailing -- but it was the stuff of life. Keen competition, good sporting spirit, and the largeness of heart to forgive and not nurse grudges was the essence of this great adventure.

As YPS celebrates its Platinum Jubilee this year, I venerate the memory of all those who came before us to create this fine temple of learning. I salute those who have passed through its portals to make their contributions in different walks of life to build a great India, and committed to the well being of his fellow citizens and to the glory and greatness of this nation.

On this special occasion, I wish YPS even greater glory, and its staff and students further success in upholding the cherished values that have been the hallmark of this fine institution.

YPS brings back thoughts and memories of four exciting years spent in its hallowed precincts, from 1960 to 1964. Relocating from Mumbai (then Bombay), Patiala was a revelation in its somnolence.

The school campus, with its imposing palatial buildings, the stadium, and the vast playing fields were truly impressive, and seemed a haven of excellence and order. Headmaster's House became home, and the hectic schedule became a way of life.

Colonel Goldstein, the Headmaster, was the inspiration and soul of the school. Immaculately turned out, he was impressive as a teacher, sportsman, and a man of many parts. He had a booming voice, an upright gait, and was the embodiment of discipline, despite his short stature. He held the place together, and personified its values of excellence and honesty in thought and action. The dedicated teaching staff and the administrative support staff worked in unison to care for us to help us develop and grow.

YPS for me meant learning, academics, sports, theatre, debating, trekking, athletics and friendships that have endured and strengthened over the years. It was four years of fun and frolic, along with rigorous and demanding

## Message

Pramod Sharma  
Director,  
Genesis Global School, Noida

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Being a part of the Indian school education system for over four decades has made me a witness to many momentous occasions. I cannot think of another event which has brought me more joy than the one I am writing for, wishing Yadavindra Public School, Patiala its 70th anniversary.

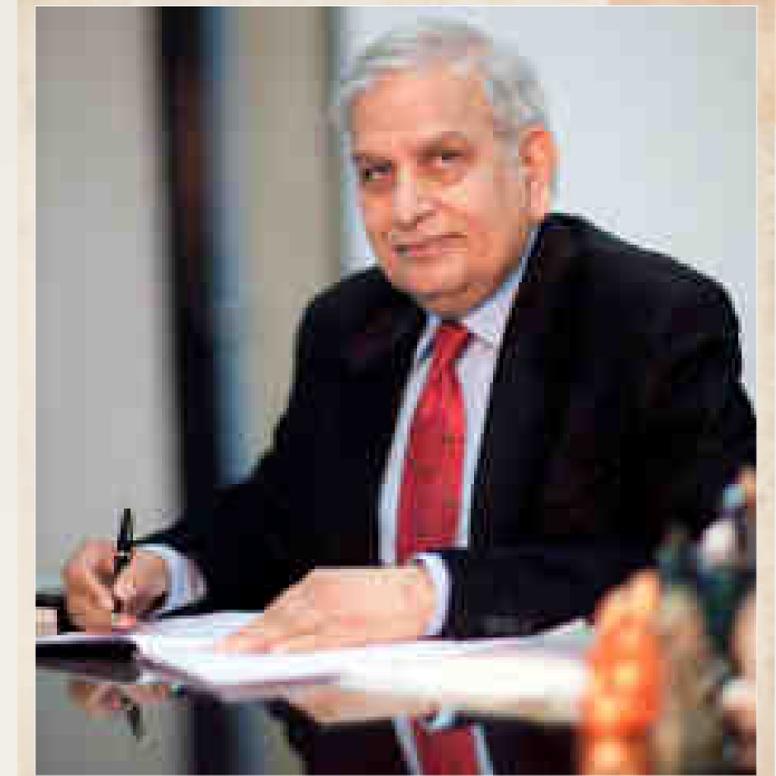
Having seen the smooth running of the School at close quarters, during my brief tenure there, I offer my heartiest congratulations to the YPS family, especially HH Maharaja Captain Amarinder Singh Ji for this milestone.

YPS has been home to extraordinary Principals as its leaders, who with their commitment and vision have brought the school its well-earned fame. Amongst these, the first name which comes to mind is that of Mr. H.N. Kashyap, with whom I had the good fortune of interacting since 1989, through the IPSC. His wealth of knowledge and sense of humour, along with his willingness to contribute to the growth of young budding Principals, made him our idol.

Two more Heads who made an indelible mark on the ethos of the school and the larger education eco-system are Mr. Harish Dhillon and Mr. R.P. Devgan. Mr. Dhillon was a voracious reader who strengthened the school's academic infrastructure during his tenure. Mr. Devgan was a sportsman par excellence, an extraordinary athlete, both in poise and persona. I consider myself blessed to have had their karmabhoomi, as my own.

I have some very fond memories of my tenure at YPS. Most of these memories have an aura of warmth and joy, which were a result of the school's happy staff and students. The school's sports culture and its accolades (especially in cricket, swimming and hockey) made an impression on me. This I think is the formative experience behind my insistence on a robust sports culture, for all the schools I have had the chance to influence.

I send my best wishes for an even brighter future for this grand institution. May YPS remain a fertile ground for producing the best masters and students of our nation, with the motto of YPS- "Vidya, Vinay and Veerta" resonating in their hearts and minds.





## Message

Rahul Singh  
Former Editor , “Reader's Digest”  
and “Indian Express”

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I first got to know about YPS, when I was based in Chandigarh as Editor of the “Indian Express”, in the mid-1980s. I visited Patiala and was taken around by one of the teachers, Pradeep Ghuman. I was very impressed by the school and the facilities that it provided to its students. Then, when I was invited quite recently as the Chief Guest for the Annual Day, and spent a couple of hours being taken around, and meeting teachers and students, along with observing the projects and innovations they had produced, I was even more impressed. Here was an educational institution that provided the very best to a student to excel not only in studies and a variety of sports, but to expand his and her horizons in other fields of endeavour as well. Providing good education to India's children is, I believe, the biggest challenge that our country faces. And YPS is a role model in meeting that challenge.

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## Message

-Dr. Heena Sidhu (OY),  
Former World No.1  
and Arjuna Awardee in Pistol Shooting.

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I congratulate everyone at Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, for achieving yet another milestone. Platinum Jubilee marks another chapter in the school's history which has stood the test of time, ever-changing lifestyles and educational demands since 1948. Decades have gone, thousands of students taught and generations shaped, the school still stands tall to take on the challenges of the future and contribute for a better tomorrow.

I am a proud Yadavindrian and I am happy to be a part of the grand legacy the school symbolises.



Our Present  
**Board of  
 Governors**



**Patron - His Highness  
 Maharaja Amarinder Singh**

The current Chief Minister of Punjab and the present head of the royal Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala



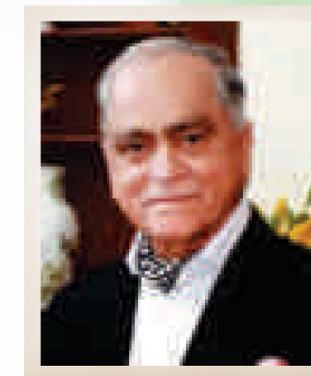
**Lt. Gen SS Mehta (Retd.)**

A former General Officer Commanding -In -Chief in the Indian Army, Presently, on the Board of a number of companies and trusts.



**DGP Amarjot Singh Gill  
 (Retd.)**

A former Police Officer of great repute who held the charge of Director General of CRPF



**Lt. Gen TS Shergill (Retd.)**

Currently, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Punjab. A former Commandant of the Indian Military Academy and Chairman, Punjab Public Service Commission He is also on the Board of a number of companies



**Chairman-  
 Raja Malvinder Singh**

He is the younger son of the School Founder, His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh.



**Mrs. Ramneetinder Kaur**

An educationist and social activist. Miss Kaur is a member of the Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala and daughter of Raja Malvinder Singh



**Yuvraaj Raninder Singh**

President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). Member of the Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala and son of the current Chief Minister of Punjab, His Highness Maharaja Amarinder Singh, and Maharani Preneet Kaur



**Maj Gen GS Randhawa  
 (Retd.)**

A former General Officer Commanding in the Indian Army



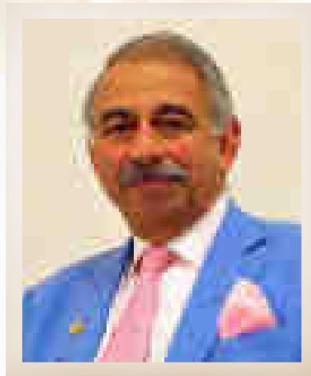
**Mr. Anil Nehru**

Former Managing Director of PFIZER Group



**Mr. Harpal Singh**

Chairman Emeritus of the famous Medicare chain of Fortis Hospitals



**Mr. ML Sarin**

A former Advocate General of Punjab and, subsequently, of Haryana. Presently, a senior advocate at Punjab and Haryana High Court



**Mr. Devinder Singh Jaaj**

A well-known and highly successful Chartered Accountant



**Maj Gen JS Sandhu**

Maj Gen Sandhu is the GOC 1 Armoured Division



**Lt. Gen Chetinder Singh (Retd.)**

A former Corps Commander and Quarter Master General in the Indian Army



**Mr. Dinkar Gupta**

IPS- Currently, the Director General of Police, Intelligence, Punjab.



**Mr. Atul Nanda**

Presently, the Advocate General of Punjab He is also a senior advocate at the Supreme Court



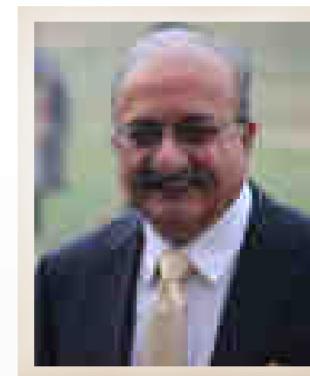
**Mr. Jai Singh Gill (Retd.)**

Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab and Secretary, Government of India



**Mr. Kanwalvir Kang**

Mr. Kang is a senior lawyer at Punjab and Haryana High Court and a YPS alumnus



**Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma VSM (Retd.)**

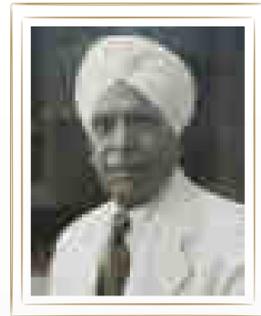
Director, YPS, Patiala



**Maj Gen TPS Waraich (Retd.)**

Director, YPS, Mohali

# Former Headmasters and Principals



**Rai Bahadur Dhaniram Kapila**

The founding Principal of YPS, Patiala, Rai Bahadur Dhaniram Kapila, was His Highness Maharajdhiraj Yadavindra Singh's teacher during his school days at Aitchison College, Lahore. Due to his proficiency in matters of education and administration, he was chosen to play the important role of giving shape and direction to the newly-founded institution in 1948. He continued in this capacity till 1950.



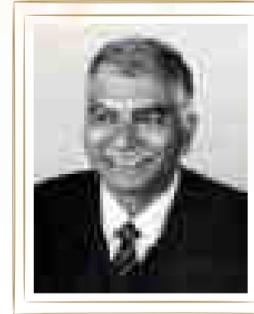
**Col Frank Von Goldstein**

The second Principal, Col Frank Von Goldstein, was a highly regarded name in academic circles who went on to play a long and momentous role in the school's progress till 1968. Col Goldstein remained a confirmed bachelor and spent the last years of his life in New Delhi. Owing to his significant role in shaping up of the school in its early years, a prestigious inter-school English debate was instituted in his memory in the year 1989 that continues till the present day.



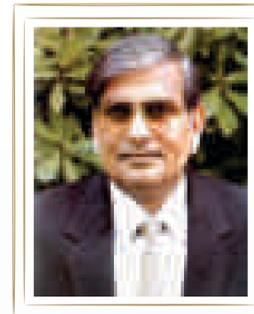
**Mr. HN Kashyap**

Mr. HN Kashyap, YPS' third Principal, had had a long association with YPS, first as a staff member and later as a house master before he took over the reins in 1968. A man of great learning as erudition, the length of his tenure matched that of his predecessor and he remained in chair till 1986. Mr. Kashyap passed away in 2006.



**Dr. HS Dhillon**

Mr. HN Kashyap was succeeded by Dr. HS Dhillon. Dr. Dhillon had been an English teacher at Lawrence School, Sanwar, prior to his innings at YPS, Patiala. Dr. Dhillon, among other virtues, is also remembered for his splendid oratory skills and love for literature, having authored several successful books and columns. Dr. Dhillon passed away in 2015.



**Mr. Pramod Sharma**

Mr. Pramod Sharma was teaching at Mayo College, Ajmer, before he took over as Principal, YPS, Patiala, in February, 1996. His stint at YPS was short, but memorable. He presently, heads a prestigious school at Noida.



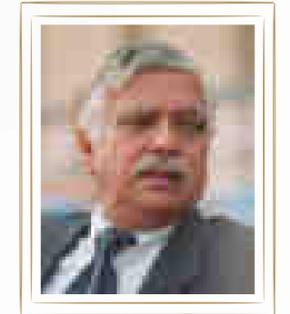
**Brigadier MP Singh (retd.)**

Brigadier MP Singh (retd.) was the sixth Principal of the school. Hailing from an army background, Brigadier Singh played an appreciable role and held the helm till 1998. He is presently settled in Chandigarh.



**Mr. AS Jawanda**

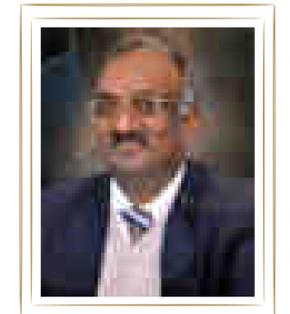
The seventh Principal of the school was Mr. AS Jawanda who had been a student and later a staff member at YPS, Patiala. His love for his alma mater was evident from the enthusiasm with which he carried out this charge till he retired in 2001. Mr. Jawanda is presently settled in Patiala and visits the school on important occasions.



**Mr. RP Devgan**

Mr. AS Jawanda was succeeded by Mr. RP Devgan who was an English teacher at Doon School, Dehradun.

Mr. Devgan introduced several new measures and ably carried forward the school's success story till he bid goodbye in 2007. He went on to head other prestigious schools later and presently resides in Dehradun.



**Mr. Stanley Vinod Kumar**

Mr. Stanley Vinod Kumar was the ninth Principal of YPS, Patiala. He took over in 2007 and remained in office for 9 years. His former association with reputed educational institutions such as Bishop Cotton School, Simla, and Lawrence School, Lovedale, helped him discharge his responsibilities impeccably.

Mr. Stanley presently heads a reputed school in Sangur district of Punjab.

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## Excerpts from Past Annual Day Headmaster's Speeches



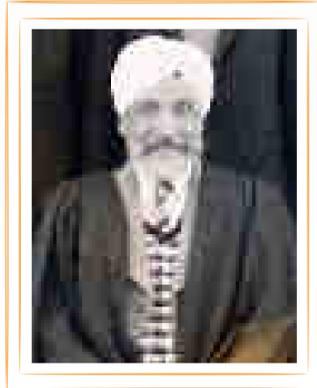
- “To begin with our doors have been thrown open to one and all irrespective of class, caste or creed who r prepared to pay our fees which are lower than in other public schools, and we also have in our midst 7 Government of India Merit Scholars with three more expected any day now.” (1959)
- “On 2nd February this year, we celebrated our 16th birthday and though we are comparatively young as far as some of India's public schools go, during that short time, we have gone far not only in establishing name for ourselves but also in living up to our motto-‘Vidya, Vinay, Veerta’ (1964)
- “Some of you will remember that a few years back the School Committee decided to close down our Junior School and our College Section ... You will be pleased to learn that I have been able to persuade the School Committee to re –start our Junior School provided it is run as a completely separate, self-contained unit ...” (1965)
- “As promised in the last report, our Junior School –class V and below, including a Montessori /KG class – was re-started when we re-opened last July “ (1966)
- “Our enrolment today stands at 543 of which 352 are boarders and 46 girls. The day scholars are provided lunch and afternoon tea at the school. This enables them to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by a boarding school.” (1969)
- “Some of you must have felt that this year's programmes did not list any dramatic performances or festivity that normally goes with the Founder's Day celebrations. It is because the school suffered an irreparable loss in the passing away of its Founder, our beloved Maharaja Yadavindra Singh.“ (1975)
- “Some of you will recall that last year we highlighted our overseas students and introduced you to a boy from Canada and a girl from Iran. This year, we plan presenting to you some of our recently admitted students from three corner states of India –Kerala, Manipur and Meghalaya and Jammu and Kashmir .”( 1976)
- “The school functions efficiently because of the devoted service of every member of the staff. I am glad to say that we get this in full measure. Such devotion in this time and age is, indeed, a rare quality.” (1987).
- “It is needless to stress that the Founder had visualized that the alumni will turn out to be clean, truthful and disciplined individuals. The alumni of YPS are, indeed, noble and prominent individuals who have done the school proud (1995).
- “Life might not always be a bed of roses ; so Yadavindrians are made to reach out to the lower segments of society, to rurality to the mentally and the physically handicapped.” (2000)
- “It is a pity that today plenty of students because of the pressure are missing out on the childhood. We, as adults, need to be understanding with the children. Pressure chokes some of the higher qualities of human life leading to a child's behaviour becoming aimless.” (2001)
- “The parents have their role in assisting the school by volunteering to help in various aspects of the school programme and are always welcome with their positive suggestions which we do implement where ever possible for the benefit of all“ (2011)
- “Somewhere we have to admit that the times are changing and so is education. In this present fast -paced world marked by fierce, intense competition and an ever- growing desire for material pursuits, the challenges before us, the teachers, the parents and the educational institutions are also mounting and we have to keep pace with them. And one can say it with conviction that, YPS, Patiala, is successfully doing that” (2017)



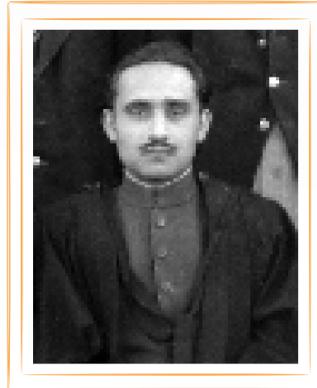
### THE LONG AND SHORT OF YPS

The catchphrase. 'The Long and Short of YPS' alluding to His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh, and former Principal, Mr. HN Kashyap, became almost proverbial in the YPS folklore once, and is fondly remembered by many till now...

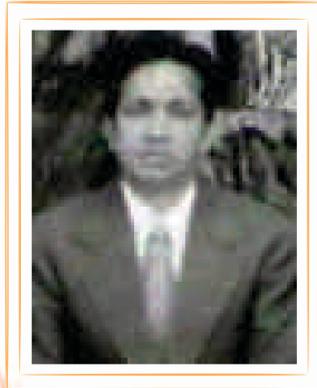
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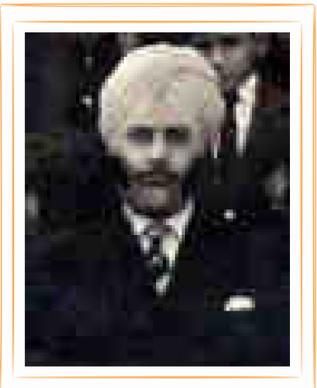
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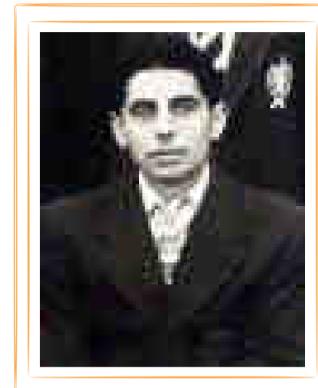
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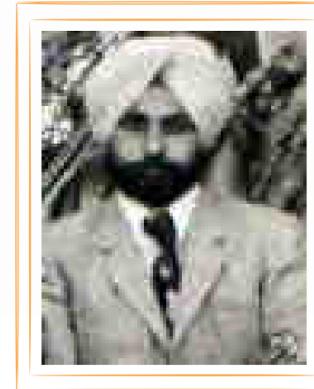
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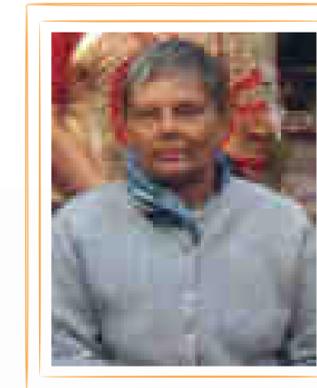
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Mr. AS Jawanda



Dr. Paul Swami



Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai



Mr. Sandeep Chhabra



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# School Bursars

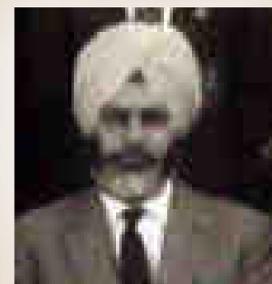
Over The Years



Mr. RN Sharma



Brig Gurbachan Singh



Mr. IDS Grewal

Maj JB Shahi



Mr. Harimohan Sharma



Col KD Datta



Mr. Vikram Singh

## The School Flag

The School Flag is made of the three House colours- Maroon, yellow and blue. While the maroon stands for zest and passion, yellow is a symbol of dignity and prestige and blue of peace, quietude and tranquillity.



# SCHOOL Captains

- 1948 - Indermit S Grewal
- 1949 - Krishan Lal
- 1950 – Krishan Sher Singh
- 1951- Harinder Singh Attari
- 1952 – Malinder Singh Sodhi
- 1953 – Adarsh Vir Anant
- 1954 – Bharpur Singh Kang
- 1955 – Harbans Singh Kalsi
- 1956 – Karaninder Singh Dhindsa  
and Manjit Singh Grewal
- 1957 – Manjit Singh Grewal
- 1958 – Manjit Singh Grewal
- 1959 – Surinderpal Singh Dhaliwal
- 1960 – Sukhdev Singh Brar
- 1961 – Nirmal Singh Sohi
- 1962 – Gurmeetpal Singh Sidhu
- 1963 – Baldev Singh Hundal and  
Swashpawan Singh
- 1964 – Swashpawan Singh and  
Gurshaminder Singh Gill
- 1965- Daljit Singh Grewal and Lokesh Kochhar
- 1966 – Sukhdev Singh Mann and  
Amarjit Singh Dhillon
- 1967 – Raminder Singh Sidhu

- 1968 – Charanjit Singh Sidhu
- 1969 – Paramjit Singh Bahia
- 1970 – Amarjit Singh Sagar and  
Jasjit Singh Grewal
- 1971 – Jaspal Singh Sekhon
- 1972 – Paramjit Singh Phulka
- 1973 – Reetmohinder Singh Boparai and  
Manjit Singh Dhillon
- 1974 – Tejinderpal Singh Sidhu and  
Raghuvinder Singh Randhawa
- 1975 – Prabhjeet Singh Dhillon
- 1976 – Prabhjeet Singh Dhillon
- 1977 – Harbans Singh Gill
- 1978 – Harbans Singh Gill
- 1979 – Brinder Singh Gill
- 1980– Sukhpinder Singh Grewal
- 1981 – Balwinder Singh Mavi
- 1982 – Surinder Singh Bandesha
- 1983 – R.K. John
- 1984 – Jaspal Singh Virk
- 1985 – Khagindra Sood
- 1986 – Roopa Muthiah
- 1987 – Iqbal Singh Sidhu
- 1988 – Amarjit Singh Dhot
- 1989 – Tirthankar Deka
- 1990 –Ramanjeet Singh Bedi and  
Bikramjit Singh Bhullar
- 1991- Jai Singh Dhillon

- 1992 – Satwinder Singh Dullet and  
Surat Singh
- 1993 – Raman Aggarwal
- 1994 – Mandeep Kooner
- 1995 – Ashish Jain
- 1996 – Gulzarinder Singh Chahal
- 1997 – Karanpreet Singh Kamboj
- 1998 – Gurpreet Singh Bains
- 1999- Jatin Arora
- 2000 – Varinderpal Singh Bhullar
- 2001 – Ankit Arora and Rupinder Singh Kang
- 2002 – Dharamveer Bajaj
- 2003 – Navpreet Singh Sidhu
- 2004 – Gagandeep Singh Dhaliwal
- 2005 – Dharampal Singh Dhaliwal
- 2006- Harshit Narang
- 2007 – Udaybir Singh Sandhu
- 2008 – Mohd. Saqib
- 2009- Arpit Sharma
- 2010 – Yogesh Jindal
- 2011- Raja Bhan Singh and  
Manikpreet Singh Sandhu
- 2012 – Arsh Bansal
- 2013 - Akshit Saini
- 2014 - Atal Dev Singh
- 2015 - Dharminder Singh Kaleka
- 2016 - Abhay Tipnis
- 2017 – Navraj Singh Brar

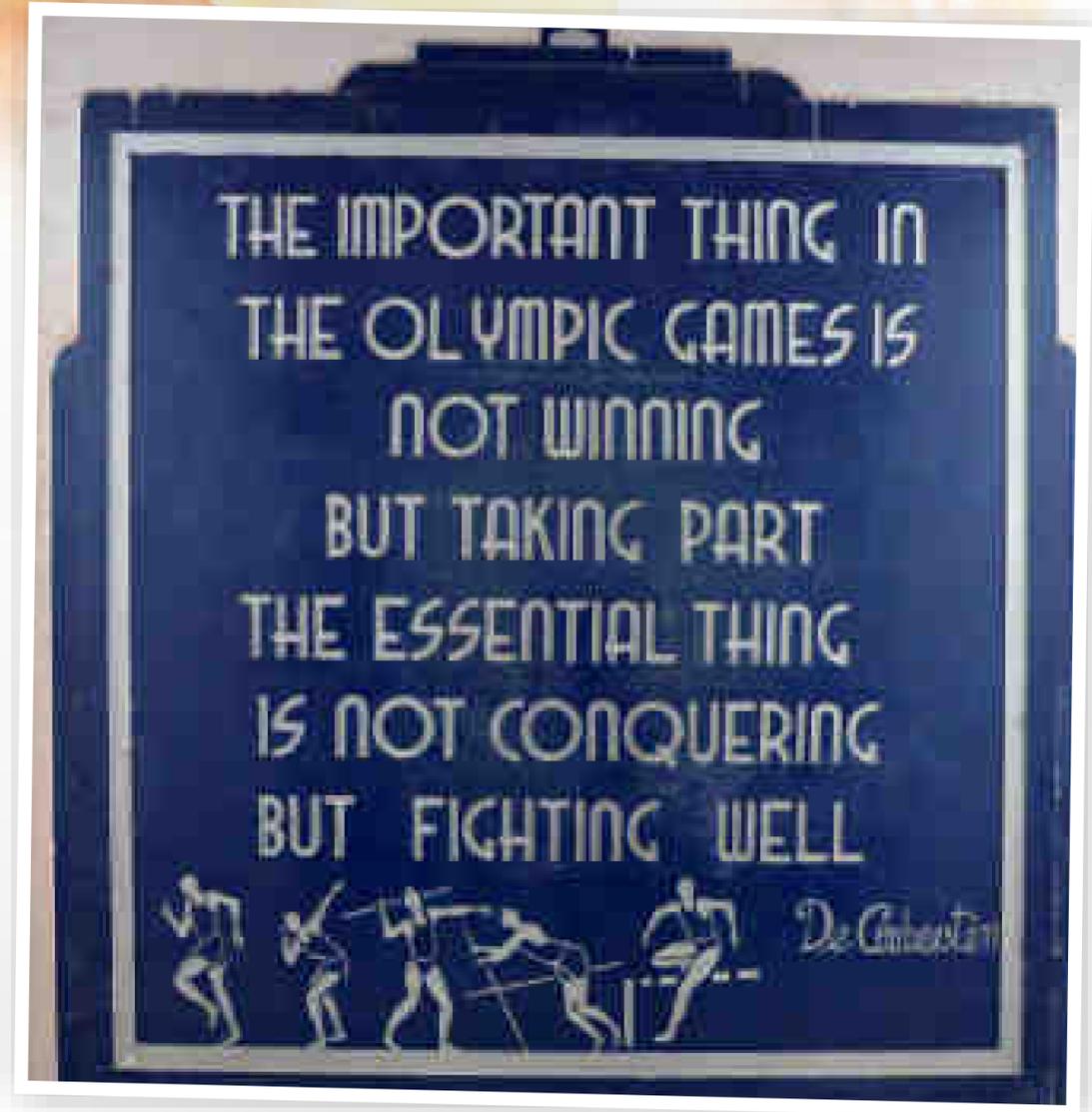


## School HEAD GIRLS

- 1987 – Vanita Sehgal
- 1988 – Maanic Shergill
- 1989 – Divya Jyoti
- 1990 – Anjanjeet Chahal
- 1991 – Gurpreet Kooner
- 1992 – Puneet Gill and  
Ravneet Kaur Chahal
- 1993 – Shruti Gupta
- 1994 – Aaecyna Sood
- 1995 – Anantbir Kaur Chinna
- 1996 – Radhika Khosla

- 1997 – Sumana Mangla
- 1998 – Pushap Preet Sidhu
- 1999 – Babanpreet Gambhir
- 2000 – Mallika Gupta
- 2001 – Sanamjit Bains
- 2002– Simran Kular
- 2003 – Megha Goyal
- 2004 – Hardeep Duggal
- 2005 – Sasha Dhaliwal
- 2006- Nilofer Ghuman
- 2007 – Kirandeep Kheva

- 2008 – Tanya Sidhu
- 2009 – Chinar Kad
- 2010 – Namisha Malik
- 2011 – Seerat Brar
- 2012 – Riya Singla
- 2013 – Vireet Randhawa and  
Jashanjit Kaur
- 2014 – Prabhleen Gurunay
- 2015 – Inayat Walia
- 2016 – Jasmeet Deol
- 2017 – Meher Mangat



# ‘WRITING ON ,

This legendary graffiti has inspired several generations of Yadavindrians. The quote is by Pierre de Coubertin, commonly known as the Father of the Modern Olympic Games



**Sitting L to R :** Mr. R.L. Chitkara, Mr. H.J. Gulatia, S.S. Harnam Singh, R.B. D. R. Kapila, Mr. H.N. Kashyap, Mr. M.K. Anand and Mrs. Kapur.  
**Standing L to R :** S. Harpal Singh, Mr. B.N. Tagore, Mr. A.S. Puri, B. Jaswant Singh, Mr. P.C. Jain and Mr. G.C. Soni.

## THE FIRST FACULTY

This picture is of the school faculty in its first year of inception, 1948



“Land of our birth, we pledge to thee  
 Our hands and toil in the years to be  
 When we are grown and take our place  
 As men and women with our race

Father in heaven who lovest all  
 O help thy children when they call  
 That they may build from age to age  
 An undefiled heritage

## The School SONG

The School Song has been evolved from the famous hymn 'Land of our Birth, We Pledge to Thee', by Rudyard Kipling. This poem is the concluding poem in Rudyard Kipling's 'Puck of Pook's Hill' (1906), and is dedicated to the Motherland. The hymn was adapted into the School Song wherein the first two stanzas were retained and the last three replaced with new ones. The song was officially included into the School Service Book and released in the year 2008.



Serenade we of ages, all gladly rolled  
 Harbingers of a legacy rich and bold  
 Serenade we the years still unborn  
 And distinguished lines of alumni gone

We sing of our school our fathers begun  
 Where every crested bosom a Yadavindrian  
 A motto we wear with unrestrained glee  
 Of knowledge and valour through humility

In the large lushness of these grounds wide  
 Where grit rules fair by reason's side  
 Grow we to glory the school we lovest  
 And pray may it lay forever blest“



**-Mr. Rajan Kashyap**, alumnus and former member, YPS Board of Governors, traces the history of YPS, Patiala, and its relation with its close kin, YPS, Mohali in this eloquently written article



## A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

A generation separates them. The one, born by Caesarian section, suddenly torn asunder from the mother institution in the city of Lahore, migrating across a new international border to enter an unprepared home in Patiala. The second, a progeny of the first, emerging 30 years later in Mohali, a spanking new planned city, eager and ready to receive it.

It is the year 1948 as Yadavindra Public School arrives in the unlikely surroundings of Patiala. Here is a princely state of, undoubtedly, great charm and proud lineage. The gracious Prince himself endows the new born institution literally with what Shakespeare might term as “a local habitation and a name”. The entire campus, including the only sports stadium in the region, is a gift from the young Maharaja Yadavindra Singh. In the wake of the trauma of partition of the country, this raw new institution faces a challenge. Starting from scratch, it aims to move to the big league of public schools of India.

Conceived in Patiala, the second school has an equally fortuitous, but comparatively sedate delivery in Mohali. In its early years, as YPS struggles to define its identity, it continues to consider Patiala town as purely a temporary abode. Recalling its origins in Lahore, capital city of undivided Punjab, the school waits for the Indian Punjab to set up its own capital, for that, it feels, is where a premier institution like YPS belongs. It is speculated that Patiala itself would be selected as state capital. The school searches for a larger domain befitting its grand vision of an ideal public school. An area of land measuring 120 acres near Bahadurgarh fort is quickly identified and acquired. This verdant green patch rests appropriately in the lap of nature. These are the early 1950s. The denizen schoolboys at Patiala, including myself, have

heard only vaguely about certain plans for the new YPS. Meanwhile, the school itself has already struck strong roots in its current settlement in the city of Patiala. Almost overnight, three fully functional boarding houses with expansive halls appear. Extensive playgrounds witness hectic sporting activity. As for academics and classes, the numerous chambers in the stadium seem to do very nicely, thank you. Entrenched they have become, the students and staff alike. They belong now to YPS in old Patiala.

What then of the dream school in Bahadurgarh? The green estate is maintained, “temporarily”, as an orchard, awaiting its eventual disposition. Young Yadavindrians enjoy the privilege of a periodical picnic in that wide open space, just 10 kilometers distant. Having been myself a member of several parties of students who travelled on bicycle to the precincts in Bahadurgarh, I recall the simple pleasures of one such ride and, no less, of the meal that followed. Laden with hampers of goodies delicately balanced on the carrier rests of our dilapidated machines, many of us were tempted to youthful horseplay right on the main road. We rode the Patiala - Rajpura highway, blissfully unaware of the rules of traffic, and oblivious to the curses of passing motorists. An hour of cycling had whetted our ravenous appetite. No surprise then that all the food, so laboriously packed in the kitchen, vanished in a trice. Holding little hope, we begged, like the famous Oliver Twist, for more, knowing full well that all the packets had been successfully consumed. Imagine our delight when, for dessert, we were invited to pick oranges and “malas” (it would be mangoes during the next summer season) straight from the trees in the orchard. Some of the boys even made bold to cut across the boundary of the school land to steal fruit from the neighbours' farm. This petty

larceny caused unexpected consternation. It dawned upon the young culprits that the adjoining farm belonged to the Founder Patron of YPS, the Maharaja of Patiala himself.

But to return to history. Even as the vision of a brand new campus for YPS Patiala would never be realized, the land acquired for the purpose turned out to be a wise investment. The value of this real estate rose with time. The government by this time had decided that the capital of Punjab would be Chandigarh, and not Patiala. A debate raged. What better option, it was reasoned by some, than to create YPS next to the new state capital? An opposing group, wedded to the promotion of a single institution, stoutly resisted any move from Patiala. Why disrupt a vibrant centre of learning, they argued, no matter how attractive the new venue? The venerable Board of Governors hit on a solution that has turned on its head the wisdom of King Solomon's famous judgment in the story in the Bible. When two women pleaded for custody of a child, each claiming it as her own, the King is said to have ordered the child to be physically dismembered into two, provoking the real mother to accept the loss, rather than the death, of her child. In similar vein, YPS negotiated with the state government for exchanging the site at Bahadurgarh for one in the new estate of Mohali, and thus created two schools from the body of one. Since its inception in 1979 YPS Mohali is a thriving legacy of the arrangement, even as YPS Patiala is intact.

Depiction of the logistics of the seeding process over, I must now try to describe how these two plants grew over the years. I admit that my perceptions are scarcely objective. In so far as these institutions are concerned, I do not, in the words of the English poet Mathew Arnold “see life steadily”, nor do I “see it whole”. YPS, Patiala, I can project only through the eyes of a pupil during his years from



childhood to adolescence to early youth. I write here not what the young scholar saw, but what he imagined he saw. In appraising the second school in Mohali, I display an even greater lack of objectivity. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, my view point, that of an adult, is once removed from the reality that a child-participant would directly experience. Furthermore, as a serving Governor on a Board, responsible for policy, my responses are inevitably clouded by a fierce loyalty to the school. Even so, I shall attempt to capture these passing years truthfully.

The tenure of Patiala's first Headmaster, Dhani Ram Kapila was, sadly, cut short by his early

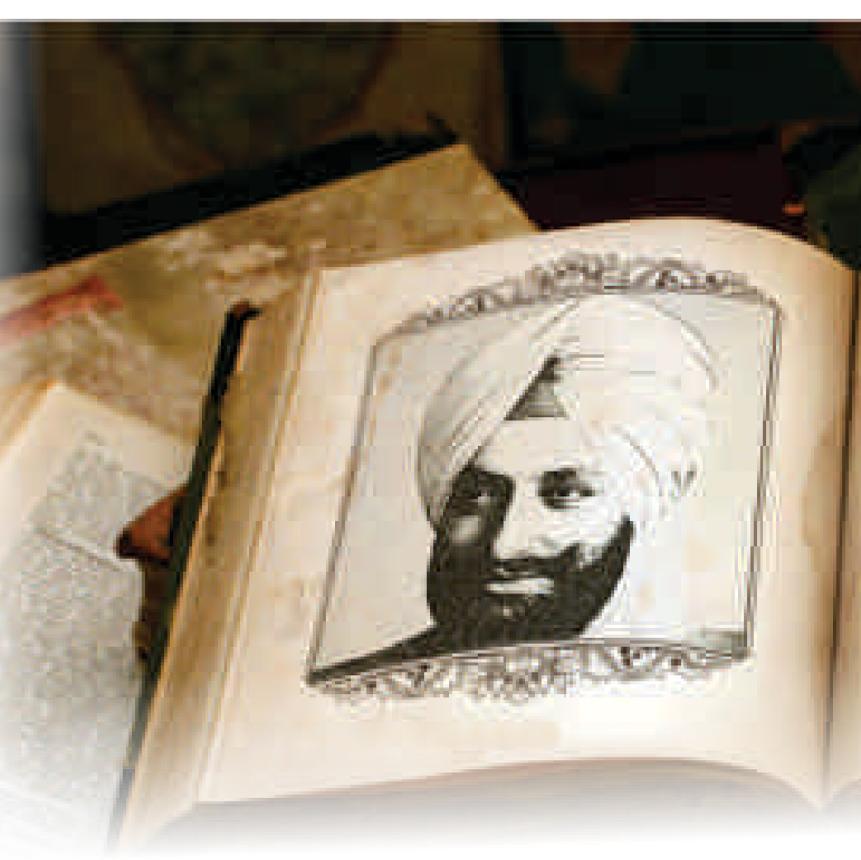
demise. He it was that launched the school media res, as it were, preparing the first batch of just three boys, for the Senior Cambridge examination 1949. They included Sewinder Singh Sodhi (Sewi), later a distinguished jurist and Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court. Sewi recalls that most of the students admitted in various classes in the year 1948 were migrants from Aitchison College, Lahore. Their studies interrupted by the happenings of 1947, it was decided to accommodate all the aspirants by starting classes at all levels simultaneously. This was an ambitious move. YPS began as exclusively a boarding school, with 35 boys in a single

makeshift hostel. By the time I was to enter YPS in 1953, the number had swelled to around 200, a few of them day boarders. Lt. Col (Retd.) F.A. Von Goldstein, the Headmaster, aimed to impose iron discipline along with the traditional values of an English public school. The emphasis on sports and hobbies, smart physical turnout, competition and camaraderie matched the attention to books and studies. Games being compulsory, received high priority, the Headmaster himself playing regularly with the senior most groups. There was great enthusiasm for inter-house matches in hockey and football. Occasional matches with teams from other reputed public schools of the

region, Bishop Cotton School, Simla, Lawrence School, Sanawar, and the Doon School, Dehra Dun, saw YPS frequently triumphant in hockey and football, but invariably receiving a thrashing in cricket.

Each class being small, with barely 15 to 20 pupils, supervision was close and effective. The teachers may not have been brilliant academicians, but they more than compensated in dedication to their task. For senior classes, there were class tests every other day. The Headmaster himself taught English, History and Geography, meticulously evaluating every single workbook. I don't think we were subjected to excessive pressure to perform. Rigorous upper limits were applied even to self-study. 'Prep' as they called it, was for a fixed two hours daily ending every night at 9.40 p.m. The habits of those formative years often last a life time – I for one keep dozing off punctually at 9.45 p.m. even 55 years later. Old-fashioned systems of slow and steady application obviated the need of desperate last minute revision or late night crisis management for exams. Private tuition was unheard of. Most of us just “sailed through” the examination tension free, securing modest second class grades. For that comparatively uncompetitive generation, the basic scholarship, along with some athletic skills, imbibed in a carefree environment opened the doors to careers in the armed forces, the professions and the civil services. In retrospect, the school seemed to have worked with effortless ease in preparing its pupils to face the coming challenges in life. This, then, was YPS of the 1950s, an institution in step with its time, unhurried, laid back but quietly confident.

The school at Mohali found itself bred and nurtured in a totally different era. The 1980s, and more so the 1990s, were part of a resurgent India, fiercely competitive in the economic field, oriented to science and technology, and globally linked. The youth have become conscious of their rights, and alive to fresh opportunities. The environment in the new school reflects the changing times. The teachers are younger than their predecessors of the last generation, more specialized in their training and skills, more open to ideas and systems. At the same time, they are upwardly mobile for their career advancement. Long term association of teachers with particular schools is no longer expected. Even as the school struggles to attract the best teachers, the students grapple with their own career graphs when still at school. Ambitions are high, and pressure for performance high. Academic excellence has now become the prime goal. In our days we were satisfied if one or two from a full class secured a first division. The Head today is dismayed today if the number of second divisioners exceeds four or five. (All the rest must be first class). Career prospects determine choice of subjects. Should I go for the commerce stream or biology or maths? The decision is not based on



aptitudes, but on market forces. Reading for fun is out. Careful planning is needed to secure the smallest credits. As with academics, goals are set for sportsmen. On the playground, YPS faces upstart rival teams coached by professionals. The media lauds every significant achievement and debunks every lapse. The school is perpetually engaged in an image building exercise. The boys today face a challenge that the previous generation never did. Girls! Many girls excel not merely in the conventional subjects, maths, science, the humanities and languages, but even at computers. All in all, it's a tough world for the child of today, amid cut throat rivalry fuelled by passionate ambition.

Truly, the wheel has come full circle. The two plants, now fully grown, are almost indistinguishable, one from the other. Undoubtedly, it is the common genes that are responsible. What separates the two is merely a distance of sixty kilometers.

What must they do now, to stimulate, to make learning pleasurable, to prepare their wards for the rough and tumble of life? It was Aristotle who wrote, 2500 years ago, “Whereas a rattle is a suitable occupation for infant children, education serves as a rattle for young people when older”. Which of the two schools will provide the better rattle? The jury is out!



...In Conversation

## WITH MR. AS JAWANDA,

Former Student, Staff Member  
and Principal of YPS, Patiala.



**Q. How was it holding all these prolific mantles, sir and what was the progression like?**

A. I joined YPS as a seven year old in 1948-the year this school was established. A few years after my Masters in Geography I was back in YPS, later on worked as Housemaster for some time and went on to be appointed as the as the Vice Principal and, finally, served the institution as the Principal. While in school, I played most of the games and tried to enforce discipline. When I became the Principal, I felt that there is a lot of pressure being in that highly demanding position.

**Q. What are your earliest memories of the school ?**

A. I have fond memories of the school. Our first Headmaster, Rai Bahadur Dhaniram Kapila was like a father figure. After him when Col Frank Von Goldstein joined as the Headmaster, we all were over-awed by his personality—initially we had difficulty in comprehending his language or the way he spoke.

We had a very dedicated staff, The school kept us really busy, being primarily residential, and offered us so much that we seldom missed home.

**Q. How have you seen the school changing / evolving over the years, sir?**

A. The school has changed a lot over the years in both a positive and negative way. The positive aspect is quite visible. The school has amazing buildings now and then there is definitely a lot of

discipline. The negative side is that the boarding houses are not as full as they were earlier. The parents who live in the urban areas do not tend to send the children to the boarding.

In our times, of, course, we had no cell phones. We would spend most of our time in pursuing outdoor activities. But these days, the children are glued to the cell phones, tablets, computer screens. The world has become more competitive now.

**Q. We know that after your son, now your grandchildren are studying at YPS. How do you find their grooming at school?**

A. Well, frankly I try not to visit the school when they are around. They are fortunately being looked after well both at home and school. The times are such that there are educated and focused mothers. Yet on the flip side, competition at a tender age peppered with constant comparisons with others makes life a little stressful for these tiny tots. Both my grandchildren are voracious readers. Apart from that, they are very confident and smart. The school has a major role to play in modelling their personalities.

**Q. What according to you is the biggest strength of YPS Patiala?**

A. YPS has many strengths, The Royal family

has provided this excellently laid-out infrastructure. The building is massive and majestic.

I remember requesting Raj Mata Sahiba once, whilst she was visiting the school for funds in order to make the school better equipped in infrastructural facilities. The humble request immediately nestled the idea of new classrooms and we had a block added.

The big playgrounds and the lush greenery makes YPS very apt for a child's overall growth.

YPS can easily boast of offering the best food in its Mess. This, too, is a great asset of a Boarding School.

The work culture of YPS deserves a compliment. It becomes a second home to all those who choose to serve it.

**Q. Where do you see YPS fifty years from now?**

YPS has always been a force to reckon with. It is counted among the leading schools of North India. In terms of competence, it is equivalent to any good school in Europe and England too.

YPS has produced some of the most popular and powerful alumni. Today the Yadavindrians are carving a place of eminence in all fields vis a vis politics, police, army, medicine, engineering, sports and cinema.

In 50 years, I visualize YPS Patiala at the zenith of education!



### — Lost Legacy —

A life-size brick and mortar replica of INS Patiala, an iconic ship, stood at the place where the school swimming pool is at present. The ship was fully equipped with large guns, small boats, engine rooms, cabins with bunk beds, kitchen, pantry, dining room, washrooms, etc.

# From The Visitors Book



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, first President of independent India

*Rajendra Prasad*

Dr. Zakir Hussain, President of India

*ذکیر حسین*



Giani Zail Singh, President of India

*Zail Singh*



Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, Chief of the Army Staff and legendary war hero

*Sam Manekshaw*

Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit, Indian diplomat and politician

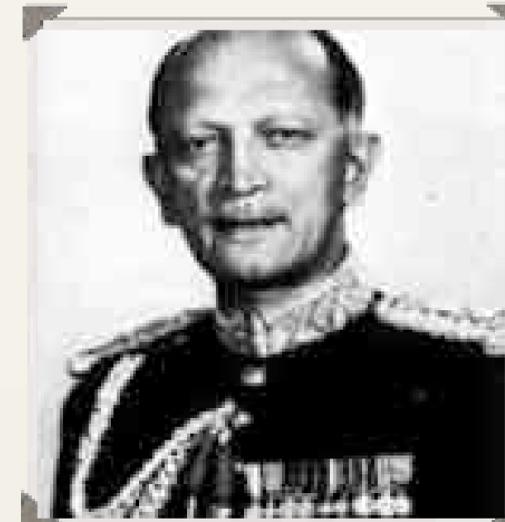
*Vijayalakshmi Pandit*

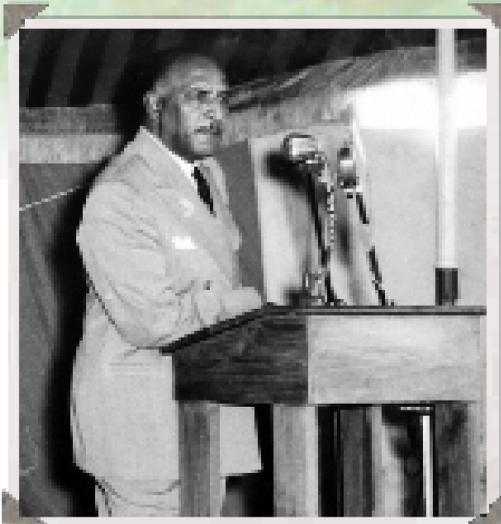


“ I thank you very much for having given me the opportunity of visiting your "young" School. Once again may I congratulate you on the excellent results you have achieved in so short a time. You are very fortunate indeed in having His Highness the Maharajadhiraj as your ruler because of his broad and sympathetic outlook in regard to the bringing up of the youth of the country. ”

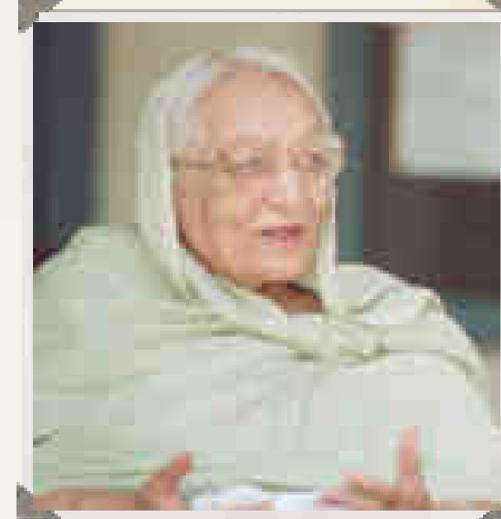
Field Marshall KM Cariappa, the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army

*KM Cariappa*





General A. Thimaya, Chief of the Army Staff and distinguished soldier



“ I am very happy to inaugurate the residential quarters and the new class rooms. ”

Rajmata Mohinder Kaur was a member of the Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala and wife of His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh. She served as Chairperson of the YPS Board of Governors.

Mr. IK Gujral, a leading politician and former Prime Minister of India



“ I have been greatly impressed by the facilities created here- the boarding house, the dining hall etc. ”

His Highness Maharaja Amarinder Singh is the present Head of the Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala and the School Patron. He is also the current Chief Minister of Punjab.

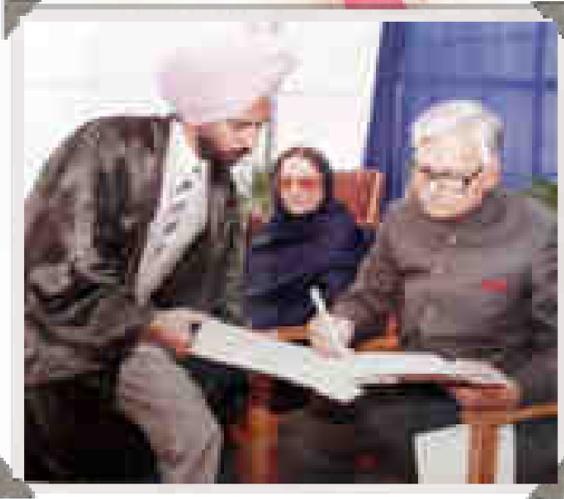


Marshall of the Indian Air Force, Arjan Singh



“ Very happy to be here ”

Maharani Preneet Kaur is a member of the Phulkian Dynasty of Patiala. She is a former Union Minister and a member of the YPS Board of Governors.



**Kunwar Natwar Singh, former  
Union Cabinet Minister and  
senior Congress leader**

*K. Natwar Singh*

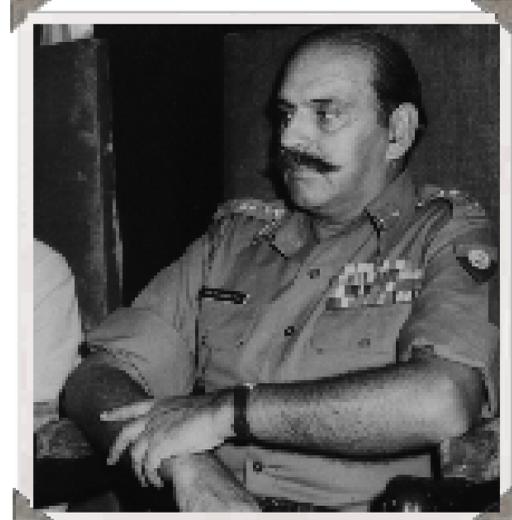


**Mr. TN Chatruvedi , former IAS Officer,  
Governor of Karnataka and Comptroller and  
Auditor General of India**

*T. N. Chatruvedi*

**General OP Malhotra, Chief of the Indian Army Staff**

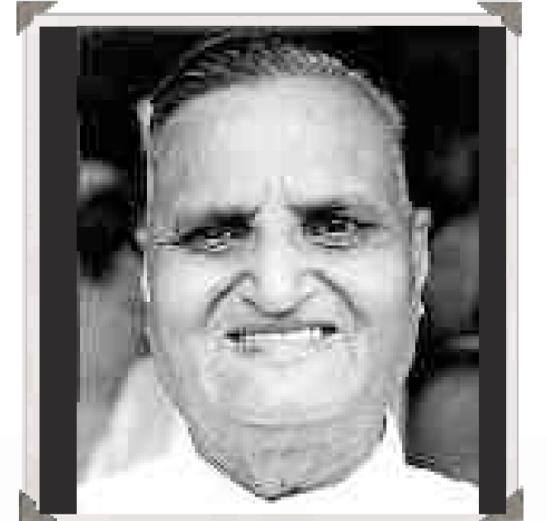
*OP Malhotra*



“ An excellent institution. The students were very smart, active and intelligent which affects on the work of the Principal and the members of the staff. ”

**Mr. Jaisukhlal Hathi, Governor of Punjab  
and Union Minister**

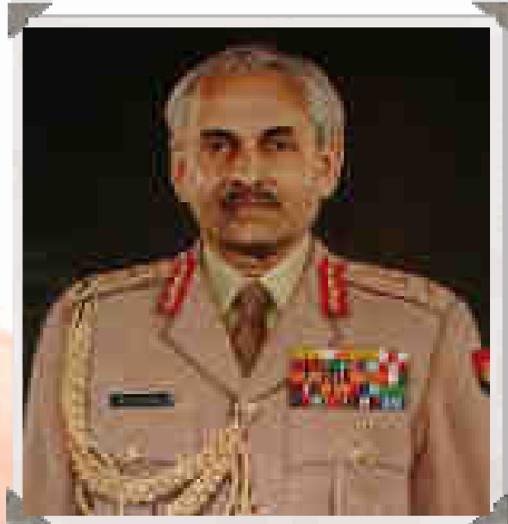
*J. Hathi*



“ An excellent visit to an institution renowned for its traditional excellence. Good luck to YPS. ”

**General Shankar Roy Chaudhary, Chief of the Army Staff**

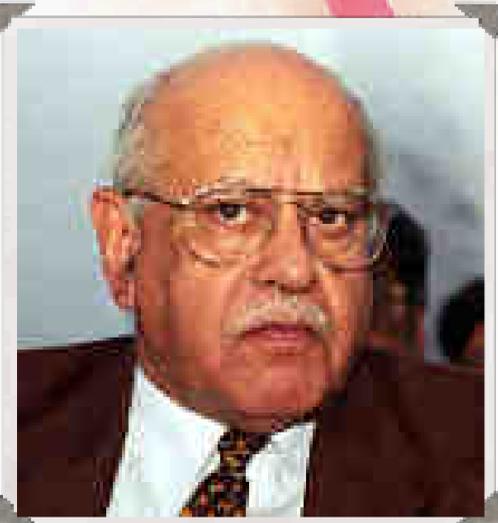
*Shankar Roy Chaudhary*



**Gen AS Vaidya, Indian Army Chief**

*AS VAIDYA*

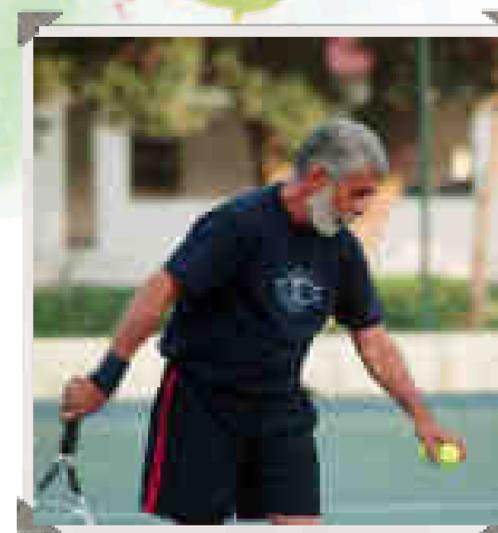




“ Much impressed and reassured that the future is safe with such good teachers and willing students who wish to learn all the right values of life. ”

Mr. A S Anand, Chief Justice of India

A. S. Anand



Mr. Naseerudin Shah, veteran actor

Naseerudin Shah

“ Happy to visit the school, and see that it is doing very well in every respect. I wish it all the best. ”

Mr. Shivraj Patil, Union Home Minister and Governor of Punjab

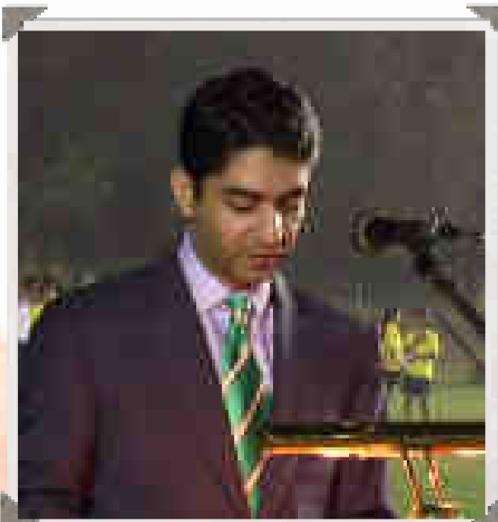
Shivraj Patil



“ I consider myself fortunate to visit Y.P.S. which is one of the best in the country. It is my dream come true. ”

Mr. Om Puri, Bollywood personality

Om Puri



“ A special day for me to be Chief Guest at the Sports Day of your school. Thank you for the honour ”

Mr. Abhinav Bindra, renowned shooter and a gold medallist in the Olympic Games -2008

Abhinav Bindra



“ Thank you for your generosity by allowing us the use of your prestigious premises. ”

Mr. Farhan Akhtar, Bollywood personality

Farhan Akhtar

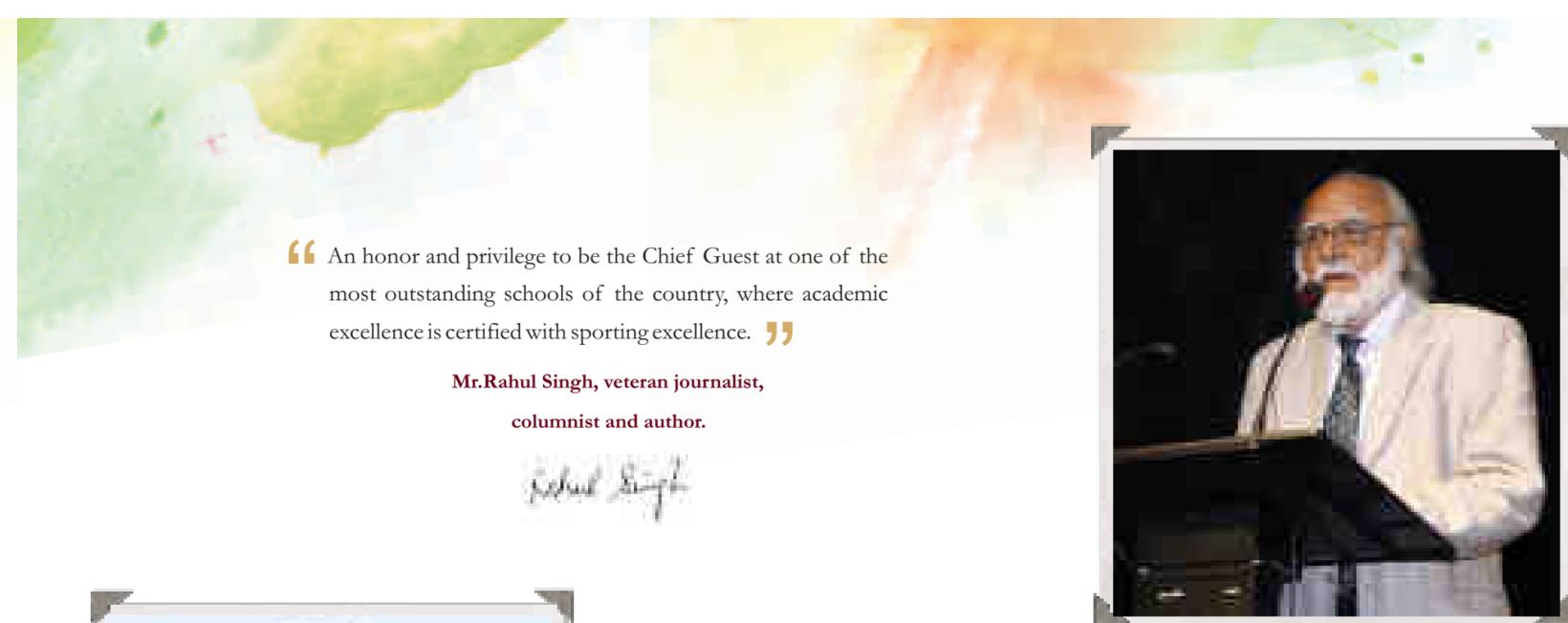


“ A proud privilege to be at YPS, Patiala, as the Chief Guest. Wishing this great institution success in all its endeavours.

All the best and God bless! ”

**General Bikram Singh, Chief of the Army Staff**

*Gen. Bikram Singh*



“ An honor and privilege to be the Chief Guest at one of the most outstanding schools of the country, where academic excellence is certified with sporting excellence. ”

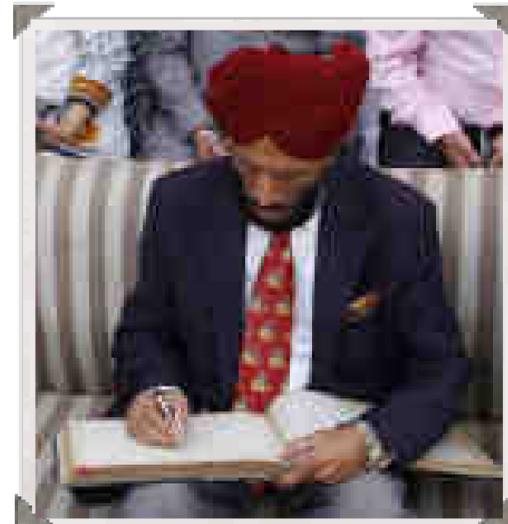
**Mr. Rahul Singh, veteran journalist, columnist and author.**

*Rahul Singh*

“ With honour and best wishes. ”

**Mr. Milkha Singh, Athletic legend**

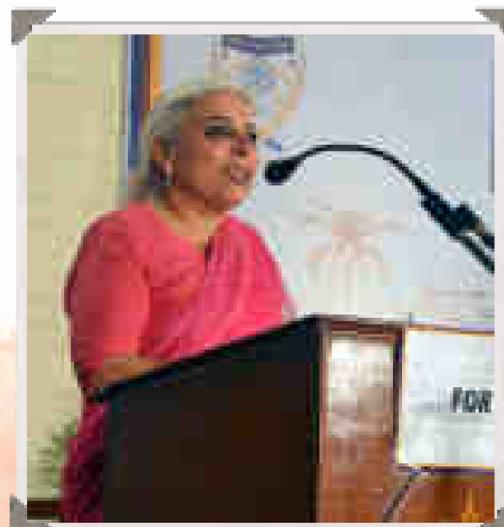
*Milkha Singh*



“ A great pleasure to participate in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Congratulations!! ”

**Dr. Karan Singh, Indian politician, philanthropist, poet and member of the Royal Family of Jammu and Kashmir**

*Karan Singh*



“ Been a pleasure to bring a 45 year old nostalgia back to YPS Patiala. The playing fields and classrooms of YPS is where I learnt my most abiding lessons. And I do hope the school grows from strength to strength. ”

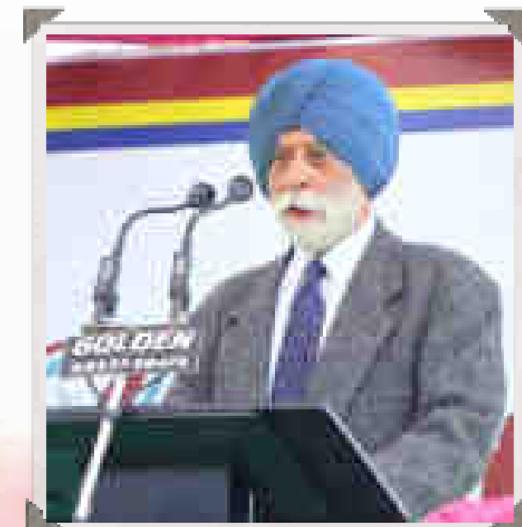
**Mrs. Neel Kamal Puri, eminent educationist and author.**

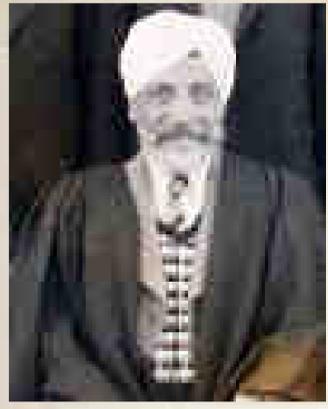
*Neel Kamal Puri*

“ Thank you for an unforgettable experience ”

**Brigadier Sukhjeet Singh, member of the Royal family of Kapurthala**

*Sukhjeet Singh*





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## The First of YPS

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 The first Vice –Principal -           | Mr. Harnam Singh           |
| 2 The first Bursar -                    | Mr. RN Sharma              |
| 3 The first Head of the Junior School - | Mr. MK Anand               |
| 4 The first Prep Wing Incharge -        | Mrs. Janak Sehgal          |
| 5 The first Sports' Incharge -          | Mr. Harpal Singh           |
| 6 The first student on school rolls -   | Col Harinder Singh Attari  |
| 7 The first OY on the School Staff -    | Mr. Inderdhir Singh Grewal |

The first School Captain-

Indermeet Singh Grewal

The first Head Girl-

Gurinder Kaur Sidhu

The first Girl Recipient of the Yadavindra Gold Medal-

Neel Kamal Puri

The first Recipient of the Nalagarh Gold Medal-

Surinder Singh Sodhi (1949)

The first Recipient of the Majithia Gold Medal-

Gurbaksh Singh Virk (1953)

The first Recipient of the Dhaliwal Silver Medal -

Nirmal Singh Sohi

The first Recipient of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Trophy

Adarshveer Anand

(Instituted in 1951, but awarded a year later)-

Harinder Singh Attari

The first Recipient of the Carriapa Art Shield -

The first Recipient of the Yadavindra Athletic Trophy -

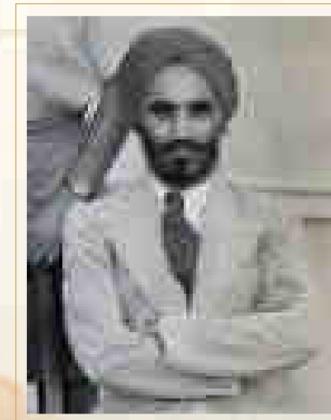
Onkar Narayan Singh (1949)

The first Recipient of the Nalagarh Cricket Trophy-

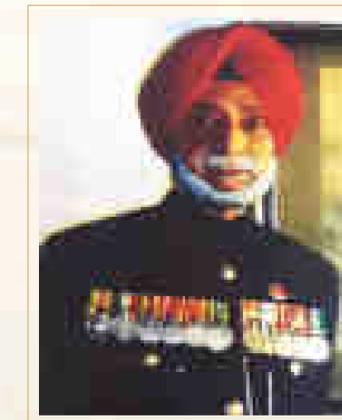
Krishan Sher Singh (1950)

The first Recipient of the 1st Armoured Division Trophy -

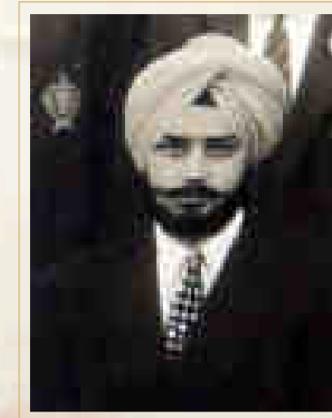
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# HOUSE

## HISTORIES

### MOHINDRA HOUSE

Mohindra House holds the distinction of being the first house of the school, established in 1949. The House was named after Her Highness Maharani Mohinder Kaur of Patiala, who later became the Chairperson of the School Board of Governors. The first House Master was Mr. H.N Kashyap and the House's initial strength was fifty boys.

Mohindra House has done splendidly well over the years, winning the coveted Cock House Cup 19 times and being the Champion House consecutively from 1970 to 1977.

Through the years, Mohindra House has produced high caliber athletes, accomplished sportsmen, excellent actors and artists, and able debaters.

### DHANIRAM HOUSE

Dhani Ram House was instituted in the year 1950 and named after the Founder-Headmaster of YPS, Rai Bahadur Dhani Ram Kapila. Mr. HL Gulati was the first House Master and Mrs. J. Dawson the first House Mistress.

In the beginning, the Junior boys of the newly-formed DRH stayed in the Mohindra House building for a short time, while the senior boys were shifted into DRH.

Dhanians too, just like the Mohindrians, have proved their mettle in studies, sports and other school activities. Dhaniram House holds the feat of winning the Study Cup for the maximum number of times. The House has also won the Cock House a number of times.

DRH continues to excel in games and sports, having won the Cock House Cup recently, in 2017 too.

### PHULKIAN HOUSE

In the August of 1953, the last of the three Houses in the school came up and was called the Headmaster's House. The housemasters of this new House were the incumbent heads of the school (though the practice was discontinued after a few years). Thus, the first House master was the then Headmaster, Col Frank Von Goldstein, assisted by senior teacher, Mr. Mendonza.

In the beginning, all the day scholars studying in the school were attached to this house.

The House, interestingly, earned the reputation of being called as the 'The Pampered Baby of the School', and, thus, in 1962, the House's name was changed to Phulkian House, after the royal dynasty of Patiala.

The Phulkians have been doing exceedingly well in all fields, studies, co-curricular and sports activities. Phulkian House holds the feat of having won the Cock House Cup the maximum number of and the Dramatics Cup again a number of times.





## THE AMPHITHEATRE

Amphitheatre is one of the important landmarks on the campus and holds a special place in the hearts of all the Yadavindrians. It is a part of the Junior School building and most students grow up playing in or running up and down its steps. Built on the lines of the ancient Greek and Roman amphitheatres, it is the venue for most of the school functions - from the Junior School Entertainment Programme to the annual Goldstein English Debate.



## THE SCHOOL CLOCK TOWER

The clock tower, undoubtedly, is one of the most noticeable features of the school. The school stadium would, perhaps, seem incomplete without this towering presence. It stands atop a flight of steps overlooking the stadium and though, without a clock for a while now we, the students, learn a lot about standing the test of time from it.

## PREP SCHOOL SWING AREA

“So was I once myself a swinger of birches and so I dream of going back to be”-Robert Frost

The Prep School swings area is one of the favourite haunts of the Yadavindrians. Even when they grow up, and move to the senior classes, they visit this area to relive their childhood.

“Swing me like summer, swing me through fall,

I promise I will never get tired of that all”.

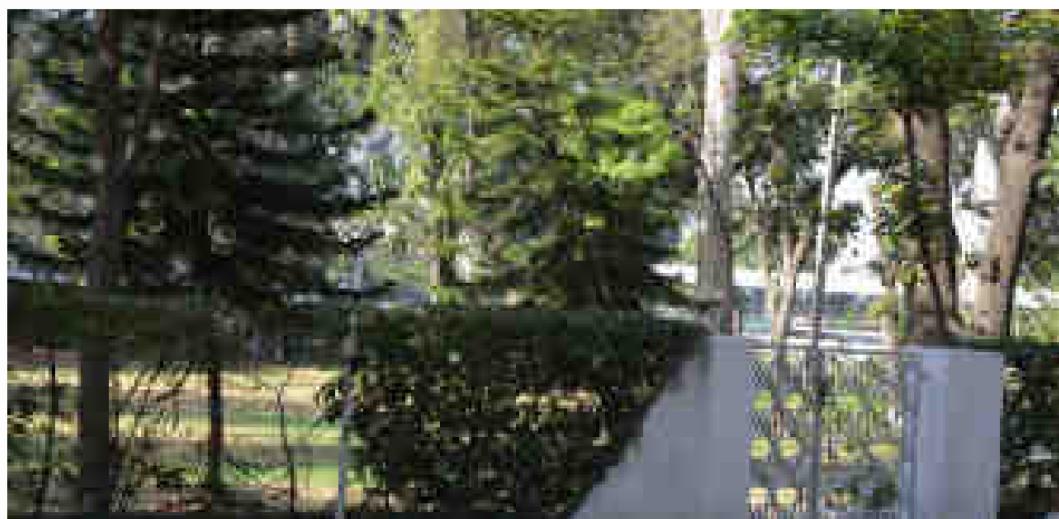
-Samaira  
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## Favourite School Spots -

### THE SCHOOL NALAGARH PARK

The Nalagarh Park is one of the most picturesque places on the school campus. The park is named after the Raja Sahib of Nalagarh, Raja Sahib was a man who held a deep passion for all the beautiful things in nature, especially flowers and plants.

The garden has been nurtured by numerous 'Maali jis' and one name that stands out is of 'Daroga ji,' Head Gardener, who was extremely passionate and held his work in high esteem.



# “BLACKBOARD, THOU TOO HAVE CHANGED !”

Blackboards actually need no definition. Blackboards are, widely, regarded as one of the most revolutionary educational tools. But not many of us know that it all began in 1801 in a school in Scotland when James Pillans, Headmaster of Old High School in Edinburgh invented the modern blackboard.



Every student is familiar with a blackboard. A child's tryst with a blackboard starts as soon as he or she steps into a classroom. A blackboard is a reusable writing surface on which text and drawings are made, using a chalk.

Blackboards though in recent times, are losing their importance due to the popularity of the green boards, then the white boards and now in the modern times, smart boards. Smart boards are digital boards on which we are able to display videos or images using a projector. They have advantages over conventional boards as they prevent chalk dust contamination and save time and energy.

YPS has also made successful transition from the traditional boards to the digital smart boards, which are being used in all classes now.

But then, who knows, when a new substitute for smart and white boards may find a way into our classrooms !!!



Till not many years ago, the outermost boundary of the school building was covered with swathes of the colourful Bougainvillea. Now, of course, with the changing times, the fencing has been modified to make it more impregnable and impenetrable. But those Bougainvillea years still live with us!

## The Bougainvillea YEARS



### ROLICKING RIDES!

The days were of sheer joy and fun when students would cycle to the school in overwhelming numbers and the cycle stand used to be a bustling place!



# GAINING GROUNDS !

**“In the large lushness, of these grounds wide,  
Where grit rules fair by reason's side”**

These words echo in my ears whenever I take a stroll down the alleys and roads of YPS. The trees bow down low, forming a canopy that seems to usher us all not into just a school campus, but a realm, where there is a fine balance between academia, nature and sports.

YPS can proudly boast of sprawling grounds that add to the grandeur of the institution. The school provides budding sportsmen with state-of-the-art stadium, grounds, rings, and courts.

YPS has been the pioneer in providing its students with not just the best of academics, but also a prominent platform to try their mettle in sports. It was one of the few schools of this part of the country to get a stadium of its own. The stadium can be used any time of the day, in all seasons.

The school also has ultramodern day and night synthetic tennis courts. The alumni walk through the school and marvel at how the school has developed and evolved. But then, change is the only constant! And so it happened that what once used to be grounds for the founder's day fete are now the school tennis courts!! The school “sports” separate basketball courts and hockey grounds for boys and girls. There is also a very well equipped arena for equestrian sports as well. The spectators watch in mute admiration as the riders, astride their horses, trot about in full glory...

Well, I am NOT going to commit the “sacrilegious” crime of leaving out the GENTLEMAN's GAME: Cricket!! The school has produced many famous cricketers, who have gained acclaim internationally. These sons of the soil (or rather, PITCH!) have done the school proud. The school provides cricketers with the most well maintained cricket grounds, by school standards, and has two grounds; one for the seniors, and the other for the juniors.

The rich biodiversity in the school campus are a nature lover's treat, and YPS, I believe, produces not just many greats in sports, but also is a favourite with nature!!

**Sehajbir Singh Uppal  
OY, ISC : 2013**



**Ms. Neel Kamal Puri, alumna and eminent educationist and author, recalls her years at YPS, her Headmaster, her teachers and, above all, her life in a then pre-dominantly boys' school**

## GIRLS IN A BOYS' WORLD!

Yadavindra Public School in Patiala turned 70 on February 2, 2018. Not being far behind in years, we, the institution and I, share memories of those days when it was young and so was I, and it was turning coeducational from a dyed in the wool all boys, boisterous, belligerent, sporty school. Whilst YPS was finding its female feet, we girls, only thirty in number were equally lost in that very very male world.

In fact, I ended up becoming one of the thirty quite by default. My parents had visions of sending me to one of those all girls, up in the hills, English speaking, elite schools and they had secured admission for me. But since the session was to open after winter abated, the then Principal, Mr. H.N. Kashyap convinced them that I could make better use of my time attending classes in YPS in the interim. "She can always leave when the

time comes," he told my father.

Mr. Kashyap, a short man of square build, with stubby fingers to match, was the antithesis to the founder of the school, Maharaja Yadavinder Singh, who was exceptionally tall and handsome. Together they were referred to as the long and short of YPS in the school bulletin that featured them

walking down the race track in the school stadium.

But when Mr. Kashyap taught, he was no longer only five feet five. He would sail away into the sky as he recited Shelley's nightingale or became as tall as Anthony when he rebuked his audiences for treachery against Julius Caesar. What he taught, got committed to memory and I refused to leave YPS when schools reopened in the hills. And on a more facetious note, why would I leave for an all girls school when I was in clover now, being the only girl in my class?

However, it was hard work surviving as part of a rather emaciated minority. We were tentative about walking down the corridor alone. Our ears were always trying to shut out those whistles and the not so pleasant remarks. But we not only had to walk the corridor, but also had to make our way to Phulkian House, one of the three hostels that housed the wolves that whistled from behind dark meshes, where all of us thirty girls were served lunch along with the boys of that hostel. And talking to boys, or worse still, fitting into the now archaic description of boyfriend-girlfriend was certain to send our reputation into the nine concentric circles of hell.

Of course, in many ways it was also easier for us girls. It was the boys who had to work twice as hard to prove themselves to be half as good. We earned our kudos quite easily. Plays offered female parts, debates offered female participation, the sports field offered events for women. And all this largesse had to be divided between so few of us.

The presence of girls, however, did kick start a process of osmosis wherein we began to practice the 'male' qualities of confidence and self-assertion and the boys began to learn the more gentle traits of courtesy and civilized interaction. Feminists label that as the concept of 'Ardhnareshwar', a blend of the male and female principle in a human being. Needless to say that it was a very slow process and with our limited vision at the age of sixteen in the seventies, we did not see it happening.

But it did happen.

In a sense I carried away that happy mix within me too. From a shy, retiring person who was silent and

invisible, I learnt to state my case. It was, what writer Anais Nin describes as the "unveiling of women", the unveiling of thoughts and the unveiling of feelings. And finally to arrive at Peter Sellers' state of being in 'The Party' where "we don't think who we are, we know who we are." Or, as the black man says in Ralph Ellison's 'The Invisible Man', "I yam what I yam", even as he bites into a yam.

It would be interesting to learn that the year I got the gold medal, there was a huge argument amongst the Board members because I was the first girl to be receiving the medal and that really was the problem before the Board. It had so far been an all- boys school. But then, apparently, Raja Rampratap sort of fought my case and won. This is the version that came back to us.

For us, the school became a microcosm of the macrocosm—we spoke from behind podiums even as our legs quaked, we negotiated boy infested corridors even as our insides quailed, we challenged anonymous catcalls even as our voices trembled. It was a baptism by fire and it worked for me.

I thought I was going to be an architect. Mr. S.K. Sharma, the Mechanical Drawing teacher, taught me to create two dimensions on flat paper with the flick of a pencil and he was not going to be lax with me just because I was a girl. But my Physics teacher, Mr. Srivastava thought otherwise. "She is made for the languages," he told my parents. I do have him to thank too. He was right I guess because when I think back, I remember him more for the fact that he would tell us not to draw our diagrams with pencils that looked like boxing gloves, and less for the kinetic theory he taught.

And when I went back to school to be part of its big moment during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, I could see that no trace remained of that initial faultline in the school. The girls and boys were unselfconscious, as much as one can be at that age, and celebrations



were in the air.

When the Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Karan Singh from Jammu, sat on a massive stage erected in the Olympic sized stadium amidst a star studded line up featuring Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, his brother Malwinder Singh, Chairman of the school Board and the Director of the school, General Sanjiv Varma, the occasion had the magnitude of a Greek play amidst the rocks near the Aegean Sea. And when the Chief Guest, in a speech that was both lucid and erudite, exhorted the students to build mind, body, social skills and an inner spirituality, and to learn to distill wisdom from the explosion of information and to develop a largeness of mind and heart, I was revisited by the glamour that the school acquired by its association with the royal house of Patiala. I was glad to be a part of the school's big moment.

And I do hope that another seventy years hence, someone like me will be looking back with the same sense of nostalgia, not a bleary eyed, dripping with emotion nostalgia but a wide awake appreciation of all that she took away from the school.

Cheers!

## IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. SOHAN SINGH, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. Sohan Singh had served in the school since 1969  
before he retired in December, 2017



**Q.** Sir, you are the oldest member of the YPS Community. How does it feel?

**A.** Of course, it feels very good and it is a pleasure for me to have served in this prestigious institution. I joined on 1st January, 1969, and it has been a joyful journey. Though I had retired in 2000, I have been provided successive extensions by the school.

**Q.** What changes have you seen taking place in the school over the years?

**A.** The primary change which I want to talk about is about my own work. Back then, all the work was done using the old method of manual typing. Over the course of time, the school has, naturally, switched onto the usage of computers. Other than this, I have seen the Junior School building, the teaching complex and the horse-riding ground coming up during my years of service. As of the staff and students, they all have been like family members here.

**Q.** You must be having memories of the School Founder, His Highness Yadavindra Singh. Did you meet him ever? How was the experience like?

**A.** I had the opportunity of meeting him twice. First, it was during the Refugee Camp Campaign

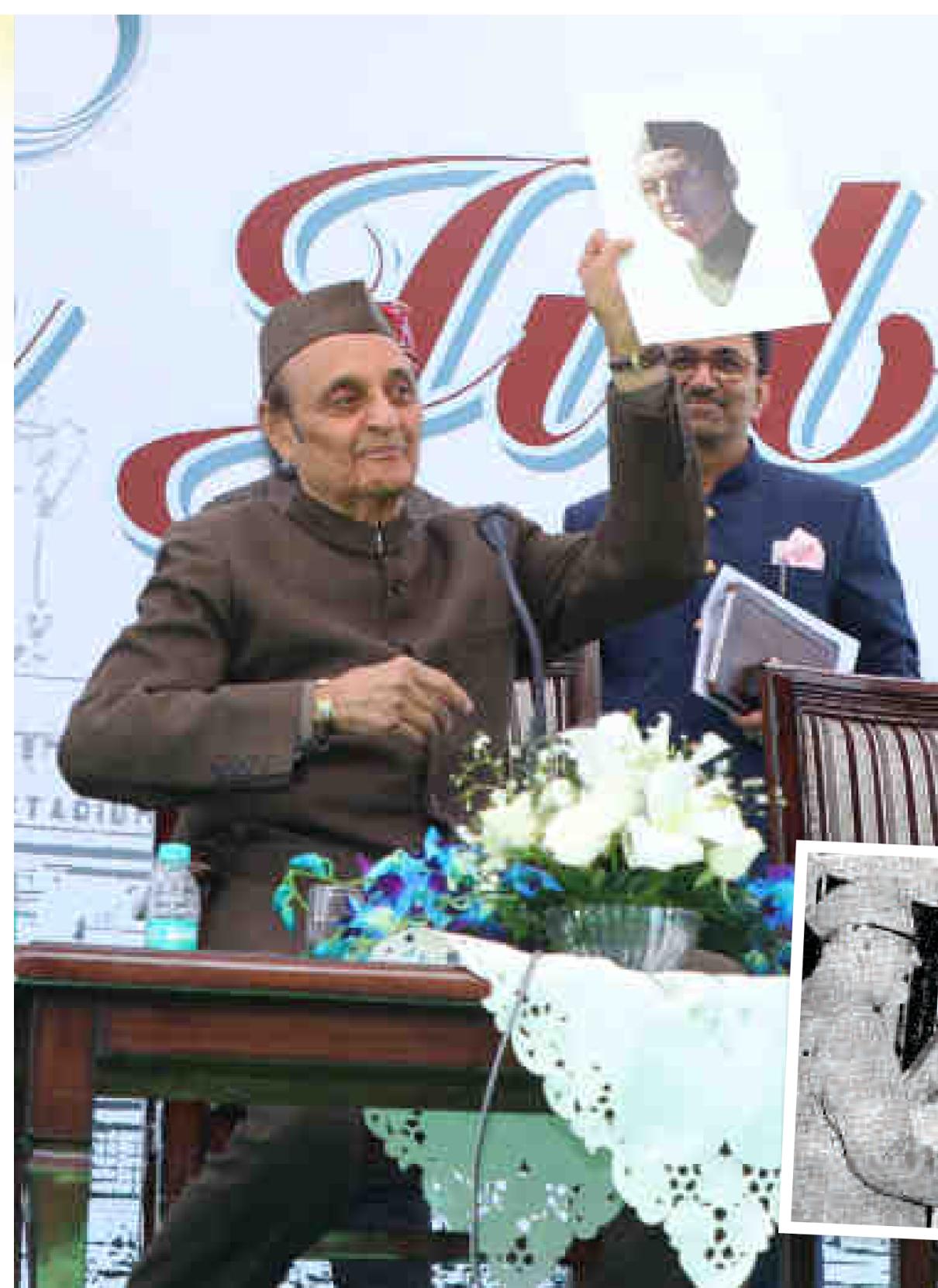
back in 1947. The next time I met him was on the 25th Anniversary, the Silver Jubilee of the school. He had given us special watches, which I still have with me.

**Q.** Any staff member or student you especially remember?

**A.** I definitely remember former Headmaster, Mr. H.N. Kashyap during whose tenure I joined the school. He was helpful and caring as well. Other than that, I distinctly remember Dr. HS Dhillon who was quite similar to Mr. Kashyap. I shared a special bond with both of them. Mr. Stanley was also helpful throughout his tenure. Among the teachers, all have been like one of my own. Among students, I do remember Rupinder Garg who is the Secretary of AYOSA now.

**Q.** How would you remember YPS after you leave the school?

**A.** Now that I am getting old, I would like to relax after retirement. I will dearly remember the love I have received. Everyone around has given me love and affection. The whole YPS community has been kind to me and the whole staff has been commendable. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.



## Picture This

The practice of presenting the visiting dignitaries with their own portrait drawn by school students continues till date ...





## THESE DESERVE A DEKKO...!

1. The Guard of Honour cadets sit flanking the stage, as the Annual Day function goes on
2. An anonymous man rests in the school stadium .
3. A goalkeeper defends a goal in the school stadium
4. School students participate in assembly in the 1970s
5. Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw goes around the school with Principal Mr. HN Kashyap and other school officials.
6. A visiting dignitary addresses a sea of excited faces in the boarding house area.
7. An amusing picture of students working in the art room in the 1960s.
8. Excited onlookers watch a sports tournament
9. Morning PT exercises being conducted in the Stadium . The picture is of the year 1948.
10. Mr. HN Kashyap carrying out a thorough dress inspection in the boarding house

# OUR HELPING HANDS...

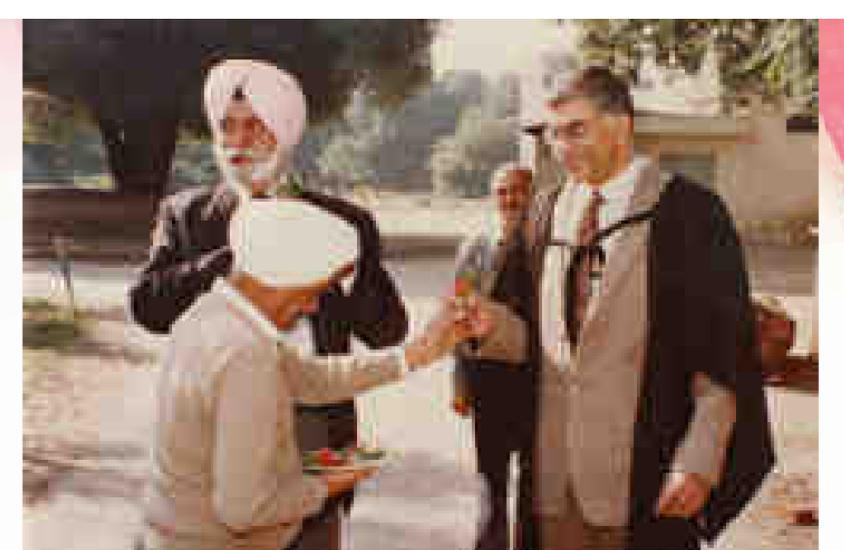
A dedicated team of non-teaching staff is important for a smooth functioning of an institution. In this 70th year of the school's inception, we remember some individuals whose contribution over the years has been invaluable -



This first-time published list is of workers who moved to YPS from Aitchison College, Lahore, at the former's inception in 1948-

### Mess Staff-

- |                 |               |                                |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| • Khamindri Ram | • Roshan Lal  | • Sh. Matla Ram (ground Staff) |
| • Mangal Singh  | • Prem Lal    | • Data Ram (electrician)       |
| • Durga Das     | • Nikka Ram   | • Bodhan Ram (boot -maker)     |
| • Khyaali Ram   | • Mansa Ram   |                                |
|                 | • Masheru Ram |                                |



Some other individuals who have served for a long period and made a mark -

### Administrative Staff

- Gian Chand
- Nanak Chand
- Prem Singh
- Sohan Singh
- OP Kalra
- Subhash Gupta
- Roop Chand

### Other Support Staff -

- Daroga Ji
- Somnath
- Ram Dulara
- Tulsi Ram
- Gulzar
- Ram
- Baldev Sharma

- Kansraj
- Buddhi Sagar
- Satya
- Ram Swaroop
- Munna Lal
- Gurdev Kaur I
- Gurdev Kaur II
- Chhote Lal
- Ram Sanjiwan



- Ganga Ram
- Bacha ram
- Sangam Lal
- Swami Din

**Mess and Boarding House Staff**

- Bidhi Chand
- Jagmaal
- Mast Ram
- Jaikhi Ram
- Prakash Chand
- Sadri Lal
- Paras Ram

- Suaru Ram
- Sant Ram
- Birbal I
- Birbal II
- Fakir Chand
- Maan Chand
- Milkhi Ram
- Matlabi Ram
- Mohan Lal
- Sher Singh
- Punjab Singh
- Pratap Chand
- Beli Ram
- Ganga Ram

- Kripa Ram
  - Chunni Lal
  - Prithvi Chand
  - Bhagwan Das
  - Babi Ram
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  - Roshan Lal
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  - Bakshi Ram
  - Prem Singh
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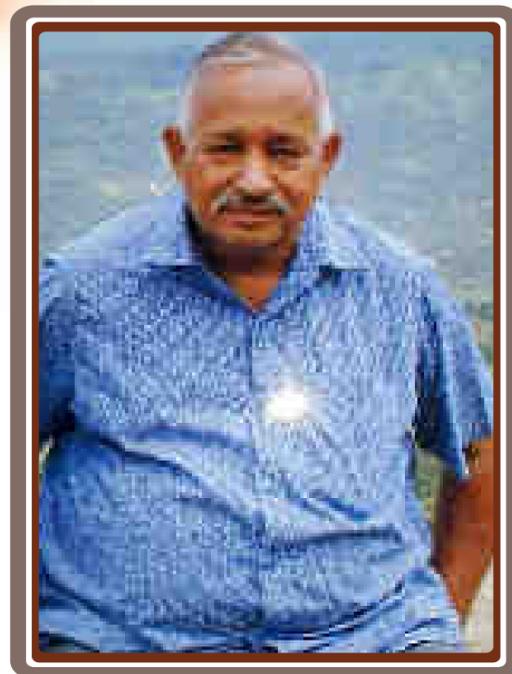


— ❦ — **A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD!** — ❦ —

This picture is of the times when the amusing Pagal Gymkhana Games were held in the school stadium and, as it can be seen, in a slightly different fashion !

## ...IN CONVERSATION WITH **'TITUJI',** SCHOOL TUCK SHOP OWNER

Mr. Kuldeep Gupta aka 'Tituji' was as much loved for his delicacies as much for his cheerfulness. He passed away in February, 2018



Q. First and foremost, something that most of the students still don't know. What is your real name?

A. Kuldeep Gupta

Q. How long has your association been with the school?

A. It began back around in the 1970s. So, I believe that it must be somewhere around 45 years now.

Q. What change have you found in the students over time?

A. There have not been any drastic changes as such, but one thing I have observed is that the kids have been getting naughtier. Kids back then were more decent as compared to now.

Q. How have the eating habits of the students changed over the years?

A. Eating habits of the students is something I have not taken much notice of. Students come, eat the

snacks and go back. Still, it feels good even now when old students come to the shop for snacks.

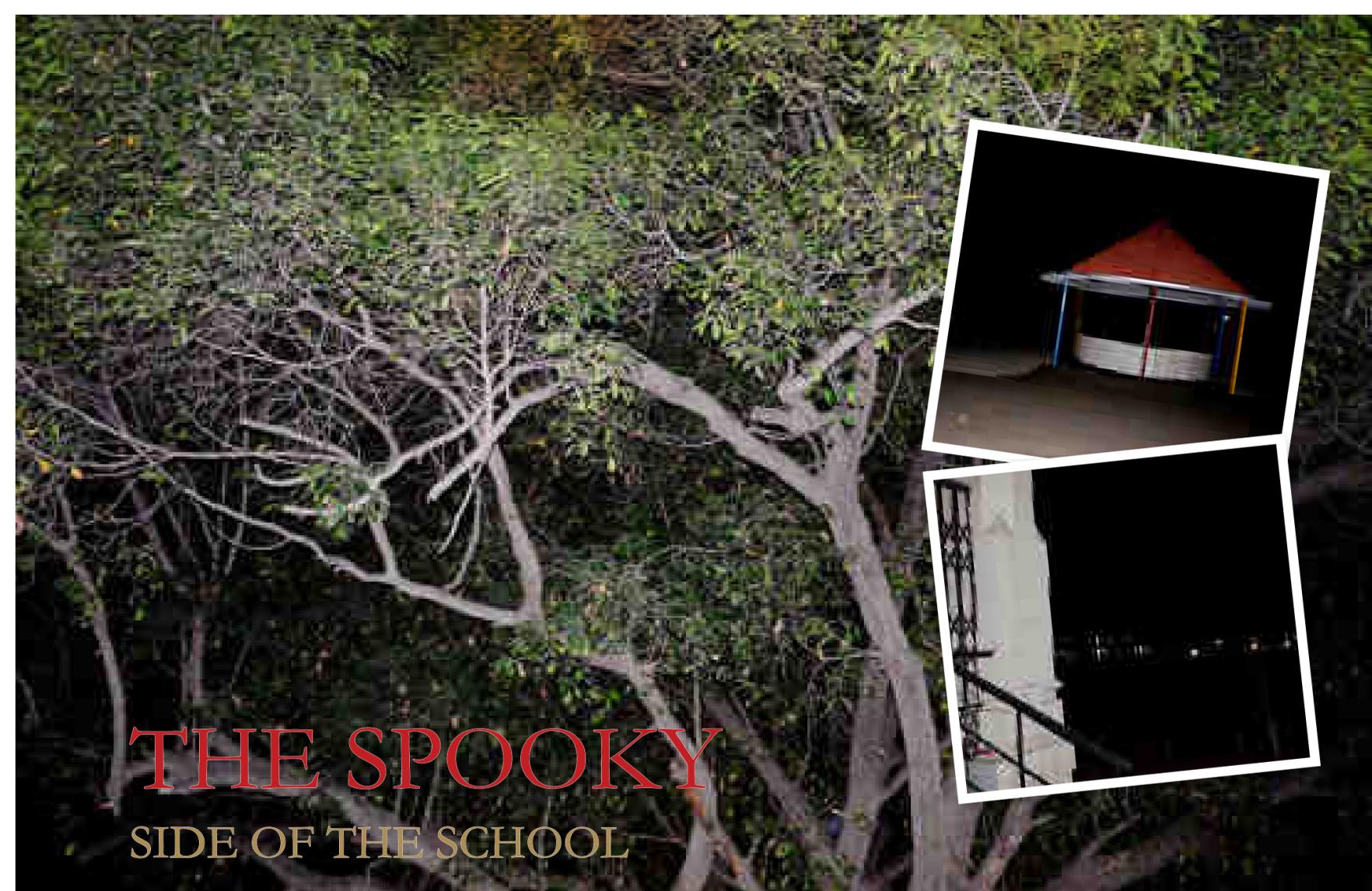
Q. Lastly, what has been your hottest selling snack?

A. Hot dogs have been sold constantly. As I said before, even old students come to have snacks and most of them love to have hot dogs. So, I think hot-dog has to be the most popular snack.



### --- THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE ---

A rare picture of YPS students visiting the Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, as part of service project under the Duke of Edinburgh (now IAYP) Award.



# THE SPOOKY SIDE OF THE SCHOOL

Ghosts exist, or, perhaps., they don't ! No one knows for sure, but stories of ghosts and spirits have always remained a mystery for ages. And the search for truth will continue forever...

Some such stories are a part of the YPS folklore too and have been spoken about and heard around for ages now. And these popular stories of sighting spirits and mysterious happenings have

transcended and evolved with every passing year.

As I sat down to write on “The Spooky Side of the School”, I flipped through some old articles on the same subject in previous Year Books. It is so surprising how these stories have changed so much over the period of time. Our seniors have told us these and we pass them on.

They say that the famous clock tower of our school is haunted by a spirit that at midnight

arises from the tower, takes a round of the Stadium and, finally, enters the School Library and stands before the life-size portrait of His Highness Yadavindra Singh ji. This spirit is believed to be the guardian spirit and a symbol of the protection of the children and the school from evil.

Girls of the boarding house have often felt the presence of this spirit at midnight. They say that even the sounds of a galloping horse can be heard.

Then there is this story of this benign spirit who has been seen sitting near the flower pots in the



boarding house and another which, interestingly, appears only during the board examinations. Why it chooses to make an appearance at this time of the year, remains a mystery, and so does the manifestation of several others.

These stories, we know, are mere stories and a creation of some over-imaginative minds who desire to bring some excitement to our humdrum lives.

But then who complains, as long as these spooky tales amuse us, thrill us, delight us ?

-Mannat Sidhu,  
XII Science

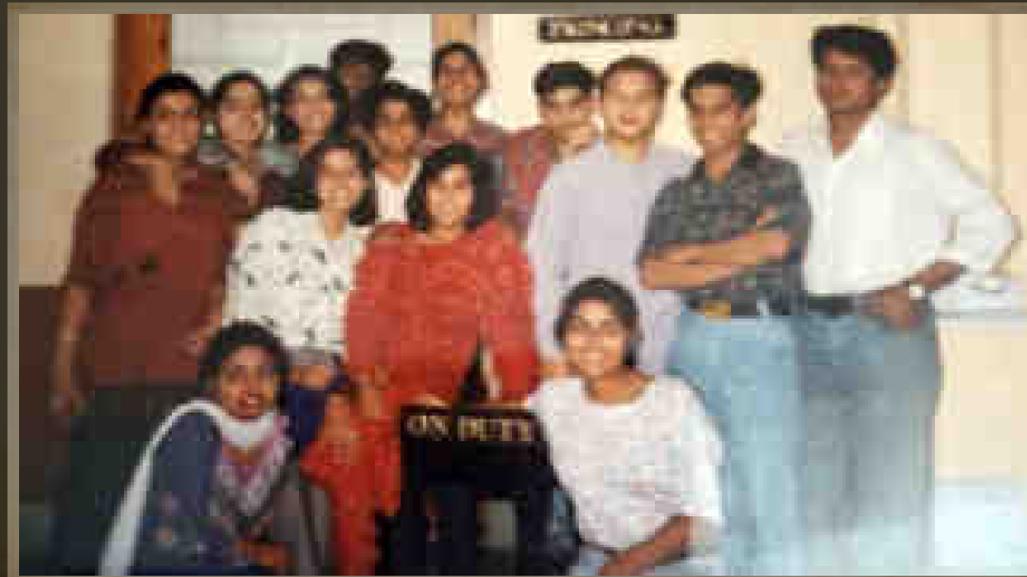
# Once Upon A Time

## ONCE UPON A TIME

Before the advent of the new age technology, when watching a movie was a rare event, YPS, Patiala, used to screen a movie, especially for the boarders, every Saturday. This movie was screened through a projector.

## ONCE UPON A TIME

The students played a more active role in the school administrative affairs. Surprised? Well, one student every day would take care of the day's proceedings at the Headmaster's office. This student used to sit at a desk marked, 'On Duty' throughout the day



## ONCE UPON A TIME...

Students of senior classes were assigned Serving Days and they would serve diligently at meals. They did this with the help and assistance of the mess staff.

## ONCE UPON A TIME

NCC has always been an integral part of the school activities. But there was a time when the school NCC contingent would present a Guard of Honour to the visiting dignitary at the School Annual Days





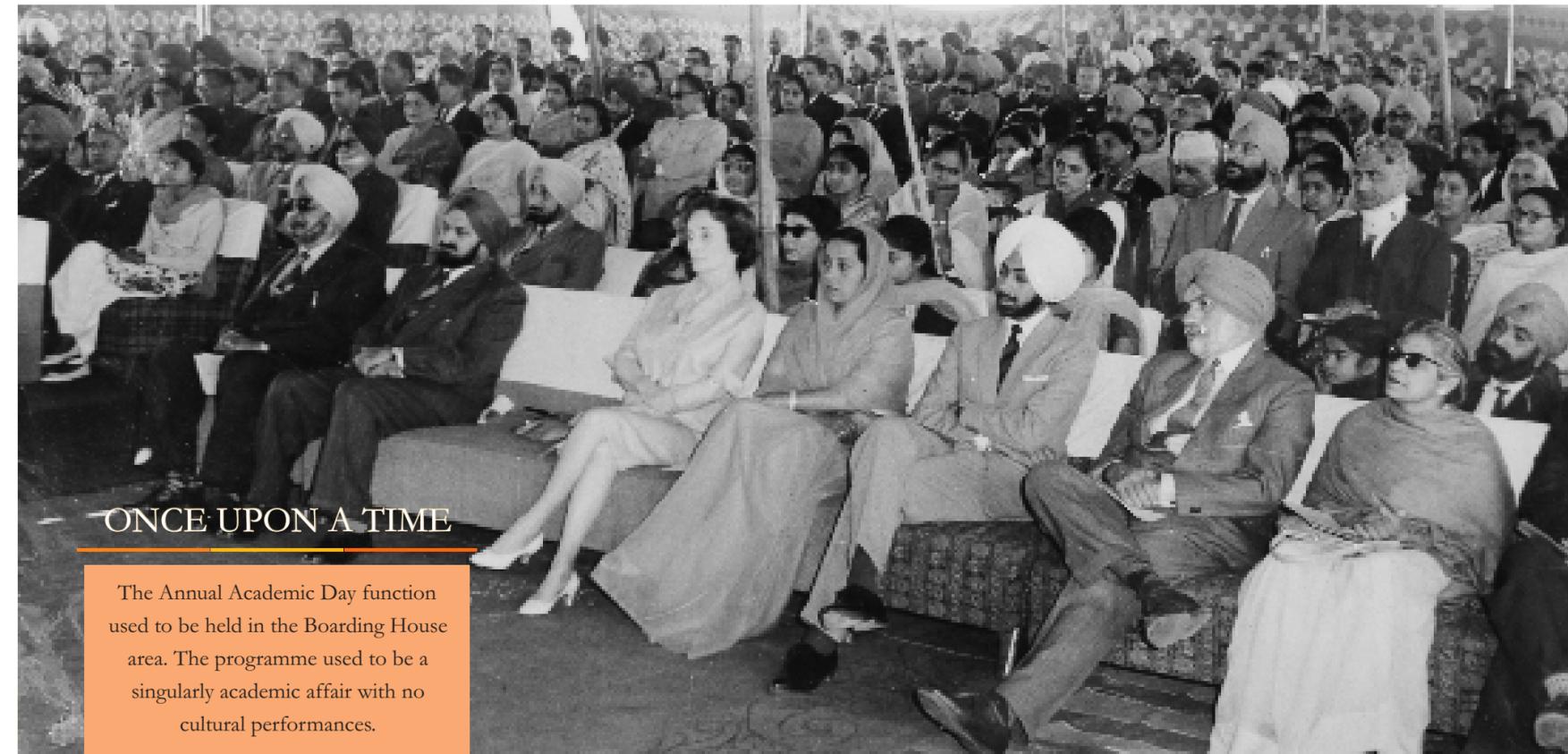
### ONCE UPON A TIME

The Prep School used to conduct an elaborate fancy dress competition on the occasion of the Children's Day every year. The function used to be a colourful one with the tiny tots dressed radiantly for the occasion.



### ONCE UPON A TIME....

YPS offers a wide repertoire of games and sports. Interestingly, once water polo was also one of the sports played in the school.



### ONCE UPON A TIME

The Annual Academic Day function used to be held in the Boarding House area. The programme used to be a singularly academic affair with no cultural performances.



### ONCE UPON A TIME

Prior to the coming up of the School Swimming Pool in 1987, YPS boys and girls would go to the Army Swimming Pool in the vicinity to practise the sport.



...All in  
**The Family !**

**Three Glorious Generations of Yadavindrians**

**Grandfather's Name and Year of Passing Out**

Surjit Singh Sekhon, 1969
Lt. Inderjit Singh Chahal, 1967
Lt. Inderjit Singh Chahal, 1967
Rupinder Bachan Singh, 1957
Gurjeet Singh Jaijee, 1965
Lt. Inderjit Singh Chahal, 1967
Rupinder Bachan Singh, 1957
Amarinder Singh Sekhon, 1971
Ajit Singh Jawanda, 1959
Inderjit Singh Chahal, 1967
Jasbir Singh Kaleka, 1968
Daljit Singh Mandi, 1960
S. Birender Singh, 1969
Sarabjit Singh, 1983
Amrinder Singh Sekhon, 1971
Reetmohinder Singh Boparai, 1973
Amarjeet Dhallwal, 1965
Reetmohinder Singh Boparai, 1973
Somdeep Sidhu
S. Ajitinder Sekhon, 1972

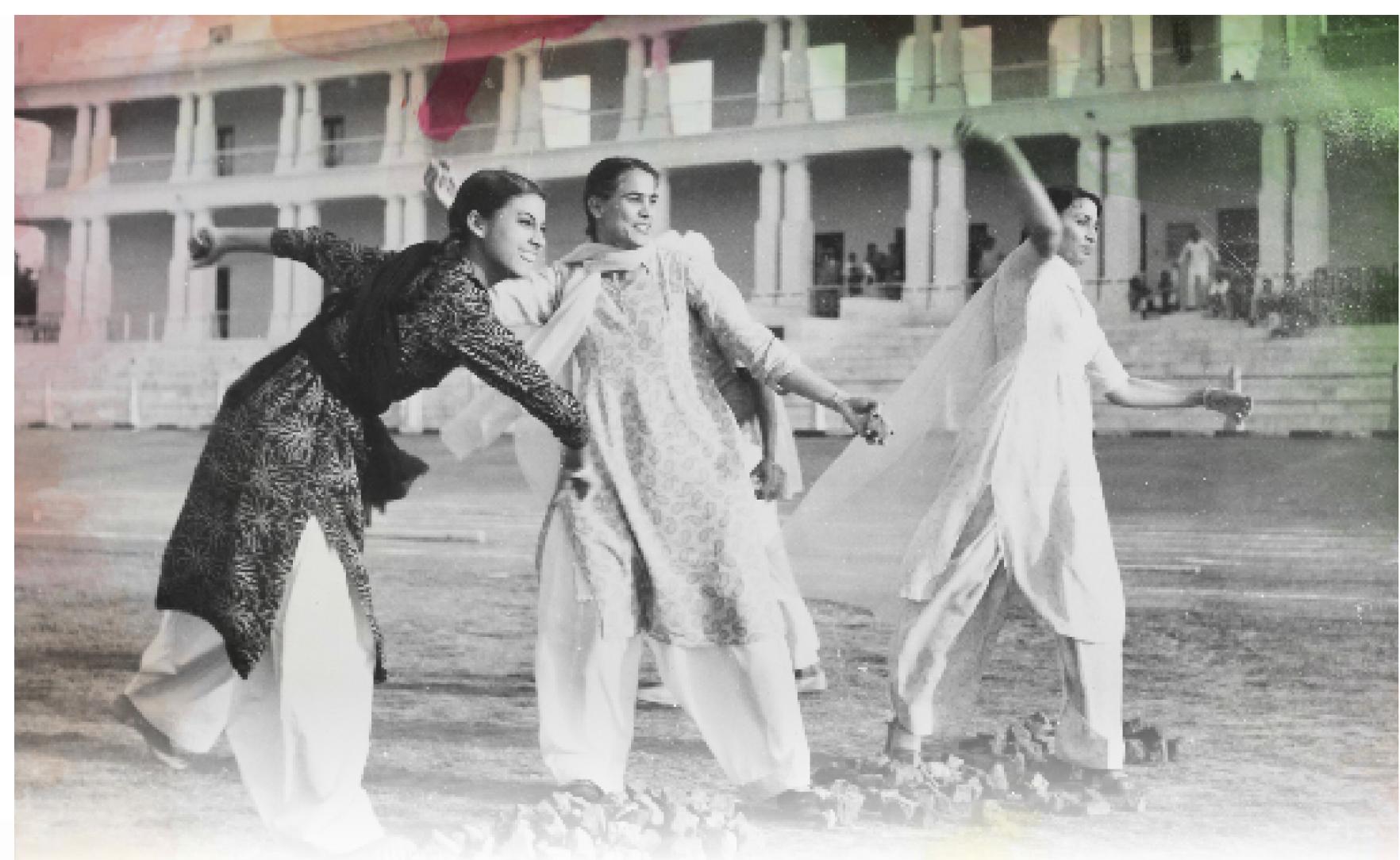
**Parent's Name and Year of Passing Out**

Ravinder Singh Sekhon, 2001
Karaninder Singh Chahal, 1998
Bhupeshinder Singh Chahal, 1995
Abhai Grewal, 1996
Amrik Singh Jaijee, 1993
Bhupeshinder Singh Chahal, 1995
Vijai Grewal, 1996
Maninder Singh Sekhon, 2001
Ajayinder Singh Jawanda, 1988
Bhupeshinder Singh Chahal, 1995
Virsiraj Singh Kaleka, 2000
Dalbir Mandi, 1992
Amarinder Singh, 1998
Dalbir Athwal, 1994
Maninder Singh Sekhon, 2001
Tajeshwar Singh Boparai, 1990
Harmanpreet Singh Dhaliwal, 1995
Mandeep Boparai, 1995
Jasdeep Sidhu
Nimrat Sekhon, 1994

**Child's Name and Class**

Gurnaaz Singh Sekhon, Prep I E
Abhaysher S. Chahal, Prep I E
Angad Singh Chahal, Prep II O
Udai Grewal, Prep II E
Zorawar Singh Jaijee, Prep II N
Arjun Singh Chahal, Prep II N
Samaira Grewal, Prep II N
Hardeshwar Singh Sekhon, I E
Ananya Jawanda, II N
Adishwar, II E
Anam Kaur Kaleka, II P
Grace Mandi, II P
Jai Pratap Singh, II P
Ranvir Singh Athwal, II P
Gursifat Kaur Sekhon, III N
Ranvijay Pratap Singh Boparai, IV P
Amol Dhaliwal, IV N
Mehar, V P
Tanaaz Sidhu, V E
Banjot Singh Sekhon, XII Arts

Mankaran Singh Ghuman, IV P, deserves a special mention because he is the fourth generation from his family to be studying at YPS, Patiala. His great grandfather, Ajitinder Singh Ghuman passed out in 1955, his grandfather, Shivraj Singh Ghuman, completed schooling in 1974, and his father, Yogeshwarpreet Singh Ghuman, passed out in 1994



**TAKING A POTSHOT ...!**

One of the favourite sports of the OYs has always been the Chatty –Breaking . The picture is an evidence that the OYs have always participated in it with gaiety and fun since old times ...

AYOSA (Aitchison Yadavindra Old Students' Association) is the Old Students' body that works towards establishing a reconnect and a close bond between the present and the past of the school.



students of the school, with the purpose of guiding and mentoring them for their future endeavors.

OYs may register on this platform by visiting this link:- <http://alumni.ypspatiala.in/>

AV ROOM EQUIPMENT  
Donated By ICSE Batch-1991



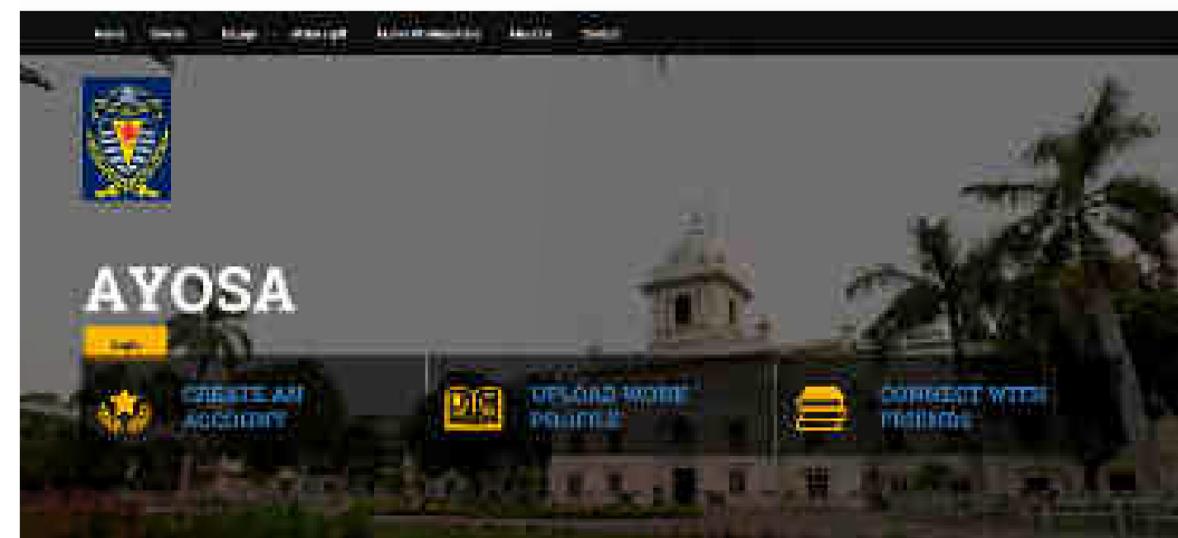
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# AYOSA -

The association participates in important school occasions and enriches their alma mater through their love, solidarity and support. AYOSA is presently led by the President, Mr. Dinkar Gupta, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Rupinder Garg and the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Gurvir Singh Jeji, ably supported by other peers and colleagues who dispense important charges to assure a smooth and effective functioning.

With the aim of establishing a re-connect of the YPS alumni with their alma mater, the school has lately taken a series of fruitful steps, one among which is the launching of an official e-platform. Alumni, as it is rightly believed, are a most prized asset of an educational institution and with the power of technology, and more specifically through this platform, they can be easily engaged in an effective and innovative interaction with their former school, among themselves and also with the present class XII

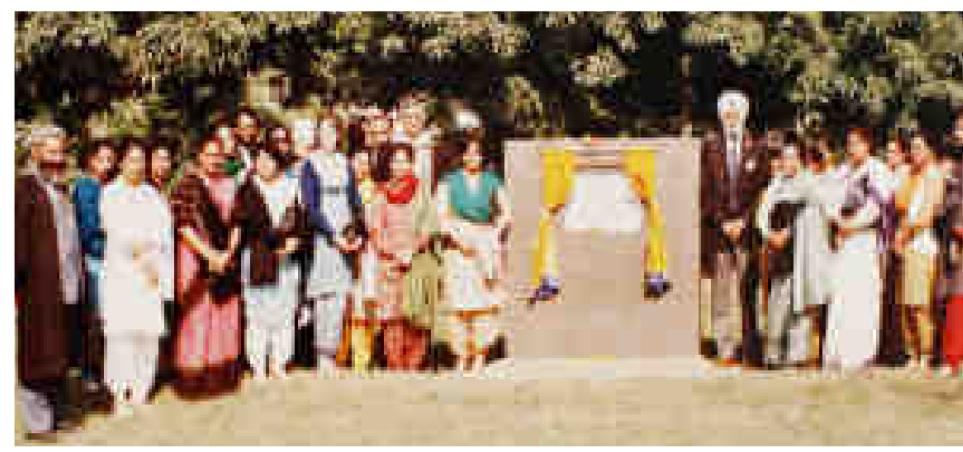




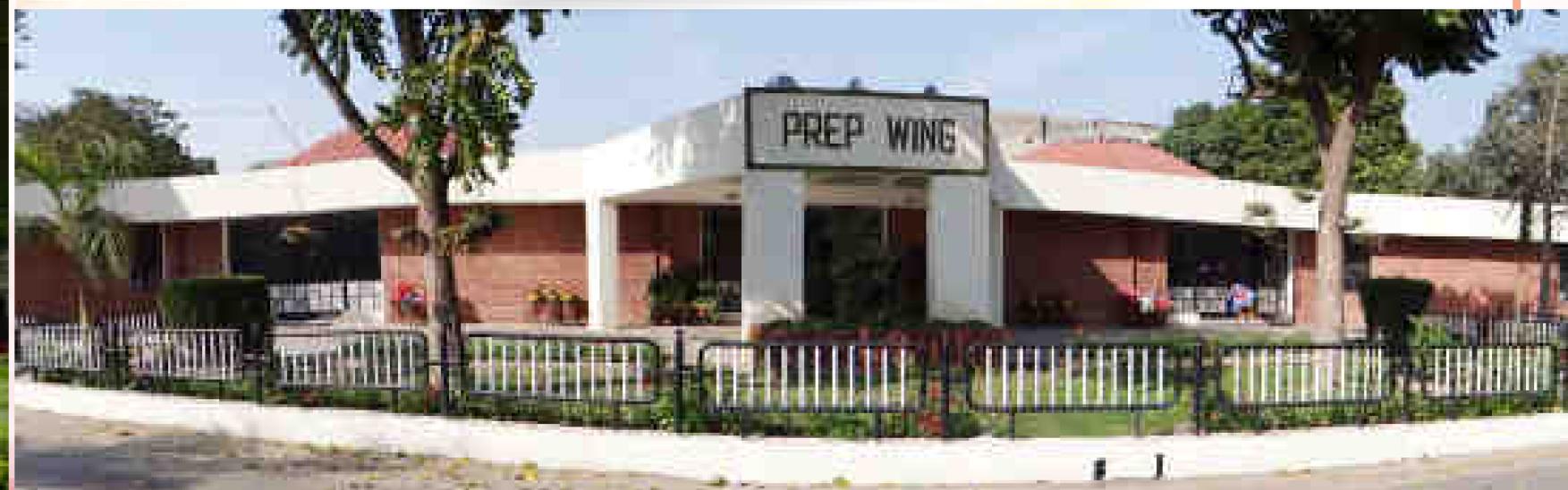
# WINDS OF CHANGE !

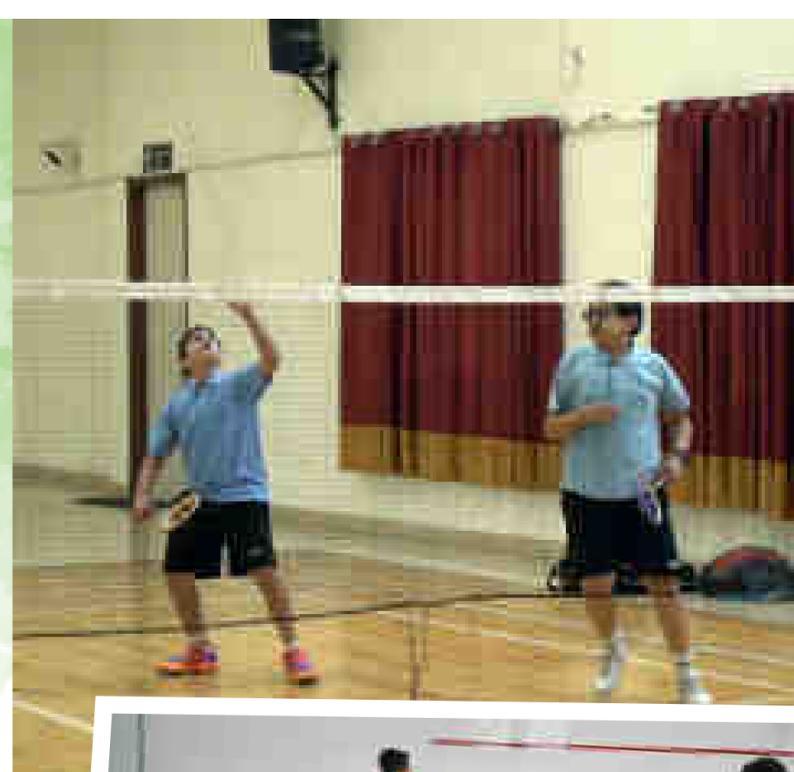
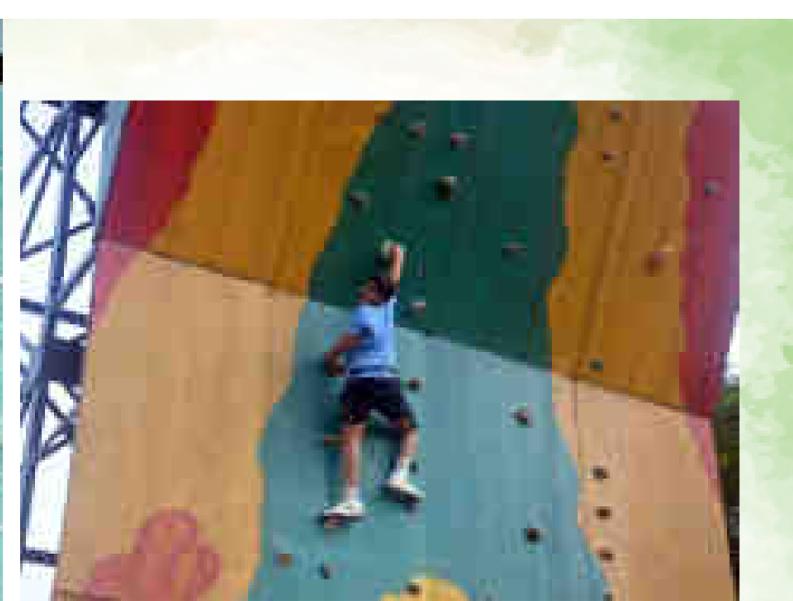
## THE 'THEN' AND 'NOW' OF YPS

The school infrastructure has undergone a sea change over the last few decades. Some major expansions have been the building of separate Junior School and Prep School Blocks.



- The spartan surroundings of the school in the past..
- With the passage of time, the surroundings afford a more fulsome look
- Two major infrastructural expansions were the coming up of a separate Junior School Block in 1990 and the Prep Wing in 1998





The array of games and sports offered by the school has widened over the years with the addition of newer games such as shooting, fencing, archery, horse-riding and, most recently, squash





As the school aims to turn predominantly residential in the next few years, the amenities provided to the boarders have also been enhanced, primarily with the coming up of a new fully air-conditioned block fitted with modern amenities.





Music to the ears ...was it then and so it is now, as the school's young musicians touch all the right chords !



The responsibilities are carried out by the school prefects with the same zest , though the method of formally handing over charge has somewhat changed .



The school's initial strength was of 9 teachers and 21 students. In the picture, His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh meets the first faculty.



Scene of an early class in progress under the supervision of Mr. HN Kashyap



The strength has now grown to over 125 staff members and 1600 students.



The new age classrooms are digitally enabled where learning is conducted through the aid of interactive smart boards.



The co-curricular activities have always been an important part of the school routine.



Trekking, and other adventure activities, were taken up with zest and enthusiasm



Now, besides debates, declamations, dramatics and quizzes, the ambit has broadened to include new-age pursuits like MUN and Round Square Conferences.



They still are ... Apart from this, other ventures such as challenging mountaineering expeditions and marathon cycling rallies are undertaken.



An old picture of students in the cane-making hobby



Students have always been alive to their social obligations



The nature of hobbies has changed. Besides retaining some old time hobbies, the students actively participate in newer recreations such as robotics.



Community Service Projects and environment related activities continue to be taken up, more so under the IAYP and the SUPW programmes



Students in the  
YPS formation  
years ago



Prayers go up,  
blessings come  
down ...



Brand Yadavindrian  
continues to shine ! The  
same activity , though  
in a slightly different  
manner and fashion



And YPS continues to  
prosper ...!





# Year Book

— 2017-18 —



# RAJMATA MOHINDER KAUR JI

The School lost its matriarch with the passing away of Rajmata Mohinder Kaur Ji ,one of the tallest figures of our times, in July, 2017.

Rajmata Sahiba was married to Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Ji, our Founder, and was the last designated queen of the estate ruled by the Phulkian Dynasty.

Rajmata Sahiba left an indelible mark in the fields of education, politics and social service. She served as the Chairperson and, later, as the Chairman Emeritus of the YPS Board of Governors.

As they say, 'The song may have ended, but the melody will forever linger on ...'

Rajmata Sahiba's invaluable contribution and her sublime and sagacious presence shall forever be missed.

The YPS fraternity joins to pray for the eternal peace of her great soul !



# The Platinum FOUNDATION DAY Celebrations, February 2

The school celebrated its Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day on 1st and 2nd of February. The celebrations were spread over two eventful days, February 1 and February 2.

The first day began with the Pagal Gymkhana games and a colourful fete. The Chief Guest for the fete was Rani Harpriya Kaur.

The annual Cricket Match between the OY XI and Present Yadavindrians XI, was played and School Play 'Sound of Music', was staged the same day at the Harpal Tiwana Centre for Performing Arts, Patiala.

The celebrations on the second day began with a religious service dedicated to the sublime memory of the School Founder, His Highness Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh.



This was followed by a special function held in the school stadium. The event was graced by the School Patron and the Chief Minister of Punjab, His Highness Maharaja Amrinder Singh, Chairman, YPS Board of Governors, Raja Malvinder Singh, esteemed board members and special invitees, Maharaja Dr. Karan Singh of Jammu and Kashmir and Maharaja Brigadier Sukhjeet Singh, of the Royal Family of Kapurthala

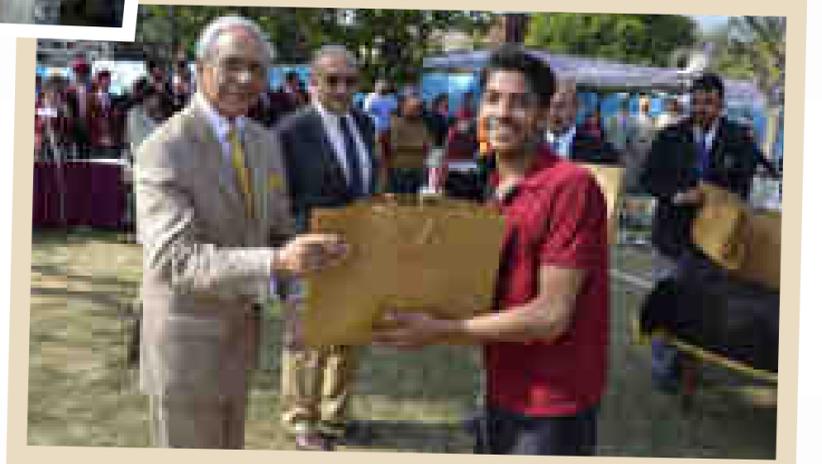
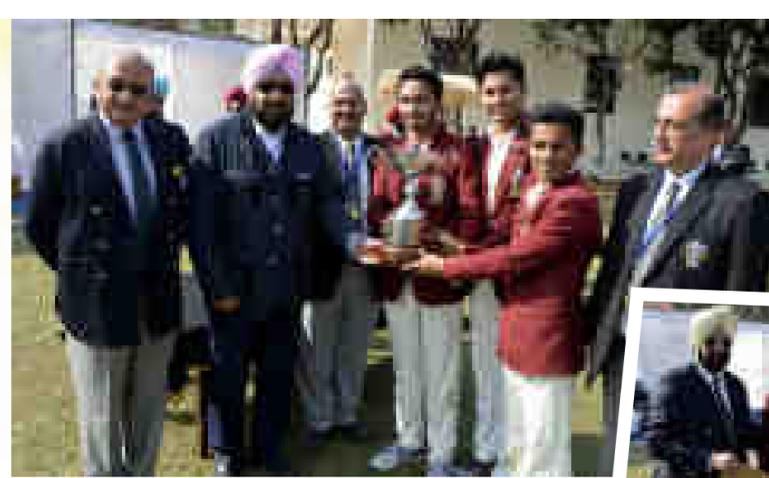
The new squash courts were inaugurated by Dr. Karan Singh on the occasion.

Adding to the festivities, the school old students' body, AYOSA, hosted a dinner which was preceded by a show presented by famous stage artiste, Mr. Kapil Sharma.



FLASHES OF  
THE FETE





## OY VS. PRESENT YADAVINDRIAN MATCHES



OY and Present Yadavidrians played cricket and hockey matches on the occasion of the School Foundation Day





## THE 68TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC DAY

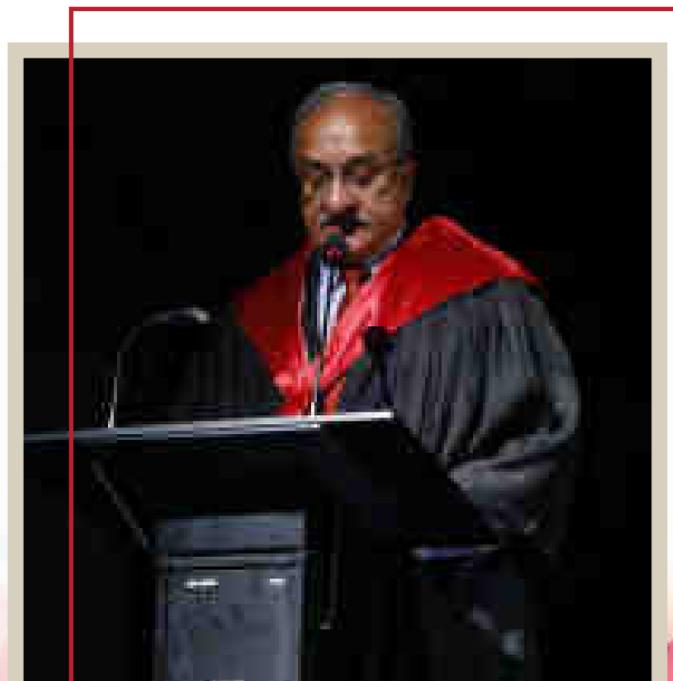
The School celebrated its 68th Annual Academic Day on 26th October.

The Chief Guest for the function was eminent writer and journalist, Mr. Rahul Singh. The programme, besides the staff, students and parents, was attended by members of the School Board of Governors, alumni and dignitaries from all walks of life.



The highlights of the programme were an exhibition display and a colourful cultural show that had been put up by the school students. Both the presentations were liked and appreciated by the visitors.

The Chief Guest gave away the prizes and expressed delight at being at YPS. In his speech, he applauded the progress the school has been making and congratulated the winners.



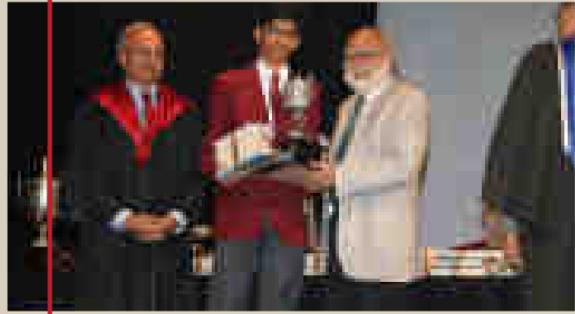
The School Director, Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma, in his address, thanked Mr. Rahul Singh and other visitors for being present for the ceremony and delineated the school's current and future policies and programmes.

The Annual School Reports and the House Reports were also presented on the occasion.



## ANNUAL DAY AWARDS AND TROPHIES

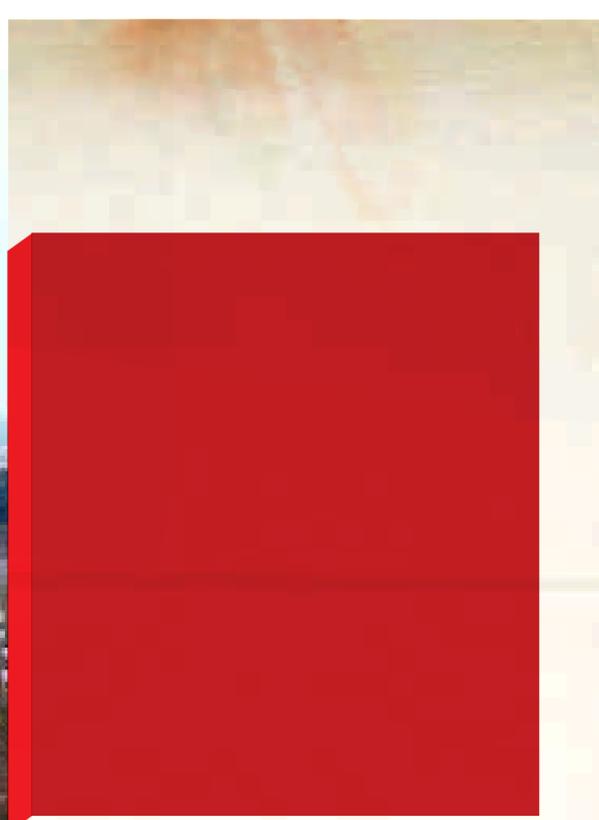
- M.K. Anand Memorial Award for the Best Result in Maths and Science(Junior School)-Gunmay Garg
- Inderjit Kaur Memorial Medal for the Best Academic Result-Tanishq Aggarwal
- Neeta Sibia Memorial Scholarship (Junior School) - Tanishq Aggarwal
- Karishma Sandhu Memorial Trophy (Junior School)-Uday Batra
- Best All Round Student of the Junior School-Shiven Tayal
- Yadavindra Gold Medal and Dr. Karansher Singh Trophy and Scholarship of ₹15,000-Naman Singla
- Aitchison Old Boys Medal for standing first (ISC)-Pulak Goyal
- Old Boys Medal for the Best Result in English-Pulak Goyal
- Goldstein Memorial Prize for the Best Effort-Abhay Tipnis
- Aitchison Yadavindra Old Boys Medal for standing first (ICSE) and Dr. Karansher Sidhu Scholarship-Anoopinder Kaur
- Majithia Medal for Best average in English and Social Studies(ICSE)-Anoopinder Kaur
- Best Academic Result in the Middle School-Sachish Singla
- Best Academic Result in the Senior School-Naman Singla
- Cash Award for Boarders of ₹5000 (Middle School)-Mansirat Virk
- Cash Award for Boarders of ₹5000(Senior School)-Jashandeep S. Dhaliwal and Mehul Arora
- Best Debater of the Middle School-Aryan Duggal
- Best Debater of the Senior School -Sehajnoor Singh



- Rhency Debating Trophy- Sehajnoor Singh
- Dr. Karansher Sidhu Scholarship for ₹10,000- Sehajnoor Singh
- Meetinder Art Shield (Middle School)-Prabhnoor Singh Bajwa
- Cariappa Art Shield-Pulak Goyal
- Cub Reporting-Meher Mangat
- Inderjeet Singh Batra Medal for the Best Academic Progress-Varinder Singh
- Amita Nehal Memorial Award- Dhananjay Kaushal
- Prem Singh Batra Medal for Best Average in Science and Maths(ICSE)-Jashanjot Singh
- Ludra Medal for the Best Result in Economics(ISC)-Pulak Goyal
- Nalagarh Medal for the Best Average in Science and Maths (Non-Medical)-Parth Vats
- Gurnam Singh Memorial Medal for the Best Result in ISC (Medical)- Navreet Singh
- Special Prize for School Band-Navreet Singh
- Gurman Singh Memorial Medal for the Best Result in ISC (Humanities)- Dhruv Kaushik
- Dhaliwal Medal for Best Essay Writing-Naman Singla
- Inter-house Trophy for Cultural Activities-DRH
- Inter-House Debating Trophy (Middle School)-PH
- Inter-House Debating Trophy (Senior School)-DRH
- The Study Cup-DRH
- Champion House Cup for the Best All Round House-DRH







# THE 69th ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The programme was conducted on a grand scale with many attractive performances put up by over 1500 students of the school. The performances put up ranged from PT, Yoga, Zumba, Aerobics exercises to show jumping by the School Equestrian team, gymnastics feats and the track and field events.

The Chief Guest, in her address, spoke on the relevance of sports and, at the same time, applauded the role of YPS in promoting sports amongst its students in a big way.

The programme was also an occasion to host the school alumni of the Golden and Silver Jubilee Batches of 1967 and 1992, respectively, as a part of the Annual Old Students Re-union.



The programme rounded off with the Vote of Thanks proposed by the Deputy Head Boy, Kanav Malhotra.

A dinner was hosted, later in the day, for honourable Board Members, Old Yadavindrians and other dignitaries.





## THE SPORTS DAY PRIZES AND TROPHIES

Cash award for winning medals in the Nationals-

- Asees Chhina (Skeet Shooting) - Rupees 20000
- Tanishvir Singh Chadha (Fencing - Gold Individual) Rupees 20000
- Chhavi Kohli (Fencing - Gold Individual) Rupees 20000, Citation by the IPSC
- Simran Preet Kaur Johal (Skeet Shooting Gold team) Rupees 10000
- Khushbees Waraich (Athletics Silver, Triple Jump) Rupees 10000
- Nitin Garg (Cricket U-17, Bronze Team) Rupees 4000
- Aditya Sachdeva (Cricket U-17, Bronze Team) Rupees 4000
- Aamer Ajit Pal Singh Kohli (Participation in Korea open International Taekwondo Championship) Rupees 1000
- Dhruve Pandove Cricket Trophy for the Best Batsman – Prince Balwant Rai
- Nalagarh Cricket Trophy for the Best All Rounder – Prince Balwant Rai



- S. Harpal Singh Trophy for Maximum Participation in School Games and Cash Award of Rupees 3000 for Excellence in Basketball - Miteshwar Bola
- 1 Armd. Div. Trophy for the Best All Round Sportsman and Cash Award of Rupees 3000 for Excellence in Mountaineering – Jaiveer Jandu
- Interhouse Games and Sports Trophy – Phulkian House





## THE OLD STUDENTS' RE-UNION

The OYs of the Golden and Silver Jubilee batches of 1967 and 1992, respectively, visited their alma mater for the annual Old Students' Re-union on the occasion of the Sports Day. Some pictures of the evocative re-union -



Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, was rated among the 'Future 50 Schools Shaping Success' by 'Fortune India', a leading human resource journal. The 'Certificate of Recognition' was received by the School Director, Major General Sanjiv Varma, at a special ceremony held in New Delhi on October 6.

The parameters considered for the 50 top schools shortlisted from 256 schools were overall performance during the year, credibility, reputation and ability to impact the future of the students positively.

## Senior School Staff



### Row I

Mr. KL Dhiman  
 Mr. Anil Bajaj  
 Mrs. Neelam Verma  
 Mrs. Amita Nirmal  
 Mrs. Nishi Bhatnagar  
 (Deputy Head Mistress)  
 Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma (Director)  
 Col KD Datta  
 (Advisor to the Director)  
 Mr. Vikram Singh (Bursar)  
 Mrs. Neena Bhardwaj  
 Mrs. Dhanesh  
 Mr. BB Duggal

### Row II

Mrs. Babita John  
 Mrs. Deepa Thapliyal  
 Mrs. Sarita Cheema  
 Mrs. Karanpreet Kaur  
 Mrs. Sarita Saini  
 Mrs. Harsimran Dhindsa  
 Mrs. Arshdeep Mangat  
 Mrs. Kanwaldeep Kaur  
 Mrs. Simrat Malhotra  
 Mrs. Simran Samra  
 Mrs. Roopali  
 Mrs. Preeti Aulakh  
 Mrs. Jaspal Dullet  
 Mrs. Monica Singh  
 Mr. Ashwani Goel  
 Mrs. Anju Duggal

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Mrs. Ritu Sharma  
 Mrs. Maninder Kaur  
 Mrs. Neha Jain  
 Mrs. Vandana Katewa  
 Ms. Jasleen Kaur  
 Mrs. Daneera Sharma  
 Mrs. Ravneet Shergill  
 Mrs. Kiran Sangeeta Murli  
 Mrs. Meenakshi  
 Mrs. Parveen Taneja  
 Mrs. Sunita Kumari  
 Mrs. Sujata Sharma  
 Ms. Vidushi Datta  
 Mr. Preetjot Singh

### Row IV

Mr. Ashutosh Tripathi  
 Mr. Rakesh Saluja  
 Mr. Navin Verma  
 Mr. Sukhpal Singh  
 Mr. Parminderjit Singh  
 Mr. Dharam Rattan  
 Mr. Sanjay Taneja  
 Mr. Jaswant  
 Mr. Rajesh John  
 Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal  
 Mr. Rahul Marya  
 Mr. Satnam Singh  
 Mr. Kapil Dev  
 Mr. Amit Mattoo  
 Mr. Onkar Singh  
 Mr. Parveen Sharma

## Junior School Staff



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 Mr. Nirmal Singh  
 Mrs. Sukhjinder Sandhu  
 Mr. CS Sharma  
 Mr. Gurdesh Dhiman  
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 Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma (Director)  
 Mrs. Amrit Rawel  
 (Head of the Junior School)  
 Mrs. Sangita Malik  
 Mrs. Surjit Saini  
 Mrs. Gurinder Kaur  
 Mrs. Paramjit Kheva  
 Mrs. Madhu Gupta

Mrs. Intu Ghuman  
 Mrs. Anjali Singh  
**Row III**  
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Mrs. Anupama Juneja  
 Mrs. Samriti Singh  
 Ms. Gurman Sekhon  
 Mrs. Charanjit Kaur

Ms. Khushboo  
 Mrs. Sangeet Sandhu  
 Mrs. Ramanjeet Kaur  
 Mrs. Amanpreet Kaura  
 Mrs. Sarita Pathania

### Row II

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 Mrs. Tarinder Kaur  
 Mrs. Rishma Sandhu  
 Mrs. Neha Kapil  
 Mrs. Raminder Kaur  
 Mrs. Naveen Sidhu  
 Mrs. Ravneet Walia  
 Mrs. Preeti Sidhu  
 Mrs. Amanpreet Kaur

## Prep School Staff



### Row I

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 Mrs. Anju Pande  
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 Mr. Vikram Singh (Bursar)

Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma  
 (Director)  
 Mrs. Amrit Rawel  
 (Head of the Junior School)  
 Mrs. Jaspreet Thind

### Row II

Mrs. Jeevanjyot Kaur  
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 Ms. Inderpeet Kaur  
 Mrs. Gurpreet Bedi

# Administrative Staff



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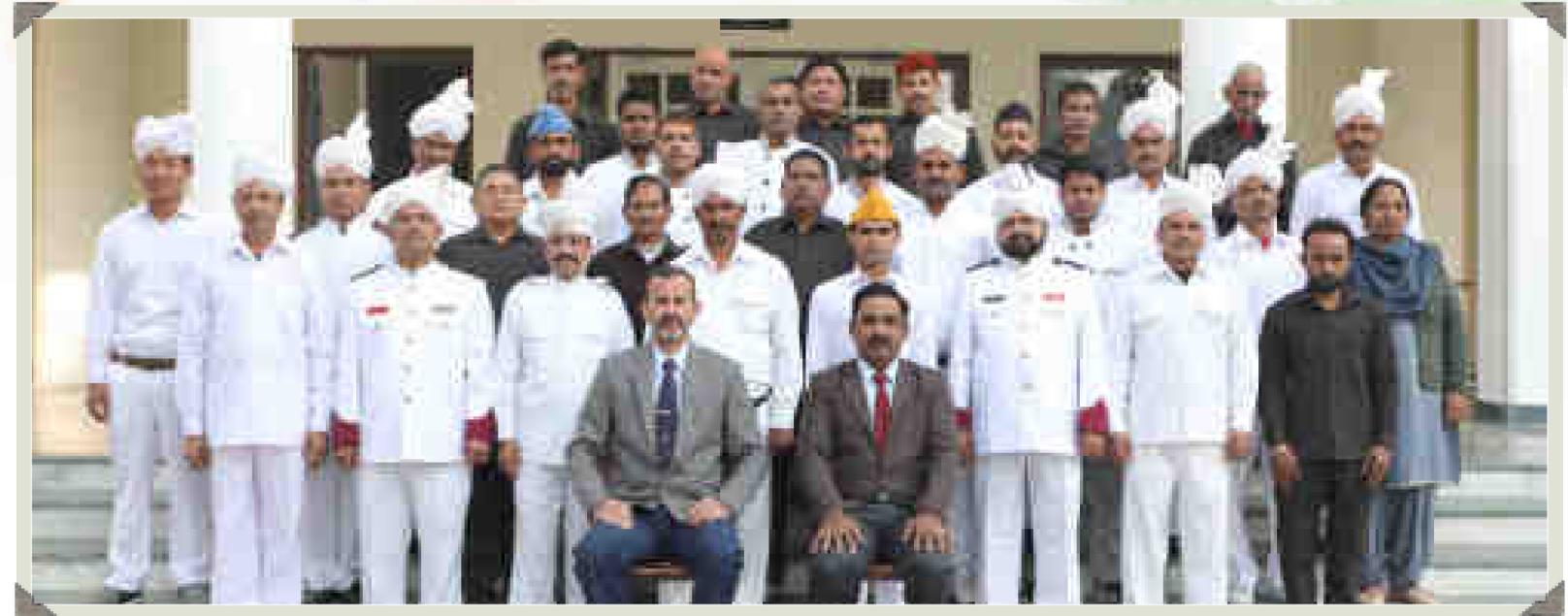
- Mr. Roopchand
- Mr. Balwinder Singh Sethi
- Mr. Lovekesh Jindal
- Mr. Rajkumar
- Mr. Vikram Singh (Bursar)
- Mr. Narender Jamwal
- Mr. Gamdoor Singh Cheema
- Mr. Sohan Singh
- Mrs. Jyoti Aggarwal

### Row II

- Mr. Sarabjit Singh
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- Mr. Sunny Jhand
- Mr. Maninder Jeji
- Mr. Surjit Nishad
- Mr. Bhupinder Singh
- Mr. Jokhoo Vishavkarma
- Mr. AM Joshi
- Mr. Raj Satinder

- Mr. Gurkirat Singh
- Mr. Jasdeep Singh
- Mr. Rajat Kapoor
- Mr. PV Soman

# Mess Staff



### Row I

- Mr. Vikram Singh (Bursar)
- Mr. Balwinder Singh (Mess Incharge)

### Row II

- Sh. Pawan Kumar
- Sh. Palwinder Singh
- Sh. Rajinder Singh
- Sh. Kashmir Singh
- Sh. Amardeep
- Sh. Mangat Ram
- Sh. Mandeep Singh
- Sh. Sunil Sharma

### Row III

- Sh. Dinesh Chandra
- Sh. Dilip
- Sh. Shiv Bahadur
- Sh. Amarnath
- Sh. Ravi Kumar
- Sh. Naveen Syal
- Sh. Mukesh Kumar
- Sh. Vinod Kumar
- Smt. Raj Rani

### Row III

- Sh. Dinesh Chand
- Sh. Tejinder
- Sh. Vijay Kumar
- Sh. Meherbaan
- Sh. Harish
- Sh. Rakesh Kumar
- Sh. Dharam Singh
- Sh. Kuldeep Singh

### Row IV

- Sh. Anil Kumar
- Sh. Gopal
- Sh. Tegh Bahadur
- Sh. Satya Pal
- Sh. Ganga Bahadur
- Sh. Attar Singh

# Dhaniram House

Junior School



Senior School



# Mohindra House

Junior School



Senior School



# Phulkian House

Junior School



Senior School



# Girls ' Boarding House



- Row I** Monpriya, Gauri, Manmeet, Rasna, Shana, Ashmeen, Kripa, Inayatveer, Gurleen, Suveer, Manmeet, Anureet
- Row II** Meherikaa, Tara, Khyati, Navreen, Mananeet, Damneet, Navneet, Santokh, Jasmine, Kudrat, Arpan, Srishti, Sehaj
- Row III** Smt. Anita, Amanveer, Komaljot, Gurshaan, Mrs. Simrat Malhotra (House Mistress), Mrs. Renu Kaura (Matron), Tanya, Rashmeen, Jasmine, Maninder, Smt. Santosh
- Row IV** Smt. Gurpreet, Amaanat, Ashmeet, Hikmat, Avneet, Gurleen, Krishna, Raman, Vidhi, Ishnoor, Sejal, Aagrika

# Holding House



- Row I** Pamandeep, Kanwar, Samarpratap, Viraj, Khush, Ms. Vidushi Datta (House Mistress), Mrs. Anju Rana (Matron), Abheek, Hitesh, Takshit, Udey, Jasdeep
- Row II** Mehrab, Avnoor, Ghanisht, Ruhaan, Sartaj, Arpit, Fatehbir, Abhinav, Ranvir, Ratinder, Vanshaj, Abhaypratap, Mayank, Joban



# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

The Junior School celebrated their Annual Entertainment Programme on November 14. The Chief Guest for the evening was Maj. Gen. B. S. Grewal, VSM, a senior army officer and a YPS alumnus.

The show began with an invocation song by the Junior School choir followed by a beautiful rendition of 'Shiv Tandava', a devotional classical dance in worship to Lord Shiva. While a scintillating performance by the Prep School led all into the fairy land, the Arabian Dance in their traditional Arabian attire wove its own magic. The inspirational plays 'I am Kalam', the mysterious, 'Wizard of Oz', the colourful 'Pied Piper' and the interesting 'Ruthless Tradesman', were all a visual treat.

Students from classes Prep II to class V presented a resplendent pageant of music, dance and drama in culmination.

The Chief Guest released the Junior School magazine 'Fledglings' on the occasion..

# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Celebrating festivals is an integral part of learning and building strong cultural beliefs in a child. India being a land of diverse cultures, our children need to know the significance and relevance of our various festivals

Festivals like Independence Day, 'Janamasthmi', 'Baisakhi' and Christmas were celebrated with gaiety, zeal and enthusiasm in the Junior School.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Besides academics, the Junior School students participated in all activities that kept them productively busy through the year. Some glimpses-





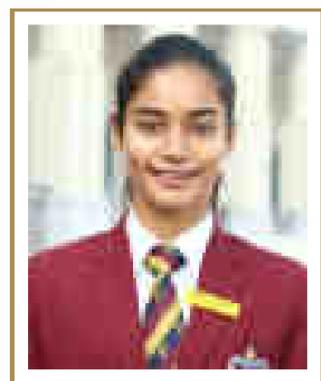
## THE PREP SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A number of activities kept the students engaged through the year. These mainly included reading and writing competitions, quizzes, fruit carnivals, fancy dress competitions, special functions held on important festivals and national days, tree-plantation drives, the Junior School Annual Concert, the Christmas celebrations and, of course, the annual picnics.



Besides this, the students participated in the Prep School Annual Athletic Meet and proved their caliber in other games and sports. A special mention needs to be made of Shivika Puri, Prep II, and Gurfarzand Singh, Prep I. Shivika won a silver and two bronze medals, whereas Gurfarzand won a gold medal in the Nabha Horse Riding Show.

# National and International Sports Achievers



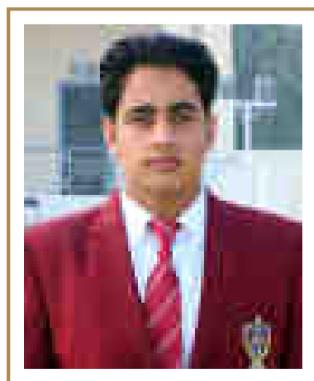
**Khushbeen Waraich**  
XII Arts

- Junior South Asian Athletics Championships – She won a silver medal in triple jump in this tournament held in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- IPSC2017 – Gold medals in triple jump and long jump . She also set new meet records in both the events with a distance of 11.69m and 5.29 m respectively. She won a gold medal in the 100m race and was declared the Best Athlete(girls, U-19)
- Silver medal in triple jump ( U-20 ) in the Open State athletics Championship
- SGFI Athletics Nationals -2017to 2018- Silver medal in triple jump-(U-19)
- Junior Athletic Nationals Federation Cup – Bronze medal in triple jump.



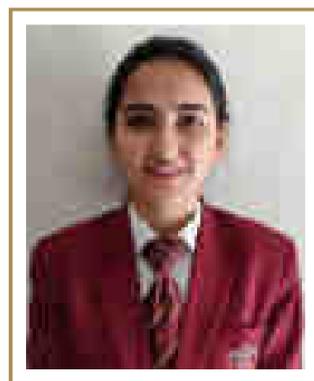
**Chhavi Kohli**  
XI Arts

- She won a gold medal ( individual ) in the Women's Epee (U-17) event (for the second consecutive time ) in the 2nd Minime Thailand Fencing Federation (2017) series held at Bangkok, Thailand,
- She played the quarter-finals in the Fencing FIE World Cup (U-17) held in Bahrain . She is the first Indian ever to reach this level, and her world ranking is 8.
- Secured rank 9 in the Singapore Cadet Open Fencing Championship
- Won a bronze medal ( individual ) in the Women's Epee category( U-17 ) in the Asian Cadet Circuit (U-17) held at Paipei, Taiwan.
- Participated in the Asian Cadet and Junior Fencing Championship held at Dubai.
- Her ranking for 2017-2018 (U-17) is 6th all over Asia.



**Shahrayar Khan**  
XII Arts

- He won a Bronze Medal in Boxing in the SGFI Nationals.



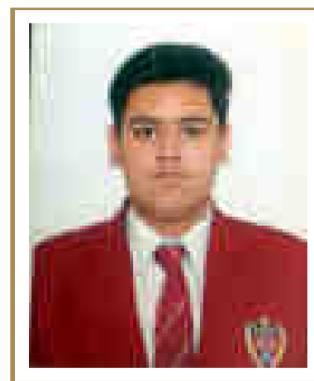
**Gurnoor Beniwal**  
XI Arts

- She won a bronze medal (team) in shooting in the U-17 age group in the SGFI Nationals



**Kunwardeep Singh**  
XI-Accounts

- He won a gold medal in the Open Indo Nepal International Taekwondo Championship
- Silver medal in National Taekwondo Championship 2017



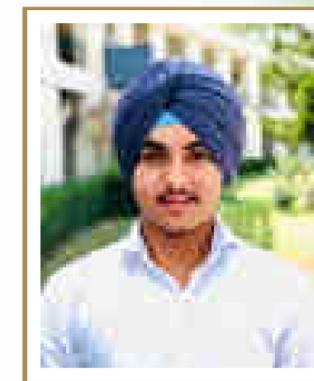
**Jungsher Singh**  
XI ARTS

- Jungsher won a bronze medal in the senior category at the 61st National Championship in shooting and a gold medal at the North Zone Tournament in the junior category



**Rajkanwar Singh**  
XP

- Raj Kanwar is, presently, a part of the Junior National Shooting Team and holds the country-wide rank 3 in the Standard Pistol event .
- He won a bronze medal in the Junior world cup held at Sydney, Australia
- Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu won six gold and one silver medal in Punjab State Shooting Championship
- He won a gold medal in the SGFI games
- Won two gold, four silver and three bronze medals in the 51st National Shooting Championship held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Won a bronze medal in the National SGFI Games in 10m Air Pistol.
- He secured the 3rd rank in the Khelo India School Games and was awarded an annual Scholarship of rupees 5 lakh for the next eight years



**Gurshaan Singh Dhaliwal**  
X

- Won a bronze medal ( team ) in the SGFI National in archery(U-17 recurve boys)



**Jobaninder Singh Khroud**  
X

- Won a bronze medal (team) in the SGFI National in archery (U-17 Compound boys)



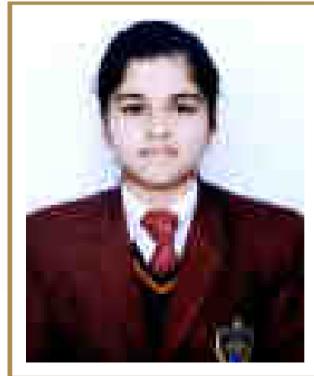
**Geetansh Gupta**  
VIII O

- He won a bronze medal ( individual ) in the SGFI Fencing Nationals



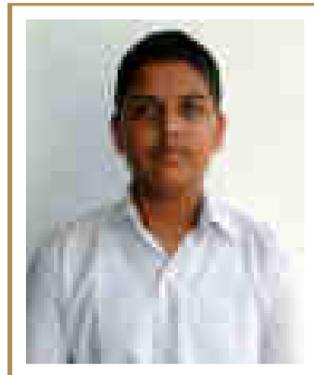
**Gauri Garg**  
VIII O

- She won a silver medal (team) in shooting in the SGFI National in U-14 Girls (Open sight) category.



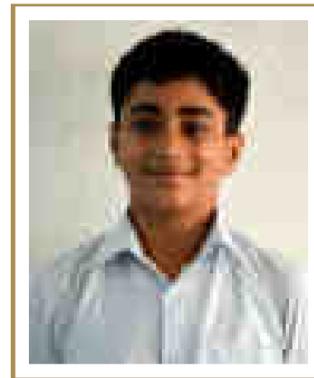
**Jasnaaz Sidhu**  
VIII P

- She won a silver medal ( team ) in shooting in U-14 girls age group in the School Nationals. She , presently, holds the All India rank 4.



**Rajbir Juneja**  
VIII E

- He won a bronze medal each in the team and individual events in shooting in the U-14 age group in the Nationals



**Dev Malhotra**  
V O

- He won a silver (team) medal and a bronze (individual) medal in the Fencing Mini-Nationals



**Aamer Ajit Pal Singh Kohli**  
IV E

- He won a bronze medal in the Chuncheon Korea Open International Taekwondo Championship held in South Korea
- He bagged the 3rd position in the National Open Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship
- He won a gold medal in the Winter National Taekwondo Games organised by Taekwondo Board of India



**CRICKET CAMARADERIE**

His Highness Yadavindra Singh, a prominent cricketer of his times, is seen with fellow-players in this picture.

# ...Miles To Go- The Cross Country Races

The Cross Country Races were run this year to a larger participation. The distances covered were 2 km and 3 km for the Middle School girls and boys, respectively, and 3 km and 5 km for the Senior School girls and boys, respectively.



### The final results

#### Middle School (Girls)

- I Manreet Kaur Dhaliwal (11.35.33)
- II Keerat Noor (11.59.41)
- III Chaitanya Singla (12.00.01)

#### Middle School (Boys)

- I Maheep Malik (11.53.41)
- II Gurtej Singh (12.19.19)
- III Kunal Mittal (13.00.28)

#### Senior School (Girls)

- I Gul Bansal (16.35)
- II Tara Singh Moti (16.58)
- III Sukoon Shergill (17.08)

#### Senior School (Boys)

- I Nitin Garg (19.05.93)
- II Tarshpreet Singh (19.28.05)
- III Karansher Singh Virk and Mehakdeep Singh (20.15.88)

#### The over-all House Positions

- I DRH
- II PH
- III MH



### Athletic (Boys)



**First Row :** Arshdeep Sandhu, Navraj Brar, Fatehbir Singh, Mr. Rajesh John (Incharge), Mr BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Kuldeep Singh (Coach), Shorya Singh, Amitoj Singh, Nitin Garg

**Second Row :** Randeep, Harshit, Gurkaran , Sumit, Rahulinder, Prabal Pratap, Arshdeep, Yuvinder, Gursarwan , Navraj, Maheep

### Cricket (U-19)



**First Row :** Preetinder Brar, Navraj Brar, Nitin Garg, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Amit Kumar (Coach), Ansh Garg, Mehul Rao, Udhav Sharma

**Second Row :** Harshil Goyal, Aryan Duggal, Kanwar Rutajit, Harshit Takkar, Kanwar Sadhana, Dilshad Nagpal, Manas Goyal, Amaan Khan, Gurtej Singh

### Athletics (Girls)



**First Row :** Khushbeen Waraich, Mr Rajesh John (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Kuldeep Singh (Coach), Ms. Riya (Coach), Meher Mangat

**Second Row :** Qaayenaat Kahlon, Rehmat Walia, Navreet Brar, Vrinda Mittal, Tara Singh, Hikmat Ghuman, Gurleen Kaur

### Cricket (U-17)



**First Row :** Dilshaad, Kanwar, Harshit, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Rajiv (Coach), Udhav, Amaan, Manas

**Second Row :** Yashpawan, Harshil, Lakshya, Tejpratap, Kanwar, Suryansh, Aaryan, Gurtej

### Cricket (U-14)



**First Row :** Tej Boparai, Lakshay Jain, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Rajiv (Coach), Gurtej Singh, Kanwar Sadhana, Mehul Goel  
**Second Row :** Shashwat Vishista, Dilraj Singh, Akash Preet, Prabhnoor Singh, Navneet Singh, Yuvraj Puri, Chirag Marwaha, Anavaroy Mangla

### Soccer (U-19)



**First Row :** Harmanjeet, Mohit, Mr. Ashwini Goel (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Preetjot Singh (Coach), Manthan, Jaskaran  
**Second Row :** Karman, Mehtab, Mehakdeep, Anmol, Maheep, Raja Virk, Tajman, Yuvraj, Vishavdeep, Anmol

### Hockey (U-19)



**First Row :** Mehakdeep, Mohit, Harmanjit, Mr Onkar Singh (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Mandeep Singh (Coach), Jaskaran, Manthan, Yuvraj Mangat  
**Second Row :** Parwaj, Manjot, Harabhay, Harpreet, Mehtaab, Anmol, Abhijeet, Harmanjot, Tarshpreet, Arshdeep, Navkaran, Gurinderjit

### Soccer (U-17)



**First Row :** Arpit, Jashandeep, Mr. Ashwini Goel (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Preetjot Singh (Coach), Parvaj, Harman  
**Second Row :** Mohkam, Binaypal, Manvir, Tushaar, Anmol, Maheep, Vedant, Tarshpreet, Gurtej

### Soccer (U-14)



**First Row :** Armanjot, Gurtej, Mr. Ashwini Goel (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Preetjot Singh (Coach), Maheep, Kunal

**Second Row :** Guneeval, Aadesh, Varun, Puneet, Harjot, Abheek, Mehar, Mayank, Fateh, Jashanpreet, Shivpratap

### Swimming (Girls)



**First Row :** Gul Bansal, Aayushi Saluja, Mr Rakesh Saluja (Coach), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Ms. Sahibpreet Kaur (Coach), Anisha Bajaj, Chetanya Singla

**Second Row :** Rabbani, Sia Singla, Adishree Rai Sood, Mansha Chhetri, Sukoon Shergill, Tanisha Garg, Harshita Thaman, Manreet Kaur Grewal, Gurmanna Mansahia

### Swimming (Boys)



**First Row :** Aadil Saluja, Gurfateh Kaleka, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Rakesh Saluja (Coach), Jobanpreet Singh Sandhu, Paramraj Singh

**Second Row :** Ekamarman Singh, Dhananjay Gupta, Ratinder Singh Joshi, Naunidh Marya, Pulkit Juneja, Sukhman Chahal, Sarvagya Dev Thapliyal, Shiven Tayal, Chitwan Goyal

### Boxing



**First Row :** Sahiljot, Harnoor, Gurpreet Khaira, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports Officer), Mr. Gopal (Coach), Kanwar Uday, Himant, Parth

**Second Row :** Deevan, Rajdeep, Aryan, Sunder, Amarinder, Jabarjung, Sheharyaar, Jaiveer, Armaan, Gurjoban, Punitpal

### Shooting



**First Row :** Vilbar Dhanoa, Mr Rahul Mariya (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr Jashanbir Singh (Coach) Gurnoor Kaur Beniwal  
**Second Row :** Sartaj Singh Kaleka, Pratham Bhardwaj, Deeptansh, Govind Aggarwal, Pareesa Sarao, Raj Kanwar Singh Sandhu, Sahibjit Singh Nagpala

### Table Tennis



**First Row :** Rhythm Gupta, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Mr. Monarch Chopra (Coach), Digvijay Singh Sandhu  
**Second Row :** Sachish Singla, Muradinder Singh Dhaliwal

### Wall Climbing



**First Row :** Vidur, Shana Mukherjee, Mr Dinesh Thapliyal (Incharge), Mr. BB Duggal (Sports' Officer), Ms. Payal (Coach), Thea Aggarwal, Dhivyen Verma  
**Second Row :** Ranveer Singh, Jashan Chandi, Asraj Brar, Khushveer, Istpratap, Ramandeep Kaur, Mananeet Kaur, Navneet Kaur, Hikmat

### Equestrian Team



**First Row :** Raisa, Mankirat, Jaipratap, Mehreen, Shivika, Aarav, Sehaj, Barkat, Vir Zorawar, Gurnoor, Rubain, Safira, Guneev  
**Second Row :** Simran, Shruti, Parth, Rabbani, Yajveen, Shahraj, Mr. Parminderjeet Singh (Incharge), Mr. Mukhtiar Singh (Trainer), Gunraj, Chaitanaya, Husn, Nimar, Zorawar  
**Third Row :** Angad, Virangad, Gurnoor, Ria, Prabhnoor, Viraaj, Jashan, Bilaval, Kanak, Agam, Shaurya, Adeshveer, Amitoj, Japji

### State/National Level (Non –IPSC Events) Players



**First Row :** Mehar, Gauri, Jasnaaz, Palak, Mr. BB Duggal (Sports Officer), Chhavi, Tejas, Gursher, Jungsher  
**Second Row :** Gurkaran, Pavit, Rhythm, Anirudh, Brahmjot, Gursanjam, Miran, Uday, Mantesh, Geetansh, Naunihal, Shikhar

# CO-CURRICULAR

## ACTIVITIES- 2017-18

Name of the Event	Hosting School/Venue	Position/Award	Name/s of the Winner/s
1. The 27th Frank Von Goldstein English Debate	Yadavindra Public School, Patiala	<b>Winners</b>	Khushalam Singh, XII, Sehajnoor Singh and Keerat Kaur, X
2. JK Kate Knowledge Conclave	Punjab Public School, Nabha	School Team Was Declared Winner In English Debate	Khushalam, XII Sehajnoor, X Keerat Kaur, X
3. Frank Antony English Debate	Punjab Public School, Nabha	School Team Was Declared The Winners	Keerat Kaur, X, Stood First While Sehajnoor, X, Stood Second
4. Inter-school English Debate	Tribune Trust	School Team Were The Winners	Keerat Stood First And Was Awarded Cash Prize of 6000 Rupees
5. Inter-school Debate	Pinegrove School, Dharampur	Consolation Medals	Ankita Goyal, XI, and Jessica Juneja, XI
6. S. Harpal Singh Memorial Inter-school English Debate	Gen Gurnam Singh School, Sangrur	School Team Were The Runners-up	Team Members Were Jessica Juneja, XI, Ankita Goyal, XI And Abhaypratap, X



Name of the Event	Hosting School/Venue	Position/Award	Name/s of the Winner/s
7. Inter-school English Debate	Blossom's School, Patiala	Second Individual Position	Amanat Sidhu, X .
8. MUN Conference	Genesis Global School, Noida	School Team Were Runners-up In The Best Delegation Category.	Siddharth Kaushik, XI, and Gurashish Ghuman, XI, Were Declared The Best Delegates While Mehul Arora, X, Won The Special Mention
9. MUN Conference	Daly College, Indore	Best Graphics Design Prize	Sanyam Jain, XII
10. MUN Conference	Sat Paul Mittal, Ludhiana	Verbal Mention	Sehajbir, IX, and Gul Bansal, IX
11. MUN Conference	Sela Qui International School, Dehradun	Outstanding Delegate	Aayush Sharma, VIII
12. MUN Conference	DAV School, Patiala	Special Mention Special Mention Special Mention High Commendation Winner of Best Delegation	1. Jagteshwar Singh 2. Aayush Sharma 3. Barunpreet Singh 4. Ekam Pratap Singh 5. School Delegation
13. MUN Conference	Buddha Dal Public School, Patiala	Best Delegates  Special Mention Secretary General Best Delegate Best Delegation	1. Jagteshwar Singh 2. Jessica Juneja 3. Raushni Kaura 4. Charvi Dubey and 5. Shemoila Saini 6. Khushalam Singh 7. School Delegation
14. Round Square Conferences	Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior, Birla Public School, Pilani And Punjab Public School, Nabha		



# THE ANNUAL ADVENTURE CAMPS AND TREKS

The annual exercise of treks and tours had all the students from classes IV to XII visiting different places in various states.



Sr. No.	NAME OF THE TREK	PARTICIPANTS	MAIN PLACES VISITED
1	Shogi Adventure Camp	Class IV boys	Camp
2	Chail Adventure Camp	Class V boys	Camp
3	Mashobra Adventure Camp	Class V girls	Shimla, Kufri, Shogi, Kandaghat
4	Hatu Adventure Camp	Class VI boys	Shimla, Hatu
5	Manali Adventure Camp	Class VII boys	Manali City
6	Kasol Adventure Camp	Class VI and VII girls	Manikaran, Manali, Mandi, Rewalsar Lake
7	Chopta Trek	Class VIII boys	Chandrashila Peak, Chopta
8	Gabba Trek	Class VIII boys	Saranti Peak, Deedag, Gabba
9	Kot Trek	Class VIII boys	Baaggi, Narkanda, Kot
10	Nagtibba	Class VIII girls	Pantwari, Nainbagh
11	Patalu Peak	Class IX boys	Manali
12	Doditaal Lake	Class IX boys	Mussoorie
13	Jalori Pass	Class IX girls	Manali, Shoja, Banjar, Zibhi, Narkanda, Shimla
14	Chandratal Lake	Class X, XI, XII boys	Manali, Panduroopa, Chikka, Balu Ka Ghera
15	Beas Kund	Class X, XI, XII boys	Manali, Solang Valley, Dhundhi, Bakartshch



## MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS, FOREIGN AND

## EDUCATIONAL TOURS



- A team of 16 students, escorted by staff members, Mr. Parminderjeet Singh and Mr Kapil Dev, successfully summited the Norbu Peak standing at a height of 17,250 ft. during the summer vacation.
- A group of 16 students escorted by Mrs. Sangita Malik, undertook an educational tour to Canada to experience a programme which combined skill development with spectacular Canadian lifestyle. The team visited Peer District Schools –Hillside Primary School, Clarkson Secondary School, Humber College and the renowned Carleton University, besides witnessing the working of the Ontario Parliament where their presence was officially acknowledged by MP Harinder Malhi.
- YPS organised the OISCA-ASAHI's Environment Educational and Cultural Study Program trip to Japan under the patronage of the Organisation for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement(OISCA)- International .

A team of 16 students and 2 staff members experienced the world's most advanced technologies (space, electronic and locomotive) and also the ancient and disciplined culture of Japan during this one week long trip.

A comprehensive itinerary of places visited included the Nissan Factory, Tokyo Tower (333 meters), the world's tallest self-supporting steel tower, Miraikan, the most advanced and innovative museum in the world, Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, Kyoto, Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for Atomic Bomb victims and the Universal Studios.

- School students of classes IV-XII were taken out on a series of educational trips to the following places in August-
  1. Classes IV and V: Chandigarh The team visited Rock Garden, Sukhana



Lake, Garden of Slice and the Tree House Farm

2. Classes VI and VII: Kurukshetra. (The children were taken around to the Kalpana Chawla Planetarium, Panorama and Science Centre, the Shri Krishna Museum and the Pipli Zoo)
3. Class VIII-Pushpa Science City, Kapurthala.
4. Classes IX to XII: New Delhi. The main places visited were India Gate, Red Fort, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, Teen Murti Bhawan, Nehru Planetarium, Craft Museum and the Akshardham Temple.





## MARATHON CYCLING EXPEDITION

A marathon cycling expedition was successfully completed by a team of 14 students and 2 staff members as a part of the Platinum Jubilee Year celebrations. The expedition that was undertaken from March 23 to March 31 had the team visiting 7 leading public schools of the region and the surrounding states and traversing a distance of 505 kilometres.

The schools visited and the route followed was-

1. Yadavindra Public School, Patiala- Yadavindra Public School, Mohali
2. Yadavindra Public School, Mohali - Pinegrove School, Dharampur
3. Pinegrove School, Dharampur -Lawrence School, Sanawar
4. Lawrence School, Sanawar -Bishop Cotton School, Simla
5. Bishop Cotton School, Simla -Military School, Chail

6. Military School, Chail -Army Public School, Dagshai
7. Army Public School, Dagshai -Yadavindra Public School, Mohali
8. Yadavindra Public School, Mohali-Punjab Public School, Nabha
9. Punjab Public School, Nabha- Yadavindra Public School, Patiala

The YPS team was accorded a warm welcome and a comfortable stay at all the schools.

The team also got the opportunity to play a cricket match at Chail with the host school on the World's Highest Cricket Ground. Another highlight of the course was the team covering a distance of almost 100 kilometres in one single day in the last lap of the journey, which was double the average daily distance of 56 kilometres.



## IAYP AND SUPW REPORTS

The IAYP (International Award for Young People) and SUPW (Socially Useful Productive Work) activities were carried out with the usual assiduity, fervour and diligence. These mainly included adventure activities, environment conservation drives and community service projects and campaigns.

This year, in IAYP, a total of 22 students completed the silver level and 34 students completed the bronze level of the programme.





...to Be With Alia -



"Alia Bhatt " ..... a name to reckon with... the right blend of talent, charm and beauty. The ravishing young woman and amazing actress has cast a spell on us, especially after meeting her in person. Whom do we thank more- our stars, the Director ,the generous Ms. Meghna Gulzar, for making our wildest dream come true?

Being a member of the School Editorial body has its own perks . We were bestowed with an opportunity to meet Alia Bhatt who was shooting for her film,'Raazi'in our school campus. Well, the experience in itself was a very grand one ! It was a lesson in patience to wait for the shoot to finish as perfection is Alia's style and till



the shot is perfect, it is not approved. We pinched ourselves blue and black trying to prove to ourselves that it was actually happening. Still, I thought that after a long tiring day, we might be told at the eleventh hour that the star was tired. But luck was on our side. We entered Alia's vanity van, unable to contain our excitement, when the bouncer ushered us through the crowd. There were so many people just wanting to catch a glimpse of her. As we stepped into the van ,our heart skipped a beat. We saw her and told her that we could not believe we were meeting her. Alia, being Alia .... comforted us and told us to sit down and we sat right next to her. As we talked of her upcoming projects, the childish spirit in her complimented one of us (Meher) on her "Kangaroo earrings ". (Well, now you can easily imagine how they have become like heirlooms in the eyes of Meher's friends, having been appreciated by Alia) As we talked, we felt drawn towards her, for being so down-to-earth. When asked about how she handled her fans and also the pressure from the industry, she revealed that it was a Herculean task with all the expectations from the fans. We also had the opportunity to meet Ms Meghna Gulzaar, another very fine lady, who

despite the tiring shoot had a calm face ! As the interview and chatting came to an end we had a selfie moment with Alia and Meghna ma'am. And, by the way..... we also got a warm hug from Alia

- Meher, XII, Jessica, XI and Raushni, XI

**Class X-E**



**Row I** Jannat, Joyceleen, Harsimar, Mrs. Monica Singh (Class Teacher), Jasnoor, Jasmehar, Harsamreet  
**Row II** Dilshad, Arpit, Bhavyjot, Umaid, Saibhang, Abhishek, Aryan, Mehardeep, Krishnanshu, Hardik, Amber, Yashpratap, Gurkirat  
**Row III** Joban, Prabhpratap, Divansh, Randeep, Harabhay, Jashan, Aryan, Harpreet, Gurinder, Parvaj, Bheraz, Veerparatap, Gursajan, Sartaj

**Class X-O**



**Row I** Naina, Raywa, Kamyra, Sanna, Mr. Rahul Marya (Class Teacher), Harsheen, Raymon, Ishnoor, Bhavya  
**Row II** Vishesh, Nanakjot, Yavish, Manan, Nidhish, Navraj, Manik, Roopkanwar, Jashan, Kanwar, Aryadeep, Harshil  
**Row III** Shanjeet, Jaisalbeer, Mohkam, Sahibjit, Rahulinder, Sunder, Deepinder, Mehtab, Parth, Manveer, Gursatinder, Vinayak, Manjeet, Himanshu

**Class X-N**



**Row I** Ishaan, Seher, Parneet, Vanshika, Mrs. Ritu Sharma (Class Teacher), Twinkle, Nidhi, Vidhi, Keerat  
**Row II** Pukhraj, Manveer, Suryansh, Amaan, Kashmir, Sehajnoor, Harguntas, Mandeep, Dhiren, Manik, Pulkit, Amiteshwar, Prabalpratap  
**Row III** Naman, Rohan, Manas, Mehul, Manjot, Abhay Bedi, Divnoor, Harsirjan, Sartaj, Vedant, Gurshaan, Abhay Ranwa

**Class X-P**



**Row I** Rajkanwar, Preetinder, Gurveer, Ridhi, Mr. Onkar Singh (Class Teacher), Anushka, Yashneet, Nandini, Pratham  
**Row II** Yuvinder, Anant, Manjot, Ravjot, Karan, Harshit, Harnoor, Ishant, Prajwal, Abhijeet, Harman, Varinder

## XII Arts



**Abhiroop Mittal**

I joined school in Class XI and am quite an introvert. But I did manage to make a great bond with a few people. Currently, my aim is to crack CLAT and then become a judge!



**Alaapdeep Singh**

School life was a lot of fun. I shall really miss my friends and teachers!



**Amanat Mansahia**

The School helped me work on my art and explore many unidentified talents of mine. I am planning to be a fashion designer. Hope I ace it!!



**Amodini**

School was nice and fun to be at. Now it's a new chapter and a new journey. I wish everyone luck and the best of the best!



**Fatehbir Singh Dhindsa**

My most fond memories have been spending time with my friends. I have spent 14 years at YPS and can proudly call it my second home.



**Gurfateh Singh Kaleka**

YPS has helped me groom in every way possible. I came as a boy and am leaving as a man. YPS is not replaceable and I shall carry all these memories till my last breath.



**Gurshaan Monga**

I was a boarder who joined in class XI. YPS being warm and homely, I quickly adjusted and I'm sure I shall miss it very much now.



**Hargunpreet Kaur**

My family has had a strong association with YPS and now I too join the old Yadavindrians troop!! It was an amazing journey and I wish the best for everyone!



**Harmanjeet Kaur**

YPS is a place that can make anyone fall in love with it. The teachers, students and atmosphere is very pleasant and loving. I shall make my school proud and am thankful in every way possible.



**Jashanpreet Kaur**

School was fun and I shall miss it. Hope everyone does well too!



**Jessica Sethi**

I made a place for myself and I'm sure I shall keep the fondest of memories. I shall miss school and say goodbye with a heavy heart. Simrat madam hope you remember me always!!



**Khushaanlm Singh**

YPS is a very big family that has a place for everyone! I really had a blast studying and making friends. I hope to come back very soon and conduct an MUN (smiles)



**Khushbeen Waraich**

I shall really miss YPS. It helped me become what I am today. I shall make my school proud and remains ever thankful!



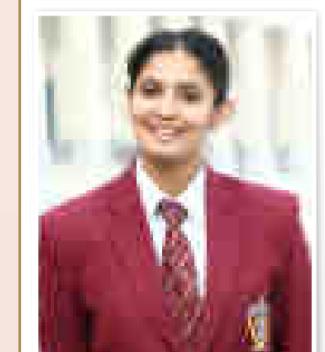
**Kudrat**

I am leaving school with a hole in my heart. I never expected that this wonderful experience shall come to an end so quickly!



**Maninder Kaur**

I shall miss everything—bunking the classes (laughs), spending time with my friends, titu ji's canteen, history class. I am sure no place is as warm as YPS.



**Mannat Sidhu**

I shall miss school and wish everyone luck. All I can say is that it was all fun and it ended too soon.



**Meher Mangat**

I am very thankful to YPS which gave me so many wonderful opportunities to excel. Being the Head Girl was a great responsibility to shoulder and I hope I did justice to it! I shall miss school more than anything!



**Navreet Kaur Brar**

I shall really miss my best friend, Hargun, with whom this journey was not only fun, but awesome!



**Nitin Garg**

I was a boarder and keenly took part in everything. I shall miss boarding life and all my brother boarders!



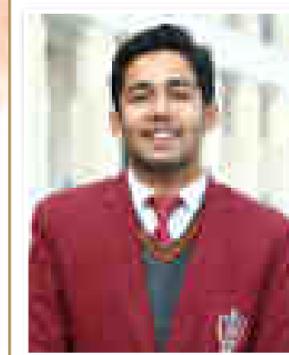
**Pavneet Kaur**

I am an Old Yadavindrian now. I cannot believe 14 years passed by so easily. I shall miss everything!



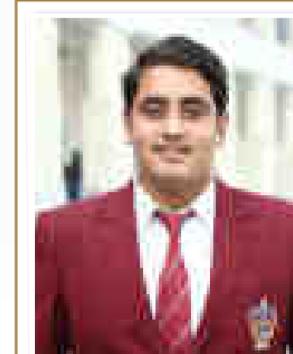
**Ribha Gupta**

School has always been very welcoming and amazing and I shall always hold these memories close to my heart!



**Sanambir Singh Grewal**

I am leaving school and I'm sure i will be in contact with all my friends and I shall make the school proud.



**Sheharyar Khan**

I have been in school from the very beginning and I have been groomed well. I hope everyone does well!



**Shubam**

I am Shubham of YPS. Quite good looking...shy of talking to girls... jokecracker... and love to talk to myself in front of mirror... a member of the School Cricket Team... played several IPSCs ...thank you, YPS!



**Mehul Singh Rao**

I have had my share of fun and I apologize to all the teachers whom, if ever, I gave a tough time (smiles)



**Nayamat Sandhu**

I shall really miss all the extra-curricular activities, specially Bhangra! There is no place like YPS!



**Paramvir Singh**

No institution shall be as close to my heart as YPS. The friends and teachers are amazing and I shall cherish the memories!



**Rashmeen Kaur**

YPS is amazing and I will miss it always!



**Rishika Jain**

I will miss my friends and all the fun we had. Accepting the end of 14 years is tough!



**Shahraj Singh Mandi**

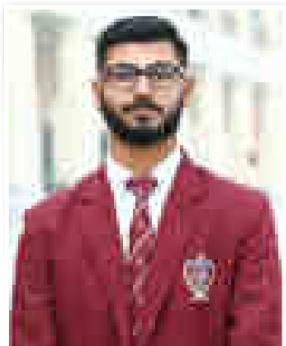
I am very proud to have studied at YPS as my grandfather and father too have studied here. I have my goals and aspirations all sorted out and hope to make my friends and family proud.



**Shriya Sood**

I have been a very emotional person and leaving YPS is not an easy thing for me. It is a mixture of happiness and sadness. Though, I am excited about the journey ahead!

## XII Accounts



**Abhinav Sehgal**

In my twelve years, I have learnt one thing—the question isn't who is going to let him, it is who is going to stop him!



**Alamveer Singh Virk**

The School Band leader says, "Came in as little boy, leaving as a polished gentleman!"



**Amandeep Singh Sandhu**

I am going to miss two of the most wonderful years of my life!



**Arpit Bansal**

Playing pranks and spending time with friends has been a lifetime experience that I will never forget!



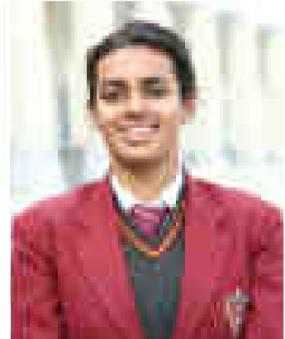
**Arshia Garg**

Having spent one part of my life at YPS—it is definitely hard to say 'goodbye'!!!.



**Arvinder Singh Dhillon**

It has been a very good experience to be and study at YPS! The school gave me a chance to hone my skills in hockey and become a part of the school team.



**Bhavini Verma**

I have often heard people say that the school life is the best part of one's life, and it wasn't till now that I realized it!



**Bhavnoor Brar**

YPS has been a memorable journey. I will miss the enjoyable times spent with friends who have made a lifelong impression on my mind



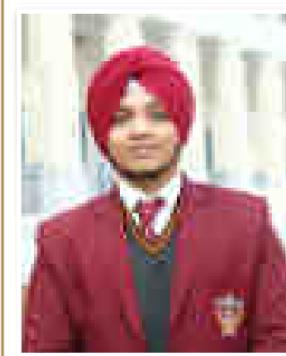
**Divya Gupta**

YPS has given me a huge basket full of good memories, which I shall cherish forever!



**Guneet Singh**

This was a beautiful journey through which I learnt a lot!



**Gurkirat Singh**

Studying in this institute has taught me two things – one, that discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments and the investment in knowledge pays the best interest.



**Gurleen Singh Sandhu**

I do not know what the future holds for me, but the time I spent at YPS will definitely be the best part of my life.



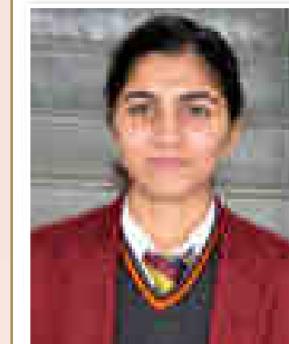
**Gurshehbaaz Singh Shergill**

It is good that we, along with studying, learn to enjoy school life with friends. Because now when I look back, marks do not make laugh, but memories do.



**Hardeep Singh Gill**

Got many good friends and the right guidance of teachers. Boarding life was wonderful and lot of fun!



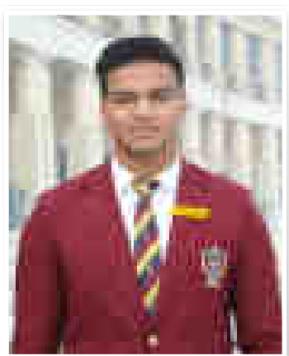
**Jaismeen Kaur Gill**

YPS has taught me to be confident, independent and responsible.



**Japtesh Singh Panjra**

My experience at YPS was tremendously good. It was a great learning journey with all my batch mates. They taught me how to face problems and be positive throughout.



**Jaskaran Singh**

I joined the school in class IV. It was a great and an amazing experience!



**Jasleen Kaur**

YPS gave me the opportunity to grow into an accomplished individual and fine human being. It has given me memories I will cherish for the rest of my life.



**Kanav Malhotra**

The school taught me –“ Tough times never last, tough people do.” The strongest weapon you own is self-faith.



**Komaljot Kaur**

I have built up a lot of confidence, going through and experiencing different kinds of situations.



**Navya Saldi**

It is very hard leaving the school after fourteen years. I will cherish these wonderful memories forever.



**Shanvir Singh**

It was an amazing experience through which I discovered myself, my strengths, my weaknesses and more about life.



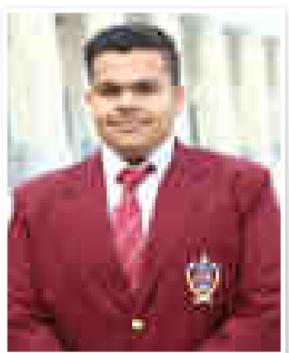
**Shivang Narula**

School life is a roller-coaster ride! You have fun with friends and also taste the highs and lows of life-successes and failures. but all teach you something!



**Tanya Vij**

The school has given me the confidence and the ability to focus on my target; it taught me to fully use my talent and reach my potential.



**Vaikunth Singhi**

Life offers us numerous experiences and one such was the privilege to be a part of this institution. It would be an understatement to say that it is my second home. Yadavindrian forever!

**XII  
Commerce**



**Advetita**

Fourteen years in the school, still nobody has pronounced my name correctly. I have really developed into a good human being at YPS.



**Akshat Ahluwalia**

It has been twelve years since I joined the school. These years were the best and will be remembered forever. On a lighter note, getting a free period was the best feeling.



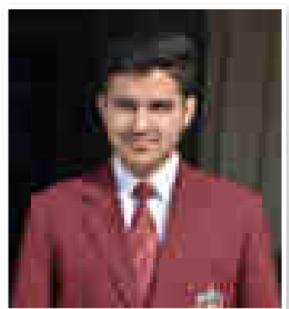
**Amy Singh**

I joined the school in 2016. These three years in the school were great. Spending time with friends was fun!



**Anmol Preet Singh Sandhu**

I joined the school in grade IV. Besides learning, the school helped me pursue my passion in basketball and I rose to play the game at the state level.



**Anuraj Singh Gill**

The school, besides giving me a strong foundation, helped me in my games – especially shooting in which I qualified for the ISSF and won medals at the state level. Horse riding was another sport I did well in!



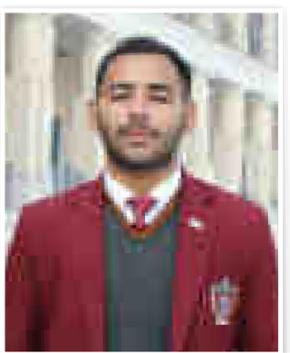
**Damanjot Kaur**

Studying at YPS was an opportunity to grow under the aegis of the teachers and the company of some very good friends. Contributed to my House by participating in House Nights in 'Bhangra'.



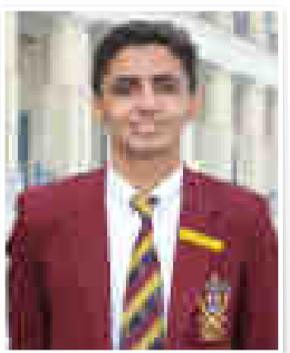
**Ekamjot Kaur Chahal**

I spent more than 10 years in the school and each moment was worth it! Will miss good friends, Pavneet and Daman.



**Gurpreet Singh Khaira**

My experience at YPS has been memorable. The School helped me hone my skills in football, hockey, cricket and especially, boxing, a game in which I played at the state level.



**Harmanjeet Singh Brar**

The journey in YPS has been great! I availed the facilities the school provided and was able to play hockey at the national level.



**Harnoor Kaur Kaleka**

The teachers were helpful and peers supportive. Playing pranks and fun and frolic with friends will be remembered forever!



**Hirdesh Sachdeva**

The school has helped me develop my personality in all spheres- be it academics, games or other co-curricular activities.



**Jomanpreet Singh**

I joined the school in class XI as a boarder. I attended IPSC tournaments in shot put, discus throw and hammer throw. Life in the boarding was amazing!



**Keshav Goel**

No words can describe my experience in this institution. All I can say is that it has played an important role in introducing me to everything I loved doing!



**Lakshya Sharma**

I have been in the school since Prep I and learnt a lot during these years. I will really miss my school, my friends, teachers, and, of course, my soccer mates.



**Manroopjit Kaur**

I have been in the school for nine years and have had a wonderful time. I played for several IPSC Basketball and Zonal Tournaments.



**Manthan Sharma**

I have been in the school since class III. My experience has been wonderful and will always be remembered. I thank the school for recognising my talent and appointing me the Games and Sports' Prefect and Captain of the Soccer team



**Medha Garg**

The school has taught me values and how to be a good human being. One skill inculcated in me was the love for debating.



**Mohit Sharma**

I was appointed as the Mohindra House Captain and that was a proud moment for me! On the whole, my experience in the school has been great!



**Muskan Bansal**

I joined the school in 2016 only, but these two years have been very enjoyable and educative. I liked studying, especially Accounts.



**Narun Singla**

I think I can sum up my feelings through the Bryan Adam song, 'Those were the Best Days of my Life...' The phrase describes my school days best!



**Palak Garg**

Being in this school since Prep I was spending a lifetime here, and every moment of which has been worth it!



**Ramanpreet Singh**

The atmosphere in the school is very friendly and congenial. I gained a lot through these years and walk out into the world a more confident human being...



**Ritik Jindal**

I have been in this school since class I. I feel my hard work was recognized and appreciated. I went on to become a member of the School Cricket Team



**Rohan Kapoor**

I have been here for two years only. The school has taught me to face challenges and, I must say, the boarding life was the best thing that could have happened to me!



**Sanyam Jain**

The school life has been great. I must thank the school for making me a confident and accomplished individual and for honing my skills in Computers.



**Shivay Goyal**

I liked Art and I gained perfection after joining the school. I have had a great time here!



**Simran Singh Kharoud**

This 'Bhangra Lover' feels that he got all the best teachers and the best buddies here! Thank you, YPS!

## XII Science



**Aayushi Saluja**

School life was great and amazing! The school offered me all activities and I was fortunate to make good use of all and turn into a good and an accomplished human being.



**Amanveer Kaur**

I joined the school in class XI, but then enjoyed every moment of my sojourn here. All my friends were helpful and the teachers inspiring.



**Ansh Garg**

Besides academics, YPS provided me the facilities I needed to grow as a cricketer. Tomorrow if I make it big in the game, much of the credit goes to YPS



**Dalsher Singh**

The heart is heavy, yet expectant as we leave! We bid adieu but with a lot of hopes set for the future...



**Fareed S. Kang**

I owe my gratitude to this institution where the bud of my personality flowered into a strong persona. The allpervasive growth will always help me soar high in the sky of success.



**Gurbaaz Singh**

Partings are painful, but then they are! Today if I end one part of my life, the next one begins. And I am sure that with the education I have received, the blessings of my parents and teachers and my awesomeness I shall always be happy and successful in the endeavours of life.



**Honeypal Singh**

YPS' blessing and benedictions shall forever be missed! But then we are sure, they will be with us wherever we go and in whatever we do! We will feel its benign presence always!



**Jashnosh Chahal**

Growing up in YPS was an experience of a lifetime. The school provides the right training and brings out the best out to prepare you for the life ahead



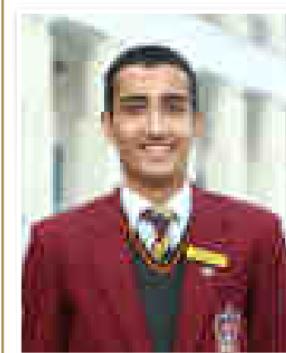
**Jasmeen Kaur**

I remember my first day at YPS vividly-I was crying ... and so am I now! Adieus, YPS!



**Navkirat Singh**

Friends, teachers, classes... everything here will be missed in our lives ahead. Hope we get as good an atmosphere later in other institutions as we got here



**Navraj Singh Brar**

YPS gives us a full-bodied growth. Academics, sports and all other cultural and creative activities form an inseparable part of the school routine. I was fortunate to make good use of all these. Felt honoured and privileged to be appointed as the Head Boy.



**Riya Chaudhary**

I can claim to have spent a large part of my life in the school campus, as I resided here. YPS, besides making me academically proficient, has taught me the values of life too.



**Shaurya Singh**

I have had a long association with YPS. The small mischiefs of the early years turned into mellowness of later years. And today I find myself ready to take on the challenges of the life ahead. Thanks to YPS!



**Tanveer Kaur**

The pleasant memories of YPS shall always stay with me. The classrooms, the playgrounds, the corridors, the friends and the teachers, everything and everyone associated with this institution will forever remain etched in my memory.



**Yash Uppal**

The teachers have always been encouraging here and the peers supportive. I shall relish the memories of the time spent here for a lifetime!



**Yuvraj Singh**

YPS gives us the opportunity to grow fully. It provides us platform to hone, prove and showcase our talent. And, yes, among other virtues, I was able to impress everyone with my singing skills on various occasions.



## The Class XII Farewell Soiree

As the sun began to set on the 27th January, the class XII students gathered in the amphitheatre for the farewell they were given at the end of their school innings. Dressed in their finest apparels, they arrived with much fanfare as, perhaps, was expected of an 'Oscar' themed event.

After the souvenir-giving ceremony accompanied by nostalgic speeches, the outgoing batch assembled in the lawns for hearty snacks and a round of photo shoots, all the while eagerly anticipating the announcement of titles.

The following titles were awarded -

Mr. YPS	Kanav Malhotra
Miss YPS	Meher Mangat
Mr. Popular	Shaanvir Singh
Miss Congenial	Tanya Vij
Best Dressed Boy	Dalsher Singh
Best Dressed Girl	Amanat Mansahia
Mr. Witty	Abhinav Sehgal
Miss Funny Bones	Jessica Sethi



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