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## FAREWELL

Ms Subhashini Sinha and Mr U. C. Rastogi, retired after more than two decades of exemplary service to the school. They were given a warm **farewell** by the staff on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta extended warm greetings and presented both of them with a silver salver. Everyone wished them a healthy and happy future.

*“The two hardest things to say in life are ‘Hello’ for the first time and ‘Goodbye’ for the last.”*

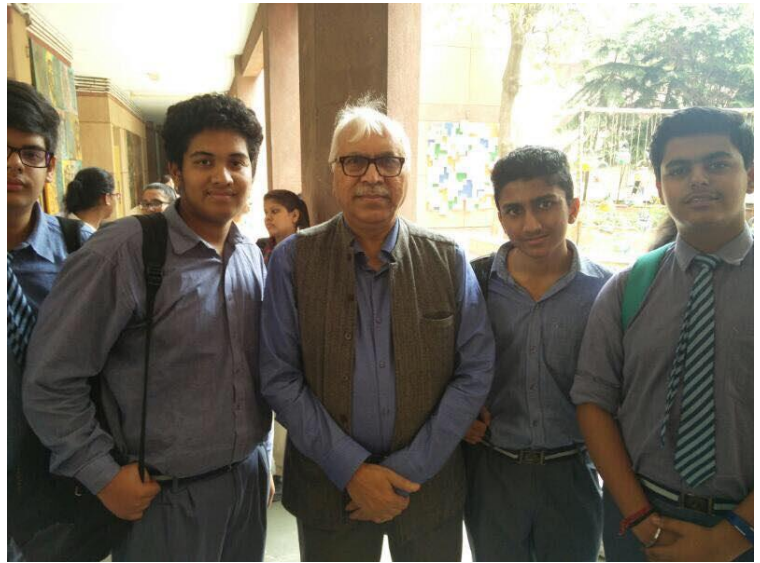


Principal awarding Mr Rastogi and Ms Subhashini with a silver salver

## TALK ON ELECTORAL REFORMS

*“Leadership is not about the next election, it’s about the next generation.”*

Four students from our school attended a talk at **Vasant Valley School** on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Two highly esteemed speakers, namely **Dr S.Y. Qureshi**, the former **Chief Election Commissioner of India** and **Mr Swapan Das Gupta**, a senior Indian journalist and Member of **Parliament**, addressed a large number of students from schools from all over Delhi. The talk on ‘**Electoral Reforms in India**’ enlightened the students about the major problems faced by the electoral system in our country. They shed light on problems such as criminalization of politics, money power, use of black money in election campaigning and how these problems affected smooth and fair functioning of the electoral system. The talk was extremely informative and provided a wonderful opportunity to students to enhance their knowledge on the topic.



*Dr S. Y. Qureshi, along with the students*

## ASTRONOMY OBSERVATION SESSION

*“Man must rise above the Earth—to top of the atmosphere and beyond—for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.”*

Students of the **Astronomy Club** of our School journeyed to **Sariska** for an **Overnight Astronomy Observation Session** on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. They learnt about the constellations, zenith and magnitude of stars.

They identified the stars on the basis of their brightness and learnt how to use the Plano sphere, to know on which day and at what time the constellation could be seen. They set up their own telescopes and witnessed a mesmerizing view of Jupiter, its ring and its four most visible moons, and also caught a beautiful glimpse of the planet Saturn! They were briefed about the DSLR cameras and then were asked to click pictures of various constellations and planets that could be seen using these Cameras.



*Students just before an overnight session*

## POLIO PLUS

*“Nothing that has value, real value, has no cost. Not freedom, not food, not shelter, not healthcare.”*

A national level **Essay Writing Competition** was held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. It aimed at finding practical solutions to overcome the problem of sustaining the position of a **Polio Free Nation**. **Namya Manglani** of 7J took part in this competition from our school and out of the 3,000 entries, stood first. She was awarded by **Dr. N. Subramaniam** at the event held by the **India National Polio Plus Committee**.

## LAXMIBAI HOUSE FUNCTION

*“A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hardwork.”*

The **Biennial House Function of Laxmibai House** was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The function was presided over by **Ms Rachna Pant, Principal Ramjas School, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.**

A beautiful exhibition was put on by the students showing their creativity and hardwork in the form of face sculptures and collections of beautiful photographs. The function started with a **Saraswati Vandana** followed by the **ballet on the ancient tale of Rani Padmavati**. It portrayed the fight for integrity and honour, as the armies of the Rana fought for the protection of Rani Padmavati from the tyrant Alauddin Khilji. The **play was based on the folk tale of Charandas Chor** and proved to be a mixture of comedy and drama, aiming to educate the society about the value of honesty in today's world. After the play, Aditya Sarkar performed a soulful rendition of the song **'Ye Moh Moh Ke Dhaage'** from the Bollywood movie 'Dum Laga ke Haisha', which delighted the audience. Compering was done by Ayushi Kapoor and Avantika Mehra.



*Laxmibai members singing the House Song*

The **House Report** showcased the various talents and achievements of the children throughout the year. Thereafter, they sang the **House Song – 'Kandho Se Milte Hai Kandhe'** – which signified true patriotism and filled the atmosphere with energy. The function successfully ended with the Chief Guest addressing the audience.

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

**'Arthgaurvam'** – the Economics Society conducted various activities under the guidance of the Economics Department. **A quiz was organised** for the students of classes S6 and S7 on 12<sup>th</sup>



*S6 and S7 students being prepped about the test*

society. The presentation outlined the reasons for the merger, its pros and cons and its impact on the Indian Economy. The presentation was very informative and was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

April 2017. The Quiz was **on logos and taglines** of well-known companies and was conducted by Raghav Nath. Agastya Chawla of S6G won the quiz competition.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, Uday Goel gave a **presentation on the merger of the Railway Budget and the Union Budget**. It was attended by the students of the economics

society. The presentation outlined the reasons for the merger, its pros and cons and its impact on the Indian Economy. The presentation was very informative and was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

*“The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations.”*

# SPORTS FRONT

*Sports News By – Ms Himantica Aneja*

## BASKETBALL

Nitish Beniwal bagged a Gold Medal in U-17 Boys Category in **Khelo India Nationals** held at **Gachibowli Stadium, Lingampali, Hyderabad** from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## CRICKET

Prithyul Singh Anand, Yasir Aftab, Karan Guleria and Gantavaya Motwani represented the U-14 Boys' IPSC team in the **SGFI Cricket Nationals**, held at **Anand Nagar, Kopar Gaon, Shridhi** from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The U-19 Boys team was Winner of the 15<sup>th</sup> **H. H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament 2017** held at **Scindia School, Gwalior** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

- Ayush Badoni was awarded the Best Batsman Trophy.
- Hritik Shokeen was pronounced the Man of the Tournament.



*The U-19 Cricket Team at the 15<sup>th</sup> H. H. Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament*

## FOOTBALL

The U-15 Boys secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in **Aryaman Dogra Cup** held at **DPS, R.K. Puram, Delhi** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## SQUASH

Sanya Vats came 6<sup>th</sup> in U-19 Girls category in the 18<sup>th</sup> **Asian Junior Team Squash Championship** held at **Hong Kong, Singapore** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Sanya Vats bagged a Gold in U-17 Girls category in the **Hamdard Delton Open** held at **Hamdard School, Delhi** from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017.