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# **Senior School**









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# No. 1 Co - Ed Day School in M.P.

For the fourth consecutive year, The Shishukunj International School has been ranked as the No. 1 Co - Ed day school in M.P. by Education World C fore survey 2015.



#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and gaiety. Mr. Ashok Mashal, a sincere worker of the school, hoisted the Tricolour. The day was also marked by speeches,

poems and a variety of competitions.

A dance on Vande Mataram performed by



can students who were in our school under the NSLI- Y programme was a pleasure to watch. An inspiring speech delivered by Siddhant Dubey of Class X motivated the stu-



dents to not let Independence Day be reduced to just hoisting of the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem,

but a day when we introspect on what we, as students, can do for our country.

# **TEACHERS' DAY**

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great zeal by way of a short yet heartfelt show put up by the students of Class XII. The students expressed their gratitude through a skit, followed by a speech by the Vice Head Girl.

The programme ended on a musical note and left all



teachers teary-eyed. In the evening, the management hosted a musical programme, followed by dinner, for the educators. Mrs

Shubhada Marathe, a well-known artist of the city, accompanied by music teachers of our school, enthralled the audience with their music.



# SHISHUKUNJ SCHOLARSHIP

With the aim of recognizing and rewarding students of Class X for their academic excellence, the school awarded scholarships to 38 students this year. This scholarship, to the tune of Rs. 60000/- per year, is given to them in Class XI and continues in Class XII, subject to their meeting the required criterion.





# SHRI JUGRAJJI MEHTA WORD POWER

Twenty four leading schools of the city competed in the 4th Shri Jugrajji Mehta English Word Power Competition for Classes VII and VIII. The competition comprised several

rounds like Spell Me Right, Synonyms, Antonyms, Idi-



oms and Proverbs, Rapid Fire, etc. Shishukunj, being the host, did not take part as a contestant.

The winners were: St. Raphael's Higher Sec-



ondary School - Excellent Performance, The Emerald Heights International School - Commendable Perfor-

mance, Delhi Public School - Praiseworthy Performance. The entire show was anchored

by the students who displayed great confidence and presence of mind.



# **TALK ON CAREER CHOICES**

Well-known motivational speaker Mr



Sandeep Atre enlightened the students on how to make correct career choices. In his crisp and lucid style, he shared the mantra of success - passion, dedication and sheer hard work.

# **CAREER IN LIBERAL ARTS**

An interactive session, highlighting the scope of Liberal Arts in the present times, was conducted by a representative from Ashoka University. Students were amazed to learn about the variety of subject combinations that are available in Liberal Arts.

# SHISHUKUNJ MUN

The school took another step towards Internationalism by hosting the first ever Inter-School Shishukunj Model United Nations. The theme for the conference was "Redefining the Past and Defining the Future". Seven leading schools of the city participated in the same.

This conference was witness to extensive de-



bates among the young delegates. Agendas ranging from the Cuban Missile Crisis to Domestic Terrorism in India, East China Sea to Internally Displaced people, Blood diamonds to The Great Depression and the Right to Protect were discussed at length.

# **SESSION ON CYBER SAFETY**

Renowned expert on **Cyber Safety** Mr. Rakshit Tandon
addressed the students on
the precautions to be taken
while using digital technology and on social networking



sites. His two hour interactive session was truly a revelation to the young tech savvy Shishyans. Mr. Tandon also gave useful tips on 'safe and secure net surfing'.

# INTERACTION WITH AN AUTHOR

Mr. Prashant Pinge, author of children's books and short stories, interacted with the students and emphasized the three P's of

and Patience. He shared his experience of being a writer and

writing - Passion, Perseverence

perience of being a writer and motivated students to pursue their passion for reading and writing.



# **INTER SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **DANCE COMPETITIONS**

Performance of Shishyans was adjudged as the best in the following competitions:

First Prize in the Inter-School Kathak Dance



'Reverberations' organized the Choithram School - Manik Bagh.

Vipasha Laad, Class XII, won the First Prize in the Samagam Inter School Solo Kathak Dance Competition organized by the Choithram School -North Campus.



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Adjudged among the Best Three Performancin the Samagam Inter School

Folk Dance Competition held at Pioneer Convent.

First prize in the Retro-Duet Dance Competition held at Guru Public Harkrishan School.



# SANAND COMPETITION

Braving the tough competition that the Sanand Samuh Geet Spardha put forth, Shishyans once again proved their calibre by bagging the 2nd prize in the senior group. Over 1200 children presented 64 songs, making the competition extremely fierce.

#### SANSKRIT SHLOK RECITATION COMPETITION

Kushagra Maheshwari's recitation of Sanskrit Shlokas was adjudged among the Best Three Performances in the Samagam Inter School Sanskrit Shlok Recitation Competition held at ITMA Vidya Niketan. He impressed the judges and the audience with his



excellent diction and delivery of the Shlokas.

# **AD-MAD SHOW**

Shishyans made their mark at the Samagam Inter School MAD AD Show Competition held at the Sri Satya Vidya Vihar.



Their presentation based on the message of 'Swatch Bharat' was adjudged among the best three performances.

#### **IIMUN**

A delegation of 122 Shishyans attended the Indian International MUN, Indore Chapter held at Choithram International School. Six Shishyans were part of the Executive Board. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to debate, discuss, and arrive at a consensus with not only MUNers from Indore, but from other parts of the country as well. Pranavi Agarwal (UNEF), Pranit (UNICEF), Taha Rassiwala (IP - Photographer) received the Best Delegate Award. Oorja Rungta and Mansi Choudhary (UNSC - Double Delegation), Fatema Rani Presswala and Sanika Fegde (UNSC - Double Delegation) and Kanika Agrawal (UNEP) received the High Commendation Award. Special Mention was awarded to Urvashi Dighe (UNDP).



# **INTER HOUSE EVENTS**

#### WORD POWER COMPETITION

Organized with the aim of enhancing the knowledge of the English language, the Inter House Word Power Competition for students of Classes IX - XII was based on a list of 500 words, provided well in advance to the students. Rounds like Spell Me Right, Use Me Right, Synonyms and Antonyms, Idioms, Proverbs, Jumbled Letters and the Rapid Fire



Round made the competition very interesting

and enjoyable. On the first position stood Narayanmurthy House, followed by Dhyanchand House and then the Kurien House.

# **ENGLISH DECLAMATION COMPETITION**

The auditorium of the school resounded with



speeches of Steve Jobs, Emma Watson, Chetan Bhagat, Narendra Modi, etc. on the occasion of the Inter House English Declamation Competition. Samriddhi Agrawal, Class XI, Anantvijay Malpani, Class X and Sargam Sundarani, Class IX were ad-

judged the best speakers.



# TROPHY FOR HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

Dhyanchand House won the trophy for the House with the Highest Attendance.



#### HINDI PANEL DISCUSSION

With 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' and 'Universality of all Religions' as the topics, the students of Classes IX to XI took part in a very healthy and interactive Inter House Hindi Panel Discussion Competition. The partici-

pants of Narayanmurthy House, with their command over the language and the topic, bagged the first position fol-



lowed by Kurien House. Kalam House stood third.

# **SCIENCE QUIZ**

Assessing the scientific temperament of the Shishyans as its goal, an Inter House Science Quiz was organized for the students of Classes VII - VIII. The varied rounds included the Reasoning Round, Rapid Fire Round and the Demonstration Round. Despite the close competition, Dhyanchand House was able to bag the first position. Narayanmurthy House

stood second, followed by Kalam House.



## **FOLK SONG COMPETITION**

With each House putting forth their best fif-

teen to twenty singers, the Inter House Folk Song Competition was colored with India's diverse culture. Kalam



House bagged the first position with its melodious performance, followed closely by the enchanting performance of Narayanmurthy House and Kurien House.





# **INTER HOUSE EVENTS**

#### **BEST OUT OF WASTE COMPETITION**

Held for the first time in the school, this inter house competition required Shishyans to make three dimensional decorative items with a variety of 'waste materials' given to them. Kalam House stood first, followed by Naryanmurthy House and Dhyanchand House.







# FRENCH SONG AND SANSKRIT SHLOK RECITATION

Students of Classes VI - VIII were given a platform to display their skills at the Inter House French Song and Sanskrit Competition.

French Song Competition Result:

First: DhyanchandHouse Second: Kalam House

Third: Narayanmurthy House



Sanskrit Shlok Recitation Result:

First: Kalam House Second: Kurien House Third: Dhyanchand House



# **CARTOON QUIPS COMPETITION**

'The Tale of Melon City' by Vikram Seth, which is part of the Class XI syllabus, took an entirely different hue when Shishyans attempted to retell the poem on canvas as part of the Inter House Cartoon quips Competition. First: Kurien House, Second: Narayanmurthy House, Third: Kalam House.



#### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Inter House Photography Competition for Classes IX - XII drew an enthusiastic response. The award winning photographs are reproduced below:







Prakhar Lasod Class IX

**Apoorv Vatsal** ClassXI

Prakhar Lasod Class IX

#### WALL MAGAZINE

Accurately described as the 'stage' for the Inter House Wall Magazine Competition held every month, the four big display boards in the OTS are being used to display the creativity of Shishyans.

Theme for August: 'My Country - My Pride'.

First: Kurien House

Dhyanchand Second:

House

Third: Narayanmurthy

House.



Kurien House

Theme for September: 'Teachers - Friends,

philosophers and guides'

First: Kalam House

Second: Dhyanchand

House

Third: Kurien House.



Kalam House

Theme for October: 'Gandhi 2015'

First: Kurien House

Second: Dhyanchand

House

Third: Kalam House.



Kurien House



#### INTER-CLASS DISPLAY BOARD DECORATION

Shishyans put in their creative best in the Inter-Class Display Board Decoration Competition based on the theme 'Independence'.



#### **CLASS XII EXCURSION**

Students of Class XII went on an adventurecum-service camp to Lakeside Ridge near Pune. Braving the vagaries of nature they did it all - sleeping in tents, rock climbing, raft building, rappelling and valley crossing.



# INTERNATIONALISM

# NSLI-Y 2015

For the second consecutive year, Shishukunj hosted 08 students from the United States

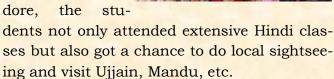


under the NSLI - Y (National Security Language Initiative for Youth),

a programme initiated by the U.S. State De-

partment, in collaboration with AFS, India.

During their six week stay in In-



# **DENMARK EXCHANGE**

Aliya Sheikh attended a one month school program in Denmark. She had the opportunity to take part in exciting intercultural activities together with Danish and international participants.



# SHORT TERM RECIPROCAL PROGRAMME

The school was happy to host Kathrina Buchthal from Germany as part of the Short Term Exchange Reciprocal gramme. Kathrina stayed with us for two months and was hosted by Fatema Rani Presswala. She attended classes regularly and took part in all the



school activities. She also had the opportunity to visit nearby places of Indore like Mandu, Maheshwar, Ujjain, etc.

#### AFS CHAPTER MEET

The school hosted a Chapter Meeting of all the AFS volunteers of Indore. These meetings are a good platform for volunteers to interact with each other and discuss strategies for the growth of the Chapter.





# **SPORTS**

#### **TAEKWONDO**

In the **Open Nationals** held at Chandigarh, Shishyans won 9 medals. Pihu Jain, Gold; Kartik Jain, Harshit Bal, Dakshita Deshmukh, Gaouri Ratnaparkhe, Shruti

Betala, Silver; Harshika Tagaya, Gargi Gaur and Nandini Wadhwani, Bronze.



In the **Sahodaya Taekwondo Tournament** held at Columbia Convent, Pihu Jain won the Gold medal, Harshit Kaur Bal Silver and Gauri Ratnaparkhe and Dakshita Deshmukh won Bronze.

#### **BADMINTON**

In the **MP State Sub-Junior Badminton tournament** held at Mandsaur, Shrishti Gupta won the Girls' Under 13 Doubles.

At the **SGFI Inter-School Badminton Championship**, the Shishukunj boys were the Under-14 champions while the girls were Runners Up in the Under-14 category.

# **CRICKET**

With the construction of the 'Sight-screen', the Shishukunj cricket ground complies all the norms of BCCI.

The **BCCI Cricket matches** for Under 19 Women, Senior Women and Under-19 Boys



#### **SWIMMING**

# First in MP

Advait Page won a Gold Medal in 1500 freestyle and Bronze medal in 400 mt medley in the 42nd National Aquatics Championship held at Pune. He became the first swimmer from MP to win a Gold medal.



In the **CBSE West-Zone Swimming Com- petition** held at Sanskriti School, Ajmer,
Advait Page, Akshita Dash, Karn Kunte,
Neel Gadikar and Samar Pratap Singh
brought laurels to Shishukunj by winning
6 Gold, 6 Silver and 1 Bronze medals.

#### **CHESS**

In the 2nd MP State Schools Chess Tournament held at Progressive School, Indore, the Shishukunj



Team was the champion.

# **BASKETBALL**

Under-14 girls were Runners Up at the Sahodaya Basketball Championship hosted by the Bhavan's Prominent School, Indore.

#### INTER-HOUSE TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON

Inter House Table Tennis and Badminton was organized for Level I and level II. Kalam House was the champion in both boys' and girls' category.

# ONE YEAR OF CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS!

The School Blog has completed its first year. Shishyans and educators have been using this platform to express themselves and to showcase their art and creativity. Currently,

it has more than 250 posts - all original articles, stories, poems in Hindi and English along with art-work of Shishyans. Visit the blog at **www.setusis.blogspot.com**