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## NEWS IN BRIEF

- \* The school re-opened on Tuesday, 27th July, after the Summer vacation
- \* A workshop on Emotional Intelligence was conducted for the school staff on Monday, 26th July.
- \* Asset exams for classes VI to X were conducted from 2nd to 4th August.
- \* The Principal's cup and inter-house swimming competitions were held from 23rd to 30th August

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE DID THIS SUMMER(VACATION)?

### First: A TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND-

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July we departed from Patiala for a much-awaited trip to New Zealand. At Delhi we stayed overnight before our departure (by Singapore Airlines) to New Zealand (via Singapore).

Many of us were travelling for the first time by air. It

was really fascinating! We reached Singapore and explored the magnificent airport before catching the connecting flight to New Zealand. We arrived at Christchurch on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Our friendly guide, Don Ross, was at the airport to receive us. He took us around the town. It was a Sunday and we enjoyed at 'Sumna Beach' before going for



lunch to an Indian Restaurant. After a sumptuous meal, we reached Living Springs, an outdoor Education Centre. The next day we visited the International Antarctic Centre where we saw the world's smallest Blue Penguin

and chilled at -15 degree Celsius.

To our surprise, the next morning, we put on our rubber shoes and walked through woods deep and dark, which was quite an experience. Later, we went on a cruise to see the New Zealand dolphins-Hectors. These are one of the world's smallest and rarest dolphins. They can be seen regularly in both Akorua and Lyttelton Harbour. Lyttelton is a small town on the harbor basin where Britishers landed when they first came to New Zealand. Though the primitive people who first lived there were the Maoris. There are many descendents of this tribe living even today and they are called the New Zealanders. The next morning we moved to the city of the Christ church which is a garden city. There we visited places like the botanical gardens, Canterbury museum, parks, art gallery and travelled on tram-way.

We, very enthusiastically, went around the market, too, to pick up souvenirs for our friends and relatives. And how could we have gone back without seeing the "KIWI" of New Zealand? We were lucky to spot a family of kiwis, which is not a nocturnal bird, but very shy of visitors. We fed the Giraffe at the zoo. It was a delightful experience!

Finally, it was the last night of our trip, and we packed our luggage. It was not easy to leave the big family, we felt we had now become a part of. But then, as they say, all good things come to an end, so did our trip. It was time for our flight back to Singapore, where we halted (and all became complete "shopaholics"!).

However, it was a pleasant sight to see our parents again in Patiala. Well, we shall always cherish the memories of this trip

**Aniket, VII O**

### **Second: THE BLUE PEARLS-A VISIT TO THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS**

Memory is a child walking along the seashore. You can never tell what small pebble it will pick up and store away among its treasured things.

Just like that child, we also picked many memories from our trip to the 'Heaven of East'- the Andaman Islands. We were a group of eighteen students, accompanied by Mrs. and Mr. Thapliyal. We took our first flight from Delhi to Chennai and then from Chennai to Port Blair. We reached Port Blair on June 9. Well, I can say the fun began then and there!

We were welcomed by the beauty of the place, the sandy beaches, deep blue sea, dense rainforest and warm-hearted people. After refreshing ourselves, we

had our lunch and sat in the bus to visit the first beach. Deep blue sea and waves breaking at the rocks was a wonderful sight to watch. All wet, we sat in the bus to visit the famous(or infamous?) Cellular Jail, the mute witness to the torture meted out to the freedom fighters. The saga of the heroic freedom struggle was brought alive in a



moving Sound and Light show. We understood the real meaning of patriotism there.

Over the next few days, we visited the Jolly Buoy, Red Skin Island, Viper Island, Ross Island, North Bay and the Science centre. We also saw the largest wood mill in Asia, the Chatham Saw Mill. The sun rays said 'hello' and 'goodbye' at the highest point in Port Blair, Mt. Harriet. We enjoyed watching the big cities of corals through snorkeling and glass bottom boats.

We were lucky to spot a few habitants of one of the world's most primitive tribes - the Jarawas. It was raining the day we visited the mud volcanoes, lime stone cave and spotted the Jarawas. But I can say this rain was unable to become an obstacle in our way to enjoyment. This place is so peaceful that it can make one forget the worries of the world. The magic of these islands cannot be stated through words, but can only be experienced!

**Kritika Dhawan, XII Arts**

### **Third: TOUR DE CANADA**

Wow! This place would even outbid heaven." "This is the most fascinating picturesque place I've ever seen!" These were the words in vogue as we beheld the "Land of Opportunities"(as they popularly call it). We fell upon it like a swarm of golden bees (read:inquisitives), accompanied by two jovial teachers(read:Mr.KL Dhiman and Mr. Sukhpal Singh), as if all were in paradise(read:Eden

,if you wish), having been exposed to such a surreal place. 'Variety was the Spice of Expedition'-we concocted!

As the plane 'disgorged' us at the Toronto Airport, we all were in elation , having raised our gloomy imaginations and fantasies to the highest bidder. The weather was salubrious and the people were candid. We had ,suddenly, found ourselves in a place where we had no home-made rules to adhere to,where we were companions of the wind, and many other things inexplicable. Dishes such as 'Wavfel', which were new to many a people's tongue, raised a question of their vague,but interesting, taste! But we soon accustomed ourselves to the fair-weather world.

The scenic beauty of Canada was realized as we visited the world-known- 'Niagara Falls'. Originating in the Lake Superior of the US-Canada border, it complements the scenic environs which grip the tourists' attraction. An excursion in a cruise was the most ecstatic of all. The little drizzle which fell on our ears ,on our hair, on every part of the body( but for the raincoat), caused shrieking even higher.

The world turned topsy-turvy as the ebbs and the high waves caused the ship to move to and fro. Still,the photography session and the poses pursued, intending to capture the delirious moments, which, probably, had left some indelible spots in our memory!

' How does it feel being on top of the world?" To me, nobody else can answer this question as artistically as our trip members!!. The blood supply accentuated, as if our hearts were in a trance, pounding thousand times a second against the ribs( almost causing a rib fracture!)..as we saw Toronto from the hundred and twelfth storey of the CN Tower, Toronto-the tallest building in Canada.

We fell upon their art, culture and language (French) like a dry sponge, intending to soak whatever comes its way.

The most adventurous, thrilling and surprising package was the 'La Ronde Amusement Park", the second biggest in Canada. Our guide was fair, and he gave us seven hours to explore the place and go for rides like the Vampire, which go and touch the zenith of the sky. It all proved to be a feast for us. Roller coasters were no less in giving us their share of goosebumps!

Thus, after ten choc-a-bloc days of complete revelry, we came back to our good old dear country. Ending on an old adage-'Variety is the spice of life', I bid adieu!.

**Shubham Mittal ,  
XI Accounts**

#### **Fourth: THE BASIC AND THE ADVANCE MOUNTAINEERING COURSE**

The last three or four years have seen this activity become a regular feature with staff and students going, every year, to complete Basic and Advanced Mountaineering courses at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali, in the month of July.

This summer vacation a group of seven students-Harsimrat, Prabhjot, Nishinder, Yogesh, Paramvir, Viren, and Arminster- with one staff member, Mr. Parvez Job, attending the Basic Mountaineering Course and two staff members, Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal and Mr. Parminder jeet Singh, completing their Advanced Mountaineering Course, visited the Institute in Manali.

This time we were not as lucky as the course which was supposed to be conducted in the Spiti region was, eventually, done at Bakarthach (Beas Kund valley) because of bad weather and road blockage. The first week was given to learning Rock climbing in Manali after which the trainees had to walk to Bakarthach (Basic Course) and to Bhojpatra (Advanced Course) for their Ice and Snow training. For the Basic Course trainees, it was their first time and, so, they were naturally thrilled to see snow all around. But it was not as easy for the Advanced Course trainees because they had to go through demanding techniques such as Duck Walking, Plunging, Glissading, Zig Zag and Sidewalking. Some other activities like Cramponing, Anchoring, Glacier Walking, Rope Fixing, Crevasse Rescue, Load Ferry and some exciting Alpine techniques were also taught.

Throughout our courses, rain played spoil sport and we barely managed to complete our training. Anyway, after spending two weeks in mountains, we trekked back to Manali for a written test and the Graduation Ceremony where we got our hard earned badges.

I am happy that we completed this course happily and successfully. There were some disappointments as we didn't get to see the beautiful, rugged Spiti valley. But then, we know how to take things in our stride.

We hope, next year, more students come forward for these courses to experience mountaineering- what we call, an art of suffering.

**Mr. Parminder jeet Singh**

**Fifth: FINALLY ,I BELIEVE IN'HAVING FUN WHILE LEARNING'- PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUMMIT, USA**

**(Mannat and Manik, XI, attended the prestigious programme during the summer vacation)**

Do you know what the most amazing feeling in the world is? It could be when your favorite soccer team takes home the World Cup (though this ended badly for many), it could be when you buy a more expensive SUV than your neighbour, or it could be when you fall in love-different people, different views. But if you were to ask me this question, I would say that the most amazing feeling in the world for me is when I discover things about myself that I previously did not know. And this is exactly what happened to me at the People to People Leadership Summit for Business, 2010.

This was a summit organized by the American organization 'People to People', started by former US President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, in order to promote



'peace through understanding'. A number of summits and conferences are held across the globe to bring together international students, sportspersons and teachers from different countries to increase the understanding of various cultures and provide guidance regarding diplomacy, medicine, business, sports and college applications. I, being interested in business, attended this particular summit from June 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and I found myself presented with the opportunity to stay at two Ivy League Universities - Columbia University in New York City and The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

A number of activities, assignments and sight-seeing filled our days with each of them very carefully designed

to bring out the best within us, be it self-confidence or entrepreneurship skills. We visited some of the major business stations of the world like the Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange and World Financial Center. An insight into the American history and its founding fathers was provided at Philadelphia.

Though we were occupied from 7 in the morning up until 10 at night with numerous chores, our prime aim was to develop a business plan, which was to be presented to 'potential investors' and was to be judged by internationally renowned leadership speaker, Sunjay Nath, and believe me, those two hours had such a professional air about them, it almost made me forget I was still a sixteen year old. There were heated debates regarding the funding of certain ventures and particular exit strategies. Yes, it gave me the prologue to the book of my life, and everything I needed to write about it

When I walked out of the doors of UPenn on June 29<sup>th</sup>, I walked out with life-long friends from Australia, Malaysia, USA, Canada, Ghana, Egypt, Bolivia, Thailand and India itself, a rare knowledge of basics of entrepreneurship, memories of fun, parties and shopping and ,most importantly, a sense of satisfaction. Would I recommend it to you? Absolutely, go for it!

**Mannat Sidhu  
XI Accounts**

## CAMPUS NEWS

**\* Result of the Punjabi poetry writing competitions held in May-**

**-Senior Section:**

I-Manipal Singh-XI Arts

II-Ayush Puri- XI Accounts

III-Harkrishan Singh-XE

**-Middle Section:**

I-Jaya Kaushik-VIII O

II-Dharminder Singh-VIIN

III-Yuvraj S. Sekhon-VIN

**\* Result of the Middle School Hindi Essay Writing Competition-**

I-Gurpreet Rai-VIII P

II-Hargurleen Bal-VIII E

III-Aashna Duggal-VIE

## SPORTS NEWS

### \* Final House positions in the Inter-house Badminton matches-

#### -In Boys(U-14):

I-PH

II-DRH

III-MH

#### -In Boys (O-14):

I-DRH

II-MH

III-PH

#### -In Girls(O-14):

I-DRH

II-MH

III-PH

### \* Final House positions in Soccer -

#### -Sub-juniors(U-12)-

I-MH

II-PH

III-DRH

#### -Juniors(U-14)-

I-MH

II-PH

III-DRH

#### -Medium category(U-17)-

I-PH

II-DRH

III-MH

### \* Result of the Soccer matches played on 8<sup>th</sup> August against YPS, Mohali, on their grounds-

Whereas YPS, Patiala, lost in the U-12 category, the School XI match ended in a draw. The score was 3-3. Devender scored 2 goals and Nishant 1 goal.

### \* School swimmers participated in the Patiala District Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Boys and Girls Swimming championship held at Narain Public School, Patiala, on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May. The results are as follows-

1. Raja Bhan Singh-1<sup>st</sup> in 50m, 100m and 200m Free style
2. Rohit Garg-3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m and 200m Butterfly

3. Pritampal Singh-1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Back stroke
4. Rushil Kapoor- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m and 100m Free style, respectively.
5. Shehzad Jeji- 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m Freestyle and Breast stroke
6. Gurleen Kaur- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Freestyle
7. Karan Singh- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m and 100m Free style and 50m Back stroke
8. Akansha Bajaj- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Back stroke
9. Heeralpreet Kaur- 3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m Back stroke and 50m Free style
10. Sohinoor Jeji- 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Breast stroke
11. Aayushi Saluja-1<sup>st</sup> in 50m and 100m and 50m Back stroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Back stroke
12. Yashik Goyal- 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m and 100m Free style, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Back stroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m Breast stroke
13. Anisha Bajaj- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Free style
14. Arbaaz Khan- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 200m Free style

- School swimmers also participated in the 26<sup>th</sup> Sub-junior and 35<sup>th</sup> Junior Punjab State Swimming championships for boys and girls held at Ropar from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June. The results were as follows-

1. Raja Bhan Singh-1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Free style, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100 m Free style and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4x100m and 4x200m Free style relay
2. Pritampal Singh-3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 Breast Stroke, 4x100m Free style relay and 4x100m Medley relay
3. Rushil Kapoor- 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1500m Free style and in 4x50m Free style relay
4. Karan Singh-3<sup>rd</sup> in 4x100m Free style relay
5. Jasmine Sohi-1<sup>st</sup> in 50m and 100 m Free style and in 4x50m Free style relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4x50m Medley relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m Free style and 200m Individual medley
6. Saleena Dhaliwal-1<sup>st</sup> in 4x100m and 4x200m Free style relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4x100m Medley relay
7. Akansha Bajaj- 1<sup>st</sup> in 4x50m Free style relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4x50m Medley relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m Butterfly and 200m Free style
8. Aayushi Saluja- 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m and 100m Free style, 50m Back stroke, 4x50m Free style relay and in 4x50m Medley relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 200m Individual Medley and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m Butterfly
9. Anhad Kaur- 1<sup>st</sup> in 4x50m Free style relay

- **Raja Bhan Singh also participated in the Junior National Swimming championship held at Bangalore from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July**
- \* The school Wall climbing team participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> IPSC Wall Climbing competition held at Sainik School ,Kunjpura, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August.The results were-
  - Senior category-Rishav Bindal won a gold medal in Speed climbing
  - Junior category-Sanah won a bronze medal in Speed climbing
  - Sub-junior category- Dhannasika won a silver and a bronze medal in Lead and Speed climbing, respectively, and Sahilpreet fetched a bronze in Speed climbing.
  - Kshirja Bedi,IV, was adjudged the Most Promising and Youngest Player of the tournament. YPS,over all, won the Runners up trophy in the tournament.
- \* Sikanderjeet Singh participated in the Open State Punjab competition and won a gold medal in discus throw with a distance of 53.59m. He has been selected for the Junior Nationals from the North zone.
  - Tejasv Gautam participated in the District U-18 tournament and won a silver medal in hammer throw. He was selected for the Open Punjab State tournament.
  - Shehzad Sidhu participated in the District U-16 tournament and won a silver medal in discus throw. He was selected for the Open Punjab State tournament.

The School Editorial Board were awarded Certificates of Merit in appreciation of their work done for the School Annual Magazine, 'The Yadavindrian - 2010'

## MAIL BAG

-“Dear Mr. SV Kumar,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Yadavindrian-the Annual School magazine highlighting various school activities and programmes held during the year.The production of the magazine is of high quality but still more important is the success of YPS in the overall development of the students.

I always cherish my memories of stay at YPS and the role it has played in moulding my life.Please accept my best wishes for the school's continued success.

Yours sincerely,

**Pawan Kumar Bansal**

(Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, Government of India)

- “ Dear Mr. Kumar,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Annual School magazine-2010. Warm congratulations to you and the staff concerned and students on bringing out a tastefully composed publication. It speaks volumes of the good work being done at YPS, Patiala, as well as the healthy and happy environment in which the students are flourishing.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr.SD Singh,**

Former Chairman IPSC and Principal, Scindia School, Gwalior”

- “Dear Mr. Kumar.

Thank you very much for sending me the Annual School magazine. The magazine is very well compiled and is ,indeed, a splendid reflection of the activities and ethos of the students. May I request you to convey our appreciation to the Editorial Board and others involved in its preparation and publication.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate you, your staff and the students on your excellent Board results

With best wishes and warm regards,

**Maj Gen (Retd.) KVS Lalotra,**

Principal, Mayo College, Ajmer

## THE TWO SIDES OF TWO COINS- HEAVEN AND HELL

Yesterday, I was taken up high above in the white clouds. I pondered over the mystery of heaven and hell, as these are considered to be the abodes of gods and demons. Suddenly, the carriage in which I was traveling ,came to a standstill, and the 'Yamraj' gestured me to move out of it and queue up with the rest of the others. There I saw old, feeble carrions, old pot-bellied misers and many more whose condition was hard to explain. All agog, I mulled over where I was actually? Suddenly, somebody called out my name. Intimidated, I went up to him with trembling legs. Then he took me to a place called 'Hell'. There I saw an arranged dining table, people sitting on chairs, striving for food ,though it was kept right in front of them. But they could not even eat a bit of it, as the forks were too big for them to eat. So, they remained hungry, starving, in spite of having everything. Then he took me to a place called 'Paradise'. There I saw a similar picture . but the environment was totally different-people were happy and joy was prevalent. When I saw them closely, I noticed the same tables and the same forks. I was marvelling over it when what I saw was a complete surprise(a pleasant one albeit)-instead of eating themselves with the big forks, they were feeding each other!

It is rightly remarked-

The mind is in its own place, and within itself- it can make a hell of heaven and heaven of hell.

**Shubham Mittal,**  
XIAC

## POET'S CORNER- 'THE VOICE OF A BABY GIRL'

(Our society stands infested with an alarmingly- high rate of female infanticide . Sadly, our children express concern for such issues, when adults fail to do so)-

You would have to die,  
Said mother with a cry  
There is absolutely no way out,  
She said to her infant daughter...with doubt!!

Please don't kill me,  
I want to grow and see this beautiful world,  
I can stay on well,  
I say, I am bold!!

To this,Mum said with remorse,  
Although this world is beautiful,  
There is male-chauvinist force,  
I can't change the norms of society,  
Which say, 'Bear a son,to live with dignity'

What if Kalpana Chawla and Sania Mirza's mothers  
Would have killed them,when they were little,  
Would not have our society repented,  
Which is now acting brittle!!

Mum,just give me one chance  
So that I can achieve the peak  
And say proudly to the world-  
My mum was strong,  
You all had made her weak!!  
You all had made her weak!!

**SEERAT BRAR,**  
XI ARTS

## TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME- ON 'EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE'(26<sup>th</sup> July)-

The new term began with a workshop on 'Emotional Intelligence-Social and Emotional Learning in the School Curriculum'. The Resource person for the workshop was Ms. Yvette Vignando. She is among Australia's most well-informed and qualified practioners in the area of Emotional Intelligence. She has presented numerous workshops on Emotional Intelligence, leadership, team building and personality styles.

Yvette is using her expertise in this area to publish an engaging parenting website about developing important social and emotional skills in our children-raising children with emotional intelligence.



Yvette spoke on five core social and emotional competencies- self awareness, self management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making.

For more information one can refer to- [www.casel.org](http://www.casel.org), [www.casel.net\\_SEL](http://www.casel.net_SEL) for parents and families- [www.casel.org/sel/families.php](http://www.casel.org/sel/families.php), Yvette Vignando- [www.happychild.co.au](http://www.happychild.co.au)

**Mrs. Sangita Malik**

## WHERE EAGLES DARE -



Eagles (and other birds of prey) come in large number to the School Stadium, especially after the tea-break. As the birds face a fear of extinction, it, no doubt, becomes a treat to watch them!

## FAUX PAS

Six and Nine are inversely propotional

## WRITE AND WRONG( HOWLERS)

1. It was a bloodful sight after the battle
2. Don't dare to call me names in front of my back
3. (Query from Sir)- Sir, from which class have you been teaching here?
4. Eighty percent of the boys were male
5. 'I wish to tell you that I am deeply conceived about your child's poor performance'(office error)

## JUST PICK ONE

(This light-hearted feature seeks to celebrate some staying traits of our staff members and students. We hope nobody takes exception to it. The correct answer is in bold)

- \* Why does **Mr. Parminder jeet Singh** love adventure so much?-
- (a) He has scoured the cities for that one Miss Right. Now, he is looking for in remoter areas
  - (b) He wants to bunk school (officially, of course!)
  - (c) He wants to stay fit at the school's expense
  - (d) He is a true teacher and knows that adventure, too, is a part of school education**

## **MUSINGS.....OF A WAYFARER -**

### **Column by Mr. Diljit Singh**

The devastation is vast and the description leaves one shell -shocked! It is a calamity too horrifying to write about. Yet, the tragedy at Leh (Ladakh) appears to have been waiting to happen, for the destruction was more the result of man's over exploitation of the environment than because of the vagaries of nature.

Patiala seems more fortunate, snug in its cloak of safety. The abundant green cover and healthy surroundings seem to shoo away inundating cloud bursts. At YPS, the lush expanses of the manicured lawns and the large variety of leafy trees are not only a pleasing sight but also give us a balanced ecological system.

Much effort has gone into creating the verdant greenery. The contribution of some stalwarts of YPS of the past cannot

be highlighted enough. The late S.Harpal Singh, the first Games incharge at YPS, had a probably stellar role in creating the play grounds that Yadavindrians so actively frolic about on. He was ably assisted by the late Mr. S D



**S.Harpal Singh**

Baweja, legendary for his passion for cricket (being a Ranji Trophy player) and professed protector of all green trees and shrubs. Woe betides the one caught plucking leaves or branches off the plants! He



**Mr. S D Baweja**

played an active innings as Sports incharge in the late 80s and early 90s and laid a strong foundation for YPS to become a sports giant among public schools today.

His immediate predecessor in this great task was another

cricket aficionado, the late Col.K.Rai Singh, renowned Ranji Trophy player and a member of the Indian Test -XI to visit Australia in 1948. Most trees and shrubs you see dotting the campus were planted by Col. K. Rai Singh and Mr. S D Baweja. May be they are looking down on us from up above and admiring the fruit of their labour ! We thank them wholeheartedly for what they have given us.



**Col. K. Rai Singh**

The mantle of commitment that the Yadavindrian inherits from OYs is not limited merely to the environment. Even since its inception, the school has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a dominant presence on the sports scene. For many years, YPS was not only the initiator but also the main organizer of Inter-public school competitions in various sports disciplines for several years. Even today, the ultimate achievement of any aspiring entrant to an IPSC event would be to get the better of a YPS team, even if for a short time. All this promotes a healthy concept of life among the students.

And achievements are not limited to games and sports alone. We have made our mark at cultural festivals and on the academic front,too. For the YPS fraternity, the aim is to produce citizens of the future who have a well rounded, positive personality, fully prepared and committed to fulfill their role in making the India of tomorrow a better place on the earth to live in.

In this 64<sup>th</sup> year of an Independent India, let us all resolve to make this country the Utopia that Sir Thomas More dreamed about. Let us make it the ideal nation.

## **A VISIT TO THE METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA**

Educational trips which provide us with practical knowledge are, perhaps, very important in this google-driven world. As the famous saying goes, "All Work and no Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy" such field trips are equally important and give us as much knowledge as the usual classroom teaching.

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, the students of class XI (Geography) visited the Meteorological Department of the Punjabi University, Patiala. From dry and wet bulb thermometers, barometers, hygrometers, Stevenson's Screen, rain gauge, radar, thermograph, hydrograph to wind vane and anemometer, the co-operative staff of the University showed us the working of all surface weather instruments. They also explained us the distribution of insulation and terrestrial radiation through various other instruments.

To find the vertical distribution of temperature on a daily basis, they send a huge balloon with numerous instruments attached to it which keeps sending further data to the University. This data is, further, sent to the headquarters at New Delhi, who then actually make the weather forecast.

After getting a bundle of information, our escort-teacher, Mr. Rahul Marya, thanked Mr. MS Tomar, Director, Meteorological Department, for arranging the visit for us. On the whole, the trip was highly informative and re-juvenating for all of us.

**Tavleen Sekhon,**  
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## **WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?**



**A spate of heavy rainfalls in the month of August, often leave the children in lurch on how to go back home! It is another thing that cycles and cars come handy in such situations**

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