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Dear Old Boy,

As I come to the culmination of my tenure in the SJOB A Executive 2024-25, I take this opportunity to reflect upon what has been for me an extraordinary privilege and an absolute honour. I confess this term began with apprehension, mostly because I was taking over from a lineup of some of the most hard working, dedicated, and selfless members who led SJOB A and made it an irreprehensible force to reckon with. My fears were allayed soon enough because I had the support of the stalwarts and some of the most driven young members as my executive committee. With them by my side, the past year has flown by in the blink of an eye, and what an incredible journey it has been. Organizing and executing events for our esteemed alumni came with its fair share of challenges, but the joy of watching SJOB A grow from strength to strength has been truly gratifying. This year was about togetherness, expansion, and creating new traditions. We hosted, for the very first time, the President & Friends of SJOB A Dinner - a gesture to honour our sponsors who have supported us unwaveringly over the years. We also took a bold leap by launching the first-ever stand-alone Time-Speed-Distance Rally. With over 45 participants, it set a national record for the northern region. From there, the momentum only grew:

- ▶ The Winter Ball sparkled with music and magic, with Gurnazar leaving the crowd mesmerised and dancing.
- ▶ The SJOB A Extreme Rally and the SSS witnessed 60+ bikers and 30+ four-wheelers taking to the roads with roaring passion.
- ▶ The SJOB A Marathon was revived with an impressive 602 participants.
- ▶ The Post-Rally Dinner at Mac Sir's residence was another tradition rekindled along with St. John's SJOB A debate.
- ▶ The SJOB A Cyclothon was launched.
- ▶ The first ever SJOB A Founders' Day Dinner was hosted on the 19th of July 2025.



**FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
DESK**

- ▶ Alongside these events, the focus was on strengthening connections within our fraternity. Some new WhatsApp groups were created/extended for alumni across Australia and New Zealand, the Middle East, Bengaluru, and most importantly, the Tricity. I am proud to share that the SJOB A Chandigarh group now connects over 1,000 members, fostering daily interaction and support.
- ▶ To further deepen this network, we launched SJOB A Support Groups - for doctors, advocates, chartered accountants, architects, and builders - ensuring that a helping hand from a fellow old boy is always just a call away. Our SJOB A Directory initiative, already with over

Harpal S. Malvai | Class of 1977 | President, SJOB A 2024-25



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1,000 members, will serve as a lifelong resource for members seeking guidance, services, or just reconnection.

- We also introduced the Back to School Initiative—a long-cherished dream for many old boys who wished to walk the school corridors again, this time with their families. With the Principal's kind permission, members can now revisit the campus by simply sending an email, reliving those timeless memories once more.

As I look back, my heart is filled with both pride and—more importantly—immense gratitude. Gratitude towards our old boys for their enthusiastic participation, towards our executive committee for their fresh ideas and tireless dedication, and towards every single member who stood by SJOB A in making this year so memorable. Your commitment towards your alma mater has helped reinforce my vision for this association- to bring SJOB A members closer, to multiply opportunities for alumni to connect, and to create platforms where bonds are not just remembered but strengthened. I believe, together, we have taken significant steps in that direction. Finally, I extend my deepest thanks to the past presidents for entrusting me with this responsibility, and to the Executive Committee of 2024–2025 for standing shoulder to shoulder with me in making this year a resounding success.

Warm regards,
Harpal Singh Malvai
President SJOB A 2024-25; Class of 1977

MUSINGS OF AN OLD BOY

OUR BEST FRIEND - Br. McCann

Look, your teacher is coming! This one line tends to send shivers down the spine of students even today but for us, it used to be a welcome visit. Every student who has passed out from St. John's High School during Brother McCann's time can relate to him riding a bicycle down to his house and it used to be a pleasure to receive him. It used to be a moment of joy for every student of his.

Brother McCann, till his last breath, kept his ties intact with his students. He believed that a teacher is a person of many parts. I recollect him telling me during one of our conversations, "A teacher is a person who not only gives you knowledge but is your companion too. He is the one who would always stand by your side whenever you need him." And all his students would agree that he lived up to this his entire life. A fracture in the leg riddled him from riding a bicycle but could not take away his spirit. He still continued his visits to his students. The only difference was this that the school 'Maruti Van' used to drop him to a student's place and from there that student would drop him to another's place and this would go on till the time he got tired and finally one of us would drop him back to the Brother's residence at the school campus.

So, not only his students, all those who have lived in Chandigarh for long and ever saw a six-feet, fair, Irish gentleman, striding his

bicycle on the roads of the city beautiful, can certainly take that man to be Brother McCann. But remember, he was never there to pass time, he used to be around on a very special mission, a mission of visiting his old students and enquiring about their well-being. I once asked him about his love for the bicycle and he smilingly said, "It is not a mere mode of transport but also an exercise that keeps me fit and fine."

Brother McCann was not only a wonderful teacher, he was also an elderly friend to many a youngster in town. He is a person who will always remain an integral part of the life of his students. His wonderful thoughts, wide perspective and moral values will always help his students to surge ahead in life. He dedicated 60 odd years of his life imparting education and inspiring hundreds of students across various schools in India being run by the Irish Missionaries. I wonder if today's generation would ever have mentors like him.

I am proud that I have been one of his students. You do not come across such wonderful teachers very often in life. If you have a teacher like him, then you do not have to worry about anything because he is always there to guide and help you out and to take away your blues. He was one of those few teachers who dedicated his entire life preparing his students for facing the one final examination called 'Life.'



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It has been an absolute honour and privilege to serve as the Honorary Secretary of SJOBA – a position that carries immense value, responsibility, and trust. Being one of the youngest Honorary Secretaries in SJOBA's history, my vision for the year was simple yet ambitious: to organise as many events as possible to engage more members, and to modernise our official communication by moving from traditional emails to WhatsApp. I'm proud to say we achieved this transition successfully. This year also saw the launch of the SJOBA Directory – a one-stop platform for members to connect personally and professionally, ensuring that every Johnian knows exactly whom to reach out to when needed. Alongside this, we created specialised professional support groups such as SJOBA Advocates, SJOBA Doctors, and SJOBA CA's & Financial Experts – making help just a message away. Our focus was on deepening camaraderie, cherishing the brotherhood, and strengthening the bond between juniors and seniors. Every event we hosted witnessed record participation – from our newly introduced SJOBA TSD Stand-Alone Rally to the revival of the Marathon. Understanding that every Johnian loves to revisit the school – some bringing their families along – we introduced a simple process to make this possible. An email ID was created where members could send their details, and the Principal would schedule a visit, making the experience more accessible for all. It was an amazing ride to be the Honorary Secretary of SJOBA – one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. This journey has given me lifelong bonds and memories that I will hold close to my heart. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our past presidents for their constant guidance and encouragement, and especially to the SJOBA Executive Team 2024–2025 for their tireless efforts and teamwork in making this year such a resounding success. These initiatives were small steps towards reconnecting every Johnian with our beloved alma mater, all while keeping the SJOBA flag flying high. I am confident that the incoming team will take SJOBA to even greater heights. May the SJOBA spirit live on, and may SJOBA continue to rise even higher!

Danish Singh Mangat | Class of 2017 | Secretary, SJOBA



**FROM THE
SECRETARY'S
DESK**



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

Each year, the SJOBA Calendar of Events begins with an occasion closest to our hearts – Teachers’ Day. It’s more than just tradition – it’s a gesture of gratitude to the ones who shaped our journey. The 2024 celebration, held on 5th September by the newly elected Executive Team, was a heartwarming tribute to the teachers of St. John’s who have guided, mentored and moulded generations of Johnnians. But this year, we took it a step further – giving our beloved teachers not just a celebration, but a day full of joy. The day began with a fun-filled outing as our teachers were taken to watch a movie at DT Mall, giving them a well-deserved break and time to relax and bond. Following the movie, the celebrations moved to the elegant Lalit Hotel, Chandigarh, where a series of engaging activities awaited them. From *antakshari* that brought out the singer in everyone, to the ever-popular tambola, and a host of fun filler games that had everyone laughing and playing like schoolkids again – the atmosphere was filled with energy and cheer. The games seamlessly flowed into an afternoon of music, dancing, and heartfelt camaraderie, culminating with a delicious lunch spread fit for our very special guests. The event was graced by nearly 100 teachers, including more than 10 retired educators, making it a beautiful blend of memories and milestones. A highlight of the day was the felicitation of three teachers who have served over 25 years at St. John’s – a proud and emotional moment for all. Ever wondered why the SJOBA Calendar starts in September? It’s simple – we begin by honouring those who helped us begin. Our teachers are the true architects of our lives, and this annual tradition is our way of saying thank you to the torchbearers of knowledge and values. As always, SJOBA stands tall because of the roots laid deep by our mentors. Here’s to the teachers – our guiding lights, always.



Br. Augustine Jairaj
Community Leader

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SH. RAM PRAKASH MEMORIAL RACQUET TOURNAMENT

The **SJOBA Sh. Ram Prakash Chawla Memorial Racquet Tournament 2024**, held from 6th to 8th September, brought together the spirit of friendly competition, cherished memories, and the unmistakable SJOBA camaraderie. Held at the St. John's High School Sector 26 Auditorium, the three-day tournament witnessed high-energy rallies, thunderous smashes, and heartwarming reunions across generations.



This year, the courts echoed with cheers and applause as 10 teams battled it out in Badminton Doubles; 6 teams displayed finesse and teamwork in Mixed Doubles; 14 spirited players clashed in Table Tennis Singles and 10 teams tested their coordination in Table Tennis Doubles. The matches were nothing short of thrilling - each one a testament to sportsmanship and the unbreakable SJOBA bond. Whether it was the younger alumni pushing the pace or the seniors returning fire with strategy and grace, every game was played with passion and pride. The grand finale on 8th September was marked by a warm and celebratory prize distribution ceremony, graciously facilitated by Mr. Ranjan Chawla and Founding President Mr. Mac Sarin, whose presence added to the meaning and nostalgia of the occasion. This annual tournament stands as a beautiful reminder of Sh. Ram Prakash Chawla's legacy and the enduring spirit of SJOBA - where sports unite generations and memories are created, one match at a time. Here is to many more rallies, reunions, and racquets in the years to come!

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UNDER THE LIGHTS, BEYOND THE SCOREBOARD

SJOBA Night Cricket Tournament 2024

Adding a luminous glow to the crisp October nights, the Night Cricket Tournament 2024, organized by the St. John's Old Boys' Association (SJOBA), lit up not just the school grounds but also the hearts of alumni across batches. This much-awaited cricketing spectacle brought together Johnnians for an electrifying, nostalgic reunion—under the stars and the floodlights—on the very field that once echoed with their youthful energy. Six spirited teams battled it out over four thrilling days, turning the beloved school grounds into a stage for grit, glory, and good old Johnnian fun. Each match served as a perfect blend of friendly rivalry and cherished



memories, where strategy met sportsmanship, and every boundary brought back stories from school days long gone. As the floodlights illuminated the alma mater, laughter, cheers, and the sound of leather meeting willow filled the night air. It wasn't just about cricket—it was about reconnecting, reliving, and rejoicing in the enduring spirit that SJOBA has always stood for. The grand finale saw Team SHARKS clinch the championship with style and determination, while Team EAGLES, true to the spirit of the game, graciously applauded the victors, setting a beautiful example of sportsmanship and camaraderie. This tournament was more than a series of matches—it was a heartfelt tribute to friendship, teamwork, and the shared legacy of our school. And none of it would have been possible without the unwavering support and cooperation of our school staff and SJOBA executive team, whose dedication ensured yet another successful and seamless event. As the final whistle blew and handshakes were exchanged, one thing was certain—SJOBA's bond is just like cricket under the lights: timeless, shining, and unforgettable.

Event Supported by:



A Historic Milestone: SJOBA Launches Standalone TSD Rally with Record Participation

For the first time in the rich history of the St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA), a standalone TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rally was introduced—marking a significant departure from the past where the TSD format was traditionally run alongside the main SJOBA Rally. This bold move was met with a roaring response and turned into a monumental success, attracting 46 participants from across India—a national record for the northern region. Held from 27th to 29th September, the three-day motorsport spectacle kicked off with vehicle scrutiny and a ceremonial flag-off at the SJOBA grounds. The prestigious ceremony was graced by Sh. Tarunpreet Singh Sond, Punjab Tourism Minister, who flagged off the rally, lending strong support to the cause of motorsport and community engagement. The rally route was a thrilling blend of riverbeds, slushy trails, tarmac stretches, and axle-breaking turns and bends, testing both man and machine. Drivers navigated picturesque yet challenging terrains, offering an exhilarating experience that lived up to SJOBA's legacy of excellence and adventure. To promote greater inclusion and community involvement, special categories were introduced for St. John's parents and SJOBA members, encouraging their enthusiastic participation. The rally also made a powerful statement on inclusivity, with three specially-abled participants competing in a dedicated category—a first for any such rally in the region. Winners across categories were awarded cash prizes, while every participant received a trophy as a mark of appreciation. In addition, each marshal—the backbone of the event—was honored with a special trophy, recognizing their crucial role in ensuring smooth execution. The event concluded with a grand prize distribution ceremony at The Lalit Hotel on 29th September, where the motorsport spirit and camaraderie of the SJOBA community were celebrated in full glory. This landmark event not only set new benchmarks in participation and execution but also underscored SJOBA's unwavering commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and sporting excellence.

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**SJOBA rally: Subir-
Nirav claim overall
pro top honours**
CHANDIGARH: The duo of
Subir Roy and Nirav Mehta
claimed the top spot in the
overall pro category during in
the 20th edition of the
SJOBA TSD Rally hosted by
the St John's Old Boys
Association (SJOBA), which
concluded on Monday.

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Pedaling for the Planet: SJOBA Cyclothon Spreads a Green Message Across Chandigarh

On 17th November, the vibrant city of Chandigarh came alive with the spirit of sustainability as SJOBA organized a 12.5 km Cyclothon, drawing in over 250 cyclists of all ages. This high-energy event was not just about the ride—it was about riding for a cause: promoting a greener planet, encouraging eco-friendly transport, and supporting Chandigarh's cycle-friendly infrastructure. Starting and concluding at St. John's High School, Sector 26, the route thoughtfully meandered through some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Rock Garden, Sector 17 Plaza, Sukhna Lake, and the Rose Garden—highlighting the potential and beauty of Chandigarh's dedicated cycle tracks. The Cyclothon served multiple objectives: to promote Chandigarh Eco-Tourism, raise awareness about pollution control, and foster the use of cycling as a sustainable and healthy mode of transport. It was also a proud display of community spirit, with participation from enthusiastic cyclists ranging from school children to senior citizens. In a beautiful gesture of inclusion, three specially-abled participants joined the ride and were honored with a cash prize of ₹2100 each, recognizing their inspiring efforts and contribution to the cause. The event also featured a lucky draw for both men and women, conducted by SJOBA's former President, Sh. S.P.S. Ghai, with brand new Avon cycles gifted to the winners. Additionally, Avon Cycles awarded new bicycles to both the youngest and oldest participants, adding an extra layer of joy and encouragement. By bringing together fitness, fun, and environmental responsibility, the SJOBA Cyclothon proved to be both educational and exhilarating—a perfect example of how small initiatives can drive big change. Here's to more wheels on the road and fewer on the carbon meter—towards a greener, healthier Chandigarh!

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Chandigarh, November 18

The St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) organised the 'SJOBA Cyclothon 2024'. Cyclists undertook a 12.5 km cycle-rally aimed at promoting sustainable and eco-friendly transportation in view of Chandigarh's deteriorating air quality index (AQI) and to encourage people to use cycles as alternatives to fossil fuel based transport.

A total of 250 cyclists participated in the event, which was flagged off from St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh, and concluded back at the school.

Notably, three specially-abled participants took part in the rally with great enthusiasm in the newly introduced 'Specially-Abled Category'. This category was introduced by the organisers for the first time at the SJOBA Cyclothon to promote inclusivity, reflecting the true spirit of the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Harpal Singh Malvai, President of SJOBA, said, "This event was organised, with the aim of promoting cycling as a sustainable, pollution-free mode of transport in



the city. With pollution levels at alarming heights and Chandigarh's AQI among the worst in the country, we hope to bring about significant change by encouraging people to adopt green alternatives like cycling. By doing so, we can reduce carbon footprints and contribute to a healthier environment for everyone."

He added, "At the same time, we also wanted to highlight the importance of using the beautiful cycle tracks existing in Chandigarh, this is the reason why we asked the participants to travel through these so that they are popularised.

The cyclothon showcased landmarks like Sukhna Lake, Rock Garden, Rose Garden, Sector 17 Plaza, and other iconic places of Chandigarh.

Danish Mangat, Secretary of SJOBA, shared, "Participants were rewarded with a variety of exciting prizes, including T-shirts, caps, wristbands, medals for finishers, and e-certificates at the event."

Mangat added, "Three specially-abled participants were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2,100 along with goodie bags as a token of appreciation for their participation in the cycle-rally."

सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 17 को चंडीगढ़, 14 नवम्बर (लल्लन): सेंट जॉन्स ओल्ड बॉयज़ एसोसिएशन (सजोबा) 17 नवम्बर को बहुप्रतीक्षित सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 की मेजबानी करने जा रहा है। साइक्लोथॉन को चंडीगढ़ के सेंट जॉन्स हाई स्कूल-26 से सुबह 6 बजे हरी झंडी दिखाई जाएगी और साइकिल चालकों के लिए एंड प्वाइंट भी सेंट जॉन्स हाई स्कूल ही होगा। यह वार्षिक आयोजन फिटनेस और कम्युनिटी भावना का उत्सव है, जो साइकिल चलाने के शौकीनों, परिवारों और पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूक नागरिकों को एक मजेदार और प्रभावशाली उद्देश्य के लिए एक साथ लाता है। साइक्लोथॉन का उद्देश्य चंडीगढ़ के खूबसूरत शहर के चारों ओर 12.5 किलोमीटर की सवारी में सभी उम्र के प्रतिभागियों को शामिल

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St. John's Old Boys Association to host 'SJOBA Cyclothon 2024' on November 17
Chandigarh: The St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) is set to host the much-anticipated SJOBA Cyclothon 2024 on November 17. The cyclothon will be flagged off from St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh at 6 am and the end point for cyclists will again be St. John's High School. This annual event is a celebration of fitness and community spirit bringing together cycling enthusiasts, families, and environmentally-conscious citizens for a fun and impactful cause. The cyclothon aims to have participants of all ages in a 12.5 km ride around the beautiful city of Chandigarh. "The event aims to promote cycling as a sustainable, pollution-free mode of transport, while encouraging individuals to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute to a healthier environment," said Harpal Singh Malvai, President SJOBA. "The SJOBA Cyclothon aligns with the government's efforts to promote eco-friendly practices and improve air quality," added Malvai.

The Tribune

250 TAKE PART IN SJOBA CYCLOTHON
Chandigarh: The St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) organised the 'SJOBA Cyclothon 2024'. In the draw for youngest participants Reyansh Choudhary (6) got a new bicycle, while Sunil K Arora (66) bagged the same among the oldest contestants. Jasreet Singh Matharu got a bicycle in the draw held for school with highest student participants. A total of 250 cyclists participated in the event, which was flagged off from St. John's High School and concluded back at the school.

चंडीगढ़ भास्कर 18-11-2024



चंडीगढ़ के बीच साइकिल रेसि में सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 का शुभारंभ हुआ। चंडीगढ़ के बीच साइकिल रेसि में सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 का शुभारंभ हुआ। चंडीगढ़ के बीच साइकिल रेसि में सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 का शुभारंभ हुआ।

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सेक्टर-26 में 'सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन' 17 नवंबर को
चंडीगढ़। सेंट जॉन्स ओल्ड बॉयज़ एसोसिएशन सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 की मेजबानी करने जा रहा है। साइक्लोथॉन को चंडीगढ़ के सेक्टर-26 स्थित सेंट जॉन्स हाई स्कूल से सुबह 6 बजे हरी झंडी दिखाई जाएगी और साइकिल चालकों के लिए एंड प्वाइंट भी सेंट जॉन्स हाई स्कूल ही होगा। यह वार्षिक आयोजन फिटनेस और कम्युनिटी भावना का उत्सव है, जो साइकिल चलाने के शौकीनों परिवारों और पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूक नागरिकों को एक मजेदार और प्रभावशाली उद्देश्य के लिए एक साथ लाता है। साइक्लोथॉन का उद्देश्य चंडीगढ़ के खूबसूरत शहर के चारों ओर 12.5 किलोमीटर की सवारी में सभी उम्र के प्रतिभागियों को शामिल करना है। हरपाल सिंह मलवै प्रेजिडेंट सजोबा ने कहा कि इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य साइकिल को ट्रांसपोर्ट के एक सस्टेनेबल यानि स्थायी, प्रदूषण मुक्त माध्यम के रूप में बढ़ावा देना है, साथ ही लोगों को अपने कार्बन फुटप्रिंट को कम करने और एक स्वस्थ पर्यावरण में योगदान करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है। मलवै ने कहा कि सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन पर्यावरण के अनुकूल प्रक्रियाओं को बढ़ावा देने और वायु गुणवत्ता में सुधार करने के सरकार के प्रयासों के अनुरूप है।

SJOBA Cyclothon 2024 raises awareness on UT's deteriorating AQI, promotes cycling as sustainable alternative

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Enthusiasts take part in a cyclothon organised by the St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) in Chandigarh on Sunday

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चंडीगढ़ भास्कर 15-11-2024

सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 17 नवंबर को होगी

चंडीगढ़। सेंट जॉन्स ओल्ड बॉयज़ एसोसिएशन सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन 2024 की मेजबानी करेगी और इसकी शुरुआत सेंट जॉन्स हाई स्कूल कैम्पस से 17 नवंबर को सुबह 6 बजे से होगी। इसे पूरा करने के बाद सभी को साइकिल पर सवार होने का अवसर होगा। हर साल इसे करवा जाता है और फिटनेस को प्रमोट करना ही साइक्लोथॉन का मकसद है। साइक्लोथॉन में 12.5 किलोमीटर का सफर करना होगा और स्पेशल साइक्लिस्ट भी इसमें शामिल होंगे। सजोबा के प्रेसिडेंट हरपाल सिंह ने कहा कि इसमें हम फिटनेस को प्रमोट करेंगे और वास्तव में साइकिल चालने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करेंगे। चंडीगढ़ के चारों ओर 12.5 किलोमीटर की सवारी में सभी उम्र के प्रतिभागियों को शामिल करना है। हरपाल सिंह मलवै प्रेजिडेंट सजोबा ने कहा कि इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य साइकिल को ट्रांसपोर्ट के एक सस्टेनेबल यानि स्थायी, प्रदूषण मुक्त माध्यम के रूप में बढ़ावा देना है, साथ ही लोगों को अपने कार्बन फुटप्रिंट को कम करने और एक स्वस्थ पर्यावरण में योगदान करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है। मलवै ने कहा कि सजोबा साइक्लोथॉन पर्यावरण के अनुकूल प्रक्रियाओं को बढ़ावा देने और वायु गुणवत्ता में सुधार करने के सरकार के प्रयासों के अनुरूप है।

The Daily Guardian

St. John's Old Boys Association to host 'SJOBA Cyclothon 2024' on Nov 17

CHANDIGARH: The St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) is set to host the much-anticipated SJOBA Cyclothon 2024 on Sunday, November 17, 2024. The cyclothon will be flagged off from St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh at 6 am and the end point for cyclists will again be St. John's High School. This annual event is a celebration of fitness and community spirit bringing together cycling enthusiasts, families, and environmentally-conscious citizens for a fun and impactful cause. The cyclothon aims to have participants of all ages in a 12.5 km ride



around the beautiful city of Chandigarh. "The event aims to promote cycling as a sustainable, pollution-free mode of transport, while encouraging individuals to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute to a healthier environment," said Harpal

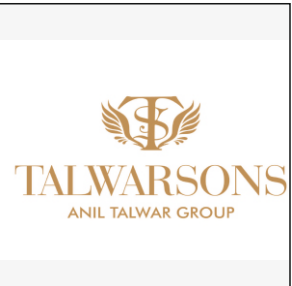
Singh Malvai, President SJOBA. "The SJOBA Cyclothon aligns with the government's efforts to promote eco-friendly practices and improve air quality," added Malvai. "Registration for the cyclothon is simple and those desirous of participating can fill a form by clicking on its link <https://forms.gle/7D4MYwpTXy9RZPFA>. One can also visit Instagram on <https://www.instagram.com/sjobachandigarh?igsh=NmsyZTRYyMGU0dGZooNEor> or Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/sha/re/1APH8dqXZ/>," said Danish Mangat, Secretary, SJOBA.

SJOBA Winter Ball 2024: A Night to Remember

Keeping up with the tradition of being the trendsetters in the city, the St. John’s Old Boys Association (SJOBA) once again delivered an unforgettable evening with the most iconic event of the year — Winter Ball 2024, held on Saturday, 21st December at the elegant HSVP Shivalik Country Club (formerly Gymkhana Club), Sector 1, MDC, Panchkula. This is the time we all come together to celebrate the cherished SJOBA brotherhood — along with our better halves — for an evening that radiates warmth, nostalgia, and togetherness. With over 850 guests in attendance, spanning batches young and old, the night was a grand celebration of memories, music, and shared legacy. Adding special sparkle to the evening were the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Batch of 1999 and the Golden Jubilee of the Batch of 1974. Both batches were given a dedicated, beautifully curated enclosure to mark their milestones. The SJOBA team, along with esteemed former presidents, graciously felicitated the jubilarians — honouring their journey and contribution to the proud SJOBA tradition. The musical heart of the evening belonged to Gurnazar, who set the stage ablaze with his magnetic performance. With soul-stirring tracks like Dil Tu Jaan Tu, he had the crowd singing and swaying under the stars. As the night unfolded, DJ Riha took over — spinning tracks that had everyone on the dance floor until midnight, making it impossible not to move to the beat. Winter Ball 2024 wasn’t just an event — it was an experience. A beautifully woven celebration of fellowship, music, love, and lifelong bonds, reminding all why SJOBA is more than an association — it’s a family.



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SJOBA Winter Ball 2024 today

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Chandigarh, December 20

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WINTER BALL

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GLAMOUR

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CHANDI GEDI

आज होगी एलुमिनाई मीट सजोबा विंटर बॉल-2024

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YASHIKA SAINI
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सम्मेलन में पहुंचकर पूर्व विद्यार्थियों ने यादें कीं ताजा

सेंट जॉन्स ओल्ड बॉयज एसोसिएशन ने स्कूल में किया सजोबा विंटर बॉल का आयोजन



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St. John's Annual Junior and Senior Sports Day 2024: A Tribute to Spirit, Unity, and Legacy

On the cusp of winters, as a crisp chill began to set in the air, St. John's High School came alive with vibrant energy and thunderous cheers as it hosted the much-awaited Annual Junior and Senior Sports Day events. On 9th November, the school grounds witnessed an enchanting display of talent as the junior champions took center stage. The highlight of the day was an awe-inspiring performance that paid homage to Chandrayaan-3's historic success. In a spectacle that left the audience spellbound, over 300 boys moved in perfect synchrony, their coordinated steps and unified formations bringing to life the story of India's lunar triumph. It was a breathtaking tribute that showcased creativity, discipline, and national pride. Shortly after, the Senior Sports Day marked its arrival, infusing the campus with electrifying enthusiasm. The celebration commenced with the School Anthem, followed by a powerful March Past and a series of fiercely contested races. With every sprint, leap, and throw, the students reflected the Johnian spirit — one of perseverance, passion, and unwavering resolve. This year's Senior Sports Day also became a heartwarming reunion of past and present. The Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 and the Silver Jubilee Batch of 1999 returned to their alma mater, reliving memories etched in the corridors and fields of their beloved school. As tradition holds, the March Past was led by the proud old boys of the 1999 batch, evoking waves of nostalgia and pride. A special 100-metre sprint was organized in their honour, as they once again set foot on the track — older, wiser, but forever Johnian at heart. The atmosphere turned electric with a Tug of War between the spirited SJOBA alumni and the current students. Cheers rang out as strength, strategy, and camaraderie clashed in a friendly but fierce competition that symbolized the timeless bond across generations. Yet, beyond the thrill of competition, this Sports Day was a celebration of the enduring legacy of St. John's. It was more than just an event — it was a living, breathing expression of the school's ethos. From joyous laughter and heartfelt reunions to competitive zeal and emotional homecomings, the day was a perfect blend of athleticism, nostalgia, and unity. The Sports Day reaffirmed that being a Johnian is not just about wearing the uniform — it is about carrying the legacy, celebrating the past, energizing the present, and inspiring the future.



SJOBA Blood Donation Camp in Loving Memory of (Mrs) Rekha Naresh

St. John's Old Boys' Association (SJOBA), in association with the Blood Bank Society Chandigarh, organised a blood donation camp in the loving memory of (Mrs) Rekha Naresh. The camp was held on 5th July 2025 at the auditorium of St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh. The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 150 individuals coming forward to donate blood and support the noble cause. Each donor was offered



refreshments post-donation and received a thoughtfully curated goodie bag as a small token of appreciation. SJOBA thanks all the donors, volunteers, and the Blood Bank Society for making this heartfelt initiative a success and honouring the memory of (Mrs) Rekha Naresh through the gift of life.

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SJOBA Golf Tournament 2025 – A Day of Drives, Delight, and Deep Bonds

On a crisp March morning, the lush fairways of the Chandigarh Golf Club played host to the much-anticipated SJOBA Golf Tournament 2025, held on Monday, March 16th. This 18-hole event brought together alumni from across graduating years for a spirited day of golf, laughter, and lasting memories. Golfers competed across various categories for individual net and gross prizes, showcasing not only their talent but also their sportsmanship. The tournament's format encouraged friendly rivalry, with added excitement through on-course contests like Straightest Drive, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin, making the game even more engaging. As the tournament wrapped up, the spirit of camaraderie continued into a relaxed evening of cocktails and a delicious dinner. The gathering was filled with heartfelt conversations, shared stories, and renewed connections—reminding everyone of the strong bond that ties the SJOBA community together. The awards ceremony added the perfect finishing touch, applauding outstanding performances and leaving every participant with smiles, memories, and in many cases, well-earned prizes. We are truly grateful to all who joined us in making the tournament a grand success. A special word of thanks to our sponsor, GB Realty, whose support helped turn this event into a memorable celebration of sport and spirit. Here's to many more such moments on and off the greens!



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St. John's vs SJOBA Cricket Match – Republic Day 2025

In keeping with a cherished tradition, the annual St. John's vs SJOBA cricket match was held on 26th January 2025, adding a sporting spark to Republic Day celebrations. The 20-over face-off, played on the school grounds, saw a spirited contest between the current students of St. John's High School and the alumni team SJOBA. It was a closely fought match, filled with exciting moments, sharp fielding, and impressive performances on both sides. With the game swinging back and forth, the contest kept spectators on the edge of their seats until the final overs. In the end, Team SJOBA emerged victorious, continuing their legacy while also applauding the promising talent of the younger Johnnians. After the match, both teams came together for a post-match lunch hosted by Team SJOBA in the school premises. The gathering was a wonderful blend of nostalgia, sportsmanship, and celebration—highlighting the enduring bond between past and present Johnnians. Here's to tradition, teamwork, and the love for the game!



Smashing Success: SJOBA Padel Tournament 2025

From July 11th to 13th, the Chandigarh Club played host to a thrilling chapter in SJOBA's ever-growing sporting legacy — the SJOBA Padel Tournament 2025. Supported graciously by old boy Pavan Khaitan, the event brought together 24 dynamic teams made up of spirited juniors and seasoned seniors, all bound by the unbreakable bond of brotherhood. The tournament followed a structured format with the 24 teams divided into four competitive groups of six each. Every team played five intense league matches within their group, setting the stage for nail-biting qualification rounds. The top two from each group advanced to the quarterfinals, which led into gripping semifinals and finally, a dramatic showdown in the finals. Across three days, 60 league matches and 7 knockout matches were played, lighting up the courts with energy, strategy, and sportsmanship. The finals turned out to be a crowd-puller, featuring the pairing of Daksh Bassi / Manan Gupta against Sarthak Aggarwal / Kanav Mittal. The match kept everyone on the edge of their seats, going right down to a tense tiebreaker. In the end, Sarthak and Kanav emerged victorious, lifting the trophy amidst loud cheers and warm embraces. What truly made the tournament special was not just the competition but the camaraderie — old friendships rekindled, new bonds forged, and the unique magic of seniors and juniors playing side by side, celebrating the spirit of SJOBA. Here's to more such rallies of joy, teamwork, and memories — on and off the court!



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SJOBA Marathon 2025: A Run for Remembrance, Resilience & Unity

On the morning of 26th July 2025, St. John's High School, Chandigarh, came alive with the pounding of feet, the warmth of camaraderie, and the spirit of service as SJOBA revived its much-awaited Marathon, held to commemorate Vijay Kargil Diwas. This deeply meaningful event was dedicated to the armed forces, a run for the planet, a run for peace, and in loving memory of Late Shri Fauja Singh, the iconic endurance runner who inspired generations with his resilience and grace. Starting and concluding at the school grounds, the marathon welcomed 602 participants from across the country - from first-time runners to seasoned veterans - all united by a powerful cause. With categories for 21 km, 10 km, 5 km, and a 3 km Fun Walk, the event was designed to be inclusive and welcoming for all age groups. One of the most inspiring aspects of the morning was the participation of nine specially-abled individuals, who took on the challenge in wheelchairs. Their courage moved every heart in attendance. As a small token of appreciation, SJOBA presented cash prizes to each of them, saluting their strength and unwavering spirit. The marathon also honoured the youngest runner, just 7 years old, and the eldest, a vibrant 80-year-old, with special prizes — a beautiful reminder that the joy and spirit of running transcend age. All participants were greeted with a custom SJOBA T-shirt, a finisher's medal, goodie bags sponsored by Scott Edil, and a healthy post-run breakfast, adding a warm and thoughtful touch to the experience. The entire route was electric with motivation, celebration, and shared purpose. The prize distribution ceremony, held immediately after the marathon, was graced by Mac Sarin, Founding President of SJOBA, Colonel Harpreet Singh Mann, the Race Director, and Harpal Singh Malvai, President of SJOBA. Their presence added gravitas and legacy to the day's proceedings. This year's marathon was made possible through the generous support of our partners: Old Boy Shaurya Tayal (Owner, Rahi Care), Scott Edil, Halt Nutrition, HDFC Bank, Indian Oil, Old boy Sandeep Sahni CEO Sahayak Associates (in loving memory of Sh. Vas Dev Sahni), Coca-Cola Kandhari Beverages, Fortis, and Verka. The SJOBA Marathon 2025 was more than just an athletic event — it was a celebration of life, legacy, and unity. A day that began with a run ended with a promise: to keep moving forward, together.



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SJOBA Extreme Rally 2025: India's Longest Running Rally Roars into its 38th Edition

From 27th February to 2nd March 2025, engines thundered and spirits soared as the 38th edition of the SJOBA Extreme Rally unfolded with electrifying energy across North India. Organised by the St. John's Old Boys Association, this iconic event isn't just a rally—it's a living legacy. Now in its 38th year, the SJOBA Rally proudly holds the title of India's longest running motorsport rally, and this year, it pushed the limits yet again. A Roaring Start at Sector 34 The action kicked off with the Super Special Stage (SSS) on 27th February at the Sector 34 Exhibition Grounds, Chandigarh. Here, 32 four-wheelers and 60 two-wheelers from all corners of India took on a specially designed track, each completing two high-octane laps. The fastest contenders earned the privilege of first start the next day—setting the tone for an intense and competitive rally. The SSS was graciously flagged off by Chandigarh Mayor Mrs. Harpreet Kaur Babla, marking a powerful start to four days of grit, gears, and glory. Through Punjab's raw beauty and rugged paths, the rally officially began on 28th February from Doaba Group of Colleges, sending participants through a thrilling and unforgiving route that weaved its way across Ropar, Nawanshahr and Hoshiarpur. Over three adrenaline-charged days and two nights, the rally covered nearly 500 kilometers of Punjab's most adventurous terrain. Drivers navigated winding hairpins, unmetalled surfaces, and exhilarating hilly trails that demanded unwavering focus and sharp instincts. From axle-breaking turns to tarmac stretches, dry riverbeds, and breathtaking scenery, every twist and turn tested the very soul of every rider and machine. One of the most loved sections by participants was the route through the Kukanet Forest, where riverbed crossings offered a rare blend of danger and delight. Driven by Spirit, Powered by People What truly elevated the rally's execution was the outstanding dedication of 150 marshals, who volunteered selflessly to ensure safety, fairness, and fluidity throughout the rally. As a gesture of gratitude, each marshal received a personalised trophy with their name, symbolising the rally's deep appreciation for its unsung heroes. On the final morning, the rally was flagged off by Punjab Deputy Speaker Shri Jai Krishan Rodi from the stunning Gaj Retreat, setting in motion the final leg of the adventure. A fitting finish, the rally concluded on 2nd March at the alma mater, St. John's High School, Chandigarh, with a grand prize distribution ceremony held at the elegant Chandigarh Golf Academy (CGA), followed by a celebratory dinner and cocktails. In a touching and inclusive move, every participant—regardless of podium finish—was awarded a participation trophy, while top performers were rewarded with cash prizes for the top three in both four-wheeler and two-wheeler categories. The overall winner in the two-wheeler class also rode away with a brand new Hero bike, proudly sponsored by Hero Motorsports. A rally built on partnerships and passion, the SJOBA Extreme Rally 2025 was powered by an enthusiastic line-up of sponsors and supporters including Hero Motorsports, Vamcy Merla, Punjab Tourism, Cooper Tyres, Surbhi Packers, Fortis Healthcare, Paul Merchants, Indian Oil, Isuzu and Doaba Group of Colleges, among many others. As the 38th edition wraps up with roaring success, it stands tall not just as a rally, but as a celebration of endurance, community, and the thrill of the open road. Until next year, the engines may rest—but the spirit of SJOBA keeps racing forward.





SPREADING LIGHT AND GRATITUDE - SJOBA's Diwali Sweets Distribution (2024)

In the true spirit of Diwali - the festival of lights, love and giving—SJOBA hosted its Annual Diwali Sweets Distribution on 25th October 2024 at the School Auditorium. This heartwarming tradition, deeply rooted in appreciation and togetherness, was made extra special this year by the generous sponsorship of the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 and the Silver Jubilee Batch of 1999. The atmosphere was filled with festive joy as the alumni came together to honor the unsung heroes of the school - its dedicated support staff. With great affection, the sponsoring batches arranged a delicious lunch, a box of sweets, and a thoughtful token amount for every member of the staff. It was a gesture that spoke volumes of the gratitude and respect SJOBA continues to hold for those who form the backbone of the institution. Though time had brought in many new faces among the support staff, the Golden Boys of 1974 connected with them effortlessly, bridging the years with heartfelt smiles, laughter and the shared spirit of Diwali. The celebration saw the gracious presence of members from both the 1974 and 1999 batches, the Principal of St. John's, senior teachers, President of SJOBA Mr. Harpal Singh Malvai, Secretary Mr. Danish Singh Mangat and members of the current SJOBA Executive Team. Their presence made the occasion all the more meaningful, reinforcing the enduring bond between the alumni and the institution. As the lights twinkled and the sweets were shared, what stood out most was the warmth in the room - the kind that only comes from sincere appreciation and a shared legacy. It was more than just a distribution; it was a celebration of relationships, old and new. Here is to lighting many more hearts in the years to come.



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SJOBA 6-A-Side Soccer Tournament 2025

The SJOBA 6-A-Side Soccer Tournament was held from 15th to 17th August 2025 at the St. John's High School grounds, bringing together the spirit of camaraderie, competition, and nostalgia. This year's edition saw six teams battling it out, including a spirited team of current students of St. John's High School. Their participation was specially encouraged so that they could gain valuable exposure, experience the legacy of sports at SJOBA, and understand the true essence of this fraternity. The format ensured that every team played against each other once, making for an intense league stage. The top two teams eventually qualified for the finals, setting the stage for a grand showdown. The finals were a true nail-biter between Minerva Sharks and Scoring Eagles. In a fiercely contested match, Minerva Sharks managed to edge past their opponents with a slender 1-0 victory, lifting the trophy amidst cheers and applause. But beyond the scoreline, what truly stood out was the nostalgia. Old Boys, young participants, and spectators alike relived memories of their school days, playing and cheering on the very grounds that once shaped their youth. The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, competition, and the warmth of the SJOBA bond. A special word of gratitude goes out to Mr. Pavan Khaitan (Class of 1984), without whom this tournament would not have been possible. Year after year, his unwavering support, guidance, and personal involvement have ensured that this soccer tournament remains one of the most loved and awaited fixtures on the SJOBA calendar. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Mr. Khaitan is the backbone of this event, and SJOBA is truly indebted to him for his dedication. The prize distribution ceremony on 17th August 2025 added further grace to the tournament. It was attended by Mr. Pavan Khaitan (Sponsor & Mentor of the Tournament & Ex-President, SJOBA), Mr. Harpal Singh Malvai (President, SJOBA), and Mr. Vivek Sood (Ex-President, SJOBA), each of whom shared in the joy of yet another successful edition of this much-loved event. The SJOBA 6-A-Side Soccer 2025 will be remembered not just for its thrilling finale, but also for bringing the community together once again, proving that while the players may change, the spirit of St. John's and SJOBA remains eternal.

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The Annual SJOBA–St. John's Debate

We are delighted to share that the annual SJOBA and St. John's debates were revived this year after a long gap. Students from Class 6 to 12 enthusiastically participated, engaging in thought-provoking discussions on interesting and contemporary topics. Each class held its debates house-wise, and the top two speakers from every section advanced to the finale round, which was conducted in the St. John's High School Auditorium. The finale was a spirited and intellectual exchange of ideas, and the winners were felicitated by SJOBA President Harpal Singh Malvai, Past President Vivek Sood and Honorary Secretary Danish Singh Mangat.

SJOBA Founding Day – 45 Years of Brotherhood

On 19th July 2025, the St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) marked a historic milestone as it celebrated its 45th birthday. To commemorate this special occasion, a grand dinner was hosted by Team SJOBA 2024–25, bringing together over 150 members of our ever-growing fraternity. The evening was nothing short of magical — filled with laughter, stories, nostalgia, and above all, the spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie that defines SJOBA. One of the most memorable highlights was the cake-cutting ceremony, a symbolic tradition that saw all Past Presidents and the current President join hands, led by none other than our Founding President, Mac Sir. The moment beautifully reflected the journey of SJOBA - from its humble beginning in 1980, to becoming a strong, vibrant, and closely knit community today. What started as a vision 45 years ago has now grown into a legacy of friendship, service, and pride. Each year, SJOBA continues to touch new heights, strengthening bonds and creating memories that last a lifetime. As we raised a toast to the journey so far, we also looked ahead with hope and determination — that with every passing year, this celebration will only grow bigger, brighter, and stronger. Here's to SJOBA — may the spirit of brotherhood continue to thrive for generations to come!



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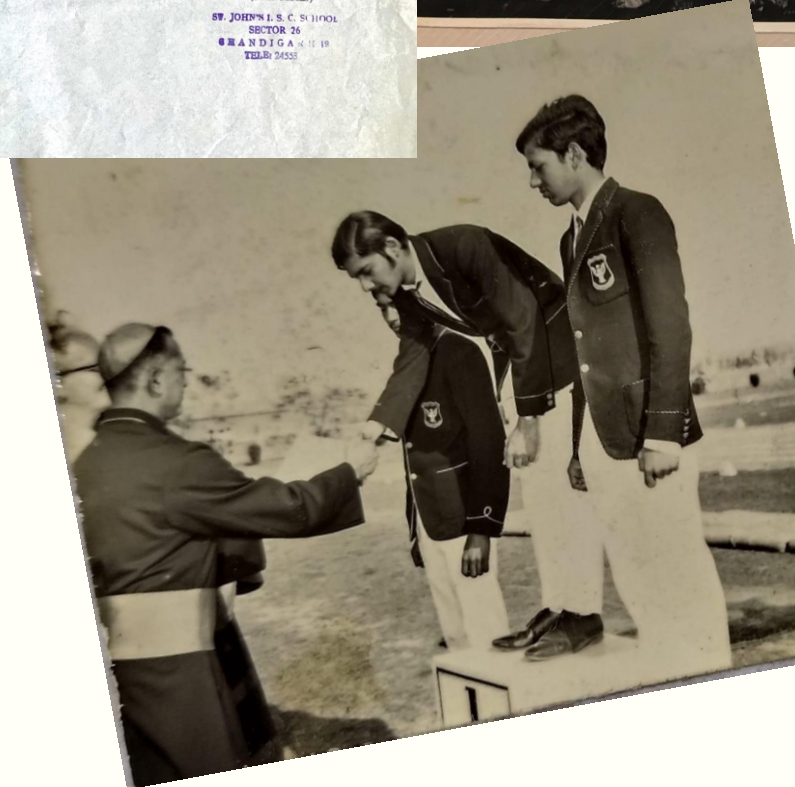
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He was Captain of his Class and also led his class at the School Annual Sports Meet, in the year 1972. He was a prominent member of the School Hockey and Football Teams in the years 1971 and 1972.

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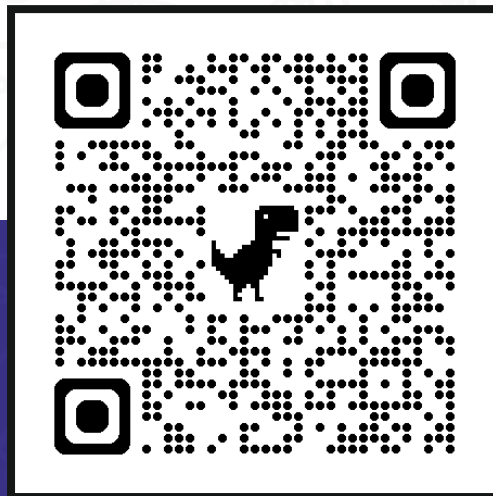
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