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The Principal's column

We have now entered a phase of School life when our focus must remain unwaveringly on studies and scholastic accomplishment. In this knowledge-based, competency-driven modern world, our cadets just cannot afford to be ignorant. Their worst enemies are indifference and apathy. Learning is not something that is done by someone for them. No one can do it for them. It has been well said, 'teachers can open the doors but you must enter by yourself.' It is important that cadets make a commitment to learn. The ultimate responsibility for learning is theirs. Cadets' commitment to learning has been insisted, just as there has been emphasis on consolidation of classroom instruction with serious self-study, peer-learning and revision, along with regular assignments and periodical assessment of learning outcomes. That each one of them is capable; each one of them can achieve high academically if they resolve to devote themselves to their studies, has been driven home. Improvement in the way they approach their studies, classroom learning, assignments given, exams conducted – all this has been part of our commitment. We have taken measures to invigorate the whole academic system, creating a stimulating academic environment in the school, with effective training methodologies and professionalism. We are confident that our efforts will bear rich fruit.

COMMON ENTRANCE TEST

Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to Class VI and IX was conducted in the School on 18 Dec 23. A total of 2600 candidates appeared for the test of which 2343 candidates appeared for admission to Class VI while 257 candidates appeared for



Class IX. Besides the School, APS Kamaraj Road and APS ASC & C were also the CET test centres where 1611 and 1322 candidates appeared for the test, respectively.

ARMY DAY OBSERVED



Army Day was observed on 15 Jan 2023 with a slew of activities. These included English and Hindi Essay writing competitions and a Painting competition. Cadets of Cl VIII – XI participated in the activities which were conducted at APS ASC Centre & College. Cadets of Cl VIII & IX also visited Madras Engineering Group (MEG) Centre where they witnessed Army Day Parade and also got an opportunity to interact with the GOC. It may be recalled that Army Day is celebrated on January 15 every year to commemorate General (later Field Marshal) K.M. Cariappa taking over the command of the Indian Army from General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949 and also to honour the Defence Forces. The 75th Army Day was held in Bengaluru this year.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP CONDUCTED

A workshop was conducted on 07 Feb 2023 on Financial Literacy by the School on behalf of the CBSE for the entire teaching faculty in the CBSE Bengaluru Region.



ANNUAL TECHNICAL INSPECTION CONDUCTED



The Annual Technical Inspection of the School was carried out by Maj Gen R Putarjunam, the Additional Director General Army Education, ably assisted by Col Rahul Sharma, Director MT-15, Army Headquarters, New Delhi on 09 & 10 July 2023. A special assembly was convened at which the ADG AE impressed upon the cadets the immense merit of



deliberations were held and various official documents were gone over thoroughly. The ADG AE



academic achievement and exhorted the cadets to imbibe military oriented values to prepare themselves for an honourable career in the Armed Forces. During the course of the Inspection, a detailed briefing was presented by Lt Col Dipankar Choudhury, Principal, on various academic and administrative issues pertaining to the all-round development of the School. Wide-ranging



made some valuable suggestions and recommendations.





The Inspecting Officer then went round the School visiting different departments, classrooms and cadet dormitories, acquainting himself with the function and routine of the School. The General officer lent a sympathetic ear to the issues raised by the teaching and administrative staff. He also had a brief talk with the School appointments. A special dinner was laid out at the Cadet mess in honour of the visiting dignitary.



INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ORGANISED

The Inter-House Hockey Tournament was organized from 24 Apr – 28 Apr 2023. The matches were held for the Seniors. The tournament was held on league-cum-knock out basis. Each of the four Houses fielded a team of 11 players plus 5 extras. The Final fixture of the Seniors category was played between Shastri House and Nehru House. On the basis of the overall points scored, Shastri House won the tournament

and lifted the Trophy. Nehru House were the Runners-up. Rajaji House and Tagore House secured the 3rd and 4th positions respectively. Cdt Manav Singh, Cl X, Shastri House, was adjudged the Best Player while Cdt Daksh Sherawat, Cl X, Shastri House was declared the Best Defender. Cdt Ayush Yadav, Cl IX, Nehru House was chosen as the Best Goalkeeper and Cdt Nikhil Yadav, Cl VIII, Shastri won the prize for the Best Upcoming Player.

CLASS VI CADETS VISIT VISVESVARAYA INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM



As part of the School's effort at complementing the classroom instruction with field trips and tours, cadets of Cl VI were sent on an educational excursion to the famed Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum on 10 Feb 2023. The cadets were fascinated by the interactive exhibits that helped them to understand difficult scientific concepts. There were also other exhibits and scientific material that provided them interesting facts and information.

ANNUAL DAY PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY 2022



The School celebrated the 76th Annual Day with pomp and show on 10 Dec 2023. Brig CK Ramesh (Retd), a distinguished alumnus of the School presided at the Function. The School Annual Report was presented by the Principal. In a glittering Prize Giving Ceremony held at the School Auditorium, cadets who did exceptionally well in academics, Sports and Co-curricular Activities were awarded



medals and certificates by the Chief Guest. Late I.S.Sethi Rolling Trophy for Best All Round Student was given away to Cdt Vineet Class XI. The Saragarhi Trophy presented by Lt Gen Sumer Singh, AVSM, Col of Sikh Regiment for 'Highest Leadership Qualities' went to Cdt Hasin Zaman, CI XII. The Rolling Trophy for Best Student presented By Lt Gen Ramesh Halgali, SM, Ex DGMT was won by Cdt Pranjal Class XII. Trophy for Best House in Discipline was given away to

Shastri House and Tagore House. Late Shri Navin Chandra Pandey Rolling Trophy for Interior Economy Competition was won by Tagore House. Indian Air Force Training Command, Bengaluru, Trophy for the 'House Best in Sports & Games' was won by Rajaji House. The trophy for Inter House Co-curricular Activities was won by Tagore House. The Trophy for Inter House Academics, presented by Lt Col Nagaraj was bagged by Rajaji House. 'NDA Trophy' for sending maximum number of cadets to NDA was won by Rajaji House. The Overall Runners up Trophy



presented by 1968 Golden Jubilee batch, was bagged by TAGORE HOUSE. The Champion of Champions Trophy presented by Lt Gen K Nagaraj PVSM, UYSM, the then Commandant South Western Command for the year 2021 -22 was lifted by Rajaji House. The Prize Giving Ceremony Celebration was attended by a large number of dignitaries including senior officers of the Station, Sr Georgians and parents.



ANNUAL DAY CULTURAL EVENING 2022



To commemorate the 76th Annual Day of the School, a Cultural Evening was held on 10 Dec 23 at the School auditorium. The Cultural extravaganza was a wonderful potpourri of varied hues that showcased



the wonderful creativity nascent in the young cadets. The show was formally inaugurated by Maj Gen Ravi Murugan, AVSM, GOC, K&K Sub Area by lighting the traditional lamp. The show got off to a colourful start with a dance invocation to Ganesha by the girl cadets. This was followed by another group dance, a graceful,



synchronized one by cadets of CI X. The English One Act Play 'Sherlock Holmes' captured the imagination of the audience with its climax depicting intelligent resolution of a serious problem. The Hindi One Act Play which was next stirred up patriotic feelings



among the audience. The last item was an enthralling group dance displaying the dancers gliding, gyrating, fluttering to the tunes of some really high-decibel, pulsating Bollywood numbers, making the audience sway and rock. Addressing the gathering after the cultural show, Maj gen Ravi Murugan, the Chief Guest while praising the School's effort at drawing out creativity nestling in the cadets, reminded the cadets that they must draw inspiration and zest from such shows and mould themselves into decent, well-



mannered and cultured youth. The School campus stood decked like a bride as a sumptuous dinner was laid out at the Cadet mess that finally brought the Cultural Evening to a close.

PARENT TEACHER MEET



A Parent-Teacher Meet was held on 28 Jun23 at the School auditorium. In his inaugural address, the Principal informed the parents of the various

academic and administrative measures being taken to bring about a qualitative improvement in all aspects of school life. He also spoke about the School's resolve to keep academic excellence the top priority and sought the parents' co-operation in bringing about a tangible improvement in the cadets' academic accomplishment. Later, the issues raised by the parents were addressed to and the suggestions made by them were given serious consideration. The PTM is routinely held as part of the School's yearly calendar. It is an effective platform to discuss the cadets' academic and non-academic performance and to resolve difficult situations.

CADETS OF CLASS VI GO ON A TRIP TO BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK

The newly inducted cadets of CI VI were taken on their first outing to the famed Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru on 04 Apr 23. They enjoyed themselves going around the park looking keenly at the fauna housed at the park and various other sights. They were amazed to see the fascinating varieties of butterflies at the Butterfly Park. What excited them most was the Jungle Safari which gave them a rare opportunity to observe wild animals in their natural habitat. Needless to say the young cadets were awe-struck at the richness of fauna and flora and the work being done to conserve them.



INTER HOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Inter House Cricket Tournament was organised from 29 Mar 2023 to 02 Apr 2023. Shastri House emerged as the proud winners of the Tournament with Cdt Manav of Class X, Shastri House being judged as man of the match

MAHASHIVRATHRI CELEBRATED WITH RELIGIOUS FERVOUR

Mahashivrathri was celebrated at the School with religious fervor on 18 Feb 23. A traditional puja and arati was held and prasad distributed. A community lunch was also organized.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED WITH PATRIOTIC FERVOUR



The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at the School with patriotic fervor and zeal. The National Flag was unfurled by Lt Col Dipankar Choudhury, Principal, who also took salute as the cadets put up a spectacular march past led by the School Captain Cdt Jayant. In his address to the gathering, the Principal reminded the cadets of the true significance of the term 'Republic' and exhorted them to rise above the narrow differences of religion, caste and region to be good citizens in the service of the motherland.

GIRL CADETS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Taking lead from the suggestions by the CBSE to keep up the momentum of empowerment of girls and women, the International Women's Day was celebrated at the School on 06 Mar 2023 with a host of activities the highlight of which was a media interaction with the newly inducted girl cadets (the first batch of the girl cadets) by the representatives of

the Media Mr Sudhindra and Ms Andrea Jyoti. Organised by the Defence PRO, the girl cadets were also given an opportunity to witness a weapons display exhibited by the Madras Engineering Group (MEG). It may be recalled that 8th March is globally observed as the International Women's Day for celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This day is also used as an occasion to reflect and amplify on various issues that come in the way of women's empowerment and hinder realization of gender equality.



CADETS ATTEND TOI JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

Cdt Aditya Raj, CI IX and Cdt Shreeraj Bhosle CI IX participated in the Journalism Workshop conducted by the Times of India group at Kamala Bai Educational Institutions, Bengaluru on 07 Apr 2023. The cadets gained an insight into the world of journalism and its immense power in the modern world. They also got to hone their public speaking skills participating in various activities aimed at developing these vital skills.



INDIAN AIR FORCE SIMULATION TRG

As part of its Induction Publicity Exhibition Vehicle (IPEV) drives across India, the DISHA cell of the Indian Air Force organized simulation training on 06 Apr 2023 for the cadets of all the classes. Conducted by the Air Force Technical College, Bengaluru, the cadets were given hands-on experience of flying a fighter jet on simulated equipment. They were shown models of famed fighter air crafts and the gear of a fighter pilot. They were also informed of key facets of training and career prospects in the Indian Air Force.



LECTURE ON POWER OF NUTRITION IN SPORTS BY SAI



A lecture on 'Power of Nutrition in Sports' was held on 04 Apr 2023 at the School auditorium. Conducted by the Sports Authority of India, the speaker Mrs Namratha Pramod, Nutritionist with SAI, impressed upon the cadets the importance of nutrition, stating what one eats affects not only one's health, but also one's athletic performance and recovery from illness. They were reminded that the goal should always be to fuel the body to support any training program, reduce the risk of illness and/or overtraining so that they could achieve their athletic potential.

HOLI CELEBRATED WITH FUN AND GAIETY



Holi, the festival of colours, was celebrated at the School with fun and gaiety. It all started on 07 Mar with the entire School gathering for the 'Holikadahan.'. After the ceremonial bonfire, 'prasad' was distributed. On 08 Mar, the entire School gathered to play colours together. The cadets were distributed colour packets and what followed was an

unbridled spree of revelry with the cadets daubing one another with colours of varied hues. It was good to see the cadets smear colours on the Principal, the Adm Officer, the MIE and other teachers and seek their blessings. They had a whale of a time capering and romping to the tunes of some peppy numbers



blaring through the music system. Later, cold drinks and sweet were distributed. The celebrations came to an end with a sumptuous lunch laid out at the mess.

DIRECT RECRUITMENT OF ASST MASTERS

The direct recruitment against vacant posts of Assistant Masters was conducted from 13 Jul - 15 Jul 23. Of the 176 candidates who applied against 05 vacant positions (02 in Maths, 01 each in Chem, Phy & Hindi) of Asst masters, 45 were short listed for the teaching practice



and interview which was held on 15 Jul 23. The final merit list of 05 Asst Masters has now been approved by the competent authority.

CHAIRMAN LBA INTERACTS WITH ACADEMIC STAFF



Underscoring his resolve to promote a positively healthy and stimulating teaching-learning environment at the School, Brig MRK Rajesh Panicker, VSM, Dy GOC, K&K Sub Area & Chairman LBA, interacted with the academic staff on 17 Jul 23 during the course of which he impressed upon them the vital necessity of setting a clear vision for bringing about an all-round excellence in all academic and non academic endeavours. The Chairman further urged the academic staff to instill into the cadets a thirst for knowledge, critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities.

VISIT BY THE 1979 BATCH GEORGIANS



On 19 Jan 23, the Georgians of the 1979 passed-out batch, led by Lt Gen Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, AVSM, YSM, formerly, DCOAS (Strategy) made a nostalgic visit to their beloved alma mater. A special assembly was convened at the School auditorium in the

morning. Addressing the gathering, Lt Gen SK Sharma, AVSM, YSM (Retd) went on a nostalgic journey down the memory lane as he eagerly recalled some amusing episode or some learning experience



to share with the young cadets and gratefully remembered the valuable life lessons they had learnt at School and urged upon the cadets to be humble, respectful and responsible and work incessantly to make their dreams come true. Later, the senior Georgians went round the School, visiting various departments, classrooms, labs, dormitories and mess.



JUNIORS CADETS WITNESS AGNIVEER POP AT CMP CENTRE & SCHOOL

Cadets of classes VIII and IX were given an opportunity to witness a spectacular Passing Out Parade (Full Dress Rehearsal) of the first batch of Agniveers of Corps of Military Police at CMP Centre & School, Bangalore, on 03 Aug 2023. The cadets were awe struck to see the the perfect formation and and synchronized drill that was an outcome of a thirty one week module for the young recruits. The rhythmic

Band Display of fifteen minutes was as much uplifting as it was enjoyable. The 16 member strong Military Police Motor Bike Display team called ‘Shwet Ashwa’ put up a marvelous display of daredevilry that left the cadets astounded. Taking inspiration from the zeal, dedication, and courage on display at the Parade, the cadets returned home, determined to work more than ever on their NDA dream.

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH STORY WRITING COMPETITION HELD

The Inter-House Story Writing Competition in English was held on 21 April 2023 for the Juniors category while for the Seniors, it was held on 07 Aug 2023. The four Houses were represented by a team of 03 participants in both the categories. Picture-prompts similar to the ones used during SSB selection procedure were used to stimulate the participants’ storytelling flair. The stories were evaluated on three scores - theme, structure/plot and language and style. On the basis of the points scored, the results are:

Sl. No.	Event	Winners	Individual Prize Winners
1	Story Writing (Jrs)	Tagore House	I - Cdt B Sai Sudhanshu Reddy, Cl IX, Nehru House II – Cdt Chirag Cl VIII, Tagore House III – Cdt Alok Sharma Cl IX, Tagore House
2	Story Writing (Jrs)	Nehru House	I – Cdt Srijan Pandey Cl X, Nehru House II - Cdt Ayush Kumar Singh, Cl XI, Rajaji House III – Cdt Rehan Rehman Cl XI, Shastri House
Overall Winners: Nehru House			

The overall Trophy for English Story Writing Competition 2023-24 was lifted by Nehru House. Rajaji House was the Runner-up.

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION HELD

The Inter-House Essay Writing Competition in English was held on 15 Apr 2020 for the Juniors while for the Seniors category it was held on 07 Aug 2023. The four Houses were represented by a team of 03 participants in both the categories. The topic for the Jrs category was ‘The Impact of Social Media on Students’ whereas for the Srs it was ‘Education is a Culmination of Progress, Knowledge, Values and Ethics.’ The creative pieces were evaluated on three scores – theme/concept, creativity, and language and style. On the basis of the points scored, the results are:

Sl. No.	Event	Winners	Individual Prize Winners
1	Essay Writing (Jrs)	Nehru House	I – Cdt Arun Shravan Jadhav, Cl IX, Shastri House II – Cdt Atin Sisodiya, Cl IX, Rajaji House III –Cdt Vaibhav Kant, Cl VIII, Nehru House
2	Essay Writing (Srs)	Tagore House	I – Cdt Divyanshu Shekhar, Cl XI, Tagore House II – Cdt Gunavardhan Reddy, Cl X, Tagore House III – Cdt Gauranvit Singh, Cl XI, Shastri House
Overall Winners: Tagore House			

The overall Trophy for English Essay Writing Competition 2023-24 was lifted by Tagore House. Nehru House was the Runner-up.

LT GEN CARIAPPA, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, MGS VISITS SCHOOL



Lt Gen CP Cariappa, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, Master General Sustenance and Colonel of the Rajputana Rifles, visited the School on 16 Apr 23. The Gen Officer, a distinguished alumnus of the School (Cdt No. 1825, Shastri House, 1981 batch) interacted with the cadets and urged them to aim high and think big to achieve the best possible outcome. He fondly remembered his teachers and two of the Principals – late Col Shenoy and late Mr K K Arora. In a significant gesture, the General Officer donated his uniform to the School – his beloved Alma Mater – hoping to inspire generations of cadets who aspire to reach the same heights. Later the Gen Officer went around the

campus and also had a brief interaction with the girl cadets whom he congratulated and encouraged to



make intelligent use of their opportunity to study well and imbibe military oriented values.



SCHOOL U-14 BOXING TEAM REAP LAURELS AT IPSC BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP



Putting up a fine display of their boxing skills, the School's U-14 team of spirited pugilists won as many as 04 Silver and 07 Silver medals at the IPSC Boxing Championship held at RMS Dholpur from 17 Apr – 20 Apr 2023.

Name	Class	Medal
Cdt Sai Kanak	IX	Silver; Best Technical Boxer
Cdt G Manoj	VIII	Silver
Cdt Prateek Kumar	VII	Silver
Cdt Ronak Meena	VII	Silver
Cdt Kamlesh Boran	IX	Bronze
Cdt Bhaskar Saha	IX	Bronze
Cdt Nikhil Siradhana	IX	Bronze
Cdt Arav	IX	Bronze
Cdt Ason Sidisow	VIII	Bronze
Cdt Prince Shekhawat	VII	Bronze
Cdt Ritesh Chonkar	VII	Bronze

VICE ADMIRAL SN GHORMADE, PVSM, AVSM, NM, ADC, VCNS

Vice Admiral Satish Namdeo Ghormade, PVSM, AVSM, NM, ADC, the Vice Chief Of Naval Staff, a distinguished alumnus, visited the School on 14 Feb 2023 prior to his superannuation from service. A special assembly was convened in which the VCNS fondly remembered his school days and expressed



his profound gratitude to his School that instilled into him skills and values which shaped his career and life, leading him to professional and personal successes. He reminded the cadets that the School gave them all that they required to make an honourable career in the Armed Forces. Later the visiting dignitary interacted with the teaching and



administrative staff and the girl cadets whom he congratulated and advised to remain focused on their goal.



SAINIK SAMMELAN



A Sainik Sammelan was organized on 05 Aug 23 at the School auditorium which was attended by the Combatants and Group C (formerly Group D) staff. Addressing the gathering, the Principal thanked them for the important role which they play in the smooth

functioning of the School and informed them of certain training and administrative initiatives taken. A few issues which were brought up were given a sympathetic hearing.



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