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MAJ GEN ANOOP JAKHAR, ADG ASEC & ETRC VISITS SCHOOL

Maj Gen Anoop Jakhar, Additional Director General Army Standing Establishment Committee (ASEC) & Education and Training Review Committee (ETRC) visited the School on 12 Dec 23. He was leading an ASEC team that had come to the School for spot review of Peace Establishment (PE) revision. Brig Atul Bhadauriya, Brig ASEC and Col Samir Srivastava, Col ASEC – 3A were the other members of the team. The ASEC team was briefed by the Principal on various academic, administrative and manpower issues the



School faces. The General Officer had a brief interaction with the academic and non-academic staff over tea, during the course of which he impressed upon the academic staff the vital necessity of establishing a good rapport with the cadets to help them reach their full potential and fulfil the School's vision. Later the ASEC team went around the School campus, visiting the classrooms, the laboratories, the library, the dormitories, the MI room and sports fields to get a first-hand observation of the situation on the ground. It may be recalled that ASEC periodically reviews the manpower of units and formations and evaluates authorizations.

MODULE ON COMMUNICATION & PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Keeping in view the vital importance of good English language skills for cadets, a month-long module on English communication and Personality Development Programme (PDP) was held from 31 Oct – 01 Dec 23 for cadets of Classes IX and VI. Conducted by Capt Vaishali Tergundi (Retd) and Mr Narasimha Murthy S, the module aimed to improve the cadets' confidence in using English for communication in various life situations and to develop their proficiency in language skills and grammar. The module was financially supported by the OBA, Bengaluru.



CADETS WITNESS VIJAY DIWAS COMMEMORATION & FELICITATION



Class IX cadets (84) got an opportunity to witness the 'Vijay Diwas 2023' that was held to commemorate and felicitate the 1971 War veterans. Organised by Maj Akshay Girish Memorial Trust on 03 Dec 2023 at the MEG Centre auditorium, the function began with the felicitation of several 1971 war veterans. This was followed by talks on the 1971 War were delivered by senior officers including Air Marshal TD Josph, AVSM, VSM, VM; Maj Gen Bhupesh Jain, VSM; Rear Admiral Sudhir Pillai, NM and Air Cmde Kuruville. Talks were also delivered by a well-known motivational speaker. Patriotic songs and dances by students of APS and the NCC cadets enlivened the function. The cadets returned, inspired to work diligently

on their cherished dream. It may be recalled that Maj Akshay Girish is an illustrious alumnus of the School who was martyred on 29 Nov 2016 while leading a QRT to neutralize terrorists at Nagrota.

PARENT-TEACHER MEET

The Pre-Winter vacation Parent Teacher Meet was held on 16 Dec 23. The parents were informed of their wards' academic performance by the Class teachers and were asked to encourage their wards to work diligently to improve scholastic areas that needed improvement. The Principal sought the parents' co-operation in the School's effort at helping the cadets excel academically while also shaping their overall personality. The parents' concerns were addressed to sympathetically. They were also informed of the new system being developed to keep them updated on their wards' academic performance through the electronic medium and the School website and were requested to check on the cadets regularly and keep them motivated.



COMMON ENTRANCE TEST 2023

The Common Entrance Test 2023 for admission to Classes VI & IX was held on 17 Dec 23 at the School. A total of 1757 candidates (CI VI: 1697, CI IX: 60) appeared for the exams. The Board of Officers detailed for the purpose was headed by an officer of the rank Lt Col from the Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Bengaluru as the Presiding Officers and Officers and JCOs from the Corp of Military Police, the Parachute Regiment and the Madras Engineer Group as the members. RMS Bengaluru staff played a crucial role in providing all possible support for the smooth conduct of the exam. The exam material was sealed and dispatched to the Dir AE-2, IHQ of MoD, New Delhi for further action. Besides RMS Bengaluru, the CET 23 was also held at 03 other exam centres, namely, APS K Kamaraj Road (2102 candidates), APS ASC C & C (1522 candidates) and 515 ABW School (500 candidates).



MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY COL BS DUHAN

In continuation with the School's effort in instilling into them officer like qualities and to keep them motivated to join the Armed Forces as officers, a motivational talk by Col BS Duhan was conducted on 15 Dec 23. A well-known alumnus of the School (Cdt No. 2942, Shastri House), Col BS Duhan began by reminding the cadets that they were destined to be winners as all of them had come through a rigorous selection process. He advised the cadets to spend some time in reflection and to analyse their strengths and weaknesses and work continually on their weaknesses, treating them as challenges. Speaking from personal experience, the Officer shared his success mantra: 'prepare in advance.' He urged upon the cadets to study well and sharpen their mental faculties and acquire a well-rounded personality. The visiting Officer was presented the School cap as a token of affection and remembrance.

INTER-HOUSE INTERIOR ECONOMY COMPETITION

The Inter-House Interior Economy Competition was held on 07 Dec 23. Based on several parameters such as cleanliness, layout and maintenance, the competition was won by Rajaji House which lifted the Late Navin Chandra Pandey Interior Economy Trophy 2023-24. Tagore House was the Runner-up. Shastri House and Nehru House secured the 3rd and 4th position respectively. It may be recalled that the interior economy competition is held annually to instill a sense of belongingness among the cadets who clean and spruce up their dormitories and the surroundings, working enthusiastically to put their creative and innovative talent to good use.



77TH ANNUAL DAY

Rashtriya Military School, Bengaluru celebrated the 77th Annual day with great pomp and show on 09 Dec 23. The Special Assembly which marked the formal inauguration of the celebration was presided over by Brig PI Abraham (Retd.), a distinguished alumnus of the School & former President, the Old Boys Association, Bengaluru. The celebration began on a pious note, with the lighting of a traditional lamp by Mrs Mary Abraham. The



School Band, trained by the instructors from the Corps of Military Police, struck up some well-known martial tunes, creating an elegant ambience and displaying a strong sense of discipline, teamwork, and creativity. The Principal in his Annual report presented a detailed overview of the School's activities in the year gone by and highlighted some major achievements of the School in both scholastic and non-scholastic spheres. The report also expressed gratitude to the senior officers and the old boys for their constant support and guidance. This was followed by a glittering Prize distribution ceremony in which the Chief Guest felicitated cadets who did exceptionally well in academics, sports and co-curricular activities. Late IS Sethi Rolling

Trophy for Best All-round Student was won by Cdt Love Sagar Sikarwar, CI XI while Rolling Trophy for the Best Student was bagged by Cdt Karan Singh Kapkoti, CI XII. The Saragarhi Trophy for Highest Leadership Qualities was presented to Cdt Sandeep Yadav, CI XII and Trophy for the Best Cadet was handed over to Cdt Vineet Kumar, CI XII. Trophy for Best House in Discipline was won by Shastri House whereas the Rolling Trophy for the House best in Interior Economy was won by Rajaji House. Nehru House won the trophy for the Best Marching House and Tagore House won the trophy for the house Best in CCA. The Sports & Games Trophy was won by Rajaji House. The prestigious Academics Trophy was bagged by Tagore House while the highly regarded NDA Trophy was won by Rajaji House. The coveted Champion of Champions (COC) Trophy was shared between Rajaji House & Tagore House.



Trophy	Winners	Runners-up
Academics	Tagore House	Rajaji House
NDA	Rajaji House	Tagore House
Games & Sports	Rajaji House	Shastri House
CCA	Tagore House	Rajaji House
Discipline	Shastri House	Nehru House
Interior Economy	Rajaji House	Tagore House
Champion House	Rajaji House & Tagore House	

Then commenced the Cultural Evening which was a potpourri of varied hues and flavours. It began propitiously, invoking the lord Ganapati with an impressive and colourful group dance by the girl cadets. This was followed by the Hindi skit 'Taj mahal ka Tender' which was a farce showing Shah Jahan getting duped by corrupt contractors and middlemen, a sad commentary on the widespread corruption prevalent in the society. This was followed by an entertaining medley of some of the most well-known and well-loved group songs sung lustily with





full-throated ease by a choir of senior cadets. The English Play 'The Boscombe Valley Mystery' depicted the irresistible Sherlock Holmes as he put his dazzling powers of deduction and observation to solve yet another murder mystery. The next show was the School orchestra in which the budding musicians of the School put up quite an admirable performance playing on the Harmonica and the Casio. The finale was an enthralling group dance medley, wonderfully choreographed on some popular, peppy dance songs that drew wide applause from the audience.

Addressing the gathering after show, Brig PI Abraham expressed satisfaction that the cadets' inherent creative abilities were getting refined and presented. Reminding the cadets the immense contribution that the OBA had done to complement training activities and infrastructural additions, Brig Abraham urged them to maintain them and put them to the best possible use. The Chief Guest also opined that a concerted effort by the cadets, the teachers, the school authorities and the OBA was necessary to bring about a tangible improvement in the NDA results.

The School campus stood bedecked like a resplendent bride as a sumptuous dinner organised by the Old Boys Association brought the celebration to an end.



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