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## DUSSEHRA CELEBRATED WITH RELIGIOUS FERVOUR

Marking the ultimate triumph of Good over Evil, Dussehra or Vijayadasami was celebrated at the School with fervour and gaiety on 12 Oct 24. There was a festive atmosphere in the School campus as the cadets and staff gathered for the ceremonial burning of the Ravana effigy. Cdt Aditya Aryan, the CCA Vice Captain, spoke on the significance of the Dussehra and Vijayadasami celebration. The Principal, in his address, conveyed his Dussehra and



Vijayadasami greetings to the entire School and also to the parents. He led the School in offering a traditional pooja before the effigy of Ravana was torched. Two cadets, one each from Classes VI and XII, joined the Principal. The fireworks display further enlivened the evening. Sweet was distributed and Vijayadasami greetings were exchanged.

Earlier in the day the traditional Ayudha Pooja was also conducted in which along with tools and implements, the School vehicles were venerated and blessed.



## DIWALI CELEBRATED WITH FERVOUR AND GAIETY

Deepawali, the festival of lights, was celebrated at the School with fervor and gaiety on 31 Oct 24. The School campus stood decked like a bride as the cadets and staff gathered at the School main ground for the traditional lighting of lamps.



Cdt Sai Sudhanshu Reddy and Cdt Srikrishna Jha, both Cl X, delivered speeches on the significance of Diwali, emphasizing its eternal message of the ultimate triumph of righteousness over unrighteousness and good over evil. Sweet-boxes were distributed and diwali greetings were exchanged. A spectacular fireworks display followed, lighting up the arena with myriad hues of light and sound, as everyone soaked up the festive spirit. Later, a sumptuous dinner was laid out at the cadet mess.



## GRAND SCALE CLEANLINESS ON GANDHI JAYANTI DAY

Responding to the theme for Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata', cadets participated enthusiastically in a cleanliness drive in the vicinity of the School on Gandhi Jayanti day 2024. Setting a fine example of the dignity of labour, the cadets swept clean the roads and the areas around the School. Every bit of garbage was picked and disposed of. The enthusiastic efforts of the cadets won wide admiration of the general public. The cleanliness drive united the School with the rest of the nation in its commitment to cleanliness, hygiene and sustainable environment. A Painting Competition was also held on 'Swachhata Hi Seva' in which 22 avid artists gave colourful shape to their imagination. Cdt Ansul Choudhary, Cl VI bagged the 1st prize in the juniors category while Cdt T Venkata, Cl VII



and Cdt Sumyajit Nayak, Cl VI won the 2nd & 3rd prize respectively. Among the seniors, Cdt Saran R Cl X bagged the 1st prize. Cdt Sushant, Cl IX and Cdt Shridhar, Cl VIII won the 2nd & 3rd prize respectively. Later in the day, the NCC Jr Div Air Troop cadets gathered at the School auditorium where a talk on 'PM Jan Dhan Yojana' was delivered by Ms Parul Tyagi, Care Taker Officer. Basic information on the Scheme such as a basic savings & deposit accounts, remittance, credit, insurance and pension was shared. The talk on Jan Dhan Yojana was undertaken following the suggestion by the 2 KAR NCC BN.



### MAJ GEN VT MATHEW, AVSM, YSM, GOC K&K SUB AREA VISITS SCHOOL

Maj Gen Vinod Tom Mathew, AVSM, YSM, General Officer Commanding, Karnataka & Kerala Sub Area visited the School on 22 Oct 24. Addressing the Staff and the Cadets at a special assembly convened on the occasion, Maj Gen Mathew reminded the cadets that they were privileged as they got a head start on their career path as



an Army officer. Staying together for seven long years helped them form lifelong friendship.

They were also privileged as they had ample opportunities to participate in Sports and Co-curricular activities to imbibe sportsmanship, communication skills and other traits that would help them acquire a well rounded personality. Reminding the cadets of the Govt's resolve to make India a developed country by 2047, the GOC said that young people such as they had to acquire knowledge and skills to be productive citizens who would power India on its fateful journey. He urged the cadets to be disciplined, healthy and hygienic and be original in thought. The GOC concluded his address congratulating the School on winning the top most position among the best govt residential schools in the country and exhorted all stakeholders to keep up the momentum to turn the School into a centre of academic excellence. Later, Maj Gen Mathew was briefed by the Principal on various academic and administrative issues that needed his intervention. The GOC also took the time to go around the School campus visiting the motivation hall and, especially, the Cadets' dormitories and took stock of the renovation required.



### INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS

In continuation with the School's effort at equipping the cadets with good public speaking skills, the Inter-House Debate Competition in English for the Juniors was held on 04 Oct 24 at the School's Chanakya Auditorium. The motion for the debate was, 'Hybrid education is no education.' The Guest of Honour of the event was Dr Latha S, Asst Professor, Dept of English, Mount Carmel Autonomous College, Vasanth Nagar, Bengalurur. Each of the four Houses was represented by a team of two contestants – one for and the other, against the motion. The contestants' performance was evaluated by a panel of 03 judges - well-qualified and experienced teachers from 03 established Schools in the neighbourhood on the basis of four scores: 'content', 'delivery & style', 'clarity & organization' and 'over-all impression.' On culmination of the competition proper, the judges on the panel presented a critical appreciation of the contestants' performance in which they expressed their admiration of the cadets' performance and candidly spelled out areas that needed improvement. On the basis of the marks scored by the contestants, the individual and house positions are as under:

#### Individual Positions (Jrs):

Position	Cdt No	Name	Class	House
I	5285	Cdt Aditya Raj	VIII	Rajaji
II	5305	Cdt Rahul Choudhary	VII	Rajaji
III	5259	Cdt Naitik Raghav	VII	Tagore

The overall Trophy for English Debate Competition 2024-25 was lifted by Rajaji House. Tagore House was the Runner-up.

Addressing the gathering after the prize distribution, Dr Latha said that debates helped one to learn to stand by



one's word and opined that the cadets had already learnt to present their case in a powerful and engaging way and that would stand them in good stead in their various career paths. Referring to the motion of the debate, Dr Latha

#### HOUSE POSITIONS:

Position	House	Points
I	Rajaji House	185
II	Tagore House	167
III	Shastri House	148
IV	Nehru House	142

#### Overall House Positions (Juniors & Seniors):

Position	House	Points
I	Rajaji House	381
II	Tagore House	350
III	Nehru House	338
IV	Shastri House	318

opined that we had to learn how to take advantage of the modern technology in education to make learning easy, enjoyable, potent and productive. Before concluding, Dr Latha impressed upon the cadets the vital importance of honing their public speaking skills.



### MANOJ SANGWAN INTER HOUSE HINDI DECLAMATION COMPETITION

The Inter-House Hindi Declamation Competition for the Seniors 2024 was held on 01 Oct 24. Each of the four Houses was represented by a team of 03 cadets who declaimed some of the most well-known speeches by great orators including many of our contemporaries. The participants' performance was evaluated by a panel of 03 judges – experienced teachers from reputable schools in the vicinity - on the



basis of 03 scores: 'creativity', 'speaking ability' and 'overall impression', all carrying 10 points each. On the basis of the points scored by the participants, the individual and House positions are as under:

#### Individual Positions:

Position	Cdt No	Name	Class	House
I	5031	Cdt Aditya Aryan	XI	Rajaji
II	5193	Cdt Rohit Choudhary	IX	Shastri
III	5006	Cdt Ashish	XI	Nehru

Speaking after the prize distribution, the Guest of Honour, Col PN Yadav of the Corps of Military Police, a distinguished



#### HOUSE POSITIONS:

Position	House	Points
I	Nehru House	243
II	Rajaji House	227
III	Tagore House	217
IV	Shastri House	214

alumnus of the School (No. 2049/Tagore/1986 batch), reminded the cadets of the vital importance of public speaking skills in shaping their personality. The Hindi Declamation trophy has been named after Capt (Dr) Manoj Sangwan, an

illustrious alumnus of the School (No. 2448, Shastri House, 1991 batch) who also had a tenure here at his alma mater as the CMO.

### NCC SR DIV ARMY TROOP CADETS ATTEND ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP

21 cadets of the NCC Sr Div Army Troop attended the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) organized by 2 KAR BN NCC at Air Force Station, Jalahalli, Bengaluru from 06 Oct – 14 Oct 24. RMS cadets were placed in the Bravo Company. The daily routine began with morning PT followed by Drill, Classes and Games. Classes conducted included .22" rifle- its parts & use; firefighting; map reading & navigation and disaster relief. To their credit RMS cadets organized a class on 'self defence' which was much appreciated. Besides, there were competitions in Tent pitching, Drill parade, Volleyball and Cultural events. With their company bagging the 2nd prize in tent pitching, Drill parade and Cultural event, they bagged the Runner up trophy.



### ENGLISH COMMUNICATION CLASSES FOR CLASS IX CADETS

With a view to sharpen cadets' English language skills and empower them with good communications skills, an English Communication capsule was organized for the cadets of Cl IX from 01 Oct – 09 Oct 24. Sponsored by the Georgian Welfare Foundation, the classes were conducted by Mr Rohil Menon, an alumnus of the School (No. 1353, Tagore House, 1975 batch). The cadets were given extempore speech topics like 'my best moment in life so far', 'my best friend' and 'what I have



learnt from school' and the performance of every cadet was carefully recorded for analysis and advice. They were also asked to deliver a prepared speech. Later, they were divided into five groups to facilitate group discussion, for which each group was given a topic which included 'AI in technology', 'climate change' and 'women's role in the army.' Tips and pointers on improving group discussions were shared. On the concluding day, grades scored by them on prepared speeches and group discussions were revealed and some valuable tips on oral and written communication were given and the importance of active listening, intensive reading and non-verbal cues were emphasized. Needless to say, this thoughtful initiative by the Georgian Welfare Foundation has proved to be of immense benefit to the cadets in their efforts at equipping themselves with good communication skills.

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### **BOOK EXHIBITION**

With the aim of furthering the cadets' reading skills and giving them an exposure to a wide variety of reading matter, a book fair was organized on 03 Oct 24 by a well-known publishing firm. It was a feast of books that fascinated the cadets as



they walked around, browsing through the wide array of books on display. That the book fair drew enthusiastic response from the cadets can be seen from the fact that books worth more than 1 lac 40 thousand were bought by them. Needless to say, the quality reading matter will help them improve their reading and writing skills and broaden their imagination, bringing about an enlargement of their learning capacity and formation of a well-rounded personality.



### **NCC JR DIV AIR TROOP CADETS OBSERVE 'RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS'**

'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or National Unity Day was observed by NCC JR Div Air Troop cadets on 29 Oct 24 with a variety of activities including taking the Unity Pledge. It may be recalled that National Unity Day is observed on 31 Oct every year to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and promote national unity and integrity.



### **CADETS PARTICIPATE IN 'STUDENT PARLIAMENT'**

The Third Edition of the South Zone Inter-School Parliament organised by PRS Legislative Research was held on 19 Oct 2024 at Bangalore International Centre, Bengaluru. In all, 24 teams comprising of 03 students each from Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru participated. The Inter-School Student Parliament provided the perfect opportunity to cultivate active citizenship among the students. It also gave the opportunity of engaging with national policy issues through collaborative decision making and strategic thinking. The topic was a Bill



to Safeguard the Rights of Gig Workers and Constitute a Welfare Board for their Benefit. RMS Bengaluru is represented by Cdt Himanshu Yadav, Cdt Aryan Kumar Sonkar and Cdt Raghav Kafalia of Grade IX. Braving stiff competition from other schools our cadets did persuasively well and lost by a whisker to qualify for the finals during the bill amendment session. The competition provided an ideal platform for our cadets to showcase their talents. It was indeed a great exposure and valuable experience.

### **PHILATELY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SANDESH MUSEUM**



A seminar and quiz on philately were held on 8 October 2024 at the Sandesh Museum of Communications, Bengaluru, as part of the Philately Day celebrations. A contingent of 35 cadets from the Philately Club of Rashtriya Military School participated in the event, which was graced by prominent figures including Shri Rajendra Kumar, CPMG of Karnataka Circle, Shri Ranjith Kumar, SSPOs Bengaluru East Division, and esteemed senior philatelist Shri Varaprasad. The event aimed to foster interest in philately among the youth and highlighted the rich heritage of stamp collecting in India.

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