

Making India a hunger-free nation

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It all started when Ankit Kawatra, the founder of Feeding India, the Hershey Goodness Hero of Delhi Times, attended a grand wedding where more than 35 cuisines were being served. He wondered what would

happen to the excess food and decided to stay back and find out. He saw heaps of excess food being sent straight to the bin, which could have fed about 5,000 people. At 22, he quit his well-paying MNC job and bright career prospects to do something that impacts many lives around him. His aim is to make India a hunger and food-waste

free nation.

Feeding India aims to solve the problem of hunger, malnutrition and food wastage in our country. It channelises extra food from individuals, weddings, restaurants and corporate offices to the people who really need it. It also serves freshly-cooked food or raw grains to their partnered shelter homes and beneficiaries. The focus is to provide a balanced diet and nutritious meals to children, elderly and specially-abled, who cannot



earn or afford food for themselves. Starting with a team of five in August 2014, Feeding India now has a network of more than 7,500 volunteers across 55 cities. Recently, when a slum near Mayur Vihar, Delhi caught fire, residents lost not only their houses but most of their belongings, too. Feeding India started a food donation drive and also donated utensils and clothes. Ankit said, "We picked up freshly cooked food, which included *daal-chawal*, from a restaur-

ant at Bhikaji Cama Place. We checked its quality and then donated it to the people in the slum near Mayur Vihar. We also gave them clothes and utensils, so that they can start their life again." Ankit has also received an award from Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II, at the Buckingham Palace, London for his good work. He was selected from the 17 United Nations Young Leaders representatives for the sustainable development goals for his initiative.

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School hosts CBSE National Badminton Championship



The championship at The Sagar School

The Sagar School hosted the seven-day annual CBSE National Badminton Championship from October 22 to 28. The participants included 353 shuttlers from 78 different schools of India and Gulf countries, namely Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE.

The opening ceremony was attended by chief guest Major General Anil Sengar, YSM, VSM (Retd), recipient of the 'Sword of Honour' and Gold Medal from the Indian Military Academy. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion included CBSE observers Apindra Sabharwal and SD Sharma, international referee Suryaveer Sharma and 12 national/state level referees.

Marking the commencement of the event, the chief guest was welcomed by dauntless participants, who marched on

the sports arena with their school flags to the accompaniment of the lively ceremonial band music, played by the 4th Grenadiers. During the oath ceremony, the participants solemnly pledged to uphold the spirit of true sportsmanship.

In his speech, the chief guest congratulated the school for organising a grand event and gave his best wishes to the players and their coaches.

Principal Dr Deepak Raj Singh Bisht extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, participating teams and coaches. He spoke on the importance of sports and inspired all the shuttlers.

The chief guest of the closing ceremony, GN Srivastava, Senior Accounts Officer, CBSE headquarter, praised the school for a smooth conduction of the championship and honoured all the winners with awards and certificates.

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