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OPENING DANCE: A POWERFUL RENDITION OF "ASTO MA SAD GAMYA..."

EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

At the time of writing this edition of The Sagarian Times, we have just about finished with a high adrenaline event The 20th Founder's Day. The highs achieved during this event are still fresh in our minds. Those who witnessed this performance on December 7th were awestruck by the grandeur of the event. That the teachers and the children have gone through a lot achieve such standards was evident to everyone.

While we accept the accolades and praises showered upon us with equanimity, we would like you to know, that for us, the fact that our children worked for the event tirelessly and with a smile on their faces, is far greater an achievement.

Working together with children for such events bonds us much more than the everyday routine. Importance of such bonding can never be overemphasised.

Another event of significance for us in the Editorial Team is the departure of Lt. Col. S. P. Sharma (Retd). He has been our mentor and a guiding light directing us through thick and thin, sharing his ideas and wisdom whenever we were in need of guidance and motivation. His benign presence was a constant source of reassurance for us. It is needless to say that we would miss him and walk in the path shown by him.



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THE FOUNDER'S DAY



Two decades! Indeed a long time full of challenges, struggles, achievements, accolades and a position as the 'Best Co-ed CBSE Boarding School in Rajasthan for 7 consecutive years'. Well, this called for a grand celebration on the 20th Founder's Day at The Sagar School.

Every year the Founder's Day celebration is a much awaited event for the Sagarians. The preparation starts right after the students return from the Diwali break. The days are filled with loads of strenuous activities, changing schedules, fun and drama. The students juggle their time between rehearsals for the cultural show and set-up of the exhibits.

The mood for the Founder's Day is set well in advance during 'Kalasagar' – the art festival where the talented resource persons fan the creative spark in the children which later ignites a powerful display of performances on the Founder's Day. The day opened with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Amit Lodha, IPS. The welcome dance set the tone of the day. What followed next was an assortment of vibrant performances that highlighted profoundly philosophical and patriotic ideas that have contemporary relevance. There were also moments of light-heartedness and fun. Needless to say that the students deserved every word of praise that came their way at the end.

ONSTAGE PERFORMANCES - A VISUAL FIESTA



The Cultural programme commenced with a Welcome Dance par excellence. This Founder's Day witnessed an addition to its grandeur in the form of a Western Choir led by Mr. Dinyar Antia, an esteemed Choral Instructor. The Annual Report and the inspiring words of the Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha won the hearts of the guests and the audience. This was followed by a very encouraging speech by Ms. Sharmistha Julka, our Director.



THE PRINCIPAL, DR. AMLAN K. SAHA PRESENTING THE ANNUAL REPORT



MOTIVATING WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR, MS. SHARMISTHA JULKA

PARIVARTAN - CHANGE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Parivartan – Change for a better tomorrow, was the theme of this year’s Cultural Gala.

*“From ignorance, lead me to truth,
From darkness, lead me to light,
From death, lead me to immortality.”*

The essence of each of these three mantras is the same: “O, Guru, help me free myself from my sundry misunderstandings regarding myself, the universe and God and bless me with true knowledge.” The students presented this idea in different forms of classical dance.

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AN EXUBERANT DISPLAY OF GRACE AND COLOUR TO DISPEL THE DARKNESS AND IGNITE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH



TO COMMEMORATE THE 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI, THE STUDENTS OF CLASS XII TOOK THE ONUS OF PRESENTING HIS IDEALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION IN THE FORM OF A MIME ACT THAT LEFT THE AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND





'ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS'- A THEATRICAL REPRESENTATION WITH A DIFFERENCE. OUR GUEST FACULTY FROM CANFORD SCHOOL, ENGLAND PRESENTED SHAKESPEARE'S 'THE TWELFTH NIGHT' IN AN INDIAN LIGHT. ITS DISTINGUISHING FEATURE WAS THAT IT WAS PERFORMED LIVE BY THE STUDENTS.



A STRONG SOCIAL MESSAGE BRILLIANTLY CONVEYED: STUDENTS PERFORMING RABINDRANATH TAGORE'S MUSICAL PLAY 'CHANDALIKA'



'FEEL THE LIGHT, SHINING IN THE DARK OF THE NIGHT'



WHAT A SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE IT WAS!



A CELEBRATION OF TEENAGE AND LIFE



THE GRAND FINALE, RICH COLOURS TELLING A TALE

TOPPERS' TALES

Awards were handed over to students securing 90% and above in Academics which was indeed an incentive for their hardwork and encouraged other students who witnessed the award ceremony. CBSE Toppers were felicitated by the Chief Guest and the Principal. The Chief Guest impressed the young and the old with his impeccable sense of humour. The interactive session between him and the audience was informative and interesting.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS BEING FELICITATED BY THE CHIEF GUEST



CBSE TOPPER FOR CLASS X, SAMARPITA MAHADANI BEING AWARDED



CBSE TOPPER FOR CLASS XII, MIJI JUNG RECEIVING THE AWARD



CHIEF GUEST, AMIT LODHA, IPS INTERACTING WITH THE STUDENTS



THE CHIEF GUEST BEING FELICITATED BY THE HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

THE EXHIBITION



THE CHIEF GUEST INAUGURATING THE EXHIBITION ARENA

Every year the exhibits put up by the Sagarians are appreciated and acknowledged by the esteemed guests who visit the school to witness the Founder's day celebrations. Following tradition this year too the exhibition was spectacular. The display involved a month long preparation and the outcome was immensely creative, astounding and top-notch.

One of the most remarkable features of the exhibition was the display dedicated to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary. His journey from being a commoner to becoming the Mahatma was beautifully presented by means of models and charts.

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THE ART GALLERY: A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF PAINTINGS MADE BY SAGARIANS



EXHIBIT COMMEMORATING THE 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATHER OF THE NATION



REVISITING THE PAST

THE NATURE CLUB SPREADING AWARENESS WITH THEIR DISPLAY INSPIRING A PLASTIC-FREE WORLD

The Sagar School has now the proud privilege of being a Round Square school which would give the students an additional exposure to internationalism. Working on its ideals, the school strives to achieve the affiliation very soon.



THE PRIDE OF BEING RECOGNISED AS A ROUND SQUARE SCHOOL

TRANSFORMATION OF THE THE SAGAR SCHOOL FROM A ROCKY LANDMASS TO THE OASIS IT IS NOW.

Festivities, Accolades & Resolves

CHILDREN'S DAY



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO BE WITH FRIENDS!

Colourful balloons, paper planes, cotton candies, bruised knees and grandpa's stories, are reminiscences of a naughty childhood. Growing up is a wonder and necessity, but we keep carrying these pieces of childhood with us as nostalgia and flashbacks. Every year, on this day, we eagerly wait to find the keys of our childhood locker and let go of the free spirit that was once a part of our being. It's a day dedicated to innocence, playfulness and mirth.



RAISE. AIM. SHOOT!



ADORNING THE PALMS AND LIVES...



THE TANTALISING TRIO!



A BOND SO STRONG!



TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!



THE VICTORIOUS FLIGHT...

SHUBHEN CHAUHAN OF CLASS VIII REPORTS

“It’s a day of glee, merriment and fun games for me. I cannot express the joy when I received the handmade card and chocolates from my class teacher. The yummilicious food, games and the cultural programme presented by my teachers are what I look forward to every year. The head massage by Meghana Ma’am was the best part. I also played tug of war with my friends and got Mehndi applied on my palms.”



THE EURO BUNCH GELLING WELL IN A DESI-STYLE!



WORLD CUP PERFORMANCE BY THE SPORTS COACHES

Children’s Day was replete with exhilaration and vibrant enthusiasm. A day full of excitement and enjoyment was furthermore accentuated with the cultural evening. The children appreciated the varied performances dedicated to them by their teachers. Ranging from a spooky theme to a hilarious presentation of advertisements, the teachers left everyone amused! This was followed by a dance party and a delicious menu.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



A TOKEN OF HONOUR TO LT. COL. SHARMA ON HIS RETIREMENT, BY THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM ON BEHALF OF THE TSS FAMILY

The Christmas party in TSS was celebrated on the 20th of December 2019. It started in the foggy cold evening. We all went inside the auditorium and Principal Sir bid a farewell to Lt. Col. Sharma. It was preceded by students performing on stage with their guitar to the tunes of 'Imagine'. The School choir warmed us all with their Christmas carols and that was followed by bonfire and spicy food.

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DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW WITH THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND SANTA



RECALLING THE MELODIOUS LYRICS OF 'IMAGINE' BY JOHN LENNON



LAUGHING ALL THE WAY INCORPORATES CHOCOLATE DISTRIBUTION BY SANTA



KINDLING BONFIRE TO LIGHT UP HEARTS



MERRY MAKING



LOOK CAREFULLY. YOU WILL SEE MANY STARS



CAROLING AWAY



A GUITAR AND A MICROPHONE CAN CREATE MAGIC

Sports Round-up

CROSS-COUNTRY



The chilling winter morning threw a challenge to the young Sagarians to complete an unparalleled run. A run in an exposed natural terrain of dirt and grass passing through wood lands, flat grounds and hills meeting people along the way. It's a kind of sports that not only challenges a person to run faster, but also to run the longest. It will not be wrong if the winner will be called 'Master of Terrain'. All that matters is running to your best. The Cross Country Championship was held on 17th November, 2019 in four different categories. The route was a combination of road race, unprepared road, hill running and sand running. Emerald House was the winner and Sapphire House stood second. Arnav Goyal and Iris Sarda (Class VIII), Rinchen Nidrol and Nikita Sharma (Class IX) and Krishna Patwari (Class XII) were the winners under different categories.

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READY STEADY GO...



TOGETHERNESS



A GOOD LAUGH AND A LONG RUN...



HARD WORK CALLS FOR SOME SMILE AND PRAISE...



WINNERS- SHARING THE VICTORY STAND

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. Few glimpses of the Sagarians excelling in different badminton championships.

Open State Badminton Championship was conducted by District Badminton Federation of Ajmer, on 1st November 2019 at Mayo Girls' School. Avika Mahale of Class IV participated in under-10 category.

School Games Federation of India (SGFI) conducted a Badminton School National Championship at Govt. School Chindwara, M.P. The event was organised by CBSE Welfare Organisation between 11th-15th of November 2019. Karanpreet Singh of Class XI participated in the event.



SAGARIANS – CREATING A SAGAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH

“As we laugh and play and sing with friends” ...this line rang true to life when a friendly Football Match was played between TSS football team and the alumni on 17th November 2019. The match was a great fun which ignited the friendship among the previous and present students.

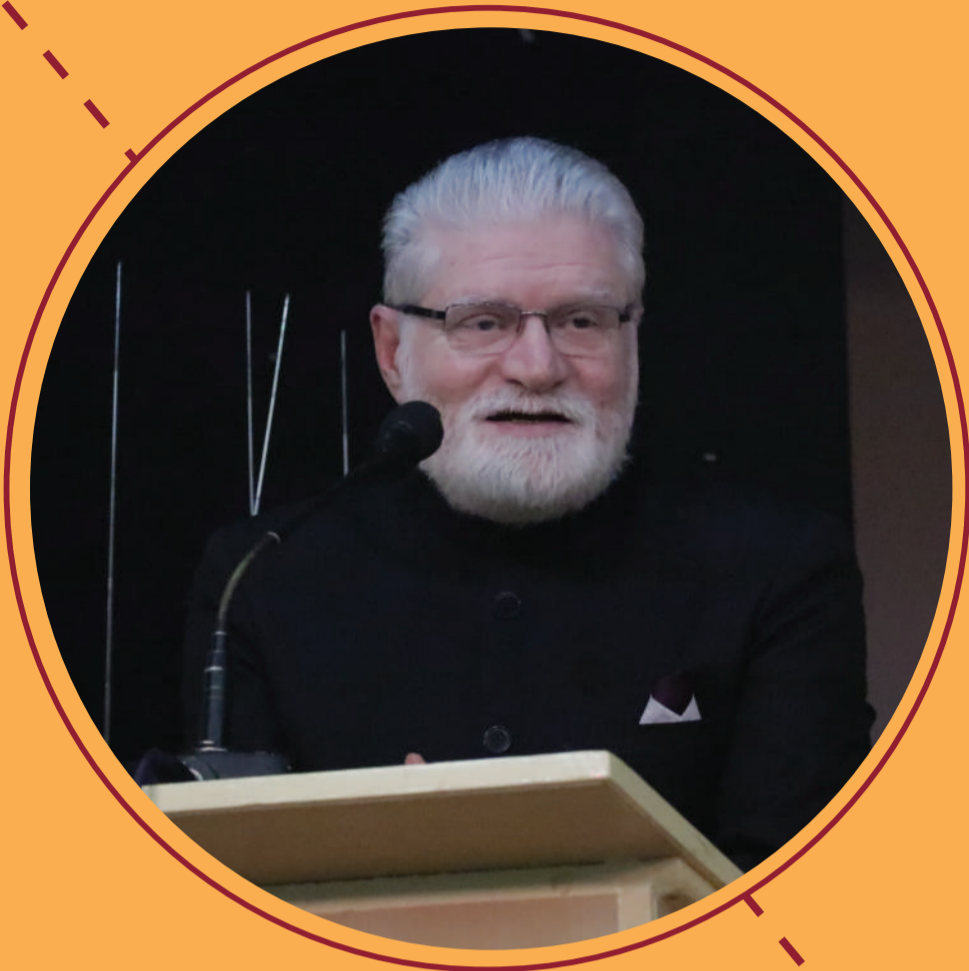


FRIENDS FOREVER



FRIENDSHIP - AN ALBUM OF VICTORY AND SOARING HIGH

Miscellaneous



Lt. Col. S. P. Sharma (Retd), an alumni of Sainik School, Kunjpura, Karnal, served as commissioned officer in the Indian Army for 21 years. Having been brought up in a boarding school, followed by training in the NDA and an Army career, he has taken part in team games and individual sports including Hockey, Swimming, Golf and Athletics.

He has also taken part in adventure and mountaineering activities. He had earlier worked with The Sagar School as a Bursar and rejoined in June 2015 and served the school till 2019. On the day of his retirement, 20th December 2019, the Head Girl and the Head Boy of the school, Diviya Mavaskar and Purab Golechha respectively took a friendly interview of Lt. Col. Sharma and he gave them some jovial and thought provoking answers.

How would you describe yourself?

I am a person with two distinct personalities-an adult and a child. I think everyone is. But I switch between the two at will and with ease. I wear my adult personality only when needed. Most of the time I would quietly slip into the child in me because ultimately the aim of life is to seek happiness. And if you wish to be happy, be a child. It does not mean you do not grow up. It just means you allow yourself to freak out!!

Your passion for Golf started...

Golf is a very addictive game and I do have an affinity for addictive things-Golf, Bridge, Reading are all very addictive. I was hooked by this amazing game in 1987 when I was posted in the North East. Shillong Golf Course is where I picked up and thereafter, the game became a passion.

You find happiness in...

Many things...

- 1) Reading and Reflection
- 2) I love my solitude
- 3) When I am in the company of friends
- 4) Travel
- 5) Golf
- 6) Listening to light music.

Your journey so far in this school?

TSS has been an amazing experience for me. I think I connected very well with children as well as adults including parents of the students. It was a fulfilling journey when I could develop some TIMELESS BONDS.

The Sagar School ten years from now...

These are my wishes and hopes and not predictions:

- 1) A good number of second generation Sagarians in the school.
- 2) A good number of not so privileged students in the school sponsored by ex-Sagarians.
- 3) Few if not many Sagarians coming back to the school as faculty.

Memories that you will cherish forever....

There are many memories associated with TSS that I could cherish. A few that stand out are –

- 1) With the students of 2008 batch and a few juniors on a high altitude trek with me.
- 2) With students of 2020 batch (Purab, Karan, Diviya, Stenzing) on a high altitude trek.
- 3) Swati Gupta, my student from 2008 batch came to check in on me after my surgery. She travelled from Bombay to Gurgaon.
- 4) Wedding of Anu Jose of 2008 batch.

The most unforgettable thing about this institution

The “Social Connect”, that gives rise to The Sagarian Spirit.

Unique trait of Sagarians

Sagarians = Students + Adults

The unique trait is “everyone knows everyone too well.”

Any advice that you would like to give to your fellow Sagarians?

There is an inner voice in everyone. It is too feeble and can easily be drowned in the noise outside . But it is too clear and can never be mistaken. Follow the inner voice.

The Sagar School is...

Very close to my heart and will forever remain so.