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EDITORIAL

— by —
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After the summer break, the School's reopening coincides with arrival of the much awaited monsoons. And the monsoons bring not only the relief from intense heat, it also somehow peeps up the football craze, as if the game itself was invented to be played in such a season. During this period, we had a spate of football events that occupied much of the time and mental space in the School.

Two notable achievements came our way — an astounding victory in the SelaQui Cup in which the Sagarians outplayed some of the renowned teams like Doon School, Welham Boys, Kasiga School and the maiden journey of our Girls' Football Team in an Inter-School tournament. We would like to applaud our girls for having dared to enter a game that has so far been a male bastion in the School. In the run up to the event, the petite female Sagarians put in lots of their sweat,

heart and soul into the practices. Nothing spectacular about their performance in the tournament, yet these girls have come back hungrier than before to excel in this tough sport. That bodes well for us, and we are sure they have arrived!!

A deluge of events in the auditorium is another hallmark of the monsoon months — Debates, Just-A-Minute, Freshers' Eve, Teachers' Day and many more; the Auditorium events keep the pot boiling. And then, the mother of all experiential learning, the 'I Can' Workshop filled us with hectic class room activities, in which the classrooms were turned into corporate houses, media houses, offices of political parties and much more in a 'Corporate-Political-Simulation'.

As we report this, students are deeply engrossed in books preparing for their Half-Yearly. We wish them good luck.



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Festivities & Accolades

73rd INDEPENDENCE DAY

The day started with great patriotic fervor and enthusiasm and the Sagarians were ready to celebrate the 73rd Independence Day. It is always an emotional moment for all Indians to see the Tiranga being unfurled on this day. This year the flag was hoisted by our Hon'ble Chief Guest, Lt. Gen. Rajeev Tewari ASM, PVSM. This was followed by an introductory speech by the Head Girl Diviya Mavaskar and a cultural presentation by the students. The patriotic songs presented by the choir filled the air with a feeling of pride for our motherland and togetherness. It culminated in an all-powerful bhangra dance by the boys. The presentation ended with an utmost inspiring speech by Lt. Gen. Rajeev Tewari. He spoke on diverse ideas, one of which was responsible professional choices.

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CHIEF GUEST BEING ESCORTED BY THE EQUESTRIAN'S



INTRODUCTORY SPEECH BY HEAD GIRL



HON'BLE CHIEF GUEST WITH THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES



EXPRESSING PATRIOTISM THROUGH MUSIC



INSPIRING SPEECH BY LT. GEN. RAJEEV TEWARI

FRESHERS' EVE-2019

“A FRESH START” by RINCHEN NIDROL, CLASS IX

“Rise up, start fresh, see the bright opportunity in each new day” – with this fervour The Sagar School celebrated the Freshers' Eve to welcome all the new bees. It is customary for the Sagar Family to welcome the new members with all the warmth and enthusiasm. The programme was graced by our Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha and Vice Principal, Mr. Shailendra Mishra along with teachers and students. The ceremony started with the Gayatri Mantra and the lighting of the lamp to mark an auspicious beginning. The hosts for the evening were Alyna Gupta and Sashimong Aier who did a fabulous job. It was a treat to our eyes and ears to see such talents on the stage. Despite being the newcomers the chemistry amongst them was clearly visible. There was an array of performances starting from choir presentation to group dance to martial arts to instruments. Even our teachers were so sporting in their presentations on the stage. The evening winded up with a DJ party at the Basketball ground where all of us danced our hearts out. The event was indeed a binding factor for the newcomers with the existing students. The evening marked the beginning of a new journey replete with beautiful memories for the freshers'. The journey might seem a bit difficult sometimes but I must say it's worth it and I wish them good luck!

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AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING



TUNED TO THE SAME BEAT



DELIGHTFUL AND MELODIOUS



THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO



SHOWCASING HER SKILLS IN MARTIAL ARTS



NO LESS THAN ANNA KENDRICK! MESMERISING THE AUDIENCE WITH 'WHEN I AM GONE'



THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS ROCK THE STAGE!

EKLAVYA & DRONACHARYA AWARD 2019

We are proud to announce that 10 students of Class of 2019 – Wangchuk Tseten Tonyot, Anshuman Murarka, Vivek Chauhan, Ashish Jakhar, Harshil Rai, Arnav Rai, Nitin Mehlawat, Anurag Gulia, Niketan Kumar and Yogesh were felicitated with Eklavya Award 2019, organised by World Education REVIEW magazine. The award ceremony was held at Hotel Country Inn, Bhiwadi. The award was given in recognition of scholastic and co-scholastic achievements of these students during their final year at The Sagar School. Mr. Ashif Ikbal, Senior Academic Co-ordinator, was also lauded and felicitated with the Dronacharya Award 2019, for his contribution in shaping these young learners. Congratulations to all student achievers and Mr. Ashif Ikbal!



ACHIEVERS BEING REWARDED...



MISSIONS ARE MADE POSSIBLE WITH GREAT MENTORS...

From The Classrooms

INTER-HOUSE JAM COMPETITION

Just A Minute to speak! Too less when you think of it ...but seems too long when you really got to do it! The Inter-House JAM (Just A Minute) competition has its own importance where the students are given topics to speak upon extempore. The event was held on July 10th. The competition was held in four categories in two languages, i.e. English and Hindi. The participants were given topics fifteen minutes prior to speaking. The competition saw an enthusiastic participation from the students.

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BRILLIANT SPEAKERS BEING FELICITATED BY THE PRINCIPAL



A TOUGH JOB FOR THE JUDGES!



CONFIDENT SPEAKER MAKING A MARK



BUDDING SPEAKERS BEING AWARDED

INTER-HOUSE SCIENCE QUIZ

“Curious Minds”

The crux of any meaningful learning is being curious and nothing better than quizzing satisfies that curiosity. It is indeed imperative to nurture the grey cells of the young minds and the Inter-House Science Quiz offered ample of scope for that. Students from the four Houses namely Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald participated in the quiz with enthusiasm. In the Seniors, Divyansh was the pick of the day for his fabulous performance in the ‘Rapid Fire’ round. Out of ten he answered eight questions correctly and led his House ahead of others. In the Junior category, Diamond House kept galloping throughout and despite a spirited fight back, the Sapphires could not catch up. The Inter-House Science Quiz was a great platform to pave the way for augmenting scientific aptitude and interests within the students.



CHARGED UP SCIENTIFIC MIND!



THINKING THROUGH THE ANSWERS



THE WINNERS WITH DR. SAHA

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE

“Battle of brains and tussle of words”

In words of Margaret Heffernan “For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument and debate.” And indeed what could be a better training for the young vibrant minds of our school to be next gen thinkers than a debate competition. The Inter-House English Debate Competition was held on July 31st where our students displayed their skills. The event was segregated into two sections – junior school and senior school. Senior school was divided into Ruby House vs Sapphire House where the students contested on the topic “The House believes housewives should be paid for their work”. The next segment in senior school was Diamond House vs Emerald House and their contesting topic was “The House believes graffiti in public places should not be encouraged.”

It was a remarkable event to behold where speakers namely Divyansh Duggal (Class XII), Naman Chhaparia (Class X) and others set the pace of the contest. They were outstanding in their speeches and demonstration of confidence. Younger students especially Shubhen Chauhan (Class VIII) and Glory Grace Basnett (Class VII) came up as flourishing speakers where they debated on topics like “Students should not be graded according to their handwriting”. It can be conveniently said that further honing of skills of our kids would undoubtedly take them to heights in sphere of public speaking.

The Best Speaker and the Most Promising Speakers were felicitated by the Principal.



A FIERY REBUTTAL ROUND



DIVYANSH DUGGAL PRESENTING HIS ARGUMENTS IN FULL



LISTENERS IN RAPT ATTENTION!



PRIYANKA ADVANI PUTTING FORTH A STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

INTER-HOUSE HINDI DEBATE

Debating is all about oratory and persuasive skills. The students presented their well researched views on the given topics. The event was held on 21st August. The seniors were divided into two sub-categories; Classes XI and XII in the first sub-category debated on the topic “भारतीय संस्कृति विदेशी देशों को प्रभावित कर रही है।” (Indian culture is impacting the countries abroad); and Classes IX and X in the second sub-category debated on “किताबी शिक्षा व्यवहारिक शिक्षा से बेहतर है।”, (Education through books is superior to the education from experience). The topics were enthusiastically contested; Abhinav Yadav (Class XII), Prerna Sati, Aman Verma (Class XI) were the winner, runners-up and second runners-up respectively in the first sub-category, while Uttam Singh, Rishi Anand (Class X) and Nikita Sharma (Class IX) were the winner, runners-up and second runners-up in the second sub-category.

For the juniors the topic given was, “फास्ट फूड ने जीवन को आसान बना दिया है।” (Fast food has made life easy). Prachurya Sahoo, Arya Veer Sahni (Class VII) and Amulya Utkarsh (Class VIII) won the respective honours in that order.



IT'S FOR THE JUDGES TO DECIDE...



BOOKISH EDUCATION BETTER THAN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?... I DISAGREE



WELL SET TO ARGUE!



AND THE WINNERS ARE!

From the Auditorium

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

“In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.”

– Khalil Gibran

And such is the bond of friendship shared by the Sagarians – full of sweetness, laughter and pleasures. Though miles away from friends and family, the spirit of togetherness is upheld in all its essence by the little things that the Sagarians do. And one such endeavour was the celebration of International Friendship day in the form of Junior School Assembly conducted by Emerald House. It is said that school time friendships last a lifetime! It's a privilege to grow old with our childhood friends knowing them better with the years to come. And the ISA Special Assembly on Friendship day was presented by the younger students in all its true colours. There were activities like Friendship Quiz and “Know Your Friend” game. Students wrote marvellous anecdotes on friends and friendship, some of which were read out in the assembly. It was so heartening to see our students conduct the assembly with such confidence.



FRIENDS FOREVER!



ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE?



WHO KNOWS MY FRIEND BETTER THAN ME!



SOME BONDS ARE BEST EXPRESSED THROUGH MUSIC

From the Hostels

Hostel life is a terrific experience. Yes, it has its ups and downs but we have our friends all the time to help us. Two years ago I joined this school as a very shy child. However over the span of two years, I have learnt enough and the process is still on to last me through a lifetime. We bond with our teachers and they are just like our parents. With them it's a mixed bag of love, care and scolding! We become our own person over here and I am grateful for every opportunity that the school offered me.

The best part of boarding life is the friends that we make here. We fight, we argue but at the end of the day there is a special bond that just weaves us all together. We love our teachers as they provide constant guidance in whatever we do. Boarding life has a special charm of its own. Though we miss our home but when we are back home we can't help missing our school. We keep missing our friends who take us through thick and thin.

I love my hostel life and I speak for a lot of other people too!

Glory Grace Basnett, Class VII



TOGETHER WE CREATE MEMORIES FOR LIFE



NOTHING IS AS CHARMING AS THE COMPANY OF GOOD FRIENDS...



AND THE GOSSIPS...TO BE CONTINUED!



MOMENTS TO BE CHERISHED FOREVER...

Sports Round-up



UP - UP SAGARIANS! YOU CAN'T GIVE UP

REPORT

by

Karan Mavaskar, Sports Captain

My innings as Sports Captain of the School has been pretty satisfying. We gave a good account of ourselves in football so far. We won the SelaQui Tournament and brought home the glory we had somewhat lost last year at TSS Meet. After losing the TSS Meet last year we didn't tell ourselves that winning and losing is a part of the game, or life for that matter. That is too obvious! We were driven by a zeal never experienced before. We simply drowned ourselves in 'work', that is practice and left no stones unturned in raising our standards all around - be it physical fitness, foot work, leg work, dribbling, tackling and so on. In Mr. Shamsky Raza, we had a super cool coach whom we just surrendered ourselves to and to behold, we got the opportunity to redeem ourselves in August itself when we were off to SelaQui, Dehradun for an invitational tournament in which some big names like Doon School, Kasiga School, Welham Boys were also participating.

Another laurel in Football was the raising of our Girls' Team. Till last year, this idea was never even toyed with, leave alone implementation. But in Mr. Barister Rymbai, we have another gritty coach who dares to stick his neck out. Thanks to his efforts, we now have a reasonable Girls' Football Team in the School, which with passage of time, we are sure will develop into a match winning one.

6th SelaQui International Invitational Soccer Tournament at Dehradun

This happened on the Independence Day. Our team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament in the league as well as knock out stages. At the beginning though, we were beset with injuries and illness. At one stage, we had to call up more players from the School as replacements; thanks to our bench strength, we were able to find those. And finally we emerged toppers. This tournament was a real test of our grit and determination to overcome odds.

Amongst the twelve participating teams, we emerged on top by beating all the Dehradun teams on their home turf, namely, Doon School, Welham Boys, Kasiga School and Doon International School.

A double whammy for me – I was adjudged the 'Best Goalkeeper' in the tournament.



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK... THE CHAMPIONS!



THE WINNERS!



**THE TEAM WAS TREATED TO A SUMPTUOUS LUNCH AT GURUGRAM
BY THE DIRECTOR, MS. SHARMISTHA JULKA**

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Diamond emerged on top, followed by Emerald in the second spot and Ruby and Sapphire tied at the third position.

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ALL GEARED UP... GET SET GO!



FIGHT ON!



BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM!



PLAY LIKE A RAVEN ABOVE THE CROWD...



IT'S NOT ONLY THE GAME, IT'S AN EMOTION...



PRIDE, PASSION...AND VICTORY!

THE SAGAR PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The league was revived this year with Sagar United and Sagar Trailblazers contesting in the finals.
The finals was won by the Sagar United.



WE HAVE A FOOTBALL LEGACY



OATH OF SPORTSMANSHIP...



BEST MODE ACTIVATED



HUSTLE, HIT AND WIN!

FOOTBALL - GIRLS' TEAM

Our Girls' Under-17 Team participated in Subroto Cup Nationals Qualifying Tournament held at Dehradun and secured third position. Better luck next time.



THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS...



WELL...WE WOULD BE BACK WITH A BANG!

OPEN DISTRICT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship was conducted by District Badminton federation of Alwar, on Knock Out basis. 15 students participated in different categories. Avika Mahale (Class IV) got 2nd Position in Under-10 Category. She also qualified for State Championship.



AVIKA MAHALE BEING AWARDED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The event started with Triathlon on August 15th, came to an end on August 28th, with Rubies walking away with all the honours; they won all the three trophies – Swimming Standards Trophy, Inter-House Swimming Trophy and the Aquatics Championship Trophy which is on the basis of cumulative points of Standards, Triathlon and Inter-House Swimming. At individual level, the Best Swimmers in various categories were - Under 14 girls - Glory Grace Basnett (Class VII), Under 19 girls - Nikita Sharma (Class IX), Under 12 boys - Rakshit Sharma (Class VI), Under 14 boys -Mithles Bodhwani (Class VI), Under 17 boys - Anant Jain (Class X) & Kush Bansal (Class XI) and Under 19 boys - Karanpreet Singh (Class XI).



ON YOUR MARK...GET SET...AND SPLASH!



MAKE WAVES AND TURN HEADS....



SHOW OF STAMINA AND PERSEVERANCE



AND HARD WORK GETS REWARDED... WELL DONE!

INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

“Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.” The Inter House Basketball Championship was a well contested event in which Emeralds stole the show, followed by Diamonds in second.



ACTION IN FULL SWING



PRACTICE MAKES A GOOD SPORTSMAN...



CHAMPIONS KEEP PLAYING...



KEEP CHASING PERFECTION



THE WINNERS WITH THE TROPHY

INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

In an interesting contest held in five categories – Boys Under 19, 17 and 14; Girls Under 19 and 14 – three houses namely Diamond, Ruby and Sapphire shared the first position while the Emeralds had to be content with the fourth position.



SERVE IT, SMASH IT, WIN IT, LOVE IT!



WE LET THE RACQUETS DO THE TALKING



VICTORY IS IN HAVING DONE YOUR BEST

Miscellaneous

The Overseas Connection - Welcoming the Guest Faculty

Every year the Sagar family is more than elated to receive Gap Teachers from Canford School, UK. This year our school is graced by the presence of five members from abroad to help our students in enriching their skills.



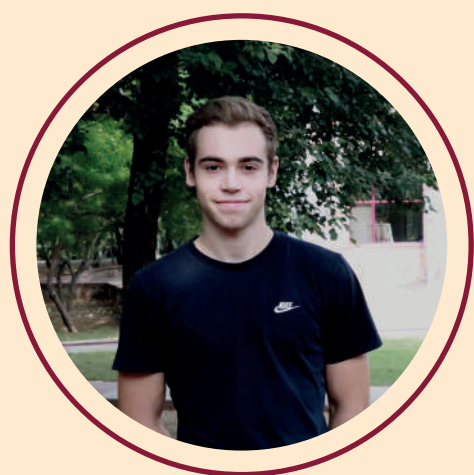
Ms. Martha Grace Baldwin, a resident of Wimborne comes from the Canford School with a wide variety of interests in creative writing, cooking, interior decorating, photography and many more. Right from her arrival inside the campus she has gelled well with the students and the staff members. She wishes to make her stay in The Sagar School productive and memorable. We wish her good luck.

Mr. John Nicholas James is an ex-faculty member of the Canford School.

He has joined The Sagar team as a Gap teacher with an experience of more than three decades. Mr. James excels in field of English Literature and dramatics having directed plays and art festivals for years. He has retired as the Head of Cultural Enrichment at Canford School. We are more than honoured to have him among us and believe that our students would have an enriching time with him.



Ms. Louise James, a qualified State Registered Nurse from John Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford is among us along with Mr. James. We are more than happy to quote her words, “My vision of our exciting opportunity to spend time at The Sagar School is to be supportive of John’s role and, although not a qualified teacher, to offer my time in classes to work alongside, or assist, your teachers offering excellent education in areas where I feel I could make some contribution, such as English, Art and Health Promotion. I should also like to be involved in the pastoral life in the School. Both John and I look forward to being as involved as the School would like us to be in the life of the pupils and staff alike.”



Mr. Jan Heckenkamp has joined us from Germany. After having completed his education in school he has tried his skills at various projects like software development, advertising and tutoring. He was also a part of the school exchange programme in Ohio, USA. Jan loves travelling and experiencing different cultures which makes him a part of the Sagar family. His active participation in school activities is quite commendable.

Mr. Finn Gustenberg also comes from Germany to share his expertise with the Sagarians. Finn has completed his high school graduation from Ursulaschule Osnabruck and has also participated in various training programmes like language training, photoshop and designing and many more. He takes interests in variety of sports like soccer, skiing and tennis.

We are looking forward to a fun filled and productive interaction between Finn and the students.



FIRST GERMAN AND ART FACULTY OF TSS

Our first and former German and Art teachers, Ms. Martina Barghorn and Mr. Sudipto Ghosh visited our campus and Gurgram office. They are married and have two lovely daughters and are settled in Germany.



Workshops

I CAN. CONFERENCE

Our students of Classes VIII to XII participated in a two days' CPS, also called 'I Can. Conference'. It was an exciting exercise and an enriching experience for the Sagarians.

"I Can.", an educational move that seeks to provide innovative experiential learning and equip school students with skills they require to become internationally competitive in spheres of their own choosing. They impart these skills through 'Corporate-Political-Simulation'(CPS) wherein students are formed into Corporate Houses, Media Houses, Political Parties and Government. Each participating student is assigned one role in any of these organisations. Simulation is akin to the Model United Nations (MUN) format, albeit in the contemporary Indian setting. Real life situations are simulated in the Indian Corporate-Politico-Social setting, which gives the students an opportunity to exercise their 'critical thinking' 'problem solving' 'communication' and many more skills.

Shri Inderjeet Singh, Collector & District Magistrate, Alwar presided over the 'I CAN' workshop.



THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT EXPERIENTIAL PHENOMENON...



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS IN THE TWO-DAY WORKSHOP



REWARDS ARE ALWAYS SO MOTIVATING...

LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

A two days' workshop on language skills – creative writing, poetry recitation and plays- was conducted across all classes by renowned linguist Ms. Tara Sekhri, former HOD English at Welham Girls' School, Dehradun. Ms Sekhri is a member of the School Management Committee and a regular contributor by way of conducting workshops for the teachers.



BE CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE IN YOUR EXPRESSIONS...



EVER IMAGINED POETRY COULD BE THAT FUN?

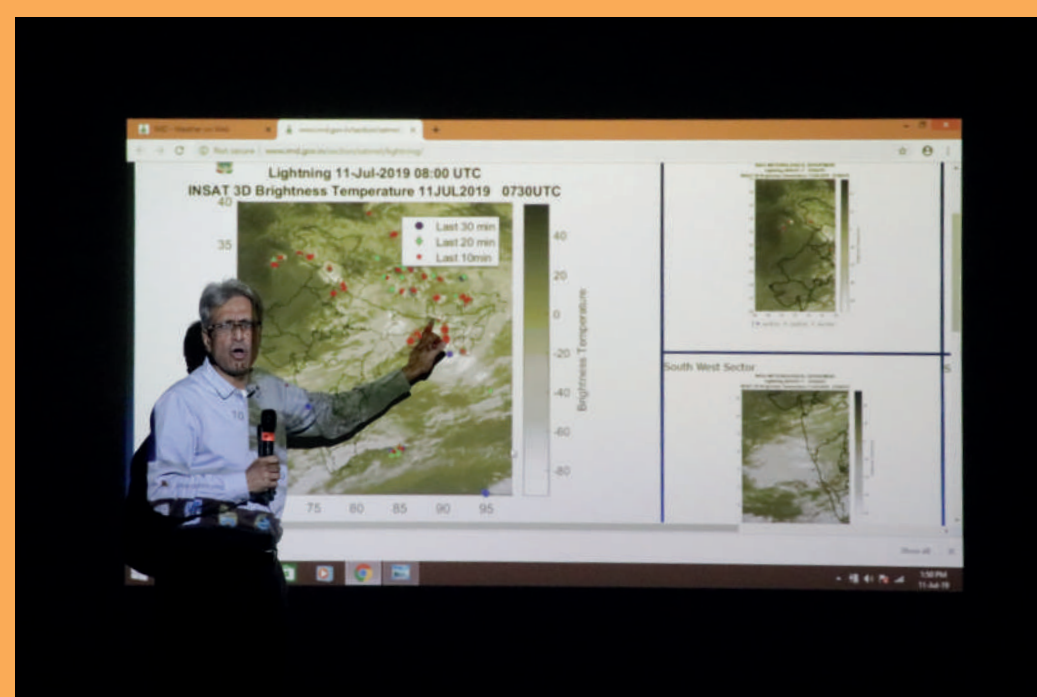
METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

Mr. Anand Sharma, DDGM/Regional Coordinator Western and Central Himalayas, Indian Meteorology Department, also known as the 'Weatherman of India' conducted a participative session with the students and teachers on the phenomenon of seasons, weather and the scientific prediction of various weather conditions using modern technologies such as radar images and satellite imagery. It was exciting to learn from him and children were seen as enthused participants in the discussion.

The Indian Meteorology Department has chosen our School campus to set up a Meteorological Observatory (Automatic Weather Station), which is likely to come up soon.



MR. ANAND BEING WELCOMED BY IRIS SARDA



MR. ANAND DEMONSTRATING SATELLITE IMAGES