

# The Sagarian Times

RANKED AMONGST THE TOP CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, No. 1 CO-ED BOARDING SCHOOL IN RAJASTHAN FOR 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS & 4<sup>TH</sup> POSITION IN CAMPUS ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN IN INDIA BY **GRAND JURY RANKINGS 2019-20** 

WINNER OF THE GREEN SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD (NORTH) & THE BEST INFRASTRUCTURE (JURY CHOICE) AWARD **AT THE GLOBAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2019** 



#### **EDITORIAL**

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Dear Readers,

Amidst this tense and melancholic frame of mind owing to the pandemic COVID -19, we are glad to introduce you to the session's last edition of The Sagarian Times. This edition will reflect upon how The Sagar School provides its students the unique educational experiences which emphasise a seamless blend of Academics, Sports and Performing Arts.

Taking a celebratory approach in this issue we will take you through an ecstatic and soulful journey of merry making in and around the School Campus. We look forward to the last few months of the session that were marked by various festivals and celebrations, be it the latest Holi celebrations or the Graduation Ceremony held in January or the swaying and humming around the holy flames of Lohri, all these occasions illuminated each heart and every corner of the Campus. Towards the end of the session, academics reigned supreme when Sagarians wholly and solely focused on their

Examinations' to perform to the greatest of their abilities. However, few of the Class XII Board Exams are on hold due to the pandemic lock-down, yet remarkably, from January to March the School has witnessed a plethora of activities. To be precise, we have everything you need to put you in a merry mood. In short, this issue has propelled another jump into the expansive realm of passion, festivity and love in an array of beautiful ideas and pictures.

While, writing this editorial, when the whole world is facing the challenge of a global pandemic, we as an educated coterie hope for the fast retrieval from this irreversible mutilation caused by the mayhem. Because hope makes you see light despite being surrounded by darkness.

Yet again, brooding in the aftermath, "let's hope for a fresh tomorrow and let's surrender to what is, let go of what was, have faith in what will be".







# Festivities & Accolades

#### **CELEBRATING LOHRI & MAKAR SANKRANTI**





**HAPPY LOHRI!** 

**SOARING HIGH - KITE AND I** 

Defying the unexpected drizzle in the evening and the chilly weather that followed, the students and staff gathered around the Bonfire that was lit to celebrate 'Lohri'. The gathering offered corn and groundnut to the fire and later we feasted on the same. Everyone enjoyed their share of piping hot and crispy 'Jalebis' and the School reverberated with laughter as the gathering danced to the tunes of popular Punjabi numbers.



MAKING HUMBLE OFFERINGS TO THE FIRE THAT BURNS AWAY ALL INIQUITIES



**ENJOYING THE SWEETS OF LOHR!!** 



TEACHING THE TRICK OF THE TRADE



AND UP SHE GOES!

# REPUBLIC DAY

We must remember that this is more a day of dedications than of rejoicing-dedication to the glorious task of making the peasants and workers, the toilers and the thinkers fully free, happy and cultured.

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad



**DESH MERA RANGEELA - A CELEBRATION OF COLOURS** 

71st Republic Day was celebrated with great pride and gusto at The Sagar School. It commenced with unfurling the National Flag and singing the National Anthem in unison. A cultural show comprising patriotic songs sung by the four Houses and a dance performance kept us glued to our seats. The second phase of the celebrations took us to the Equestrian Arena for equestrian sports par excellence performed by the students. The third phase was a more sensitive approach to the event where the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the School joined hands to cook for and serve the support staff of the School. Last but not the least, the day ended with a staff Cricket match.







"WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR AND THE HEAD IS HELD HIGH."- RABINDRANATH TAGORE





WAY TO GO SAPPHIRE AND EMERALD!





RUBY AND DIAMOND STRIKE A CHORD!





A SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE THAT LEFT US ON THE EDGE OF OUR SEATS



THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL PREPARED THE SALAD



THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL AT WORK



THE MEN TAKE THEIR TURN IN THE KITCHEN



ITS FUN TO MAKE A MEAL WITH FRIENDS



"THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS." – MAHATMA GANDHI



THE PRINCIPAL SERVING MEALS TO THE SERVICE STAFF

### THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

**ARRIVEDERCI: CLASS OF 2020** 

...yet another adieu



"HOW DO I SAY GOODBYE TO WHAT WE HAD? THE GOOD TIMES THAT MADE US LAUGH OUTWEIGH THE BAD..."

As every beginning has an end, every end has a new and fresh beginning. Time sure goes by the fastest when we are young. It is truly worthwhile to witness the young adults grow over the course of time. On their journeys that they embark upon, the pride and tradition of the Sagar family will forever be manifested as a milestone of making memories. It's best to say that they certainly lived every second of it.







SUIT UP!

The Class of 2020 attended their last event at their alma mater. The Sagar School celebrated its Graduation Day for the outgoing Class XII. The day commenced with the symbolic lighting of diya as the teachers passed on the light of knowledge to the students.







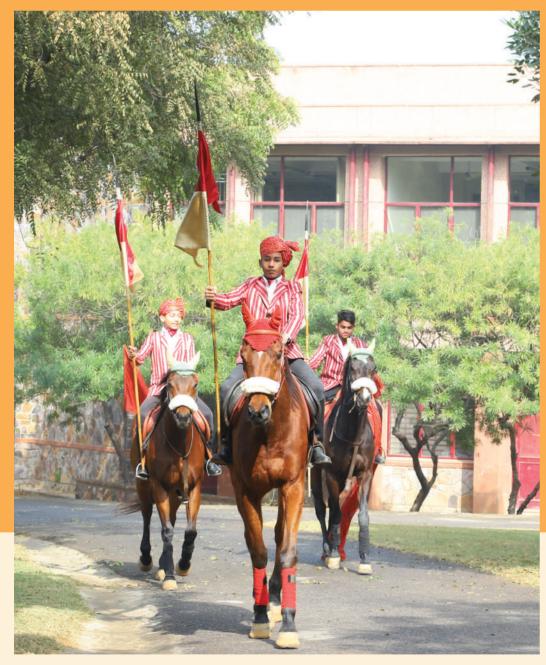
**HEAD BOY, PURAB GOLECHHA** 



**HEAD GIRL, DIVIYA MAVASKAR** 

On this momentous occasion, the members of the Students' Council expressed gratitude to their teachers and tutors for their infallible support and contribution in their remarkable journey.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Ms. Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl, former Miss India finalist and an inspirational mountain-climber. She motivated the students to follow their passion with the mantra, "It's never too late to start".





WORDS OF WISDOM BY CHIEF GUEST MS. SANGEETA SINDHI BAHL



GRAND WELCOME OF THE CHIEF GUEST, ESCORTED BY THE PRINCIPAL AND STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEMBERS

Addressing the students, Hon'ble Director Ms. Sharmistha Julka, wished them luck to make a mark outside school and live life by example. The Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha applauded the batch as being one of the brightest ones, exhibiting the finest creative and leadership skills. The formal function also included the felicitation by the Class Teachers and benediction of Class XII students by the Chief Guest. The Sagarian magazine 2019, compiled by the editorial team, was also released by the Principal.



YOUR DREAMS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CORNERS OF YOUR SMILE,
THE HIGHEST OF YOUR HOPES



THE SAGARIAN EDITORIAL TEAM

In the series of parting events, the evening was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments. The immediate juniors put forth a mix of dazzling dance performances, melodious songs and planned a wonderful theme-party. It was followed by a DJ dance night and a wide diversity of delicacies.



BUDS TO BLOSSOMS...



BONDING FOR LIFE!



**ELEGANCE NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE** 



SELFIE TIME!



MAKING MEMORIES...TAKE PRIDE IN HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME AND HAVE FAITH IN HOW FAR YOU CAN GO

#### WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

'You are a Woman of Strength, Courage and Dignity!'

March 8<sup>th</sup>, is an important occasion for all to pause for a moment to reflect on ourselves, to appreciate how much has been done and what more needs to be done in the field of gender equality. Thus, to celebrate this spirit and essence of womanhood, International Women's Day was celebrated as 'Pink Day' at The Sagar School. As a mark of respect, all the men dressed in pink alongside their female colleagues. A special lunch was also organised at the Staff Club for the staff.



PRETTY IN PINK



PINK IS NOT A COLOUR, IT'S AN ATTITUDE TOO





'SAME PINCH'- WELCOME OF FEMALE STAFF WITH A CHOCOLATE AND A FLOWER

# HOLI - THE CELEBRATION OF COLOURS AND TOGETHERNESS



**ENDING A COLOURFUL DAY WITH A BANG!** 

Sagarians celebrated Holi-the festival of colours, with great zeal and enthusiasm. It was a day full of gulal and gujia dipped in the sweet syrup of togetherness, harmony and love. Enthusiastically, the students and teachers ganged up to splash colours on each other. They turned up and danced to the latest Bollywood numbers. Such a day filled with laughter and cheerfulness was a great stress burster amidst the examinations. Here are the glimpses of the celebrations.



FRIENDS POSE FOR A PICTURE AFTER A COLOUR FILLED MORNING!



THE PRINCIPAL PUTTING A HOLI 'TIKA' ON A STUDENT



PAUSING TO CHITTER CHATTER



A COLOUR FILLED DAY

# From the Hostels

# INTER-HOSTEL BOARD DECORATION COMPETITION







**CREATIVITY BEYOND IMAGINATION** 

The four Boarding Houses saw a flurry of activities when the students put their best foot forward to decorate their boards and keep their rooms spick and span. They took ownership of their Boarding Houses and accepted the responsibility of keeping it in order. The competition was a sheer display of creativity at its best.



"CREATIVITY IS INTELLIGENCE HAVING FUN." – ALBERT EINSTEIN



CREATIVE UP-CYCLED PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTERS BY STUDENTS!



"YOU CAN'T USE UP CREATIVITY. THE MORE YOU USE THE MORE YOU HAVE."
- MAYA ANGELOU







SAGARIANS PROUDLY EXHIBITING THEIR CREATION





NCT - MY FAVOURITE



HOSTEL LIFE IS ALL ABOUT FRIENDS WHO TURN INTO FAMILY

# Camps and Visits

### JUNOON LEADERSHIP CAMP





**BE ADVENTUROUS** 

Leadership is not a position or a title; it is an action and an example. To equip students with this art and science of leadership, a two-day camping was organised by the school. Essential leadership skills like communication, teamwork, creativity, motivation, positivity and feedback were learnt through an array of outdoor activities planned by the Junoon Adventure Team.



BEWARE OF DISTRACTIONS!



**EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION** 



TEAMS HUDDLING TOGETHER



THE MORE HEADS, THE BETTER THE RESULT!

# DAY 1

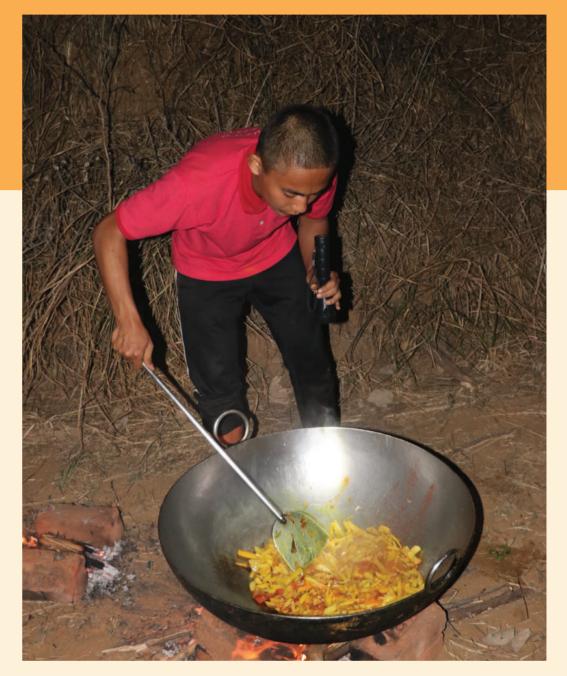
Day 1 began with the division of teams and creating positions for leaders, deputy incharges and discipline incharges. Activities like Bucket the Water, Tangled, Bull's Eye and Rappelling were covered along with a feedback session after every event. After dusk, the event of survival cooking began. Team members worked together and collaborated well to cook meals for everyone.



**ENTHUSIASM IS THE YEAST THAT RAISES THE DOUGH!** 



PEEL, CHOP AND DICE!



THE MASTERCHEF!



**CULINARY SKILLS AT THEIR BEST!** 



BON APPETITE!

# DAY 2

Day 2 introduced the idea of Warrior's Lunch, Treasure Hunt, Human Pipeline, Trust Walk and other teamwork activities which were organised inside the pool. The students, as they stepped onto their board class, built a stronger bond of trust and friendship.



**CHAIN REACTION!** 



THE AVENGERS ARE HERE!



YOU DO YOUR BIT, I'LL DO MINE



WITHOUT BALANCE, LIFE IS NO LONGER WORTH THE EFFORT



BALANCING THE EQUATION



MAKING WORLD A BETTER PLACE

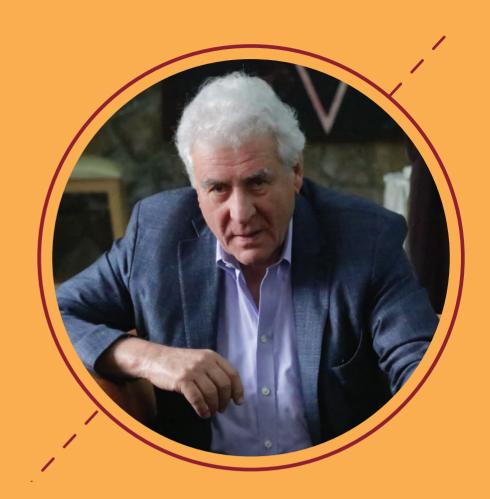


TEAMWORK BEGINS BY BUILDING TRUST

#### VISIT OF MR. FRANZ-W. AUMUND

Mr. Franz-W. Aumund, the third-generation Managing Proprietor of the AUMUND Group of Companies, Germany, Mr. A. D. Prasad Rao, Board Member of Aumund India, accompanied by our Director, Ms. Sharmistha Julka paid a visit to the campus. Incidentally Mr. Aumund is an old associate of the late Dr. Sagar.

A group of students accompanied the guests on a guided tour of the campus starting with the Social Outreach Programme (SOP) where they interacted with the underprivileged women being taught life skills. The guests appreciated their creative work along with the School's earnest efforts to transform their lives. The School's



Observatory left the visitors spellbound. Our Junior School students confidentially explained the award-winning astrophotography and models displayed. Mr. Aumund and Mr. Prasad Rao saw the Sun through a fourteen-inch research Celestron telescope which was set by the students. Mr. Aumund was appreciative of the students explaining the intricate workings of the telescope with ease. The remaining tour covered the Academic Buildings, Performing & Creative Arts Block, Sports Centre and hostels.

The visit concluded with high tea with staff members at the Staff Club.

Mr. Aumund was deeply appreciative of the campus, infrastructure and facilities. Mr. Prasad Rao admired the loving care of the faculty for the students.



NANDIKA EXPLAINING THE CONTENT OF THE **GERMAN LANGUAGE DISPLAY BOARDS** 



ANSH GUPTA (CLASS V) EXPLAINING THE WORKING OF THE MODEL 'SUN DIAL'



MS. SHARMISTHA JULKA CONVERSING WITH THE STUDENTS



LET'S AGREE TO DISAGREE



MR. AUMUND OBSERVING THE SUN THROUGH A FOURTEEN-INCH 'CELESTRON TELESCOPE'



STUDENT ESCORT TEAM FOR THE DAY - LEFT TO RIGHT MD. AMANAT M. ISLAM (CLASS XI), ALYNA GUPTA (CLASS IX), AMAN VERMA (CLASS XI), DISHITA MUKHERJI (CLASS IX), NANDIKA BAHL (CLASS XI), RINCHEN NIDROL (CLASS IX)



THANKFULNESS GIVES HAPPINESS

# Sports Round-up

# INTER-HOUSE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

An Inter-House Cricket Championship was conducted. Students from Classes IV to XI participated in it.

The first position was secured by Emerald House followed by Ruby.





THE GAME IS ON

THE WINNING TEAM

# TSS STAFF V/S COMPASS STAFF

A friendly Cricket match was played between the two teams in which TSS staff won by 57 runs. Mr. Jagdish Saini was declared man of the match, whereas Mr. Deepak Kumar the best batsman and Mr. Vijay Dogra the best bowler. One special award was given to Mr. Sunil Kumar for taking 5 wickets in the match.



"NOBODY WHO EVER GAVE HIS BEST REGRETTED IT"

# **INTER-CLASS BADMINTON**

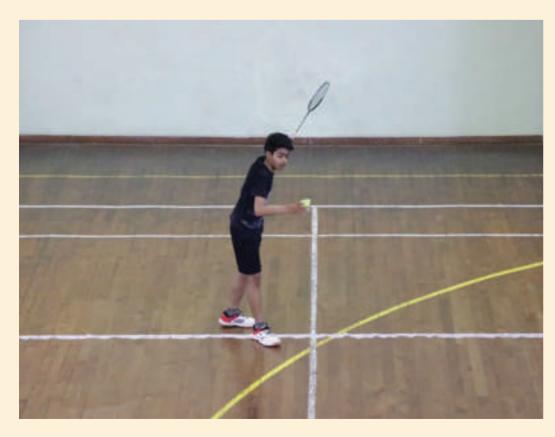
The best part about sports is the sportsmanship spirit that calls for patience and endurance. An Inter-Class Badminton Ranking Tournament was held for classes IV – VI and VII – VIII. The smashing hits of the young Sagarians left the spectators charged and awestruck.







CONTROL, POISE, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRENGTH ON DISPLAY





PLAY... PRACTICE... TILL PERFECTION

#### TRIUMPHS AND TROPHIES

"Winning means you are willing to go longer, work harder and give more than anyone else." The Sagarians namely Karanpreet Singh Class XI, Vedansh Mittal Class IX and Nikita Sharma Class IX along with our School's swimming coach Ms. Shalini Chaturvedi were felicitated by the Hon'ble Labour Minister of Rajasthan at Alwar Khel Gaurav 2019-20 for their achievements in the State level Swimming and Badminton Tournaments.







"IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT." - WALT DISNEY

#### **REPUBLIC SPORTS GALA 2020**



WINNERS TURN TO BE CHAMPIONS

Sagarians brought laurels to the school with their smashing performances in another Inter-School Badminton event held in Delhi by Physical Education Federation of India. Saksham Ahlawat Class IX, J. Faby Jeyakumar Class IX, Shaurya Sharma Class X and Karanpreet Singh Class XI were the participants, who won different positions in different events. The School's overall position was second.

# Miscellaneous

# VISIT TO JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Sagarians attended the Jaipur Literature Festival in the month of January. Students witnessed literary icons and shared the stage with great thinkers, writers, actors, musicians and politicians like Mr. Sudeep Chakravarty, Mr. Saif Mahmood, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Mr. Gideon Haigh and Mr. Rajdeep Sardesai and many more. The language of political discourse along with a discussion on "books to digital" were the highlights of the entire event.



FRIENDS ARE FAMILY



TEACHER AND I: WITNESSING A BOOK LAUNCH



LIVING A MEMORY



TALK OF THE TOWN

# VISIT TO INDIA ART FAIR



Sagarians visited India Art Fair, an annual modern and contemporary art fair held in New Delhi. Our students saw phenomenal works of art, attended a workshop, met artists and had loads of fun! It was a great opportunity for the Sagarians to encounter different kinds of art forms like Conceptual Art, Kinetic Art, Philosophical Art, Surrealistic Art, Expressionistic Art and Impressionistic Art.









SAY CHEESE; STAY FREEZE

# ORIENTATION - BOARD BATCHES OF 2021

**CLASS X & XII** 

66 I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.

— Maya Angelou



FOCUSED AND RECEPTIVE- OUR CLASS OF 2021

An informative introductory session was initiated by the Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha for Classes X and XII. The session was an eye-opener for the students who constitute the board classes of 2021, where the results of their internal exams were analysed and compared with the board results produced by the School in the previous years. Interestingly, a comparative study was made of the School's results with that of other renowned schools to foster a spirit of healthy competition among the students. The students went back aware, informed and aspiring to achieve the benchmark set for them.





IT'S ALL ABOUT FACTS AND FIGURES- THE PRINCIPAL, DR. AMLAN K. SAHA ADDRESSING THE STUDENTS

# **TUTOR-TUTEE SESSION: GROOMING YOUNG MINDS**

The Tutor-Tutee session is conducted every Saturday to consolidate the bond and understanding between the Tutees and their Tutors, particularly during exams when students need an attentive ear and a loving touch.

Tutoring becomes important in a boarding school set up, not only because of knowledge and skills students can learn from their tutors, but also because it provides professional socialisation and personal support to felicitate success in school and beyond. Quality tutoring greatly enhances students' chances for success.





"IT'S THE LITTLE CONVERSATIONS THAT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND LEAVE AN IMPACT ON EACH STUDENT."





"A TEACHER AFFECTS ETERNITY; HE CAN NEVER TELL WHERE HIS INFLUENCE STOPS."-HENRY. B. ADAMS



TUTORS MONITORING THEIR TUTEES OVER MEALS



MENTORING YOUNG MINDS - SUPREME ART

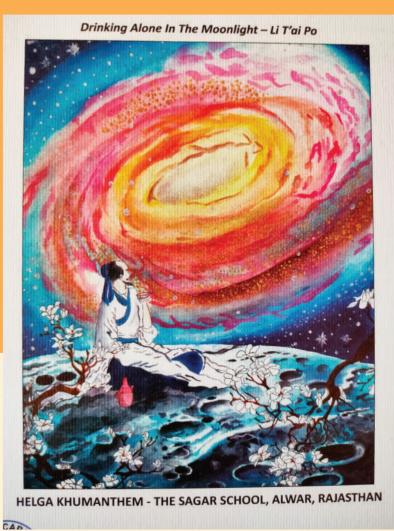
# ICS INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION: APPRECIATIONS

One of the biggest news was the felicitation of the participants and winners of 'Institute for Career Studies (ICS) International Art Competition' held in 2019. Out of the 100 participant schools Sagarians excelled brilliantly. Among 475 paintings from India, Middle East and Bangladesh, five submissions were from our school. The painting of Helga Khumanthem (Class XII) was selected and published in the widely circulated ICS Yearly Calendar.



FELICITATION OF PARTICIPANTS WITH CERTIFICATES



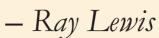


HELGA KHUMANTHEM AND ART FACULTY, MR. AJAY SINGH NEGI WITH A COPY OF THE CALENDAR

# FELICITATION - OLYMPIAD AND SPORTS



66 Great things never came from comfort zones. Every day of my life, I'm trying to find a different way to get better.



The secret to success is how you focus all your energy. Winners of Science Olympiad across the grades being felicitated by the Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha



DHANARAJ HIDAM, CLASS X



ADYASA PANDA, CLASS XII



ANUSHKA KUMAWAT, CLASS VII



JIGMET WANGLDAN, CLASS X

Best athletes of the year being felicitated by the Junior School Coordinator, Ms. Anita Negi



**SUNNY LEITANTHEM, CLASS IX** 



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: RINCHEN NIDROL (CLASS IX), SWATI PALAWAT (CLASS XII), CHANDANI PAMANI (CLASS VI), YEPEKALI LOIS CHISHI (CLASS XI)



JAIKISHAN SINGH CHAUHAN, CLASS IX

# GROW AND LET GROW - GPSE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



LET'S LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Sagarians attended the 18<sup>th</sup> GPSE Conference held in February, at Gurugram. It was a two day event comprising of a creative workshop on the first day and a conference on the second day. The main highlight of the first day was, a six hour extensive and creative workshop. The workshop was a demonstration of hands on activities without using a Power Point Presentation. These activities could be helpful to simplify the difficult topics of Mathematics and Science. Wherein, The Conference, on the second day incorporated lectures and talks on topics of extreme importance in the field of education. Such as, critical and creative thinking and collaboration in the field of education.





TEACHERS ATTENDING WORKSHOPS - MASTERING THE LOGISTICS

# **FAREWELL**



"IT TAKES COUPLE OF SECONDS TO SAY HELLO, BUT FOREVER TO SAY GOODBYE."

The hardest thing is to say goodbye to your colleagues with whom you are very close. Sagarians bid adieu to two of its members, who have spent and served the School for a significant amount of time. Mr. Ashif Ikbal and Ms. Hemlata Sharma, were given farewell on 20<sup>th</sup> of March.



66 Sagar family wishes you a happy and prosperous life ahead.





WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL WE ARE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INTEGRITY