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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

The School reopened with staff and students rejuvenated and prepared to paint bold strokes on the academic, co-curricular and sports canvas. July and August were choc a block with lots of activities wherein the students travelled across states to express their versatility. September is dedicated to express their knowledge and hard work as they take their SA-1 exams which will be followed by rewarding trips across the country. Read on...

CHEERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Fresher's Eve - July 23

A start of something new... The day where it all begins and brings us all together-old and new-"The Fresher's Eve". The new members of the Sagar family put up a great show where they showcased their talents and happiness. Event coordinator, Mr. Ajay Negi welcomed everyone after which the Masters of Ceremony, Sabhya Gupta, Gaurav K.C, Jigmet Disket all of class XI and Muskan Sarda of class VII continued the show with aplomb. An English track "DONA DONA" was sung by a bunch of juniors. Samarpita Mahadani's tabla playing was an audio treat while the Hip Hop dance was a visual delicacy. Sogyal Phintso Wangyal of class IX sang 'Let her go' in his rich baritones. The senior girls then set the stage on fire as they grooved on foot tapping numbers. Jai Mehra, class XI added humour and mirth through his dance performance, followed by our Lord of the Strings for the evening Karanvir Singh Saini of class XI.

The seniors next performed a medley of three famous foot tapping songs. Beat boxing



MEDLEY OF MELODIES

followed as Bangkin Perme, Alexandre Ferreira Izidoro and team 'Medicated' the crowd. The star performers of the Rock Band were Aastha Singh of class X, Arsh Nair and Karanvir of class XI. Jigmet Rinchen and his group grooved to Michael Jackson numbers and they did literally 'Beat it'. Hitesh Rao and Anushka Kumawat then gave power-packed solo performances which simply mesmerised everyone. The final moments on stage were dedicated to the creativity of Suraj Francis Udayan who showcased his model Naku Hage of class XI dressed in an unbelievably exquisite gown made from waste paper. Also the new faculty members joined in and showcased their singing talents.

Sogyal Phintso, class IX shares his Fresher's Eve experience...

As a new-comer I had to perform on Fresher's Eve. Thankfully, I was under the guidance of our music teacher who helped me to prepare myself way better than what I thought. Finally the day arrived and being a solo performer, I was all the more nervous. All the hard work that I had put in gave me the confidence to push aside my nervousness and go on

stage. I started my song and slowly I could feel the entire audience swaying to my tune! I received a lot of applause for my performance and the day ended on a very happy note.

Samarpita Mahadani, Class VIII shares her experience...

The fresh and proud atmosphere of The Sagar School invited me very warmly. I was very lucky to have got the opportunity to play tabla on this special event.

When I initially faced the audience I was feeling nervous, but as my fingers settled on the tabla, I was enjoying every moment of it. My performance with a huge applause from the audience. My experience of Fresher's Eve was absolutely thrilling!



CHECK THY MOVE

Independence Day Celebrations - August 15

"What light is to the eyes, air to the lungs, love to the heart, liberty is to the soul of man"

The Sagar School celebrated the 70th Indian Independence Day as well as the Korean Liberation Day on the 15th of August; 2016. The School had invited Brigadier Rakesh Chibber, as the Chief Guest. The programme began with the flag hoisting ceremony of the Indian and the Korean National Flag and the National Anthem being sung by all. Dr. Deepak Raj Singh Bisht's address to the audience aroused intense patriotism within every heart.

The cultural events were then followed by dance performances on 'Jai ho' and 'Celebrating India'. A medley of songs 'Yeh jo desh hai mera' and 'Vande Matram' oozed patriotic fervour and reverberated in the entire campus. Aryan Prakash of class X recited a poem based on the sacrifice and courage which soldiers shoulder, the couplet of which imprinted onto the hearts firmly: 'Main tera beta bankar aya is duniya me ma lekin; Bharat Ma ka beta bankar is duniya se jata hoon'. The Head Girl, Archana Yengkhom, addressed the gathering. The Chief Guest urged the students to forever carry the feeling of nationalism within, and not just for this single day. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by the Head Boy, Ko Beomgyeong.



THE CHIEF GUEST SPEAKS



TRADITION AND MUSIC



THE DANCE

Accolades for the School - August 18

Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa of class XI was honoured by Dr. Bisht at the morning assembly. This was preceded by a state level honour for this very talented student. A letter from her parents was read out.



Letter from Parents

Dear Sir,

We, the parents of Miss Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa of class XI Commerce, wish to express our profound gratitude towards The Sagar School for teaching the students with an asset of knowledge, discipline and positive attitudes for the betterment of every Sagarian.

As a positive result of quality education of your School, our District Magistrate has conferred the "Girl Child Achievers' Award" to one of your student (Miss Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa of class XI Commerce) under Beti Bachao Beti Padao campaign on occasion of the 70th Independence Day Celebration at Mangan in Sikkim..

Therefore we humbly express our heartiest gratitude towards The Sagar School for your selfless efforts in making your students bright.

Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition

'An Inclusive Commonwealth', is the 2016 Commonwealth Year theme which is relevant to today's youth. Both senior and junior topics gave young people the opportunity to think about varied aspects of the theme such as: the significance of community; the importance of diversity and difference; the question of belonging; the values of tolerance, respect and understanding; and the sense of shared responsibility that exists within the Commonwealth today. The topics were a chance to develop critical thinking and to express views in a creative manner. In the Junior category, Muskan Sarada, class VII won the Silver medal, Helga Khumanthem, class IX and Neeraj Jakhar, class VIII bagged the Bronze medal.

In the Senior category, Akula Bisht, class XI and Ayush Kumar, class X received the Bronze medals.

The Sagar School has been presented a certificate by Royal Commonwealth Society for encouraging students to participate in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition.

Muskan Sarada, class VII shares.....

The announcement of the Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition brought in a lot of excitement for me. It was a tough time choosing the topic as there were many to choose from. I learnt a lot while researching and writing my piece. A proud moment it was when I learnt that my write up had won me a silver medal. I am very happy and hope to better my efforts further.

Special Assemblies

World Population Day - July 11

A special assembly was organised on World Population Day. It focused on various facts and problems related to population explosion. Since this year's theme is "Investing in Teenage Girl", therefore the presentation highlighted on the importance of career development and health care of teenagers as they would be the leaders, guides and professionals responsible to regulate quantity and quality of the population. Dr. Bisht in his address stressed upon the importance of good academic scores in order to compete with huge population seeking admissions in top universities.

A demographic survey in the neighbouring Malliyer village was also undertaken by IAYP Volunteers and class XII students on this day.



EDUCATING ON POPULATION

International Friendship Day - July 30

*Words are not enough. All said and done
For all that I say, can never explain
The friendship we share
And love and care!*

A special assembly was organised featuring a song, a skit and a few heart-warming anecdotes on friendship.



AN ODE TO FRIENDSHIP

World Photography Day - August 19

The aspiring photographers of The Sagar School captured some eternal moments through their lens and thus, proved photography is not mere a hobby but an expression. A presentation on the history of photography through the years and the best entries of Inter-House Photography Competition were shown in the morning assembly. Shourya Negi, class XII and Harshil Rai, class X received First Prize, Prabhav Jain, class X stood second and Yash Bothra, class XII bagged third position.



SPLASH GAME BY HARSHIL RAI, CLASS X



RIPPLES WORLD BY SHOURYA NEGI, CLASS XII



DARK FANTASY BY PRABHAV JAIN, CLASS X

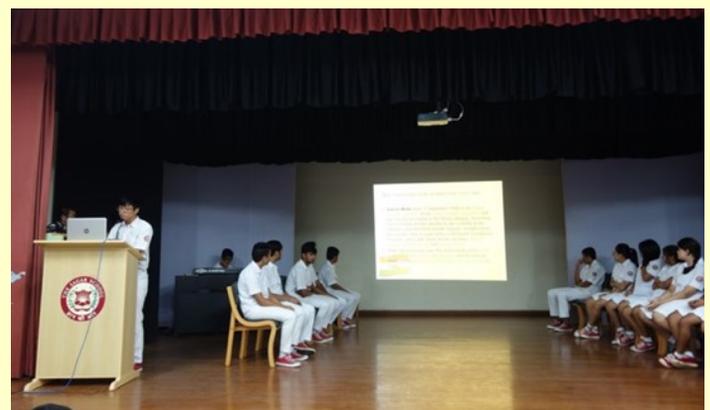


JUMPING JACK BY YASH BOTHRA, CLASS XII

National Sports Day - August 29

A special assembly was conducted to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyhan Chand, also known as "The Wizard" of Hockey.

A special presentation on his achievements was shown along with an informative video on the Olympic winners.



REMEMBERING MAJOR DHYAN CHAND

SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES AND ENDEAVOURS

Sanitation Initiative - July 18

The Sagar School has whole heartedly embraced the Swachh Bharat Campaign and assisted in the construction of four public utilities at the Government Primary School, Malliyer Village. Remfry and Sagar, funded this sanitation drive. Sub Divisional Magistrate Mr. Suresh Chandra Yadav inaugurated these public utilities and also praised the endeavours of the School in this direction as well as towards women empowerment, educational and health aid.



TOWARDS A CLEANER COUNTRY

IAYP Endeavours - July & August

Our IAYP volunteers have been relentlessly marching forth in their pursuit of making it a better world. Their efforts, whether it be plantation drive, creating awareness about prevalent diseases or providing assistance to the village children, are commendable.

The IAYP volunteers have undertaken a plantation drive in the vicinity of the School and at Malliyer village during the monsoon season. They have also been providing selfless service in the field of education by aiding the young village children in their studies. The major agenda has been to create awareness about Dengue and Chikungunya and how to combat them by joining hands.



PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE



HE WHO PLANTS TREES PLANTS HOPE

ACADEMICS AND SCHOLASTIC EXTENSIONS

Inter-House Sports Quiz - July 16

Sports quiz was conducted in two categories-Senior & Junior. All the contestants participated with enthusiasm and displayed their passion for sports.

Results:

Junior group:

First: Ruby House, Second: Sapphire House, Third: Diamond House

Senior group:

First: Emerald House, Second: Diamond House, Third: Sapphire House



QUIZZING TIME...

Inter-Class English & Hindi Handwriting Competition - July 20

A good handwriting is a treat to the eye as it is the impression of the self on page; our students across the classes participated with gusto to display their hand work.

The ace writers:

Hindi: Khushi Bairwa, class IV, Gayatri Verma, class V, Lagakha Vusse, class VI, Pratham Gupta, class VI, Vupivi K. Yeptho, class VII, Riddhi Sharma, class VII, Samarpita Mahadani, class VIII, Priyanka Advani, class IX, Aryan Prakash Srivastava, class X, Pragya Chaudhary, class X.

English: Khushi Bairwa, class IV, Iris Sarda, class V, Lagakha Vusse, class VI, Akshaya Hawaibam, class VI, Ashiya Hussain, class VII, Sajanthung D. Kikon, class VIII, Karanpreet Singh, class VIII, Stanzin Stobzor, class IX, Vivek Chauhan, class X, Bangkin Perme, class XI, Archana Yenghkom class XII.



PENS ON THE MOVE

Inter-House English Debate Competition - July 30

“It is better to debate a question without settling it, than to settle a question without debating it.”

Debate aims to train students to be seekers of truth who know *what* they believe and why, and who challenge their peers to do the same. It further helps students to hone their thinking skills that they need in order to identify and expose the underlying premises and assumptions behind ideas. The topics were:

Seniors:

1. This House believes that democracy is nothing but a refined form of collective dictatorship
2. This House believes that domestic violence is the result of social conditioning.

Juniors:

1. Wild animals should not be kept in captivity
2. Smart technology is making us dumb

The winners were:

Seniors

First Position	Aakash bhuniya, class XII, Ruby
Second Position	Sange Norbu, class XII, Emerald
Third Position	Akula Bisht, class XI, Sapphire

Juniors:

First Position	Sarpita Mahadani, class VII, Diamond
Second Position	Anurag Bisht, class VII, Diamond
Third Position	Yepekali Lois Chishi, class VIII, Emerald



THE WINNERS

Aakash Bhunia, class XII writes....

It was my very first win in a debate competition as I have had that very deep rooted stage fear within me. The competition came as a challenge which I took positively and my hard work got me fruitful results. I felt indeed glad to have won and discovered another forte that I can work towards.

Inter-Class Hindi Story Writing Competition - August 1

Each one has a story to tell and so do our young Sagarians. What better way to express yourself better than through the medium of a story and the eager beaver students penned down their imagination with loads of enthusiasm, giving wings to their imagination and creating yarns full of joy, mystery and magic.

Winners: Khushi Bairwa & Tejas Raj Choudhary of class IV, Iris Sarda, class V, Pratham Gupta, class VI, Aditya Kumar Sharma, class VII, Sakshi, class VIII, Divya Mavaskar, class IX, Purvi Wadhwa, class IX, Rajkaran Gandhi, class X

Inter-House Hindi Debate Competition - August 5

The Inter-House Hindi debate was conducted in 3 Groups. Group A (classes VII to VIII) Group B (classes IX and X) and Group C (classes XI and XII).

The topics were:

Group A:- In the present scenario nuclear family is a better option for the development of a child.

Group B:- Usefulness of old age homes in a country like India.

Group C:- Parents are responsible for the deviation of youth.

GROUP	POSITIONS	NAMES	CLASS
A	I	Aditya Sharma	VII
	II	Ayan Khan	VII
	III	Sakshi	VIII
B	I	Vishwajeet Shoora	X
	II	Diviya Mavaskar	IX
	III	Aryan Prakash	X
C	I	Yash Poptani	XI
	II	Sara Dua	XII
	III	Vishwajeet Yadav	XI

Aditya Sharma, class VII shares...

It was the first time when I participated in debate competition. Gathering all my courage, I went on the stage and delivered my piece, all the while keeping my fingers crossed. I was elated when I was announced the winner!! The judges commented that my intonation gave me an edge over the others. My morale was really boosted and I am already looking forward to more prizes.



PROUD MOMENTS

Inter-Class Notice Board Competition - August 16

The Inter-class notice board competition brought out the best creative skills of all the students. They not only took the complete initiative of decorating their classroom with utmost zeal but they came up with some of the jazziest yet informative ideas. Right from the little ones in the fourth standard to the youngsters of class XII everyone was deeply involved and seemed to enjoy this activity thoroughly. The winners received cash prize with which they had a class party along with their teachers-in-charge.

Junior group:

First: class IV, Second: class VIII A, Third: class V

Senior group:

First: class XI A, Second: class X A, Third: class XII A & XII B



JOVIAL JUNIORS



PINNED THE BOARD

Inter-House English & Hindi Just A Minute (JAM) Competition - August 20

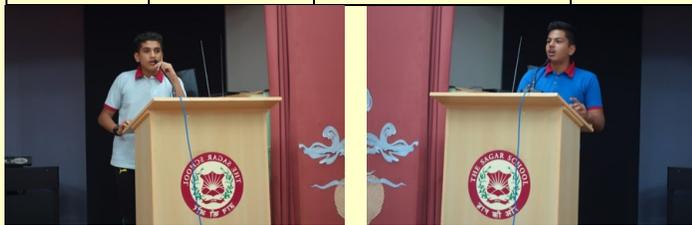
It is imperative to strengthen students' ability in speaking skills as well as their oral interactive strategies in present day. To this effect JAM competition in English and Hindi was organised and conducted with zeal and active participation. The students spoke extempore on varied topics displaying deep insights and perceptions.

Results (English):

GROUP	POSITIONS	NAMES	CLASS
IV, V & VI	I	Akshaya Hawaibam	VI
	II	Iris Sarda	V
	III	Vrishabh Raj Sharma	VI
VII & VIII	I	Akshan Suri	VII
	II	Samarpita Mahadani	VIII
	III	Muskan Sarda	VII
IX & X	I	Divyansh Duggal	IX
	II	Purvi Wadhwa	IX
	III	Anjanay Vats	X
XI & XII	I	Maria Jalil	XII
	II	Jai Mehra	XI
		Kanika Khokhran	XI
	III	Shourya Negi	XII

Results (Hindi):

GROUP	POSITIONS	NAMES	CLASS
IV, V & VI	I	Hitansh Gupta	VI
	II	Khushi Bairwa	IV
	III	Gayatri Verma	V
VII & VIII	I	Ayan Khan	VII
	II	Shrey Bhardwaj	VIII
	III	Nikunj Gupta	VII
IX & X	I	Swati Singh Palawat	IX
	II	Vishwajeet Shoorra	X
	III	Manas Goel	IX
XI & XII	I	Vishwajeet Yadav	XI
	II	Yuvraj Gandhi	XI
	III	Pradhumn Sharma	XII



A MINUTE TO GLORY STORMED A MINUTE

Akshaya Hawaibam, class VI shares...

I realised the worth of a minute and how could I keep my thoughts short and crisp, yet reach the audience. It was the first time that this event was organised in our School and I am very happy to have won the same.

Inter-House Poster Making Competition - August 21

“Art is the essence of awareness.”

The students across the classes delved their fingers and minds in creating thought-provoking posters on the contemporary issues plaguing our society-*Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* and *Swatch Bharat Abhiyan*.



POST A MESSAGE

GROUP	POSITIONS	NAMES	CLASS
IV-VIII (Juniors)	I	Samarpita Mahadani	VIII
	II	Sakshi	VIII
	III	Stanzin Shakya	VII
	Consolation	Tarun Sehra	VIII
IX-XII (Seniors)	I	Manisha Udayan	XII
	II	Shourya Negi	XII
	III	Tushita Chanda	XII
	Consolation	Ronit Irom	XI



WINNING ENTRY BY MANISHA UDYAN, CLASS XII

Inter-Class Spelling Bee Competition - August 23

This event was held to boost the confidence of the students and help them find more ground in the language. Having students from various different countries, this seemed like a good initiative to help the students see the fun part of the language.

Winners:

English Spelling Bee

Ranveer Gargi, class IV, Damini Raji, class V, Yanchuk Renee Rinzin, class VI, Dev Krishna Goyal, class VII, Sakshi, class VIII, Helga Khumanthem, class IX, Shubham Gupta, class X, Bangkin Perme, class XI, Mandy Khumanthem, class XII.

Hindi Spelling Bee

Ranveer Gargi, class IV, Aakash Yadav, class V, Hitansh Gupta, class VI, Meera Chand, class VI, Aryan Malik, class VII, Dev Krishna Goyal, class VII, Sakshi, class VIII, Aman Yadav, class IX, Raj Karan Gandhi, class X.



WINNING ENTRY BY SAMARPITA MAHADANI, CLASS VII

Astronomy club news

Mr. Ajay Talwar our visiting astronomer writes:

Motions of the Moon

In the months of July and August the student programme consisted of understanding the various motions of our Moon.

Phases

New Moon – When the Moon is between Earth & Sun, and is not visible.

Crescent – The beautiful phase of the Moon when it is lit less than 50%.

First Quarter – One quarter of the Moon's orbit is over, i.e. one week from New Moon and it is exactly 50% illuminated.

Gibbous – This term is less known, and means that the Moon is illuminated more than 50%.

Full Moon – means that Sun, Earth and Moon are in a straight line, the Moon is fully illuminated and will be visible all night.



Perigee & Apogee

Perigee – When the Moon comes closest to the Earth in its elliptical orbit (in a month), the point is called Perigee. Moon appears the biggest at this point.

Apogee – When the Moon moves farthest from the Earth in its orbit, the point is called Apogee. Moon appears the smallest at this point. The size of Moon can vary approximately 10% at Perigee and Apogee.



CELESTIAL GLORY

Synchronous Motion

The rotation and revolution of the Moon around the Earth is synchronised, that is why we see only one side of the Moon. We can see the “near side” but not the “far side”. Incidentally there is no “dark side” of the Moon. The Moon receives sunlight during a month.

Liberation

The Moon also wobbles east-west as well as north-south, while moving in its orbit. The wobbling of the moon is not very prominent, but if you keep a lookout for the prominent crater Tyco, the distance of this crater varies from the edge of the Moon. Due to liberation we can see 59% of the surface of the Moon over a period of time.

Here is an image of the Moon which was shot by the students of Astronomy Club, using an iPhone, hand held against the observatory telescope. Tyco crater can be seen prominently at the bottom of the image.



SPORTING TIMES

Friendly Staff Matches - July 7 to 9

Several friendly matches were conducted in the School where all the staff members participated and bonded together. The staffs were divided into teams having been bid by different groups and the matches were held accordingly. The staff enjoyed playing football, badminton, 7 tiles (Pithoo) and volleyball matches. The event infused zeal and zest amidst the staff and was a fun filled one. The matches were followed by a pool party held for the staff and also dinner at the staff club. The concoction of the sports event and the delicacies served gave it a wonderful start post the two month long summer holidays.



DEFENCE GAME



TOWARDS THE GOAL

Inter-House Table Tennis Championship - July 19 to 24

Overall Result:

The championship was won by Ruby House; Emerald and Sapphire House stood second and third respectively.



ACROSS THE TABLE

Inter-House Badminton Championship - July 26

Overall results were:

The championship was won by Ruby House followed by Sapphire and Diamond House.



THE SHUTTLE STORY

Inter-School Khel Protsahan Tournament - New Delhi, August 20 to 21

Kridha Sports Foundation of Delhi organised a tournament of various games & sports. 186 students from 9 schools of Delhi/NCR participated in this tournament. TSS students bagged gold in U-10 & U-12 boy's category, silver & bronze each in U-10 girl's category of the individual events. In doubles, Sagarians secured gold in U-10 category of both boys' & girls' events and in U-16 boys' category. Our students also bagged silver and bronze in U-12 & U-14 boys' categories.



YOUNG SPORTSMEN

Inter-House Football Championship - August 22 to 27

Diamond House lifted the coveted trophy followed by Ruby and Sapphire House.

Kush Bansal, class VIII in U-14; Karan Mawaskar, class IX in U-16 and Konark Singh Shishodia class XII in U-19 were declared the most promising players of the championship.

Karan Mavaskar, class IX shares...

For the first time that I ever played in The Sagar School, I was made the goalkeeper and saved 3 goals for my team. I loved the energy and could sense the excitement with which everyone played. Being declared the most promising player U-16 category was overwhelming and I thoroughly enjoyed it.



FOOT THE BALL



WINNERS REJOICE

St. Xavier's Cup, Bhiwadi - August 27 to 28

Total 8 teams participated in the tournament from Alwar district. Our girls' basketball team secured 3rd position in the tournament.



BOOKED THE BASKET

Sakshi, class XI shares...

I had never been introduced to basketball until I joined as a Sagarian. With all my hard work and the efforts put in by our coach, I could now play as a part of the team. I practiced a lot and indeed could represent my School. It was a great experience and I look forward to participate more and more.

Game @ National Sports Day - August 29

Everyone joined in high spirits to make the National Sports Day a hit! Right from the School Management to the 4th graders everyone had a gala time indulging in their favourite sport, football.



SPORTING SPIRIT

CO-CURRICULAR ZONES

14th Kusum Verma Memorial National English Competition @Springdales School, New Delhi - July 29

Aastha Singh, class X writes.....

It was nice to be a part of the 14th Kusum Verma Memorial National English Competition. We interacted with a number of students from different schools and witnessed many performances. The theatre workshop happened to be great food for knowledge. We learnt much about the Shakespearean era and the audience the bard wrote for. Though we didn't manage a win, yet it was a great learning experience.



REVISITING SHAKESPEARE

Gaurav K.C., class XI writes.....

It broke our stereotypical thoughts on Shakespeare. We were introduced to the real Shakespearean era.

Those we have by far seen in the movies, now seems far from what the reality was then. The theatre workshop had such an effect. I was called on stage with another boy from a different school and we acted as bulls. Mr. Dheesh is a well-known theatre person and his class instigated a love for theatre within me. We also heard a number of stories which were read out by the contestants and that honed our creative skills.

Inter School Astronomy Conclave 2016, Jaipur - August 4

Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh School, Jaipur hosted the ISAC 2016 which started with the invitation of synopsis on various themes. Our Students chose 'Satellites and Launching' as the theme with the support of our visiting astronomer, Mr. Ajay Talwar. After the screening of synopsis, our synopsis got selected in best 50 entries and we were invited for the final presentation round. Anjanay Vats and Prabhav Jain of class X designed a presentation under the mentorship of Mr. Ajay Talwar and Mr. Nishant Gupta. Multiple teams participated from various schools and presented their presentations on different Astronomical themes.

[Prabhav Jain & Anjanay Vats, class X share...](#)

We participated for the first time in any Astronomy Conclave and learnt so many new things during the event. The support extended by our two mentors was tremendous. Overall, this conclave provided us a vast knowledge and learning experience; we will try to do better for ISAC 2017.



EYE ON THE SKY

Inter -School Literary Festival @ Amity International School, Gurgaon - August 11

The event hosted by 25 different schools in NCR region and our students across the classes participated in different events-Vaad Vivad, Character March in French,

The Quest (Literary Quiz), Chor (German song), Rhythms (Poetry enactment), Sur le ligne Essai (online essay competition).

[Aryan Prakash Srivastava, class X shares...](#)

It was a thrilling experience and an honour to be a part of Literary festival 2016. I happened to meet and interact with many skilled debaters. I got to collect lot of tips for debating, which will surely help me in further competitions. I was happy to have my mates along, who kept on motivating each other and discussed a lot of positive points which we could improve on.



LITERARY SQUAD

Flair Fest 2016 @ Jay Shree Pariwal High School, Jaipur - August 11 to 12

Twenty six students from The Sagar School participated in this prestigious event. There were participants from different schools all over the state and the children gained a lot of knowledge. The students won consolation prizes in the following events:

Rock band - Anjanay Vats & Aastha Singh, class X; Karanvir Singh Saini, Prakhar Kochhar & Vedant Mathur, class XI

Tell a story - Ranveer Gargi, class IV; Khushi Bairwa, class IV.

Movie making - Riya Dani, Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa & Aditya Grover of class XI.

Pin - up board competition - Manisha Udayan, class XII; Suraj Udayan, Ronit Irom & Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa of class XI.

[Vedant Mathur, class XI shares...](#)

It wasn't that easy as it seems to be performing as a part of a rock band. We learnt a lot about stage presence and teamwork as we witnessed the performance of many teams from different schools. We won a consolation prize for the event and we aspire to do better next time.



ROCK BAND



YOUNG TALE-TELLERS

Doon School Model United Nations - August 12 to 14

A group of seven students attended The Doon School Model United Nations Conference (DSMUN). It was a three days conference that commenced on 12th August and the closing ceremony was on 14th. This prestigious event was attended by 450 delegates of around 40 schools from India, Nepal and the Middle East. DSMUN had 13 committees this year and our students participated in Human Resource Council, Disarmament and International Security Committee, African Union, Indian Parliament and Special political and decolonisation committee.

Ephraim Chishi, class XII shares...

DSMUN 2016 was a real eye-opener. Observing so many students from different schools gave me a perspective of how they have gathered from various places to be at that one event. Never did I expect such competition or passion in the conference; after all we are just students I thought. I'm glad to say that DSMUN' 16 has absolutely shattered that belief, everyone at the event; staff, students and competitors showed me that nothing is too small to stand up for.

Something about the DSMUN seemed to make time want to slow down and truly savour everything that was going

on, every debate and speech. The knowledge that I gained there will be cherished throughout my life.

The day I accepted my teacher's offer for the DSMUN was a good day indeed, I shudder to think that I would missed such an enthralling time had I turned it down.



LEADERS IN THE MAKING

MODEL DELEGATES

Patriotic Song Competition - August 17

The Sagar School bagged the third position in the Patriotic song competition organised by The Times of India in association with Om Hospital and Presidency International School, Bhiwadi. The programme was held at Genesis Mall, Bhiwadi and approximately 15 schools participated. Judges wholeheartedly praised our students and especially our drummer Anjanay Vats, class X, as he was excellent at the drums, whereas the other schools were represented by their music teachers at the drums.

Swati Singh Palawat, class IX shares...

I really enjoyed the experience of participating in such a big event organised by The Times of India. It was also satisfying for all of us as we stood third. Hope this experience will lead up to better performance in future.



PATRIOTIC FERVOUR

Ignitus-Salwan Public School, Gurgaon - August 24

Tushita Chanda, class XII, Sabhya Gupta and Vedant Mathur, class XI participated in Ignitus-a literary fest featuring Debate and Flash Fiction, an event hosted by Salwan Public School, Gurgaon. A total of 14 schools participated in the event.

Tushita Chanda, class XII shares...

Winning or losing has never mattered to me; it is the participation that counts and learning something new in the process. Therefore, I am thankful that I got this opportunity as well as a platform to build my confidence and how to further enhance our skills.



IGNITED YOUNG MINDS

Sir Padmapat Singhania Memorial All India Science Quiz, Gotan - August 29

A team of two students comprising Konark Singh and Pradhumn Sharma of class XII participated in the prestigious event. There were around thirty teams from across the country. There were two preliminary rounds of 10 teams in each group. The students answered tricky questions with intelligence worthy of praise. They were the highest scorer in the rapid fire round by answering eight questions correctly out of 10.

Konark Singh Shisodia, class XII shares...

The quiz show turned out to be a great source of learning for me. We learnt about a lot of new facts and figures which enriched our knowledge to a great extent.



SCIENCE-ABILITY

The Book Fair - August 20 to 22

The School had organised a book fair in the Performing Art Block to inculcate reading habit among the students. The BPI India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi displayed many books of different genres. The students as well as the staff took equal interest and the event turned out to be a huge success.



WE WHO LOVE BOOKS

LEARNING EXPERIENCES @ SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Teachers' Workshop - July 7 to 9

The school was yet to get back to its former swing but the teachers were busy modifying their strategies for the coming session. A multilingual philanthropist and above all a teacher, Mrs. Tara Sekhri emphasised on the humanization of the education system focusing on using gestures and dramatization. The following day the workshop was taken up by Mrs. Komal Sood, an educator with quite a lot of establishments in her life from being a Principal to Director of Curriculum and training, Vidyagyan schools. She introduced the workshop with the concept of 'Differentiation in Education'.

The final day of the workshop was taken up by Lt. Col. S.P Sharma, the Dean of Pastoral Care. He taught us a valuable lesson, that, often we become so worked up to win alone that we do not even bother to think of a win -win situation where there would be more of we than me.



TEAM WORK PAYS...

DIFFERENTIATION IN EDUCATION

Shatarupa Mahadani, Maths faculty, shares...

It was an informative workshop to re-orient our strategies for 'Making teaching Effective, Interactive and

Responsive' for 'Diverse Learners.' 'Extra mile that you work will bring you success' and 'Bringing up children without comparison is true education' are two essential keys for the teachers acting as facilitators aiming at the students' perfection and mastery on the subjects. The knowledge would surely be beneficial to us in the long run.

Progressive Seminar @ G.D.Goenka Public School, Gurgaon - July 20

Mr. Anand Saraswat, Faculty of Economics, attended a Progressive Seminar conducted by Prof. J.P. Goel, Associate Professor & H.O.D. Economics (Retd.) Hindu College, Sonapat. The aim of this workshop was to introduce new teaching methodologies and update the changes in accordance with the CBSE curriculum 2016-17 and to focus on different topics such as 'National Income', 'Consumer Equilibrium' and 'Employment in Micro and Macro Economics'.

CAREER COUNSELLING

Counselling Session - August 2 to 4

Mr. Pradeep Narayanan and his team, from Admizzionz Campuz, conducted career counselling sessions for classes XI and XII. The programme commenced with a session on "Opportunities & Challenges in College Admissions" for classes XI and XII followed by one to one interactions with the students. Mr. Narayanan acquainted the students with various career opportunities linked to the wide range of subject options.



CAREER CHOICES

WORDS AND STROKES

Imagine inviting a stranger to your country? How would you welcome them?

Silver medallist Muskan Sarada, class VII (Commonwealth Essay Competition, 2016)

'Incredible India' I truly believe in this phrase, as it best describes my country's rich heritage, tradition, food, majestic land forms, languages, attire etc.

During my winter vacations, I had gone to the airport to receive my friend Biraaja, who was visiting me from Manipur for her holidays.

While waiting I saw a foreigner jostling with 2 big bags, I went and helped her out and it felt really good. Then she introduced herself to me. I came to know that she was an Australian and her name was Megan and I even came to know that she was also going to Sikkim for her holidays. Then I introduced myself to her and invited her to my place and even asked her to join me and my friend Biraaja at my home in Gangtok.

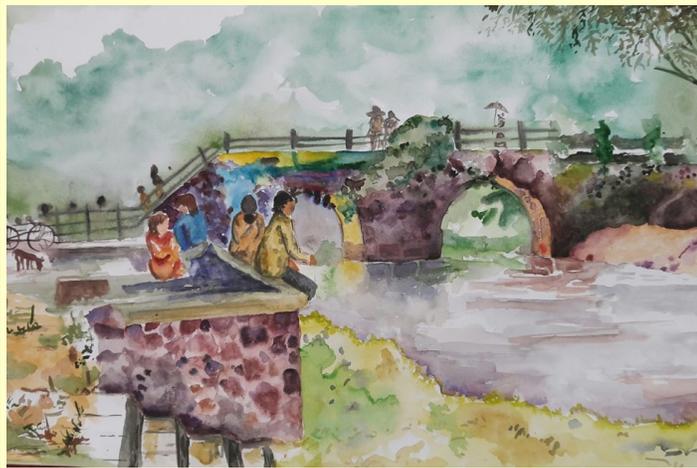
We then travelled from the airport to Gangtok for around 4 hours. And by the time we reached it was 12 noon and she was really surprised and excited to explore the different things and places.

First when she entered my house we offered her khada (a traditional cloth given to a person with respect) and had put tikka and chawal on her head to welcome her. My mom then served her food. We ate momos and shaifale (traditional food) followed by a glass of local black tea. She was actually very happy to see that food being cooked in front of her and even wanted to make a piece of momos but couldn't do it, as it turned gooey while steaming it. Then I took her to guest room and told her to freshen up so that we could go out for evening walk. Even I went to my room and took a power nap; freshened up and took her for evening walk. While we were in the park, she was very busy with my friend's dog and it was a local Apso dog so this way I even came to know that she was an animal lover. Then we went back, ate our dinner and went to bed early, because, next morning we were going to watch the morning sunrise.

As the sun shone bright and sunny in the morning we walked out of my house, for a walk and for the sunrise.

We watched the sunrise and ate our breakfast in a nearby restaurant. We ate local omelette and bread followed by a glass of milk for a healthy day. After our breakfast we changed and our next adventure was a helicopter ride! It was around 2 hours' drive to the helipad and there arrived our moment! We boarded a noisy red helicopter and our hearts started beating really fast. And slowly and slowly our heart started beating faster and faster as the helicopter was leaving the land slowly and slowly and we flew up on the air and it was an unforgettable ride. Later we went to Enchey monastery and on the way we saw the Sikkim organic food factory. So I felt we should go and have a look, and this way I could also meet my friend who was the head of juice department. We first went and saw the delicious juices, being made and it was really fun looking at that as we could see the oranges being peeled and squeezed out. Afterwards we visited the pickle section and over there we tasted the local chilli and different types of other vegetables being pickled. Then after we saw the jam section and it was also very fun because we could see the fruits turn into jelly like jam due to a substance known as gelatine. There after we reached the Enchey monastery. There we first entered through a big gate. And the monastery was full of monks (traditionally called lama). They were wearing a red, saffron coloured cloth on their body. I even told her about the history of the monastery, including the meaning of the sacred writing, {OM MANE PADME OM}. Then we reached around 6:00pm in the evening and then visited the market M. G. Marg. There we went to many shops and Megan even brought a traditional jewellery for herself, we even visited the local tea shop and drank the first harvest tea (the first grown tea of the year) and she even bought a packet of local Temi tea for herself followed by a dragon designed tea set. We even visited many local food courts and the best item Megan liked was aloo chura, she liked it so much that she ate aloo chura at around three places. We then went back to my house and slept as we were going to my village tomorrow.

We woke up at around 7:00am in the morning and left around 8:15am. When we reached Megan was very surprised to see the greenery around and then I told her that in village area it is normally very green and anyways Sikkim is known as the most organic and clean state because of its rich flora. We entered my house and my nani (grandmother) welcomed her and after seeing my farm which had around 5 mango and orange trees including many vegetables and animals. We then went to the village school where Megan taught for around the half day and even served food to children. We went back after the school and then I introduced some of my cousins to her and this is how we spent the entire day. Next morning we woke up early as Megan was leaving and my nani gifted her a pair of bhakhu (traditional dress). She was there with us for around 3 nights and 4 days and today evening she had her flight so we had to travel back to the airport and as everything comes to an end so this day came but couldn't help it. She waved her hands to me saying that she was very delighted to see India and very inspired to help the underprivileged so she will definitely come back with her team to help them. After her departure, I was missing her words and voice. India follows a true tradition... come as a friend or tourist and leave as a member of family and now I would like to conclude my essay by saying I am proud to be an Indian and you should also be.



TUSHITA CHANDA, CLASS XII



ATUL SUREKA, CLASS XI



IRIS SARDA, CLASS V



YASH MANGLA, CLASS VIII