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### From the Principal's Desk

*With a heart full of hopes and aspirations to make Sainik School Balachadi one of the best schools in the country and to create a conducive environment for ideal education, I took over as the Principal of this esteemed Centre of Excellence on 18 Dec, 2017. My concept of Education is summarised in the famous quote of Albert Einstein.*

***"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school". - Albert Einstein***

*My endeavor will be to provide a stress free environment where teaching-learning process can take place unhindered.*

*I am sanguine that the goal will be achieved with the dedicated team of staff and disciplined lot of cadets in Sainik School Balachadi. I am also hopeful that the school will scale to newer heights of glory in the days to come and will continue its pursuit towards excellence.*

*I believe that our benefactors and reverent readers will get to know the present trail of the school better after going through this issue of 'Balachadi Mail'. Constructive suggestions and positive criticism are welcome.*

*Gp Capt Ravinder Singh  
Principal*

## **LITERARY ACTIVITIES**

### **Inter House English Lecturette Competition**

I H English Lecturette for classes XI and XII was conducted on 10 Aug, 2017. Cdt. Vishal Pillai (5310) of Sardar Patel House stood First, Cdt. Yashraj (5294) of Pratap House bagged the Second Position and Cdt. Nachiket (5384) of Pratap House secured the Third Position. Sardar Patel House was the overall Winner of the competition and Pratap House was the Runner-up.

### **Academic Toppers Honoured**

Class wise Academic Toppers were honoured in the Assembly on 28 Aug, 2017. Lt Col Deepak Chaddha, Officiating Principal gave away prizes to the Class Toppers of Class VI to Class XI based on their performance in Periodic Test - I.

Cdt Shashi Shankar from Class VI, Cdt Yagna Pathak from Class VII, Cdt Abhishek and Cdt Shourya from Class VIII, Cdt Sudhanshu Kumar from Class IX, Cdt Ankit Kumar from Class X and Cdt Kushagra from Class XI were the proud prize winners.

### **All India GK Quiz, English and Hindi Debates at LKSEC, Gotan**

Cdt. Mitanshu Bhavsar, Cadet Luv Patel, Cdt. Shubham Kumar, Cdt. Khushagra, Cdt. Praveen Mishra, Cdt. Satyam with Dr Mahesh Bohra, Master(Maths) went to L K Singhania Education Centre, Gotan to take part in All India GK Quiz, English and Hindi Debates from 28 to 30 Aug, 2017. 30 Schools took part in the competitions. The cadets gained a good exposure. Hindi Debate team won a consolation prize.

### **Inter House Group Discussion for class XI**

The Inter House GD for class XI was conducted in four groups on 31 Aug, 2017. The Best Speakers in their respective groups were Cdt. Vivek Kumar of Sardar Patel House from Group 'A', Cdt. Dhruval of Shivaji House from Group 'B', Cdt. Nachiket of Pratap House from Group 'C' and Cdt. Vikash of Pratap House from Group 'D'. It was a non-competitive event. A Group Discussion for volunteers was also conducted in which Class IX cadets participated. The Best Participant of the group was Cdt Jainish Solanki from Garuda House.

### **Inter House English Essay Writing Competition**

Inter House English Essay Writing Competition 2017-18 was organised in four Groups on 06 Sep, 2017. In Group 'A' (XI and XII), Cdt. Rahul Ranjan of XI-B, Tagore House bagged the First Position, Cdt. Bhavdeep of XII-B, Angre House stood Second and Cdt. Nitish Kumar of XII-B, Tagore House secured the Third Position.

In Group 'B' (IX and X), Cdt. Akash Ranjan of X-B, Pratap House bagged the First Position, Cdt. Dev Singhania of X-C, Angre House stood Second and Cdt Meet Boda of IX-B, Sardar Patel House secured the Third Position.

In Group 'C' (VII and VIII), Cdt. Rajal Kumar of VIII-A, Angre House bagged the First Position, Cdt. Ashwani Kumar of VIII-A, Garuda House stood Second and Cdt Sourya Ray of VIII-A, Tagore House secured the Third Position.

In Group 'D' (VI), Cdt. Lekh Vashishth of VI-A, Shastri House bagged the First Position, Cdt. Deepanshu Gupta of VI-B, Shastri House stood Second and Cdt. Shivam Raj of VI-C, Shastri House secured the Third Position.

### **Hindi Poetry Recitation**

Department of Hindi conducted Poetry Recitation Competition for the students of class VI on 07 Sep, 2017. All the cadets of class VI participated in the event with utmost involvement and enthusiasm.

Among the groups, Group 'A' of Class VI-C won the First Position and Group 'B' of Class VI-C was the Runner-up.

Among the individuals, First position was won by Cdt Akshay Kumar of VI-C and Second position was bagged by Cdt Lekh Vashishth of VI-B

### **Inter House GK Quiz**

Inter House GK Quiz 2017-18 was conducted for the cadets of class IX to XI on 08 Sep, 2017. Shivaji House won the Competition. SP house was the Runner-up. The event enhanced the General Knowledge and Current Affairs of the cadets.

### **Inter House Cultural Show Competition**

Inter House Cultural Programme Competition 2017-18 was conducted on 12 and 13 Sep, 2017, for 2 days with 3 senior Houses performing each day. The programme consisted of Prayer, Skit, Dance and Master Stroke by each house and was judged on the basis of their performance. For Junior Houses it was non-competitive and was conducted on 11 Sep, 2017.

Shivaji house won the Competition. Garuda house was declared as the runner-up.

### **Inter House Hindi Essay Writing Competition**

Inter House Hindi Essay Writing Competition was conducted on 14 Sep, 2017. Cadets from Class VI to X participated in the event.

### **Inter House Exhibition Competition**

Inter House Exhibition Competition was conducted on 14 Oct, 2017. Col L S Bisht, Commanding Officer, 27 Guj NCC Bn was the Chief Guest. He inaugurated the Annual Art and Craft Inter House Exhibition.

The cadets came up with innovative ideas through perfect working and 3D Projects. The dignitaries, parents and other guests witnessed the projects and experienced the amusement.

The Best Three best individual projects were of Cdt. Shubham Mayank Singh and Cdt. Aman Kumar of Shivaji House, Cdt. Ankit Kumar and Cdt. Rahul Ranjan of Tagore House.

Shivaji House bagged the first position and Pratap House was the Runner-up.

## **Inter School Painting Competition and Quiz Competition at INS Valsura**

As a part of Navy Week celebration, INS Valsura conducted Inter School Painting Competition and Quiz Competition on 11 Nov, 2017. 04 cadets participated in the GK Quiz Competition and 20 cadets took part in the Painting Competition. One team of 2 cadets got qualified for the finals of the Quiz Competition which was conducted on 17 Nov, 2017. Our School Quiz Team comprising of Cdt. Vivek Kumar of class XI - B and Cdt. Avinash Kumar of X – C took part in the Competition and bagged the third position. They were awarded with a certificate and a cash prize of Rs.1000 each.

## **English Essay Writing Competition**

As per CBSE guidelines, English Essay Writing Competition was conducted for all the cadets of the school on 16 Nov, 2017 to commemorate the Vigilance Week. The topic given was ‘Role of Citizens and Private Sector Units in Making India a Corruption Free Country’. The best three essays from each section were rewarded with certificates and prizes.

## **Group Discussion for Class XII**

Group Discussion for class XII was organized on 17 Nov, 2017. A total of 4 groups discussed on various topics. Cdt. Arjun Singh, Cdt. Siddh Shah, Cdt. Vishal Pillai and Cdt. Saurabh Kumar were adjudged as the ‘Best Speakers’ in Group A, B, C and D respectively. As a Group, Group B was adjudged as the ‘Best Group’ in the Group Discussion.

## **GAMES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

### **Inter House Basketball Championship**

Inter House Basketball Championship 2017-18 was conducted in the school from 11 July 2017 to 16 July 2017. The final match was played between Sardar Patel House and Pratap House. Pratap House won the Match by 52-22 and lifted the Championship Trophy.

### **Badminton and Table Tennis Championship**

Inter House Badminton Championship and Open Table Tennis Championship commenced on 28 Aug, 2017. The finals of the events were conducted on 05 Sep, 2017. The finals were conducted by the Class XII Cadets. Cdt. Ayush Pathak, X-B of Sardar Patel House was declared as the ‘Best Player’.

In Table Tennis Junior Category (VIII – XII), Cdt Pruthul Patel (XI) bagged the First Position and Cdt Vishal Pillai (XII) secured the Second Position. In Sub-junior Category, Cdt Aman Anand (VII) stood First and Cdt Deepanshu (VII) secured Second Position.

Pratap House won the Badminton Championship and Sardar Patel House bagged the Runner-up position. Officers and staff also participated in the Badminton and Table Tennis events.

### **Inter House Football Championship**

Inter House Football Championship for classes VII to XI for the session 2017-18 was conducted in school from 20 Nov 2017 to 22 Nov 2017. The final match was played between Pratap House and Angre House. Angre House won the Championship by defeating Pratap House by 02 - 01 and lifted the trophy with glory.

### **Inter House Cross Country Championship**

Inter House Cross Country Championship 2017 -18 was organised on 14 Dec, 2017. The competition was for three different categories.

Group 'A' (9.8 kms) for Class IX, X and XI.

Group 'B' (4.6 kms) for Class VII and VIII.

Group 'C' (3.2 kms) for Class VI.

Cdt. Hariom and Cdt. Rohit of Sardar Patel House, Cdt. Krishna Gopal of Angre House and Cdt. Shivam Raj of Shastri House bagged First positions in Group 'A' (9.8 kms), Group 'B' (4.6 kms) and Group 'C' (3.2 kms) respectively.

The Championship Trophy was lifted by Sardar Patel House for the sixth time in a row. Lt Col Deepak Chaddha, Officiating Principal felicitated the winners with medals and certificates. He also complemented the winners and all the cadets for their sportsman spirit, hard work and successful completion of the race.

### **Annual Athletic Meet**

Annual Athletic Meet for the year 2017-18 was conducted from 27 to 29 Dec, 2017. The Meet was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, SainikSchool Balachadi on 27 Dec, 2017.

A set of events were conducted on 27, 28 and 29 Dec, 2017. The cadets participated in the field as well as the track events with utmost zeal and zest.

Closing Ceremony of the Annual Athletic Meet for the year 2017-18 was organised on 29 Dec, 2017. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal, Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest. Mrs Sonia Singh, the First Lady of the Campus was the Guest of Honour.

The performances of the athletes were praised and the winners were honoured with certificates and medals by the Chief Guest. Cdt. Roshan, Roll No.5553 of Garuda House and Cdt. Vishal Raj, Roll No.5678 of Sardar Patel House bagged the 'Best Athlete Trophy' in the Senior and Junior category respectively. The Chief Guest also presented the most coveted 'Championship Trophy' to Shivaji House. At last the meet was declared close by the Chief Guest.

## **VISITS**

### **Parent Teacher Meet**

Parents visited their wards after the summer break for the first time on 06 Aug 2017. They met the teachers and house masters to know about the progress of their wards. PT - I results were declared and the weak cadets were counseled in the presence of the parents. They met officiating Principal and Vice principal. Parents expressed their

concern and got their doubts clarified. They also assured whole hearted cooperation to the administration for the good work and progress of the school.

### **Visit of NCC SD Cadets**

127 NCC SD Cadets from NCC- Army Attachment Camp, Madras Regiment Jamnagar visited the School on 26 Jul, 2017. They were briefed about the Aim, Activities and functioning of the School. They were also shown the infrastructure of the school. Administrative Officer and Vice Principal interacted with them.

### **Visit of Polish Nationals**

03 Polish Nationals visited the School on 11 Nov, 2017. During the visit, they had shown a documentary on the struggle of Polish people during World war-II and their revolt against Nazi Army. Due to the historic connection with the school, Polish Nationals have been visiting the school in the past also. The cadets gained a fair idea about the struggle Polish people had undergone during World War-II. Cadets interacted with the visitors and gained knowledge about their country and culture.

### **OBSSA 1999 Pass Out Batch Visited School**

Thirty two members of OBSSA 1999 Batch visited school on 02 Dec 2017. They shared their experience and interacted with Officers, Staff and Cadets. They provided financial assistance to renovate the water fountain in front of the Cadets' Mess and installation of Audio Speakers in ante room of all houses.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **School Raising Day and Inauguration of New Adm cum Academic Block**

School Raising Day was celebrated on 08 Jul 2017 and on the same day Inauguration of New Adm cum Academic Block was also held. Shri Bhupendersinh Chudasma, Education Minister, Gujarat was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Many dignitaries from State Govt. and OBSSA Members were also present to grace the occasion.

### **Raksha Bandhan Celebration**

Cadets of class VI, new IX and House Masters of Shastri and Nehru House assembled in Staff Club to celebrate Raksha bandhan on 07 Aug, 2017. The girls and lady staff members tied Rakhi to the cadets on this occasion.

### **Independence Day Celebration**

On 15 Aug 2017, 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day Celebration commenced with hoisting of the Indian Tricolor Flag by the Chief Guest Brig Ajit Singh, Commander, NCC Gp HQ, Rajkot, followed by National Anthem.

Magnificent display of March Past, Synchronised PT, Aerobics and Yoga by the cadets were also organised on the occasion. The Tiny Tots of Balniketan, Primary

school also presented a patriotic song. At the end, the academic staff joined the cadets and presented a beautiful group song to give the occasion an apt tribute.

On this occasion 'Sandeshak 2016-17', the School Magazine was released. The Chief Guest and the Officers extended their heartfelt greetings to the Cadets, Staff and their families.

### **Teachers' Day Celebration**

Teachers' Day was celebrated in a befitting manner on 05 Sep, 2017. Cadets of Class XII assumed the role of Officers and Staff Members. They organized a special Assembly in honour of the teachers, felicitated the Staff Members and presented a variety entertainment show. A High Tea was organized at 1145 hrs in NDA Hall. Class XII and Staff Members attended the same. Staff Club Party was also organised on the same evening to celebrate the day. The School Administration felicitated the Academic and Administrative Staff.

### **Navratri Celebrations**

As a part of Navratri celebrations, Garba / Dandia Rass was centrally organised in front of Cadets' Mess from 2030 hrs on 29 Sep, 2017. Cadets, Staff and families danced to various Garba tunes. The celebration was an exciting experience for all.

### **Annual Day Celebration**

57th Annual Day was celebrated with pomp and show on 14 Oct 2017. Col L S Bisht, Commanding Officer, 27 Gujarat Battalion NCC was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Lt Col Deepak Chaddha, Officiating Principal, Sainik School Balachadi presented the School's Annual Report highlighting the prominent achievements and the mission of the school. It was followed by a mesmerising cultural show performed by Balachadians.

The Chief Guest gave away the prizes and trophies to the winners of various events. He also appreciated the students' efforts in putting up a grand show and also congratulated all those who won the prizes. He also emphasized the need to imbibe holistic personality in cadets and motivated them to be sincere, truthful, disciplined and dedicated to join Armed Forces.

The Programme culminated with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Lt Col Dharendra Kumar, Vice Principal of the school.

### **NCC Day Celebration**

National Cadet Corps (NCC) Day was celebrated in the school from 24 to 26 Nov 2017. On this occasion various events were organised. A special assembly was organised in which students spoke about NCC and the Organisation. Yoga and Ceremonial Parade were also conducted.

In addition, Swachhata Abhiyan (Cleanliness Drive) was also carried out under the supervision of school administration.

Lt Col Deepak Chaddha, Officiating Principal, Sainik School Balachadi conveyed his heartiest congratulations to the students and staff for the successful conduct of various events in connection with the NCC Day celebrations.

### **Navy Day Celebration**

On account of Indian Navy Day Celebration, cadets were shown the special documentary on Origin and Growth of Indian Navy on the big screen in Cadets' Mess telecasted by Doordarshan Channel at 2125 hrs on 04 Dec, 2017.

It was as per the directions from Sainik Schools Society.

### **National Mathematics Day Celebration**

130<sup>th</sup> Birthday of great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan was celebrated as 'National Mathematics Day' on 22 Dec, 2017.

Mrs Suma M Joshi, Asst Master, Mathematics along with school cadets gave a presentation on the life and achievement of S Ramanujan in detail.

Principal, addressed the gathering and motivated the cadets to draw inspiration from the life of S Ramanujan. He also said we should popularise Mathematics in our society and develop Mathematics as a hobby.

### **Christmas Celebration**

Officers, Staff and Cadets of Nehru and Shastri House assembled in Shastri House to celebrate Christmas. The Christmas cake was cut by the Principal. Cadets sang carols. Everybody exchanged their heartfelt Christmas greetings. Sweets were distributed to all. Principal conveyed his greetings to cadets, staff and family members.

### **New Year Celebration**

Officers, Staff and Cadets assembled on the eve of New Year to welcome 2018. The celebration started with cadets rocking to the tunes of DJ. The Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal, Sainik School Balachadi announced the arrival of 2017 by cutting a huge cake. The fire cracker show was in sync with the stepping in of great New Year. The Patron extended his warm wishes to the Balachadians. Everybody exchanged the wishes and heartfelt greetings.

## **EXPOSURE**

### **Visit to Windmill**

Cadets of class X and XI were taken on a visit to a Windmill near Hadiyana on 09 Jul 2017. The cadets were shown the windmill and its functioning. The Advantages of the Windmill were explained by experts from Suzlon Pvt Ltd Company, Ahmedabad. The cadets gained a fair idea about the working principles, advantages and existence of windmills.



### **Art of Living workshop**

A workshop on 'Art of Living - Youth Empowerment' was conducted in the school from 01 to 04 Aug 2017. This four days' long seminar was conducted for the cadets of class IX and X. Sudarshan Kriya -the breathing technique was the main part of the workshop. A special session on the topic – 'Stress Free Teaching-Learning' was also conducted for the staff of the school.

### **Visit to Air Force Station Jamnagar**

Cadets of class XI visited Air Force Station Jamnagar on 11 Aug, 2017. They interacted with the Air Force Personnel and clarified their doubts pertaining to Indian Air Force. The cadets got to see many aircrafts and the visit proved to be a great motivation for them.

### **Capacity Building Workshop for Maths Teachers by CBSE**

CBSE conducted The Capacity Building Workshop for Maths Teachers at DPS, Rajkot from 27 to 28 Sep 2017. Dr Mahesh Bohra and Mr D D Purohit, Masters in Mathematics attended the same. The experts were, Mr Rudrendu Basak, Vice Principal, Chandar Bala Modi Academy, Ankleshwar and Ms Vaishali Lakhani PGT - Maths, Nand Vidya Niketan, Jamnagar.

### **Musical Concert Organised by OBSSA**

A musical concert was organised in the school on 07 Oct 2017 by OBSSA. Renowned Bollywood singer Mr Chetan Rana with his team has performed in the concert on various Bollywood Hindi Songs and Some Gujarati Songs. It turned to be a great stress buster for all.

### **Firing for Class XI Organised by 27 NCC Bn**

78 Cadets of class XI were given exposure to the firing at Jamnagar Military Station arranged by 27 NCC Bn Jamnagar on 12 Oct, 2017. Lt AK Singh escorted the cadets. Cadets were enthralled by the exciting experience they got in the firing range.

### **CATC-XIII**

Combined Annual Training Camp-XIII was organised by 27 GUJ BN NCC, Jamnagar in the school campus from 30 Oct to 7 Nov 2017.

408 Cadets from JD/SD/JW/SW of various schools and colleges in Gujarat, 7 ANOs, 6 JCOs and 12 NCOs with the Commanding Officer were the participants of the camp.

100 Cadets of JD and 83 Cadets of SD from Sainik School Balachadi were the part of the camp. Several competitions were conducted and the cadets gained a wide exposure.

Cadets of Sainik School Balachadi won the following trophies:

1. Drill Competition for Junior Division.
2. Drill Competition for Senior Division.

3. Firing Competition.
4. Lecturette Competition.
5. Poster Making Competition.

### **NDA Tour – Motivational Cum Educational Tour for Class IX**

45 Cadets of Class IX-A with Mr D D Purohit, Master and Mr R J Makwana, Asst. Master went to Pune for visiting NDA, CME, AFMC, AIPT and INS Shivaji from 23 to 29 Nov, 2017. Indeed, Cadets were highly motivated to join the Defence Forces as Officers.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

A book fair was organised in the school by Scholastic India Pvt Ltd., from 07 to 09 Dec, 2017. Cadets and Staff got a chance to purchase books of their choice.

### **SSB Training for Class XII**

A special Service Selection Board training session for Class XII was organised from 04 to 15 December, 2017. Col(Retd) Santhanu Ghosh, Interviewing Officer, Col(Retd) A K Pandey, Group Task Officer and Mr Ashok Thamburaj , Psychologist were the trainers from Amity SSB Academy, Noida.

Cadets of class XII were given a detailed idea and training to appear in Service Selection Board Interview and to come out successfully. 06 Cadets of 2017 Passed Out Batch who cleared UPSC-NDA Exam in Sep-2017 also joined the session.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Tree Plantation Drive**

Around 400 saplings of various fruits, ornamental and shady trees were planted in the campus in association with Suzlon Energy Company Pvt. Ltd., on 25 Jul, 2017. The company also donated approximately 200 tree guards. Officers, staff and cadets took great interest in the Tree Plantation Drive.

### **Musical Concert by SPIC MACAY**

A musical concert was organised in the campus on 11 Aug 2017 in association with Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY).The musical concert was conducted by Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee Dr N Rajam, a renowned Indian Violinist on Hindustani classical music.

### **Saraswati Pooja**

A Pooja was organised in New Administrative cum Academic Block on 30 Aug 2017 to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati to bestow prosperity for the Balachadians. Officers, Staff, Cadet Appointments and Class VI cadets participated in Pooja.

### **Firefighting Demonstration**

Firefighting demonstration was organised for staff and cadets by the experts on 12 Sep 2017. Our School's Firefighting Officer, Mr K Mehta, Quarter Master briefed about the types of Fire and means to extinguish them.

### **Medical Health Checkup Camp**

Medical health checkup camps were organised in the school on 24 Sep, 2017, 08 Oct, 2017 and on 19 Nov 2017 by a team of specialist doctors from MP Shah Government Medical College, Jamnagar wherein about 600 cadets, staff and families were medically examined.

### **Martyr Major Rushikesh V Ramani, SM Memorial Trophy**

On 25 Sept 2017, the proud parents and relatives of Martyr Major Rushikesh V Ramani, Sena Medal visited the school. On this occasion, Mr Vallabhbhai Ramani, father of Major Rushikesh V Ramani presented a trophy named after Major Rushikesh Ramani to the school. Lt Col Dharendra Kumar, Officiating Principal received the trophy on behalf of the school. He conveyed hearty thanks to the proud parents and assured them that the trophy will be utilised for very good cause and it will motivate the cadets to serve for the nation. To give due respect to the proud parents and relatives, school memento and caps were presented to them.

Mr Vallabhbhai Ramani motivated the cadets to join NDA and requested them to utilise the time and infrastructural facilities available in the school.

Major Rushikesh V Ramani was an epitome of Dedication, Devotion, Sincerity, Commitment and Love for the mother land. Each and every cadet of the school aspires to imbibe these qualities.

### **FAREWELL**

#### **Farewell to Principal Col A K Sharma**

A befitting farewell was accorded to the outgoing Principal Col A K Sharma on 29 Jul, 2017. He has put in a service of approx two years in Sainik School Balachadi and proceeded on study leave. A special assembly, a dining out dinner and a staff club party were organised in his honour.

### **WELCOME**

#### **Welcome to the New Principal**

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, an officer with a vast experience in the field of academics, took over as the Principal of the school with effect from 18 Dec, 2017. A special assembly was organised on 18 Dec, 2017 to welcome him to the Balachadi fraternity. A Dinner Night was also organised to dine him in on the same day. Staff Club function was organised with a welcome dinner party to welcome the Patron and family on 19 Dec, 2017.