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## SAINIK SCHOOL BALACHADI

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### From the Principal's Desk

*“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do”.*

**- Pele**

This quarter of the academic session 2018-19 was a ‘test of learning’ session. It was full of Examinations. We can call it the time of harvest. Cadets were busy in revising their learning and preparing for their final examinations. I could find the love of beloved cadets in whatever they are doing. Hence, I am sure of their success, our objective. The serene environment existed throughout the examination season. It won't be an exaggeration to call it as Success.

Hope for the best! Jai Hind!

*GpCaptRavinder Singh*  
*Principal*

### ACADEMICS

#### AISSEE – 2019

All India Sainik Schools Entrance Exam 2019-20 was successfully conducted in all three examination centres (Ahmedabad, Balachadi and Surat) of Sainik School Balachadi on 06 Jan, 2019.

#### Pre-board for Classes IX to XII

Pre-board Examination -I for Classes IX, X, XI and XII was conducted from 28 Jan to 01 Feb 2019. The cadets had a good practice for their final exam.

### **Pre-board - II for Classes IX to XII**

Pre-board Examination -II for Classes IX, X, XI and XII was conducted from 16 to 21 Feb 2019. The cadets showed seriousness and made some improvement in their performance.

### **Class XII CBSE Board Exam 2019**

Class XII CBSE Board Exam - Senior School Certificate Examination 2019 commenced on 02 Mar, 2019. The first exam was of the subject English. The cadets of class XII Biology group left the school on 18 Mar, 2019 after giving their last exam of Mathematics. The cadets of class XII (Computer Science Group) left the school on 02 Apr, 2019 after attending their final exam of Computer Science.

### **Class X CBSE Board Exam 2019**

Class X CBSE Board Exam - Secondary School Examination 2019 commenced on 07 Mar, 2019. The first exam was of Mathematics. The Final Exam of their CBSE Exams, Social Science was on 29 Mar, 2019. The cadets of class X who have applied for withdrawal from School left the school after giving their last exam.

### **SHORT VACATION FOR CLASS VI TO VIII**

On Completion of Annual Examination for classes VI to VIII, Cadets were sent home for a short vacation from 09 Mar, 2019 to 28 Mar, 2019.

### **Result Declaration for Classes VI to VIII**

The final results for classes VI to VII were declared on 29 Mar, 2019. Parents collected the results of their wards and interacted with staff to know about the development of their children.

## **SPORTS AND GAMES**

### **Inter House Obstacle Competition 2018-19**

Inter House Obstacle Competition 2018-19 was organised on 10 Jan, 2019. Cadets from class X to XII of six senior houses participated in the competition. Almost all the cadets cleared all the obstacles successfully. The obstacles included Straight Balance, Gate Vault, Elbow Lift, Jig Jag Balance, Double Ditch, Burma Bridge, Eight Feet Wall, Scramble Net, Monkey Rope, Vertical Rope, Crawl and Ramp. The Championship Trophy was won by Garuda House. The Runner Up was Tagore House.

### **57th Annual Athletic Meet**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Meet was conducted from 15 to 17 Jan, 2019. The important annual event concluded with traditional pomp and fervour covering all disciplines of track and field events at the school Athletic ground. Cmde C Raghuram, VSM, CO INS Valsura Jamnagar graced the Closing Ceremony. Cadet Praveen Mishra, School Cadet Captain presented the welcome address. The colourful Closing Ceremony included March Past, Mass PT, Aerobics, Dumbbell exercise, Tableau and scintillating display of Horse Riding. Many skills were also displayed by the cadets like fast riding, Tent Pegging, Obstacle Jumping etc.

The Chief Guest advised the cadets to have right attitude in life as it takes the cadet forward in life. He also said "Never ever accept defeat in life, world is a stage

believe in yourself and put in hard work to achieve your goal”. He urged the cadets to make the best use of facilities provided in Sainik School Balachadi. Cadet Rohan Singh of Garuda House and Cadet AmanPratap of Sardar Patel House bagged the Best Athlete Trophy in the Senior and Junior category respectively. On this occasion, the Ramarao Memorial Trophy for the Best Player in Volleyball and Basketball was given to Cadet Aditya Kumar Ravi of Tagore House and Cadet Aman Kumar of Shivaji House respectively. The Chief Guest gave away the prizes and medals to the winning cadets and presented the championship trophy to Shivaji House. The Chief Guest congratulated the winners, participants and organizers.

### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **Inter House Drawing and Painting Competition 2018-19.**

Inter House Drawing and Painting Competition 2018-19 was conducted in three groups for classes VI to XI on 12 Jan, 2018. Group ‘A’ was of classes IX to XI, Group ‘B’ was of VII and VIII classes and Group ‘C’ was of class VI. The participants from all the groups exhibited their talents through their beautiful works of art, Paintings.

Amongst the senior houses i.e. of Gp ‘A’ and ‘B’, Garuda House bagged the First Position and Angrestood Second. Amongst the Junior Houses i.e. of Gp ‘C’ Shastri bagged the first Position and Nehru stood Second.

#### **Inter House Drill Competition**

On the auspicious occasion of 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, Inter House Drill Competition was also organized on 26 Jan, 2019. All the Marching Contingents of Senior houses showed their might in the field of bearing and turnout, marching, saluting and coordination. Finally Sardar Patel House was declared as the winner. Tagore House was the Runner Up.

#### **Inter House Drill Competition for Junior Houses**

Drill competition was organized for Junior Houses (Nehru and Shastri) on 10 Feb, 2019. The performance was judged based on different aspects of marching like bearing and turnout, word of command, marching style, saluting, various movements and overall coordination. Finally, Nehru House bagged the First Position and Shastri House was the runner up.

### **VISITS**

#### **Parents’ Visit Day**

On 13 Jan 2019, Parents’ Visit was also organised in the campus. It happened to be on the day of Uttarayan / MakarSankranti. On this day, “The Kite Flying” event was also organised at School Sports ground. Principal extended his hearty greetings to the students, staff and their families on this auspicious day. So, Parents also enjoyed the kite flying festival along with their wards.

## **Students of Dholakiya School Visited SSB**

260 students, 12 teachers and the Principal of Dholakiya School from Rajkot visited the School on 24 Feb, 2019. They were taken around the School by two staff members and were briefed about the routine and activities. Administrative Officer interacted with the cadets and motivated them to take up a career with the Defence Forces.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Kite Flying Day**

On 13 Jan 2019, Uttarayan / MakarSankranti was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. Parents' Visit was also organised on this day. "The Kite Flying" event was organised at School Sports ground. The event was kick started by GpCapt Ravinder Singh, Principal by flying a huge kite. Principal extended his hearty greetings to the students, staff and their families on this auspicious day. Parents also enjoyed the kite flying festival along with their wards. It was followed by the soaring of kites by students and staff and soon the sky was covered with colourful kites. It was a memorable event for the Balachadians as all of them gathered together to enjoy kite flying. At the end of "The Kite Flying" event, sweets were distributed to all.

### **Republic Day Celebration**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and fervor. Indian Tricolour was hoisted by the Chief Guest Brig Nitish Bisht, Cdr 31 Inf Bde Jamnagar followed by the National Anthem, magnificent March-Past was showcased by the cadets. Cadet Aamil and Cdt Suryakant expressed the importance and greatness of Republic Day in English and Hindi respectively. The school song was presented by the cadets of Sainik School Balachadi. The tiny tots of Balniketan also presented Hindi patriotic poem, dressed in various freedom fighters of India. The Passing-out Parade of class XII was also held on this occasion. The Chief Guest took the salute. The function ended with the distribution of sweets to cadets of Sainik School Balachadi and Tiny Tots of Balniketan by the Chief Guest.

On this auspicious occasion, an Inter House Drill Competition was also organized. All the Marching Contingents of Senior houses have shown their might in the field of bearing and Turnout, Marching, Saluting and Coordination. Finally Sardar Patel house was declared as the winner.

The Chief Guest in his address emphasized on the sense of patriotism and belongingness towards the nation. He wished class XII cadets for their upcoming NDA exams. He also motivated cadets to work hard with sincerity to achieve their aim to join National Defence Academy and serve the nation. He congratulated the cadets for the wonderful display of march-past and for well-coordinated programme.

### **International Mother Language Day**

In order to promote the use of mother tongue, MatrabhashaDiwas (Mother Language Day) was celebrated in the School on 21 Feb 2019. On this occasion, a programme was conducted by the ‘Gujarati Language and Literature Department’ of school in which cadets presented various group songs and solo songs. Cadets were also shown short documentary on Mother Tongue. Officers, staff and cadets were present on this occasion.

### **Mahashivratri Celebration**

Officers, Staff, Cadets and families assembled at Shiv Temple, Balachadi to offer prayers and seek blessings of Lord Shiva on the eve of Mahashivratri at 1830 hrs on 04 Mar 2019.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Regional Summit Of School Principals**

GpCaptRavinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Jamnagar attended Regional Summit of School Principals on “Addiction in School Children – New Age Challenges” which was held at The Rajkumar College, Rajkot on 24 Jan 2019. It was jointly organised by ICTR (Institute of Counsellor Training Research & Consultancy) and The Raj Kumar College, Rajkot.

### **Special Assembly – A Tribute to Martyr NileshSoni**

In a special assembly, Officers, Staff and Cadets paid homage to the great soul of the Martyr CaptNileshSoni who sacrificed himself for the nation. On this anniversary day of his Martyrdom CadetPrabhat Kumar of Class XI delivered a Speech on the life and achievements of the Martyr CaptNileshSoni and his supreme sacrifice for the Nation. The Chief Guest GpCaptRavinder Singh, Principal, Sainik School Balachadi motivated the cadets in his speech to join the Armed Forces to make their life worth living. He also called the responsible heroes to carry forward the baton passed by the Martyrs.

### **Local Board of Administration (LBA) Meeting**

Maj Gen Sandeep Sharma, GOC 11 InfDiv & Chairman, LBA visited the school. He was given a warm welcome by the Principal. Maj Gen Sandeep Sharma, GOC 11 InfDiv chaired the Local Board of Administration (LBA) meeting. All the Members were present in the meeting.

### **Farewell to Outgoing Class XII Cadets**

To bid adieu to the outgoing class XII cadets, a farewell party was organised in Staff Club on 05 Mar 2019. GpCaptRavinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He presented a memento to each cadet of Class XII reminding of the transformation they have undergone over the seven significant years in the school. Simultaneously the anchor read out compliments on each student.

The outgoing class XII cadets recounted their school experiences in emotional and nostalgic overtones. The School Captain Cadet Praveen Mishra summed up the experiences on behalf of all cadets of class XII. While addressing the gathering the Principal mentioned the vast transformation from a child to a gentleman that has taken place in each one of the passing out cadet. In this process of seven long years, directly or indirectly the Officers, Staff and General employees have

contributed with selfless dedication. At last Principal, Officers and staff congratulated and blessed the outgoing class XII cadets for their future endeavours and ask them to remember that they are raising 'Sons' of Balachadi.

### **CSR Activity By GSECL, Sikka Thermal Power Station**

On 14 Mar, 2019 under the banner of CSR activity GSECL, Sikka Thermal Power Station donated following items to the School:

- (a) Floor Cleaning Machine.
- (b) 5KVA Generator.
- (c) Music System/Amplifier/Mixer/Audio System.

## **EXPOSURE**

### **Special Service Selection Board Training Sessions**

Special Service Selection Board training sessions for Class XII was conducted by Lt Col Neeraj Kumar from NCC Gp HQ Jamnagar on 04 and 05 Jan 2019 to train cadets for upcoming Service Selection Board Interview. Cadets gained a fair idea from the Session.

### **Visit To Airforce Station, Jamnagar**

60 cadets along with 02 Staff Members witnessed Static Display of Air craft and various equipments, which was organised by Air force Station, Jamnagar on 24 Jan 2019. The team was sent in order to motivate cadets to join Indian Air force in officer cadre.

### **Band Display By 3 Bihar Regiment**

In order to acquaint Cadets with Military tunes and customs of Defence Forces, a Band display was organised on 25 Jan 2019 by 03 Bihar Regt. Various tunes were played on the occasion. The same was enjoyed by all the Cadets, Staff and their families.

### **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Central Sainik Schools' Mahotsav**

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Central Sainik Schools' Mahotsav was held at Sainik School Bijapur from 29 - 31 Jan 2019. A team of 10 cadets along with a staff escort participated in the mega event, participated in Yoga, Mass PT, the Marathon 'Run For Unity', Food Mahotsav, presented Cultural Exhibition and performed DandiaRaas, the traditional dance of Gujarat. The cadets gained a vast exposure and were happy that they could interact with cadets from all over India.

### **Training Camp by AAD Regiment in School Premises**

Class wise the cadets were taken to the Camp organised by 152 AAD regiment from 31 Brigade in Sainik School Balachadi campus from 21 to 23 Feb 2019. Cadets got an opportunity to witness the training, Radar and Anti Air Craft Guns. The Army personnel in the camp briefed the cadets about various training activities and equipments. At the end, the cadets were given some snacks and tea. On 25 Feb, 2019 Staff and families also visited the camp.