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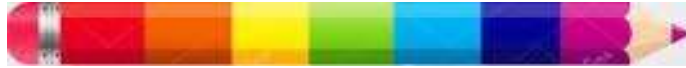
“We all want Progress but if you’re on the wrong road, Progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most Progressive.”

- CS LEWIS

The Second Quarter (Jul-Sep 2020) of the Academic Session 2020-21 was full of Online Teaching-Learning. It included interactions with Cadets, Parents, Staff and Officers in terms of Academics, Co-Curricular Online Activities and safety against Covid-19 Pandemic. The session is on with safety measures, precautions, new hopes, aspirations and exploring netizen skills. Accepting global pandemic as an opportunity to introspect latent potentials and shaping them to new visions and Result-Oriented accomplishments. It taught us not to react but to respond wisely. The one who doesn't have a calibre to improve is worthless. Continuity and the Spirit to evolve for better makes us A Cut Above. So always be ready to aspire because 'An aspiration is a joy forever.' No Progress means no Fitness so never forget that Fitness and Evolution is essential for Survival. Keep aspiring and remain constant on the path of Progress. So once again with new hopes and blessings. We aim for better outcomes in the future.

**GP CAPTAIN RAVINDER SINGH,
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ACADEMICS



(ONLINE)

PT/UT-1 2020-21 (ONLINE):

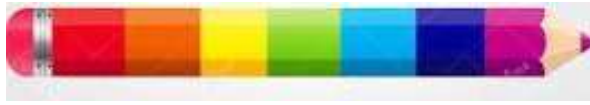
Online PT/UT-1 2020-21 started from 29 Jun 2020. Sainik School Balachadi is second in the row all over India to conduct online classes after Sainik School Gopalganj. Sainik School Balachadi successfully started PT/UT-1 with never tiring and motivating efforts of Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal and Computer Science Department. The Teachers, cadets and parents took utmost interest in attending and exploring a new experiment in Modern Education System. It was indeed a commendable effort. PT/UT-1 got over on 10 Jul 2020.

CBSE CLASSES:

Regular Academic Classes (Jul to Sep 2020) from VI-XII have been at the utmost priority to keep the cadets continue with their Learning Outcomes.

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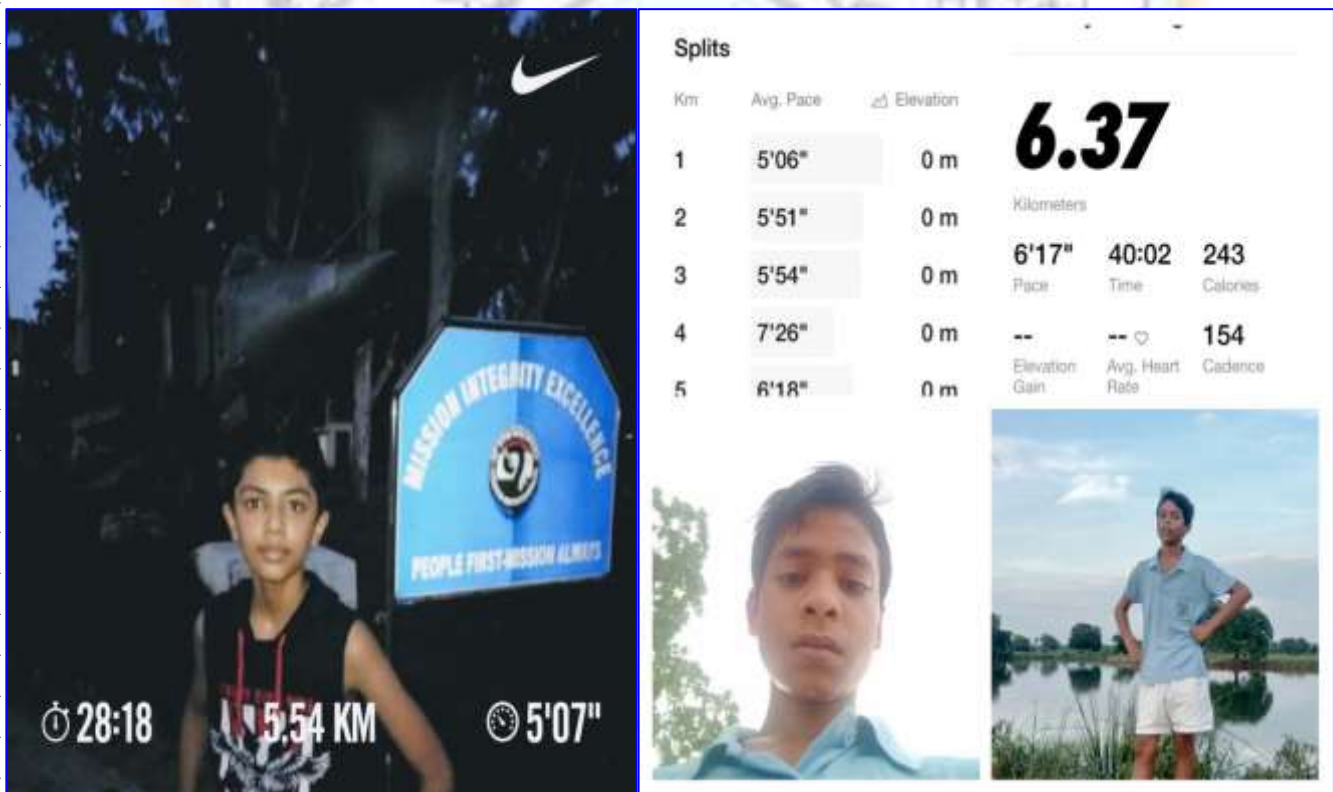
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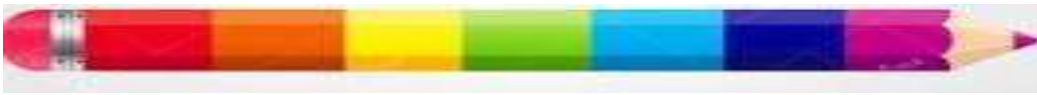
(ONLINE)

FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN:

To keep the students Physically, Mentally and Emotionally fit CBSE organized a FITNESS RUN with the motto RUNNING. It encouraged Fitness and Freedom from Obesity, Laziness, Boredom, Stress, Anxiety etc. The cadets from classes VII-XII participated in the Fit India Freedom Run from 23 Aug-24 Aug 2020. They covered the distance according to their comfort, the maximum they could.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



INTER HOUSE HINDI PATRIOTIC POETRY COMPETITION:

On 13 Aug 2020 Inter House Hindi Patriotic Poetry Recitation Competition was organized. This competition was organized ONLINE by Hindi Department. This competition was organized in three categories.

Cate A for classes 10 & 11

Cate B for classes 7, 8 & 9

Cate C for class 6

The theme of the competition was Patriotism. The cadets of all the houses participated enthusiastically and explored reciting skills with perfect expressions.

The Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi congratulated the winners of the competition.

The results are as follows;

Gp wise individual positions are as under:

GP A

6202 Cdt Anurag Pandey	1 st Position	SHIVAJI HOUSE
5933 Cdt Nishant Kr	2 nd Position	SP HOUSE
6205 Cdt Neel Patel	3 rd Position	PRATAP HOUSE

GP B

6053 Cdt Chris Francis	1 st Position	SHIVAJI HOUSE
6038 Cdt Lekh Vashishtha	2 nd Position	SP HOUSE
6183 Cdt Kunj	3 rd Position	ANGRE HOUSE

GP C

6344 Cdt Yugendra	1 st Position	SHASTRI HOUSE
6385 Cdt Yatharth	2 nd Position	NEHRU HOUSE
6398 Cdt Aditya Tomar	3 rd Position	NEHRU HOUSE

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE CLASSES:

To develop Communicative approach among the cadets and to groom their personality; Mrs Sonia Singh, The First Lady of the Campus W/O Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi and the teachers of English Department have been conducting English Communicative Classes for the cadets of classes VI & VII from 31 Aug 2020 onwards. English Communicative Classes will continue till 31 Dec 2020.

INTER HOUSE GK QUIZ COMPETITION:

An Inter House GK Quiz was conducted on 24 Sep 2020 through Online mode. Mr Raghesh PR (HOD Social Science) and Mr Vinod Harimkar (Librarian), The Quiz Masters briefed the participants about the rules, terms and conditions before the commencement of the Quiz. The theme of the Quiz was Constitutional Day Activities. The Quiz had Five Rounds in all.

Round I Indian Constitution & Polity Round II Indian History & Heritage Round III Current Affairs & Round IV General Knowledge & Round V Rapid Fire.

The Officers, Academic Staff, and the cadets from class VI-XII witnessed the Quiz online. It was an event planned and organized meticulously.

Each team had Four participants. The results are as follow.

HOUSE NAME	POINTS	POSITION
SP House	38	I
Tagore House	30	II
Garuda House	29	III
Shivaji House	20	IV
Angre House	19	V
Pratap House	16	VI

Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal congratulated the winning teams and thanked the Quiz Masters for planning and organizing this Quiz Competition meticulously. He proposed the Vote of Thanks on the occasion. In his address he emphasized on the importance of GK in the life of a cadet. He added that GK adds to the overall Personality and Grooming of a cadet or person. The participating team downloaded E- Certificates of the Inter House GK Quiz Competition.

UPSC CLASSES



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School conducted online UPSC Classes from 13 Jul to 05 Sep 2020. School created individual IDs for staff and cadets for the classes. Mr RK Suvagia, Senior Master prepared Time-Table and introduced to UPSC team and the cadets. This concept of conducting online classes was conceived by Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal Sainik School Balachadi. It's first time in the history of school to conduct online classes. The cadets took full advantage of the classes. The classes were conducted by the SSB Core team.

UPSC NDA/NA EXAM

Chasing their dream destination the cadets of class XII took their UPSC NDA/NA Exam on 06 Sep 2020. Class XII Cadets who had been waiting to transform their dreams into actions showed their utmost interest in the exam and its preparation.

ONLINE CELEBRATIONS



59TH RAISING DAY:

Sainik School Balachadi celebrated 59th Raising Day on 9 July 2020. It was a week-long program. The celebration took place through online mode. The celebration started with the opening ceremony on 7 July 2020. Brig R S Rathore(744), an alumnus inaugurated the opening ceremony. Mrs A Yadav coordinated the entire program and welcomed the Chief Guest. The Cadets joined the event through online platform.

On 2nd day of the Raising Day ceremony Col Prakash P Vyas (Retd) was the Chief Guest. He motivated the cadets with his dominant words. He gave Success Mantras to the cadets.

On 3rd day of the Raising Day ceremony Lt Gen Asit Mistry AVSM, VSM Commandant NDA was the Chief Guest. He also joined the celebration through online platform. In his address he congratulated Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer, Staff, Cadets and their families on the occasion of Raising Day ceremony. He paid his tribute to the martyrs also. He shared the achievements of the school and acquainted the cadets and parents with the glorious journey of the school. He also acquainted the audience with the various distinguished alumni of Sainik School complemented on the stupendous UPSC results.



On this day school's Annual Magazine SANDESHAK'S digital cover page was also released. Donning the mantle of responsibilities, **Digital Investiture Ceremony** was also conducted on this day.

The cadets had a live interaction session with the Chief Guest. The cadets put their queries one by one. On 4th day Real Admiral Dhiren Vij, VSM (Alumnus) addressed the cadets and staff by his motivating words..

Mr Raghesh PR TGT Social Science presented an enchanting and energy boosting documentary on Raising Day recounting the glorious journey of the school and experiences of the various dignitaries. Which included the messages from Alumni, Celebrities, Academic Staff (Retd), Defence Officers. It left everyone spell bound.

Before culminating Lt Cdr Manu Arora Vice Principal Sainik School Balachadi proposed Vote of Thanks. He thanked the Chief Guest for sparing time from the busiest schedule to guide, inspire and motivate the Balachadians. He also thanked the OBSSA, families, staff and the cadets for having witnessed the **Raising Day** ceremony. He thanked Academic, Adm and Technical Support Team also to for their spirit and dedication. The program culminated with the Balachadi song. It was indeed a program worth attending.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS:

Kargil Vijay Diwas, The school celebrated 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July 2020 in the memory of Kargil victory on 26 July 1999 by Indian Defence Forces. The cadets of the school were briefed (Online) about the day and victory by Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi.



On this occasion Officers, Academic & And Staff were present to witness the ceremony. The Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School

Balachadi laid the Wreath at Shourya Stambh, The War Memorial of the Martyrs in the school campus to pay homage to the Martyrs.

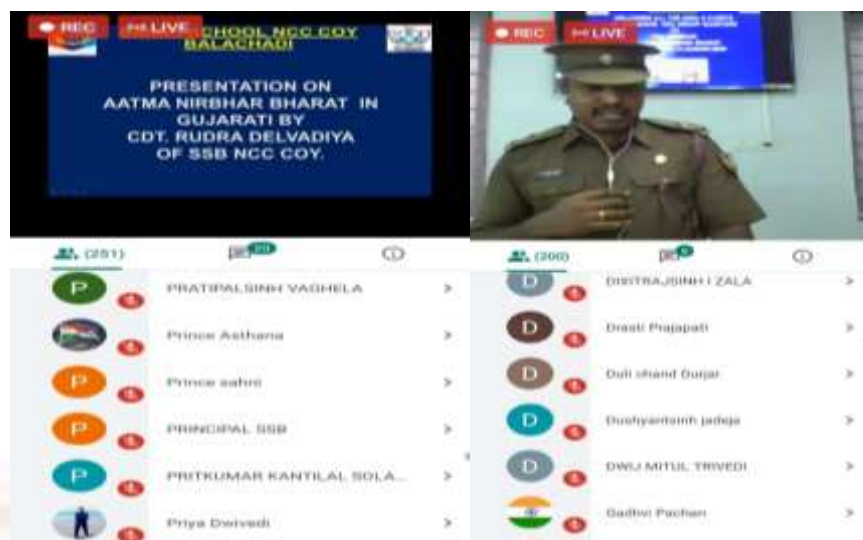
AATMNIRBHAR BHARAT CAMPAIGN WEBINAR:

NCC Coy Sainik School Balachadi conducted a webinar on **Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign** on 14 Aug 2020 as per the guidelines by the NCC Gp Hq Jamnagar & Lt Cdr Manu Arora, OC NCC Coy Sainik School Balachadi.

T/O Mr SS Kumar was the moderator of the webinar. The cadets from classes VII to XI witnessed the webinar by joining through online mode.

T/O Mr Lalit Yadav delivered a speech on **Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign** on the occasion. There was a live interaction session also to satisfy the queries of the cadets. The prime aim of the webinar was to promote **Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign** and to urge the audience about the need of being **Vocal to Local** to enhance the spirit of Self-Reliance amongst the citizens of India. Cdt Pratham Prajapati concluded the webinar by delivering a short speech. The webinar culminated with the Vote of Thanks by CTO Mr Balraj. The prime aim of the webinar was to promote **Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign** and to urge the audience about the need

of being **Vocal to Local** to enhance the spirit of Self-Reliance amongst the citizens of India.



74th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

74th Independence Day was celebrated on 15 Aug 2020. The program commenced with laying the Wreath at the Shourya Stambh, by the Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi Indian Tricolour was hoisted by the Chief Guest followed by National Anthem. Speeches in English and Hindi, Patriotic Poetries, Patriotic Song by the cadets and Academic Staff were organised on the occasion. Academic, Adm and GE staff were felicitated on this occasion.

Every year **Felicitations** by GOC 11 Infantry Div, and LBA Chairman Maj Gen Dinesh Shrivastav is given to the team Balachadi for their outstanding contribution in making cadets come out with the flying colours of success. This year Mr Dharmik N Jani TGT Science, Mr Vinod Harimkar Librarian, Mr Devendra Pujara Accountant and Mr D V Sharma Nursing Assistant were felicitated by the GOC Commendation for their faithful services, hardwork, honesty and devotion towards the development of the school.

Along with the Academic Staff four of GEs were also felicitated by the Cash Prize for their honesty and duty towards the growth of the institution.

Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Adm Officer, Academic, Adm Staff and Day Scholars attended the program whereas the cadets and their families attended the program through online mode. Entire program was live telecasted to the cadets.



The Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi in his speech emphasized on the importance of freedom and our duties towards the nation as an individual. He congratulated the members of Balachadi team for their outstanding services for the development of the school. School Cdt Captain Amit Raushan (5677) proposed the **Vote of Thanks** on this occasion. The program culminated with the School Song.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:

In recognition of the important role the Teachers play in shaping the lives of their pupils and to mark their respect, Teacher's Day was celebrated through online mode. The cadets paid their tribute to their gurus Virtually, Physically, Online and through Social Media. English and Hindi Speeches were delivered by Cdt Neel Patel and Cdt Lekh Vashishtha. Cdt Yugvendra recited Hindi poem on the occasion. The cadets Akhil present a song on this occasion. Cdt Nishant delivered Vote of Thanks. Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi emphasized on the role of a teacher in the life of his students. He expressed his pleasure and congratulated the Teachers on the occasion. He also expressed his joy and gratitude for the cadets for organizing this program and marking their respect for the teachers. The program ended with the Balachadi Song.

PARTICIPATION BY THE CADETS IN TEACHERS DAY ACTIVITIES:

Marking their respect for their Gurus on the occasion of Teacher's Day, The cadets participated in Teachers Day activities on 5 Sep 2020. The cadets participated in OUR TEACHERS OUR HEROES & TEACHERS FROM INDIA activities. The cadets made Posters, Paintings, Quotes, Slogans, Video messages and posted on Social Media.

MISCELLANEOUS



(ONLINE)

FAREWELL TO PGT CHEMISTRY:

School organized a Farewell Party on 14 Jul 2020 to bid Farewell to Mr Turlapati Prasad PGT & HOD Chemistry, who proceeded to Sainik School Kalikiri on Inter-School Transfer Basis. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi conveyed him best wishes in his future endeavours. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer, Academic and Adm Staff were also present.

CONFERENCE ON ALTER. ACAD. CURRICULUM (2020-21):

A Conference was organized on 17 July 2020 to discuss and plan Alternative Academic Curriculum for the session 2020-21 as per the guidelines by CBSE.

FAREWELL TO HAV K KUMAR:

To bid farewell to outgoing PTI Hav K Kumar a high tea party was organised on 27 Jul 2020. PTI Hav K Kumar, who proceeded to his new destination NSG Training Centre Banguluru. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi conveyed him best wishes in his future endeavours. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Academic, Adm and PI staff were also present there to bid farewell and convey their best wishes.

NCC STAFF MEETING:

Lt Cdr Manu Arora, OC NCC Coy Sainik School Balachadi conducted NCC Staff Meet on 28 Jul 2020. He shared the new action plan of NCC Coy of the school in the terms of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign, Vocal for Local, Tree Plantation Drive, responsibilities of ANOs etc . On this occasion all NCC staff was present.

WEBINAR ON CYBER SECURITY:

Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal Sainik School Balachadi conducted a webinar on Cyber Security on 01 Aug 2020. The Staff and Cadets from classes VI to XII participated in the webinar. He interacted with the cadets, their parents and asked about the fear factors in online Teaching -Learning and regarding Cyber Security also. He also made the cadets aware about the fraudulent web series. He urged them to be safe and alert during being online. He gave them a safety motto **Stranger: A Danger** to stay safe.

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Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi appreciated and thanked him for organizing such informative, relevant and useful webinar to make the Staff, Cadets and Parents aware about the Cyber Security.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE:

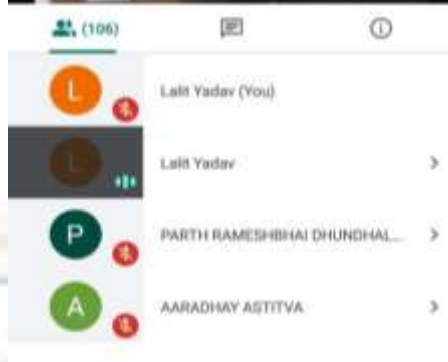
On 08 Aug 2020 Sainik School Balachadi organised Tree Plantation Drive in school campus. The officers, Staff and families participated actively in the Plantation Drive by planting the saplings.

AUTUMN BREAK:

Sainik School Balachadi observed Autumn Break from 24 Aug to 17 Sep 2020. Administrative Branch (Main office) and Accounts Department functioned as usual.

NCC/PT CLASSES:

Sainik school Balachadi conducted online NCC/PT Classes for VI-XI from 24 Aug to 25 Sep 2020. All ANOs and PT Staff conducted the classes fruitfully.



SUGGESTIONS BY ACAD. STAFF IN EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEP 2020:

As per the Acad Cir 61/2020 by CBSE asked for the suggestions by the Teachers, HMs and Principals as per their Teaching-Learning Experiences for the effective Implementation of NEP 2020. Academic Staff participated on 27 Aug 2020 and gave their suggestions in the effective Implementation of NEP 2020.

PARTICIPATION BY THE ACADEMIC STAFF IN ONLINE SHIKSHAK PARV:

Ministry of Education organized SHIKSHAK PARV from 09 Sep to 25 Sep 2020 on the theme of National Education Policy 2020 for Principals, HMs, Teachers, Students and the Parents. It was two days Conclave on School Education in 21st century. Mrs Anju Yadav, Mr Mayura Joshi, Mr BK Jha, Mr DN Jani, Mr Arun VR, Mr RJ Makvana, Mr Piyush Viramgama and Mr Balraj attended the webinars by participating in it.

GUEST LECTURE BY SUB LT JACKY MODI (IN):

Sub Lt Jacky Modi an alumnus (4734) and all time Ranker, Sainik School Balachadi conducted a motivational webinar on 11 Sep 2020. The cadets from classes VII to XII attended the webinar. He inspired and motivated the cadets to join NDA/NA. he presented highly motivational and confidence boosting videos of Indian Navy which boosted the morale of the cadets and raised their confidence to join Indian Navy. He also told the various branches to join the Ocean of Opportunities of Indian Navy. Finally there was a Q/A Session. The Defence aspirant cadets put up their doubts before the Guest Speaker. Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik school Balachadi, Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer and Academic Staff Members also attended the webinar. Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer proposed the Vote of Thanks on this occasion and thanked the Guest Speaker Sub Lt Jacky Modi for motivating and inspiring the cadets to transform them as **Gentlemen Cadets** in future.

PTM BY CLASS COORDINATORS:

On 13 Sep 2020 Class Coordinators from Classes VI to XII conducted PTM. The coordinator interacted with the cadets and their parents and told the parents to ensure the full participation and attendance in English Communicative, NCC and PT Classes.

RESUMING OF ONLINE CLASSES AFTER AUTUMN BREAK:

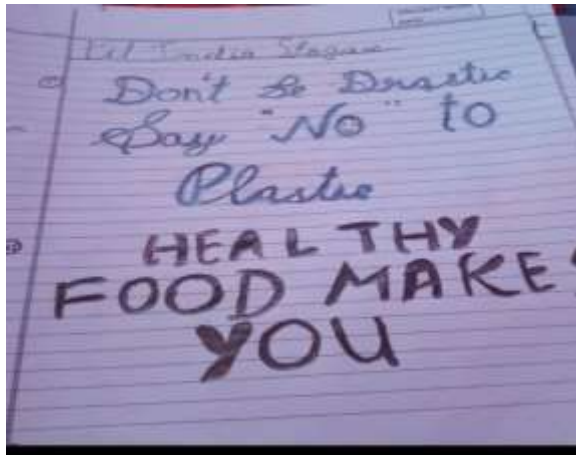
Online Teaching-Learning (VI to XII) resumed from 18 Sep 2020 after the Autumn Break. The Academic Staff underwent a Medical Screening and was declared COVID-19 Negative then after the Academic Staff resumed for the Online Classes by being Home-Quarantined for a certain period.

MEDICAL SCREENING OF STAFF:

After the Autumn Break Medical Screening of the Staff was conducted on 29 Sep 2020 at Sainik School Balachadi Hospital in coordination with the PHC Medical Staff of Jodiya, Jamnagar.

GALLERY





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