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From the Principal's Desk

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of human history”

MK Gandhi.

The fourth quarter of the Academic Session 2019-20 was full of mission accomplishment in terms of Academics, Co-Curricular Exposures, Celebrations and the most important SSB selection in the history of the school. The session 2019-20 triumphed with new hopes, aspirations, sparkling imaginations, fertile minds, accepting risks and shaping them to new visions and Result -Oriented accomplishments. Everything was worth gaining and cherishable. Finally the difficult roads have led to beautiful destinations in the setting of the session 2019-20 successfully. With new hopes and blessings we aim at better outcomes in the forthcoming session 2020-21.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh
Principal.

ACADEMICS

CBSE Board Practical Exams : Class XII CBSE Board Practical Exams for Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Physics were conducted from 15 to 21 Jan 2020 by the concerned External Examiners appointed by the CBSE.

Assessment of Speaking & Listening skills (ASL) : ASL Exam was conducted for classes XI & XII in January 2020 as per the guidelines by CBSE under new Evaluation Pattern Scheme.

Pre Board Examination I : To enhance confidence and to give the cadets a prior practice according to the latest pattern of Board Exams, Sainik School Balachadi conducted Pre Board Examination I from 27 Jan 2020 to 31 Jan 2020. It was conducted for the cadets of classes IX to XII. It gave the cadets a good practice. It also raised the confidence level of the cadets to face the upcoming CBSE Board Exams in February 2020.

Pre Board Examination II : After the completion of Pre Board Examination I, School conducted Pre Board Examination II from 10 to 19 Feb 2020 to overcome the mistakes and to enhance the confidence level of the cadets. It was quite fruitful as it gave them a good practice of writing and revising. It kept the cadets and staff on high spirit.

Annual Examination : (VI to VIII & IX to XII) : Annual Examination for classes VI to VIII commenced on 25 Feb 2020. Principal, Vice Principal and staff conveyed their best wishes to the cadets to do well. The Annual Examination got over on 06 March 2020 whereas Annual Examination for classes IX to XII commenced from 26 Feb 2020. Before this a Pooja Aarti was performed by Principal, Vice Principal, staff and the cadets. The sweets were also distributed among the cadets. The Principal, Vice Principal and Staff briefed the cadets and gave some confidence boosting tips for the better academic results.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi emphasized on the **importance of Legible Handwriting** in exams and Evaluation. **The Annual Examinations for these classes were to get over on 26 March 2020 but due to outbreak of CORONA/COVID -19 some exams have been suspended by Sainik Schools Society as per the guidelines by CBSE.**

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Parents Visit, Uttarayan / Makar Sankranti & Food Carnival : The parents visited the school on 12 Jan 2020 on the occasion of **Uttarayan / Makar Sankranti**. The Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi welcomed and conveyed New Year wishes to the parents, staff and cadets. The parents interacted with the teachers and House Masters about the progress of their wards. They also praised the school authorities for such new initiative by organizing Food Fest. The cadets enjoyed the kite flying in athletic ground with their parents. The parents, cadets, staff and families enjoyed the Food Carnival on this occasion. Everyone enjoyed the dishes made by the cadets (chefs). Parents shared their concern and got their doubts clarified. The parents also assured whole hearted cooperation to the school administration for the betterment of their wards in academics and co-curricular activities.

Lohri Celebration : Lohri ; The festival to mark the end of peak winter and the beginning of the season of harvesting, was celebrated on 13 Jan 2020 at the Staff Club in the presence of Mrs Sonia Singh, The first lady of the campus, Adm officer, staff and families. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest of the celebration. A special dinner was also organized on the occasion. Ms Sunita Kademani and Mr Arun VR clad in Punjabi attire made it more entertaining and playful by anchoring the event. Everyone enjoyed Lohri musical melodies and exchanged Lohri wishes with each other. The Chief Guest conveyed Lohri wishes to the staff and the families.

Army Day Celebration : Sainik School Balachadi celebrated Indian Army Day on 15 Jan 2020. Mr Raghesh PR (TGT Social Science) presented a motivational presentation on this occasion. The presentation threw light on the importance, role of Indian Army, its origin, journey, role in Peace Making missions and various campaigns. It boosted the morale and confidence of the audience. The Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi congratulated the audience on Army Day. On this occasion Academic and Adm was also present there.

Republic Day Celebration : 71st Republic Day was celebrated on 26 Jan 2020 with full enthusiasm and fervour. The event commenced with laying the Wreath at the Shourya Stambh - The War Memorial of Martyrs by the Chief Guest Brig Kiran Kumar Thacker (Rtd) to pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of country. Indian Tricolour was unfurled by the Chief Guest followed by the National Anthem, School Song, magnificent Band Display and March-Past. Cdt Abhishek Raj and Cdt Aman Pratap delivered English and Hindi Speeches respectively. The Tiny Tots of Balniketan also presented a cultural performance on the occasion. Audience witnessed the stupendous performance by the Balachadians.

The Chief Guest delivered a motivating speech to the audience. He also expressed his immense pleasure and compliments for the tireless efforts by the Principal, Vice Principal Adm Officer and the staff in shaping the cadets to crack UPSC exam. He congratulated the UPSC aspirants for their SSB interviews. Mrs Sonia Singh, The First Lady of the campus distributed sweets to the tiny Tots of Balniketan. On the auspicious occasion of 71st Republic Day, Inter-House Drill Competition was also organized. All the Marching Contingents of Senior Houses displayed their might in the field of bearing and turnout, marching, saluting and coordination. It was really a celebration worth witnessing. The House Positions of Inter House Drill Competition are as under:

SP House	-	I	Garuda House	-	II
Angre House	-	III	Shivaji House	-	III
Tagore House	-	V	Pratap House	-	VI

Martyrs' Day : Sainik School Balachadi observed **Martyrs' Day** on 30 Jan 2020. On the eve of Martyrs' Day Officers, Staff and Cadets paid homage to the great souls who sacrificed their lives for the nation. On the 69th Death Anniversary of the father of nation - Mahatma Gandhi, the school observed two minutes silence at 1100 hrs.

Prize Distribution of Republic Day Celebration : A prize distribution ceremony of the Republic Day Celebration was held on 03 Feb 2020. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi gave away the prizes to the cadets who delivered Hindi and English speech, Winners of Drill Competition/March Past, Tableau, and District Level Parade held at Aliawada, Jamnagar.

Farewell to Class XII : To bid adieu to the outgoing batch (Class XII) a Farewell Party was organized by class XI on 19 Feb 2020 in front of the mess. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Class XI cadets read out compliments for each cadet of class XII while Principal presented a memento to the same. The outgoing class XII cadets recounted their memories, experiences in emotional and nostalgic tones. School Cadet Captain, Cdt Shubham M Singh, Cdt Akash Ranjan, Cdt Vishal Parmar and Cdt Ankit Kumar shared their memories and experiences.

The program culminated with the words by the Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal. He congratulated the outgoing batch for their outstanding performance in SSB selection. The outgoing Class XII cadets recounted their memories, experiences in emotional and nostalgic tones. The Chief Guest spoke about 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. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Chief Guest, Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, staff and families congratulated and blessed the outgoing class XII cadets for their future endeavours.

Maha Shivratri Celebration : Sainik School Balachadi celebrated **Maha Shivratri** on 21 Feb 2020. A special prayer was offered at Balachadi Shiv Temple by the Officers, Staff and the Cadets. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi, Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Principal, Staff, Cadets and families assembled at Shiv Temple and offered prayers.

Holika Dahan : Officers, Staff, Cadets and families attended Holika Dahan on 09 March 2020 at 1900 hours. The Chief Guest Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi addressed and urged everyone to celebrate Colourless, Eco Friendly and Safe Holi. He also urged and expressed his concern to everyone to avoid colours due to the Out Break of CORONA/ COVID 19.

EXPOSURE

Visit to Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary : The cadets of classes VII & VIII escorted by Mr Piyush Viramgama (TGT Science) and Mr Balraj (TGT English) visited Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary from 12 to 14 Jan 2020. The officials at **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary** briefed the cadets about the various species, shelter and migration of the birds in the sanctuary. A documentary was also shown to make them aware about the birds and their species. The guides gave vast information to the cadets to make the visit worth visiting again. It gave a good exposure to the cadets to learn out of the box.

Visit to Air Force Stn Jamnagar : On the request of Principal Sainik School Balachadi the cadets of class XII visited Air Force Station Jamnagar on 13 Jan 2020. The cadets were escorted by Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Adm Officer of the school. The NDA/NA aspirant cadets visited the Air Traffic Control Unit, Jaguar Squadron, Officers Mess and Runway etc. The cadets also interacted with the officers there. The visit to Air Force Station boosted the confidence of the NDA/NA aspirants.

Visit to Narara Bird Sancturay : 50 cadets of class IX along with 03 staff members visited Narara Marine National Park, Vadinar (Jamnagar) from 18 to 19 Jan 2020. The Cadets got exposure of the marine life, species, shelter and vegetation. The cadets were briefed about the marine animals their habitat and natural climate etc. This exposure gave them vast information about the birds.

Visit to Air Force Stn Jamnagar : Sainik School Balachadi organized a motivational visit to Air Force Station Jamnagar on 24 Jan 2020. The cadets of class VIII escorted by Mr Ramesh Makwana TGT (Social Science) visited Air Force Station Jamnagar. The Air Force staff briefed the cadets about static display of aircrafts and missiles as a part of motivation. The dazzling display of aircrafts and missiles provided the perfect setting in motivation and inspiration to the aspiring cadets to join IAF. The cadets attended a motivational lecture also by the officers there. This platform offered an unparalleled opportunity for the cadets. The cadets and the staff availed this opportunity, it boosted the morale and confidence of the cadets to join IAF. It gave them a good exposure to learn practically out of the bookish world.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Year 2020 Celebration : Good Bye (2019) cum New Year 2020 Celebration was held at 00:01 hrs on 01 Jan 2020 in front of Mess. The staff, families and cadets enjoyed the celebration of New Year. New Year cake was cut by Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Adm officer, staff, cadets and families enjoyed and exchanged the New Year wishes. The Chief Guest conveyed the best wishes to staff, families, cadets and their parents. The cadets and staff made New Year resolutions to make it a year full of accomplishments.

All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination (AISSEE) 2020 : All India Sainik Schools Entrance Exam 2020 was conducted at three centres - Ahmedabad, Surat and Balachadi on 05 Jan 2020. Before the commencement of the exam coordinating conference was also held for the smooth conduct of the exam at the various centres.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi briefed the Academic and Adm Staff. The conference was attended by the concerned I/Cs and the team members. All India Sainik Schools Entrance Exam 2020 was conducted smoothly. The Principal appreciated the team work by the staff to make it success.

SPIC MACAY Evening : Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth organized a Musical Evening on 06 Jan 2020. Pt Parth Sarthi and Pt Paul were the Guest Performers. The Guests played lovely and divine musical melodies and enthralled the audience with their mastered coordination. They told the audience that Music is Divine it connects with God if performed by heart. The Guests also told that music is a language and it heals. They introduced some Ragas to the audience. They also interacted with the audience and satisfied various queries put up by the audience.

The Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi thanked the guests and presented mementos to the Guests and expressed his compliments for the Commendable performance. The SPIC MACAY Evening was attended by the Officers, staff, Cadets and families.

Seminar on Examination & Evaluation : A seminar on Examination and Evaluation System in Board Exams was conducted on 16 Jan 2020 at DPS Rajkot, Gujarat by CBSE. Mr DD Purohit (PGT Maths) attended the seminar. The Principal DPS Bopal, Ahmedabad was the Chief Mentor and Speaker. The seminar was fruitful as it strengthened the Examiners' capacities and covered all the latest amendments in the Evaluation system of Board classes.

Musical Night 'Desh Pukare': A Musical Night 'Desh Pukare' was organized on 25 Jan 2020 at Sainik School Balachadi. The guest party presented patriotic songs and musical melodies. The Officers, Staff, Cadets, OBSSA and Families enjoyed the Musical Night.

Republic Day Parade & Tableau 2020 (District Level) : Sainik School Balachadi participated in District Level Republic Day Parade held at Aliabada, Jamnagar. Our school presented a maiden Tableau in the programme escorted by Mr Arun VR (TGT Science) and Mr Bhawesh Chandegra (TGT Gujarati). It was a marvellous presentation indeed. On this occasion the cadets of classes IX & X also participated in District Level Parade. The marching contingents displayed good discipline, turnout, salutation and coordination. It gained a place of Honour for the school by securing 1st Position in Tableau and District Level Parade.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi and Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal congratulated the cadets and staff for this achievement.

KAMP NASTA 2019 by CBSE : KAMP-NASTA Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform "KAMP"-NASTA (National Assessment for Scientific Temperament & Aptitude) initiated by the CSIR-National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) organized a nationalized **KAMP NASTA Exam 2019** to help students in developing their best talent. It was conducted from 27 to 28 Jan 2020. I/C Mr DD Purohit (PGT Maths) conducted the exam in NDA Hall. 59 cadets from classes VI to X took part in the exam. KAMP-NASTA Exam aims to develop creativity, meaningful learning, critical reading and thinking skills that brings out the inherent abilities of the students. It is an International intellect E-based assessment platform to evaluate cognizance of 21st century skills, awareness and knowledge of Science, Technology & Humanities among the students. It is an Initiative of CSIR-National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies.

Farewell to Mrs Merry Ray (TGT Maths) : A High Tea party was organized to bid Farewell to Mrs Merry Ray (TGT Maths). Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal wished Best of Luck for her future endeavours. On this occasion all the academics and Adm staff was also present there.

Result Declaration of AISSEE 2020 : Sainik Schools Society declared the results of All India Sainik Schools' Entrance Exam 2020, which was conducted on 05 Jan, 2020 at various centres across India. The examinees who have qualified in AISSEE 2020 attended Medical Examination at Military Hospital Jamnagar in Feb & March 2020.

Farewell to Quarter Master : To bid adieu to school Quarter Master, Mr KS Mehta a Farewell Party was organized on 07 Feb 2020. Mr Munish Kumar Singh, OS delivered a Farewell Note on this occasion. Quarter Master, Mr KS Mehta shared his memorable moments and conveyed his best wishes to the Balachadians in the future endeavours. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi expressed his sincere thanks for his contribution to school. He also wished him a happy and healthy family life in future.

Special Assembly & Kudos to Balachadians in SSB Interview : A special assembly was conducted on 12 Feb 2020 to pay tribute to Martyr Maj Nilesh Soni an alumnus of Sainik School Balachadi, who laid down his life during the Operation Meghdoot. Then after the cadets, who brought laurel in SSB selection shared their joy. The SSB achievers shared their Planning, Strategy, and Experience in SSB Interview with the audience. Cdt Nishant Kumar, Cdt Aditya Kr Ravi, Cdt Akash Ranjan, Cdt Sudhanshu Kurmar, Cdt Shubham M Singh, Cdt Aman Kumar, Cdt Vishal Parmar, Cdt Dev Singhania and Cdt Aditya Kumar are the SSB achievers.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi congratulated the SSB achievers and the staff. He expressed his immense pleasure and happiness for bringing laurels to school. The SSB achievers also shared their joy by recalling and narrating their ways and tricks which helped them to cope up with the stress during the interview. It was indeed an assembly worth attending.

Annual Photo Session : Creating memories an Annual Photo Session (House wise) was organized on 19 Feb 2020. All the Officers, Cadets, Academic, Adm staff, and GEs took part in the photo session.

Interview for TGT Social Science & Counselor : Interview for the selection of TGT Social Science & Counselor was conducted on 20 Jan 2020.

Weapon Display in School's Athletic Ground : A Weapon Display was organized by Air Defence Regiment in Athletic Ground of Sainik School Balachadi. Class IX & X cadets escorted by Mr B K Jha (TGT Hindi), Ward Boys Mr Dharamveer and Mr Vijay Kumar witnessed the Weapon Display on 21 Feb 2020 with keen interest. Camp adjutant Maj Sudhir Yadav told the Defence Services aspirant cadets about the Air Defence System (ADS), Radar, Anti Air craft Missile Launchers, Light Machine Guns (LMG), Tanks and their functioning etc.. Weapon Display boosted the morale of the Defence Services aspirant cadets. It motivated them a lot.

Interview for TGT Mathematics : Sainik School Balachadi conducted Interview for the selection of TGT Mathematics on 22 Jan 2020.

Farewell Dinner for outgoing Class XII : A special Dinner was organized for outgoing class XII (2019-20) at Staff Club on 02 March 2020. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi addressed the outgoing class for their success in future endeavours. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Adm Officer and all the PGT staff were present.

Vacation for classes VI to VIII : After the completion of Annual Examination classes VI to VIII proceeded for vacation from 06 March 2020 to 15 May 2020.

Co-ordinating Conference for Academic Calendar 2020-21: Co-ordinating Conference to discuss the Academic and Co Scholastic activities for the session 2020-21 was held on 09 March 2020 in conference Hall. Mr RS Suvagia, Sr Master briefed the staff about the proposed Academic Calendar 2020-21. The conference was chaired by Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar, Adm Officer and staff was present. The Principal added his valuable suggestions to make it more Fruitful and Result Oriented for the upcoming session 2020-21. The officers and staff also gave their valuable suggestions to make it fruitful in the upcoming session also.

Awareness session on CORONA/COVID-19 by Principal : Health Awareness session against the global pandemic Corona/Covid-19 was conducted on 13 March 2020 in front of Mess by Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi. He briefed the cadets about the CORONA/COVID-19. He told the cadets about its causes, symptoms, impacts, various precautionary methods and preventive interventions for reducing transmission of Novel Corona virus disease. He asked the cadets to take utmost care and precautions to keep themselves safe against such pandemic diseases. He also briefed the Mess Staff to maintain health and hygiene and to take full precautions against CORONA/COVID-19. It was indeed a good session of awareness.

Conference on CORONA/COVID-19 by Vice Principal : Awareness cum Advisory conference on CORONA/COVID-19 was conducted on 16 March 2020 by Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal in Teachers Lounge. He advised the staff to avoid the social gathering due to the outbreak of CORONA/COVID-19. He also shared the increasing data of the positive cases affected by Covid-19. He shared the precautionary methods and suggestions to fight against this global pandemic. The staff showed their full concern and promised for full co –operation to deal with the CORONA crisis.

Awareness session on CORONA/COVID-19 : Mr Deepak Sharma Nursing Assistant, Sainik School Balachadi conducted an Awareness Session against CORONA/COVID-19 on 16 March 2020 in front of Mess. He briefed the cadets about this global pandemic, its causes, symptoms, hazards and deadly impacts. He gave the cadets various precautionary methods to keep themselves safe.

Annual Exams Postponed (IX, XI & XII) : The school postponed the remaining Annual Exams for classes IX, XI & XII for the session 2019-20 due to the Outbreak of Corona/Covid-19. The dates for the remaining exams will be intimated later as per the guidelines by the CBSE & Sainik Schools Society. The cadets and their parents are advised to go through school's website for the latest updates for the same.

Leave for classes IX to XII : As per the guidelines by the Central, State Govt and Sainik Schools Society the school declared leave on 19 March 2020 for the cadets of classes IX to XII due to the Outbreak of CORONA/COVID-19 till the further orders by the authorities.

Conference on Janata Curfew by Vice Principal : For the success of Janata – Curfew: A step to maintain Social Distancing, a Conference was conducted on 21 March 2020 by Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal. He urged the staff members to follow the Janata – Curfew (22 March 2020) strictly. He also instructed the staff to take full precautionary methods against CORONA/COVID-19. The staff assured for the full cooperation in this regard.

Janata - Curfew observed by Balachadians : To defeat and to break the chain of CORONA/COVID-19 Officers, Staff and Families practiced a successful Janata-Curfew from 2100 hrs on 21 March 2020 to 0700 hrs on 23 March 2020. Sainik School Balachadi practiced a successful Janata- Curfew from 2100 Hrs on 21 March 2020 to 0700 Hrs on 23 March 2020. It was a success to break the chain of CORONA/COVID-19 and to maintain Social Distancing.

Annual Result Declaration for classes VI to VIII : The Annual Academic Results for the classes VI to VIII have been uploaded on school's website on 31 March 2020. The cadets and their parents are advised to go through it to see the Annual Progress of their wards.

Summer Vacation Declaration: The school has declared Summer Vacation from 02.04.2020 to 15.05.2020. The parents and the cadets are advised to check school website time to time for the latest updates in this regard.

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