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From the Principal's Desk

"The power we discover inside ourselves as we survive a life-threatening experience can be utilized equally well outside of crisis, too. I am, in every moment, capable of mustering the strength to survive again-or of tapping that strength in other good productive, healthy ways."

Michele Rosenthal.

The first quarter (April-Jun 2020) of the Academic Session 2020-21 was full of online Teaching-Learning. It includes interactions with Cadets, Parents, Staff and Officers in terms of Academics, Co-Curricular and safety against Covid-19 Pandemic. The session triumphed with safety, precautions, new hopes, aspirations, 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. It proved that 'Sweet are the fruits of adversity.' Everything was worth gaining and cherishable. We touched greater heights extraordinarily rather than virtual Teaching-Learning methods. Keep inspiring and emerging in all situations. Always remember that every dark cloud has a silver lining. So once again with new hopes and blessings. We aim at better outcomes in future.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh
Principal.

ACADEMICS

(ONLINE)

ONLINE CBSE CLASSES :

Even amidst the COVID-19 crisis our School never let the learning spirit of the cadets come down. To keep the cadets and staff in the mode of academic learning, Sainik School Balachadi started online classes for classes VII to XII from 15 May 2020. The school generated Individual Class IDs for each student and academic staff. The school provided an academic platform to keep learning and evolving towards their aims. The school scheduled and has been executing the online classes professionally. It is highly commendable effort conceived and initiated by Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal and Computer Science Department in coordination with Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi.

ONLINE REMEDIAL CLASSES

By conducting online Remedial Classes school added another feather in its cap. School started online Remedial Classes on 20 May 2020. These classes were conducted for IX and XI. The motive behind the Remedial classes was Academic enhancement for the cadets, who were going to appear for Improvement Test.

ONLINE IMPROVEMENT TEST

Sainik School Balachadi conducted online Improvement Test for classes IX and XI from 6 Jun to 15 June 2020. The school provided online link to the cadets to attempt the Improvement Test. Before their Remedial Test improvement classes were conducted for the cadets, who appeared for Improvement Test.

ONLINE PT/UT-1 2020-21

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 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.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(ONLINE)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 Jun 2020 the cadets participated in various online activities organized by Vijnana Bharti and CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI). The prime aim of this online competition was to encourage awareness, creativity, logic and scientific acumen among the students all over the world. The cadets had a good experience of attending events on online portal. It gave them a chance to explore their love towards nature. The cadets participated enthusiastically.

INTER HOUSE HINDI ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Inter House Hindi Essay Writing Competition was organized on 15 Jun 2020. It took place through online platform. Event I/C Mr BK Jha coordinated the Inter House Essay Writing Competition successfully. A total number of 36 cadets participated in the competition. The competition was organized in two groups, Group A (VII-VIII) and Group B (IX-XII). The budding cadets wrote extremely inspiring essays and showed full enthusiasm in the competition.

The winners of Group A were as follows -:

Cdt Harshit 6165	Shivaji House	I
Cdt Prashant Mishra 6185	Tagore House	II
Cdt Raman 6134	Shivaji House	III

The winners of Group B were as follows -:

Cdt Nishant Rahi 5933	SP House	I
Cdt Shashi Shunkar 5876	Angre House	II
Cdt Anupam Kumar 6012	Pratap House	III

Overall House Positions were as follows -:

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

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik school Balachadi congratulated the participants and winner houses for taking active part in the event.

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION

Inter House English Debate Competition was organized on 16 Jun 2020. It was first time in the history of the school to organize it online. It was a successful event. All six Senior Houses participated actively in the event. I/C Ms Sunita Kademani PGT English coordinated the event. The topic for the Debate was ONLINE SCHOOLING IS BETTER THAN TRADITIONAL SCHOOLING.

The cadets of classes IX to XI participated in the Debate Competition. The participants expressed their views **For** and **Against** the motion.

The judges of the event were Mrs Lajwanti Yadav TGT English, Mrs Anju Yadav TGT English and Mr Raghesh PR TGT Social Science, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest of the event. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer and Academic staff were also present on this occasion. Exploring the netizen skills, the participants delivered good content with impressive oratory skills. The speakers were well prepared, confident and presented well-crafted arguments in support of their topic. The Chief Guest congratulated the participants, parents and Academic staff for organising the event. He also emphasized on the role of **Effective and Active Learning** and the role of traditional teaching learning. He also told the cadets the importance of Active Learning through online Teaching-Learning platform.

The winners of the competition were as follows:-

For the Motion

Cdt Dhruvraj Jethva 5794	I
Cdt Parth 5763	II
Cdt Pranav PPandey5955	III
Cdt Brijraj 5794	IV
Cdt Het Nakrani 5775	V
Cdt Bhaskar 5788	VI

Against the Motion

Cdt Neel Patel 6205	I
Cdt Sourya Ray 5791	II
Cdt Abhishek Raj 5905	III

Cdt Manvendra 6146	IV
Cdt Viraj Bhatt 6210	V
Cdt Raj Chandrakant 5766	VI

Overall House Positions-:

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

INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

Inter House Hindi Debate Competition was organized online on 22 Jun 2020. The cadets showed great interest to participate. The event took place successfully. All six Senior Houses participated enthusiastically. I/C Mrs EA Mini (TGT Hindi) Coordinated the event successfully. The topic of the debate was ‘ ‘ The campaigns going on Social Media are misguiding the people rather than guiding them. ‘ ‘

The judges of the event were Mr RS Mishra (Art Master), Mr BK Jha (TGT Hindi) and Mr Vinod Harimkar (Librarian).

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest of the event. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal and Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer and Academic staff were also present. Exploring the netizen skills the participants delivered good content with impressive oratory skills.

The results were as follows -:

Cdt Sourya Ray (5791)	I
Cdt Abhishek Kumar (5807)	II
Cdt Parth Mishra (5793)	III
Cdt Shivam (5914)	IV

Cdt Abhishek Kumar (6104) V

Cdt Tanmay Sawaj (5862) VI

Overall House Positions were as follows -:

Pratap House I

Tagore House II

SP House III

Garuda House IV

Angre House V

Shivaji House VI

The Chief Guest congratulated the participants, parents and Academic staff for organising, cooperating and coordinating the event successfully. The Chief Guest in his address differentiated between Social Media and Digital Media . He emphasized on the need of awareness about Social Media for better contribution towards the society.

6th INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Nothing will put you in a better headspace to start the day than enjoying a morning yoga. Sainik School Balachadi organized 6th International Day of Yoga on 21 Jun 2020. The venue was parade ground. Officers, Academic and Adm staff performed various yogasans. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Mr Bhavesh Chandegra TGT Gujarati was the Yoga Guru of the occasion. He introduced various Yoga postures and their benefits. He also told the relevance of Yoga in present lifestyle. Hav K Kumar also presented various asans to keep ourselves fit in this era of Pandemic. The cadets also attended the IDY 2020. The event took place online for the cadets and their parents.

MISCELLANEOUS

(ONLINE)

ONLINE INTERACTION WITH CADETS AND PARENTS BY PRINCIPAL

On 20 April 2020, Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik school Balachadi interacted with the cadets and their parents through online portal. He shared safety measures to stay safe keeping the COVID 19 crisis in mind and to follow precautions. He introduced the platform for conducting online UPSC Classes.

The cadets and their parents showed great enthusiasm to attend classes. The parents assured their complete cooperation in this regard.

TRAINING FOR ONLINE UPSC CLASSES BY VICE PRINCIPAL

On 23 April 2020 Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal conducted online training for UPSC Core team of school. He introduced an online platform for the first time in the history of Sainik School Balachadi. He conducted a training session and told the features, functioning, precautions and assessing tools of the online class portal. The Academic staff showed their keen interest and ardent desire to facilitate the cadets towards their dream destination. He satisfied the doubts individually. He kept the staff on high spirits.

ONLINE UPSC CLASSES

School started online UPSC Classes on 24 April 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.

ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE BY PRINCIPAL

On 5 May 2020 the Principal interacted with the cadets and their parents. He introduced them Online UPSC Classes to utilize their time and to reach their dream destination NDA/NA. The cadets expressed their immense pleasure showed enthusiasm to attend the online classes. He also interacted with their parents and told about the upcoming action plan for the betterment of the cadets. The parents assured their full cooperation from their end in this regard.

CONFERENCE FOR ONLINE UPSC CLASSES BY VICE PRINCIPAL

Lt Cdr Manu Arora conducted a conference to introduce Online UPSC Classes on 24 April 2020. Core team of UPSC, SSB attended the conference. He introduced an online platform to conduct UPSC Classes. It was for the first time in the history of Sainik Schools as well as Sainik School Balachadi to conduct online classes. He conducted the training also for the staff to handle the online teaching learning platform in a result oriented way.

CONFERENCE FOR ONLINE CBSE CLASSES

Lt Cdr Manu Arora, vice Principal conducted a conference on 12 May 2020 and introduced the Academic staff about online CBSE Classes. He also conducted training for the staff to benefit the cadets. The staff expressed immense pleasure to keep cadets and themselves in Academic Learning flow.

ONLINE CONFERENCE WITH ACADEMIC STAFF BY PRINCIPAL.

On 14 May 2020 Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi conducted an online conference with the Academic Staff. He introduced the staff about online CBSE classes and their planning, preparation, guidance to the cadets. He boosted the confidence of the staff by his motivational words. He also assured the staff about the required technical support by the school authority in this regard. Classes started from 15 May 2020 for classes VII to XII. He thanked Vice Principal for organizing the online teaching learning platform for the academic upliftment of the cadets.

INTERACTION WITH CADETS BY PRINCIPAL

On 25 May 2020 Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal interacted with the cadets and their parents about their progress in online classes. He also asked them about the problems faced by them in attending online classes. He also told the cadets to explore their netizen skills properly. He thanked the parents for their support in conducting online classes. It was a fruitful interaction with them.

FAREWELL TO MATHS TEACHER

Sainik School Balachadi bid a farewell to Mrs Suma M Joshi TGT Maths on 28 May 2020. Mrs SM Joshi, who was going to join Sainik School Kodagu on Inter-School transfer basis. A party was organized to bid her farewell. The Principal delivered farewell note and wished her All The Best in her future endeavors. He also presented school memento, a token of school memories. Mrs SM Joshi expressed her affection to the cadets and holistic spirit to the staff members in their upcoming plans. She thanked the school authorities for their support in successfully completing a decade long service with Balachadi fraternity.

COMMENCEMENT OF ONLINE WEBINARS

School started online Webinars from 30 May 2020. School provided an online platform for the cadets to organize and explore their involvement in co-curricular activities. It enabled them to explore and learn team work. The cadets showcased their prowess in technology and its judicious use in today's time. The Webinars were scheduled House wise on Saturdays. Academic and Technical staff also contributed their parts to help out the cadets in their efforts.

ONLINE CONFERENCE BY VICE PRINCIPAL

The increasing cases of COVID-19 after unlocking Lockdown left everyone in horrific state to survive, keeping the situation in mind Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal conducted an online conference with the staff members on 1 Jun 2020. He requested the staff to keep themselves healthy and safe. He also urged them to avoid unnecessary public gathering and to avoid leaving the school campus. He also shared precautionary guidelines and advised the staff to ensure personal hygiene at individual level.

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal proposed online PREP/DOUBT Clearing classes for all the classes on the request of the parents. It was a good suggestion by the parents to benefit the cadets towards their aim.

JOINING OF NEW MATHS TEACHER

Ms Ankur Chaudhary joined Sainik School Balachadi as TGT Maths on 5 Jun 2020. Mr R K Suvagia, Sr Master introduced her to the staff and read a welcome note on her joining. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal welcomed her by presenting School Cap. He wished her winning success in her future endeavours.

ONLINE SSB TRAINING

School started online SSB training for the cadets from 6 Jun 2020. Every Saturday Principal interacts with the cadets of class XII. The training aims at Strategic planning, regular studies, focused target, appropriate guidance SSB Interview and result orientation. The Principal boosted the morale of the aspiring and ardent cadets to join NDA/NA their dream destination.

ONLINE PREP/DOUBT CLASSES

To bring the slow learning cadets in the streamline of Academic enhancement, School started online PREP/DOUBT classes for VII to XII from 8 Jun 2020. Mr RK Suvagia, Sr Master prepared the time table for the same. PREP/DOUBT Clearing classes are being conducted from 1730 to 1830 hrs regularly.

100th LBA MEETING

100th LBA meeting of the session 2020-21 took place on 15 Jun 2020. It was conducted online first time due to COVID-19 crisis. All members of LBA attended it successfully. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal Sainik School Balachadi presented the quarterly report of the school. He briefed the Chairman about Academic, Co-Curricular and Adm status of the school. He also shared the stupendous results in UPSC NDA/NA. The LBA Chairman expressed his immense pleasure on UPSC results. He congratulated the cadets, parents, officers, Academic and Adm staff for bringing laurels to the school.

CORONA WARRIOR AWARD TO NURSING ASSISTANT

Mr Deepak Sharma, Nursing Assistant of the school was awarded as Corona Warrior Certificate by NGO Gandhinagar, Gujarat for spreading awareness about COVID-19 and contributing for good medical standards of the school. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh, Principal congratulated him for the achievement.

WEBINAR BY FLT LT PARTH OJHA

Flt Lt Parth Ojha an alumnus of Sainik School Balachadi conducted an online webinar on 26 Jun 2020. Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal coordinated the webinar successfully. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest of the event. He interacted and motivated the cadets to work hard and join the defence forces. He emphasized on the need of remembering their dream destination NDA/NA. He discussed OLQs with the cadets. He told the cadets about the various streams to join defence services such as Executive, Education and Adm etc. He also gave them a slogan to inspire and motivate, it was **Naam Namak Nishan. He also played motivational video on Camp Torna (Mock Drill).**

Gp Capt Ravinder Singh Principal Sainik School Balachadi was the Chief Guest of the event. Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal coordinated the webinar successfully. The cadets of classes VI to XI and Academic Staff attended the motivational webinar.

SPECIAL LUNCH ON THE GRAND SUCCEESS IN SSB SELECTION.

On 27 Jun 2020 Balachadians had a special lunch on the grand success in UPSC SSB Selection. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh Principal Sainik School Balachadi complimented all staff members for this stupendous performance on behalf of LBA Chairman. It was the result of exemplary command and leadership by the Principal during the entire process. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer were also present. It was a great get together after a long time due to COVID-19.

VISIT BY LT GEN ANIL PURI

Lt Gen Anil Puri SM, VSM, GOC 12 Corps & Ex LBA Chairman along with Brig Nithit Bist Cdr 31 Brg visited Sainik School Balachadi on 30 Jun 2020. Gp Capt Ravinder Singh Principal Sainik School Balachadi welcomed and briefed him about the academic, co-curricular and UPSC achievements of school during the session 2019-20. He also briefed him about the online academic studies in this new session 2020-21. He also reviewed the program of the works being carried out through special G/A allotted by GOC during his tenure as LBA Chairman. On this occasion Lt Cdr Manu Arora, Vice Principal, Sqn Ldr Mahesh Kumar Adm Officer were also present.

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