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Screenshots from the Online Conference: 'Power Of One'

POWER OF ONE

The SAI International School, Bhubaneshwar and the Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai recently conducted an online summit: Power of One. The two-day conference was based on sustainable practices to safeguard the environment. Siddhant Ahuja (S7C), Anirudh Jain (S7C), Yanav Lall (S7C), Manvi Jain (S7I), Vikram Singh

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Bhalla (S7D), Swadha Rawat (S7I) and Farhan Bakht Ahmed (S7C) represented Modern School, Barakhamba Road in the event.

The Conference began on 23rd April, 2021 over the Zoom meeting. The event started with a presentation by the keynote speaker of the day-Mr Venkatesh Charloo, Founder of Coastal Impact and noted marine environment conservationist. It followed was interactive game conducted by the students of SIS. The participating schools were required to questions different based answer environment conservation. The next part of the event was captured by a presentation prepared



by the Junior and Senior High School of Kogakuin University Japan. These delegates explained what their country is doing towards marine ecosystem conservation. The presentation was insightful as the

participants were informed about the different steps which should be taken to reverse the process of marine degradation.

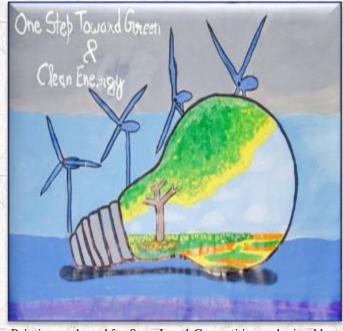
The second day of the Summit was conducted by Dhirubhai Ambani International School, over the Microsoft Teams platform. It started with a panel discussion on various topics related to the environment. This was followed by the Baraza session. All the delegates were divided into different breakout rooms, where they interacted with the other participants and shared their experiences and made a poster on the theme. The Summit concluded with a vote of thanks by the host school. It was a highly rewarding and eye opening event for all the participants.

ONLINE EVENTS ORGANISED BY NATURE CLUB



The Nature Club of Modern School, Barakhamba Road organised several activities including Online Quiz, Painting and Essay Writing competition in the months of February and March 2021, in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India. The event was based on the theme "One Step Towards Green and Clean Energy". The participants were required to submit their work online within a specific time period.

Students from Classes S2 **S5** participated with great enthusiasm and zeal. Gunraj Singh (S5D) and Ragini Jain (S2A) qualified for the State Level Quiz. The painting and essay entries were selected by the Nature Club which have been sent further for competing at State Level where they will be judged by the PCRA members. These include paintings by Palak Rastogi (S5F) and Bhumika Kataria (S3D) and essays written by Divij Wahi (S2E) and Ananya Nath (S4B) in Hindi and English language respectively.



Paintings selected for State Level Competition submitted by Palak Rastogi (left) and Bhumika Kataria (right)

MELODY OF HOPE

As the second wave of deadly Covid-19 gripped the Nation again, Modernites came forward to instill hope and positivity amongst the people with the melodious song '**Sign of Hope**'. The song was chosen and recorded under the guidance of our visionary Principal Dr Vijay Datta as an initiative to connect people, bring peace and raise optimism among masses in these harrowing times. It was telecast on NDTV. In the video presentation of the song, our students were seen carrying placards with inspirational messages while the song played in the background.

A hindi song *Himmat Na Haarna* was also presented by Saptak, the Music Society of Modern School, under the guidance of Ms Baisakhi Samajdar and Mr Rais Ahmed. The students sang from their places on the tunes of the melodious song which was then compiled and released on You Tube.

We thank the Principal Dr Vijay Datta for inspiring everyone with much needed thoughts of positivity and hope during these dreadful times.

VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

In the wake of second wave of Covid-19, there has been tremendous loss of life in families of many teachers of Modern School. The school also mourns for the untimely demise of Mr Shiv Dutt Sharma, a dedicated faculty member. To remember and pay homage to those who left for their heavenly abode, a prayer meeting was



Principal Dr Vijay Datta addressing the attendees during the prayer meeting



organised on Microsoft Teams platform on 9th May, 2021. The meeting was attended by all the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the school, along with few members of the PTA. Col Vijay Chaddha, Chairman, Modern School Managing Committee, also joined the

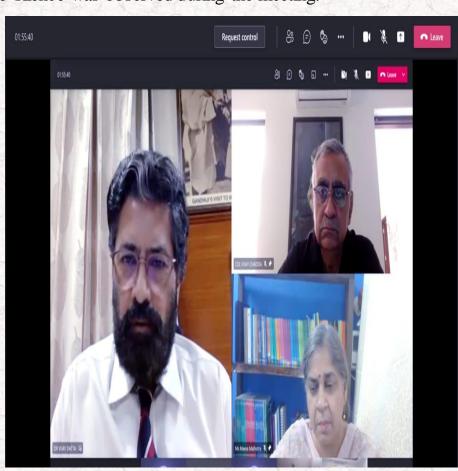
mourning as a part of Modern School family. He urged everyone to stay strong in such difficult times and inspired all to be positive in such challenging situation.

Modern School Principal Dr Vijay Datta read the customary prayer to pay homage to the lost lives. A two minute silence was observed during the meeting.

The messages sent by teachers to express their grief were displayed in the form of a presentation during the meeting.

Ms Baisakhi Samajdar recited *shlokas* to pray for eternal peace to those who left the world so soon. Mr Rais Ahmed recited a self composed song as a mark of respect for the departed souls.

Ms Meera Malhotra, Headmistress, Middle Wing, prayed for the safety of everyone in this hard time and concluded the meeting.



Screenshot from the virtual prayer meeting

OBITUARY

On 7th May, 2021, Modern School lost one of its most dedicated teacher and Badminton Coach Mr Shiv Dutt Sharma, who succumbed to Covid 19 related complications. The demise of Mr Sharma was shocking for one and all. Mr Sharma, during his tenure at Modern School, touched lives of several students who excelled at National and International level in Badminton. He will be remembered as a lively, honest and sincere person.



Mr SD Sharma