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'Colours of India'

'Colours of India' was a Round Square Postcard event hosted by Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai on, 20th October, 2021. The Modern School Delegation comprised Amaira Jain (S2F), Cheshtaa Sharma (S3D), Devansh Kapur (S3F), Dhriti Sharma (S1H), Sauvik Jain (S2G), Vardhan Aggarwal (S3F) and RS Representative Ms Shalini Dahiya. In the pre-conference task, the participants were required to create a collage that represents the significance of colours in their country, which the delegates later explained during the conference. It was a simple activity, howbeit, it helped the delegates to dig deeper into their own culture and gain more information about their roots and significance of the various colours of their country.

During the conference, the delegates were first introduced to their regions of India and given a brief about the culture, traditions, food and dresses of the regions. Afterwards, all the schools' delegates were given the opportunity to describe and elaborate upon one element of their collage. The various collages presented by the schools gave all the other delegates an insight of others' culture and the way in which they see it. The students were then divided into baraza groups, in which the leaders conducted games and quizzes, to get others' opinion. It was a fun and casual way to capture the interests of the delegates.

It was an interactive session where the students were not only exposed to great knowledge but also shared their traditions with each other.

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ROUND SQUARE POSTCARD

Women In Sports



Glimpses from the Women in Games Round Square Postcard event.

The Round Square Zoom Postcard event was organised by St Andrew's School for Girls, South Africa on 27th October, 2021. The Modern School delegation comprised of Ananya Manchanda (S7A), Nandita Gopal (S6A), Maira Aggarwal (S6A), Vania Aggarwal (S6B), Ira Agrawal (S6B), Pooja Saluja (S6G) and the RS Rep Modern School, Barakhamba Road Ms Shalini Dahiya.

The delegates were warmly welcomed by the host school. A short but enthralling performance by the St Andrew's marimba band and school choir entertained the delegates. This was followed by an interview with Lisa Deetlefs- a professional South African hockey player who has competed in the commonwealth games and Olympics. The questions ranged from how she decided that she wanted to be an athlete to what the major challenges for female athletes are. The recent issue of the German gymnastics team ditching the conventional leotard for a unitard as well as the testosterone limits which disqualified certain female athletes from

unitard as well as the testosterone limits which disqualified certain female athletes from competing was brought up. The overall verdict was that female athletics are not given the same degree of respect as male athletes and that the sexualization of women does take place at a global level.

Shortly after the clip of the interview taken by the students of St Andrew's, the delegates were assigned to their Barazas. Some played sports as a hobby, others had competed while some enjoyed watching sports events. The social views on women playing sports were thoroughly analyzed- issues relating to underfunding and stigma as well as methods of overcoming the problems provided for a fruitful discussion. A major topic that was explored was that of LGBTQIA+ and how they are included in sports. By the end of the Baraza session, the delegates felt that a change in the rules and regulations of female athletics was much needed. Finally, the representatives of the host school delivered a vote of thanks and declared the conference closed. It was indeed an engaging experience for the Modern School delegates.

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Nurturing new beginnings



Glimpse from the online event.1

A virtual Round Square event was organized by SAI International School, Odissa on 28th and 30th October 2021, on the Zoom meeting platform. Modern School participated in the event with a delegation comprising of Sukoon Kaushal (S5G), Vania Aggarwal (S6B), Shreya Sethi (S6D), Devishi Sahni (S6J), Nandani Rastogi (S6F), Raghav Singhal (S4A), Mansha Agarwal (S5B), Divij Wahi (S3E) and Amrita Singh (S7C). The event "The Big Green Bang" was a joint collaboration of students from Round Square and various Interact Clubs across the globe including Pakistan, Namibia, South Korea, Philippines, and Kenya. It was based on the RS IDEALS - Environmentalism.

On 28th October, the event started with an introduction, followed by a presentation from the Eco-club 'Planeteers' of the host school, on the topic 'Carbon Footprints Reduction- Ten simple lifestyle changes'. In this event, the delegates got a detailed explanation on the importance of trees in our life and also emphasized the urge to not just protect but plant them. The delegates all were also introduced to innumerable ways of contributing in this much required initiative.



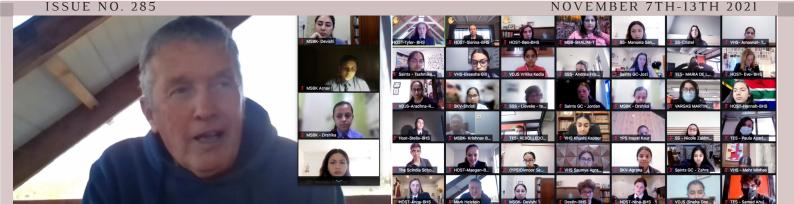
Screenshot from the online event.

Keynote speaker for the day, Mr. Sujit Pratap Singh Deo, Director Environment, Rotary India, briefed on the importance of seed bombing or reforestation and how it combats climate change. The students were then given an opportunity to ask questions related to the topic with Mr Deo. Then got to interact and clear all sorts of queries that we had in our minds.

On 30th October, the event began with a discussion on how different schools made the seed bombs and planted them. Students from Modern School made seed bombs individually at their homes and the students are planning to collectively plant them in the Modern school campus. The event ended with the host school sharing their seed bombing activity live from their campus.

Crop out monoculture

The Round Square Postcard event hosted by Bridge House School, South Africa, on 1st September 2021 on Zoom Cloud meeting platform. Modern School, Barakhamba Road, enthusiastically participated in the postcard event, representing the school were Devishi Sahni (S6J) Krishnav Bhatnagar (S6A) Vaanya Saxena (S6J) Arnav Gupta (S6G) and Drshika Gautam (S6G).



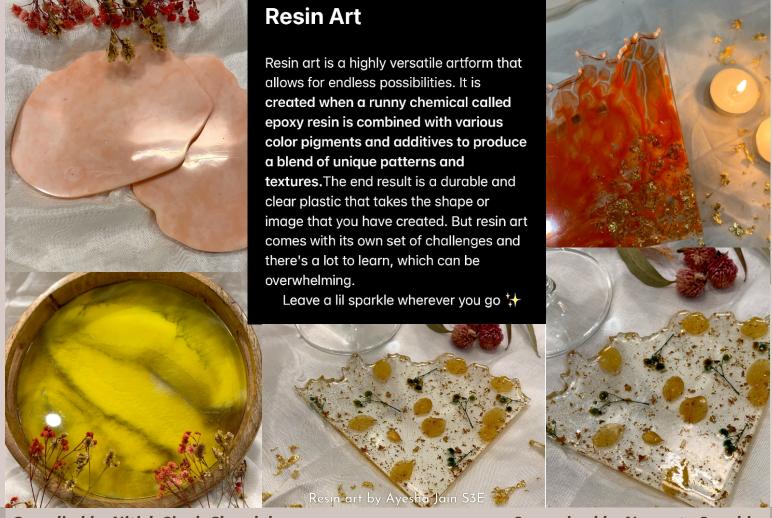
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The event made us think and question the concept of monoculture. The video provided by them explained the difference between Monoculture and Polyculture and also threw light upon the harmful effects monoculture can have in our daily life.

As students and teachers joined from various countries, the host school introduced themselves and called upon the keynote speaker Mr 'Mark Heistein' who is the CEO of Cape Winelands Biosphere Reserve. He enlightened us on the pros and cons of monoculture, shared his personal experiences, and explained the importance of conservation, development and diversification.

As Mr Mark concluded his speech the delegates were divided into various Baraza groups where we further discussed the key points mentioned by him. The event got concluded and all the participants were well versed by the affects and importance of Monoculture.

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