

**A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER FOR THE STUDENTS AND BY THE STUDENTS**

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## NEW HORIZON MODEL UNITED NATIONS



The New Horizon Public School flagged off its fourth edition of 'The Model United Nations 2019'. It was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Rajdeep Manwani. He is an academican, motivational speaker, life coach, counsellor and a quiz master par excellence.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries gathered, presided by the chief guest Dr. Rajdeep Manwani, Principal Mrs Anupama Sethi, High school coordinator Mrs Madhumita Konda, Primary coordinator Mrs Susmita Narayan and Pre-primary Head Mistress Mrs Jayanthi Ramakrishna.

Mrs Anupama Sethi, Principal of NHPS welcomed the gathering with her speech. Her inputs inspired the munnners to take up the challenge and go ahead with the competition.

The chief guest for the day Dr. Rajdeep Manwani inspired the young talents with his oratory skills. He beautifully articulated examples of his life to bring an impact on the munnners.

He spoke about patience, communication skills and stressed upon the fact that intent and content are two important factors to be kept in mind before presenting one's thoughts. One can impress anyone but it takes time to express, one's thoughts. This was one of the highlights rendered by the chief guest for the day.

The Secretary General of NHMUN 2019, Akshat Bhatia, addressed the munnners. The gavels were distributed by the Principal to the Executive Board of the six committees of NHMUN 2019. The Secretary General Akshat Bhatia declared the NHMUN open. A Vote of thanks was given by Vartika Gupta.

## SAVE THE EARTH – AN INITIATIVE BY THE STUDENTS OF GRADE X



On 15th July, we the students of grade 10 had taken the initiative to spread awareness about environmental conservation. We had taken a pledge to 'Go Green' that day.

This initiative was taken by our co-ordinator Mrs Madhumita Konda who felt that it was high time the students actively contributed to spreading awareness about conserving the environment.

We were informed about this programme on the last day of our exam and we were instructed to come to school dressed in green.

All the students of the 10th grade had formed groups and we were assigned different junior classes to make them aware about the need and importance of environmental conservation.

Our main aim was to inform the students that we do not need to protect the environment but need to create a world where the environment does not need protection.

We touched upon the causes and effects of environmental degradation, deforestation, pollution and global warming. We also talked about how we as students, could contribute to make the Earth a better place to live in.

We showed presentations, videos and skits based on how we could recycle plastic, paper and glass, how to reduce wastage of water, electricity and food, how to plant more trees and prevent extinction of animals.

We also played songs like 'Earth Song' by Lil Dicky and 'Heal the World' by Michael Jackson. We informed them about the various programmes adopted by India. For example, in Bihar one sapling is planted for the birth of every girl child and how the employees of Infosys are instructed to plant saplings on World Environment Day. We suggested various measures we could undertake to protect the environment like converting organic waste to compost, segregating the waste, reusing plastic bottles, using both sides of paper and setting up more public dustbins.

This programme was a grand success and we received a lot of appreciation from teachers and friends. We hope that the students learnt from this initiative and will contribute to protect the Earth. We will always be grateful to our Principal Mrs Anupama Sethi and our co-ordinator Mrs Madhumita Konda for giving us an opportunity to be a part of this programme. We are thankful to our teachers for guiding us.

Sadhvi S  
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### GURU PURNIMA CELEBRATION AT NHPS

"Guru and God both appear before me. To whom should I prostrate? I bow before Guru who introduced God to me." – Kabir



Where would we be without our teachers and Gurus? Of the seven days in a week, there is an entire day that is named after the teacher, Guruvara in Kannada which is Thursday in English. Such is the importance given to a Guru in our lives. A Guru to me is a person who teaches and guides a student to follow the right path. He/she is smart, has immense knowledge about various things and is also someone a student can look up to and feel inspired.

In Sanskrit the word "Guru" means the one who dispels darkness and takes you towards light. Gurupurnima is a spiritual tradition in Hindu culture dedicated to spiritual and academic teachers who are enlightened humans, willing to share their knowledge. It is celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> July on the full moon day in the Hindu month of Ashad (July – August).

It is celebrated to honour Sage Vyasa, the author of Mahabharata. He also divided the Holy Vedas into four parts namely Rig, Yajur, Sama and Atharva. This year on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, the students of NHPS celebrated Gurupurnima with their teachers. We happily filed up to the auditorium with our teachers who are near and dear to us. We felt privileged to share the stage with our amazing teachers and were excited to capture that moment in photographs. Can you imagine life without a teacher? Life without a teacher would be directionless. It would lead to ignorance as a teacher plays an important role in imparting knowledge. If there are no teachers, then there would be no education and most people would simply guess the answers to problems. The word "Guru" even found its way into the Oxford dictionary in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Teachers prepare us for the life ahead of us and instil a sense of right and wrong in us. Just think, without P Gopichand there would be no P V Sindhu. There would be no Sachin Tendulkar without Ramakant Achrekar.

How can I not mention one of the greatest gurus, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa. When his student, Swami Vivekananda asked him, "How can I get the best out of life?" The wise Guru replied, "Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear."

Vihitha K, VI B

### WELCOME MONSOON

'Rain'- When we hear the word 'rain' in summer, it brings cheer and refreshes our spirits. The monsoon season is a gift from God to all of us. To acknowledge this blessing, the children of the Primary Division conducted a special assembly, "Welcome Monsoon".



A 'Fashion Show' was showcased by the tiny tots of Grade 1 exhibiting the accessories used during the rainy season. The smartly dressed children walked the ramp leaving the audience wanting more. Monsoon music extravaganza was started by the students of Grade 2 highlighting the fun of going out in the rain and jumping into the puddles. Followed by the song, the students of Grade 3 recited a poem on the effects of rain on Mother Earth.

A beautiful foot tapping dance was presented by the students of Grade 4 swaying their colourful umbrellas to the beat of "Chak Doom Doom". The assembly ended with a requisite guidance as to how and why we should conserve water. The students were educated on the problems we face during rainy season and the importance of keeping the surroundings clean. Placards showing the different varieties of food that can be eaten to enjoy the season to stay healthy were displayed. The students enlightened the spectators with the significance of monsoon as a provider of water for all living beings. The assembly on monsoon was indeed a colourful one and surely the Rain Gods would be pleased and pour down showers of blessings on us.

### FIELD TRIP – SURYA NARAYAN TEMPLE

At NHPS, we believe that field trips are one of the best mediums to teach our children all about values, concepts and significance of everything around us along with an element of fun. This academic year, our field trips started with a visit to the Surya Narayan temple by the Nursery, LKg and UKg children. The peacefulness in the temple, the serenity in the atmosphere, was a wonderful experience for our little ones, where otherwise, excitement and hyperactivity are their middle names. It was wonderful to watch our children listen with rapt attention as the teachers enlightened them on each deity. It was sheer pride to observe them pray with reverence in the temple. At the end of the day, our children indeed had an enriching experience.



### MAJOR SANTOSH S R



Our school indeed had the honour to have in its midst Major Santosh S R, an alumni of NHPS.

After pre university he appeared for the national defence academy examination in the year 2008. He joined the NDA, Pune in the year 2009. After 3 years of training he passed out of the NDA. He then joined the Indian military college for the final pre commission training. He was commissioned into the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion, the Bihar regiment on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012. He served in Arunachal Pradesh along the Chinese border between 2016 – 2018. He is presently posted at Gurdaspur as a general officer-2<sup>nd</sup> in the brigade headquarters.

Serving the army is about love and passion. Major Santosh, briefed the students of class 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> about the most disciplined organisation in the world 'The Indian army'. The Indian army, with the motto, "Service before Self" is the land-based branch and the largest component of the Indian armed forces. With the help of inspiring videos and presentations, he vividly explained how one can join the Indian defence, the qualifications required, one's personal benefits, extracurricular activities that one could take up including sports etc. He highlighted the students on the fact that how today's youth are reluctant toward joining the defence, when in reality it is the most adventurous, satisfying and important job and that serving the nation is a duty of each and every citizen. He then had an interactive session with the students where he clarified all their doubts and also narrated his personal thrilling experiences. He mentioned that he wanted to do something different from the regular streams where most of the crowd went and was inspired to join the defence.

His inspiring words instilled the feeling of patriotism among all the students present in that session and encouraged each of them to join the Indian defence. When one serves the nation, he no longer serves himself. It is not easy to be so selfless and that is exactly what makes our Indian soldiers so extraordinary.

CONGRATULATIONS



NHPS Volleyball U-17 Girls' team was the Winner and U-17 Boys' team was the Runners Up in the KISA tournament. Six main players from our Volleyball girls team and three main players from our Volleyball boys' team have been selected for Nationals.

NHPS Volleyball U-16 boys and girls and U-14 Boys won the Winners trophies in the state level Inter School tournament conducted by Vahe Glóbal Academy, Varthur. U-14 girls' team won the Runners Up Trophy.



48 teams from all over Karnataka participated in the Karnataka State Basketball Association. NHPS Basketball Boys team won the Runners Up position.



NHPS Badminton boys won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in doubles and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Singles conducted by KISA.



Srihari of Std VII won a gold medal in the 1000 metres and a gold medal in the 500 metres skating competition conducted by KISA.

ECHO INTER SCHOOL CULTURAL MEET



Ushana Kundu of Std IV A won a silver medal in the 60 metres U-10 Girls' category conducted by Star City Olympics State Level Athletics Championship.



Competitions play a vital role in a student's life. ECHO Inter School Cultural Meet held on 3rd July 2019 was organized by Gopalan International School, Whitefield. It offered a platform for the students from NHPS to gain substantial experience and showcase their skills in the various events they participated.

Our junior and senior students took part in the Western Music Solo Singing Competition with a lot of passion and confidence. The Western Music-Band showcased a mellifluous performance. Siddhartha Sarangi and Disha Dash caught the eye of the judges with their outstanding performance and got a special mention in the Western-Band category.

Though they competed against some of the best teams and faced cut throat competition our students came out with flying colours and secured prizes. The Junior team secured the first prize in the Bollywood Theme Dance. Our teachers put their best foot forward and secured the runners-up position in the Bollywood Theme Dance category. It was indeed a wonderful experience for both, the students and the teachers.



"The end of school life symbolizes the closure of an era, the culmination of a period, the conclusion of a bittersweet decade but it is also the starting of another chapter, a threshold into another era."

College life symbolizes a new beginning in a student's life. New Horizon Pre-University College celebrated this beginning by organizing 'Fresher's Day' on the 29th of June 2019. The programme was organized by the second year PUC students, who heartily undertook the task of planning out the events and making sure their juniors enjoyed the performance.

The first event of the day was '**Sports**'. The first and second year PUC basketball and throw ball teams went head on head and rivalled against each other to win the trophy. As the match neared its end, the fervour of the crowd increased, a sea of red and white and blue cheering for their team. The award ceremony was presided over by the Director, Ms. Kirthi Manghnani and the Principal, Dr Sunita Hangal.

After the match, there was a breathtaking '**Flash Mob**' by the second year PUC students followed by the witty and sardonic, '**Jam Session**', where participants had to act out a famous personality and talk about why they deserved to win and why the others should lose. This event brought peals of laughter from the crowd and really set the tone for the next event, the Magnum Opus of the day, '**The Talent Hunt**'.

Various students with a plethora of talents came up to the stage to show their art. Some students sang, some danced and one or two beat boxed. Some students spoke to the crowd and some took part in the Stand-up Comedy. This event showed us the true range of a child's capabilities and the gamut of talents a person possessed. This event was also vital in selecting Mr. Fresher and Ms. Fresher. The winners of the Talent Hunt were given a trophy by our beloved Principal, Dr Sunita Hangal.

The end of the day gave rise to many mixed emotions in the students' hearts. The campus was a sight to behold, an ocean of red and white milling around. The programme was entertaining and a memorable one, for when this class passes out we may not remember the first person we met in this campus or the first seat we chose but we will remember the warm welcome we received and the feeling of gaiety and high-spiritedness we experienced on this occasion. "College life is the closure of an era; yes, but it is also the beginning of a better one!"

Meghaleena Mukherjee  
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World Environment day celebrated at NHPUC, Kasturinagar. Students and staff actively participated in the World Environment Day by planting and distributing saplings in and around the campus of Kasturinagar

### 'OUR NATION OWES A DEBT TO ITS FALLEN HEROES. ONE THAT WE CAN NEVER REPAY.'



The Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated by the students of NHPS to commemorate India's victory in the Kargil conflict with Pakistan twenty years ago. The songs sung and the dances performed by the students filled us with patriotic fervor. Speeches given on this occasion brought tears to our eyes.

Let us remember those selfless soldiers, who, without caring about themselves, laid down their lives for the sake of our mother land and for us. Let us honour the supreme sacrifices made by our soldiers and the exemplary courage displayed by them.

They crushed our enemies and our sorrow,  
They gave up their today for our tomorrow,  
They wore a smile and laid down their lives,  
A salute to these gallant soldiers and their sacrifice,  
They are fallen not forgotten!

JAI HIND!!!

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International Yoga Day was celebrated with dedication and fervour at New Horizon PU College, Kasturinagar. Students were divided batchwise to ensure wholehearted participation of every student of the college. Students and faculty members were given an awareness of the importance of yoga in their day to day lives. "The essence of International Yoga Day and the theme 'Climate Action' was explained to the enthusiastic participants."