



# PRAJANA

*Highest and purest form of wisdom...*

## Sainik School, Jhansi

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### MIND MATTERS

**"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."**

– Aristotle

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the other people." -- Randy Pausch

When it comes down to it, how you approach any circumstance determines which track you take towards success--or toward failure.

We are all capable of achieving the impossible, but often, our mindset is the one thing standing in our way. However, our mindset is something we have the power to change. I am pleased to present to you the second issue of "Prajana" the biannual Newsletter of Sainik School Jhansi. Enjoy every moment you have because in life there aren't rewinds, only exhilarating flashbacks. For you, we have worked hard to bring up the events during the month of Jan-June 2021.

"Now if you are going to win any battle you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do. The body will always give up. It is always tired morning, noon, and night. But the body is never tired if the mind is not tired. When you were younger the mind could make you dance all night, and the body was never tired... You've always got to make the mind take over and keep going."

I am extremely happy to convey that apart from academic excellence, the wide spectrum of co-curricular activities that are carried out in the school during online sessions yet in a professional manner that speak volumes of the kind of training being imparted to the cadets.

Education, in today's world is child centered and teachers are to create conducive environment for free-thinking, inquisitiveness, self-reliance and self exploration, thereby making the entire teaching learning process rejoicing and stress-free.

Taking this opportunity, I want to convey my sincere gratitude to Principal Lt Col Nirmal Jeet Singh, Administrative Officer Sqn Ldr Seemab Akhtar and all those who extended their contribution for second issue of 'Prajana'.

I hope this Newsletter will come up to your expectations.

Wish you all happy Reading!!

  
(VARSHA SHARMA)



Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

-Rabindranath Tagore



## VIRTUAL WORLD OF EDUCATION



Teachers take online classes through Google classroom and let the cadets learn on their own. They have divided the class into sections for a question-answer live session. Teachers understand how well students are picking up and pay attention to their individual progress. Some informal sessions are planned for complete batch of students, where cadets are given some activity. We let cadets take the lead and handle the technology themselves. Such activities encourage cadets to collaborate with their peers. The students are also allowed to talk to each other in these sessions to include some social interaction for them apart from family. Sainik School Jhansi has observed its summer vacation during the month of May & June from 05 May 2021 to 17 June 2021. Regular online classes have been started from 18 June followed by Principal's Address to the cadets through google meet.

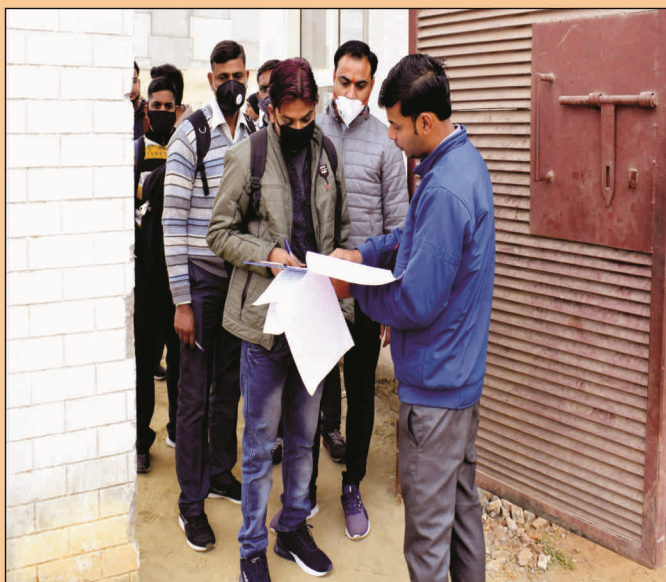
Smart Class: Two smart class rooms have been set up in school as model class rooms. The teachers are effectively using smart board for delivering their lectures. The case for further modernization of classroom has been planned and accordingly provisioned in the next budgeting 2021-22.





## RECRUITMENT OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (2021-22)

Recruitment process is the first step in creating a powerful resource base. The process undergoes a systematic procedure starting from sourcing the resources to arranging and conducting interviews and finally selecting the right candidates. Recruitment process for the year 2020-21 of Academic and Administrative staff in Sainik School Jhansi has been completed. All the recruited candidates consisting three Assistant Masters (regular), two Ward Boys (contractual), two LDC, one Driver, one Nursing sister and four General Employees (regular) have joined school.

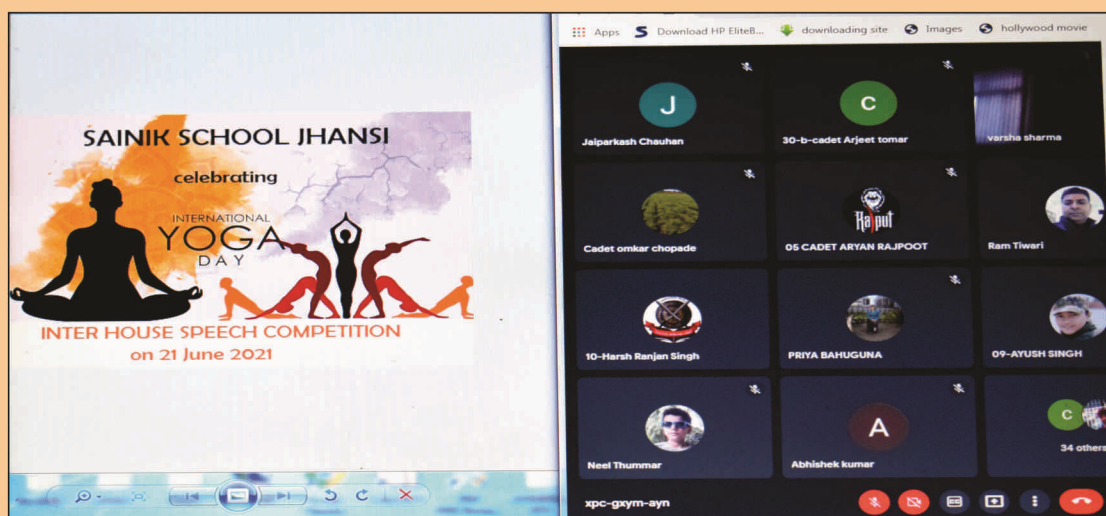




## CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA (IDY): 2021 (BE WITH YOGA BE AT HOME)

Besides regular online yoga classes, SSJ celebrated Yoga Day on 21 June 2021. International Day of Yoga or Antarashtriya Yoga divas is an annual event celebrated all over the world on 21 June. Due to on going COVID-19 restrictions, the theme set by Ayush Ministry for this year is "BE WITH YOGA BE AT HOME". SSJ organized various competitions especially Inter house speech competition as a part of Yoga celebration.

Activities were conducted house wise and cadets were awarded by school for their respective performance. The aim of these Yoga classes and celebrations is to inculcate habits of self discipline and enable the cadets to have good health.





## ACADEMIC PANORAMA (ONLINE INTERACTION)

Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us one way or the other. As cadets transitioned to the Virtual School experience, from their perspective, this was a new, seemingly bizarre routine of staring at and interacting with thumbnails on a screen. To solve issues pertaining academic queries, Principal of Sainik School Jhansi Lt Col Nirmal Jeet Singh regularly interacts with cadets and parents. 4<sup>th</sup> Parents Teachers' meet was held on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021. Next meeting was held on 11 Feb 2021. Parent member has enlisted some Agenda points on behalf of all the parents and based on the constructive feedback, queries and valuable suggestions received from parents, solutions were provided. After summer vacation, Principal of Sainik School Jhansi Lt Col Nirmal Jeet Singh addressed all the cadets of class VII & VIII for regular conduct of online classes.





## ONLINE ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION: ENDEAVOURS TO CONNECT THROUGH INTERNET



**Introduction:** Sainik School Jhansi has celebrated its first Online Annual Day programme via Google meet on 26 March 2021. All the cadets of class VI & VII participated and showed their talent on screen.

**Inauguration of the Function :** The event was presided by the Principal of Sainik School Jhansi Lt Col Nirmal Jeet Singh and Administrative Officer Sqn Ldr Seemab Akhtar. Chief Guest, Principal of Sainik School Jhansi inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. The event was started by offering prayer and tribute to 'Mother Saraswati'. Lighting of the lamp was followed by Principal's Annual Report.

**Cultural Programme :** Various cultural activities were conducted during the event. The occasion was started with 'Saraswati Vandana' and followed by several other cultural programmes. This function provided cadets an opportunity to showcase their various talents and interact with the teachers and officers in a more informal environment through online mode.

**Online Prize Distribution Ceremony (Moment of Pride) :** We feel proud to proclaim that our cadets studying in class VII& VIII are achieving glory in various online activities. School has conducted various online activities and on the eve of Annual day all the cadets who had participated in online activities were rewarded and online certificates were dispatched to them.





## CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK: BUILDING A BETTER HALTON

The school building is planned in two phases. The first phase consists of Administrative and Academic buildings, dining hall, three hostels, sewage treatment plant, staff accommodation, parade ground, sports ground and various courts. Whereas the second phase consists swimming pool, additional hostel, MP theatre, additional staff accommodation etc.

Leveling of sports ground has been done and furnishing is in progress. After the second wave of COVID-19, the infrastructure development in school is pacing up and the school management is making efforts to complete the infrastructure before cadets' arrival. School has planned to set a well-maintained parade ground for cadets. The construction of parade ground is in the advance stage.



**Play Ground**



**Basketball Court**

- Emphasizing on sports, school is also constructing Tennis, Volleyball and Basketball courts for cadets which will privilege them to choose any of the sports as per their interest and capability.
- To ease the working conditions of school employees, school is developing residential area type II&III. Type III for teachers and type II for general employees. Both are under construction with PDC 31 Jul 2021.



**Type-II**



**Type-III**



## INTERNET & INTERCOM FACILITY

Sainik School Jhansi in its initial year was facing several teething issues and Internet connectivity was one of those. The educational setbacks can have significant impacts on academic success especially in this pandemic scenario where virtual classes and other interactions are the only options. Thus, the process of internet connection has been completed on priority and the school is presently having a high speed internet (Railnet) connectivity.

The Intercom has been set up for academic area so that communication among all the staff members and officers can be done without hindrance.



Internet Faciliti

Intercom Facility

## MEDLEY ACTIVITIES : SCHOLASTIC/NON-SCHOLASTIC

Sainik schools do not provide opportunities only to develop the physical skills of cadets but also provide ample of opportunities to develop their inner talents, creativity, mental strength, imagination power etc. Hence, school conducts various online activities. Whatever cadets prepare they send it through online portals or 'ECA & CCA' group which has been created for these activities. Various activities including Web Development Competition, Model Making Competition, Online Quiz & puzzle Competitions under CBSE – Heritage Education, Article writing on World Water Day were conducted online on 22 Mar 2021. Besides, Online Inter House Gk Quiz Competition on 17 Apr 2021, Online Symposium on single use plastic –its Hazards on 24 Apr 2021 and several activities under EBSB and International Day of Yoga i.e. poster making competition, essay writing competition, power point presentation on Asanas etc. were also conducted.





**Cadets Performing Drama in Online Annual Function**



**Poster Making Competition**



**Online Web Development Competition**



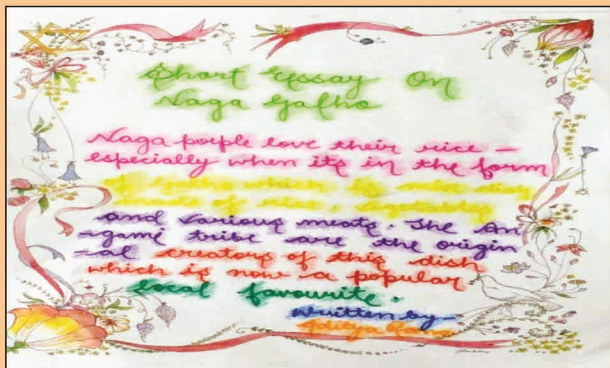
**Online GK Quiz Competition**



**Online Symposium on single use plastic**



**Science Model Making Competition**

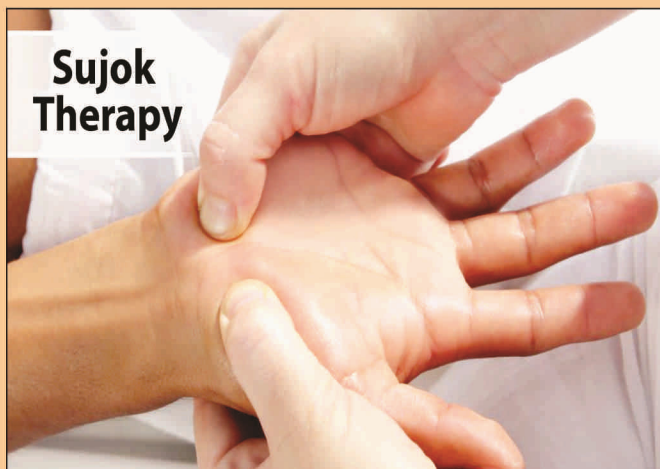
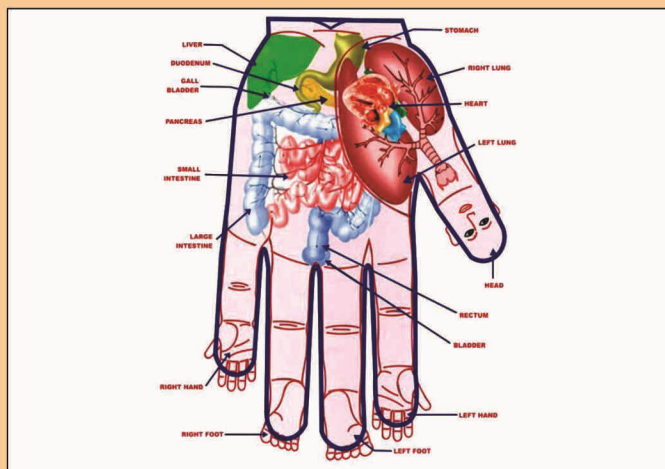


**Activity under Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat**



**Interhouse Speech Competition**





## SUJOK THERAPY

### VISIT

- Col Ram Kishore, Col 'A' 31 Armd Div visited Sainik School Jhansi.





## SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL:

Celebrations bring the cadets closer to each other's traditions and cultural beliefs and develop respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions. Some of the days celebrated in our school are Army Day, Republic Day, Saraswati Puja, Earth Day, Environment Day, International Day of Yoga etc. Along with enthusiasm and fun for the activities; qualities like sensitivity, creativity and togetherness are also inculcated in the cadets. Keeping its values intact, our school wishes to offer the right kind of educational system, giving them the right platform where they will work towards becoming a responsible citizen.

So apart from classroom learning, we encouraged cadets to celebrate each and every festival and event with great zeal and enthusiasm through online mode.

- Army Day celebration on 15 January 2021 (Poster Making) to increase the awareness about Indian Army and the role it plays in the national security.
- Republic Day Celebration on 26 January 2021 to honour the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect.
- Saraswati Puja was conducted on 16 February 2021 to encourage the cadets to emphasis on knowledge and wisdom as a part of daily life.
- "Plant a Tree" activity on Earth Day on 22 April 2021 to play an active part following the theme of earth day i.e "Restore the Earth".
- Environment Day celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> June. National mission for clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti organised Quiz competition under Ganga Quest 2021
- Yoga Day was celebrated in school as well as online on 21 June 2021. Theme for this year- "BE WITH YOGA BE AT HOME"

