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## SAINIK SCHOOL PUNGLWA 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS MEET GETS UNDERWAY

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Meet of Sainik School Punglwa kicked off in style on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023. Col Arvind Nautiyal, the Principal of the school who graced the opening ceremony as Chief Guest formally declared the meet open. The opening ceremony witnessed the oath taking ceremony by the house captains and flag hoisting ceremony. Thereafter, he flagged off the marathon, the first event of the meet.

A minimum of 10 cadets each from the 04 junior houses and 04 senior houses participated with great verve and vitality in the competition. In the girls' category, junior boys and senior boys' category Cadet Kavya Prakash of Melak House, Cadet Resomong L of Pauna House and Cdt Musho B of Doyang House bagged the gold medals respectively.



Cadet Daina Laishram, Adm No. 1769

## 16<sup>th</sup> FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

1 6<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day of Sainik School Punglwa was celebrated with great fervour on 13 May 2023 . The annual mega event of the school was graced by Brig S K Sheoran, YSM, SM, DIG, ARTC Sukhoi as the Chief Guest. The function was also attended by Old Boys Association (OBA) of Nagaland, dignitaries, parents and village heads. The event began with the lighting of the lamp of knowledge and the release of half yearly newsletter of the School, Voice of Young Warriors of Morung. (VYOM-XVI)

The Chief Guest in his address stressed upon the indispensable role of the parents, teachers and students in bringing out quality education. He also iterated that they should have a clear goal, dream big and work hard in order to achieve success. The Chief Guest presented the Best Academic Award to Cdt Shashi Kumar, Best Sportsman of the Year to Cdt Laljangam Singson and Best Officer Like Quality Award to Cdt Pauku Meru. Best over-all trophy also known as Cock House Trophy for the academic year 2022-2023 in Sub Junior and Junior categories were bagged by Patkai House and Japfu House respectively.



Cadet Joy Brata Chakma, Adm No. 1497

## XXIX LOCAL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The XXIX Local Board of Administration (LBA) meeting of Sainik School Punglwa, Nagaland(SSPN) was held on 16 Nov 2023. The meeting was presided over by Maj Gen Vijay Jotwani, Chief of Staff, HQ 3 Corps and the Chairman Local Board of Administration, SSPN.

On his arrival, the Chairman was received by Col Arvind Nautiyal, Principal SSPN. The General Officer was escorted by the equestrian team to the newly constructed War Memorial where he laid the first official wreath and paid respect to the brave hearts of the Indian Armed Forces. Thereafter he was presented with Guard of Honour by the cadets. He was then oriented about the school infrastructure on the school's sand model followed by the briefing by the Principal on all aspects of training and administration of the school. The Principal expressed gratitude to the Chairman, all officials of the State Govt and members of LBA for sparing time and attending the meet.



Cadet Bonnit Bage, Adm No. 1232

"Don't wait for the opportunity, create it"

— George Bernard Shaw



## KARGIL VICTORY BIKE RALLY

The School hosted the first half of the Kargil Victory Bike Rally organized by the 2nd Naga Regiment on 2 July 2023. The team comprising of Lt Col Ravinder Singh Saini, Capt Manish and other members.



On reaching the school, they were welcomed by Gp Capt RK Yadav, Principal. The rally was flagged off the same day from Kohima by Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command. The main aim of the K2K i.e Kohima to Kargil Bike Rally is to pay homage to the fallen heroes of the Naga Regiment and other brave hearts who made supreme sacrifice to safeguard the integrity of the nation in the Kargil War of 1999.

The officers along with their team interacted with the staff and cadets of the school. Gp Capt RK Yadav, the Principal expressed his appreciation to the team and presented the school's memento as a token of remembrance.

Cadet Ekagra Ariyan, Adm No. 1226

## ALL INDIA SAINIK INTER ZONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sainik School Punglwa Sub Junior team participated in the All India Sainik Schools Inter Zonal Football Tournament that was held at Sainik School Goalpara, Assam from 10 to 15 July 2023. This sporting event was jointly participated by five Sainik Schools namely, Sainik School Tilaya (Jharkhand), Chittorgarh (Rajasthan), Kunjpura (Haryana), Amaravathinagar (Tamil Nadu) and Punglwa (Nagaland). Tilaya lifted the championship trophy and Punglwa was the runners up in the event. Cdt Mohammad Farhanul Islam netted 15 goals in the championship and was adjudged as the best player of the tournament.



Cadet Ikusa T Assumi , Adm No. 1570

## GROUP LEVEL ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOLS NATIONAL GAMES

The Group Level All India Sainik Schools National Games (AISSNG) 2023 was organised at Sainik School Punglwa from 25 to 28 July 2023. Four Sainik Schools of North East region namely SS Goalpara (Assam), Chhingchhip (Mizoram), East Siang (Arunachal Pradesh) and Punglwa (Nagaland) participated in the said event.

Sporting events like basketball, Volleyball and Athletics (Girls & Boys separately) were competed by the participating schools. Literary and Cultural Competitions were also contested upon.

The closing was graced by Brig PS Sangwan, Group Commander, Group Headquarter, NCC Kohima. The host Sainik School Punglwa that had bagged the first position in Athletics, Hindi Debate and Quiz competition lifted the overall Championship Trophy.

Gp Cdr Brig PS Sangwan the Chief Guest during his address congratulated the winners and encouraged those who could not make it that failure should not dishearten them but rather make them more determined to strive harder next time.

Cadet Yantsuthung Odyuo, Adm No. 1503

## MOTIVATIONAL LECTURE

Lt Col M Kiran Meitei an ex-student of Sainik School Imphal delivered a motivational lecture to the cadets on 12 Aug 2023, on the prospect of joining the Indian Army. On his arrival, the officer was received by Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officiating Principal of the school.

In his interaction with the cadets, the officer reminded the cadets that they are lucky to be cadets of Sainik School, where all opportunity and facilities are being provided to realise his or her goal provided, they need to work hard with the will to succeed. The officer also dwelt upon discipline which he termed as the backbone of the Armed Forces. In the session that was attended by the staff and cadets the officer elaborated the opportunities, benefits and satisfaction of being in the Armed Forces which is distinguished from all other profession by the readiness of the individual to lay down one's life for the country. It was an enriching session and the lecture was well taken by the cadets. After the lecture, the Officiating Principal thanked the officer for making himself available for the benefit of the cadets.



Cadet Cidibe Peter, Adm No. 1301

“ End is not the end in fact END means effort never dies” — Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



## MOTIVATIONAL TOUR TO ZOOLOGICAL & GREEN PARK

To provide the cadets with an opportunity to learn about the flora and fauna and its habitat; cadets of class VI embarked on an educational tour to Zoological and Green Park on 12 Aug 2023. During the visit, the park's vibrant greenery, diverse flora and occasional wildlife sightings offered a refreshing respite to the cadets. The trip had a significant impact on them by providing factual knowledge about the natural surroundings. It also enhanced their understanding of the environment and the importance of maintaining green spaces within the urban areas. The visit renewed their appreciation for the environment and instilled a responsibility to safeguard it for future generations.



Cadet Chonchithung Tsanglao , Adm No. 1775

## 77<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Commemorating the supreme sacrifices of the great patriots of the nation, the school celebrated the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with reverence and patriotism. Lt Col Leena Bajaj, the Officiating Principal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The ceremony began with the unfurling of the tricolor by the Chief Guest followed by the National Anthem. After which the officer reviewed the contingent parade of the different houses.

The Chief Guest in her address highlighted that the induction of girl cadets in the fold of Sainik Schools is a landmark change in bringing gender equality. She also emphasized that girl cadets do not require special treatment, reservation and separate contingent to march; instead they would march shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts. She also urged the staff and the cadets to pledge and devote themselves to the making of India that our freedom fighters and visionaries dreamt of and also to reaffirm in the commitment to unity in diversity, fraternity and equality among all citizens. The Chief Guest thereafter felicitated the Administrative Staff, the Mess Staff and General employees on the occasion. Special awards were also given to staff for their remarkable contribution to the school.



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Cadet Enrique Kino , Adm No. 1513

## ENGLISH LITERARY WEEK

English Literary Week of the school was held from 21 to 25 Aug 2023. Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officiating principal graced the event as Chief Guest. The event was a celebration of creativity and linguistic prowess. It not only showcased the cadets' talents but also highlighted the importance of literature in fostering creativity, critical thinking and communication skills among the cadets. The competition featured various categories including Calligraphy, Essay Writing, Poetry Recitation, Lecturette etc. Participants from different houses exhibited their skills infusing the atmosphere with a palpable energy. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony by the Chief Guest.



Cadet Rakesh Nalo, Adm No. 1244



## MOTIVATIONAL TOUR TO ARTC, SHUKHOVI

In order to boost morale, encourage goal-setting and enhance motivation among the cadets by exposing them to new experiences and perspectives, an educational tour for cadets of class VIII was organized at Assam Rifles Training Centre & School (ARTC & S) Shukhovi on 26 Aug 2023. The cadets were fortunate to be accompanied by Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officiating principal. On reaching the destination, cadets were taken to Obstacle Course Field, Shooting Range and Artificial Rock Climbing Wall wherein they were acquainted on how the rigorous training is being carried out on a daily basis. Later the cadets attended a lecture with the new recruits at ARTC on 'Personality Development' presented by Lt Col Leena Bajaj. The cadets gained insights by interacting with the officers and new recruits of ARTC.



Cadet Bhola Kumar , Adm No. 1620

## HINDI PAKHWADA

NAGALAND

Sainik School Punglwa joined the nation in celebrating Hindi Pakhwada with great zest and enthusiasm. The event was conducted from 1 to 14 Sep 2023 with an aim to promote the use of Hindi language for official purpose. These initiatives also aimed to increase awareness and appreciation for the language's richness and diversity. Inter-House Competitions such as poetry recitation, debate, storytelling and lecturette were organised. Patkai and Saramati House emerged as the overall winners of the competition in Junior and Senior categories respectively.

Col Arvind Nautiyal, the Principal of the school graced the culmination of Hindi Pakhwada as the Chief Guest. The events were spread over the fortnight long celebration. The Chief Guest gave away the certificates and prizes to the winners. He conveyed his compliments to all the participants and winners.



Cadet Pranav Kumar, Adm No. 1814

## INTER HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

The school conducted an Inter House Quiz Competition on 04 Sep 2023. The event was graced by Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officiating principal as Chief Guest. The quiz was conducted in two categories of senior and junior cadets featuring eight houses. In the event, cadets showcased their knowledge across di-



verse subjects and engaged in a series of intellectually stimulating rounds. The event sparked fervent competition and camaraderie among the participants. Japfu House and Pauna House were adjudged as winners in their respective categories. Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officiating principal presented prizes, certificates and trophy to the winners.

Cadet Langpai L, Adm No.1480

**“Leaders never use the word failure. They look upon setbacks as learning experiences”**

— Brian Tracy



## **ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOLS NATIONAL GAMES**

A team of six cadets from Sainik School Pungliwa participated in the first ever All India Sainik School National Games held at Sainik School Kunjpura from 11 to 17 Oct 2023. Around 500 cadets from 32 schools across the country participated in the mega event. The school participated in athletics, drill and cultural competition in which the school secured first position in Value Judgement. On return to the school the cadets were felicitated by the Officiating principal Lt Col Leena Bajaj during the Morning assembly.



**Cadet Tomthinkleima , DS-35**

## **MOTIVATIONAL TOUR TO HQ 3 CORP, ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

A team of 114 cadets of class IX escorted by two teachers visited HQ 3 Corps Army Camp, Rangapahar as part of annual motivational tour on 13 Oct 2023. The team had an enriching visit to various important and informative locations within the camp such as Space Lab and Science labs of Army Public School. They were also given the rare opportunity of a hands-on experience of the technicality of operating a drone, Virtual Reality Gadgets and Cheeta helicopter and to interact with the officer in charge at the Aviation Centre.



In addition to the above visited places the cadets had a meaningful cultural and educational exchange programme with the students of Kendra Vidyalaya, Rangapahar as well.

**Cadet Ayush Kumar , Adm No. 1397**

## **XI CATC OF NL (I) SAINIK SCHOOL NCC COY**

Nagaland Independent Sainik School Company of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) conducted its XI combined annual training camp from 03 to 12 Oct 2023. The camp was formally inaugurated by Lt Col Leena Bajaj, Officer Commanding and the Vice Principal of the school. A total of 188 cadets from junior and



senior division categorised in three companies such as Alpha, Bravo and Charlie participated in the camp. The camp integrated various theory and practical classes on weapon training, fire fighting, earthquake drill, parade drill, firing, tent pitching, leadership qualities, personality development, health and hygiene etc. Inter Company Competitions of football, volleyball and cultural competition were also organised as part of the camp.

Brig PS Sangwan, Group Commander, Group Headquarter, Kohima reviewed the CATC XI activities. Speaking on the occasion, the officer motivated the cadets and emphasised on the development of Officer's Intelligence Reasoning in the cadets. He also felicitated the two best shooters from junior division (JD) and senior division (SD). Cdt Krishna Kumar who cleared the UPSC NDA Written examination was also felicitated with a book prize by the officer.

**Cadet Kavya Prakash, DS-33**



## FIRE ACCIDENT AND RESPONSE TRAINING

A training programme on fire accident and response was conducted in the school by the Nagaland Fire and Emergency Services, Jalukie on 09 Oct 2023. Approximately 500 cadets and all teachers and administrative staff were demonstrated on various types of fires and different types of extinguishers used to douse them. Demonstrations were carried out by ASI Neikeilie Keyieneu and seconded by Mziegwangteing on how to use the fire extinguishers and rescue those trapped or injured in fire accidents.



Cadet Ponzei Konyak, Adm No. 1378

## MOTIVATIONAL LECTURE

Brig Arupendu Gupta, Sena Medal, (Info Sys) HQ 3 Corps visited the school on 8 Nov, 2023. The officer at his arrival was accorded with guard of honour by the senior cadets. The officer delivered a motivational lecture and gave a presentation to the cadets on the modalities of Services Selection Board (SSB). Through his lecture and interaction with cadets, the officer gave a detailed guidance for the preparation of Services Selection Board. The officer emphasised on the importance of improvement in communication skills and personality development to face the selection board confidently. He also clarified the queries of cadets in the lively session. Post lecture, Col Arvind Nautiyal, the Principal expressed his gratitude to the visiting officer for guiding and encouraging the cadets to join the National Defence Academy.



Cadet Wangshinok Ozukum, Adm No. 1401

## CHANGE OF REIGN AT THE HELM

Sainik School Punglwa welcomed Col Arvind Nautiyal as the ninth principal of the school. The officer took over the reign from 09 Sep 2023. On his arrival the officer was received and welcomed by Lt Col Leena Bajaj, the Vice Principal on behalf of officers, staff and cadets of the school.

Col Nautiyal is a native of Dehradun and he is a computer wizard. He was commissioned from the Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun, into the Army Educational Corps (AEC) on 8 Dec 2001. The officer tenant-ed Staff and Instructional tenures at National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Pune and IMA Dehradun. Col A Nautiyal, a decorated officer also had a tenure as the Vice Principal at Sainik School Ambikapur in the past. Presently he is coming after tenanting tenure of Chief Instructor from the Army Educational Corps Training College and Centre, Pachmarhi.



It is pertinent to mention that the school also welcomed its sixth Administrative Officer of the school, Lt Col Sudhir Kumar Jakhar. The officer is an alumnus of Sainik School Kunjpura and Officers' Training Academy, Chennai.

Cadet Mastafa Ahmed, Adm No. 1178

## WE WELCOME



Maj Gen Vijay Jotwani  
The Eleventh Chairman



Col Arvind Nautiyal  
The Ninth Principal



Lt Col Sudhir Kumar Jakhar  
The Sixth Administrative Officer

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