

Hosting the SketchpaintXprs Award Distribution Ceremony

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S.B. Patil Public Public School is proud to have hosted the SketchpaintXprs Award Distribution Ceremony on Saturday, 19th August, 2023. The event, for which preparations started nearly a fortnight in advance, had as its audience the institution directors, principals, activity faculty and students from 22 schools all over Pune. Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Dogra was the Guest of Honour for the grand event. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Manisha Dogra. Other guests for the event were: Mr. Bijay Kumar, Mr. Dasvekar, Ms. Kanan Patel and Mr. Raj Kumar.

Students of S.B. Patil Public School participated in the SketchpaintXprs for India Programme which was organised by the B.N. Srivastav Foundation, Pune in 2022-23. Through this programme, students from Grades I to XII prepared rakhis whilst in school. Nearly 700 submissions were received. These were boxed, packed and shipped to the army headquarters in New Delhi, from where they were sent to our brave soldiers on the frontlines.



The Award Distribution Ceremony commenced at 10:00 am with the arrival of Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Dogra who was escorted in procession from the school premises to the auditorium. On arrival, and the commencement of the programme which was compered by Mr. Raj Kumar, the National Anthem was sung to which everyone stood at attention.

Following this was the lamp-lighting ceremony with the Saraswati Vandana being sung by the S.B. Patil Public School choir. Students of our school then performed an invocation fusion dance which received the applause of the audience.



Also, another captivating performance was that by Siddhi Bohara and Vivaan Gupta from Kreative Change and Fitistan. Both youngsters, who were gold medalists in the inter-school yoga competition, and are currently heading for the national competition, performed body-bending feats that left the audience awe-struck.

With the yoga performance receiving a wholesome ovation, Mr. Raj Kumar gave an introduction of Maj. Gen. Dogra who was then felicitated by Dr. Saini and Ms. Patel. Maj, Gen. Dogra took the stage to address the audience with a motivational and immensely inspirational speech on never losing hope even amidst the greatest trials and challenges.





Mr. Dasvekar, who was also one of our prime guests then spoke about the journey of SketchpaintXprs for India since its foundation in 2006. He elaborated on how the organisation was formed with the intent of giving back to our brave warriors who fight for our security on the frontlines.

With these riveting and applause-grabbing speeches coming to a close, the award ceremony then commenced.

Maj. Gen. Dogra, Ms. Dogra, Dr. Bindu Saini, Ms. Patel, Mr. Dasvekar and Mr. Bijay Kumar presented trophies and certificates to the principals, activity teachers and students from each of the 22 schools as the audience applauded and cheered on.



As the event neared a close, Mr. Bijay Kumar presented the Vote of Thanks, expressing his gratitude to one and all who made the event a grand success. But this was not the end. On ending the Vote of Thanks, group photographs were taken with Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Dogra and Mrs. Dogra: one with solely the principals, one with the activity teachers, one with all the student participants, and one with the faculty of S.B. Patil Public School.

Our wholesome gratitude goes to Mr. Bijay Kumar and the team from SketchpaintXprs for India; and our chief guests for the event, Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Dogra and Mrs. Manisha Dogra; and also Mr. Raj Kumar, Mr. Dasvekar and Ms. Patel for being amidst our presence.



We thank the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; the vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; HM, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; the administrative officer, Mr. Manish Dhekale; faculty and staff of S.B. Patil Public School especially Ms. Erekar Durga Bhavani, Ms. Darshana Kamat, Ms. Payal Nihalani, Ms. Nayna Taru, Ms. Deepika Kannao, Mr. Dhanaji Patil, Mr. Shrikant Thite and Dr. Rohit Sarkar for aiding in the event.

We owe our gratitude to the art and activity faculty: Mr. Kuldeep Ghadge and Ms. Kranti Kulkarni; to our music faculty, Ms. Sulochana Pawar and our dance instructor Mr. Ajay Chawaria for organising the musical performances; and our IT team member, Mr. Aman Yadav for assisting in the display and sound.



We also profoundly thank the members of the Student Council and all the other students who helped out and performed so wonderfully, wholeheartedly devoting their time, effort, emotions and heart to this programme; and also to the parents without whose support this event would not have been possible.

Finally, a round of applause goes to the PCET management and Board of Trustees: Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman; Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Mr. Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer; Mr. Harshwardhan S. Patil, Trustee; and Dr. Girish M. Desai, Executive Director for their never-ending guidance.

