

With Reverence to Our Soldiers, Chapter 2: A Sense of Pride at The Wall of Heroes Inauguration

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In an air that abounded and stirred with elation and pride, S.B.Patil Public School witnessed the inauguration of the Wall of Heroes on February 8th, 2022 at its campus.

With preparations for the event running weeks in advance, the celebration commenced with the welcoming of our very special Chief Guest: The General

Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Indian Army's Southern Command Maharashtra and Goa, Major General Inderjeet Singh Sekhon. Accompanying him were Major Krishna Kant, and the managing director of the B.N. Shrivastav Foundation and SketchPaintXprs Collaborator, Mr. Bijay Kumar.



The Guest of Honour for the day was academic coordinator of the PCET, Ms. Janhavi Inamdar. The principal of S.B. Patil Public School, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; primary coordinator, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; the staff and faculty members, and all the students of Grades IX and X assembled for the celebration.

The dignitaries were welcomed in grandeur by the school's band troop led by the sports in-charge, Mr. Dhanaji Patil at the entrance and marched in procession till the school sports ground. The ceremony commenced with devotion and *puja* followed by the unveiling of the Wall of Heroes by Major General Sekhon and Dr. Saini.



The children's choir group: Mugdha Bhise of VI-A, Aarna Zanje of VI-B, Pranjal Beloshe of VI-C, Advaita Deshpande of VI-D, Sourish Sindol and Vaiga Thai koottathil of VI-E. Snehal Patil, Rudra Kharatmol, Aayush Bhise and Sejal Nikam of VI-G, Samrudhhi Nevgire of VII-B, Kumud Gurav of VIII-B and Sucheta Rampure of VIII-E, all led by the music teachers, Ms. Sulochana Pawar and Mr. Prathamesh Inamdar sang a memorable and inspiring patriotic song, "*Chalojawaanon, badhojawaanon*".

The Robotics Department headed by Ms. Varsha Gawali and Ms. Sana Ansari along with the students: Amey Ajgar of IX-B, Dhawala Patil of VIII-A, Atharva Bhise of VIII-B, and Sairaj Kanase of VIII-E, arranged for a formal gesture of welcome for our guests. For this, the students designed a robot that used colour-recognition technology that cruised on black-coloured track and delivered flowers to the guests.





What followed was a mesmerising and a vibrant dance performance lauding the greatness, valour, sacrifice, and inspiration that we, the layman, derive from the service and sacrifice of our brave hearts who fight for our nation's security on the frontlines. It was presented by our school's dance instructors Mr. Ajay Chawriya, Ms. Varsha Kulkarni and Ms. Bharati Chhapparwal.

The most interesting segment of the event was when Major General Sekhno engaged in an inspiring and candid interaction with our ever-curious students. A multitude of questions were posed which the Major answered most vehemently and in extreme frankness. In utmost innocence and inquisitiveness, questions covered myriad aspects about military life such as his inspiration to take up defense service as a career, his *modus operandi* in preparing for venturing into the defense sector, glimpses of his memorable journey as an army officer over a span of three decades, insight into the life, responsibility and dignity of being a soldier, and many more such quizzical queries. Major General Sekhno answered every question liberally stressing that every profession a young citizen takes up is in fact a service to the nation.



With the principal Dr. Saini overseeing the proceedings of the event, we thank every member who helped make this much-awaited celebration a paramount accomplishment that will be remembered for days to come.



We earnestly thank vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; pre-primary section coordinator Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni, the administrative officer, Mr. Manish Dhekale for seeing to the arrangements of the programme. We also share our gratitude with CCA in-charge, Ms. Swaleha Mujawar who aided in the arrangements whilst also, so passionately, compered the programme.



A special round of applause the entire faculty, staff and students of S.B. Patil Public School, who played their parts with such fervency to make this event a success.



Without a doubt, we wholeheartedly thank our Board of Trustees: Mr. Dnyaneshwar Landge, Chairman; Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, Vice Chairperson; Mr. V.S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Mr. Shantaram Garade, Treasurer; Mr. Harshwardhan Patil, Trustee; and Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director for their ne'er-ending support from the day we planned this event to its realisation and victorious execution.

