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****STAGE TO PAGE PARTICIPANTS****

STEAM

“Give a scientist an atom and they bring you an entire universe.”

We certainly have the alpha geeks of science at DIS. Students from grades 9-12 participated in the most awaited intellectual event, STEAM. From crystal engineering to quantum computers and personalized medicine, there was not one field, our science enthusiasts didn't delve into. The Lord Mountbatten House's Brishti won the first place, followed by Shreyaank from the same House.





ART

“Masterpieces aren’t made in a day.”

The students debunked that statement by creating masterpieces in a couple of hours. While watercolour tubes, cakes of paint, and paint brushes lay smothered in paint, students hacked away at their pieces of art. The theme was compassion and our young art aficionados created artistic wonders with just paper and a few supplies. The works that outshone others were that of Shrishti from Lord Mountbatten House, who got the first prize and Rakshita from Mahatma Gandhi House who won the second place.

A photograph of two men in blue shirts looking at a screen, likely during a coding competition. The image is partially obscured by a large white circle on the left side, which contains the title and text. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting.

CODE WARS

For all the technophiles, this was THE event. With two categories, Java and Python, this event required advanced programming skill in one of the computer languages. It consisted of two rounds: one preliminary and a final. Participants, in teams of four, went into overdrive solving complex problems requiring logic, extensive knowledge and practice. The winners of this event were from Mahatma Gandhi House while the runners-up were from Rani Lakshmi Bai House.

A photograph of students in a kitchen setting. They are wearing blue and white striped shirts and colorful aprons (one orange and red striped, one blue and red floral). They are wearing clear plastic gloves and appear to be preparing food. The table in front of them has various ingredients and containers, including a green plate, a glass bowl with yellow substance, and a bottle of orange liquid. A large white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and text.

FIRELESS COOKING

This event required students to cook with no heat and electricity. Students had to think outside the box to put together two dishes they could call their own. It was an event filled with fun and laughter amidst the pressure and time crunch, ultimately to decide who would make it to the top of the food chain. The winners were the participants from Rani Lakshmi Bai House who made two types of mousse and chaats, a wonderful amalgamation of the East and the West. The second place was shared by the Lord Mountbatten House and Mahatma Gandhi House.

PHOTOGRAPHY

“The Earth is art; the photographer is only a witness.”

What's in a picture, you may ask. Well, let me tell you. A picture is time. Time locked away for eternity in small squares of paper. A picture holds memories and little snippets of life tucked away to wring tears in decades. The photographers in Deccan, with the theme being 'landscape' snapped away happily to let their passion come out in the DIS photography competition. The first prize was won by Adikeshav Kalyani of Rani Lakshmi Bai House while the second Prize was won by Advait H of the same house. The third and fourth prizes were won by Arnav G B and Yashas M of the Mahatma Gandhi House.





FILM MAKING

Motion pictures have always fascinated men since their invention. The students of DIS participated in the film-making competition with loads of excitement and eagerness. The budding actors, directors and cinematographers shot a self-made film, entirely written, directed, edited and performed by the students. The themes were “a tribute to martyrs” and “the dark side of social media”. The students performed this arduous task with vim and vigour. Mahatma Gandhi House won the first prize for its short film called “The Survivor”, while Rani Lakshmi Bai House won the second prize for its Short film on “Bhagat Singh” and the third prize was won by Lord Mountbatten House.

NADA

Nada has always been one of the most awaited events of Vibrance at DIS. This year too, the event took place with much pomp and splendour. House bands sang a self-composition with an instrumental, followed by a cover of an English song. Music is something that is beyond language, and it transcends us all into a completely beautiful world. Sakshi Sathvik of the Tipu Sultan House won the **Best Composer** award for her Hindustani song while the **Best Lyricist** award was given to both Tipu Sultan House and Rani Lakshmi Bai House.



STEP UP

Step Up was our group dance event where students performed on both original choreographies to typical Bollywood songs. Dance crews across the four houses danced to Madhuri Dixit, Prabhu Deva, Hrithik Roshan, and Aishwarya Rai. The energy, vigour, and vivacity shown by all our participants were unmatched. With loud sounds ricocheting off the walls, the students danced their hearts out- smiles permanently plastered to their faces. Though all the four Houses performed well, there was room only for two winners: Tipu Sultan House securing second place and Lord Mountbatten House securing first place in the competition.



PSYCH

"I think the next best thing to solving a problem is finding some humour in it."

A rather interesting addition to this year's Vibrance was Pysch which pushed Deccanites to think out of the box and cook up the unexpected. In this competition, students were given statements which they had to prove using mind boggling and indigenous theories. Students were given only two minutes to brainstorm and write down their theory which was read out and voted upon. Wit and spontaneity were the two essential attributes required for this event. The team with the greatest number of votes was declared the winner. Team Victory with Pranav, Aakarsh and Advaid from Lord Mountbatten House secured first place while Team Stature with Rhea, Jaidev and Mandaara from Mahatma Gandhi House won the runners-up position.

DEBATE

“Intellectuals can debate, idiots can argue.”

The art of intellectual argument isn't for the weak or the faint hearted. The debate competition of Vibrance was filled with nervous tension but there was not a single quiver in the voices of the participants. Many seasoned debaters, spoke with crisp confidence and substantial points and defended themselves with an indomitable spirit. The war of words is the hardest battle ever fought, and each participant did an excellent job. The first position was bagged by Rani Lakshmi Bai House while the second position was won by the Mahatma Gandhi House. Yasasvini Bodda from Tipu Sultan House was adjudged the Best Speaker.



DECLAMATION

“The soundest argument will produce no more conviction in an empty head than the most superficial declamation.”

It's not easy giving a speech while fifty pairs of eyes stare at you just waiting for you to mess up. Our participants pushed through the boundaries of fear, insecurity and nervousness to deliver the speeches of the famous men in the world.

Despite the nervousness they expressed before the competition, all contestants did a commendable job of presenting their speeches with elan. The second place was bagged by Satvika of the Mahatma Gandhi House and the first place was won by Samvitha, also of the Mahatma Gandhi House.



PAPER AIRPLANE

This event awakened the child in the students of DIS. It was sure heart-warming to watch high schoolers frolicking around the gems of their childhood- paper planes. Each house set forth four of their best aircraftsmen as they were pitted against one another in the paper airplane making competition. This competition was taken very seriously by Deccanites who intricately designed their planes to attain flight at its full capacity. The plane which flew the farthest distance was crowned the winner. Tipu Sultan's very own Anish K Mohan from AS level emerged as the victor, barely overtaking Pranav from Lord Mountbatten house, who came second.

CHESS

“In the footsteps of Viswanathan Anand “

With a calm and composed demeanour, they let their brains do the talking. This ancient and historical game was revisited by Deccanites when they took to the war field against each other. After two selection rounds, twelve contestants made it to the finals.

Finally, after an electrifying battle between Kishore and Hemanth, it was the latter from Mahatma Gandhi House who gained an upper hand, toppled Kishore’s king and won the final round.



A photograph of several students sitting at a table in a classroom or hall. One student in the foreground is wearing a dark suit and a red bow tie. Another student next to him is wearing a light blue shirt and glasses. The background shows other students and a plain wall.

QUIZ

"Knowledge to a man is like water to a fish".

The quiz competition of DIS had students thinking on their feet and almost jumping off their seats. One of the biggest events of Vibrance, the quiz was the last competition, but certainly not the least. There were four teams, one from each house, with its members selected through a preliminary round. Our respected alumni, Karthik, Harishankar, and Vignesh, came back to school and were our quizmasters for the day. In the end, Mahatma Gandhi House secured the first place closely followed by Tipu Sultan House who secured the second position.

A group of four students are gathered around a green table, looking at a document or map. One student is wearing a grey jacket over a red shirt, another is in a red shirt, and a girl is wearing glasses and a red shirt. They appear to be in a school setting with yellow doors in the background.

AMAZING RACE

The amazing race was the penultimate event. As the students stood in front of Radha ma'am, their hands shook with excitement of what was to follow. The first clue was read out and they were off. The amazing race, true to its name, is a treasure hunt covering the main building of our school. Teams of four, scurried about frantically looking for clues under desks, on walls and even behind the office desk. It was a race requiring students to think on their feet, both literally, and metaphorically. The race ended with the last clue and every single participant had fun regardless of having won or not. Tipu Sultan House's team consisting of Aniruddha Halebid, Anish P Baldota, Anish K and Bharath P finished first and were declared the winners of the competition.

WRAP UP

“All good things must come to an end”

After four long days and months of intense preparation, Vibrance 2019 finally came to an end. The whole of the senior school body had come together, filling up the school grounds in varying shades. The agenda for the day demanded nothing short of fun and entertainment. The wrap up began with some breath-taking performances on the song, ***Shallow*** from the critically acclaimed movie, *A Star is Born* by Sakshi S and Pranav B of A Level; quickly followed by the interjection of Aniruddha H's kahooin; the musical saga continued with the hit single, *Thunderstruck* by the Metal and Rock band AC/DC. The highlight of the wrap up was the dancing trio- Shraddha G, Avantika G and Ridhima M who took over the stage with their whirlwind fusion dance performance of Indian and Western styles. The icing on the cake was the lunch which was arranged by the tuck shop run completely by the high schoolers.



SOLO SINGING

Singing is an art form, with each note and beat to be executed with utmost care. Our participants didn't disappoint us. With the theme being patriotic film songs, the larks of DIS, sang with the minds and hearts of the composers. With impeccable performances, young singers did justice to these well-known classics of Indian film.

The first prize was scored by Nidhishree from Rani Lakshmibai House; second prize was awarded to Sakshi Sathvik from Tipu Sultan House; third prize went to Vaibhav of the Mahatma Gandhi House and the consolation prize was awarded to Anubha of the Tipu Sultan House.



STAGE TO PAGE

Written by Meghana M

“Writing well means never having to say, ‘I guess you had to be there’.”

After the tiring events of Vibrance 2019, while most of the participants were getting some rest, the participants of Stage to Page strived tirelessly to write, edit and collate articles and pictures for the Press Competition of Vibrance 2019.

These prime reporters worked diligently to meet the deadline presented to them while coordinating with their Press Team and ensuring that their work was nothing short of perfection.

Vibrance 2019 was an extremely fast paced event without a single chance of allowing people to step back, relax and appreciate the wonderful opportunity presented to them. An event like Stage to Page, that would normally be considered tedious, by most people allowed participants to reflect and appreciate each event even more than they previously did. Scrolling through photographs, proofreading the articles, interviewing the participants and refreshing their memory about the competition they took part in; this competition invariably ensured that Vibrance 2019 would remain in people's minds as an integral part of their school life.

The event of Stage to Page was won by the Tipu Sultan House for their content and style of writing while the students from Mahatma Gandhi House were the runners-up.

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