



A peep into the activities of the month

5th Edition of Sunbeam Lahartara Critical Thinking Round Table

“Every experience in your life is being orchestrated to teach you something you need to know to move forward.” -Brian Tracy

On 2nd to 4th February 2022, the Fifth Edition of the Critical Thinking Round Table was hosted by Sunbeam School, Lahartara. The event witnessed participation from over 50 schools from all over the Indian Peninsula and had the participation of over 200 students. There was a total of 8 events which were : Multi Format English Debates, General Quiz, Creative Writing, Shakespeareana: English Experimental Short Radio Play Enactment, Imagescape: A Visual Art Exploration, Multi-Disciplinary Kinetic Art Installation Competition, Telling The Tale : A Storytelling Journey, Sensorium: Museum of Material and Tactile Senses Challenge. Sixteen RKKians - Amishi Shukla, Hemangini Bhati, Hiya Dave, Kamakshi Soni, Kimaya Parihar, Jhanvi Khatri, Preksha Purohit, Akshata Acharya, Anvi Mehta, Kirti Kanwar Bhati, Kanishka Godara, Lauren, Naavya Rathi, Pankhuri Sharma, Manasvi Salecha and Mumal Deora with their Teacher Incharges – Ms Niharika Banerjee, Ms Asha Vikas Bajpai, Mr Kamlesh Kumar, Mrs Reshma Bhattacharjee, Mr Yatheesh Kasargod, Mr Manoj Kumar Sandhaand Mrs Manju Singh participated with the best of their capabilities. **Three teams of RKK won awards in a sea of other participating schools -**

Team - Imagescape : A Visual Art Exploration bagged the 2nd Position.

Team - Shakespeareana : English Experimental Short Radio Play Enactment won the ‘Critics Choice Award’.

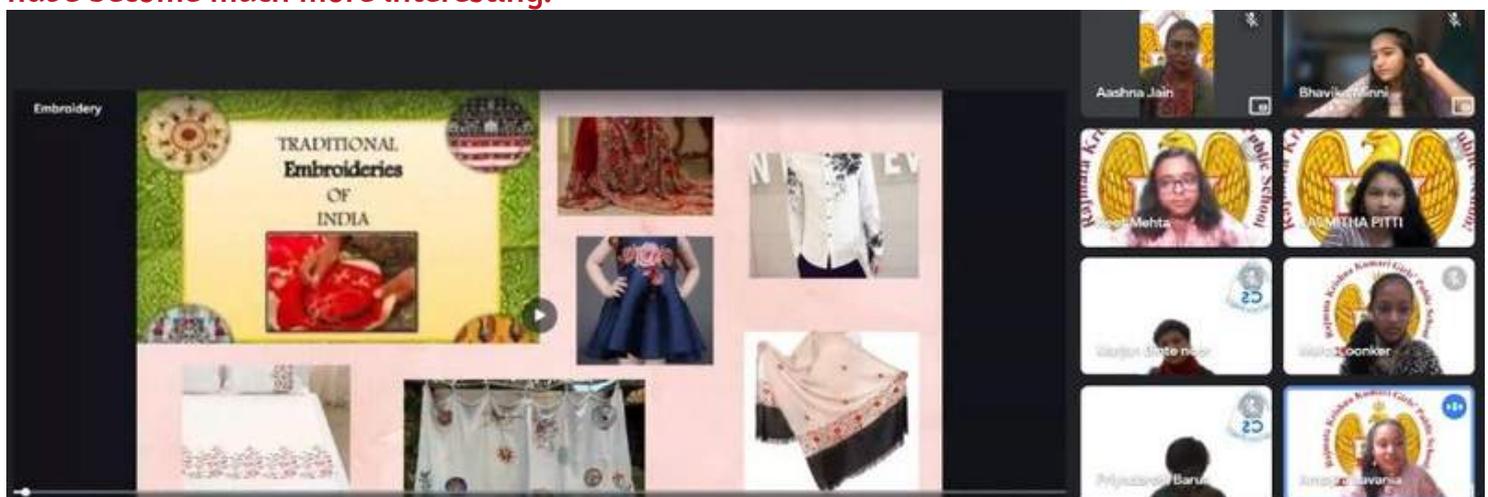
Team - Multi-Disciplinary Kinetic Art Installation won the 3rd Prize.



International Virtual Class Exchange Program with CGS

“Life is not about winning or losing...It's all about the participation, experience & the lesson we learn from it.”

The Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, Jodhpur studying in Class VII are very beholden for being provided with the opportunity to interact with the students of Chittagong Grammar School, Bangladesh, We met on virtually **3rd February 2022**, in which we exchanged our culture, heritage, history, cuisine, music, attire and a lot more of both India and Bangladesh. So we began with our age-old tradition 'Ganesh Vandana' where two of our teammates put on in the classical form. In a homogeneous manner, an introduction about highlights of their country was shown. Just to add a tinch of humor, we opened the platform with a fun-loving ice-breaking activity that was relished by all. The ground was all set to begin sharing about our Art related to 'Mandala' -made in such a form that represents a spiritual journey followed by describing them our royal heritage of countless embroideries practiced in different parts of the country in which knitting Bangladesh's flag was adored by our friends from the other side of the border. Then we presented an art 'Rangoli' resembling our life in which right dots were connected to make it perfect. Fellow friends also expanded our knowledge by telling us about their glorious monument in which first time we came to know about their Taj Mahal too. A fact we came across is that we share a lot in common when it comes to clothing and yes mentioning their famous 'Jamdani Saree' which was eye-catching for all of us. They offered us to taste their most famous national dish 'Hilsa Fish' whenever we visit them next and why wouldn't we accept the invitation. Coming next in the row was staging full of dance, music, and singing whether it was the Indian instruments or a song in the Bangla language. Last but not least a live violin recital which left all stunned and that was the most amusing part of the conference. Our bag was still not empty as we grabbed their attention towards the glare of our colorful festivities and a lot of unexplored facts about India. A conference in real that removed the barriers of knowledge between all of us and after visualizing their piece of culture the experience was mesmerizing. Till date whatever we know about Bangladesh was just in books, papers, or journals but this conference provided a platform to know more about each other, especially the music which they presented. This cultural program brought our, students, to interrelate with each other and learn a lot about each other's country. Today with the new and emerging communication technologies and increased globalization, cultural exchange programs have become much more interesting.



“History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul” -Lord Acton

A Virtual Conference on Zoom for Class XI and XII was held on **4th February 2022** from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm IST, hosted by Ahmedabad University for conversing on the topic “Invitation to History”, a talk about the relevance and significance of History as a method. The speakers in the conference included Historians and faculty from Harvard University, Ahmedabad University of Texas Austin, UC Berkeley, Columbia and Leiden University. They opened up about their perception on History as a discipline and their definition towards it. They were truly inspiring, cheerful and set a very comfortable environment in the conference. An eminent historian E. H. Carr once described history as a laboratory of all social sciences. He also defined history as a continuous dialogue between the past and the present. These characterizations of History are some the themes that were reflected upon. The idea was to demonstrate the myriad possibilities with a grounding in the discipline of History as you seek to build independent careers across diverse fields as modern Indian citizens. The students of Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls’ Public School enthusiastically participated. This amazing opportunity, truly so beneficial, unfolded a number of career options before them which they can choose in History. The session surely left them enlightened and satisfied their curiosities.

Palmer Trinity School, USA
(RS Zoom Postcard)

“Learning how cryptocurrency works is like learning a new language. It is incredibly difficult at the beginning, but once it clicks it will stick with you forever.”

On **9th February 2022** a team of 6 students comprising *Shreya Maloo, Satakshi Sati, Avantika Mishra, Sonali Kanwar, Aarushi Malu & Bhavi Kumbhat* with their Teacher Incharge *Mrs Swati Chauhan* participated in the RS Postcard from Palmer Trinity School, USA. The theme of the conference was **"Is Crypto the Future of Currency?"**. The event started with dynamic Keynote Speaker of the event who showed some informative videos and spoke about the importance of Cryptocurrency in detail. Participants were asked to design their own postcards that best defined the theme. Main takeaways from the conference were discussed in the epilogue of the meeting, leaving the audience enhanced and captivated. This event enhanced the knowledge of the delegates about Cryptocurrency. It was an amazing learning experience which made the statement true that - “The more you dig deeper into crypto the more you will discover you know little about so many things in life. Keep learning and never stop!”



National Level Geography Quiz was held by Maa Anandmayee School, Raiwala Haridwar, Uttarakhand, a member school of AFS for students of grade VI to VIII on **16th February 2022**. Aditi Maheshwari - VII, Adwitiya Saxena - VII, Piya Salecha - VIII, Pari Salecha - VIII from Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School participated in the event. The quiz consisted of 2 rounds, Preliminary and Mains. It was basically about food culture and national heritage of 7 continents. Pari Salecha and Piya Salecha qualified for the final round and bagged 3rd Position. It was indeed an enriching experience for students giving them ample of opportunities to become confident scholars.



Tree Plantation Drive at RKK

Nature is God's beautiful creation- In order to stay connected with the roots and know the responsibility towards protecting our "Mother Nature" a Tree plantation drive was carried out by the members of Interact Club of RKK Jodhpur on **16th February 2022**. Saplings were planted in the school campus and each club member took responsibility to adopt one plant. Such small steps taken with the positive outcomes will surely contribute in keeping the surrounding safe and healthy.



St Cyprian's School, Cape Town, South Africa (RS Zoom Postcard)

To know the true reality of yourself, you must be aware not only of your conscious thoughts, but also of your unconscious prejudices, bias and habits.

On **16th February 2022**, a memorable RS Zoom Postcard was organised by **St Cyprian's School, Cape Town, South Africa**. This event was 90 minutes long and was held on Zoom. In this mega event, many schools from all over the world took part. A team of 6 students comprising - *Bhavi Kumbhat, Surbhi Udawat, Sonali Kanwar, Kritika Gill, Gunraj Singh Chouhan and Doyal Khandelwal* with their Teacher Incharge *Ms Mukta Singh* represented RKK. The theme of the conference was **"Understanding Unconscious Bias"**. The postcard call was very insightful and informative. Students were given a pre – conference task and asked to prepare a postcard on the theme.

The Keynote Speaker highlighted the points that unconscious bias is our brain's way of creating shortcuts to make sense of the world. However, these shortcuts are often based on incomplete or untrue information. The event started with the host asking some questions, like - 'How has unconscious bias affected you in a negative way?' 'Do you believe unconscious bias can be a good thing and if yes, then how?' 'Have you ever been stereotyped and how does it feel?' Later, students were divided into breakout rooms where they had a very interactive discussion on the topic. There was an amazing and enriching Barraza session where all the participants shared their views and gained an impressive learning experience. Participation with full zeal and enthusiasm gave them a bag full of knowledge. The students really enjoyed a lot and dispersed with a sincere hope that such events organised time and again would be giving the students a chance to learn.



Annual Science Exhibition 2022 - Collaboration

“Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things.”

On **18th February 2022**, The British School, New Delhi gave the Round Square schools a chance to innovate, invent and explore through the **Annual Science Exhibition 2022 – ‘Explora’**. The seminar was based on the theme of exploring the role of science in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The event gave an opportunity to learn more about the Sustainable Goals of the United Nations which is a collection of 17 interlinked Global Goals designed to be a “Blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”. Students were expected to apply scientific methods in suggesting solutions or solving problems to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

The event was witnessed by 15 Round Square Schools across national and international communities. The young scientists across middle years presented their findings and models. All the models made by different teams were displayed on 18th February in the form of a video. The 4 INNO ~ WAVE ~ TORS of Team RKK comprised Pari Salecha, Piya Salecha, Adwitiya Saxena and Reet Mehta with their Teacher Incharge – Ms Perminder Meena. The team chose the ‘7th – Affordable and Clean Energy’ and the ‘9th – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure’ SDG and planned to find solutions and solving problems to meet the above two goals. They realised that as the world is moving away from its reliance on non – renewable energy sources, new and innovative ways for energy generation can be discovered which will have a minimal impact on the surrounding environments and communities. In their project, INNO ~ WAVE ~ TION they proposed a technology that can capture energy from waves and tides and created an ocean bed with a lighthouse standing tall on its right side and surrounded by several tidal turbines. On the left side was displayed a scale model and a working model of tidal turbine that supported the explanation. Team RKK explained the construction and working of the model in detail and presented a plethora of advantages that make this technology unique. It was an incredible journey since the commencement of the event witnessed an engrossing, fulfilling and blazing evening of bright minds sharing their scientific innovations. The event proved to be very informative and knowledge enriching. The competition provided yet another wonderful opportunity to the students of Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls’ School to represent their school on a global platform, thereby expanding their knowledge, helping them to explore new skills and seek opportunities to excel beyond academics.

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Explora - Annual Science Exhibition 2022

(Role of Science in achieving Sustainable Development Goals)



Awareness Programme on COTPA- 2003

“Life’s vibrant hues are too beautiful and precious to be distorted by smoke of cigarettes.”

Keeping in mind that Smoking and chewing Tobacco are slow poison that brings death in installments. Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls’ Public School, Jodhpur conducted an **Awareness Programme regarding COTPA 2003** for the Support Staff of the school on **18th February 2022**. The school campus witnessed the presence of the elite members of Chief Medical Health Office, Jodhpur. The staff was educated about the year of its launch, its legal relevance, the act and Clause 5-A & B, 6 A & B and 23 that deals with Crimes related to selling, advertisement, purchasing and usage of Tobacco. The staff was also enlightened about the consequences of breaking the laws of COTPA, which would be counted as contempt of court. They were told about the amendments made in the act of 2003 in 2011. The programme ended with an interaction session. The objective of the programme was to make every member aware about the harmful effects of Smoking and chewing Tobacco. It was an enriching session that was successful in leaving the message that a healthy body helps an individual to maintain good life, a happy family and a responsible citizen of a developing country.



Service Before Self

"To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy, a whole heart and a free mind." ~ Pearl S. Buck

Inspired by the IDEALS of Round Square in collaboration with Rotary Club of Shivangi, Jodhpur, Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School proudly hosted a cultural event, **'Miles of Smiles' : 'Muskurahat Ka Safar'**, filled with lot of fun activities for the children associated with Rotary Thalassemia Day Care Centre, Jodhpur, on **23rd February 2022**. It was possible under the effective and dynamic initiative taken by Mrs Neera Singh, Principal, RKKGPS, Jodhpur. The event began with a mesmerizing welcome performance given by the school students, Tanishtha Rajui (5C), Kaira Tomar (3A), Panini Kasargod (2A) and Samaira Tomar (1A), teachers - Ms Piyushree Shukla and Ms Daksha Singh. The event was organized under the able guidance of Mrs Indra Shaktawat, Dean of Activities and Mr Yateesh Kasargod, Head of Department of Arts. Mr Vimal Verma and Ms Aashna Jain hosted the event. Many esteemed members associated with the Rotary Club including Mr Vinod Bhatia, Chairman, Rotary Blood Bank, Mr Surendra Bhargava, Secretary Rotary Blood Bank, Mr Sanjay Malviya, District Governor of Rotary Club Jodhpur, Mrs Rajshree Choudhary, Assistant Governor of Rotary Club, Mr Lavender Singh Rathore, Assistant Governor, Rotary Club, Mrs Rita Goyal, President of Rotary Club Shivangi, Mrs Rekha Jain, Secretary of Rotary Club Shivangi, Mrs Manisha Malviya, Program Coordinator, Dr Rahul Bhandari, MO In-charge of Rotary Blood Bank and Ms Bhavana, Coordinator, Rotary Thalassemia Day Care Centre, became an active and crucial part of the social event. Members of Rotary Club Shivangi felicitated Mrs Neera Singh, Principal, Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School and all the other associated esteemed members. Mr Sanjay Malviya, District Governor of Rotary Club, Jodhpur, addressed the gathering and encouraged everyone with his kind and wise words. Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School has always believed in making a difference and bringing joy to everyone in every way possible. Therefore, the event **"Miles of Smiles: Muskurahat ka Safar"** was planned to give each kid a reason to smile and celebrate life. On this happy occasion, the Royal Family also sent their heart-warming message for the thalassemic children and their parents. The event was filled with wonderfully designed activities beginning from 'Masti ki Basti'- Sport fun-filled games, 'Artshala'- Smiles on Canvas art, 'Talaash-e-hunar'-Talent Hunt which was enjoyed by everyone. All of the children along with their parents participated and enjoyed each activity jovially. Every child was awarded and facilitated by a token of appreciation for each activity. Dr Pramod Sharma and Dr Vikas Katewa also joined the program from the Pediatrics Department of Umaid Hospital. The event ended with an informative address for parents by Dr Namita Bhandari, Dietician & Nutritionist, which was followed by a delicious lunch treat arranged by the school for everyone. The joy that children felt after the conclusion of the program could be witnessed from the glow and huge smiles they had on their faces. Link of program video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBINLjMHmk&t=12s>



Transylvania College, Romania (RS Zoom Postcard)

The Round Square Zoom Postcard on the theme - 'Can you make an impact even if you are young' was hosted by **Transylvania College, Romania** on **23rd February 2022** from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. More than 100 delegates from all over the world participated in the call. The Guest Speaker of the session, 'Erik Birinyi' was a treat to listen. It was a great pleasure to attend this delightful postcard call which started with a little interaction by the host school. Five students of RKK - *Suhani Birla, Sunehari Birla, Aditi Shekhawat, Priyal Jain, Kulgaurvi Chouhan* with their Teacher Incharge, *Mrs Reema Rathore* participated with full enthusiasm and an unbeatable zeal. It was an interesting and knowledgeable session to learn and to discuss on the topic, liked by all. Everyone in their respective breakout rooms presented and shared their PPT, videos and views about the theme. After having a fruitful discussion, all moved back to the main session to share their responses with everyone. The event ended extremely well, appreciating everyone's thoughts about the importance of how you leave an impact on others.

The programme today:

1. Welcome to Transylvania College
2. Guest speaker: Erik Birinyi - Transylvania College Alumni
3. School presentations
4. Barazza groups
5. Feedback session

Transylvania Colleg

Transylvania College is an International private school located in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

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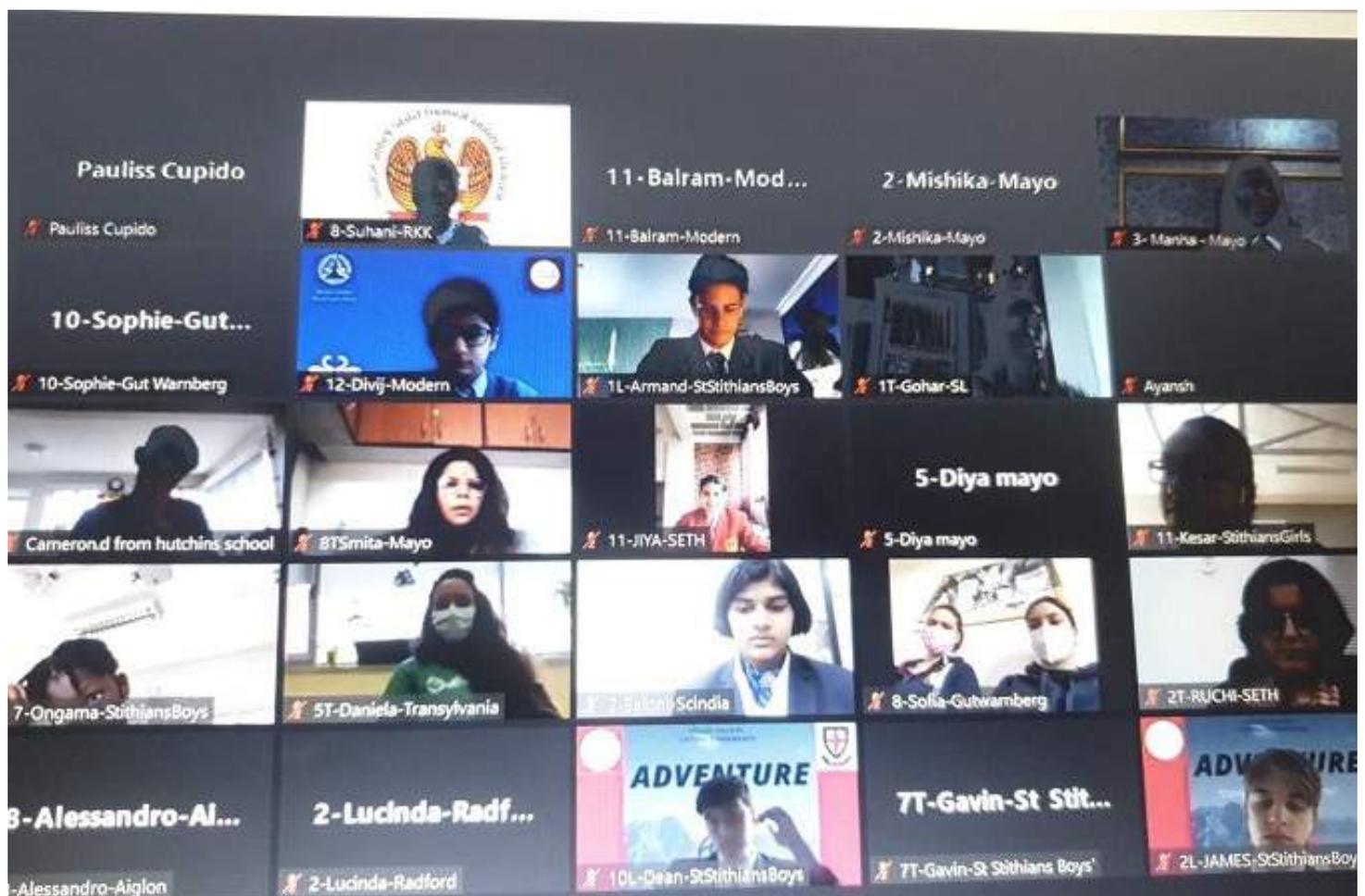
Transylvania College was founded in 1993 by Simona Baciu and Dr. Dan Baciu which at first was a kindergarten under the name "Happy Kids". In 2013 Ruxandra Mercea, Simona's daughter was assigned to run the school.

Our school has been part of Round Square since 2013 and has hosted two regional conferences.

St. Stithians Boys' College, South Africa (RS Virtual Conference)

On 24th February 2022, Round Square Virtual Conference was organised by St. Stithians Boys' College, South Africa. The event was very fascinating, delightful with its topic being '**Adventure and conquering great heights**'. The participants from RKK were *Aleena Khan, Shreshtha Chopra, Riddhi Rao, Kulgaurvi Chouhan, Sunehari Birla, Suhani Birla* with their Teacher Incharge – Mrs Sanju Kalra. RKKians learnt many new things and activities during the conference and enjoyed it to their fullest. It enhanced their confidence and communication skills with others. The event started with an inspiring speech by the Guest Speaker, Mr. Louis Carsten, a mountaineer followed by an interactive Baraza session. After a short break another Guest Speaker, Mr. Paul Cupido motivated the students by sharing his exciting adventures.

Overall, the event was full of joy and excitement in which the participants implied their imagination, creativity and learnt about the skills required to accomplish them, some leadership lessons and about the six pillars of Round Square.



The Doon School, Dehradun (Virtual Symposium)

On 25th February 2022, a team of five students comprising *Surbhi Udawat, Zeal Gogar, Minakshi Soni, Aarushi Malu* and *Hamisha Udhani* with their Teacher Incharge *Mrs Kavita Sharma* participated in the Virtual Symposium organised by The Doon School, Dehradun on the theme, **'Sustainability – Envisioning a Thriving Global Community.'** The event started by the Keynote Speaker sharing his thoughts about sustainability. This was followed by the two Barraza sessions in which there was fiery discussion about sustainability goals. In between the two sessions, there was a student-led panel discussion on 'The importance of sustainability in today's rapidly changing society'. Finally, there was a resolution statement by one student from each barazza room. It was a wonderful session that enhanced knowledge of the participants. Overall, the event was very informative. The participants implied their imagination and creativity to the fullest.



Free Distribution of Sanitary Napkins (Service endeavor under Round Square)

Production of Sanitary napkins continues by RKK, keeping in mind, the sense of service with full devotion displayed by the ladies working under **Project Prayaas** at 10, 'Hanwant Vihar' Rai Ka Bagh, Jodhpur. A dedicated team accomplished to reach out to **Government Senior Secondary School, Jhanwar** on **26th February 2022**, conducted menstrual health and hygiene session for girls of Classes IX and XI and distributed approx. 100 Sanitary Napkins.

It would have not been possible without support of His Highness Maharaja Hanwant Charitable Trust, which runs this project in collaboration with Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School to face the challenges and empower the girls and ladies in present scenario.



Global Tipping Point Summit (GTPS 2022)

GTPS aims to design a joy filled educational framework to help early learners develop 21st century skills, based on UNESCO's Pillars of Learning. RKK Deans and more than 30 teachers joined this wonderful **GTPS - 4 days' sessions** on **19th, 20th, 26th & 27th February 2022** organized for Principals, Teachers, Policy Makers, authorities of the various Education Board, Parents, Caregivers, Counsellors, Librarians and all who are interested in Education.

Day – 1 (19th February 2022) : On Saturday from 3.30 pm to 4:00 pm inauguration ceremony was organized under the guidance of Dr Coomi S. Vevana and many great personalities and chairpersons. There were important sessions from 4 pm to 7 pm and many topics were discussed like : ***Today's children, tomorrow's adults : Re-thinking our approach to Education, 21st Century Skills for leaders and Changing the Assessment system to Transform Education.***

Day – 2 (20th February 2022) : On Sunday from 4.00 pm to 7:00 pm different Topics like Education through Nature, Education through Arts, Education through Sports, Digital Pedagogy and Gamification were deliberated upon.

Day – 3 (26th February 2022) : On Saturday from 4.00 pm to 7:00 pm, the topics discussed were : ***Active, Sensorial, Play based learning, Inclusive Education – I : Social Justice Issues- Gender, Ethnicity, Class, Caste etc. Inclusive Education – II : Differently abled learners and Social Emotional Ethical Learning and Mindfulness.***

Day – 4 (27th February 2022) : On Sunday from 4.00 pm to 7:00 pm, the final day concluded with discussion on following topics : Civic sense and sustainable Development Goals., Readers will be leaders. , and Preparing Teachers and Parents for Personalized Education for Global citizenship (PEGC).

At the end of the sessions there was an Open House and way forward discussions on how a truly child – centric educational framework for the foundational years can be collaboratively created. It was a great learning platform for the educators to upgrade themselves with the new approach and thinking.



The Shri Ram School, Aravali (Virtual Collaboration)

In order to bring out the scientific temperament in students and to develop an aptitude of scientific inquiry that will help them to face unprecedented problems in life, a virtual event was organised by **The Shri Ram School, Aravali (Junior)** on **28th February 2022**, the **India's National Science Day 2022**. *Aaditri Bhatacherjee, Lavanya Singh Deora and Aadya Deedwania* participated from RKK with their Teacher- Incharge *Mrs Suman Rathore* and were successful in displaying a laudable presentation. The event was divided into two sessions. Session - I began with a wonderful and energetic keynote speech by Dr. Dhriti Banerjee (Director, Zoological Survey of India). The Keynote Speaker explained the relationship between environment and human beings with the help of her wonderful presentation followed by Question and Answer round. An inspiration for all the participants, she answered their queries with a lot of patience and calmness. She made them understand that the climate change is a silent pandemic. Everyone must do his or her bit to save the environment. After this energetic session, delegates entered into their Barazza session breakout rooms with their teachers and had a lot of fun activities. To break the ice, they first introduced themselves. A small break was given and then Session II started which began with presentation from different schools such as The British School, Him Academy, Emerald Heights International School, Indore and Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School Jodhpur etc. Topics taken by them were Food Adulteration, Solar Car, Rainwater Harvesting, Good Bacteria, Bad Bacteria and many more... Projects taken by schools were innovative and gave the representatives from different schools a food for thought. RKK's presentation was on 'Food Adulteration'. To investigate it three experiments in lab were done, the results were noted down and presented in different forms.



The Saga Continues...

