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‘ ONE WHO HAS INTELLIGENCE HAS TRUE POWER ’

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Introduction

As the academic session draws to a close, March 2025 emerged as a month brimming with vibrant activities, distinguished visits, and remarkable achievements. The cadets of Sainik School Ghorakhal participated in a range of events that not only enriched their academic and co-curricular experience but also contributed to their holistic development. From educational visits and competitions to inspiring guest lectures and milestone celebrations, every occasion added a new feather to the school's illustrious cap. The collective efforts of the administration staff, cadets, and alumni continue to bring pride and glory to the institution.

Painting Competition on World Wildlife Day - 2025

On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, a painting competition was organised by GB Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital, on 3rd March 2025. Around 130 students from various schools participated in the event. Representing Sainik School Ghorakhal, 37 cadets (21 boys and 16 girls) from Classes VI to X showcased their artistic talents in different groups. They were accompanied by Mr DP Naik (TGT, Art) and Ms Meenakshi (PTI). The cadets also took part in an Oath-Taking Ceremony for the prevention of forest fires, highlighting their commitment towards environmental conservation.





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Motivational Visit by Lt Col Praveen Kumar Tiwari

On 5th March 2025, Sainik School Ghorakhal had the privilege of welcoming one of its proud alumni, Lt Col Praveen Kumar Tiwari, a distinguished officer from the 2007 batch, who is currently serving as the Adjutant at the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla.

Lt Col Tiwari was warmly received by the school community, and his visit served as a source of immense motivation and pride for the cadets. Addressing the cadets of Classes IX to XII, he delivered an inspiring lecture that emphasized the importance of discipline, perseverance, and dedication in achieving goals, particularly in the field of defence services. The interactive session that followed allowed cadets to engage with him directly, asking questions about military careers, NDA preparation, and leadership in uniform.



Homecoming of 1975 Batch - Old Boys' Visit

On 9th March 2025, Sainik School Ghorakhal had the pleasure of welcoming 19 esteemed members of the 1975 pass-out batch as part of the Old Boys' visit. The alumni were warmly received as they returned to their cherished alma mater, reconnecting with the campus that shaped their formative years.

The visit began with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the school memorial, where the proud alumni paid heartfelt tribute to the brave martyrs. Their presence not only rekindled cherished memories but also served as a source of inspiration for the current generation of cadets, reinforcing the strong bond between the past and present of Sainik School Ghorakhal.





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Celebration of Holika Dahan

'Holika Dahan', the sacred ritual that precedes 'Holi', the festival of colours was celebrated with traditional fervour and joy at Sainik School Ghorakhal on 13th March 2025. The celebration began with a prayer (pooja) ceremony conducted in a serene and spiritual atmosphere, symbolizing the victory of good over evil.

Cadets, staff members, and their families gathered together for the occasion, fostering a sense of community and cultural unity. The ritual bonfire of Holika Dahan was lit by Gp Capt VS Dangwal, Principal along with the School Captain amidst chants and prayers, followed by moments of reflection and togetherness



Visit by Air Marshal Philip Thomas, AVSM, VM

Air Marshal Philip Thomas, AVSM, VM graced the campus with his visit on 15th March 2025. He addressed the cadets, emphasizing values like discipline, leadership, and dedication—essential traits for aspiring armed forces officers. He also felicitated cadets for their outstanding achievements.





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Visit of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth

On 16th March 2025, Sainik School Ghorakhal was privileged to host the Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Sanjay Seth. The Minister was given a ceremonial welcome and taken on a guided tour of the campus, during which he inspected the school's infrastructure and expressed appreciation for its well-maintained facilities and high standards of discipline.

During his interaction with the cadets and staff, Shri Sanjay Seth delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the importance of dedication, perseverance, and integrity in personal and national development. The Hon'ble Minister also emphasized the government's vision of making India a Developed Nation by 2047 and urged the young cadets to contribute meaningfully to this national mission.



Annual and Board Examinations - Academic Year 2024-25

The academic rigor of the session was reflected in the successful conduct of both annual and board examinations. The Annual Examinations for Classes VI to VIII were held from 8th to 20th March 2025, ensuring a comprehensive assessment of students' academic progress. The Class X Board Examinations (AISSE), which began on 15th February, concluded on 10th March 2025. Meanwhile, the Class XII Board Examinations (AISSCE) commenced on 21st February and concluded on 29th March 2025. Additionally, the examinations for Classes IX and XI began on 24th February and concluded smoothly in March 2025. These examinations marked a significant academic milestone, reinforcing the school's commitment to academic excellence and discipline.



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60th School Raising Day Celebration

Sainik School Ghorakhal joyously celebrated its 60th Raising Day on 21st March 2025, marking six decades of excellence in nurturing future leaders of the nation. The day began with a special assembly that reflected the glorious legacy and achievements of the institution. The Principal addressed the gathering, paying tribute to the founding visionaries and acknowledging the contributions of faculty, staff, alumni, and cadets over the years. Cadets participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing cultural performances and sharing anecdotes from the school's illustrious journey. The spirit of unity and pride was palpable across the campus. To mark the special occasion, sweets were distributed among all cadets and staff, adding a touch of warmth and celebration to the memorable day.



Educational Visit to Air Force Station (LKT), Bhowali

On 21st March 2025, 55 cadets of Class XII, accompanied by Mr Arpan Sinha (PGT Biology) and Mr Mudit Bisht (TGT English), visited Air Force Station (LKT), Bhowali. The cadets witnessed the landing of a Chinook aircraft and attended an informative session on satellite communication and the radar systems used at the Air Force Station, Bhowali.



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Distinguished Alumnus Mr VK Rai Visits the School

Mr VK Rai, a distinguished alumnus, Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India), and a Chartered Engineer, visited the campus on 22nd March 2025. He gave a comprehensive presentation on the Indian Navy, covering topics like the entry process, career opportunities and government initiatives. His session served as a great inspiration to the cadets.



Seminar on Personality Development

A Personality Development Seminar was held on 26th March 2025, conducted by Mr Varun Pande and Ms Jasmin Bisht. Students from Classes VI to XI participated enthusiastically in sessions covering AI and its effects, theatre and drama, communication skills and career counselling. The students who actively participated in the activities were facilitated with gifts to encourage them.

Workshop on Effective Communication

On 28th March 2025, the Extramarks team, led by Mr Vikrant Chaudhary, conducted an engaging workshop on Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication for cadets of Classes VI to XI. The interactive activities and demonstrations were highly beneficial in enhancing the verbal and non-verbal communication skills of the participants.





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Graduation Ceremony - Class XII (Batch 2024-25)

The Graduation Ceremony for Class XII was held with grandeur and reverence on 29th March 2025, marking a momentous milestone in the academic journey of the outgoing batch. The event celebrated the accomplishments, growth, and transformation of the cadets as they prepared to step into the next phase of their lives. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Mr. Ajay Tamta, Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways, who served as the Chief Guest.

In his inspiring address, the Hon'ble Minister lauded the school for its exceptional contribution to the nation by shaping disciplined and dedicated future leaders. He encouraged the graduating cadets to uphold the values instilled in them and contribute meaningfully to society and the nation. During his visit, he inaugurated the newly renovated school kitchen, enhancing the school's infrastructure to better serve the cadets and staff.

A symbolic cake-cutting ceremony was held in his presence to mark the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee Year of Sainik School Ghorakhal, celebrating 60 glorious years of excellence. Adding to the significance of the day, the school magazine 'The Pines - 2024-25' was officially released, encapsulating the achievements, events, and creative expressions of the cadets throughout the year. The event was filled with pride, emotion, and hope, as the cadets bid farewell to their alma mater with heads held high and dreams in their eyes.





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Conclusion

The month of March stood as a testament to Sainik School Ghorakhal's commitment to excellence and all-round development. With academic assessments, inspirational guest visits, creative expression, and leadership-building events, the cadets were exposed to numerous opportunities that enhanced their character, confidence, and capabilities. As we conclude this fruitful academic session, we look ahead with pride and renewed determination to continue nurturing future leaders of the nation.