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## CDLS ISSUE-I



Our School recently hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of its Annual International Youth Summit, titled the Community Development and Leadership Summit (CDLS). This summit was based on the theme "The times, they are a changing."

A week of cultural blending and social bonding commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 with the arrival of the enthusiastic delegates. The event witnessed the participation of 350 delegates from 21 different schools and 15 countries from across the globe turning the school premises into a global village.

The key objective for organizing the CDLS is to encourage mutual exchange of ideas among students from different parts of the globe.



## WELCOMING THE DELEGATES



First day of the CDLS began with a briefing session. Lunch at the school hostel gave our international guests their first experience of authentic Indian food. An Ice Breaking Session was organized in the Front lawns. It was a fun-filled session where the enthusiasm of the delegates was unparalleled. The session was a precursor to many new friendships and strong bonds amongst the visiting delegates and students of our school. In the evening, the delegates visited Rajghat, where they paid a tribute to the Father of Nation - Mahatma Gandhi. Modern School choir sang bhajans there. The delegates then went home with their host families.



**SUMMIT BRIEFING**



**ICE BREAKING ACTIVITIES**



**VISIT TO RAJGHAT**

**DAY ONE**

The first official day of CDLS began on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Dr Mohsin Wali former Honorary Physician to the President of India inaugurated the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the CDLS. He also addressed the delegates. His inspiring words left a deep impact on the audience.

This was followed by a panel discussion on “Leadership” and the theme “The times, they are a changing”. The panelists included eminent personalities such as Mr Pankaj Vohra, Mr Deepak Verma and Mr Ashwajit Singh. The discussion was moderated by our Principal Dr Vijay Datta. In the discussion speakers highlighted significant trends taking place in various fields across the globe. They also elaborated on the emerging challenges which the world is facing at present.



**PANEL DISCUSSION**





Next was a session conducted in order to stimulate the creativity of the delegates. Students from different countries were grouped together and allotted various activities like painting, ceramics, woodcraft and paper

technology. The creative minds were channelised into beautiful works of art which were exhibited for the admiration of guests. While the session was going on and the students were engrossed in their activities, the teachers were escorted to the M.N. Kapur hall to view 'My Space' - an exhibition of creative work.

## DAY TWO

The activities of the day were designed to ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are sensitive to the plight of less fortunate. The delegates were divided into four groups, each of which visited a different location. These included the Cheshire home, Blind School, Ozanam Old Age Home and Palna.

Palna is a place where abandoned children are taken care of. The delegates interacted with the pre-school kids . They played, sang and danced with them. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They then visited toddlers and children with various degrees of disabilities. A group of delegates visited the Blind School and enthusiastically entertained the residents.

A Visit to Ozanam was organised by Interact Club. Here delegates acquired deep insight into some of the bitter and disillusioned realities faced by the elderlies. The delegates enjoyed the interaction.

Next came the visit to Cheshire home, a haven for the physically and mentally challenged.



**DELEGATES AT OZANAM**

The delegates witnessed how the organisation provided the elderly with good care. The delegates returned to school as a more sensitised group, full of gratitude for those privileges that they often took for granted.

A day full of activities awaited them in school. Upon arriving they enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the hostel. After lunch, they proceeded to Shankar Lal Hall. The activities awaiting them ranged from upholding the 3Rs - Reuse, Reduce and Recycle by making models from waste materials like caps, CDs, plates, spoons etc. to sharing solutions for the Syrian refugee crisis with posters and slogans. At the end of an emotionally charged day, the delegates gained a unique insight into how people deal with the hardships of life.



## DAY THREE



The third day, popularly known as Tata Day, was a day of interactive workshops where delegates were divided into different groups to explore various aspects of this year's theme, 'The times they are a changing.' However, before that the



delegates were treated to an interaction with the eager S1 and S2 students. All the sections of S1 and S2 were given one country each. The delegates of the same country visited the respective classroom.

### INTERACTION WITH THE S1 AND S2

Modernites excitedly decorated their classrooms, planned activities and prepared skits. They interacted on topics such as culture, food, festivals etc.

After Lunch, delegates were taken to the Shankar Lal hall to enjoy interesting activities. Delegates were asked to give a word which defined their team the best. It was followed by asking delegates to pen down their definition of Leadership which resulted in many thoughtful definitions. In the next activity the young ambassadors traced the evolution of healthcare, communication, education, transport, fashion, entertainment, technology etc in a pictorial way. The activity aimed at making delegates think how we have gone ahead in various fields. They were also given the task of making a word cloud based on their experiences of CDLS and designing headgear for a 2050 themed party. After that delegates happily posed in the photo booth with attractive props. But the highlight of the day truly was when the delegates came together in a circle and celebrated their unity to the tune of Michael Jackson's 'We are the world.' The delegates ended the eventful day by proceeding to enjoy the hospitality of their host families.



### GLIMSES OF TATA DAY