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KC PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES ANNUAL FUNCTION 2021 IN VIRTUAL FORMAT

For the second year in succession, KC Public School organized its annual function 2021 in virtual format and streamed it on YouTube for the benefit of parents and invited guests on Sunday, Jan 9 at 7 PM. The premiere event was watched online by a large number of viewers.

The function began with a brief tour of the school and KC Sports Club. It was followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra and Headmistress Sofia Rana. Principal Mishra presented the annual school report with special emphasis on academic achievements and complimented the school teaching staff for their commitment and devotion to online teaching necessitated by Covid-19 pandemic ravaging the world for another year.

The first part of the cultural programme consisted of an inspirational song presented by the children of Junior School and a well-choreographed dance sequence highlighting the essence of Mother Mature and her elements like, water, soil, sky and flowers. A report on Round Square activities presented by RS Prefects highlighted participation of KCPS students and staff in numerous online conferences, seminars, meetings and collaborative projects hosted by Round Square schools from all over the world in another pandemic ridden year. The main item of the cultural programme was the enactment of Habib Tanvir's world-famous play 'Charandas' by the students of the senior school. The cast of the play included 3 children from 'Raunak' – a social work undertaking recently launched by students of KCPS for the welfare of children residing in hutments near school campus. Based on folklore of Chhattisgarh region of central India, the play underscores the virtue of truthfulness and honesty. The theatrical performance was followed by the felicitation of 2 school alumni Dr Sumedha Chaudhary and Ribhav Mittal who in their video messages expressed gratitude to their alma mater for shaping their careers and personalities. Next came the presentation of awards and certificates to alumni and present students of the school for their exceptional achievements in academics and community service. School Chairman Raju Chowdhary presented a cash award to Tanmay Gupta for topping the All India NEET examination 2021 and also presented the Round Square King Constantine Medal to Mishika Mittal for her remarkable contribution to community service.

In his address to the audience, Chairman Raju Chowdhary focused on the significance of drastic steps humanity has been taking to cope with a global calamity and put in a word of appreciation for the entire school team of teachers, administrative staff, support staff, parents and students for their ability to face the challenges with grit and determination. The function concluded with the National Anthem.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL FUNCTION 2021 IN PICTURES



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KC HOSTS FIRST EVER VIRTUAL MUN 2022

The first ever KC virtual Model United Nations (KCMUN) was held on 15th and 16th January 2022 hosted by Bhavyta Anand who served as the Secretary General and Vihaan Gupta who served as the Director General. 145 delegates from different schools of Jammu and other States participated in the Conference via zoom platform.

The Conference consisted of 5 committees:

1. United Nations Security Council 2. United Nations Human Rights Council 3. United Nations Commission on the Status of women 4. Economic and Social Council 5. Lok Sabha

The Conference dealt with a host of global issues which included the South China Sea Conflict, Human Rights of Prisoners of Wars, Gender Pay Gap with special emphasis on women working in stem fields, Deliberation on Elimination of Racial Discrimination with special emphasis on recent movements like Black Lives Matter and Discussing Secularism and the anti-conversion laws in India.

The Conference gave an opportunity to delegates to learn about diplomacy, international relations, policy making and public speaking. It helped them develop a deeper understanding of ongoing world issues and they used their diplomatic and strategic approaches to find solutions for such pressing issues. A few of the delegates were first timers who excelled with flying colours.

The Conference was graced by Mr Ritesh Kapoor who is the Chief Editor of the Daily Excel Express. He motivated the delegates with his words to move forward with a positive attitude and change the world in a better way for coming generations

Asechan Chib (Head of logistics), Ojas Kapur (Convener), Saumya' Kapur (Co-Convener), Archit Bhatia (OC Member), Paritasha Gupta (OC Member) and Maliha Sharma (OC Member) played a key role in managing the event and making it a huge success.





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VICE CHAIRMAN ARJUN CHOWDHARY & PRINCIPAL AK MISHRA RECEIVE EDUCATION WORLD'S RANK NUMBER ONE AWARD AT DELHI

For the second year in succession, KC Public School has been ranked as number one school in J&K in a survey conducted by the 'Education World' magazine for the year 2021-22 in the category of Coeducational Day-cum-Boarding Schools. Established in 1997, KCPS is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in 2022 as a CBSE affiliated Senior Secondary school with the distinction of being the only school in J&K as a global member of the Round Square Schools — a world-wide association of outstanding K-12 schools imparting education on the basis of principles and ideals of Kurt Hahn's educational ideology.

The school rank awards for north India were distributed in a glittering ceremony held at Hotel Leela Ambience, Gurugram. Arjun Chowdhary, Vice Chairman of KC Educational Society and AK Mishra, Principal of KCPS, received the School Rank Award from Dr. Sumer Singh, an eminent educationist, and the management of the Education World magazine.

Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KC Educational Society, expressed his gratitude to the teaching faculty of the school for their hard work and innovative teaching methodologies and to the parent community for reposing their trust in the school. He added that the award of School Rank number one by the Education World for the second year in succession has greatly enhanced the morale of KC Public School fraternity celebrating their Silver Jubilee in 2022.



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KCPS STUDENTS ORGANISE MARATHON RUN FOR ROUND SQUARE SERVICE PROJECT

On World Kindness Day on November 13 and on the Eve of the Children's Day 2021, students of KC Public School organized '*Maitri*', a Fund-raising Marathon, under the campaign 'Support for Tomorrow' to raise funds to buy blankets and pillows for the under-privileged children residing in a shelter home in Jammu which they were able to locate under the guidance of the 'Jahaan' NGO. Through this event, they aspire to contribute in making a kind and better world for those who deserve it.

KC Public School is a happy and value-creating school that invests deep faith in the holistic approach towards education. As the only school from J&K affiliated to the global Round Square forum of progressive schools, it believes in preparing students for life by inculcating in them the sense of service.

The run, which was organised in 3 distances, namely, 3 km, 5 km and 7 km received an overwhelming response with over 120 runners of different age-groups participating. The winners in various distance categories were later felicitated in the post-run ceremony. All participants were also presented with participation medals and certificates.

Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Sr. Assistant Professor at the University of Jammu and Coordinator of Gandhi Peace Foundation, Jammu Chapter, was the Chief Guest at the event. Mrs. Arti Choudhary, Managing Director of KC Public School, and Mr Arjun Choudhary, Vice Chairman of K C Education Society were the Guests of Honour. Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra, Academic Director Dr Ram Thakur and Round Square Rep Sonia Thakur, were also present on the occasion.

The event was partnered by Bharti Airtel, Monalisa, Sethi Embroidery, Mittal Retails, Counsel Sutra, Green Acres, Sweet Layers, Fit India Sports, Big Bakers, Nutraj and Maunitva Nirakarn. Mishika Mittal, Round Square Prefect of the school, along with Saumya Kapur and Ojas Kapur conceptualized, planned, executed and successfully organised this fund-raising event, with technical guidance from Mr Mukesh Kumar, a professional runner from Jammu Runners Group.



MORE PICS FROM 'MAITRI' MARATHON 2021











DEDICATED TO ROUND SQUARE SERVICE IDEAL

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KC PUBLIC SCHOOL DELEGATES ATTEND VIRTUAL ROUND SQUARE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Virtual Annual General Meeting 2022 of Round Square (South Asia & Gulf Region) was held on Feb 12 at 2 p.m. Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of the school and Sonia Thakur, Round Square Rep, attended the online event. Many prominent schools such as The Doon School, Mayo College, Daly College, British School, Dhiru Bhai Ambani School, Singapore International School, Birla Public School, Modern School and Scindia School from India and many others from the UAE, Bangla Desh, Pakistan, Oman, Jordan and Armenia took part in the meeting.

Arti Chowdhary is among leading resource persons from Round Square global fraternity with specialization in Round Square Discovery Framework (RSDF) and has been giving presentations on the implementation of RSDF at KC Public School since 2018. In the Virtual AGM 2022, she once again made an impressive presentation on 'RSDF Dynamics at KCPS in Virtual Times'. She asserted that as KCPS rose to the challenges of new norms of life in a global pandemic, it felt the imperative need to focus more on the implementation of 12 tenets of RSDF. The teachers were thoughtful about creating space for all students to reflect on their strengths and their challenges, learn more about each other, their teachers and parents to navigate future challenges, explore their curiosities, pursue their passions, help those in need and grow into being the best versions of themselves through a series of workshops conducted by counsellors and experts. A plethora of activities through art and craft, music, prayers, inspirational videos, talk shows, role-play and panel discussions were conducted online to implement the true spirit of the RSDF.

Appreciating the spirit of compassion among students, she spoke about a series of student-led fundraising events initiated as part of service programme that included a marathon, the 'Power of Ten' donation system and organization of a virtual Winter Carnival. Funds generated through these events were donated to a local orphanage and to 'Raunak' - a social service initiative started by KCPS students for the welfare of slum children.

Rachael Westgarth, CEO of Round Square and other educationists attending the AGM praised Arti Chowdhary for delivering a wonderful and uplifting presentation about the work being done at KC Public School.



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KCPS DELEGATES ATTEND VIRTUAL ROUND SQUARE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

8 KC Public School students, namely, Samya Vaid, Bhavyta Anand, Xena Bandhu, Mishika Mittal, Saumya Kapur, Vihaan Gupta, Asechan Chib and Ojas Kapur attended the 4 days long annual virtual Round Square International Conference (RSIC 2021) hosted by Round Square Head Office in the UK from September 20 to 23. Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of KCPS, and Sonia Thakur, Round Square Rep, also attended the Conference as adult delegates. The theme of the Conference was 'BLUE SKIES AND BRAVE CONVERSATIONS'. About 300 Round Square Schools from all over the world participated in the Conference.

The virtual Conference venue created in the form of a vast park in game format consisted of school-wise assembly tables, a convention hall, barazza discussion rooms, cinema hall, Yoga pagoda, picnic blankets, fire pits and a beach where all delegates assembled every day for briefings, keynote speeches, barazza break-up discussions, debates, Yoga sessions and screening of films and cultural programmes presented by participating schools. On all 4 days of the 3 hours long daily sessions, a different sub-theme was taken up for detailed discussion in the form of keynote speeches, barazza discussions and debates. The sub-themes were 'Identity and Inclusion', 'Climate Action' and 'Ethical Leadership'.

A panel of eminent keynote speakers consisted of Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Dr Lee Howell, Ade Adepitan MBE, Sanam Naraghi Anderlini MBE, Alex Sheen, Sir David Hempleman-Adams OBE, Dr Vandana Shiva, Ofentse Lekwane, Buhle Dlamini, Ellen Windemuth, Dr Ronnie Gladden, Dr Anantha Duraiappah, Solli Raphael and Lesego Serolong. All keynote speakers expressed their views on the main theme and the sub-themes in the form of a lively and thought-provoking panel discussion at the beginning of each day of the Conference. After listening to the keynote speakers, all student delegates divided into smaller barazza groups took up the themes for further discussion every day. All student delegates from KCPS shared their views in the barazza discussions with confidence and clarity.

During debriefing meeting at the conclusion of the Conference, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary congratulated KCPS delegates for their enthusiastic participation in the event and encouraged them to proliferate ideas assimilated during the Conference among their school peers through online virtual meetings and discussions.

