

R-Evolutionary Reverberations-2020 - Elevating, Energizing and Edutaining!

Day One

One of the most exciting and eagerly awaited cultural events of the year 2020-21, Reverberations-2020, the Inter School cultural festival of PSBB commenced on 30th October, 2020 causing a sensation among the organizers and the participants, despite the limitations of the pandemic. It was the culmination of concerted efforts by the students' council of PSBB Nungambakkam, KK Nagar and Siruseri. The theme, 'Evolve' – 'Elevate, Energize and Edutain' proved to be a topical and absolutely relatable one to everyone, especially due to the current situation.

The excitement among the students of Classes 11 and 12 was palpable even through the virtual medium! The student council members, having prepared everything for the big day, were keen to ensure that all events went off smoothly. The events were held through various Zoom meetings, meticulously planned and executed, with 'Break out rooms' enabled when required as well, amid tight security and surveillance, adding to the surreal and engrossing nature of the exhilarating experience!

The day began with a formal inauguration that took place at 9 AM, through Zoom. Mrs. Sheela Rajendra, the Dean and Director and Correspondent of the PSBB Group of Schools, extended a warm welcome to the students and teachers from all schools. She conveyed her appreciation of the efforts of the teachers and the student council members who had worked together to conduct the programme, "with the divine blessings of Dr. Mrs. Y.G.P" She wished all the participants from the ten schools from all over Chennai and one from Coimbatore as well, the 'best of luck' and encouraged them to engage in healthy competition. She promised an 'exciting and enriching' experience to all students.

Inspired by Mrs. Sheela's speech, the students proceeded to tackle their respective events with renewed enthusiasm. 'Crypt Hunt' was the first event - a virtual treasure hunt, that commenced at 10:30 AM. The students were presented with fifteen meticulously framed questions, each designed to challenge and mystify. Contrary to conventional quizzes, the students were allowed to use the internet to answer, a freedom that contributed little to diminish the difficulty of their trial!

'Spin A Yarn', a norm at any cultural event, took place simultaneously. This virtual event elicited much appreciation from the audience, as the students were allowed to give free rein to their creativity, entrancing the audience with riveting and imaginative tales. 'Whose line is it anyway?' which took place at 10:30 AM, brought out the spontaneity of the participants, who came up with quick responses to unfathomable topics, displaying their wit. 'Dub the Dialogue', kept the audience hooked with hilarious renditions and droll humor while 'Just A Minute' at 11.30am showcased their language skills and presence of mind.

RTimes, the annual Reverbs magazine was screened through 'Padlets', at regular intervals, adding to the thrill, as participants and the audience watched snippets of the events being screened with reports and photographs as well, covering all the events of the school, apart from the puzzles and quizzes. Audio messages from Mrs. Sheela, the Dean and Director and Correspondent, Mr. Y. G.

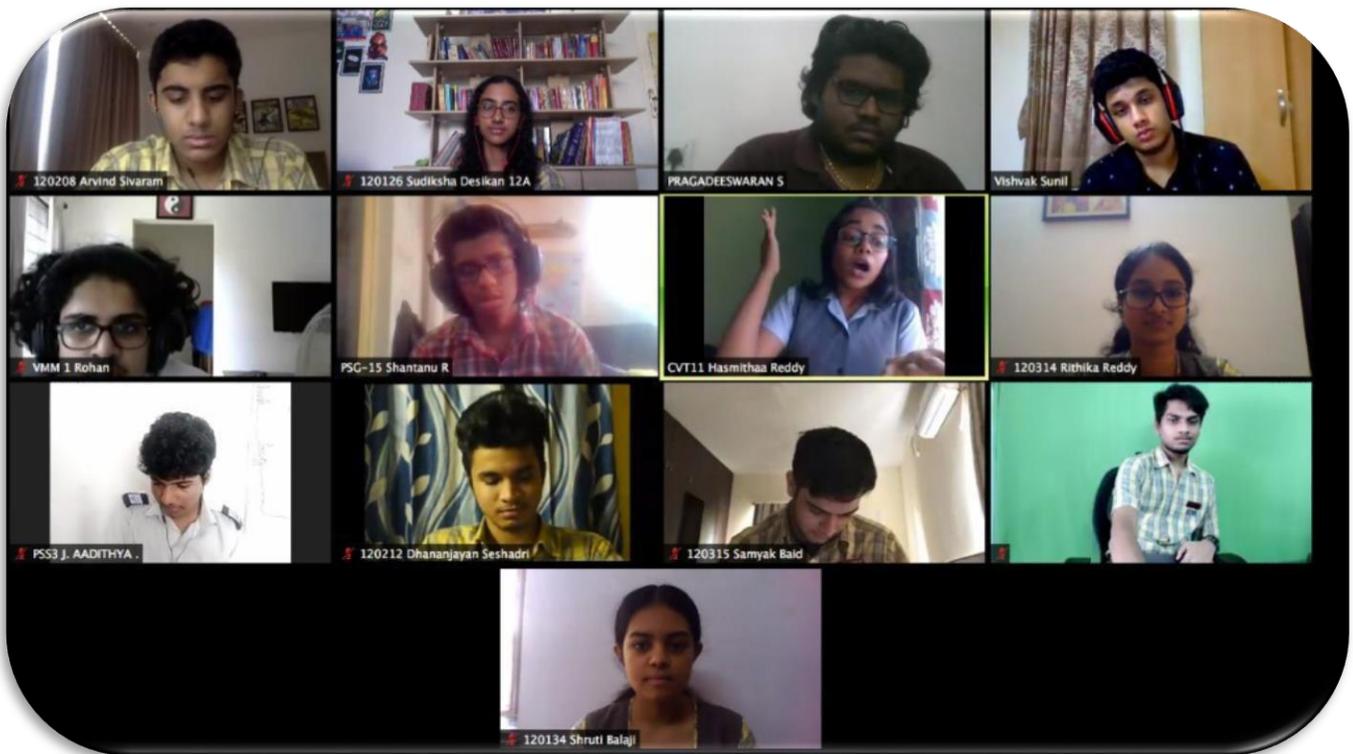
Rajendra, Executive Trustee of the PSBB Group of Schools, Mrs.Vasanthi S., Principal, Nungambakkam, Mrs.Geetha Govindarajan, Principal , KK Nagar and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Raman, Principal , Siruseri were played. Transcripts of the messages were published as well.

The offline events were also greatly successful, displaying the results of weeks of hard work. The judges greatly appreciated the solo singing and the solo dancing events, amazed at the plethora of talents displayed by participants, which had been sent as recorded entries .‘Reels’, which aimed at discovering the humorous sides of events through short videos, proved to be a much talked about event !

Each submission for the photography competition, ‘Life through the lens’ captured a scintillating moment in time, designed to evoke the spirit of the concept of ‘Evolve’. A similar event that stimulated the minds of the participants was ‘Croquis’, which commenced at 2 PM, where participants were asked to illustrate a thousand words in a single sketch within 20 minutes. This event was particularly mind-boggling as the topics seemed ambiguous and abstract!

Throughout the day, the ‘R-Times’ reporters and editors constantly updated the padlets with messages from dignitaries and report of the contests ,with relevant pictures to support them. These padlets , novel digital versions of the traditional RTimes, was well appreciated by everyone!

The first day of Reverberations-2020 left all students ‘energized’ and excited, looking forward to the events of the following day!





An Elevating Experience ! Reverberations Day 2

The morning of Saturday 31st October, 2020, saw eager participants and an awaiting audience ready with renewed vigour for the second day of the virtual take on the evergreen PSBB cultural extravaganza, Reverberations 2020. The highly appreciative and encouraging feedback received on the first day re-energized the participants as well as the organizing committee, further elevating the standard of the upcoming events !

The day began at 9 AM with an exhilarating war of words as the contestants 'cruised' their way through the much loved, classic event, 'Shipwreck'. Both humorous and engaging, each contestant debated passionately for their life jacket. The judges were impressed by the amazing performances, as even first time participants distinguished themselves well.

'Block and Tackle', an event tailor-made for the spontaneous and the sharp witted, commenced at 9:30 AM, and was a greatly entertaining experience for the audience, leaving them in splits. With relatable topics up for debate, the participants smoothly transitioned from defending an issue to opposing it within a matter of seconds, garnering a lot of appreciation from the judges.

Filled with witty and catchy references from the world of cinema, the '5 Second Summary' event that began at 1:30 PM showcased the creativity of participants who were up to date on popular culture. Racing against time, extraordinary and enlivening performances were delivered, to dramatic and amusing effect, to the enthralled and captivated audience.

In an exciting twist, the final round required the participants to guess the names of movies, with only their summaries provided as a hint, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

The much-awaited results for several offline events like Solo singing, dancing, Croquis and Life through a Lens were announced, leaving the winners on cloud nine.

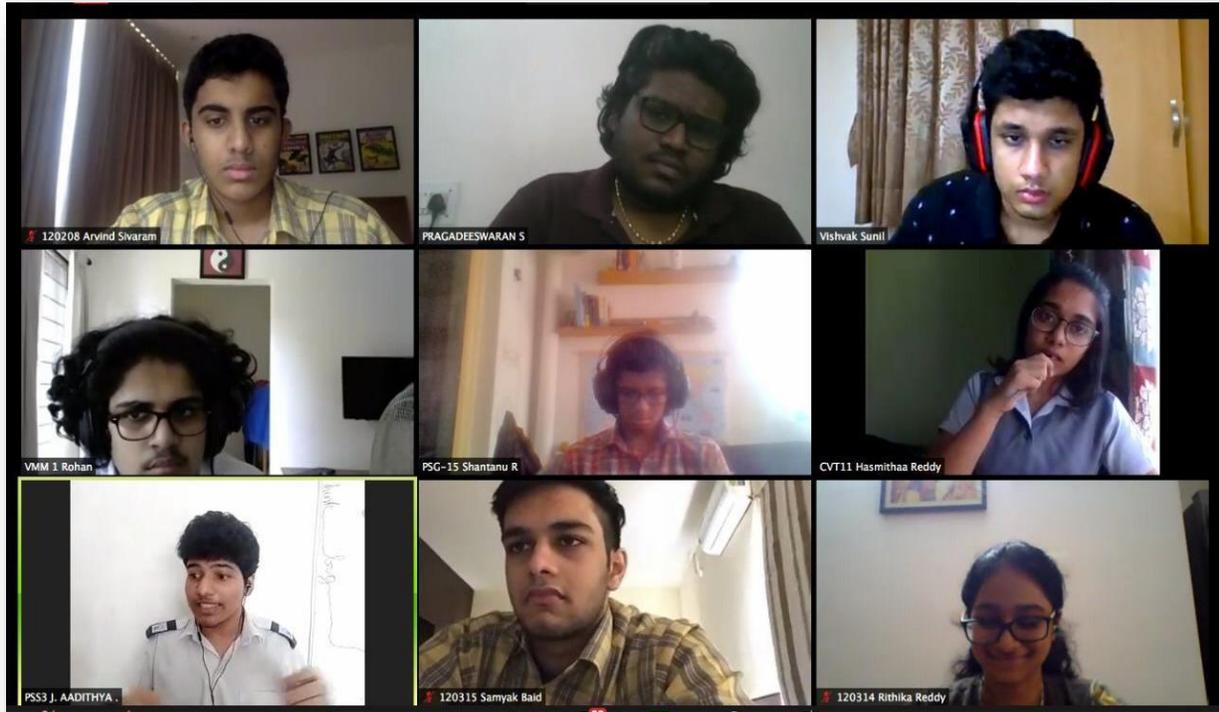
The 'R Times' team covered the various events throughout the day, bringing out a vibrant and informative padlets, with quizzes and puzzles as well. Messages from the senior mentor of PSBB KKN Mrs.Indira Vaidyanathan and the Vice Principal, Mrs.Malathy Santhanam were published.A number of messages brimming with nostalgia from alumni, lauded the organizing committee candidly for their innovative approach of conducting the programme in such trying times.

The magnificent two day programme came to a close at 4 PM with a grand Valedictory Function, which commenced with an invocation to the almighty, followed by a comprehensive and informative overview of the two days of unforgettable experiences. In the Valedictory Address given by the Dean and Director and Correspondent, Mrs.Sheela Rajendra congratulated the entire school for their remarkable efforts in transforming the idea of a 'virtual Reverberations' into a grand success. "The prizes will be sent to the respective schools", she added as she congratulated the prize winners. Mrs.Uma, a teacher representative from the Hindu Senior Secondary School, expressed her deep appreciation of the sincere efforts put in by the PSBB Management to nurture fresh talent in youngsters.

Vidya Mandir School, Mylapore, bagged the Overall Championship Trophy and the runners up were PSBB Millennium School and Bala Vidya Mandir!

Transcending boundaries, exceeding expectations, Reverberations 2020 was indeed a colourful milestone crossed for every PSBBian of Std XII !





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