In quest of creativity

While the chessmasters were chaired to their boards and racked their brains for the right move, a section of students essayed a different role altogether. On 20 April South Point High School was in a flurry of activity. Budding wordsmiths from reputed institutions like Patha Bhavan, Gokhale Memorial Girls School, Laxmi Pat Singhania Academy, Delhi Public School (Ruby Park), Don Bosco, Calcutta Girls High School and several others, not to mention the host school itself, flocked the school premises, eager to sport their literary flair. The occasion was the 19th Inter-School Open Essay Competitions, "Perceptum" organised by South Point High School under the auspices of MP Birla Smarak Kosh. There were four categories: English category - I (for Classes IX & X), English category-II (for Classes XI & XII) and single category for Bengali and Hindi each. The topics ranged from frivolous and light-hearted ones like "Jumping on the Bandwagon", A Teenager's Obsession" (English Category - I) to grave themes such as "The great tragedy of science - the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact; H Hurley, "Jibeshal Shivesba" (Bengali category) had a philanthropic flavour while "Kashe Kuch Aisa Ho Jaye" (Hindi category) required one to let one's imagination run loose. Hats off to the enthusiastic essayists, whose active participation made the event a grand success.

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On 20 April, South Point High School hosted "Perceptum", the Inter-School Open Essay Competition in English, Bengali and Hindi, under the auspices of M.P. Birla Smarak Kosh (South Point) at South Point High School premises. Several well known schools across the city like Birla High School for Boys, M.P. Birla Foundation H.S. School, Don Bosco (Park Circus) and (Lilbhab), Laxmipat Singhania Academy, Gokhale Memorial Girls' High School, National High Schools, Modern High School, Patha Bhavan, Delhi Public School (Ruby Park), Calcutta Girls' High School, South City International, The Heritage School, South Point High School and many other schools took part in this event.

On the same day, "Chessmate", the Inter-School Chess Championship was also hosted by South Point High School, in association with the Alekhine Chess Club, recognized by Bengal Chess Association, Calcutta, with 35 teams from 34 well known city schools vying for the M.P. Birla Award. Grand Master Surya Sekhar Ganguly was the Chief Guest for this event. The Championship was held in five rounds under the FIDE rules in accordance with the Swiss League.

Team A and team B of the host school emerged as winners and 1st runners-up respectively along with Laxmipat Singhania Academy occupying the third position in the Boys' Category.

In the Girls' Category, South Point High School team emerged clear victorious followed by Laxmipat Singhania Academy and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fort William, in the second and third positions respectively.

A total sum of Rs 36,000/- was given away to the winners and the first two runners-up. In addition, there were trophies for the Best Boards also. The prize money will be given away on 4 July on the day of the annual function.

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