The sporting spirit

"Aim at being a good person, if you want to become a good sportsperson", advised Dilip Vengsarkar, the eminent cricketer and cricket administrator, while interacting with a selected group of South Point students in Kolkata on 21 December.

Facing incisive questioning by South Pointers, the batsman of class that he had been, Shri Vengsarkar ducked bouncers from Pointers with ease, evading controversy but never avoiding coming out with nuggets of turf wisdom.

The session enlightened students, many of them budding cricketers, getting a front-row exposure to his immense experience.

Mr Vengsarkar opened the South Point High School annual sports at Gitanjali stadium, Kolkata, and gave away prizes. Pointers presented drill displays, yoga and karate performances, apart from several track and field events, including 100-meter run, 200-meter run, 75-meter shuttle run, 75-meter pass the ball, 75-meter skipping race, 75-meter 3-legged race, 75-meter fun race, 50-meter spoon and marble race, 50-meter thread and needle race and 50-meter balance race. There were events for ex-students, parents and members of the staff like slow cycle race, 100-meter walking race, 75-meter balance race, 100-meter run and 100-meter lime and spoon race.