

## **RS conference- 'Environment and Adventure' (All Saints College, Nainital)**

On 27 April, a group of 6 students namely Dhritika Singh, Keshav Madnani, Manan Oswal, Suvrat Agarwal, Shivanshi Goyal and Jhanvi Agarwal with the escort teacher Mrs Ashwini Naphade left from Daly college to attend a RS conference which was based on the theme 'Environment and Adventure' held at All Saints College, Nainital. The Conference started with the Opening Ceremony. It was then inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp followed by a cultural programme put up by the host school.



The first Keynote Speaker of the day was Dr. Yashodhar Mathpal, an archaeologist, painter and curator. He spoke about disasters caused by humans and explained the importance of natural resources and how one can preserve them well. Post lunch, the students were divided into groups in which Barazza Sessions were conducted. The second Keynote Speaker was Mr. Anup Saha well known photographer, mountaineer and recipient of US Fellowship for nature photography of the Himalaya. He showed the students an excellent presentation on the flora and fauna of the Himalaya. The third Keynote Speaker was Ms. Kritika Bora. She was a researcher in the field of disaster management and primarily spoke about sustainable development. All the three lectures were extremely effective in sensitizing the students towards the issue of environment.

On the second day, the students were taken for a trek to Barapattar. They did a number of activities like rock scrambling, zip line and rappelling. The day ended with a cultural evening in which all the schools performed. Dhritika Singh and Jhanvi Agrawal presented a Rajasthani folk dance. On the last day the students walked to the Boat House Club where Sailing on the famous Nainital yachts was organized. This was followed by the Principal's lunch at the Boat House Club.

In the end, the students bid adieu to their friends. Each one of the participants came back rich in experience and with a sense of purpose.

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