

SP (West) Delivers a Career Counselling Session at Sombaria School

It was indeed a historic and privileged moment for Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Sombaria, West Sikkim on 25/07/2018 to have for the very 1st time in the school the gracious and kind presence of Shri. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, IPS Officer SP of the west district of Sikkim who on this day, leaving aside all his busy works and schedule had journeyed all the way from his office at Gyalshing to Sombaria School for the noble cause of enlightening students' minds with career counselling on UPSC Exams.

Shri. Tenzing L. Lepcha, the Dignified Guest cum the Resource Person of the day was warmly welcomed by the entire School team comprising the School Principal, Teaching & Non Teaching Staff, the students and the SMC members. At the same time the day's programme also had the noble presence of the teachers and students of some of the nearby schools at Sombaria's vicinity, viz - Woodstock High School, Sunrise Academy High School, Pratap International School etc. The eminent personality of the day was accompanied by SDPO of Soreng Sub Division, PI Sombaria PS and the entire Police team of Sombaria PS. The occasion was also marked by the gracious presence of Mrs. Pem Diki Sherpa, a member of Child Welfare Board. All these dignitaries along with the staff and students of various schools paid a huge reverence to the Shri. Lepcha by offering khadas, garlands and a floral bouquet.

This special programme at Sombaria school held under the banner of NSS was initiated and shouldered by Sir. Prakash Limboo, the Geography PGT of the school.

Prior to the main programme of the day the Warm Welcome speech was delivered by Shri. R. K. Pandey, the Principal of the School which was followed by a colourful dance performance presented by the students of Sombaria School.

Shri. Tenzing L. Lepcha in his long address initially spoke about the success story of his own life, the struggle he had gone through, the hard work and perseverance that he put up in his career. At the same time he also motivated and inspired the students for the same. He mentioned that before he had started preparing for UPSC exams, during the earlier years he was a software engineer. He also accomplished his MBA Degree from IIM, Ahmedabad and had worked in Johnson & Johnson Company as a Brand Manager and Area Sales Manager. However, he was rather confused in life with regards to 'Job Satisfaction' in all his jobs that he professed outside his own state. Then subsequently when he met the D.C. North of Sikkim he was inspired by him for becoming an IPS officer by passing out the UPSC Exam and serving one's own state. He followed DC's suggestion and toiled hard accordingly. Eventually, success came to his way through his ardent efforts and determination along with proper plan and effective execution and in the long run accomplished at becoming the 1st IPS officer of Sikkim through passing out UPSC exams.

Similarly, Shri. Lepcha also inspired and fostered hope among the students by proclaiming 'Where there is a will, there is a way' and that there is every possibility for students to achieve it or even accomplish higher goals if they work hard with proper plan. He interacted with the pupils by asking them about their future plans, dreams and aspirations in life to which students responded smartly by mentioning Aeronautical Engineers, Doctors, Teachers, IPS / IAS Officers etc. Shri. Tenzing also said that the contemporary students are much privileged and fortunate for learning and gathering information as

they have the access to internet and mobile phones unlike during the yesteryears. Thus, he insisted pupils on making good use of all these facilities for learning purpose and even for preparing for higher exams. "Students should download the useful news apps like the Hindu, NDTV etc and keep updated with the daily news for preparation of GK for competitive exams", he suggested wisely.

At the same time, making an illustrative use of the Power Point Presentation (PPT) he made everything crystal clear to all about how to prepare for the UPSC exams, the question pattern of it, the types of questions, the Preliminary and the Mains Exam, the final Interview/ aptitude/ personality test, the marks allocated at various levels etc.

Everyone gave their kind attention and careful ears towards it.

The day's event also had an Interactive Session wherein several students of various schools put forward to the IPS Officer many relevant questions ranging from personal to general to which he gave very intellectual and remarkable answers which in the process nourished their inquisitive minds.

This significant programme which was beautifully anchored by Mrs. Roshna Pradhan ended up successfully with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Miss Miss Tenzing Dolma Lepcha.

The occasion had refreshments too.

Needless to say, this useful programme at GSSS Sombaria proved to be immensely essential, fruitful, enlightening and above all, very inspirational for the students to nurture their manifold dreams into realities.

