



## Conference Newsletter

Updates: Day 3

### Jungle Safari to Start Off the Day



28th October 2022: The third day of the conference “Climate Calls 101” kicked off with the much-anticipated Safari trip to the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. The students were divided into groups of 6 and were allotted different time slots in the early hours of the day. The participants have claimed to have spotted various types of birds, one horned rhino, wild boars, and many other animals. Post safari the delegates returned to their respective dorms to prepare themselves for yet another jam-packed day.



### Herbarium Maneuver: A Sustainable Practice



28th October 2022: The students were assigned a very exciting project under the guidance of Sushmita Chakraborty, faculty member of Maria's Public School, in the afternoon which got them to explore the campsite while collecting waste biodegradable products found in the same. The participants then were provided the necessary stationaries to create something out of the things collected. The session saw the brilliant creativity skills of the students that were pronounced in their artworks and crafts. The activity ensured to inculcate sustainable habits among the students and to use waste wisely in a creative way. The students were elated to have attended such a fruitful and fun session that the teachers very thoughtfully organized and perhaps was the highlight of the day.

### Plenary Session 3: Mr. Saikh Md. Sabah Al-Ahmed



28th October 2022: Mr. Sabah, a very familiar personality to the Marians, was the third plenary speaker of the conference. Through his poetic lens, Mr. Saikh took us through a journey of self-discovery, of self-improvement and assessment and how he found his way through poetry. He also shared instances of how he writes poetry about very mundane things such as oranges spotted in a weekly market or how he used to jot down words on a tissue paper at a restaurant. He showered the audience with his motivating words and being consistent doing what makes us happy and gives us peace and to never stop being our authentic self. The entire session radiated a heart-to-heart conversation aura among the students, the teachers and Sir himself and it was especially evident from the numerous questions that were put forward by everyone for Sir. Mr. Saikh concluded his speech by reciting one of his very famous and widely appreciated poems, "Where", which was published in the prestigious Sahitya Akademi bimonthly journal "Indian Literature" in its November-December issue that mesmerized everybody in the room.

### Plenary Session 4: Dr. Biswajit De



28th October 2022: Later in the afternoon, the students were again up for their 4th plenary session of the event by the Creative Director of Maria's Public School and the main person behind the conference, Dr. Biswajit De. He put forward a presentation on the rising water levels around the world and how animals living in the polar regions are affected every second passing by with us being completely oblivious. He stressed on the need for "Call for Action" immediately and to step out of our comfort zones to gather as much experience as possible to do our part of conservation. He also expressed his thoughts about teaching outside the classroom and the need for modification of our education system to make it more environment conscious. Dr. De posed some very important questions and situations that made the audience contemplate their lifestyle and our day-to-day activities that leave behind a huge carbon footprint which adds on to the larger and more severe environment mishaps.

## Leadership Explained



28th October 2022: Urshita Bhuyan,  
teaching faculty of Maria's Public School,

put up a very detailed and crisp presentation on Leadership, one of the highlighted Round Square ideals of the day in the first half of the session. The presentation focused in explaining and introducing the different types of leadership models to the delegates and understanding the various ways through which the students comprehend and define leadership. The session witnessed an active participation by the students and their amazing concepts as well as ideas about a "true leader".

*"Leadership is a choice, not a position."- Stephen Covey*

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