

REPORT
BAL SABHA ACTIVITY (2024-25)
Debate

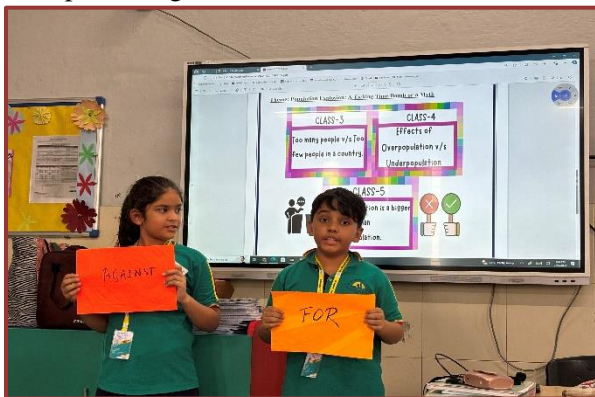
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Classes: III to V

Theme: Population Explosion: ‘A Ticking Time Bomb or a Myth’

“Sustainable development begins with responsible population management”

World population day is commemorated every year to generate awareness among people about the effects of overpopulation and the pressing need of population management. In order to observe World Population Day in school, a Bal Sabha activity was convened for classes III to V, to delve into the critical issue of population explosion. A debate on the contentious topic of population explosion was planned for the students so as to help them formulate an opinion and develop their own knowledge on this pertaining issue.



For the debate, different topics

were given to the students of classes III to V. For class III the topic was, Too many people v/s Too few people in country, for class IV, the topic was, Overpopulation v/s Underpopulation and for class V, the topic was, Overpopulation is a bigger problem than underpopulation. The students were asked to prepare roll number wise and then they were paired to speak, for the motion and against the motion. Students presented exemplary points of arguments related to the give topics which paved way for a prolific discussion and building up of knowledge.

Some of the important point of arguments that were put forward by the students were that overpopulation will lead to the overconsumption of resources, which can also be linked to the SDG goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, which focusses on population management to ensure sustainability. In counter to this, the students who were speaking for the motion had raised an important argument that underpopulation will impact economic growth due to reduced workforce in various sectors. The students even posed questions to each other based on the arguments put forward.



Overall, the activity turned out to be a great learning experience for the students as an interactive discussion was conducted through the medium of debate and students gained a deeper understanding of the challenges posed by population growth and its impact on society, resources and environment. The activity fostered in students a sense of responsibility towards sustainable practices and made them develop empathy and respect for diverse perspectives on this complex global issue.

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