

Lessons from The Past An Inspiring Lecture by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar

"It is not hard to make decisions if you know what your values are."

The Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G.P Auditorium, at PSBB K. K. Nagar, was filled with inquisitive minds on the 25th of February as the students of Class 11 of the PSBB Group of Schools gathered eagerly to attend a lecture on 'Values and Life Lessons' by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar, a renowned public speaker.



The program started with the traditional rendition of a prayer- 'Paasurams'- to the Almighty. This was followed by the introduction of the speaker, Sri Dushyanth Sridhar. The two hour long discourse based on 'Sanathana Dharma' began with Sri Dushyanth explaining the significance of the 'Paasurams'. "True devotion to the Lord is a beautiful thing. You tend to believe that you live during the time of a specific avatar of the Lord rather than after the time of the avatar."

Sri Dushyanth struck a chord with the audience, right from the beginning, with his humorous accounts on celestial beings, highlighting the human nature of the 'devas' through various anecdotes about them, even comparing the 'asuras' with the political leaders of today. He went on to speak about the principles and discipline that an individual ought to follow in his or her life, giving relevant anecdotes.

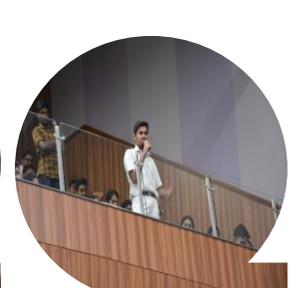
"The Indian civilization is by far the only civilization that has been memory based," said Mr. Dushyanth, mesmerizing the audience with his intense knowledge on 'Indian Civilization'. "We Indians, from time immemorial, have given great importance to language, memory and mathematics." He enthralled the audience with a story about the role of math in daily life. He then explained the concepts of permutation and combination and associated them with the game of chess.



The varied anecdotes, both spiritual and contemporary, helped the audience connect numerous aspects of human life. This journey through the nuances of values and life lessons was truly engaging and enthralling. After his inspirational lecture, students from PSBB Nungambakkam and K. K. Nagar asked him a few questions about 'Ramayana', 'Mahabharata' and other aspects of life.



"What are the principles that Lord Rama followed that we as humans should adopt?" asked K. P. Harish, School Pupil Leader of PSBB Nungambakkam. "Lord Rama was faithful in relationships, obedient and a good leader and listener. Such qualities are uncommon in man these days. We should make an effort to be better people," said Sri Dushyanth Sridhar. "Listen first to understand and then be understood," he added.



"Our ancestors' practices have scientific reasons but were passed down to us as having religious roots. Why was this so?" Siddharth of PSBB K. K. Nagar asked. The reply to this was, "Religion was given a lot of importance earlier and it was believed that religion was above science. This is why their practices were marketed as having a religious basis. Now that we know the scientific reasons behind them, we should appreciate both aspects."

The entire session was truly enriching and a great learning experience. "Whatever we sow must be pleasant and it must develop good will, for good will is an invisible factor that leads to success," concluded Mr. Dushyanth.

"We loved the way he connected with us. His sense of humour was excellent!" said the students as they left the hall, enlightened and invigorated.

