

*Kumari Arivial Peravai*

*Young Scientists Programme 2012 – 2013*

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## **Preparatory Meeting for the Award Ceremony**

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*"Accept who you are; and reveal in it."*

*KAP has helped me to accept and realize who I am and this programme formed a part of revealing it . . . . .*



*The Award Ceremony was the programme for which all the Young Scientists were waiting for since the beginning of this long venture. Our anxieties knew no boundaries. I had been working so sincerely with devoted mind and soul for the contented fulfillment of this year long informative venture. However, the ship of KAP has reached near coasts after its extensive endeavor. As a grounding to the most*

*awaited Award Ceremony, we had a preparatory meeting at Hindu Vidyalaya.*

*Objectives of the programme [ Preparatory Meeting ]:*

- *To discuss on the various elements of the award ceremony and thus make it another priceless and effective programme of KAP as the others were*

- *To create an awareness to the parents about the methodology of the Award ceremony*
- *To enable the students post their comments and suggestions on KAP and lecture on the various benefits they gained after joining KAP*
- *To conduct a voting to elect the KAP Outstanding Performer*

*The meeting was given the perfect beginning by the Tamil Thai Vazhthu by around 2:00 pm. As always, the beginning spark of the programme was Velaian sir's introductory address. It definitely gave the perfect launch for the day's programme. However, he was sad to state that most of the students have lost their quality of punctuality because a lot of students got in randomly and were not on time. Even I felt ashamed at that attitude of my friends. He demanded that Science is a subject that probably has no end and that it is a continuous process. He declared that KAP is a science organization and that the effort we take for accomplishing tasks initiated by KAP should stay with us even after this year's training. I too felt it to be true and realistic and from that moment on, I decided to keep the fire ignited by KAP within me for long term. He expressed that his wish was to conduct the award function in a first-class manner and stated that it could come possible only with the complete contribution and sincere participation of the Young Scientists and their parents. He also exclaimed that he was really amazed at the genuineness of the leaders and the effort we took to keep his words. On hearing this, I recognized that a man who works will one or the other day get its recognition. He also said that the organizations who helped to complete this programme successfully should be given sincere praise. He notified that without them, we could not have completed this venture in a successful way. He also found time to appreciate the effort and toil of the parents. Before he concluded, he also offered us a chance to lecture on the benefits that each one of us gained after joining Kumari Arivial Peravai.*

*As I am a great devotee of KAP and since I have gained a lot of recognition after joining KAP, I immediately got up and marched towards the front to express my feelings before the gathering. I began with an inspiring quote which I learned after joining KAP:*

*"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge but rather a lack of will"*

*I mentioned the basic skills that I acquired after joining KAP like :*

- *Speaking skills*
- *Writing Skills*
- *Personality development*
- *Social Commitment*
- *Life skills*
- *Leadership quality*
- *Organizing - abilities*

*I cited that by means of being a part of KAP and by taking part in all of its programmes, I learned the way to talk with elders, the way to respect and most importantly, I learned to adapt to any circumstances and face any sort of situations boldly. Finally, I expressed something that I wanted to tell from the beginning of this programme. I simply abbreviated the name Velaian with respect to the qualities that sir possessed:*

<i>V</i>	_____	<i>Versatility</i>
<i>E</i>	_____	<i>Efficiency</i>
<i>L</i>	_____	<i>Loyalty</i>
<i>A</i>	_____	<i>Attitude</i>
<i>I</i>	_____	<i>Intimacy</i>
<i>A</i>	_____	<i>Affection</i>
<i>N</i>	_____	<i>Naturalism</i>



*With these words and my boundless thanks to the members of KAP, I concluded my talk by once again thanking them all. I hope they were all pleased with my words.*

*Later, the next chance was taken by Jinolin of our team. As the leader of her team, I felt proud to have her there. I never expected she would be courageous to give a talk in front of such a large gathering. I am sure that she was really a perfect product of KAP. It was the courage that KAP provided her that motivated her to give a talk. Self*

*confidence and Boldness were the two main qualities she spoke on. She actually utilized the opportunity to thank the members of KAP for all that they have done all this time. Even though it was a short address, all of us were pleased to see her be bold enough to propose an address. I felt that KAP has always helped students like her develop their attitudes as KAP strongly believes in the quote :*

*"Attitude decides a person's altitude"*

*Finally, Steffy found her chance to propose her talk. Her talk really represented our minds. She demanded that the most important skill she learned after joining KAP was to take notes in short scripts and then to frame reports with the help of these notes. She stated that this talent of writing reports will definitely help us in our future studies, during our college days and further. She then stated that KAP has helped her get rid of stage fear and timidness. She also exclaimed that by means of conducting team meets, she was able to grow a sense of team coordination within herself. She emphasized that due to the intensive training programmes of KAP, she is now able to think so deeply with one point concentration to answer a question. Even, I have experienced the emergence of this thinking skill within me. She also explained the hard working mentality that KAP has installed in each of our minds. She concluded by thanking each member of KAP from the bottom of her heart. Her talk definitely had everything that each one of us had to say.*

*With these three talks, Velaian sir handed over the session to the team coordinators and other officials of KAP to propose their talks. Being our mentors, they definitely should be given the chance to share their views on our performances and comment on all our deeds. Velaian sir always does the right things and this idea to ask them to talk was also a perfect turn . . . . .*

*First of all, the talk was given by Edwin Sam sir. He said that he was happy to witness the different changes that took place in each one of us. He affirmed that the approach of the students has changed from negative aspects to positive aspects. He acknowledged that KAP offers the Young Scientists a lot of momentous and memorable moments to think of in the future and also finds place in the students' mind as a source of inspiration. He quoted that:*

*"Knowledge improves when one asks questions"*

*He mentioned that KAP has provided them the aspiration not to give up from any task which would definitely help each one of us prosper in future. He demanded that we have to learn from failures and use them as steps to success. Immediately, I remembered what Abdul Kalam sir had to share with students - a wonderful fat:*

*"Never read success stories and waste time, instead read failure stories and find the causes of failures and then try to get rid of them in your life"*

*He then found time to emphasize on scientific attitude and aptitude. He finally concluded by insisting us to pay respect and be thankful to our parents for all the support they had given us and for the patience they had so long . . . . . As these words struck my mind, I began praising my parents and position they had in my mind became even higher.*

*The next talk was given by Balakrishnan sir. He insisted us to use the qualities that KAP installed in us to grow as good citizens in the future. He mentioned the methodology to study. He avowed us to have a good sleep at night and so he made us aware that a student must go to sleep early at night after the completion of his homework and wake up early in the morning to complete his / her studies. Even I felt the plan to be excellent and so I decided to follow it from then on. Finally, he wished us all the best to excel in our studies and to score good marks in future.*

*The next chance was taken away by our dearest John Rabi Kumar sir. I was amazed to hear from him that the teachers were able to learn more from the students than what the students have learned from the teachers. I felt proud to be one among the group of students he mentioned. He exclaimed that KAP teaches each one of us to practice, observe and experience everything that it teaches us. He mentioned that we must learn of time management and he used Velaian sir as an example for this value. He advocated on the chance that each one of us had to talk with such great personalities like the scientists of ISRO, the doctors of IMA and many other respectable dignitaries on the dais. He advised us to keep the fire within us which KAP had ignited long since. He also stated that great experts give training programmes for one or two days while KAP is offering the students a training programme for one year or rather a lifelong training. He also stated that KAP is a voluntary group aiming at the positive transformation of the students despite the various constraints each one has [ eg. Language problem ]. He also alluded that we should keep contact with the teachers even after the programme*

gets over. He used an example in this case too. He was glad enough to tell about Vasanth, an earlier product of KAP who scored pretty good marks [ 1171/1200 ] in the 12<sup>th</sup> examinations. He finally concluded by insisting us to utilize time in an effectual manner. His talk was really fabulous and had a lot of things which I felt to follow from then on. His talk definitely found a place in my heart and would never get erased at any circumstances.

By this time, we had our most respected Murugan sir's arrival. We all stood to mark our respect for him. He was pleased with it.

Later, as he was welcomed by Velaian sir, he was given a chance to give a short address. He too said that KAP looks forward the effective participation of all the students in the next year too. He insisted us to keep learning forever as Science is a continuous process and to assist his statement he quoted that :

*"Learning never ends"*



He concluded by wishing us all the best. At that moment, I realized how lucky we were to get the blessings of such a reputed member in the society.

Finally, to mark the end of the session, we had a concluding talk by Velaian sir. During his talk, he found time to appreciate the involvement of James Wilson sir and also displayed the brochure revealed on behalf of the Award Ceremony. He

once again insisted us to be punctual in life. He concluded by stating that he could never forget us till he sees another batch like that of ours. I felt proud to be one among the member of such a batch that found a remarkable place in Velaian sir's mind.

Velaian sir is always fond of making differences and for this reason all our programmes are in one or the other way different and this also has contributed towards the success of KAP. To make a difference in this programme, he requested some boys to sing the National Anthem which was definitely somewhat exceptional. Thus, with the happiness of having completed the programme and the sadness of missing our dear friends, we left the place.

This programme was indeed very useful and with this grounding session, I am damn sure that the award ceremony is going to be beyond expectations. With the anxiety of the Award Ceremony, we just wished one another good luck as a sign of friendship before

*we left. Thus, the programme was a symbol of greatness, friendship, dedication, gratefulness and of course anxiety - deep anxiety . . . . .*

*"Nothing great can be done without hope and confidence"*

*Yes,*

*KAP made me realize that nothing can be attained without hope and confidence. Thanks to KAP and its members . . . . .*

*Thank You*

## **2.A. Annlin Steffy Leader, Blue Team**

**"There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct or more uncertain in its success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things."**



We all know that a pelican or an albatross has only two wings but different feathers which engulfs out of the wings and surely emerges from those two wings. Similarly we (blue team) had two programmes that one day dealing with the same central focus. It is to discuss regarding the award function to be conducted on May 25 very auspiciously. As per the acquisition by Mr. John, our team coordinator when I

entered the hall around 1 pm it was to my eyes very unbelievable seeing just three school faculties in the big milieu of the school. After a few seconds just like beads falling one by one from a top hill all the members of my team assembled in a class room. A group effort makes a team(blue) work, then a company work then a society work and finally all the civilians will work. This was the main aim of our team meet to prepare a good performance where we have to work in a team and establish success to our team and KAP. There we had a small and short team meet for a period of sixty minutes. In the meet we discussed about the cultural meet to be performed on May 25. We planned to perform a skit which includes a court scene to. We read the script prepared by us and Mr. John also put forth some ideas which made our skit look some more better. All of a sudden just like a lightning flash we heard a voice telling blue team it is time please assemble for the next meeting. Eventually we moved to the hall where the meet is to be

conducted. There we had all the team coordinators including our KAP organizer Mr.Velaian.

As a start to the program we began with the Tamil Thai Vazthu sung by green team girls as it was a Tamil tradition. In the morning the only light that welcomes us very brightly is the sunlight. But in KAP, the light took the form of a person with the name Mr.Velaian and began welcoming us all. He also claimed about the program on 25<sup>th</sup> of May that is the award function. He promised that it will be grandly celebrated at the SIGMA College of Architecture, Moododu. He suggested that some students do not continue to do the paper cuttings and the report writing. It is continuous effort and not strength or intelligence which is the key to unlock our potential. Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit. By telling this he mentioned that we all will get the award from the chief of ISRO, Mahendragiri. I felt that he was happy with the work that the leaders are doing now and then and even happier when he come in to what the coordinators are doing in order to mould the children as a good prospect citizen. Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile. This was the thought that raised in my mind when I thought of leadership and me being in such a position. Though he was a punctual person, he was very strict on how others are very much punctual because punctuality is the soul of business but in case of our organiser, punctuality is the soul of his happiness. He also described that we must be there in the venue around 8.30 am and as a leader their duty is to be much punctual and should be there around 8am. Moreover he said that we students must make our organiser very happy in the award function because happiness is not ready made for him but it comes through the actions of the young scientists. Finally he wished us his blessings and took his seat. But he went on reminding often that if we are punctual that day, the day fully is filled with happiness for him.



Next was the turn of the young scientists. First Anandhu the leader of maroon team came forward to speak on what are the changes that he finds within him after joining KAP and being a part of it. First he wished us all and gave a mini introduction about KAP. He first mentioned about the leadership quality



that lays first for him. He has developed a talent of leadership within him and also self-confidence to speak anything on the given topic and self-esteem.

Next was the turn of Jenolin who spoke in her mother tongue. She said that she had many changes within her and she is able to speak what ever she is assigned to complete. Moreover she thanked KAP for bringing her up.

Next Steffy, the leader of blue team stood in front of us to share what are her achievements after joining KAP. She mentioned the following talents and skills are developed within her up to the maximum:

- Thinking skill - The act of thinking each question and answering any of the questions put by the higher dignitaries.
- Stage fear - the ability to speak in front of a large crowd without any fear and timid.
- Writing skill - the skill of writing reports and taking notes on what a person speaks. So that we are able to develop fast writing useful for exams and also English knowledge that is obtained by writing reports.
- Computer Skill- the ability of using computer and internet when we get a chance to share information by means of ppt. and other videos.
- Skill of Adjustment - skill of adjusting ourselves to a place wherever we go.
- Observation and Explanation Skill - the ability to expand ourselves and to make the listener understand our main focus and to make the listener clear with the ideas that we want to express.

Followed by her we had Mr. Edwin Sam to share his ideas. He claimed that though we have talents but not showing it to the outside world and we have to eradicate fear when we come into the stage. Moreover we have to see the well performers and learn from them what are the good qualities they are having. Most of the students lack the skill of asking many questions. He also encouraged us to ask questions when they get a chance but still we learn more only when we ask more questions.



He also shared that if you run without making a fall it is good. But if you fall and again make a run it is appreciable and excellent. He concluded by telling that we have to develop scientific attitude and aptitude.

Next we had Mr. Balakrishnan the coordinator of yellow team to share his views. He said that we have to work hard and be follow punctual. He also suggested that we

have to learn in the morning because we feel very fresh that time and go very early to bed. He also wished us for a better future and success.

Later we had Mr. John to mention his views. He denoted that those who have utilised their time properly they have developed up to the maximum and he pointed some of the students that he was very much happy with their performance( For instance Renishiya). Later he also mentioned that if you sit we can tell to stand then walk then run then get the prize and then to receive the first prize. I liked this statement because when I hear it, it seemed to take it as a slogan for success for me. If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges. This was the only thought that rose in my mind after hearing the words of Mr. John.

In the mean while we were given a paper and asked to write the name of the outstanding performer that we feel. Later we had the chance to hear from Mr. Velaian about the information of the book. He claimed that it is a very nice article that everyone is capable of using and reading it. Moreover the ISRO chief of Mahendragiri has accepted to come for the award function only after seeing the book published. Mr. Velaian was very happy to hold the book of 400 pages and give it to the other people who are very special to him.



Simultaneously after he finished his talk, we met the arrival of Dr. Murugan, the scientist of maroon team. He too told us that even if we leave KAP after one year, we must follow the instructions and practises that are given by the institution and then follow it in order to establish good results. He concluded by showering his blessings on us. Then around 3.30 pm we crooned the national anthem as a sign of showing the meeting is put to an end.

Overall the time of one hour and thirty minutes is very much appealing to our minds and I realised that in order to make our dreams come into reality, it takes a lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort. This effort is what we have put for the past 10 months and a little more effort, seemed to change hopeless failure to



glorious success. As Mr.Velaian has told, we have to make him laugh the particular day, I realised that his happiness lays only in the creative effort we put forward during the grand award function. I even thought that happiness and victory is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved and also satisfaction lies only in the efforts we put forward. Thus I departed from the

venue venturing abode with a tiny satisfied mind.

Thank you.