RENADEVOUS 2011, THE ANNUAL REUNION OF SOUTH POINT EX-STUDENTS HELD IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TELEGRAPH, WAS ABOUT MEMORIES, MIRTH AND MUSIC

ONE FOR THE ALBUM: Ex-Pointers, some of whom flew into town just for the reunion, posed with batchmates at Swabhumi to take back memories of an evening well spent. Pictures by Sanat Kumar Sinha

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM: Mir and his band Bandage got the crowd grooving and singing along to covers of popular Bengali and Hindi numbers, peppered with his trademark wisecracks
The Pointer who bore the name tag handed out to ex-students with the greatest pride at Rendezvous 2011, the annual reunion of South Point Ex-Students' Association held in association with The Telegraph on January 15, wasn’t an alumnus.

Subhajit Das, a Nursery 1 student of the school, would not hear of the inappropriateness of a current student going around as an ex. “He loves wearing tags,” smiled mother Suparna, from the Madhuvanik batch of 1994.

Generations of South Point students gathered at Swabhumi to catch up on a chilly winter evening but it was a non-South Pointer dressed in school uniform who held sway. While the funnyman kept the audience in splits, Mir the frontman of Bandage got them living with a medley of songs like Jinear ki pabo na and Aajkal tere mere pyar ke charhe.

By the time he was done, the Pointers were ready to embrace him as one of their own, as actress Papiya Adhikary, from the batch of 1977, declared.

Rendezvous 2011 blurred the line between teacher and student as they shook a leg together. While teacher of English Omprakash Dey, a Pointer of the 1982 batch, swayed to Mir’s Yaaron dosti hodi hi haseen hain, her students of the previous year displayed more adventurous moves an arm’s length away.

Principals of the high school and the junior school Rupa Samyal Bhattacharjee and Dulsir Kaur Chadda were present at the get-together along with the director of South Point, Madhu Kohli.

Former teachers like G.D. Banerjee and Gourhari Khara were there as well. “We make sure that teachers who want to attend the reunion are escorted here if they are unable to come on their own,” said association vice-president Atin Datta (batch of ’82), speaking of the association’s Care wing that lends a helping hand to retired teachers.

EAT, PARTY, LOVE: South Pointers ruminated on the golden days over a sumptuous spread

The batch of 1977 seemed among the most well-represented. “That’s because we keep in touch. Recently we had a batch reunion attended by 125 of us,” said Debiprosad Duari, the director of MP Birla Planetarium. The batch of ’87 saw two lawyers exchanging notes. “You know why we have so few lawyers from our school? Because we were so disciplined that we can’t answer back,” quipped Kalyan Bhaumik.

After dinner, as the DJ took over, a chorus drowned the music:

“Soda lemon ginger pop, South Point on the top”.

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