



### Samman Diwas

The school organised 'Samman Diwas' to honour the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces on **Saturday, 23rd August, 2014**. The Chief Guest **Lt. Gen. Rakesh Sharma, AVSM, VSM, DG-Manpower Planning & Personnel Services** in his address informed the students about the beautiful army life, its challenges and its difficulties. He also urged the students to join the army and serve the nation. Besides being an endeavour to instill a patriotic fervour in the students, a one-to-one interaction with the jawans also exposed the students to:

- the importance of discipline.
- the need to co-operate and work together as a team.
- courage to withstand and face challenges.
- the importance of good hygiene and cleanliness and
- the pride of doing something for one's motherland even by risking one's life.

### Independence Day Celebration

The 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated in collaboration with the five schools in the Salwan Campus, Rajendra Nagar on the eve of 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. **Shri Amol Gupte**, renowned Director Producer graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The highlight of the celebration was the Talk Show – **Dauntless Dreams**, where **Shri Amol Gupte** interacted with the students and answered a volley of questions. He shared his experiences with the audience and advocated the following ideas:

- Letting a child free to follow his/her heart
- Importance of value education and arts for children
- Need to stand up to the challenges in life
- Abolishing child labour
- Importance of healthy parenting

A large number of parents, students and staff participated in the programme. The programme was telecast live in all the sister schools of the campus.



## Salwanians – The Global Citizens

The school constantly endeavours to prepare responsible global citizens through International Initiatives. These programmes provide us a global platform for achieving educational excellence and global recognition, awakening in the young learners the awareness of global issues, concerns and practical global solutions. An educational exchange programme was organized with Seymour College, Australia this year. On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 a group of students accompanied by teachers from Australia visited Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar.

The guests were shown presentations on environmental initiatives and the system of Inclusive Education followed in the school. This was followed by enriching and enlightening open housediscussions. The various Community Outreach Initiatives undertaken by Seymour College, Australia were also shared by their Head.

As part of the same programme, five students of Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi and nine students of Salwan Public School, Gurgaon along with two teachers Ms. Anuradha Mathur(Head, Primary Wing, SPS, Rajendra Nagar) and Ms. Pooja Arora (Computer Teacher, SPS, Gurgaon) visited Seymour Girls College, Adelaide, Australia from 3rd to 9th August, 2014.

- There they experienced the culture of Australia and were able to acquire knowledge about their lifestyle, traditions and customs.
- The exchange of ideas during interactive sessions enabled the students and teachers to develop a deep-rooted understanding of each other's education system.
- Visits to the National Parks, the National Zoo, the hills, the Central Market and the Chocolate Factory added quality to the learning experience.
- The Salwanians were also given an opportunity to perform at Clan Choral, a mega-event, where they showcased a virtual tour of SPS and Classical Indian dances.
- The entire programme has awakened in the students their role as global citizens; citizen of the world and for the world.



## Exchange Programme

Three students **Raghav Bhatia, Sejal Gupta & Sparsh Bansal** from SPS, Rajendra Nagar visited Choice School, Kochi. There they -

- Visited Mittradham -India's first energy renewable Centre for Energy Conservation
- Devised the Fundamentals of Conservation to be implemented in daily life
- Visited Thumbormushy river gardens and heritage sites like Athirapally Falls, Vazchachaland Fort Kochi.

### Students from Choice School, Kochi at SPS –

Students from Choice School, Kochi visited our school along with their Vice-Principal and Senior Science Teacher. In the school they -

- Observed various models / exhibits and activities being conducted in the science laboratories which gave the idea of scientific pursuits.
- Shared the initiatives taken up by their school for the betterment of the society.

## CBSE Writing Series

The students of Classes VI to X participated in the CBSE Writing Series Competition on Shri Pingali Venkayyah, from 6th to 11th August 2014. It was an online National Level Competition, where a topic associated with the life of Shri Venkayyah was given and the participants had to compose their essay on the spot within the given time limit. The Social Science Department organized, monitored and guided the students throughout the competition. The articles of 16 students got selected on various days of the competition. A cash prize of Rs 5,000 was won by each student. On the last day of the competition, the jury at CBSE selected the overall best seven essays of the competition, in which Aditya Mathur of Class X of our school was awarded a cash prize of Rs 20,000/-for the best essay. The total amount bagged by our school was Rs 1 Lac.

To reiterate the connection between the developments of the past and present the awardees were taken to various heritage sights of Delhi.



### Paryavaran Mitra Award 2013

Salwan Public School won the Best School and Best Teacher award along with two other schools from Delhi under the Paryavaran Mitra Award presented by Centre for Environment Education (CEE). The three schools now represent the Delhi State and compete for the award at the National Level in Ahmedabad.



### Kids For Tigers Festival 2013-14

Our school was privileged to host the Inter-school **Kids for Tigers Festival 2013-14** in partnership with **Aircel** and **Sanctuary Asia** on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2014**. **Kids for Tigers** is an environmental education programme for schools across India launched by the **Sanctuary Asia** magazine in the year 2000. This year the theme for the festival was - **'LEAVE ME ALONE'- The voice of the Tiger**. The initiative aims to send the message that by saving tigers, we save ourselves. The Chief Guest for the event was **Mr. Vivek Menon**, Executive Director, Wildlife Trust of India (WTI).

The event witnessed participation from over 1500 children from about 35 schools across the city.

- The programme generated awareness among the audience about the need to save the tiger and its habitat – the forest.
- The children were given an opportunity to showcase their talent and voice out their concern for the environment.
- Non – competitive activities included creating a 'tree of hope' with 'green' messages; writing postcards to the Chief Minister of Delhi voicing their concern towards environmental issues of Delhi; and signing a scroll to the Prime Minister of the country.



Students from SPS Primary Wing were awarded the Best Performing School in Delhi for the year 2013-14 by Kids for Tigers while Ms. Sonia Jai Prasad received the Green Teacher Award (Delhi).



## Regional Level CBSE Science Exhibition

The school participated in the CBSE Regional-Level Science Exhibition held at Rukmani Devi Public School, Pitampura from 7th to 9th May, 2014. The exhibits were categorized under 5 sub-themes: Agriculture, Energy, Health, Environment and Resources. Out of the 120 schools that participated at the Regional Level, 24 were selected for the State-Level Exhibition. The exhibit 'SOLARPOWER ROUTING' from our school qualified for the State-Level Competition.

Solar Power Routing is a concept which can be used in metro cities with high rise buildings where sunlight does not reach all of the rooms. It aims to illuminate the interior part of the building by reflecting a focused beam of sunlight at the end of optical fibre cables. Secondly, storing the electricity generated by the PV panels (solar tracking) in a rechargeable battery makes it possible to use it at any point of time. Thus, such a building is an energy efficient building which makes minimal use of artificial light.



## Salwan Ties Up With Jaagruti For Waste Paper Recycling

This year onwards Salwan has tied up with "Jaagruti", an NGO which collects waste paper such as old newspapers, etc. from the school and in turn provides us with recycled paper. This collaboration is beneficial in reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our handprint by using recycled paper in school.



## Interface

The Interface Programme for Classes I-VIII was organized from 7th July to 11th July 2014. Parents appreciated the new initiative undertaken by the school which has provided a common platform to all stake-holders. The parents whole-heartedly welcomed the idea of involving them in the teaching-learning process. It was an exciting and enriching experience for the students, parents and teachers.



## Global Alliances

Under the Global School Partnership Programme, Ms. Tarannum from Loxford School of Science and Technology, London, U.K visited the school in April for a five day exchange programme. A series of interactive sessions were conducted with students on various global themes like energy and water conservation, fighting hunger and malnutrition, and global warming. Ms Tarannum was also taken around the city to witness the Indian ballot system at different polling booths on the day of General Elections. The exchange programme strengthened the cultural and educational bond between the students and the faculty members of the partner schools.

## Regional Meet on Fostering Scientific Temperament

Mrs Sakshi Batra and Mrs Jyoti Francis attended VIPNET Science Conference for North Zone held at Jammu, from 28th April to 1st May on the topic 'Fostering Scientific Temperament and Science Behind so called Miracles'. The sessions were conducted by several scientists and scholars of repute who discussed at length the importance of inquiry based learning and ways to nurture future innovators. The session on 'Chemistry and Miracles' decoded the magical tricks played by Godmen using simple chemicals like potassium permanganate and glycerin. The knowledge gained from the conference was subsequently shared with the staff members and students.



## Interface with Parents

An Interface with parents was organized inviting them to experience the joy of classroom teaching and be a part of the teaching world. Enthusiastic parents wholeheartedly shared their knowledge of various subjects at different class levels. The learning outcomes of the programme were:

- It improved the channels of communication and fostered collaboration between the school and the parents.
- They exchanged their ideas with teachers and discussed at length on how they could work hand in hand for the holistic development of the young learners.





## Prizes Galore

### •Footloose Windfall

The school dance club bagged the first prize at the Inter School Dance Competition organized by TERI (Project Search). The power packed performance on Michael Jackson's 'Earth' won them a cash prize of Rs. 4000. The team consisting of 8 students was also awarded appreciation certificates.

### •Painting Competition

Kareena Soni of class IX A and Rahul Jana of class VIII A bagged the second position in the Inter- School T-Shirt Painting Competition held at Salwan Public School, Gurgaon on the theme "Wake Up!! Right is Might."

### •Scaling the Peak of International Informatics Olympiad

It was a moment of immense pride for the school when two students of class V secured World Rank I and III respectively in the International Informatics Olympiad (IIO- 2013) wherein more than 9000 students competed from across the globe. The elated winners Raunak Jain and Bineet Barman were awarded Rs. 10,000 and a smart phone respectively by the organizers.

### •Keeping Pace with the Evolving Technology

Sheetal Mahajan of class IX B bagged the third prize at the Inter-School Paper Presentation Competition held at Salwan Public School Gurgaon on the theme "Is Creation of Designer Babies Wrong?" The aim of the competition was to foster awareness among students about genetic engineering and new technologies in medical science for human welfare.



### From the World of Sports

- Nimita and Ishika of class IV made the school proud by securing Second and third position respectively in the First Women Delhi State Yoga Championship 2014 held in May at Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology, Rohini.
- Subhdip Bag of class X secured first position in the Delhi State Athletics Competition (100mtr run , under 16) held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in September 2014.
- Prakhar Bhardwaj of class X and Samra Zafar of Class VIII won the Gold and Bronze Medals respectively in National Taekwondo Championship held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium on 13th and 14th May. 1200 participants from 15 states participated in the competition.
- Padmakshi Chakravarty of class VIII A made the school proud by winning Silver Medal in CBSE North Zone I Taekwondo Championship held in September, 2014 at Maharaja Agrasen Adarsh Public School, Pitam Pura. She has been selected for CBSE Taekwondo National Championship to be held at Sonapat in November.
- It was a moment of immense pride as girls' teams bagged first and third position at Junior and Sub- Junior Level in Zonal Volleyball Championship held in the month of September.





### **a perfect head- start to the new session**

The years a child spends at pre-school, are the most impressionable years of his life. The right environment and support can help build a happy future for the child. We at Salwan, firmly believe in laying a strong foundation for the all round development of young learners. Our aim is to provide stimulating experiences which promote healthy mental growth and overall personality development, besides providing adequate training in reading and writing readiness. We ensure that the children are loved and cared for. Every opportunity to improve their self esteem and nourish their growth is availed of. For us Every Child Is Special!

### **Story Telling Competition**

To inculcate this habit of reading and listening to stories, a story telling competition was held for classes KG and Nursery on 30th and 31st July respectively. The children narrated the stories confidently and enthusiastically. Some even added songs, rhymes and shlokas to their stories.

### **Art Exhibition – Kinder Art – 2014**

Art and Craft plays a vital role in expressing creativity and stimulating imagination. To exhibit the immense talent and creativity of children, an art exhibition – ‘Kinder Art 2014’ was organized on Saturday, 26th July 2014 in the Montessori Activity Room.

### **Independence Day Celebrations With Shri Amole Gupte**

Little Salwanians presented a stupendous dance to welcome the Chief Guest Shri Amol Gupte on songs from his movies. He was mesmerized by the performance of the Little Salwanians.



### Blood Donation Camp & Food Festival

The school organized the 20th Blood Donation Camp on Saturday, 23rd August, 2014, in collaboration with the Armed Forces Transfusion Centre, with an objective to sensitize the students and parents to the selfless services being rendered by the sentinels of the nation. The camp was inaugurated by Maj Gen C S Narayanan, VSM, Deputy Commandant, R & R Hospital. Managing Committee members of the schools under the trust graced the occasion. To indulge in the flavour of rich Indian cuisines, a food festival was also organized which exemplified how tradition, culture and community are important in setting the Patriotic rhythm. kite flying activity added fun to the day. An amazing spectacle was witnessed by the guests, where an artist from Rampur decorated the sky with his 100 kites on a single string.

### Twinkle Toes – Inter School Dance Festival

The school organized an Interschool Dance Festival ‘Twinkle Toes’ on Wednesday, 24th September 2014. Renowned Dancer, Choreographer-Director, Indian Revival Group, Ms. Papiha Desai inaugurated the festival. She praised the enthusiastic performances of the children and appreciated the hardwork of the equally enthusiastic team. The school Newsletter ‘Kinder Plus’ was released by the Chief Guest Ms. Papiha Desai. It is a means of communication between teachers and parents & keeps the latter updated with the various activities going on in the school. The judges Mr. Rahul Chhetri and Mr. Sangeet Kumar Gupta proficient in national and international dance forms, appreciated all the performances wholeheartedly and awarded the exceptional performances.

Prize winners of the Inter School Competition

<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Salwan Montessori School (Morning) Rajendra Nagar</b>	<b>Spanish Folk Dance Flamenco</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>VIS Kids School, Dwarka</b>	<b>Samba Dance</b>
<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>Salwan Montessori School, Sector-5, Gurgaon</b>	<b>Philippine Dance</b>
<b>Consolation prize</b>	<b>Salwan Montessori School (Afternoon), Rajendra Nagar</b>	<b>Greek Folk Dance</b>

#### Beyond Classroom : Activities Galore

Earth Day	Summer Fiesta
Summer Camp	Mango Festival
Discover India Week	Special Assemblies