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With profound sorrow, we share the heartbreaking news about the demise of one of our precious students, Taran Jain from Std. XI in a motorcycle accident.



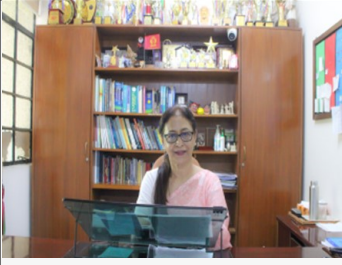
Taran had a deep passion for photography since a young age. As an active member of our photography club ShutterSpeed, he played a pivotal role in capturing the essence of every event. No inter or intra-school event was complete without his beautifully edited videos and stunning photographs. He, along with his team, was the creative force behind the breathtaking visuals that documented our memories. He was also the Gaming Vice-Head of the Etheral X Tech Club. Taran won several accolades and laurels for the school in photography and made us proud.

Beyond his technical expertise, Taran was a pillar of support for both students and teachers, always ready to assist with patience and skill. His calm demeanor, meticulous attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to his craft were truly commendable. Humble and grounded, he greeted everyone with his charming smile, making him not just a talented photographer but also a beloved presence in our school community.

*We pray for strength for his family to bear this irreparable loss.*

*Rest in peace dear Taran.*

## PRINCIPAL'S DESK



**“The discipline you enforce today determines the successes you’ll enjoy tomorrow.”**  
**Gary Ryan Blair**

In our pursuit of academic excellence and building a strong value system in our students we have thoughtfully curated a curriculum with a diverse array of activities. Renewed hope and commitment to achieve new goals and milestones drive us to revisit the action plan.

Training towards self-discipline is the core value in accomplishing the objectives we set for our students. Dwayne Johnson has rightly said, “All successes begin with self-discipline”. Collective efforts are needed to nurture this important virtue and enable students to become responsible and resilient adults.

We live in a time and age where excessive use of gadgets and social media platforms has distanced students from their roots and reality. Studies and surveys by the WHO reveal a sharp rise in problematic social media use among adolescents, with rates increasing from 7% in 2018 to 11% in 2022. This, coupled with findings that 12% of adolescents are at risk of problematic gaming, raises urgent concerns about the addictive use of digital technology. Countries like Sweden and Denmark which announced a five-year digitalization strategy for schools in 2017 as their main educational objective, **have reverted to traditional teaching methods due to the degrading mental health and emotional well-being of the students.**

Distractions and influences will be many but, it is our bounded duty to direct our children to the right actions and choices. The controlled use of social media, gaming gadgets, and television viewing should be monitored from an early age. Children will ultimately learn to set their own boundaries, which can be achieved through consistent supervision, guidance, and counselling. This approach plays an indispensable role in protecting them from distress, stress, and depression.

We as stewards of these young minds need to understand our roles well. Micromanaging and an overbearing attitude can do more harm than good. We have to be empathetic and patient to seek out their thoughts, worries and challenges while they navigate through a crucial stage of their lives. Giving them privacy, guided autonomy and respect is extremely important but at the same time, we should not be scared to say ‘NO’ when it concerns their safety and health. There is no space for compromise or being overwhelmed by our love for them. Communication is key. Simply having a conversation daily, leads to stronger bonds with our wards. Striking the balance between trust and guidance is necessary to raise emotionally strong individuals.

Hope and peace in one’s heart are essential ingredients in shaping these bright students into well-rounded individuals. Let us unite our efforts in giving our children a safe and secure life.

God bless.  
 Principal

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**05.02.25** - Our school was conferred the prestigious InspirED School Excellence Award - ‘Pioneers in Environmental Sustainability’.



**13.12.24** - Hena Naaz (Std. XI) secured the 2nd position in ‘Comic Strip Designing’ while Khushi and Babythoi Kshetrimayum (Std. VIII) secured the 3rd position in ‘Waste to Wonder’ competition at HT Lit Fest held in Indraprastha International School, Dwarka.



**13.12.2024** - Sharon Thangromawi (Std. VIII) secured the first position in Kavi and Geet Sammelan held at St. Mary’s School, Safdarjung Enclave on the theme ‘Viva La Vida’.



# IMPORTANT EVENTS

## WORLD DISABILITY WEEK CELEBRATION 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER - 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

St. Mary's School, Dwarka, observed the World Disability Week from December 3rd to 7th, 2025, with a series of thoughtfully designed activities. These initiatives aimed to foster sensitivity and enhance awareness about the dignity, rights, and well-being of individuals with special needs.

**03.12.2024 - Pledge for Inclusion: Fostering a Community of Respect and Support** - The entire school community took a pledge to foster a welcoming environment where every individual is valued, respected and differences are celebrated.



**04.12.2024 - Disability Etiquette Training** - An interactive session was organized for students of Std. IX and X to instill in them proper etiquette while interacting with children with special needs.



**05.12.2024 - Guest Speaker - An Inspiring Session** - Mr. Virat, a Wheelchair Skills Instructor at the Indian Spinal Injury Centre was invited as a guest speaker for an engaging session with the students of grades XI and XII. He shared his remarkable journey and achievements despite suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.



**06.12.2024** - An inclusive story time session was organized for the students of Std. V, wherein they read an inspiring story, 'The Colour of Dreams' about an artist with Muscular Dystrophy, who despite physical challenges, creates art with great passion and resilience.



**06.12.2024** - The students of Std. XII visited Holy Heart Special School. They presented songs and dances. They engaged the children with special needs in meaningful conversations and creative activities.



**07.12.2024** - . The theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was, 'Beyond Words: Expression Through Emotions'. The Chief Guest, Mr. Rahul Kumar Aggarwal, Deputy Director of Disabilities in the Department of Social Welfare and the School Principal, Ms. Sheelu Mathew lit the ceremonial lamp.



The Annual Report of 'Aasmaan' (Special Wing for CWSN) was presented by the Principal to showcase the programs, activities, and achievements in various fields. A vibrant program including a play, fashion show, yoga performance, dance and music received enthusiastic applause from the audience. The Student Council members provided the necessary assistance to the students on stage.



The Chief Guest emphasized the importance of this day in promoting awareness of issues surrounding disability. The event concluded with the National Anthem in sign language by the students of Aasmaan, and the Student Council.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### WG. CDR. MATHEW SUB. JR. BOYS FOOTBALL

**13.12.2024** - Our School hosted the Wg. Cdr. Mathew Sub. Jr. Boys Football Tournament. The event was a spectacular display of sportsmanship by all the participating teams. Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka secured the 1st position, while SVIS bagged the 2nd position in the tournament.



### CHRISTMAS CARIVAL

**22.12.24** - The Christmas Carnival was hosted by the School. Several engaging game stalls were organized by the teachers, captivating attendees of all ages. Complementing the game stalls were a variety of food stalls serving delectable and lip-smacking dishes. A day filled with fun and frolic attracted a large number of students, parents and visitors.



### OPEN DAY - JUNIOR SCHOOL

**01.02.25** - The Junior School Open Day - Educational Carnival was organised in the School that blended fun with learning. The event encouraged students to prioritize their preferences, understand the value for money and reinforce classroom concepts through a plethora of activities.



The students participated in various interactive educational and fun games, fostering curiosity and hands-on learning. Astronomy workshops, zip line adventure, magic and puppet shows were also organised for the students. With its perfect mix of exploration and academics, the day offered a memorable and enriching experience for all students.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### SANKALP SAHODAYA INTER SCHOOL ENGLISH DEBATE

**21.01.2024** - Our School hosted the Sankalp Sahodaya Inter-School English Debate for Std. VI-VIII. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of 36 talented orators from 12 schools in Dwarka under the aegis of Sahodaya Schools. The competition focused on a contemporary issue, 'Urban Farming is the Ultimate Solution,' which ignited stimulating discussions about sustainability, food security and future of urban living. The Chief Guest, Dr. Anant Vijay Maria shared some valuable inputs to encourage the participants. Ms. Anjali Sarah Mathew, the Vice Principal addressed the gathering and announced the winners.



Maxfort School earned the title for the Best Team. Awards were given to the Best Speakers for outstanding performance for both – FOR and AGAINST - the motion and the interjector. The event turned out to be an enlightening experience, fostering healthy competition and intellectual curiosity among students.



### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

**27.01.2025** - The 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated in the School with immense enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The event commenced with a welcome song, emphasising the theme 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas' reflecting India's rich heritage and progress. The Vice Principal, Ms. Anjali Sarah Mathew unfurled the national flag, followed by the national anthem, instilling a deep sense of pride amongst the students and teachers.



A fusion dance, blending Bharatanatyam, Bhangra, and lyrical movements, showcasing India's cultural diversity and unity was presented on the occasion. The school choir presented a soulful medley of Hindi and English songs, filling the atmosphere with a profound sense of patriotic spirit.



Certificates were awarded to students who assist Children with Special Needs (CWSN), exemplifying the Good Samaritan spirit. The students of Std. I to X were awarded certificates for 'Excellence in Reading' under the Read-a-thon programme. Shanti House won the trophies for 'Best House' both Literary and Discipline. The prize for the 'Best Class' was given to Std. VI E from the Middle School and Std. X B from the Senior School.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

**12.02.25** - The School bid a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing batch of 2024-25 with a Valedictory Ceremony. Mr. Rajiv Sharma, HR Training Consultant, Lens India, graced the evening as the Chief Guest. The ceremony began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by the candle-lighting ritual accompanied by the beautiful song 'Haathon Mein Leke' by the school choir. The Principal, Ms. Sheelu Mathew led the gathering in prayer, beginning with a Bible reading, followed by sacred verses from the Bhagavad Gita, the Guru Granth Sahib, and the Holy Quran, recited by the class teachers of Std. XII.



The School Leader Saanvi Roy and Cultural Captain Bhumi Goyal shared their thoughts and experiences leaving the audience both nostalgic and inspired.

Mementos were presented to the students as a token of love, memories, and the countless lessons learned over the years. In his address, Mr. Rajiv Sharma praised the school's unwavering commitment to education and character-building. He encouraged the students to carry forward the values of courage, integrity and resilience. The evening marked the celebration of memories, friendships, and the endless possibilities that lie ahead.



### SANKALP SAHODAYA INTER SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

**13.02.2025** - Our School hosted the Sankalp Sahodaya Inter School Dance Competition for students of Std. I and II. The theme for the event was 'Rhythms of Heritage: Celebrating Traditions through Dance.' The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from nine schools in Dwarka, each showcasing India's diverse folk traditions and cultural richness.



Folk dances from different states like Bihu, from Assam, Kavadiattam from Tamil Nadu, Bamboo Dance from Nagaland and other folk dances from the states of Chhatisgarh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan were presented at the event. An esteemed panel of judges including, Mr. Aman Singh and Ms. Ashmita Sunil, evaluated the performances based on grace, rhythm, and expression.



The dance troupe from St. Mary's School, Dwarka emerged victorious, securing the first position. ITL claimed the second position, while DPS Dwarka Expressway secured the third position. The event was a grand success, encouraging young dancers to express themselves through the art of dance.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET

**14.02.2025** - Jr. School Athletics Meet was organised in the School. The event commenced with the lighting of the torch and the official declaration of the Athletic Meet open by the Principal, Ms. Sheelu Mathew. This was followed by a dance on the song 'Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam'.



The students of four houses showcased their skills in the Yoga Competition and participated in a variety of thrilling races, including the flat race, sack race, relay race, obstacle race and Math-o-fun.



#### Std. II Math O Fun (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Satya
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Std. III Flat Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shakti

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aastha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Std. III Sack Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aastha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aastha

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Std. IV Obstacle Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aastha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Satya

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Satya
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aastha

#### Std. IV Flat Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aastha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Satya

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aastha

#### Std. V Flat Race 100m Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aastha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Std. V Obstacle Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shakti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Satya

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Satya
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Std. V Relay Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aastha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Satya

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Satya
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shakti

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET - AWARDS CEREMONY

**19.02.2025** - The closing ceremony featured a vibrant cheer-leading dance performance by the students. The day culminated in the felicitation of the winners, recognizing the Best House, Best Class, and the top three position holders in various races, celebrating their achievements.



Best Class - 1D

Best House - Shanti House

The results for the Junior Athletic Meet are as follows:

#### Std. I Flat Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aastha

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aastha

#### Std. II Flat Race (Boys)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aastha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shakti

#### (Girls)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shakti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanti

#### Yoga Competition

1<sup>st</sup> - Shakti House

2<sup>nd</sup> - Shanti House



## STUDENT ORIENTATION

**10.02.2025** - The students of Std. XI attended the eighth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2025)', an online workshop on YouTube hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



**11.02.25** - The students of Std. V attended the 'Millet Fest - Mirage Millet: Where Traditions Meets Tomorrow' held at N.K. Bagrodia Global School.



**29.11.24 - 08.12.24** - 16 girls from Std. IX attended Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) for 10 days at Safdarjung Enclave NCC office.



**04.02.2025** - A poster-making activity on the theme 'Tobacco and Cancer Awareness' was conducted for the students of Std. VIII on World Cancer Day.



## VIDEO CONFERENCE

**10.12.24** - A video conference on the topic 'Biodiversity' was held in the school. The participating schools included South Mansfield College (Philippines) Podar World School (Nagpur, India) and Dass & Brown



## ASTRONOMY

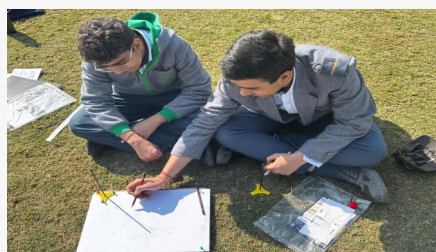
**05.12.24** - An evening session on the topic 'The Locked Luna' was conducted for the students of Std. III - V



**05.12.24** - An evening session on the topic 'Capturing Celestial Objects' was conducted for the students of Std. VI - IX.



**10.12.24** - Swastik Vashisht and Aditya Singh (Std. X) attended a workshop on 'Measuring the distance of the Earth with Qutub Minar' held at Qutub Minar complex New Delhi.



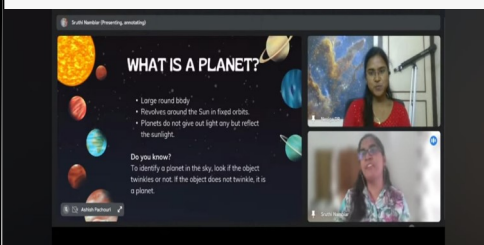
**14.12.24** - An outdoor trip to National Science Centre was organised for the students of Std. III - X



**18.01.25** - A workshop on the topic 'Astronauts - Can you be one of them?' was conducted for the students of Std. III - V



**01.02.25** - The students of Std. III-V participated in an online interaction with astronomers from SPACE India.



## INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

**04.12.24** - Western Music Std. VI - XII  
Topic - Country Music - Jr. & Sr. Solo  
Gospel Music - Group

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Shakti House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aastha House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shanti House



**11.12.24** - Photography Std. IX - XII  
Topic - Minimalist

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Shanti House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shakti House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Satya and Aastha House



**11.12.24** - Art of Cooking Std. VI - VIII  
Topic - Italian Cuisine

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Shakti House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shanti House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Aastha House





# INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

**18.12.24 - Western Music Std. I - V**  
**Topic - Christmas Carols**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Aastha House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Satya House  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shakti House



**18.12.24 - Art of Flameless Cooking Std. I & II**  
**Topic - Biscake and Puddings**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Satya House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shakti House  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shanti House



**15.01.25 - Katha Vachan Std. VI - VIII**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Aastha House  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shanti House  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Satya House



# SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

**20.12.2024 - Christmas Assembly -**  
 Photography, Dance and Eco Club



# CLASS DAYS

**08.02.25 - Std. IV - The Charolette's**  
 Web



**22.02.25 - Std. III - Moana**



**01.03.25 - Std. I - Grandparents and**  
 Their Timeless Tales



**08.03.25 - Std. II - Madagascar**



# TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

**25.02.2025 - Std. V - Trip to Rocksport**  
 Tikling Camp (Gurugram)



**27.02.25 - Std. IV - Trip to Rocksport**  
 Tikling Camp (Gurugram)

