

IHS ANNUAL REPORT

Good Evening to all of you present here today. I extend a warm welcome to each of our Distinguished Guests, Dignitaries, Parents, school faculty members and students to the school's first ever Annual Function.

The school opened its doors to welcome its first batch of the students in April, 2018. We started with few students and steadily rose to reach the present strength of about 300 students. Not less than a feat for us in our second academic session.

I became a part of this journey when I took over as the Principal on 28th June, 2019. Let me introduce myself though a lot of you know me by now. I am Neelu Sharma. I have over 29 years experience in the field of education and have had the good fortune of being associated with renowned schools across India. To name a few, DPS- Bangalore, DPS, Sec-45, Manav Rachna, Amity International School, Noida,. I worked in the capacity of Principal in MMI and DPS, Sec-84 before taking up this role. Much has been achieved over the last 5 months in IHS. Let me take you through the path travelled by the school.

Honorable Chairman Sir Shri Satpal Dahiyaji had a vision to provide quality education that was accessible to all. Mr. Yogesh Dahiya, the Director and Mr. Sumit Dahiya, the VP shared this dream passionately and so as a first step the foundation stone of the school building was laid in the year 2017. However, the vision took the shape of the school building which was officially inaugurated in January, 2018. A lot of thought has been put into designing the school – be it the unique and aesthetic architecture, its Curriculum, Quality teaching and learning programmes, ergonomically designed classrooms and furniture and the overall vision, mission and philosophy. This required foresightedness and thus the journey began with the school deliberately taking the path which was “less trodden” with the aim to bring in innovations to make the school life an enjoyable, satisfying and complete learning experience for the students.

The school made a conscious decision to implement the CBSE curriculum in the school as it provides for International Benchmarking and standards par excellence in content, delivery, assessments and professional development of the faculty. This curriculum is culturally sensitive, identifies learner's strengths and limitations, supports learning and development. Our curriculum is balanced and caters to holistic development. It lays stress on use of technology in teaching-learning, physical education, visual and performing arts and life skills. As Albert Einstein rightly said, "Education is not learning of facts, but training of mind to think." We believe in training the mind of our young learners.

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Learning also happens outside a classroom and that is the best form of learning and is called experiential learning. Educational excursions, colour days, rallies taken out by students, debates, role plays, talent shows, presentations, nature walks, special weeks etc are some of the experiential learning methods that we adopt to give wings to our student's thoughts and creativity. Children are encouraged to be aware about their immediate environment around them through activities that integrate art, technology, music and dance. For pre-primary students, activities are designed to develop their fine motor skills and to encourage sensorial development.

We believe in developing the inherent talent of every child and give them exposure in areas that they are interested in and have the potential to excel. To be able to do that, we promote participation in inter-school competitions. Our students, Disha, Grade V & Simran, Grade III participated in a Performing Arts Competition organized by Manav Rachna International School, Sec-21, Faridabad. To display their creativity and ability to innovate, our students are participating in a ROBO-FEST to be organized on 15th December in Euro International School. Such participation is going to be a way of life here at IHS as we will ensure that

students get maximum opportunities to participate in various inter school competitions.

Special Weeks such as book week, heritage week, science week, math week etc will be celebrated in school to help students develop a fondness for the subjects that they study and make them think out of the box so that each subject becomes a source of inquiry and generates an inquisitiveness to know more and to enable them to enhance their knowledge through various projects, experiments, research and activities.

National and international Olympiad Exams and ASSET exams are conducted in school and students are encouraged to participate. Tivon Kataria of Grade VII has qualified for the next level of ASSET Exam. Congratulations son! The Olympiad results are awaited.

Clubs form an integral part of our school curriculum. From the next academic session, students will be enrolled in different clubs such as theater and public speaking, music, dance, science club, computer club, robotics, sports club as per their interests to develop their creative and cognitive skills.

To encourage healthy competition within the school and to give students an opportunity to participate in different activities, a House System has been devised and will be implemented from the next academic session. This will provide them a platform to raise their self esteem and confidence level apart from giving them opportunities to display leadership abilities and teamwork. The four houses are Leaders, Champions, Challengers and Warriors.

We all know that the students are the future leaders of tomorrow and it is our responsibility to develop them to become responsible citizens. We intend to start this process next session onwards by having a student council with democratically elected council members. This team will be the role model for others and will be expected to efficiently carry out all the duties and responsibilities entrusted on them and display leadership qualities.

Celebrations, in our school are inter-woven with values to reinforce pride among our students for their culture and tradition. Human values such as honesty, compassion, empathy, respect, forgiveness, hard work are the core to human development and the foundation of any civilized society. In a bid to create awareness about the human values that our students must uphold, we have incorporated “Value for the month” wherein one value is discussed, debated for a month to understand the true meaning of that value. We are sure that this effort will pay off when our children will imbibe these

values and become model citizens. Other than that, various initiatives have been undertaken by the school to make students aware of their social responsibilities. Our students participated in plantation drives in the school and also undertook a rally to educate other students and staff about the urgent need for environmental protection. We encourage students to plant a sapling in school on their birthdays as their contribution to save our Earth from further degradation. October was celebrated as the month of sharing and caring for which our students spent time with the special ones from Deep Ashram and played the perfect hosts to them. It was a very humbling experience for them to mingle with the guests and everyone was deeply touched with their visit. Another set of visitors were the students from the local Government School and it was heartening to see our students teach them life skills and also ensured that they had a good time in a 'big school'. We will continue with our efforts in this direction so that our children become empathetic people who care not just about their near and dear ones but the community at large.

The school believes in the motto, "A healthy body is necessary for a healthy mind" and encourages its students to participate in various sporting activities. Our students are exposed to an array of sports like Taekwondo, lawn tennis, basket ball, skating, cricket. Apart from that we are also running sports academies in the school for Lawn Tennis, Shooting and Taekwondo. Next session onwards, we plan to have evening academies for cricket, skating and horse riding. These academies are for students who wish to hone their skills in a particular sport. Our students brought laurels to the school by winning medals in the Sub-Junior category in the Ist Shaheed Chandrashekar Azad Memorial Shooting Championship held at Muzzafar Nagar. The winning team comprised of:

1. Tanishak Janghu ---- Silver Medal & Team Silver
2. Moksh Rastogi ---- Bronze Medal
3. Dhruv Janghu ---- Team Silver

Our students did us proud by participating in the 31st Delhi State ITF Taekwondo Championship and winning medals. Ayushman Atrey, Grade III, Keshav, Grade V and Aaquib Ali, Grade VII got Bronze Medals and Vidisha Rathore of Grade III got a Silver Medal.

Congratulations to all of you, children!

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the fitness movement on 29th August 2019. A Special Assembly was conducted for the occasion. Students joined the live

telecast and also took a pledge to commit themselves to fitness. It indeed was a very enlightening programme and each and every child went home to spread the word of fitness to their near and dear ones.

Parents are important stakeholders and play a very important role in their ward's learning journey. Parent Engagement Program will be initiated from the next academic session onwards which is bound to increase active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents and the school with the goal of educating the child and ensuring student achievement and success. We have had story narration sessions where a few grandparents came forward and engaged our students with their story telling. We also have conducted workshops for parents on the topic "Parenting challenges" which was conducted by our school counselor.

APJ Abdul Kalam said,

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning. " "The teacher is the one who gets the most out of the lessons, and the true teacher is the learner.

Our teaching faculty is our pride and a true asset for us. Each one of them has been subject to elaborate screening process and are highly qualified and experienced. Our teachers are committed to providing a learning environment that is intellectually engaging and fosters critical thinking. They also participate in various professional development workshops with other teachers from various schools and benefit greatly from the vast range of knowledge made available to them.

I want to inform all the parents that the safety and security of our students is of utmost importance to us. Our school has a zero tolerance policy towards the safety and security of our children and we are strictly following all the statutory guidelines and have protocols in place over and above the guidelines with regard to the safety and security of children at school. We intend to have a school safety committee at place which also has parent representatives who review safety and security measures regularly. Regular drills regarding emergencies are being conducted in the school. Recently a fire drill was done for the staff members.

Our school counselor is entrusted with the responsibility of regularly taking workshops for students on safe circle, staff members on safety norms so they are prepared for any emergency. We seek your cooperation in making this school a zero tolerance zone as far as safety and security of our children is concerned.

I would like to close with a promise to all stakeholders that we will work tirelessly to provide the best for our students and ensure that our children turn out to be wonderful citizens of the future.

As Robert Frost said,

**“The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But we have promises to keep
And miles to go before we sleep
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Thank you. Have a great evening.

We expect that all our students will benefit greatly from this well rounded programme. It gives me immense pleasure to announce that we have got Haryana Board affiliation till Std XII, which is the first step to apply for CBSE Affiliation. I would like to inform you that we will be applying for CBSE affiliation in January.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you all that we have undertaken many activities and our students have won laurels for the school. Some of them are:

Sharing and Caring: October was celebrated as the month of sharing and caring for which our students spent time with the special ones from Deep Ashram and played the perfect hosts to them. It was a very humbling experience for them to mingle with the guests and everyone was deeply touched with their visit. Another set of visitors were the students from the local Government School and it was heartening to see our students teach them life skills and also ensured that they had a good time in a ‘big school’. We will continue with our efforts in this direction so that our children become empathetic people who care not just about their near and dear ones but the community at large.

Value of the month: In order to instill values in our students right from a tender age, we expose our them to one value in a month. The value is discussed, activities are undertaken for the whole month on a single value so that students understand the importance of imbibing that value. We hope to groom the students to have a well developed personality.

Celebration of Festivals: The school celebrates all festivals and shares the meaning behind these by conducting special assemblies. These activities allowed students to understand how India is diverse in its culture, religions and traditions and yet maintains “Unity within this diversity”. For the Pre- primary students, teachers discuss the importance of festivals, values during Circle time which is an integral part of a school day.

Inter-School activities: We believe in developing the inherent talent of every child and give them exposure in areas that they are interested in and have the potential to excel. To be able to do that, we promote participation in inter- school competitions. Our students, _____ & _____ participated in a Performing Arts Competition organized by Manav Rachna International School, Sec-21, Faridabad. To display their creativity and ability to innovate, our students are participating in a ROBO-FEST to be organized on 15th December in Euro International School.

Sports:

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Fun activities: add a lot of “zest and pep” to the routine school programs. “Colour Days”, “Show & Tell”, “Cooking without Fire”, Educational Trips to Keggs Farm and Lohagarh Farms were enjoyed by the children.

Olympiad Exams/ ASSET Exams: As an institution, IHS believes that it is important to develop a competitive spirit among students and we give exposure early to our students. Starting Grade I, students are encouraged to participate in Olympiads and ASSET Exams and I am proud to say that our students participated enthusiastically in both. Tivon Kataria of Grade VII has qualified for the second level of ASSET exams. Proud of you son. Results of the Olympiads are awaited.

Remedial Classes: We at IHS know that every student is unique and each one has a skill set that needs honing. At the same time, we cannot ignore the Academic expectation from every child. Hence, to provide additional assistance to students and hand hold them till they understand a concept well, we have remedial classes on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month where students can come and seek additional support from their teachers.

JOURNEY AHEAD:

- **CBSE Secondary affiliation**
- **Revisiting the Curriculum**
- Regular parent and student counseling sessions
- Increased exposure to students through Inter-school participations
- Integration of scholastic and Co scholastic activities with special emphasis on STEM

In the end I would like to quote an extract from “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” written by Robert Frost (with slight changes) to express our way forward. This is on behalf of the entire ITM Global School Community:

**“The woods are lovely, dark and deep
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Thank you.

Good Evening to all of you present here today. I extend a warm welcome to each of our Distinguished Guests, Dignitaries, Parents, school faculty members and students to the school's first ever Annual Function.

As I stand here today to welcome this august gathering to DPS Sector 84's first Annual Day, my thoughts go back to 1st September, 2016 – the day it all started. It was the day when we opened admissions and embarked on this journey with our goal firmly etched in our mind – to build a world class educational institution which would not only boast of a carefully crafted curriculum and innovative pedagogy, but would also focus on making its students resilient, tolerant and morally upright human beings.

“Every big castle once started with a single block” and our journey was initiated in a small office in Vatika while we waited for our citadel of learning to be completed – a task that was accomplished in a remarkable 8 months time laying to rest all apprehensions of the school session commencing in April. We delivered on our promise and honoured the faith and trust the parents bestowed on us by getting their children admitted in our care.

Within no time the school building stood tall and DPS Sector 84 announced its presence to the world. Built with special care in 5 acres, the school has state of the art infrastructure and all facilities required for 21st century learners. The school can boast of a well-stocked library, an integrated science lab, computer lab, music, dance and art rooms. The enormous school ground caters to various sports like tennis, basketball, badminton, soccer, cricket etc.

The school was formally inaugurated by Mr. V K Shunglu, Chairman DPS Society, on 18th March, 2017 and he made his appreciation felt for the infrastructure and the facilities offered. We started our first session on 11th April this year and the building came alive with the sound of excited students eager to explore their school, make new friends and settle down in their new learning environment.

Pedagogy is changing in a complex way and we at DPS Sector 84 understand that it is our responsibility to equip our students with the tools and skills that will help them navigate their way in this ever changing technological world. Our curriculum is balanced and caters to holistic development. It lays stress on not just core academics, but also use of technology in teaching-learning, physical education, visual and performing arts and life skills. We believe that “education is not an affair of telling and being told, but an active and constructive process.”

Learning at DPS Sector 84 is not restricted to classrooms. Our focus is not on rote-learned book knowledge, but on experiential learning. Educational excursions, colour days, rallies taken out by students, debates, role plays, talent shows, presentations, nature walks, special weeks, author visits etc are some of the learning techniques employed to give wings to our student's thoughts and creativity and also an alternate learning experience. Children are encouraged to explore the environment around them and their place in it through projects that integrate art, technology, music and dance. For pre-primary students, activities are designed to develop their fine motor skills and to encourage sensorial development.

Special Weeks such as book week, heritage week were celebrated and many more like science week, math week etc will be celebrated in school to make subjects come alive for students and to enable them to enhance their knowledge through various projects, experiments, research and activities.

National and international Olympiad Exams are conducted in school and students are encouraged to participate. 169 students took part in Olympiad this year. Delisha Sharma, Pulkit Dhingra and Aarush Malik did the school proud by winning School Gold Medal in International General Knowledge Olympiad. The other results are awaited.

Co-curricular activities are an integral part in the educational process and complement the school's academic offerings. These outside the classroom activities teach leadership, teamwork and responsibility while also being enjoyable.

Clubs form an integral part of DPS 84. Students are enrolled in different clubs such as theater and public speaking, music, dance, science club, computer club, MUN, sports club as per their interests to provide hands on experiential learning and to develop their creative and cognitive domains.

To encourage healthy competition within the school and to give students an opportunity to participate in multifarious activities, a House System has been devised. The aim is to raise their self esteem and confidence level while also giving them opportunities for leadership and teamwork.

The students are the future leaders of the world. DPS Sector 84 held its first investiture ceremony on 28th July and formed its first student council. Our council members conduct themselves as role models and are efficiently carrying out all the duties and responsibilities entrusted on them.

Celebrations here are inter-woven with values to bolster pride among our students for their culture and tradition. Human values like Truth, Righteousness. Peace, Love and Non-Violence are directly linked to the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual facets of human responsibility.

The school believes in the motto, "A healthy body is imperative for a healthy mind" and encourages its students to participate in all kinds of sporting activities. Our students brought laurels to the school by bagging a gold medal in 300m and 500m and a bronze medal in under 12-14 age group in the Inter - School Roller Skating Championship held at Amity International School, Sector 43, Gurugram. Students of Grade 6 and Grade 7 were given the exposure and opportunity to represent the school at the District Sports Competition in Skating and Lawn Tennis. Their rock-solid determination made us all proud.

Martin Luther King said, "Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education." Service before self being our motto, we are committed to nurturing moral values so that our students grow up to be compassionate adults who are sensitive to the needs of others and their environment. Various initiatives have been undertaken by the school to make students aware of their social responsibilities. Our students actively participated in the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' Programme initiated by the honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji. They donned the mantle of responsibility and did their bit for the cause. Students of Grades V to VII went to Government Secondary School, Sikandarpur, Badha as part of this cleanliness drive. They were armed with brooms, masks, gloves, posters, placards etc. and cleaned the school premises with dedication. They also spoke to the students present there and gave them valuable lessons on cleanliness, hygiene and the need to spread awareness.

We regard parents as our important stakeholders and solicit their participation in their ward's learning journey. Parent Engagement Program at DPS Sector 84 is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating the child and ensuring student achievement and success. Few parents have come to the school and narrated stories to our children and have conducted activities during book week, rangoli making, father's day, mother's day etc to name a few. We hope that in future more parents will come forward and will be a part of this programme.

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instill a love of learning." With great pride, we can say that our teaching faculty has been handpicked and consists of highly qualified and experienced teachers who are committed in providing a learning environment that is intellectually engaging and is delivered through globally followed practices that foster critical thinking. We strongly believe that "the key to success is dedication to life-long learning". All our teachers undergo the induction programme conducted by experienced faculty members of DPS Society. They also participate in various professional development workshops with other teachers from various branches of DPS and benefit greatly from the vast repertoire of knowledge made available to them.

With respect to the recent concerns regarding safety and security of children at schools, I want to inform all the parents that DPS Sector 84 has a zero tolerance policy towards the safety and security of our children and we are strictly following all the statutory guidelines and have further protocols in place over and above the guidelines with regard to the safety and security of children at school. There is a school safety committee at place which also has parent representatives who review safety and security measures regularly. Regular drills regarding emergencies are conducted in the school which are also put up in the newsletter. We seek your cooperation in making this school a zero tolerance zone as far as safety and security of our children is concerned.

Our commitment is to unlock the talent of every individual student and help them on their way to a lifetime of self-discovery and fulfilment. The goal is to build a solid foundation that will help the school in becoming the most sought after educational institution. All planning done and every step taken is with this aim in mind to make DPS Sector 84 gain unprecedented heights. Our future plans are already in place. Taekwondo, skating, skill labs like carpentry, pottery, theater, robotics are some of the additions that you will soon see in our school curriculum as the school grows. Counselling cell, educational excursion, exchange programmes, MUN are a few additions that you will see in the near future.

It is a moment of great pride for all of us today as we see you all gathered to witness our first Annual Day. I would like to take this opportunity to invite our Pro Vice Chairman to the dais to address the august gathering.