

## The Saga of Independence: A Tribute to India's Freedom Struggle

The staging of the spectacular show 'The Saga of Independence' on August 14, 2023 on our Independence Day was a remarkable tribute to India's struggle for independence. The school choir set the tempo for the day with the melodious rendition of a medley of patriotic songs.

The Director Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra, in her address urged parents to cultivate an 'attitude of gratitude' and encouraged them to focus on recognizing and appreciating the positives. Her speech conveyed the message that fostering a positive attitude at home would undoubtedly nurture a similar mindset among the students. She advocated the incorporation of balanced and nutritious meals in students' diets to ensure their physical health.

The story of struggle for freedom unfolded on stage as the children dressed up as freedom fighters relived each character and events depicting the complete saga from the onset of the first struggle for freedom in 1857 to ultimately attaining Independence on August 15, 1947. The energetic and realistic performance of the young patriots of class IV as Mangal Pandey, Rani Lakshmbai, Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Bipin Chandra Pal, Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi to name a few, carried the audience to the pre-independence era and left them with an overwhelming feeling of patriotism. The emotive enactment of Jawaharlal Nehru's speech, symbolized the momentous occasion of India's independence. The performers also shed light on the importance of supporting our industries and local artisans thereby embodying the spirit of 'Make in India' for the rise of a strong and self-reliant India. The students took a pledge to respect and value the hard-earned freedom, promising to be responsible citizens contributing to the nation's progress and prosperity. The well-cognate dance presentations interspersed in the show were a mesmerizing portrayal of the country's diverse cultural heritage. The culmination of the event, The Grand Finale, was a breathtaking visual representation of India's journey to independence. The 'Tiranga', formed by the performers on stage, was a living testament to the sacrifices of those who had come before, and a beacon of hope for the generations to come.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Yuvraj Malik, appreciated the students for their performances. He emphasized the need to instil Indian knowledge and values in the younger generation, reinforcing that the country's strength lies in these aspects. He reminded the audience of the power of unity and inclusiveness. He stressed on the importance of nurturing the habit of reading in children and highlighted the role of education and its transformational power while ensuring a balanced approach to technology and gadgets.

The show concluded with Ms. Laveena Hemrajani, the Headmistress of the Junior School, proposing the vote of thanks.

