PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS
09th November, 2024

Honourable Chief Guest of the day, **H.E. Mr. Bishwadip Dey**-High Commissioner of India to Tanzania; Our revered Trustees **Dr. Adlehelm Meru**, **Madam Joyce Meru**, **Mr. Sameer Santosh Gupta, Mrs. Richa Gupta, Mr. Ramadhar Reddy, Dr. Vasu Reddy, Mr. Mahesh Patel, Mrs. Rupa Patel, Mr. Manoj Bihari Verma**-Deputy High Commissioner; **Madam Poonam Verma**, Officials from the High Commission of India;Honorary Chairperson SMC, Honorary Treasurer SMC, Members of School Managing Committee; our valued sponsors and well-wishers; invited guests, parents, my dear colleagues, beloved children, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening!

I heartily welcome you all to the Annual Day celebration of Indian School – Dar es Salaam. I am indeed honoured to have this opportunity to present before you the consistent upward graph of our school's achievements and I would like to thank each one of you for being a significant part of this glorious journey. The Annual Report showcases the achievements and glories of our school undoubtedly, but also makes us think deeply about our areas of improvement. We have always been committed to create an environment in the school which helps the young minds to blossom and provide a platform for individual thinking and holistic development of the child's personality. We set standards and goals and strive to achieve them – be it in academics, sports, discipline, leadership and more. As it is said that:

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.''

Academics:

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution. One important measure of this pursuit is how the institution has performed, the most important of which is the annual school-leaving examinations conducted by the CBSE.

Our students continue to excel academically, demonstrating dedication and hard work. This year, like always, we are proud to announce a 100% success rate in the board exams, with a significant number of students scoring **Centum or 99** in various subjects. I proudly place before you the achievements of our students and the academic progress of the school.

Our students achieved remarkably excellent results in the class X and XII examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for the session 2023–24.

In class X, the result was excellent, out of a total of 55 students, 07 scored at or above 95%, 23 above 90%and 14 above 80%. The topper, HRIDYA NEERAJ (97.6%), while *SARTHAK TIWARI* (96.0%) and *JYESHITA KASARLA* (96.0%) bagged the second rank, Whereas *HARDI KALPESHKUMAR JOSHI (95.8%)* and *RUDRANEE SACHIN PATIL (95.8%)* secured the third rank.

***SARTHAK TIWARI&SUBHOMJIT ROY scored* 100 out of 100 in French whereas *MAUZAH YUNUSALI SUNASARA&NAKUL RAHUL LOTHE scored* 100 out of 100 in Mathematics in class X.**

The other subject top marks were: 99 in Science, 98 in Social Science, 97 in English and 95 in Hindi. Please give them a very big hand.

In Class XII, out of total 41 students 07 scored more than 90% and 13 above 80%.

In the Commerce Stream, **Kinjal Rajeshbhai Chaudhary** topped the school with **97.8 %,** followed by **Mahi Thakkar** (**96.8%)** and **Shlok Vishwakarma (95.4%) secured** the second and third ranks respectively.

In the Science Stream **Catherine Jebi Parakattil** topped the school with **95.8 %,** followed by **Dhairya Savani (95%)** and **Aastha Sanketkumar Joshi (92.8%)** secured the second and the third positions respectively.
The other subject top marks were: 99 in English, Biology & Accountancy, 98 in Business Studies, Computer Science & Mathematics, 97 in Chemistry & Economics, 95 in Physics and 80 in Hindi. Let's give them a big round of applause!

I would like to place on record, my heartfelt appreciation to the students, parents and teachers, who contributed to this incredible achievement.

Our students also get exposure to different competitions like International Olympiads, Aryabhatt Ganit challenge, Rangotsav celebration and Mathematics contests by University of Waterloo. These contests help students compete globally with their peers and excel academically.

Co-Scholastic Activities:

Apart from academics, we started with after-school activities with specialised coaches for various sports in the last session. Inter-house competitions are held regularly to build teamwork and competitive spirit. Leadership lessons are given at an early stage to our students through the Student Council where students learn the leadership in organising different events and assisting the school team in many other ways.
Alongside academic achievements, our students have actively participated in extracurricular activities. From Inter-Community competitions in debating, art, and science fairs to sports tournaments, our students have won numerous awards, demonstrating their diverse talents. Notable wins include the

Children's Day Dance Competition and the Under-15 Cricket Tournament organized by the TCA. These activities help build students' confidence and teamwork skills, fostering a well-rounded personality.

The current school strength is **905 students**. **470** boys, and **435** girls, from Balvatika -I to class XII.

Staff:

Indian School – Dar es Salaam family is supported by 64 well-trained, experienced and dedicated teaching staff and 16 supporting staff. In addition to core subject teachers, we have special coaches for Swimming, Skating, Karate, Chess, Guitar and Rhetoric. Our school has always prioritize modern, effective teaching methods to ensure our students receive a world-class education. We have introduced smart classrooms, online learning resources and many more. Our teachers have also attended professional development workshops by CBSE trainers to stay up to date with the latest educational techniques, ensuring that our students receive guidance from knowledgeable and enthusiastic educators.

Celebrations:

Celebrations, sharing the happy moments together and spreading joy all around is a vital aspect of Indian School – Dar es salaam.

a) We celebrated Guru Purnima, Ganeshotsav, Janmashtami, Navratri, Eid, Diwali, Christmas, and other festivals with enthusiasm and reverence.

b) Teachers' Day, Independence Day, Republic Day and other national occasions were observed with great respect and fervour.

Adventure trips, Visits and Excursions…

Our school organizes excursions and field trips every year to help students gain firsthand knowledge and augment their academic learning transacted beyond the confines of a class room, in joyful company of peer & friends. The students went to IITM-Zanzibar,

Azam Ice Cream Factory, National Museum and Fun city, to name a few….

Our students also had the honour of welcoming the Honourable Minister of External Affairs, GOI to Tanzania in this very hall. An elaborate report on all these and more will be published in the Annual School Magazine.

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In addition to academic and extracurricular pursuits, we encourage our students to be active, responsible members of society. Our students have participated in various social initiatives such as environmental campaigns (We planted more than 750 trees in the neighbourhood on World Environment Day) & charitable events (Helping the neighbourhood orphanage and schools with their needs). Through these activities, we aim to instil values of empathy, responsibility, and social awareness in our students.

The success of a school is the result of combined efforts of students, parents, teachers and timely support of many.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to place on record my heartfelt gratitude to **H.E. Mr. Bishwadip Dey**, the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, for his continued support and guidance, as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. We are indeed indebted to you, Y.E.

We are also grateful to revered Trustees for their guidance and contributions to the infrastructure development of the School.

I would like to sincerely thank the School Managing Committee, for their continued leadership and support, for the growth of this institution.

Special thanks are due to all the parents as well. Their constructive criticism and valuable feedback have always been helpful in so many different ways and I urge all the parents present here to continue supporting the growth of the school, no matter whosoever is there at the helm of affairs.

The staff & students of the school deserve a special mention for their consistent diligence, sincerity & devotion with which they continue to persevere zealously in achieving excellence in all aspect of learning at school.

Our valued sponsors are remembered, with gratitude and appreciation.

In addition, I want to state unequivocally that the success of any institution depends on its alumni. Our alumni are making us proud all throughout the world, and we have amongst us few members of our alumni.

On behalf of teachers and other staff, I now take this opportunity to commit ourselves to do our best at all times to honourably serve the institution and every stake holder.

This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the year. In the end I would like to conclude with the lines, of our former president **Dr. Abdul Kalam**.

“Learning gives you creativity, ‘creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great”.

Thank you. Jai Hind!