

# HARIYANA VIDYA MANDIR

## Annual Day Programme 2023







Hariyana Vidya Mandir's Annual Cultural Programme was held on 26th August 2023 in the school auditorium. *"It is a highly anticipated event showcasing the talents, creativity and hard work of our students,"* says Rachishnu Paul, Chief Prefect, XII B3.

The 2023 theme drew inspiration from the G20 Summit: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' – a profound Sanskrit phrase, implying humanity's interconnectedness.

Shri Shyam Sundar Beriwal, eminent industrialist, philanthropist and educationist, inaugurated the programme. The occasion was also graced by the Chief Guest, Respected Shri Sujit Bose, Hon'ble Minister of Fire & Emergency Services, Govt. of West Bengal. Other dignitaries present as Guests of Honour were Respected Shri Rajesh Chirimar, Hon'ble Member, Mayor-in-council, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Respected Shri Shakti Prasad Mishra, Professor, Sister Nivedita Chair, The Centre for Indological (Studies and Research) and the respected members of the School Management.

The opening dance, **Guru Vandana**, was a *"mesmerizing performance by dancers who moved in perfect synchrony,"* says Rai Mallick, XII BS3.

A Hindi presentation by Medhansh Bhojak and Satakshi Mishra was a tribute of love for the school. This was followed by the prestigious prize distribution ceremony.

A musical medley by a group of students honoured legends like Sandhya Mukhopadhyay, Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar.

Next, little dancing children, representing nature, spread a vital message about global warming.

**One World, One Family**, an English skit, depicted Indian and foreign students in a cultural exchange via Zoom. *“I gained a new perspective about people in different countries,”* explains Swapnil Roy, a participant, XII B2.

Subhajay Saha, in the Bengali dance-drama **Kangali**, made everyone emotional when he identified with Goddess Durga’s idol, sacrificing his life with her immersion.

**Behula**, another Bengali dance-drama, portrayed women empowerment. A foot-tapping rendition of the **Tabla** and different musical instruments followed after that.

Influenced by Rabindranath Tagore’s **Bharat Tirtha**, where the poet invites all to embark upon a pilgrimage of humanity within the heart of India, students showcased a thematic spectacle of recitation, dance, skit and yoga. Meghadri Sanyal, XI B8 says, *“the pageant-like visual of countless candles on a darkened stage was breathtaking!”*

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the Principal, Ms. Sanghamitra Banerjee: *“With every passing year, the benchmark for excellence, both academic and cultural, is getting higher. The students have lived up to our expectations and made us proud.”*

The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

