



SHANTI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE



Dear Parents

The Pandemic has been and still is a great challenge for every one of us, but I believe that it has made us stronger and more resilient. The Tokyo Olympics held recently are a good example of human hope and faith in the future of mankind.

For the children COVID 19 has deprived them of socializing with peers as schools are closed. It has bound them to the house and put them in a box.

When children came to the physical school, even then we needed to bring them outside the four walls of the classroom, and give them experiences through which they can learn.

Either way the Goals of education cannot be fulfilled till children get all round exposure to real life situations. Education must help the child to become a creative learner thinker and doer who is self-motivated and inspired. It should equip the child with life skills so that he/she



becomes an honest sharing and contributing member of this ever evolving global citizenship.

The pandemic has redefined how we will achieve these goals. Last year held a lot of surprises but this year we are better equipped and organized to face the challenges. The virtual school should and can function like a normal school.

The last two weeks in the virtual school, children were full of enthusiasm and excitement. They participated in various online competitions and through this whole process, learnt teamwork, faced new challenges, and discovered their hidden potential. It also taught them lessons of History which they could not have learnt from their textbooks alone. The true spirit of the Freedom struggle has been expressed by our Toddlers who brilliantly played the role of various freedom fighters and uploaded their videos. Don't be surprised if you have a patriot on your hands.

For me Independence is not only freeing of our country from British rule which is also very important, but more



about where India has reached on its 75th Independence Day.

Definitely India is in a much better place than it was 75 years ago. Our Olympic Gold medal in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics won by Neeraj Chopra in Javelin, and the bronze medal won by our Indian Men's Hockey team, have made us proud Indians of Independent India. Not only is India today a global power but very relevant in world politics. Our leaders are world leaders. Our scientists, doctors and engineers are doing exceedingly well not only in India but all over the world.

This gives us hope and inspiration that we are certainly moving in the right direction. We haven't achieved it all but we definitely will soon. Till there are tears in our country men's eyes due to poverty, ignorance and hunger, we cannot rest.

Dear Parents, our children are the future leaders of the country and it is now not only in the hands of teachers and the school but more so in your hands to see that your child's true potential is reached. You are their role model

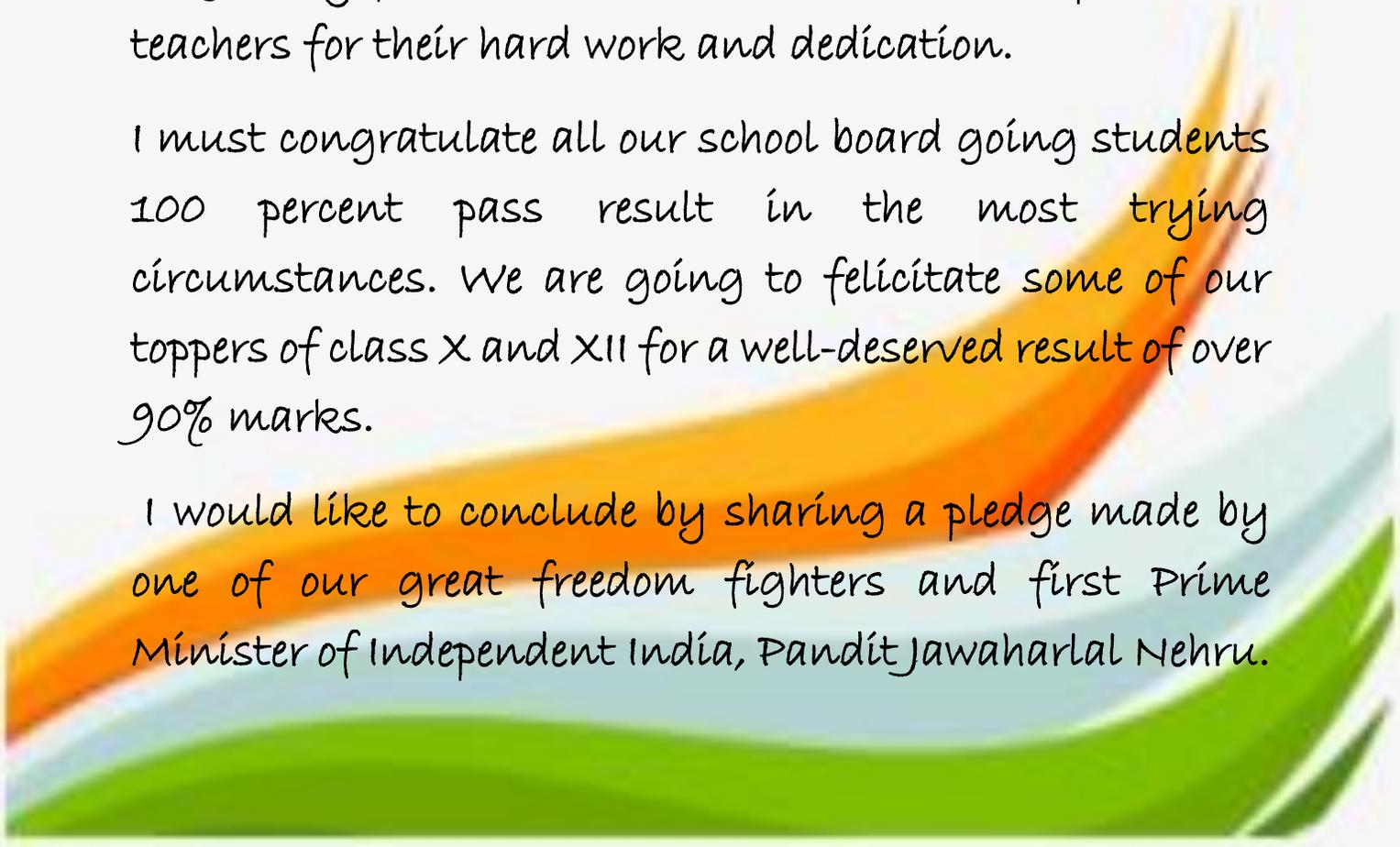


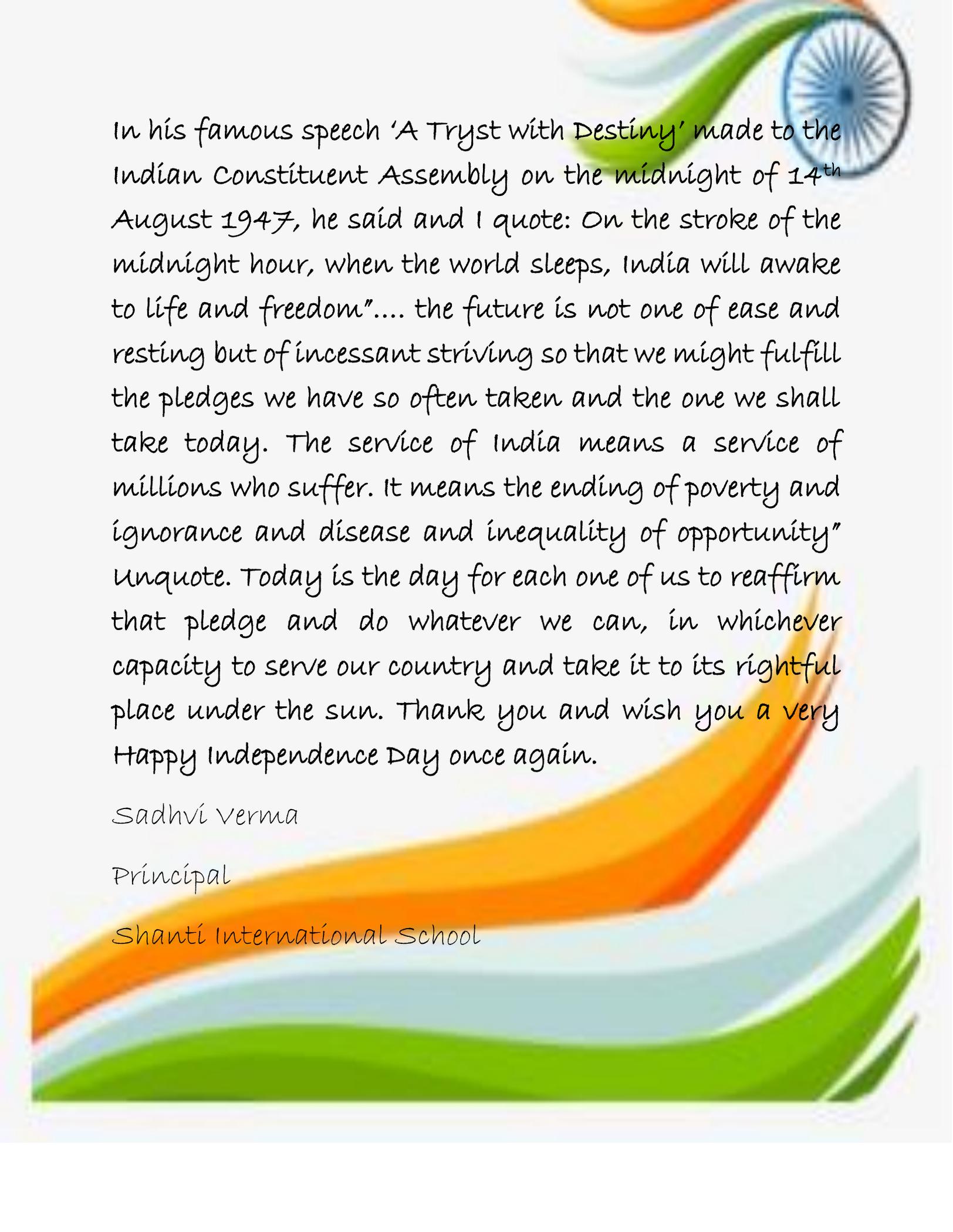
as they see you constantly. How you behave in front of them, how much importance you give to their new virtual education, how closely you monitor your child will determine your child's future.

Our children must avail of the resources at their disposal. The flipped classrooms the morning assemblies, the club activities and the competitions introduced by us in the past two months are opportunities which if availed properly can and will bring out the inherent talent of your child. This year's class XII topper had said in an interview, that he succeeded because he strictly and religiously followed the online classes and respected his teachers for their hard work and dedication.

I must congratulate all our school board going students 100 percent pass result in the most trying circumstances. We are going to felicitate some of our toppers of class X and XII for a well-deserved result of over 90% marks.

I would like to conclude by sharing a pledge made by one of our great freedom fighters and first Prime Minister of Independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.





In his famous speech 'A Tryst with Destiny' made to the Indian Constituent Assembly on the midnight of 14th August 1947, he said and I quote: On the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom"... the future is not one of ease and resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means a service of millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity" unquote. Today is the day for each one of us to reaffirm that pledge and do whatever we can, in whichever capacity to serve our country and take it to its rightful place under the sun. Thank you and wish you a very Happy Independence Day once again.

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