

## REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE

India is full of traditions and a great cultural heritage. For the freedom of our country, for its glory and for her pride, those who have contributed, traveled through a difficult journey, gave sacrifices and symbolized the meaning of patriotism, to all such great individuals, our mothers and sisters, I pay my deepest respect and salute them.

Sometimes natural disasters in the form of the current pandemic become a huge challenge for us. The new corona variant, Omicron has made many of us sick and some of us have lost our dear ones too. But we are a united country because of our great constitution which was given to us on November 25<sup>th</sup> 1949 and as a result of which we became a Democratic Socialist Republic on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950. The Preamble of our constitution, has established equality and freedom with responsibility among all citizens and an element of unity in diversity. That has helped each one of us to cope with such a huge natural disaster like COVID 19. We helped each other in the most trying circumstances establishing that element of Fraternity or Brotherhood which our Preamble emphasis.

Our children at Shanti International School, have always fulfilled that spirit of oneness, by taking each opportunity to come together along with their teachers even during the Pandemic. All the front line warriors who have taken this disaster by the horns, our doctors, our health workers, volunteers, police and army personnel and specially our teachers deserve a special salute in keeping the flag of our Republic flying high. I must take this opportunity to specially mention our teachers, who have served the needs of education, and kept the hopes of our students alive by their passionate and dedicated hard work and never say die spirit.

Every measure to keep the children safe in school from this disaster was executed by our disaster management committee. All corona protocols were followed, hand sanitizing, wearing of masks, and social distancing etc. An awareness campaign was constantly being conducted through drawing and poster making competitions. Our staff teams put up posters all over the school and closely monitored the COVID protocols at regular intervals. Our students helped their fellow brothers and sisters who were facing shortage of basic needs by participating in the Diwali Donation drive successfully.

In the previous week in respect of the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, a honogram statue of Shri S.C Bose was put up at India Gate in place of the statue of king George the Vth of England On this occasion the Subhash Chandra Bose Apda Prabandhan Puraskar was given by the PM to various individuals and organizations in he field of Disaster Management.

Our parents have really been the greatest of Carona warriors by supporting their children in participating in various competitions and celebrations done to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's Freedom from 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. This year has been marked as Azadi ka Amrit Mahautsava. Through role plays, dances, singing and writing lyrics of patriotic songs, competitions of rangoli, singing lohri's, performing Surya Namaskar, poster making competitions etc. all our children displayed their patriotic fervor.

Our Annual Function "I AM INDIA" to be held in March 22, is an apt theme to pay a grand tribute to all those great people who gave us this beautiful Republic. Just like the Republic Day Parade, through I AM INDIA" our children have showcased all the important milestones in our History which made us what we are today.

I would like to conclude by sharing a quote by the Father of the Indian Constitution, Shri Bhim Rao Ambedkar who said on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1949 and I quote, "However good a constitution may be, it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work on it happen to be a bad lot. However bad a constitution may be, it may turn out to be good if those who work on it happen to be a good lot". So dear students, we will take a pledge to follow the true spirit of the constitution and make India a great Democratic Republic.

Wish you a very Happy Republic Day.

Thank You

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