

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH KICKS OFF 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WITH BLOOD DONATION CAMP



Indian School Salalah completed its 40 glorious years in 2021. Due to the protocol of the pandemic, the much-awaited celebrations were restricted. Nevertheless, the pandemic didn't diminish the fervor and zeal of the family of ISS. Indian School Salalah has geared up with enthusiasm to showcase the legacy of its inception.

Indian School Salalah, since its inception, has grown steadfast in its purpose of spreading light, apt to the motto of the school, "TamasomaJyotirgamaya". From humble beginnings in 1981 with around 56 children, the school today is the largest co-educational institution in the Dhofar region with nearly 4000 students.

To mark this milestone, the President-Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, the members of SMC, the Principal- Mr. Deepak Patankar and the staff have meticulously planned to make this event an ever memorable one. Indian School Salalah kicked off the yearlong fiesta of 40th Anniversary celebrations to commemorate the four decades of magnificent achievement with the most virtuous deed on earth, i.e., donating blood selflessly, on 21 May 2022. The inaugural function commenced with the school choir's musical rendition of the school Anthem, 'We the Children....' The eminent guests of honour were Mr. Rakesh Jha, the President Indian Social Club, Dr. Sanathanan, Honorary Consular Agent, Embassy of India to Oman, esteemed members of the School Management Committee, the Principal, and the staff of Indian School Salalah. Mr. Anto Lalu, faculty, Commerce Department, formally welcomed the gathering.



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The President of the School Management Committee, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Dhofar University, addressed the gathering. In his address, he called the 40th year of ISS a Saga. He lauded the efforts taken by the Principal and the staff members to make the 40th year celebration a grand success. He also recalled the struggles faced by the pioneer SMC Presidents, members, Principals, and the staff who strived to build this temple of learning and sustain it for 40 years and thanked them wholeheartedly for their contribution and sacrifice. He urged all present at the programme to continue contributing selflessly and cooperate to make this 40th year a cherishable one. He also mentioned their long-awaited dream of constructing a new state-of-the-art school building for Indian School Salalah.

Dr. Sanathanan expressed his gratitude to the yesteryear SMC, Principals, and the staff members for their tireless efforts, which led to the present-day institution, and conveyed his best wishes for the yearlong celebrations to mark the 40th year. Mr. Rakesh Jha expressed his joy in being part of this grand celebration and promised to contribute to the school in the best possible manner. He also appreciated the SMC and the school admins for inaugurating the 40th year celebrations with the noble deed of donating blood and told the gathering about the benefits of donating blood.

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Principal, Indian School Salalah Mr. Deepak Patankar, in his address, thanked the President, SMC, and the staff members for their initiation to mark the saga of 40 glorious years. He expressed his joy in being able to be part of this grand celebration. He also spoke about having targets for the upcoming years to mark the Golden Jubilee year after nine years. He expressed his desire to have 25 successful stories and 25 successful alumni and invite ex Principals, Presidents, and staff to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2031.

The formal programme anchored by Mrs. Tabassum Farhan (Faculty, English dept) concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Parvinder Singh, Faculty Department of Physical Education.

The Blood Donation Drive was the main objective of the inaugural function. In the next segment, the celebration continued as the donors with smiling faces wholeheartedly volunteered to donate their blood to save precious lives. The team of Blood Bank of Sultan Qaboos Hospital Salalah, led by Mr. Ansari rendered their free service to this noble cause. The SMC members Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh (Vice-President of SMC) and Dr. Abubacker Siddique (Treasurer of SMC), Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice-Principal Mr. Vipindas and around 34 staff members contributed to this virtuous cause. While the day's proceedings concluded with the Blood Donation Drive, the year long celebrations will continue to keep the staff and the students on their toes. The galore of events will culminate with the Grand Carnival on 22 December 2022.



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