



INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH



ANNUAL REPORT FOR AY 2025-26

As we conclude the Academic Year 2025-2026, we stand at a vantage point, looking back on a year defined by resilience, remarkable growth, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. This report is not merely a summary of events; it is a testament to the collective spirit of our students and the unwavering dedication of our faculty.

Over the past twelve months, our school has functioned as a vibrant ecosystem where academic rigor meets creative expression and physical prowess. We have witnessed our students transcend the boundaries of the classroom, making their mark in academic achievements, leading the charge in inter-school talent festivals, and displaying exceptional sportsmanship on the field.

From the quiet concentration of the examination hall to the thunderous applause at the athletic tracks, this year has been a symphony of achievements. It is our honor to present the highlights of this journey—a journey where every challenge was met with courage and every success was shared with pride.

OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our motto

Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya

Vision Transforming lives of pupils globally by redefining knowledge ecosystems through passion, dedication, collaboration and innovation

Mission To provide the highest quality of education through experiential learning in a safe, secure and child centric environment; to help our students to develop into progressive thinkers and lifelong bearers of skills that will prepare them for the challenges of a dynamically changing world with empathy towards every other human being.

Quality Objectives • To ENGAGE students in effective learning experiences by providing opportunities to have hands on experiences at least once in a month in each subject.

- To MOTIVATE students continuously to participate in scholastic and co-scholastic activities throughout their schooling days, which discovers their hidden potential and provides them ample opportunities to explore and develop their academic and soft skills.

- To EVOKE a sensitivity towards others and the environment through every day activities of the school.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

At present the school has around 4274 students on its rolls. It has classes from Balavatika, LKG to XII and these classes run into several sections the total of which is 112. There are 178 teachers, 12 non-teaching staff and 51 Omani staff members serving the institution. Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil is the President of the eleven-member School Management Committee. The School Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, is the member secretary of the committee. The school management, administration, teaching and non-teaching will continue striving hard with utmost sincerity and dedication to take the school to further heights.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception, the school has consistently set a benchmark for academic excellence, a tradition vividly reflected in its outstanding board examination results for both the 10th and 12th grades. Year after year, the institution proudly witnesses its students not only achieve remarkable scores but also secure the highest accolades in the nation, a testament further solidified by the numerous centums achieved.

Class X: All 313 students of Indian School Salalah who appeared for the board examination 2026 have successfully passed. This 100% pass result reflects the hard work of our students and the strong academic support provided by the school. Indian School Salalah proudly celebrates the outstanding performance of its toppers: **Aavany Sunil Kumar – 490 marks (98%) – 1st Position**, Harshada Audumbar Pise, Beulah Mohan Sebastian, Dharsha Vigneswari Saravanan – *488 marks (97.6%)* – Joint 2nd Position. Angbin Nishad, Norah Meresh – *487 marks (97.4%)* – Joint 3rd Position. The school has been consistent in securing centums and this year altogether **there were eight centums. (Arabic-5; Science -2 and Standard Maths-1)**

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is a vital aspect of teaching career, providing teachers opportunities to grow professionally, refresh skills, and adapt themselves to the ever-evolving educational environment

- The Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman organized a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Session, a special training programme for the teachers of Indian School Salalah and Thumrait School on NEP 2020 for the Foundational Stage – {Balvatika to Class 2}. The session was held on Sunday, 11th May 2025, in the school auditorium and was led by the renowned educationist and resource person, Ms. Sonia Relia from India.
- The in house CPD workshop was conducted on 3rd May 2025 by Mrs. Rachel Sajith (Subject in-charge-Primary English) and Mrs. Elizabeth (English faculty), dedicated educators from the English Department. Tailored specifically for teachers of Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2, the session focused on Communicative English and Vocabulary Building.
- Another CPD session was conducted by Mr. Amit Rathod (Senior English faculty) on Saturday, 10th May 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Middle School faculty. The focus areas of this workshop were Common Errors in English Usage and Listening Skills.
- Indian School Salalah organized a series of in-house CPD sessions on Saturday, 19 July 2025. The sessions aimed to empower the teaching staff for the upcoming academic year through meaningful engagement, collaboration and reflection.
- The first session of the day, titled “From Observation to Intervention: Teachers as Mental Health Allies,” was facilitated by the School Counsellor, Mr. K. A. Latheef. The next part of the day focused on improving language skills. In the AV Room, a session on Speechcraft was conducted by Toastmasters Mr. Binoy C. A. and Mrs. Renu Jethin from the English Department. It included speaking activities and exercises to build confidence among teachers.
- The final segment of the day featured model demonstration classes across various subjects. Mrs. Ambika P. (Social Science faculty) presented a session on ‘Globalisation’, while Mr. Shinoj Thomas (HOD, Science Dept.) explained ‘Nuclear Reactions’. Mr. Mohammed Idrees T. (Mathematics faculty) introduced engaging strategies to teach ‘Equations’. Mrs. Subha T. S. (Science-primary subject in charge) demonstrated ‘How Plants Make Food’, fostering curiosity and critical thinking. Mrs. Ancylin Raphael (English faculty) guided teachers through structured writing with a session on ‘Paragraph Writing’ and Mrs. Ramsheeda (Primary faculty) conducted an interactive class on the ‘Life Cycle of a Butterfly’ using visuals and storytelling to enhance learning.
- The IT Club of Computer Science Department of Indian School Salalah (HOD-Mr.Mohammed Javed, Mrs.Abirami and Mrs.Shiny Miracle) conducted hands-on session for Grade VI students in Computer Lab-3

on 2nd August 2025. The session was designed to provide students with practical exposure to emerging technologies and enhance their interest in computer science through real-time demonstrations and activities.

NEW INITIATIVES IN CPD

- As part of the ongoing Continuous Professional Development (CPD) initiative aimed at enhancing teachers' professional competencies, Indian School Salalah successfully organized a series of enriching training sessions throughout September to November 2025. **These sessions were meticulously designed by Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman to empower educators with relevant pedagogical, interpersonal, and leadership skills to better support student development and institutional growth.**

- **The first session, held on 13 September 2025**, was themed “Emotional Intelligence” and IT WAS conducted by Mr. Ziaulhye Mirza, Head of Commerce and Humanities, Indian School Muscat. **The afternoon session on the same day** focused on “Parental Involvement”, led by Mr. Gangadhara Naik, Head of the Social Science Department, Indian School Muscat. **The CPD series continued on 20 September 2025** with a session on “Managerial and Leadership Skills”, conducted by Dr. Gokuldas V K, Chief Operating Director, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman. **The afternoon session on “Student Assessment Skill”** was facilitated by Mrs. Soumia Harikrishna, HOD Biology, Indian School Muscat. **Another session was held on 27 September 2025** led by Mr. Suresh M. S., Assistant Vice Principal, Indian School Al Mabela, on the theme “Student Discipline.”

The first session, on **Classroom Management**, was conducted on Saturday, 4th October 2025, by **Mr. Joyson Cyril**, Vice Principal (Senior) from Indian School Muscat. The second session, on **Question Paper Setting**, took place on Saturday, 25th October 2025, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, and was led by **Mr. S. Radhakrishnan**, AVP Senior Section from Indian School Muscat.

- The Computer Science Department (Mrs. Anita Rose, Mr. Nandakumar, Mrs. Purnima and Mrs. Shiny) successfully conducted a series of training sessions in the last week of September on CANVA, AI Apps, VLE, and Cyber Awareness for teachers from Grades I to XII, aimed at enhancing their digital teaching skills and familiarizing them with modern educational tools.
- As part of its ongoing Continuous Professional Development (CPD) initiative, Indian School Salalah organized a training programme on ‘AI for Teachers’ on 8 November 2025, with the vision of enhancing the integration of technology into classroom practices. The programme was conducted in two slots — the morning session at 9 am and the afternoon session at 2.30 pm. The sessions were led by Mr. Sahil Agarwal, National Manager, Super AI Polaris.
- Dr. Vipindas C. K. (Assistant Vice-Principal), Mr. T. K. Narayanan Kutty (Head, Department of Mathematics) and Mrs. Anita Rose (Assistant Vice-Principal) were honoured at a prestigious felicitation ceremony held on 5 December 2025 at Indian School Muscat. The event marked the successful conclusion of the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes conducted from September to November 2025 under the aegis of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman.

Dr. Vipindas C. K. led sessions on ‘Classroom Management’, while Mr. T. K. Narayanan Kutty conducted sessions on ‘Question Paper Setting’, enriching Indian School teachers across the Sultanate. Mrs. Anita Rose played a key role in the effective coordination and implementation of these CPD sessions at Indian School Salalah-school level. The training aimed to enhance teaching competencies, share effective classroom practices, and help teachers keep pace with emerging educational trends.

- The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar and President of the School Management Committee, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil. Their support and encouragement underscored school’s firm commitment to professional excellence.

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NEW INITIATIVES

Introduction of Skill Subjects like AI , Financial literacy, Introduction of Kaushal Bodh for Middle school, Two Shifts for CSE and Formation of new department “Happiness & Wellness Department.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Indian School Salalah officially inaugurated its Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) Club for the academic year 2025–26 on 5th August 2025, marking the occasion with a significant **Anti-Tobacco Awareness Session**. The programme aligned with the spirit of World No Tobacco Day, observed globally on 31st May, and aimed to educate students about the harmful effects of tobacco use.

A Traffic Awareness Session was organised at Indian School Salalah on 25th August 2025 by the HSE Club in collaboration with the Royal Oman Police (ROP). The primary objective of the session was to educate students on the **importance of road safety rules** and responsible behaviour as pedestrians, cyclists, and future drivers.

As part of the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations, Indian School Salalah organised a Beach Cleaning Drive on 13th October 2025 at Dhariz Beach, Salalah. The event was a joint initiative of the HSE Club and the Eco Club, aimed at **fostering environmental awareness** and encouraging community service among students.

Indian School Salalah has always taken the initiative in **servicing the community**, consistently upholding its legacy of compassion and social responsibility. Continuing this tradition, the HSE Club of the school organised a **Blood Donation Camp** in collaboration with Sultan Qaboos Hospital to commemorate the 55th National Day of Oman. The camp was held on 24th November 2025 in the school auditorium, reflecting the enduring commitment of ISS to humanitarian causes and the spirit of giving back to society. The Blood Donation Camp witnessed the active

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION-EARTH DAY

Indian School Salalah celebrated Earth Day with a range of creative and educational activities on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 aimed at promoting environmental awareness. The celebration began with an extended morning assembly, where Miss Maahi Vashista of Class X-C delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of trees and their vital role in sustaining life on our beautiful planet. The activities that followed reflected the school’s commitment to nurture environmentally conscious students through hands-on learning and meaningful expression. The Eco Club, under the guidance of the Social Science Department, organized a meaningful Earth Day celebration. Grades 5 and 6 had a creative Bookmark Making Activity in their respective classroom to promote environmental awareness through art. Grades 7 and 8 made the event more interesting by designing eco-friendly wristbands and badges, which they proudly wore throughout the day.

Indian School Salalah celebrated **World No Tobacco Day** on 31 st May 2025 to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and its effects on public health. The Theme of 2025 World no tobacco day is “We need food, not tobacco”, intended to get tobacco producers to adopt sustainable and nutritious crops. A special programme was organised by the Social Science department of Indian School Salalah in the school auditorium. Mr. Samuel was the keynote speaker. A beautiful ppt presented on Tobacco: ‘Poison for our planet’ showed the harmful effects of Tobacco consumption on our health and environment. A skit depicting the harmful effects of Tobacco consumption on the life of our dear ones was appreciated by one and all. The programme continued with the students taking a pledge led by Master. Sayed Shameem. Mr.Unnikrishnan, Head of the department of Social Science addressed the gathering about the necessity to avoid tobacco consumption.

NABET Surveillance Virtual Visit 2025 – Indian School Salalah Achieves Achiever Status in Category A

Indian School Salalah, as part of its ongoing commitment to excellence, the school embarked on the accreditation journey with the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET)—a constituent board under the Quality Council of India—three years ago. This rigorous process culminated in a significant achievement when the school received official accreditation on 17th October 2022, marking the beginning of a continuous journey toward sustained growth and improvement.

As part of this ongoing process, the NABET Surveillance Virtual Visit for Indian School Salalah was successfully conducted on the 28th and 29th of July, 2025. The evaluation covered 50 academic and administrative parameters aligned with NABET accreditation standards. Following the surveillance visit, **Indian School Salalah was awarded Category A – Achiever status**, reaffirming its commitment to continuous improvement and educational excellence.

ACCOLADES IN INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS/ CBSE CLUSTER SPORTS

Indian School Salalah has maintained a proud legacy of excellence across inter-school competitions in Oman—whether in academics, cultural pursuits, or sports

Inter-school Science Fair

- Indian School Salalah demonstrated exceptional prowess at the **inter-school Science Fair** held today 1st May, 2025 at Dhofar University, achieving outstanding results across various disciplines. The collaborative efforts of our Physics team and Mathematics team culminated in a **FIRST PLACE** victory in the model exhibition category. The Chemistry team secured a commendable **SECOND POSITION**. The Biology team (Smart agriculture system) and Computer Science team secured **Third Place** for their innovative **LEGO robotics** project, both achieved a well-deserved **THIRD PLACE**. Our school ISS proudly **lifted the overall trophy**, solidifying our position as **the best school in the Dhofar region** for the second consecutive year.

Sastra Pratibha

- From the Department of Science, Indian school Salalah We are delighted to share that Ms. Isha Fathima, a Grade 5 student, has been honored with the title of **Sastra Pratibha 2025** for her exceptional performance in the contest organized by the Indian Science Forum. Additionally, Master S. Shyam Srinivass, a student of Class 9, has also been selected as a Sastra Pratibha through the Science India Forum for the academic year 2024-25. We are proud to announce that he secured the Zonal Level Second Prize in the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2024-25 — India’s largest digital-based science talent search examination. This prestigious event was held at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, on the 24th and 25th of May, 2025.

Computer-interschool game development competition

- The Computer Science team of students of Indian School Salalah participated in Acuity 2025, an **interschool game development competition**, held on 28th August 2025 at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, Muscat. They created a game on the theme “Every World is a Unique Story.” Their game was original, fun, and creative, which helped them secure the **Fifth Position** in the competition.

STAI

- The school once again demonstrated its caliber by securing the prestigious Runners-Up Trophy at inter school **STAI 2025-Science, Technology and Innovation competition** organized under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman.

INTER SCHOOL TALENT FEST

- Indian School Salalah has once again etched its name in glory, emerging as the **Overall Champions at the Inter-School Talent Fest (ISTF) 2025**, hosted by Indian School Al Maabela under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman. Competing against 22 Indian schools from across the Sultanate, our students delivered an outstanding performance securing 266 points that reaffirmed the school's legacy of excellence.

8th MATHEMATICS QUIZ COMPETITION

- Hearty congratulations to Indian School Salalah team for an outstanding performance in **8th MATHEMATICS QUIZ COMPETITION** held at Dhofar University on Monday, 08/12/2025. Master. Shauryavir Singh (XIC) secured 1st place and Miss. Zaina Fathima (XIB) secured 2nd place in individual category. Other team members were Master. Mohammad Ayan (XIIB) and Master. Dennison Toms George (XIIC). Out of 30 schools participated, Indian School Salalah won the overall championship trophy for the 8th consecutive year.

INDIAN SCHOOL FILM FEST

ISFF inter-school competition held on 17 January 2026 at IS Darsait. Competing against 26 schools across Oman. **INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH BAGGED 4th position with 38 marks.** Advertisement by our school received A+ and selected as the most influential Ad.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTER SCHOOL SPORTS

CBSE Oman Cluster Success

IS Salalah absolutely dominated the team tournaments, winning multiple cluster CBSE Oman championships: **Kho-Kho Champions:** U-14 Boys & Girls , **Kho-Kho Runner-up:** U-17 Boys & Girls, **Football Champions:** U-14 Boys , **Football Second Runner-up:** U-19 Boys , **Chess Champion:** U-17 Boys , **Handball Runner up** in U-14 Girls & U-17 Boys .

The highlight of the year was securing a phenomenal **overall Runners-up position** in the **CBSE Oman Cluster Athletic Meet 2025!** This incredible achievement was driven by the outstanding performance of the **Under 17 Boys & Girls team**, who proudly took home the Runner-Up Trophy.

Sports-National Qualification and Glory

Our success extended beyond the cluster level with a remarkable **five disciplines** qualifying to represent our school at the prestigious **CBSE National level!** This included our champion **U-14 Kho-Kho teams** (Boys and Girls), the **U-14 Boys Football team**, and our **Chess teams**.

A huge congratulations to **Master Advait Sharma (U-14)**, our cricket star! After shining in the Oman Cluster, he represented Oman at the CBSE Nationals, where the Oman school team triumphed with a **bronze medal!**

Our players in the Chess Nationals, facing 127 schools and 749 competitors, played fairly well given the level of competition and pressure involved. **Mast Arunachalam** won two and drew one of his 5 rounds, and in the individual round, he won two matches and drew one game out of his five. **Mast Jeswin** won one match and drew two. **Mast Panav and Mast Nilayajeet** both won one match and drew one.

Ambassadors Cup-Inter School Sports

Indian School Salalah celebrated a resounding success at the recent Ambassadors Cup 2025, a prestigious inter-school sports tournament among Indian Schools in Oman for Under 13 category, achieving impressive results across various disciplines. The school's track and field athletes demonstrated exceptional speed and agility. The highlights include a Gold medal bagged by Karthik P.S. (Class 7B) in the 100-meter dash boys' category. His brilliant victory was applauded with thunderous applause as the spectators in the stadium gave him a standing ovation. The boys' relay team, comprising Adhidev Arun (Class 7A), Advait Sharma (Class 7C), Md. Nihaal (Class 6G), Dharmik Siju (Class 6E), and Md. Ihsan (Class 6F) clinched a Silver medal in the 4x100-metre relay. Md. Swalah (Class 6A) secured a Bronze medal in the 400-metre boys' category. Adam Anas (Class 6E) achieved a praiseworthy fifth position in the Long Jump boys' category. The Under 13 boys and girls Kho-Kho teams faced tough competition but displayed an indomitable spirit and secured a well-deserved second runner up finish in both categories. The Football team also brought home a Bronze medal, showcasing their skill and determination. The Chess Mixed team, comprising Dhayanesh Vinodh (Class 5H), Arutchelvan (Class 6I), Malavika Kachattil (Class 7A), and Hemank Padhy (Class 5A), displayed strategic brilliance and clinched a Bronze medal. There was a good participation in Basketball and Handball too. Indian Ambassador to Oman, H. E. Amit Narang, along with Board of Directors members Mr. Vinobha M. P., Senior Principal, and Education Advisor, Mr. Sirajudeen Nhelat, DIC, ISS, personally congratulated the young athletes on their remarkable achievement.

Co-curricular activities in school

Co-curricular activities (CCA) are essential for developing students' innate talents and potential. These activities serve as a vital stress buster while allowing students to hone diverse skills. Indian School Salalah is proud to provide extensive opportunities for students to engage in CCA events.

This year's CCA competitions were scheduled every week for two terms. Organized across three categories as inter house competitions—Sub-junior, Junior, and Senior—over 50 individual and group events were held. With several additional events integrated into various school occasions throughout the year, this year's CCA program reflected a remarkable blend of talent, creativity, and teamwork. It stands as a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to the holistic development of every student.

Celebrations

To foster values of national integration, international understanding, and cultural tolerance, Indian School Salalah integrates a vibrant calendar of festivities. National festivals, including Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Children's Day, and Teachers' Day, are marked with dedicated assemblies and commemorative events. Furthermore, the school gives significant recognition to global milestones such as International Earth Day, Hindi Diwas, Yoga Day, Road Safety Day, and UN Day, ensuring students develop a broad, empathetic worldview.

Clubs

Our diverse range of clubs enriches the educational experience beyond the traditional classroom. These platforms are invaluable for fostering holistic development, nurturing essential life skills like teamwork and unity as students collaborate toward shared objectives. Participation naturally cultivates crucial social competencies, including communication, empathy, and leadership. Students have the opportunity to engage with their passions through the **Bird Watching, Astronomy, Gavel, Reading, Photography, Eco club** and **Maths clubs**, which offer regular, dynamic activities.

Parent teacher meeting

Parent-teacher meetings are a regular feature in our school, held termly and after each assessment for all levels, from KG to Class 12. The Principal and administrators address parents in a general session, followed by individual meetings between parents and teachers to discuss their child's progress.

Alumni

Indian School Salalah proudly hosted the Alumni Get-Together 2026, an occasion of nostalgia and celebration, under the inspiring theme “Back to the Roots”, on 14th February 2026. The grand reunion witnessed the joyful return of former students to their alma mater, as teachers, and dignitaries came together to relive cherished memories and reaffirm lifelong bonds. The event unfolded in an atmosphere filled with warmth, gratitude, and emotional reconnect, truly reflecting the enduring spirit and legacy of Indian School Salalah.

A special highlight of the evening was an engaging and deeply nostalgic presentation which beautifully traced the remarkable journey of Indian School Salalah from its inception in **1981** to its present stature in **2026**. The presentation offered a captivating walk through the school’s rich legacy, major milestones, and outstanding achievements in academics, co-curricular excellence, sports, cultural activities, and community engagement over the decades.

One of the most interactive segments of the event was the Alumni Self-Introduction, where each alumnus shared their name, batch, current profession, and a cherished memory of their school days. This session created a vibrant exchange of experiences, laughter, and emotional reconnect, making the gathering truly personal and joyful. A dedicated photo spot was set up in the school quadrangle, where alumni captured memorable pictures with the beautifully designed “Back to the Roots” frame, adding a special charm to the reunion and preserving unforgettable moments of togetherness. The **Alumni Get-Together 2026 – “Back to the Roots”** served as a beautiful bridge between the past and the present, reaffirming that the bond between a school and its students never fades.

Conclusion

This year’s milestones are a testament to the power of a shared vision. Our success is not the result of a single effort, but the harmonious synergy between a visionary management headed by Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, an inspiring Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, and a dedicated teaching faculty and a supportive parent community. Together, they have created an environment where our students can push boundaries and exceed expectations. This collective teamwork has transformed challenges into opportunities, ensuring that excellence remains our standard. As we look back on these achievements, we celebrate the spirit of collaboration that defines our school community. We move forward with renewed commitment, confident that our united efforts will continue to shape a bright and impactful future for every learner in the Academic Year 2026-27.

