

REISE The Journey...

19th November, 2022: St. Xavier's School, Bathinda celebrated its Annual Day Function with the great grandeur in the school. The purpose of the function was to convey the theme of human journey towards progress and its impact on mankind and nature. On this special day, the event was graced by the presence of the Honorable Chief Guest , Smt. Amrita Warring(Founder cum Chairman , Aasraa Foundation) , the Guest of Honour, Rev. Fr. Remy Cardoza, sfx (Provincial Superior , Society of Pilar, Delhi Province) the Manager, Rev Fr. Christopher Michael , the Principal, Rev Fr. Cidloy Furtado ,the Parish Priest , Rev Fr. Vinod Ba ,the Assistant Parish Priest , Fr. Venito Colaco, the Co ordinator, Mrs Archana Rajput, the Supervisor, Ms Nupur and other dignitaries. Parents were also invited to attend the event. The students from different classes participated and performed in various activities. The participants were very enthusiastic to perform for the annual function. The entire school was decorated beautifully and especially the grand stage was decorated with bright lights and flowers.

The event began around 6pm with the welcome dance. The Guest of Honour was felicitated by the Manager and the Principal of the school. After the felicitation, the Guest of Honour addressed the gathering with his inspiring words. He mentioned the importance of education and how it helps children to explore things in their lives. He emphasized on how life is different for everyone with hurdles, lessons and special actions that can lead us to success. He symbolized life as an opportunity which always gives us new lessons to be learnt. He also praised the parents by saying that they are the main source for the smooth functioning of the institute. At last, he thanked the school management and the teachers for their outstanding contribution to the institute.

After the inspiring words of the Guest of Honour, the Chief Guest was felicitated by the Manager and the Principal of the school. Then, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering by stating the importance of values such as sacrifice and honesty. She also addressed the parents and requested them to teach their children how

to be happy and spread happiness everywhere. She emphasized that education is not merely about marks but it is about supporting a child's passion. At the end she thanked the school management and wished good luck to all the students.

Then the program proceeded further highlighting the journey of human progress and its consequences which was effectively presented by showing the five elements (sky, earth, air, water and fire) in the form of dances. Hereafter, there was a Creation Story that showed 'The Garden of Eden' and creation of Adam and Eve by God in the form of a play. Various dances such as Ethnic, Tribal and Portuguese were displayed very beautifully to show how man rambled in different parts of the earth and learnt many new cultures. In the journey of progress, he (man) faced many obstacles and reached the pinnacle of success. In this reise, he developed greed for materialistic world and vices like lust, power, pride and envy seized him. This thought was delivered in the form of a play 'Man the Slave of Desires' and the Ostrich – Drill. Hereafter, there were series of dances namely, Belly, Salsa, French, Samba and Robotic. The students wearing beautiful costumes were looking very attractive while performing.

With the progress of science, human destructed nature in many ways .This dark side of progress was shown in the form of an act. The play 'Set Me Free' delivered a message to protect the Mother Earth. There was also a local folk dance, Bhangra, which was a spectacular performance. The event was finally wrapped up by the Father Manager by mentioning the importance of love to all and finally he thanked everyone for their participation and contribution that made such a great event a huge success. The program ended with the national anthem.