

**Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul.  
Dream deep, for every dream leads the goal.**

A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song. and with these most dazzling words of Maya Angelou, I would like to wish you all a very pleasant evening.

**Respected Chief Guest, Members on board, all the dignitaries, guests, parents and their families present here. I take this opportunity to convey my warmest greetings to you, and welcome you all to our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day. Your presence is a source of great motivation and encouragement to the entire school.**

Each-one of us famous or in-famous, is a role model for somebody, and if we aren't, we should behave as one because you can be sure of being watched and that someone might be taking deliberate and diligent notes" Everyone has a power to transform for better. At ICS, we believe that every individual has a lot of potential that can help accomplish wonders.

**Having seen five summers, we are all set to step into our next academic session 2020-21.** Under the umbrella of the IIEBM Trust, we have come a long way from where we had started but many more miles are yet to be travelled. Now that the wheels are set in motion, we are improvising with each passing day and taking a step ahead without forgetting to retrospect and learn from the past. We are also committed not to turn a blind eye to the essential human virtues of compassion, frugality and humility so our students may become socially acceptable human beings with a genuine civic sense. We notice the beauty of a butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it goes through to achieve that beauty. The changes we go through in our lives are vital to our existence, Keeping ourselves abreast with changing times, we have shifted gears, fine tuned our modus operandi to achieve the maximum. **"Every time God sends a child into the World, HE is proclaiming that HE has not lost hope in mankind yet"** History proves that it is always a few good people who have made all the difference and made our world a better place

Our Vision to churn out citizens who are inspiring leaders with a humane touch gives directions of our efforts and help in prioritizing deployment of resources at our disposal to be able to take a number of new initiatives.

The session of 2019-20 was a great year, and my report shall showcase all the achievements and development that the school, staff and students undertook which can be seen in the Pictures on the screen. Without an iota of doubt, I can say that our students have made us proud.

Academics will always hold the major chunk amongst all the duties that a school needs to dispense. In the year 19-20, lot of changes were made on the academic front where we added many subject enrichment, Student Portfolio, and hands on learning activities to the curriculum. The assessment pattern too underwent modifications based on latest circulars from CBSE.

The year started with a summer camp and a movie trip to watch Dumbo. We were happy to welcome our new students who joined the ICS family in April. To improve upon and inspire an individual is great, but greater still is inspiring a group, and with this in our mind, a Parent Orientation Program and A phonic Workshop was organized for parents to help their child develop good academic and reading skills and update them about our school culture.

**As true learning is much more than imparting 3 R's of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic,** the school calendar remained studded with a rich variety of co-curricular activities in house or extramural **amongst which** Show and tell, Story Telling Competition, File Making, Drawing Competition, Debates, Fancy Dress, Recitation Competition are there to name a few.

As said by Martin Rees, "Crucial to science, education is hands in involvement: showing, not just telling; real experiments and field trips and not just Virtual Reality." An activity on the Three R's of Waste Management, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle was conducted to support the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan where our students took a pledge for not using plastic and saving the environment.

Various clubs activities were introduced this year for skill development and to bring out creativity under Reading Club, Integrity Club, Eco Club, Heritage Club, etc. For Resource person Interaction, A pottery session of diya making and Fire Safety session was conducted for life skills development. Many saplings were planted in the campus by our students to make the school environs greener and healthier.

Competitive exams are one way to give the students an exposure and help to extend their boundaries. Many participated in Inter and Intra SCHOOL COMPETITIONS for Skating and Karate Championship and won prizes and brought laurels to the school. Few would be going ahead for State and National Level Championships to represent our school. 40 of our students took karate belt exam and qualified for yellow belt.

Assemblies are an essential part of schools, for they not only promote a sense of collective belonging to the school but they also educate the students in various ways

Variety is the spice of life. Formative and Summative Exams probably do not facilitate an aptitude in certain disciplines. To compensate the lacuna the school organised a plethora of like National Science, International Maths and International English Olympiads. This year we also were also approached by Humming Bird for National Spell Bee competition.

**Much is said and done about passing on our rich cultural heritage to the coming generations but I believe that the school is the place where the real handling taking takes place. Curriculum for this year was marked with various celebrations, National and cultural festivals, competitions, special days spread over the year to make the children understand their importance in our lives.**

The school has never failed to find method in the madness of innovative learning. Various events were celebrated with a lot of vigour and fun like Independence Day, Yoga Day, Teachers Day, Sports Day, Children's Day, Investiture Ceremony, Hindi Diwas, World Smile Day, World Kindness Day, Kargil Diwas, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Puppet Show, Role plays, Van Mahotsav Day, Annual Fun Fair, Ganpati Idol Making Workshop, Satnarayan Puja. These events are not only educational but also fun.

Investiture Ceremony was conducted where Council members were elected democratically by students through the voting system. Nominations based on five-point rating scale of discipline, academic performance, good habits, best dressed and sportsmanship was suggested by students and then voting was done

The school also initiated a parent student partnership program Samanvay 2019-20 where we invited parents to participate in various activities like Rangoli, Best out of waste and Ad Mad Show to come and spend Quality time with students for which we rcvd wonderful response.

“Teachers are also learners.” Staying updated is the key to success, especially in the field of education. Our teachers attended various workshops related to National curriculum Framework and for innovative teaching learning in various subjects and levels to enhance their skills striving to stay updated.

Constant improvement is the key to success. Few infrastructural and other developments like Renovation of Assembly cum Activity Area, Installing RO Water Purifier, Composite Science lab, New computer lab to accommodate 40 students at a time, Pager Systems, new CCTVs Fire Safety provisions were accomplished.

You must do things that you know are right even when you won't get any credit or thanks. The immortal John Wooden, hall of fame coach for UCLA men's basketball team, is credited with saying that “character is what you do when no one is looking.” We have always tried to grab every opportunity to polish the skills of our students as these opportunities won't always be staring you in the face. They will sometimes be more like tugs at your sleeve that are easy to ignore, hoping to be recognized because if they were, they would certainly create miracles and we do this not to prove to anyone of our quality but to justify the profession we have chosen in life----being teachers because . **The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why and we have realized our purpose.**

In a day, when you don't come across any problems, you can be sure that you are travelling in a wrong path. Every year, we emphasize the importance of goal setting and goals do come with hurdles. A person without a goal could wander aimlessly and be very unproductive and goal setting also applies to schools. A school without goals for improvement can risk becoming stagnant or even obsolete under the tides of change. The two new goals that I wish all of us, as members of this learning community, could strive to achieve are

**First, Strive for effectiveness and innovation in teaching learning process. Second, Be a Happy school with a Distinctive Culture. And I can say that we are moving ahead in the right direction to achieve these goals.**

Coming to our program today....The whole experience was not less than ‘a grand Indian wedding’ except may be for some ‘shehnaai’. We were on the bride's side – nervous and biting nails, ensuring all is kept and prepared well for our esteemed audience. All healthy communities build for the future. In educating today's youth we cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that we must teach them to grapple with the problems of their generations, society and world. Yesterdays' solution to today's problems would not suffice. The youth of today need to be readied for the global stage –to compete with the best brains in the world. We wish to make education at our school, a TOTAL experienc. Like all great institutions, we have our dreams, ambitions and aspirations and to convert these into tangible realities is our goal. "Ever forward and never to look back" is the school's spirit which we invoke to guide us throughout.

You will be happy to know that this year, we had applied for the CBSE affiliation wherein our application has been submitted and accepted successfully and now we are eagerly waiting to hear from the board. We are confident that it will be the school of choice for many a discerning parents in the near future.

Bringing up a child is a team effort and by sharing and combining our efforts in the school as well as at home, we can provide them a healthy upbringing. We at ICS value our parents as equal partners in education.

**In the pending academic year, we have Annual Medical Checkup, Convocation Ceremony, Science Exhibition – Sriijan 2019-20, Fun Excursions, in the waiting. Besides all this, many more plans for a holistic approach in the school are in the pipeline and in the coming months the transformation shall be seen**

**I would like to place on record my most sincere thanks to the management of IEBM, our Chairman Col Marwaha and our MD Dr Jai Singh for their unstinted guidance and support. Thank you very much Sir for the trust and excellent support you have been extending me. My report on the school would be incomplete if I did not make mention of the wonderful team of my teachers who work with dedication and unhesitatingly give their best. At times, I feel that I make too many demands on my teachers, but they have always responded very positively. My thanks to the entire team of IBS and ICS for their 'behind the scene' work.** Growing Up is not growing old; It's unbelieving all you are told; Unbying lies you are sold; Breaking down your social mold; You ,ust stray from the fold; To let your mind be uncontrolled. Growing up is growing bold, do it quick before you are old.

Last, but the most important, a few words to my students. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, that is where they should be. All you need is to work hard to put foundation under them. Always try to make yourselves good human beings when you grow up because ...

When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you king for a day  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself  
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife  
Whose judgment upon you must pass  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please – never mind all the rest  
For he's with you, clear to the end  
And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

At the end, I would like to conclude with the words of Swami Vivekanand: Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life, dream of it, live on it. Let the brains muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea and leave other ideas alone. This is the way to success and this is the way the successful giants are produced **Always try to make yourselves good human beings and make this world of ours a better place than you find it today.**

I would like to thank you all for bearing with me for so long, and I now invite you to enjoy the beautiful cultural program by our students. Before I hand over to Swati Teacher, I would like to wish all our young budding stars all the best. It is a humble request to all the parents to watch the program not to point out the flaws but to marvel at the confidence with which they will perform today so be kind and appreciative. So ladies and gentlemen, please sit back, relax and enjoy the program. Thank you.