

## **SALWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, MAYUR VIHAR**

**Academic Session: 2024 – 2025**

### **Annual Report**

A school is often described as a ‘world in miniature’, where life’s most important lessons unfold—facing challenges, embracing competition, learning from failure, and celebrating triumphs. Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, true to its motto Service Before Self, stands as a symbol of holistic education, nurturing students into confident, responsible global citizens.

The institution believes in continuously evolving through innovative practices such as sustainable development programmes, collaborations with reputed organisations, hands-on learning, Adventure Camps, MUNs, RIIDS, and excellence in sports. These initiatives empower our students to dream, question, and shape their own future while becoming agents of social change.

Academic excellence continues to be the cornerstone of our institution. In the CBSE 2024–2025 board examinations, our students delivered exceptional results. The highest scores were: Science – 97.6% (Siya Mahindroo), Commerce – 97.4% (S. Radhika), and Humanities – 94% (Pallavi Adhikari). In Class X, Nirvani Sharma topped with 97.4%. Notably, students secured perfect scores in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education, Yoga, Sculpture, Painting, Social Science, English, Sanskrit, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence, with a large number earning distinctions.

While academic rigour is vital, equal emphasis is laid on values, discipline, and life skills, ensuring that our students emerge as exemplary individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to society.

### **ACTIVITIES THAT AWAKEN, EXPERIENCES THAT EMPOWER**

At Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, innovation and progressive pedagogy remain central to our educational approach. The session 2024–25 witnessed a wide array of enriching activities imparting comprehensive development, creativity, and global awareness.

The Pre-Primary wing engaged in storytelling, puppet shows, hygiene talks, and nature walks to stimulate young minds. Heritage Week and Earth Day celebrations instilled cultural pride and environmental consciousness, while Autism Awareness Month promoted inclusion and empathy.

Sessions on Inner Engineering and the HELP Programme deepened students’ emotional well-being. A Disaster Management Drill and Deworming Programme ensured awareness and health. The Brighter Minds programme in Shimla offered students a blend of meditation, exploration, and cultural experiences.

Notable celebrations included International Yoga Day, Bastille Day, and Desh aur Hum 3.0, promoting national and international awareness. The RIDS programme showcased creativity and global diversity through cultural, mathematical, and artistic exhibitions.

Career counselling on law, the TSSMUN Conference, and Manch & Lingo Day provided platforms for dialogue, talent expression, and skill-building. These activities reflect our commitment to nurturing informed, empathetic, and confident learners prepared for the global stage.

The school celebrated Achievers' Day on 11 September 2024, recognising excellence in academics and sports, alongside the proud honour of the Rajya Shikshak Puraskar awarded to Smt. Pooja Dhingra. On 14 August, in collaboration with ITRHD, the school hosted a vibrant craft exhibition featuring traditional artisans.

A Mental Health Awareness Week from 4–10 October promoted emotional well-being among students, staff, and parents. World Space Week celebrations explored the theme 'Space and Climate Change' through engaging student-led activities. As part of Project Veer Gatha 3.0, students from Classes III to XII honoured valour through essays, poems, and art.

SAMUN 2024, held on 22–23 October, provided a powerful platform for global dialogue and student leadership, with the Best School Delegate Trophy shared between Salwan Mayur Vihar and Rajinder Nagar. On 29 November, Ms. Sofia Hughes from ICP visited the school, praising its innovative practices and student leadership.

On 19 December 2024, the school, hosted RIDS English Euphoria, celebrating Gender Equality and the power of English to inspire change. Students from Classes III to XI showcased creativity through superhero projects, eco-friendly inventions, and a debate on breaking gender stereotypes. The event concluded with storytelling, role-plays, prize distribution, and an inspiring address by Chief Guest Dr. Rajendra P. Mishra.

On 09 March 2025, the Annual Sports Day for Classes III–VIII, themed Glorious Strides – A Celebration of Spirit and Skill, featured athletic events, taekwondo displays, and lively performances. Ms. Asha Agarwal, an Indian former long-distance runner and a recipient of Arjuna Award, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The Graduation Day on 18 March saw Nursery students present a heart-warming musical play, Together for Earth, promoting eco-conscious values aligned with SDG 15.

Milaap 2.0, the alumni meet on 22 February 2025, welcomed over 80 former students, celebrating nostalgia and connection with an open mic, quiz, and sing-along.

The Spring Symphony Annual Presentation on 20 February 2025, involving KG to Class II students, featured a musical play focused on climate action and life on land.

Further highlights included National Mathematics Day celebrations, a Career Fair with 26 universities, self-defence training for girls, and a Namami Gange workshop focusing on the cultural and ecological significance of the Ganges River—truly reflecting the school's commitment to holistic development

### **LEARNING BEYOND BOOKS**

Educational trips and excursions are an integral part of holistic learning, offering students opportunities to explore, discover, and grow beyond the classroom. These experiences cultivate life skills such as teamwork, adaptability, and critical thinking.

In May 2024, a vibrant summer camp for Classes I–V offered enriching activities like yoga, gardening, coding, and crafting. Simultaneously, students trekked to Dyara Bugyal, Uttarakhand, learning resilience and cooperation in nature's lap. A group from the Salwan Education Trust also explored Ladakh's rich cultural and historical heritage, visiting landmarks like the Kargil War Memorial.

Class IX students toured the Indian Military Academy and Forest Research Institute in Dehradun, gaining insights into national defence and ecological research. Class X visited Lohagarh Farm for a refreshing blend of learning and fun. In March 2025, students journeyed to Ranthambore National Park, observing wildlife and exploring conservation efforts.

Younger students had equally immersive experiences. Nursery and KG visited KidZania, engaging in role-play activities to learn about various professions. Classes I and II enjoyed a trip to Rajgarh Farm, experiencing rural life through traditional activities and interactive learning.

These excursions enrich the curriculum, nurture curiosity, and develop confident, well-rounded learners prepared for real-world challenges.

### **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING UNITY**

Special Assemblies at Salwan Public School serve as a cornerstone of community spirit, fostering unity, communication, and holistic development. Thoughtfully curated to mark national and international occasions—such as Lohri, Holi, Diwali, Independence Day, Republic Day, and global observances—these gatherings celebrate cultural diversity and shared values. By bringing together students and staff, the assemblies nurture awareness, inclusivity, and mutual respect. They also offer a meaningful platform for reflection, expression, and active participation, enriching students' educational journey. In doing so, they reinforce the school's ethos and create a strong sense of belonging within the wider school community. The details of some of the celebrations are listed below:

The school commemorated India's 78th Independence Day on 13 August 2024 with great patriotic fervour. The programme featured soulful prayers, a welcome song, a speech, poem recitation, and a vibrant dance performance showcasing 'Unity in Diversity'. Peer Educators were honoured with badges, and the Principal, Capt. Richa Sharma Katyal, inspired students to uphold the legacy of freedom and join the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The celebration concluded with the flag hoisting and National Anthem, evoking pride and unity.

On 16 August 2024, students of classes IV–VI visited Ghazipur Police Station to celebrate Raksha Bandhan, tying rakhis on the wrists of SHO Sh. Nirmal Kumar Jha and his team in appreciation of their service. The gesture reflected unity, respect, and gratitude while teaching students the value of community service. Class III students decorated Pooja Thalies, and students of IV–VI showcased their creativity by crafting vibrant Rakhis. The celebration combined cultural learning with artistic expression, making Raksha Bandhan truly meaningful.

On 21 August 2024, the School held a special assembly to celebrate Janmashtami, attended by the Director, Vice Principal, Headmistress, staff, and 320 students. The programme featured a soulful prayer, a thought-provoking skit 'Gita Updesh' by Class XI students, and a mesmerizing Kathak dance 'Kanha Re' by senior girls. The performances highlighted Lord Krishna's teachings of duty, righteousness, and devotion, inspiring the audience.

On Tuesday, 08 October 2024, and throughout the second week of October, the School celebrated Navratri and Dussehra with festive zeal. Pre-primary students showcased a lively Garba dance, enacted Nav Durga, and engaged in creative activities like colouring Ravana worksheets, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. The Dussehra assembly featured soulful Ram Stuti, a captivating Ramayana play on women's safety, and an inspiring address by the Principal. The celebrations concluded with Ravana Dahan and the National Anthem, filling all with pride, joy, and cultural spirit.

Children's Day and Gurpurab falling on 14 November 2024 was celebrated as a *Bagless Day* with joy and cultural spirit. Nursery and KG students enjoyed a Gurpurab video, Mool Mantra recitation, and a potluck party. Classes I–II took part in cap-making, a puppet show, and a movie screening, while Classes III–XII began with a Prabhat Pheri, Gurbani, jugalbandi, and a value-based role play. The day nurtured unity, creativity, and gratitude among all students.

On Wednesday, 23 October 2024, Classes I and II celebrated Diwali as a joyful bagless day with 181 students participating in creative activities. They crafted colourful clay sweets and decorated 3D paper diyas with vibrant paints and glitter, symbolizing festive joy. A video on Diwali's significance and eco-friendly practices enriched their learning. The celebration nurtured creativity, teamwork, and cultural appreciation among young learners.

On January 12, 2025, the school joyfully celebrated Makar Sankranti and Lohri with traditional rituals and a vibrant bonfire gathering. Students and staff joined in prayers, songs, and the exchange of good wishes, marking the triumph of good over evil and the passing of winter. Festive treats like gajak, popcorn, and peanuts were shared, adding to the merriment. The event fostered unity, cultural appreciation, and a sense of community within the school.

The School celebrated Republic Day on 25 January 2025 with prayers, a patriotic song, and a speech on the Constitution. Students enacted a play on Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, and all took a Wetland pledge to promote conservation. Principal Capt. Richa Sharma Katyal inspired students with a speech on responsible citizenship. The celebration concluded with the flag hoisting and National Anthem, symbolizing unity and patriotism.

### **NEW INITIATIVES: REDEFINING EDUCATION**

The school has introduced several forward-thinking initiatives to enrich the learning environment. The adoption of the EduNext ERP system streamlines communication, classroom management, and assessments. Enhanced safety measures include the installation of 53 CCTV cameras across the campus. Renovated staff rooms now offer modern workstations, while a newly inaugurated STEM lab promotes hands-on learning. The school has also embraced sustainability with rainwater harvesting, bioenzyme production, and microgreen cultivation. A Mid-Day Meal service began on 08 August 2024, supporting student well-being. Notably, the school was ranked among Delhi's top seven by IIRF, as featured in India Today.

### **EQUIPPING EDUCATORS FOR TOMORROW: STAFF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME**

The institution remains committed to the continuous professional development (CPD) of its teachers, ensuring they stay updated with the latest educational trends and teaching methodologies. Several training sessions were conducted throughout the year to equip educators with the tools necessary to adapt to the evolving needs of students.

From 20–21 May 2024, CPD training sessions were held for Pre-Primary and Primary Level Teachers, and from 27–28 May 2024, for TGTs and PGTs under the aegis of Salwan Education Trust (SET). These sessions focused on enhancing teachers' responsiveness and flexibility in addressing students' changing needs.

On 5 April 2024, the CBSE organized training for the SAFAL (Student's Assessment for Analyzing Learning Levels) initiative at DAV Public School, Sreshtha Vihar, for Nodal IT teachers. The training aimed to provide insights into assessment programs for students in classes V and VIII.

A two-day online training program was held on 15–16 April 2024, focusing on the transition to new textbooks for classes III and VI. This session was organized by CBSE and NCERT and included contributions from key figures in education.

From 17–21 June 2024, a webinar titled Elevating Teaching – Learning Dynamics was conducted by CIET and NCERT. This program introduced teachers to innovative tools like Google Classroom and Colabgeo, with participation from all SPSMV teachers.

In October 2024, the ‘Developing Future-Ready Educators’ program focused on aligning educators with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023. Sessions on 18th, 19th, and 22nd October covered student-centered learning, interdisciplinary approaches, and the importance of critical thinking in education.

On 11 December 2024, Smt. Pooja Dhingra, PGT Computer Science, attended a session at GD Goenka School, Gurugram, on Samsung’s innovative 21st-century classroom programme. The session introduced tools, strategies, and upcoming online trainings to help educators integrate technology and innovation effectively.

On 14 February 2025, S.D. Public Secondary School, Bhajanpura, hosted a CBSE Capacity Building Programme on stress management, led by Smt. Hemlata Suri and Smt. Laxmi Prakash. Teachers participated in interactive sessions on mindfulness, time management, and relaxation techniques to identify stressors and adopt coping strategies. The programme empowered educators to maintain well-being, fostering a balanced, supportive, and productive teaching environment.

These various CPD initiatives ensure that our teachers remain at the forefront of educational excellence, fostering a learning environment that benefits both students and educators.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS THAT INSPIRE: ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR**

We take immense pride in our students’ outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. In the Future Tech Olympiad 2.0, Aarav Dhingra, Owais, Vedant Vaid (VII) and Nirvani Sharma (IX) secured Gold; Reyansh Bhardwaj (VII) won Silver, and Anubhav Shukla (VII) earned Bronze. At the S.E.T Felicitation Ceremony, alumni Dr. Nitish Kumar (2011) and Dr. Shivanya Singh (2013) were honoured. Class XII academic achievers and sports stars were also celebrated, along with Smt. Bhaskar Valli, PGT Biology.

In the Tata Essay Competition, winners included Harsimrat Kaur (VIII), Shubhalini Moona (VIII), Krishiv Gupta (VII), Mohd. Saad (X), Angel Agarwal (IX), and Riya Sharma (XI), with special recognition for Pari (IX). Shivyaansh Singh (IX B) completed a virtual internship with 1M1B and IBM. Nirvani Sharma (X-A) won a special prize at Abhivyakti 2024. Anika Tiwari (X) was selected for the Times NIE Summer Training Programme.

Parnika Chandra (XI-E) won 1st place in Zonal Light Music Vocal and DoE Zonal Music Competition. Yuven Garg (IV-A) published Life Before the Big Bang. Pallavi Adhikari (XII) received the Most Admirable and Inspiring Student Award in Chandigarh.

Students won accolades at Salwan Fest, Wartex 2024, and the WWF Quiz. Wakul Chaudhary (VII-A), Arbab Khan (IX-A), Abhijay Choudhary (IX-B), and Mohd. Zayan (IX-B) triumphed at the IIT Delhi Aeromodelling Competition. Aishwarya S. Rathore (XI-B) was named Best Female Player at the 16th Delhi State Scrabble Championship. Krishiv Gupta (VIII-C) shone in the CBSE Challenge, while Mohd. Saad and Nirvani Sharma (X) ranked among the Top 100 in the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge.

Vaibhav Singh's (Class X) innovation Pleasing Paws, won the prestigious INSPIRE Manak Award. These achievements reflect the school's culture of excellence, innovation, and holistic development.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS THAT INSPIRE: SPORTS**

At Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, it is believed that sports not only promote physical fitness but also instil life-long values such as discipline, team spirit, and resilience. The students have demonstrated remarkable talent and dedication, excelling in various sports at the zonal, state, and national levels.

In the Zonal Table Tennis Championship, held on 05 August 2024, the Senior Boys' team emerged victorious, defeating 12 competing schools. The Zonal Volleyball Championships saw our Sub-Junior Girls' team (21 August) and Senior Boys' team (28 August) secure 1st positions, showcasing extraordinary teamwork and skill.

At the DoE Zonal Competitions, the Senior Boys' Table Tennis team claimed 1st position, while the Sub-Junior Boys secured 3rd. In Volleyball, the Senior Boys and Sub-Junior Girls clinched 1st place, and Junior Girls took 3rd. The Junior Girls' Badminton Team finished 2nd. In Basketball, the Senior Boys ranked 3rd, and Junior Girls 4th.

The Athletics Zonal Competition (9–13 September 2024) featured 20 participants from SPSMV, winning top spots in the 800m, 1500m, and 3000m, alongside podium finishes in other track events.

In the Basketball Zonal Championship, our Sub-Junior Girls' team earned 1st place, while the Boys' team finished 2nd.

In Shooting, Pratik Shaw (IX) won 3rd place at the CBSE Clusters, and *Heeya Makhijani* (VIII) secured a silver at the CBSE State Championship.

In Lawn Tennis, the Senior Girls' team stood 2nd, while Shubhalini Moona (VIII) won the Sub-Junior Girls' category.

Krit Kedia (X), a visually impaired student, won 1st in Chess and 2nd in Yoga at the State-Level Para Sports, also qualifying for Nationals.

Our U-14 and U-17 Girls' Volleyball Teams both finished 3rd in their respective Delhi State Championships, capping off a stellar sporting year.

### **CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION: RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of its faculty as well, who continue to set high standards in the field of education.

- Rajya Shikshak Puraskar: Smt. Pooja Dhingra, HoD IT, was honoured with the prestigious State Teacher's Award by the Delhi Government on 5th September 2024 for her exceptional contribution to education.
- IIHM Teachers Award: Smt. Roma Matharoo, Primary Teacher, received the IIHM Teachers Award on 7th September 2024 for her dedication and innovation in shaping young minds.
- CBSE Samanvay Sahodaya Award: Smt. Shubhra Verma, TGT Maths, was recognised with a souvenir at the 'गुरुवन्दन – 2024' event held on 18th September 2024 at Bharti Public School.
- Outstanding Hindi Performance: Seven Class X students were honoured for their outstanding Hindi performance in the academic year 2023-2024, with teachers Smt. Meenakshi Arora and Smt. Shashi Kharbanda receiving certificates for their guidance.
- Outstanding Leadership Award: On 30th November 2024, Smt. Bhawna Puri, Vice Principal, was recognised with the Outstanding Leadership Award at the EGN India Awards.
- Excellence in Education Award: On 22nd December 2024, Capt Richa Sharma Katyal, Principal, was awarded the Excellence in Education Award at IIT Delhi for her significant contributions to educational innovation.
- On 25 March 2025, Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, received the prestigious RIDS 2024 Award at Le-Meridien Hotel, New Delhi, for excellence in integrating global dimensions through the British Council Programme. The award was presented by Mr. Duncan Wilson to Capt Richa Sharma Katyal (Retd), Principal. Collaborating with schools in the UK,



France, and Ghana, SPSMV promoted global citizenship through virtual exchanges and SDG-based projects.

**In Memoriam: Shri Shiv Dutt Salwan (1929–2024)**

Shri Shiv Dutt Salwan, Chairman Emeritus of the Salwan Education Trust and a visionary philanthropist, passed away on 04 December 2024. A pioneer in education, he dedicated his life to holistic learning, community welfare, and fostering values of patriotism and inclusivity. His leadership guided Salwan Schools to excellence, promoting initiatives in academics, sports, environmental sustainability, and support for children with special needs. Shri Salwan's legacy of compassion, courage, and commitment to society will continue to inspire generations.

Many milestones have been achieved and yet many still have to be reached. The institution continues its efforts to metamorphose the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education.