



SYNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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A very good evening to one and all and a warm welcome to the 18th Annual Day and Prize giving ceremony of SYNA International School.

Nelson Mandela once said - "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."



I heartily welcome Dr. Mrs. Nidhi Pathak, honourable Chairperson, SYNA International School, Hon'ble Shri Sanjay Satyendra Pathakji, the former Minister and sitting MLA, our beloved Mummyji former Mayor Smt. Nirmala Satyendra Pathakji, venerated Smt. Neelima Bajpaiji. It gives me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our Management Committee — Mr. Yash Pathak, Mrs. Anukriti Pathak, and Ms. Atisha Pathak. Mr. Yash and Mrs. Anukriti Pathak are distinguished postgraduates from the Universities of Singapore and the UK, while Ms. Atisha Pathak holds a postgraduate degree from a reputed university in the United States. Their diverse global academic exposure and fresh perspectives will undoubtedly enrich the school's vision and leadership. I also welcome Mr. Varun Gautam, MD SYNA Group, Management Representative Mr. Rishi Arora, Head Mistress SYNA Kids-Dr. Bharti Sharma, Dr. C. Rajesh Kumar, Principal, SYNA International College of Management Studies, Dr. Rajiv Bajaj our Medical Consultant, CA Mr. Sushil Sharma, my colleagues, parents, our distinguished alumni, people from media and all the other eminent guests present over here on this significant occasion of the school's 18th Annual Day and Prize Giving ceremony.

WELCOME TO THE CHIEF GUEST

On behalf of the Management, Staff, and Students of SYNA International School, I extend a very warm welcome to our Chief Guest, a very prominent name in Petroleum Engineering, Industrial Project Management, and Skill Development in the Energy Industry, my good friend Mr. Ram Pratap Mehrotra, Director – Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Advisor – BHU-IT.

An engineer by profession, Mr. Mehrotra brings over four decades of expertise in design and project management within the hydrocarbon industry. A 1981 graduate, he began his career with Tata Steel before joining Engineers India Limited under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

There, he contributed to major refinery projects in India and abroad, including in Libya and Qatar, and led India's first underground crude oil storage facility at Vishakhapatnam and Mangalore. He later headed EIL's Human Resource and Corporate Planning Divisions and played a key role in establishing Skill Development Institutes for leading oil PSUs. Since December 2022, he has been serving Banaras Hindu University as Consultant and Advisor under the Institute of Eminence Programme.

Sir, we are deeply honoured by your gracious presence and sincerely thank you for accepting our invitation to felicitate our meritorious students today.

THEME

The theme of the 18th Annual Day is “Nava-Ras: The Nine Human Emotions” which celebrates the rich spectrum of feelings that make us truly human. From love, laughter, and wonder to courage, peace, and compassion, each emotion reflects a different hue of life's grand canvas. By understanding and harmonizing these emotions, we nurture empathy, creativity, and emotional intelligence in our learners. SYNA believes that true education is not only the awakening of intellect but also the refinement of heart — a journey towards balance, beauty, and inner strength through the rhythm of these nine human emotions.

CHALLENGES POST COVID

This year's 18th Annual Day holds a very special significance, as it comes after a long gap of five years — our last grand celebration being in 2019, before the world came to a standstill due to the pandemic. The post-Covid era has transformed lives in profound ways; it has taught us resilience, adaptability, and the true value of togetherness. Our students, in particular, have journeyed through a phase of immense change — from virtual classrooms to rediscovering the joy of learning, performing, and sharing moments in person once again. Today's celebration is not just an event; it is a tribute to human endurance, to the spirit of learning that never stopped, and to the renewed energy with which the SYNA family stands united once more.

In the past years, we have witnessed a tapestry of events and experiences that have touched our hearts, inspired our spirits, and enlightened our minds. Each milestone set new benchmarks of excellence as we continued to raise our standards in academics, sports, co-curricular activities, discipline, leadership, and management. Every

achievement reflected our collective dedication and the unyielding pursuit of growth. As we step into this new phase, our focus deepens on nurturing a greater sense of responsibility and accountability — both among our students and within us as educators. The performance you are about to witness beautifully embodies this very essence, portraying our shared commitment to evolve, excel, and embrace the higher purpose of education.

The school has truly carved a distinguished niche for itself among the leading educational institutions of the city and the nation and it continues to spread its wings towards newer horizons of excellence. As our journey unfolds, we embrace fresh challenges, innovative solutions and loftier goals with renewed enthusiasm. In this noble pursuit, we look forward to the wholehearted partnership of our parents, for the holistic development of our students remains our shared mission and pride. May the spirit of unity and progress guide us ever forward.

I feel proud to announce the addition of two new associations to SYNA International School after the pandemic: **SYNA Kids and SYNA Sainik School.**

SYNA KIDS

SYNA Kids, established in 2019 at the heart of the city, offers top-class preschool education in a nurturing, child-friendly environment. Within just six years, it has become one of the country's leading pre-schools, providing a customized curriculum that caters to individual learning styles and fosters all-round development. SYNA Kids provides a safe, stimulating, and holistic learning environment supported by a dedicated team of trained teachers, an engaged parent community and modern infrastructure including spacious classrooms, activity rooms, digital labs, and green open spaces. Its vision remains to nurture young minds and prepare them as skilled, confident individuals ready to embrace the world.

SYNA SAINIK SCHOOL

SYNA International School is proudly affiliated with Sainik School Society under Ministry of Defence Delhi and has been functioning as SYNA Sainik School since the session 2024-25. Admissions, following the norms of the Sainik School Society, are open from Class VI. This affiliation has significantly strengthened the school's focus on discipline, character building, and leadership, providing students with a structured and regimented environment.

Beyond academics, SYNA Sainik School is deeply committed to preparing students for selection in the National Defence Academy (NDA) and other branches of the Armed Forces, nurturing their skills, resilience, and patriotic spirit. Through specialized training, leadership programmes, and mentoring, the school instills a strong sense of duty, courage, and service to the nation. By fostering a culture of discipline, responsibility, and national pride, SYNA Sainik School not only grooms its students into competent leaders but also inspires them to dedicate their lives to the service of

Motherland, reflecting the school's unwavering commitment to shaping future defenders of our country.

Our Primary students regularly participate in educational visits as part of SYNA's experiential learning programme. They are taken to some key public institutions such as the Police Station, Collector's Office, Railway Station, Post office and a Car Showroom to learn to connect classroom learning with real-life situations and appreciate the role of community helpers. Such initiatives reflect SYNA's commitment to holistic education, nurturing learners who embody the school's values of Respect, Integrity, Passion for Learning and Excellence, while growing into confident, compassionate and future-ready individuals.

LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER BUILDING

SYNA International School actively fosters leadership and character development through experiential learning. Students participated in a Leadership Workshop at The Doon School and the BSAI Student Leadership Conclave at Welham Girls' School, Dehradun, gaining insights into collaborative leadership, empathy, and effective communication. Additionally, they represented SYNA at SCIMUN 2025, The Scindia School, Gwalior, engaging in discussions on global issues and enhancing their analytical, diplomatic, and communication skills. It is immensely gratifying to apprise you that a group of 25 students along with 4 Escort teachers accomplished a very challenging task of a trekking of 12500 feet of Kedarkantha (Uttarakhand) in the month of March this year.

SOCIAL COMMITMENT AND MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS

As an educational institution, it is our sacred responsibility to nurture in our students a deep sense of social commitment and moral consciousness. Education, in its truest sense, extends beyond classrooms — it blossoms through compassion, empathy, and service to humanity. SYNA students are encouraged to initiate a noble outreach movement, collecting funds, eatables, clothes and toys to donate to the children of local Orphanage. The students spend time playing and sharing meals with them, experiencing the joy of giving and the warmth of togetherness. Likewise, our students and staff regularly visit old age homes and orphanages, serving food and offering companionship. These acts of kindness are not mere activities — they are living lessons in empathy, gratitude, and moral values, shaping our learners into responsible, compassionate citizens of tomorrow.

CUSTODIANS OF ENVIRONMENT

The school proudly celebrated 'Van Mahotsav' this year with great zeal and a strong focus on environmental awareness, during which 1,000 saplings were planted across the school campus. This initiative aimed to instil in students a profound sense of responsibility towards Mother Earth and the importance of conserving nature for future generations. Students from all grades enthusiastically participated,

planting trees, labelling them with their names, and pledging to nurture them as their green companions. I take this opportunity to make a special mention of our H'ble Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Nidhi Pathak, whose visionary leadership and dedication have been instrumental in embellishing the school campus with lush greenery. Through this eco-conscious endeavour, SYNA continues to inspire young minds to become true guardians of the environment, while reaffirming its commitment to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable world.

Like every year this year too, the school organized on the 2nd of October, a half marathon 'ECOTHON' with the theme "Swachhata Hi Sewa", as many as 230 students from our school and people from Katni participated to support this noble cause. The students successfully completed a distance of 12 kms from the Katni Bus Stand to the finishing point, the school campus.

ADAPTING TO NEW EDUCATIONAL PARADIGMS

The school runs a wide range of clubs and societies to enrich students with diverse knowledge and practical skills beyond the classroom. There are as many as 25 vibrant clubs functioning actively, including Archery, Artificial Intelligence, Badminton, Band, Book Club, Carrom, Chess, Communication, Cookery, Craft, Drama, Debate, Dance, Eco Club, Karate, Music, Painting, Pottery, Press, Photography, Robotics, and Yoga, among others. Each club provides students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop creativity, and build confidence through hands-on learning and teamwork. These co-scholastic engagements not only enhance their talents but also nurture essential life skills such as leadership, collaboration, and innovation, making learning at SYNA a truly holistic and joyful experience.

The landscape of education has undergone a profound transformation in the Post-Covid era, with the launch of the National Education Policy (NEP) emphasizing activity-based and experiential learning over rote memorization. At SYNA International School, we remain fully aligned with the NEP, designing our curriculum to foster critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development. While some parental concerns urge a reduction in co-curricular activities, it is essential to understand that such measures would defeat the very purpose of modern education. We urge our parents to embrace the NEP's vision, trusting that these experiences prepare our students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

The school takes pride in being an active member of prestigious organizations such as the Boarding Schools Association of India (BSAI), the British Council, SPIC MACAY, the International Award for Young People (IAYP) and the NCC. Demonstrating its global outlook and progressive vision, SYNA stands as the only school in the Mahakaushal region to have initiated a Student-Teacher Exchange Programme under the Global Exchange Initiative.

This pioneering effort provides both students and educators with invaluable opportunities to experience diverse cultures, share innovative ideas, and gain international exposure—broadening their horizons and fostering a spirit of global citizenship.

The school regularly organizes a range of Inter house activities for students to enhance their skills and show their talents. Every year we organize a specially crafted graduation ceremony for the pre-primary school graduates along with the Annual Awards for Excellence. School's annual educational tour will be organized in the month of March 2026. We also organize a special winter study camp for classes X & XII every year in the month of December to prepare students for the Board examinations.

TEACHER TRAINING

As an organization, we are aware that our strength lies in the capability, competency and commitment of our staff.

SYNA consistently nurtures its faculty by organizing regular training and capacity-building programmes to ensure continuous professional development and upgradation. Our Sainik School teachers are actively participating in training workshops organized by the Sainik School Society at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, and Sainik School, Rewa, ensuring alignment with the society's standards of discipline and excellence. Regular staff insets and appraisals are conducted throughout the year to promote professional growth and reflective practice. Furthermore, the school consistently ensures teacher upgradation and upscaling through the CBSE's mandatory 50-hour annual CPD (Continuous Professional Development) programme. Our educators actively participate in workshops and webinars organized by the Centres of Excellence (COEs), keeping themselves abreast with the latest pedagogical innovations and educational reforms, thus ensuring that learning at SYNA remains dynamic, research-based, and future-ready.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Similar to the previous years, our students have done exceptionally well in the field of sports. They represented the school in various sports throughout the year and brought laurels. In the U-14 and U-19 girls category our students represented the Basketball team of Katni at the division level and won the trophy. Prabhat Singh and Abhishek Singh represented school at CBSE National Athletics, Alav Kaushik played Football Nationals. As many as 68 students represented schools in various competitions such as Archery, Basketball, Football, Karate, Swimming, Chess and Yoga at the CBSE Cluster and the State level.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The success that we experienced in the co-curricular areas mirrored our students' academic performance in the Board exams. In driving our school's instructional programme, we are guided by the belief that every pupil has the potential to be developed and that all pupils can learn and succeed.

I feel immensely proud in sharing that SYNA International School raised the bar of academic excellence yet again. This year, the 14th batch of Class XII students appeared for the CBSE Board Examinations, and the school achieved a remarkable 100% pass result in both Class X and Class XII Board Examinations 2025. This outstanding achievement reflects the school's steadfast commitment to nurturing brilliance through collaborative efforts of students, teachers, and parents.

Mishti Chaturvedi from the Humanities stream brought immense pride and glory to the school by securing an outstanding **99.2%**, emerging as the school topper, regional topper and **she ranked among the top 20 students in the country in the Class XII CBSE Examination.** Following closely was **Parv Saluja** of the Commerce stream, who achieved an outstanding **94.4%**, securing the second position. The success saga continued in the AISSE Class X examinations, where Lavanya Gupta and Chinmay Rajak shared the top position with 93% each. These stellar accomplishments of Synaites in the CBSE 2025 Examinations stand as a shining testimony to the school's unwavering commitment to academic brilliance and holistic growth. As we celebrate the triumphs of our meritorious achievers and extend heartfelt congratulations to their proud parents, we also offer our deepest appreciation to the dedicated mentors and teachers, whose relentless guidance, encouragement, and devotion have been the true foundation of these extraordinary accomplishments.

CONCLUSION

We have certainly accomplished much more than the past year. The efforts of our labour have certainly bore the sweet fruits of success. The many rewards and awards that we reaped are secondary to the intrinsic satisfaction that we get seeing our children realise their fullest potential.

I strongly believe that the holistic development and progress of society depends on the quality of education rendered to its young citizens by the schools. If we are successful in nurturing the inherent creativity in the young minds at our stake, we may boast to have done our duty towards the society. SYNA International School focuses on providing its students and staff such platforms and opportunities so as to personify the institution's vision as an inclusive and positive environment that celebrates equality and diversity. Synaites must rise to the challenges and seize the opportunities provided by the school to experience, learn and grow.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank all the members of Managing Committee, Parents, ex-students, officials from the local administration, people from media and all the other distinguished guests present over here on the significant occasion of the school's 18th Annual Day and Prize Giving ceremony. I thank Management Representative Mr. Rishi Arora, Syna Kids Headmistress Dr. Bharati Sharma, My Head Masters Mr. Kamal Sarecha, Dr. Lokesh Dubey, Mrs. Reet Monga, teaching staff, admin staff, group D, security staff and all others who worked very hard, day in and day out, to make today's event a successful one.

As we approach the festive season, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Diwali filled with light, laughter, and togetherness, and a New Year that brings renewed energy, success, and serenity into our lives. May the spirit of these celebrations inspire us to spread joy and positivity all around.

Have a joyful evening ahead!

Thank You.

God Bless You All.



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