

## National Youth Day and Makar Sankranti Celebrations at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhongir



“Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached” (Vivekananda)

**Bhongir, 12<sup>th</sup> January** This year on 12<sup>th</sup> January, National Youth Day and the festival of Makar Sankranti was celebrated in Kendriya Vidyalaya with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event marked the birthday of the iconic spiritual leader, Swami Vivekananda, and provided a platform for students to reflect on his ideals and the significance of youth empowerment.

National Youth Day celebrations commenced with a warm and gracious welcome extended by the esteemed Principal of our school, Shri N. Chandramouli. The address encapsulated a sense of camaraderie. Following the welcome address, the Principal extended a cordial welcome to the distinguished Guest in attendance, Shri Karan, President of District Youth Association. A poignant moment unfolded as the school leadership, represented by the Principal and the distinguished guest, participated in the ceremonial garlanding of the portrait of Swami Vivekananda. The act of garlanding held profound symbolism, signifying a commitment to embodying the values championed by Swami Vivekananda. Afterwards, a thought-provoking speech was given by the student of secondary class, focusing on the timeless ideals and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda. The speech not only paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda but also inspired a sense of purpose and responsibility among the student body.

The culminating height of the celebrations was the Prize distribution Ceremony, an occasion that recognized and celebrated the achievements students across various categories including Essay writing competition, elocution and Quiz competition. Following the Prize Distribution Ceremony, the event transitioned seamlessly into an enlightening speech by the distinguished guest, Mr. Karan. The address centred on the significance of National Youth Day, offering valuable insights to the students. This thoughtful discourse was followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks extended by Mr. Karan Sharma, TGT Sanskrit, to all participants, guests, and contributors in which he expressed gratitude for their invaluable presence and contributions to the successful culmination of the celebratory event.



“As the sun enters the northern hemisphere, let our spirits soar high with joy and unity”

The vibrant festival of Makar Sankranti seamlessly commenced immediately following the conclusion of the National day celebrations. It was celebrated with enthusiasm and cultural fervor at the school. The event, brought together students, teachers, and staff to rejoice in the spirit of this joyous occasion. The celebrations

began with an inaugural address by the Principal, setting the festive tone for the event. The Principal extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, MR. Sandeep Kumar Makhtala, Founder and Chairman at Digithon and Global President at Telangana Information Technology Association, and other esteemed guests of honour, emphasizing the significance of their presence in enhancing the joyous occasion.

The Chief Guest, along with the Principal and all the other teachers, was cordially invited to participate in the traditional lighting of the Bhogi Fire, a symbolic ritual marking the commencement of the Makar Sankranti Celebrations. The significance of this act was emphasized, illustrating its role in ushering in auspicious beginnings and fostering a sense of warmth and unity during the festival.

Soon afterwards, the festivities kicked off with captivating cultural performances that showcased the rich diversity of our school. Students presented traditional dances including performances on Telugu, Gujarati and Hindi songs, melodious folk songs, and mesmerizing skits including Pittala Dora and Gangireddu, capturing the essence of Makar Sankranti.



The dance performance on the song "Sandalle Sandalle" was met with immense enthusiasm and joy from both the children participants and the audience. The vibrant and energetic choreography captivated everyone, resulting in a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all. The lively atmosphere during the performance resonated with the infectious energy, leaving a lasting impression on both the performers and the delighted spectators. The Dance performances not only entertained but also educated the audience about the significance of the festival.

Several insightful speeches were delivered, shedding light on the cultural and historical aspects of Makar Sankranti. Students eloquently expressed the importance of the festival, its regional variations, and the traditions associated with it. The speeches added depth to the celebration, fostering a sense of cultural awareness among the participants.

The school premises were adorned with vibrant decorations, reflecting the festive spirit. Colorful Rangoli, traditional motifs, and thematic displays enhanced the visual appeal, creating a festive ambiance that resonated with the theme of Makar Sankranti. Students and staff added to the festive atmosphere by donning traditional attire. The vibrant colors and traditional clothing choices added a visual spectacle to the celebration, emphasizing the cultural significance of the festival.

The festive Celebrations of Makar Sankranti concluded on a high note with an insightful speech delivered by the Chief Guest. Their words added depth and significance to the occasion, offering reflections on the cultural importance of Makar Sankranti. Following the Chief Guest's address, a sincere and appreciative Vote of Thanks was extended, expressing gratitude to all participants and contributors who made the event a resounding success. This marked a fitting end to the celebratory proceedings, leaving a sense of fulfillment and camaraderie among the attendees.

The Makar Sankranti celebrations at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhongir, were a resounding success, blending entertainment, education, and cultural exchange. The event not only brought the school community together but also fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural heritage associated with Makar Sankranti.