

## 74<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY.

India's 74th Republic Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January with great reverence in Apostolic Carmel High School & Junior College. The students assembled on the school grounds at 7:30 a.m. to welcome the Chief Guest Dr. Margaret Miranda, an ex-student of the early 70's, a physician in Bandra for the last 40 years.

The School Cabinet and the band girls along with the guiding girls proudly escorted the chief guest along with the Principal Sr. Marisa and the sisters of Carmel Convent, Bandra. The program began with the Chief Guest unfurling the Indian Tricolour flag while the entire school sang the National Anthem. The drummers



enthralled the Chief Guest with their spectacular performance, something special done for Dr. Margaret. This was followed by a prayer service and a prayer dance. The skit performed by the students had a very strong message about honoring the country and to start looking inwards and not westwards. Safa Ukaiye from std 8 enlightened all of us with a motivating and patriotic speech.

Kelly Vandrine from std 8<sup>th</sup> sang "Chodokal bi baatein" in her melodious voice.

The students of class 8 set the stage on fire with their energetic dance performance in the spirit of patriotism.

The chief guest was then invited on stage and she addressed the children about the importance of the day and told the children to do their best and make our country proud and be a proud Carmelite and live up to the motto "God is our strength." She also made the students aware to take God as their strength once they step out from school.

The School Principal, Sr. Marisa A.C. thanked the Chief Guest for addressing the audience and spoke very highly about the Chief guest and all that she is to the Management with immense love and gratitude. She also addressed the students about the importance of Republic Day.

The program culminated with a Vote of Thanks.

Indeed, it was a day of joy, a day to love and respect our country India.

Jai Hind!!

















