



# ST. MARY'S ICSE SCHOOL

KOPARKHAIRANE, NAVI MUMBAI

On 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, at 7.40 am, the Independence Day programme commenced in our school ground, with the children singing Vande Mataram. The Principal, Mrs. Grover hoisted the national flag and students evoked blessings for the Nation by singing the National Anthem. Mrs. Grover addressed the children and advised them to free themselves from the attraction of the variety of gadgets that influenced their daily lives. The Head Boy, Vedanth Singh, spoke about an ideal India – free from superstition and racism.

This was followed by the inter-house music festival in the auditorium. Two external experts, Mrs. Vijaya Prakash and Mr. Sreenivasan Mahadevan, graced the occasion as judges. The festival was presented by two categories - the junior group, comprising students of class IV and class V, and the senior group, consisting students of class VI to class IX. The topic for the junior group was 'Dharti Naache, Ambar Gaaye' while the senior group sang 'Sufi' songs.

The competition started with Respect House junior group singing a medley of a Hindi song 'Banke Panchi gaaye pyaar ka tarana' and a Bengali song 'Akash daake aaj amay'. This was followed by Conviction House singing a medley of two English songs – 'Uno Paloma Blanca' and 'A Beautiful Day'. Next, the students of Freedom House presented a medley of two Bengali songs 'Aay re Aayre Sobe' and 'Dhitang Dhitang Bole'. Courage House brought up the rear by offering two Hindi Patriotic songs – 'Aisa Des hai mera' and 'Meri desh ki dharti'. It was an excellent show put up by the little ones.

The Sufi songs of the senior group began with an energetic 'Dam a Dam Mast Kalandar' presented by the Freedom House. Courage House followed with the well known 'Piya Haji Ali'. Conviction House took the challenge of presenting a very difficult 'Mera murshid Khele Holi'. The Competition ended with a heart touching 'Khwaja mere khwaja' by Respect House.

The judges had a tough time to decide the winner and finally declared Conviction House as the winner of the Junior Group and Respect House as the winner of the Senior Group. The show ended with two melodious songs by the judges and the prize distributions. It was a very enjoyable musical event.



