

LAXMI BAI AND PRAHLAD HOUSE FUNCTION

'NACHIKETA – MANN KI URJA'

On the 1st of May, 2018, Laxmi Bai and Prahlad Houses hosted their Annual House Function. The theme of the function was 'Nachiketa - Mann Ki Urja.' The Kathopanishad starts with the story of Nachiketa whose father took a vow to perform a yagna, renouncing all his material possessions. Nachiketa questions his father for donating old and feeble cows after the yagna. His father in rage at being questioned tells young Nachiketa, "I give you to Yama - the Lord of Death." Face to face with Yama, young Nachiketa rejects material possessions and learns the ultimate truth behind 'Mrityu' from Yama himself. The story of Nachiketa brought to light through the play - 'Nachiketa - Mann Ki Urja' the power of determination, perseverance, faith and the eagerness to learn. It inspired us to try - try until we succeed.

Nachiketa's story led Swami Vivekananda to wish, "If I get some ten or twelve boys with the same faith as Nachiketa, then I can turn the thoughts and pursuits of this country into a new channel."



The function commenced with a dance composition seeking the blessings of Lord Krishna. A fusion of three popular dance forms of the country - Kathak, Bharatnatyam and Odishi the composition described the love of Lord Krishna for humanity.

This was followed by two melodious performances that soothed the mind and spread a sense of positivity. The first was the orchestra recital - 'Jyoti' based on raga kaiwami inspired by Kazi Narzum Islam's folk tunes. The second was the group song - 'Jeevan Tumne Diya Hai, Sambhaloge Tum' - which reinforced the fact that this life that we live has been gifted to us by God and he shall take care of us.

The contemporary dance performance - 'Yeh Hausla', showcased very beautifully how determination and faith make everything possible.



The chief guest Miss Rizwana Parween, was the judge of the day. She is a multifaceted personality with a flair for music and drama. Her words inspired us to contemplate what the themes of the school House functions have conveyed. The function concluded with respected Principal Mrs Nishi Manglik sharing her words of wisdom with all of us and ensuring that there was something to take away from the function - something that would stay with us and guide us forever.