

“RAHIMAN PAANI RAAKHIYE.....
BHARAT AND KASTURBA HOUSE FUNCTION AT GYAN BHARATI SCHOOL

Bharat and Kasturba House staged their Annual House Function on 26th August 2016, providing Gyan Bharati School a chance to revisit the eternal *dohas* of the celebrated Mughal warrior and poet, Abdur-Rahim who wrote in Persian, Sanskrit and Hindi. The theme of the function was ‘Rahiman Paani Raakhiye’, a line taken from his famous *doha* which compares man’s humility with the grace of water. The function emphasized on the fact that even though Rahim is no more, his *dohas* are relevant even today. The backdrop and rangoli made with old newspapers and coloured pebbles were not only eco-friendly, but also cost effective. The function was judged by the distinguished theatre personality, Mrs. Savita Sharma Nagar who had also judged the previous House functions.

The function began with a dance recital, an ode to Lord Vishnu in what was a dazzling fusion of three classical dance forms namely, Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Kathak. The orchestra recital was a soulful rendition of the theme from the movie ‘Interstellar’ blended with Indian classical music, with the message that music transcends all boundaries and has no language. The group song ‘Mai Ek Banjaara Vakt Ka’ was based on another *doha* of Rahim, which celebrates the beauty of time and the changes that it brings.

The highlight of the function was the play, ‘Rahiman Paani Raakhiye’ which showed the audience a part of the renowned poet Rahim that is not known to most people, that of a fierce and skilled warrior and one of the cherished Navratnas of Emperor Akbar’s court.

The graceful contemporary dance had a message about the omnipresence of God and how faith in the Almighty can see us through even in the darkest of times. The function concluded with the finale wherein all the participating students came on stage to the roaring applause of the audience for their tireless efforts.

After the finale, the Director of the school, Shri R.C. Shekhar applauded the efforts of all the participating students and the teachers and praised them for their beautiful performance and the thought-provoking execution of the theme.

