

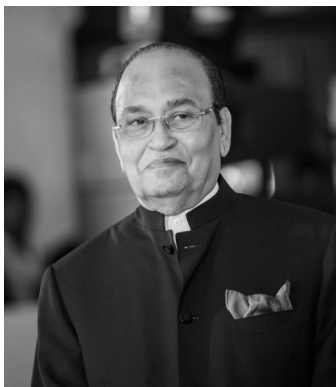


# HIM JYOTI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President - K N Memani



**Mr. K N Memani**  
President, Himalayan Society  
Chairman (For.),  
Ernst and Young

*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**Shri Sudarshan Agarwal**  
Mentor, Him Jyoti Society  
Governor (For.), Uttarakhand  
and Sikkim

Welcome! I'm so glad that you have an interest in Him Jyoti School.

Him Jyoti School is one such venture that has attempted to reach out to those who deserve but cannot afford, to those who desire but cannot acquire and to those who dream but cannot realize those dreams.

It makes me proud that the girls from the remote mountainous regions of Uttarakhand and Sikkim are not only realizing their dreams but are making their mark in Universities both in India and abroad. Two girls are studying for their graduation in prestigious Universities of the U.S today besides the three at Asian University for Women in Bangladesh.

Our mission is simple, really: Philanthropy in Service to Education. When we open the door to an education, we unlock the future for children. Education is the difference between failure and success. It is the difference between poverty and plenty.

My request to our donors is that our goal is to inspire philanthropy and to earn your meaningful investment in Him Jyoti—building a mutually beneficial relationship with the power to transform lives. I thank you for all your support that makes a difference in our ability to accomplish that mission!

## Welcoming the New Batch 2018-19



On 1st April 2018, the new batch of class V entered the portals of Him Jyoti School. The Principal, staff and students welcomed them. A special cultural programme was organised to give them a glimpse of various activities of the school. Each girl was allotted with a mentor, who would groom her mentee and help her in adjusting to the new surroundings. The prefectorial board helped the teachers in filling the admission forms. Health and hygiene check up was also done.

## Performance by SPIC MACAY



SPIC MACAY is a non-profit voluntary organisation dedicated to promoting awareness of Indian culture in educational institutions throughout India. On 8th April 2018, SPIC MACAY organised a Bharatanatyam performance by the world renowned exponent, Ms. Priya Venkatraman at Him Jyoti School. The students were intrigued with her performance, which was followed by an interactive session. Ms. Priya told the students that she has been performing since the age of seven and has performed both in India and abroad. She is also a recipient of many prestigious awards.



## Performance by VIRSA



On 10th April 2018, VIRSA Kathak Guru, Smt. Kalpana Verma visited Him Jyoti School. She is a trained Kathak dancer, teacher and choreographer. She received her training under the tutelage of Padma Vibhushan, Pt. Birju Maharaj. She gave several performances and briefed the students about the basics of learning Kathak. At the end of the session, the school dance troupe also performed two dances based on water and fire element. It was indeed a great learning experience for the girls.

## Visit to Vaish Nursing Home



On 11th April 2018, Biology students of classes 11th and 12th of Him Jyoti School went to Meher Hospital, Vaish Nursing Home for a health tour, which was organised for the first time in Uttarakhand. The students were guided by Dr. Hans Meher. They started their tour from the Reception and continued to different rooms like the General Ward, PICU, Operation Theatre and Emergency Ward. It was an insightful experience for the girls that encouraged them to take steps for the welfare of society.

## Visit to WIC - 'Dehradun Community Literature Fest'

On 19th April 2018, girls of classes 11th and 12th of Him Jyoti School visited WIC to attend the 'Dehradun Community Literature Fest'. A few students participated in poem and story writing competition. The topics were 'Broken Promise', 'Social Networking', 'It's Raining' and 'My First Love'. Class 12th attended the session on 'Thinking on Paper'. The next day, class 11th attended a session with authors, Mr. Sudeep Nagarkar and Mr. Bilal Siddiqui. They started their journey as writers at the age of 19. Both the sessions developed a passion for reading and writing amongst the students.

## Earth Ageing Conclave 2018

On 22nd April 2018, seven girls from class 12th of Him Jyoti School visited SGRR University, Patelnagar to attend Earth Ageing Conclave 2018. They attended a series of lectures by different speakers. The speakers for the day were Mr S.S Rawat, Vice President, Nester Education Society, Dr Arvind Mishra, (who holds a Guinness World Record for the longest marathon lecture of 139 hours, 42 minutes, 56 seconds), Dr Indira Bora Karakoti, Head of Wadia Institute, Abrat Ahmed Khan, DGM(ONGC) and Dr Rituraj, Founder of Doon Valley Agriculture. The students were informed of the nuances of Indian agriculture and how the Indian farmers toil day and night in the fields to produce enough grains to meet the needs of society. The conclave was a real eye opener and the students enjoyed the session thoroughly.

## Terry Fox Run

On 22nd April 2018, 35 girls of Him Jyoti School went for the 8th Annual Terry Fox Run, which is organised by The Doon School every year. Many schools participated in the marathon, which was a 4.5km run.

Terry Fox was a young Canadian boy who was diagnosed with cancer. He started running for the people suffering from cancer. To pay tribute to him, an annual Terry Fox Run is organized every year. The students finished the race with full enthusiasm and determination.

## Earth Week Celebration

From 22nd April to 28th April 2018, the annual Earth Week was celebrated in Him Jyoti School. In accordance with the theme of the year 'End Plastic Pollution', the students of the school made newspaper bags.

The Prefectorial Board distributed the newspaper bags to shopkeepers in the surrounding areas and enlightened them about the ill-effects of plastic. It was an encouraging step taken by the students to reduce plastic pollution.





## Farewell to Mrs. Jyoti Nigam

On 28th April 2018, the Him Jyoti family organized a farewell for Mrs. Jyoti Nigam, PGT Hindi for her selfless service. All the classes expressed their gratitude and love for ma'am through songs and speeches. After that she shared her experience of 10 years AT Him Jyoti School. A souvenir was presented to Mrs. Jyoti Nigam by the Principal.

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## Science Exhibition



On 4th May, 2018 Dr. Mahendra Bhandari, a renowned Indian surgeon visited Him Jyoti School to have an interactive session with the students. He told the girls about different career options and motivated them to develop passion for science. A science exhibition was also put forth by the students. Mr. N. Ravi Shankar, Hony. Secretary, Him Jyoti School and Mr. Hemant Arora, Hony. Treasurer, also visited the school to witness the same. Students from classes 6th to 12th exhibited various scientific models, depicting their interest in science.



## Table Tennis Tournament

On 5th May 2018, an Inter House Table Tennis Tournament was organised by the Sports Committee of Him Jyoti School. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. Satish Sarki, Assistant Director, Sports, Uttarakhand. The tournament commenced with the welcome address of the school Principal and the best wishes of the Chief Guest. The final match was played between Nandadevi and Kedarnath Houses, wherein Nandadevi House emerged as victors (score of 3-0). After the House match, an Individual Championship Match was also conducted. Aakansha Ginwal of Nandadevi House and Harshita Rawat of Trishul House made it to the finals; Aakansha Ginwal won the tournament with the score of 3-1. She was also declared the best player. At the end, the Chief Guest congratulated all the players for putting in their best efforts. He also encouraged girls to explore career options in the field of sports.



## Visit by the Mentor of the school

On 9th May 2018, the Founder and Mentor of Him Jyoti School, Shri. Sudarshan Agarawal ji visited the school. A short cultural programme was presented by the girls that included a friendly Table Tennis match and the display of science models. On this occasion Mr. Y.B. Thapa presented a canvas painting, depicting the vision of the Mentor for Him Jyoti School.



## Health Campaign Inauguration

The 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 will be remembered as a special day in Him Jyoti School. A grand function was organized by the school for the inauguration of Health Campaign 'Meri Maa Swasth Maa' by Dr Sumita Prabhakar, a renowned gynecologist. She is also an active social worker. This campaign was organised in order to spread awareness and enlighten the women of both rural and urban areas about cervical and breast cancer that is one of the rising challenges amongst the women of India.



The Chief Guest for the function was the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat. Present on this auspicious occasion were Shri Rakesh Oberoi, Former Secretary, Himalayan School Society, Shri Hemant Arora, Treasurer, Himalayan School Society and a team of doctors from different prestigious hospitals of Dehradun.



The program started with the cake cutting ceremony. A short cultural programme was organized by the students of the school. The school Principal, Mrs. Monika Arora was felicitated by the CM with 'Asha ki Kiran' award for her continuous effort in social welfare. The programme ended with the speech of the Honourable Chief Minister.



In keeping with the mission to spread awareness about the need to enlighten the women of India about cervical and breast cancer, a workshop was conducted by Dr Sumita Prabhakar for the girls of the school, wherein she talked about menstrual hygiene and different diseases. This was followed by an interactive session with the students wherein they got answers for their queries about personal health.



## Farewell to Mr. YB Thapa

On 17th May 2018, a warm farewell was given to Mr. Y.B. Thapa, the Estate Manager of the school by the Him Jyoti family. All the classes expressed their gratitude and love for Sir through songs and speeches.

Mr. Thapa shared his 10 years of experience with the Him Jyoti family and sang a melodious song. A souvenir was presented to him by the school Principal.



## Prize Distribution

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Him Jyoti School organized the prize distribution ceremony in which the meritorious students were awarded prizes and certificates for their performance in academics. The school Principal, Mrs. Monika Arora addressed the parents. It was followed by a short cultural program. The school also closed for summer vacation. Only Classes X and XII stayed back till May 31 for extra-classes.



## WIC Visit

On 19th May 2018, Class X of Him Jyoti School went to WIC to have an interactive session with Mrs. Jo Chopra, who is the Founder of Latika Roy Foundation. This institution offers commendable service to the differently abled children of the country. The moderator of the day was Mrs. Richa.

Mrs. Jo told the students about her strong desire to start this institution and the obstacles she faced. At the end of the session the students asked questions which Mrs. Jo answered with utmost sincerity.

## Class XII Result 2017-18

Success lies in sincere efforts,  
Being the best is not so important,  
Doing the best is all that matters.

On 26th May 2018, the CBSE result for class XII was declared. The result was undoubtedly outstanding. Sakshi Gupta (Science) was the topper of the school with 92.8%. Bhawana Joshi (Science) and Manisha Arya (Humanities) secured the II and the III positions, with 91.4% and 90.6% respectively.

The other subject toppers were Roshnee Pradhan, Monika Gowami and Shikha Thapa with 99% in English, Manisha Arya with 99% in History and 98% in Geography, and Bhawana Joshi with 98% in Biology.

## Class X Result 2017-18

“Work hard in silence.  
Let success make the noise”

On 29th May 2018, the CBSE result for class X was declared. The students of Him Jyoti School passed with flying colours and performed exceptionally well. Priyanka Koranga was the topper with 94.3%. Shalini Balodhi and Priyanka Pandey secured the II and III positions with 93.5% and 91.2% respectively. The other subject toppers were Sonalika Bisht with 100% in FIT, Kashish Dangwal with 96% in Maths, Mallika Pal and Vandana Majumdar with 95% in English, and Priyanka Pandey and Mahima Bisht with 94% in Hindi.

## 9th JULY, 2018 The School reopens

### Interns from Overseas

Him Jyoti School gave a warm welcome to three interns from prestigious colleges of London and Sweden. Ms. Jess Berntsson is from the renowned Oxford University. She is a trained Primary School teacher. She is helping the students of primary section in Maths and Science and is very excited to be a part of the Him Jyoti family.

Ms. Isabelle Naylor has completed her Masters in Physics from the University of Oxford. She has a strong desire to inculcate love for Science amongst the students of Him Jyoti School and shares her understanding on how the world around us works.

Ms. Alice Grandehed is from Sweden and has studied Biotechnology at the Chaimers University. She shares her passion for Biology with the students of Him Jyoti School and hopes to provide a deeper insight into different cultures of the world.



### WIC Visit

On 21st July 2018, class 11 along with Mrs. Vasudha Chandna and Ms. Madhuri Ramola went to WIC (World Integrity Centre) to attend an exhibition on photography. The photographs were clicked by three renowned photographers of India, namely Mr. Aditya Arya, Mr. Parthiv Shah and Mr. Prabir Purkayastha.

Their photography was based on the culture, lifestyle, architecture and religion of Israel and Jerusalem. It was a novel experience for the Him Jyotians.





## Inter House Dance Drama Competition

On 24th July 2018, the cultural committee of Him Jyoti School organised an Inter House Dance Drama Competition. The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The judges present on the occasion were Mrs. Nupur Gupta, Ms. Manjula and Mrs. Prerna.

All the houses presented their marvellous performances on meaningful themes. Standing third was Trishul House with their theme 'Ganga Avtaran'. The runners up was Kedarnath House with their theme 'Animal Love,' while the winner was Nandadevi house that performed on the theme 'Life of a Trangender'.

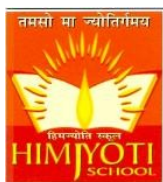
All the performances were highly appreciated by the judges.

## Shloka Presentation

On 31st July 2018, 8 girls of Him Jyoti School visited the Indian Academy for Inter School Sahodaya Shloka Presentation. Various school of Dehradun participated in it.

The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. Maalguni. He appreciated the participants for their wonderful presentations. All the participants were felicitated with certificates of participation.

It was indeed a great learning experience for all present.



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