

## **GRANDEUR MARKS 27th FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ISG**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day celebrations of Indian School Al Ghubra was held on Wednesday, 15 November 2017. Mrs. Fatma Bint Abdul Abbas Noorani, Director General, Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Mrs. Siddiqa Abdul Majeed Al Lawatiya - Director, International Schools Office, Ministry of Education, Mr. Kanakshi Khimji - Director, Khimji Ramdas, Mr. Kiran Asher-Director, Board of Directors (BOD), Indian Schools in Oman, Mr Wilson George - Chairman, BOD, dignitaries, parents and well-wishers also graced the function.

The programme began with the Royal Anthem of Oman followed by the National Anthem of India.

In her welcome address the Principal, Mrs Papri Ghosh introduced Mrs Fatma as a friendly, forthright, firm and fair personality and extended her a warm welcome in an eco-friendly way with a potted plant. She added that as the school stands on the threshold of its 28<sup>th</sup> year, it looks forward to an exciting future with the Founder at the helm and a dynamic School Management Committee steering it forward. In her address the Principal highlighted the three values - confidence , empathy and global citizenship, which are instilled in each student of ISG from an early age.

The Annual Report showcased the achievements of the students in scholastic and co scholastic areas and the many firsts recorded in the annals of ISG.

In his address, the President, Mr. Ahmed Rayees thanked the Ministry of Education and Mrs Fatma for the unrelenting support extended to all Indian Schools in the Sultanate of Oman. In addition to the many firsts, Mr Rayees proudly launched the ISG Oman Mobile App that drove the audience to great excitement.

In his exhortation, Dr. P. Mohammed Ali, conveyed his greetings on the upcoming National Day and expressed his deepest gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said for facilitating the growth of the Indian community. He appreciated the efforts of the members of the school community and said that ISG has been a trendsetter and will remain so in the years to come.

This was followed by the presentation of awards to students for their meritorious achievements in curricular and co- curricular activities. The members of the staff

who had served the institution for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years were also felicitated on this occasion.

The much-awaited cultural event commenced with ‘Tridhara’ an Indian music concert which presented a blend of classical music, folk music and drum rhythms. The musical Jugalbani included compositions by the choir and the orchestra comprising students on a variety of musical instruments.

The Snow Queen – a musical, transported the audience to the make-believe kingdom of Arendelle as they experienced the magical snowy landscape, the joyful spring and the pleasant summer. The enchanting story of the two royal sisters, Queen Rose and Princess Emma unfurls with the breaking of the icy spell cast on The Snow Queen Rose followed by their encounters with mystical trolls and their struggle to save their kingdom from winter’s cold grip. The performance of each of the characters and the choir won unrestricted applause from the audience. The LED curtain screen brought in the realistic effect to the settings in the play with the effective picturisation of ice, fluffy snow, fjords and mountains. It was incredible watching the refraction of sunlight through the ice which left the audience spellbound. The resplendent costumes complemented by the fast rhythmic numbers added to the extravaganza.

The programme came to a successful close with the vote of thanks.



