## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPECIALLY ABLED PERSONS**

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

-Helen Keller

A grand celebration was organized to mark the 'International Day of Specially Abled Persons' on 09 December 2023 in the premises of Army Public School Jammu Cantt. The Specially Abled Children with Hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Muscular Dystrophy, Visual Impairment, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy and Locomotor Disability- as notified under RPwD Act, 2016 from Air Force School, APS BD Bari, APS Samba, APS Miran Sahib, APS Damana, APS Ratnuchak, APS Sunjawan, Model Academy Inclusive School, Jammu Sanskriti School and APS Jammu Cantt participated in the grand event.

To celebrate the high spirits and will power of children with special needs, everyone came together to mark this special day. Ms. Archana Wali, CCA Coordinator, APS Jammu Cantt, extended a hearty and warm welcome to the Guest of Honour Mrs. Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana, Guest of Honour Mrs. Rohini Aima, Principal Jammu Sanskriti School, Ms. Puneet Kaur, Principal APS Jammu Cantt and to all the teachers and students. The programme commenced by lighting the auspicious lamp by all the dignitaries.

Enthralling dance performance by Master Raghav from APS BD Bari left everyone in absolute awe. Master Vansh from APS Miran Sahib performed captivating dance that held the audience enraptured. Melodious song sung by Master Saksham from APS Damana created magic everywhere.

To inspire and encourage all the Special Needs students to keep excelling consistently and to keep moving in life all the time, exciting fun and sports activities: Floating Balls, Drag Down Glasses and Balloon Bursting were conducted. Sports activities were organized by the sports teachers. These activities brought fun, happiness, entertainment and a sense of unity among all.

The program became more exhilarating when Ms. Kavita from APS Jammu Cantt recited an inspiring poem. Yoga was performed by Master Ritik Raj from APS Jammu Cantt. Master Vineet from APS Jammu Cantt put all his soul in playing guitar signifying his talent which received thunders of applause from the audience.

Light and engaging performance of mime by Master Aadit Anand from APS Samba held the audience spellbound. Master Vardaan from Air Force School touched everyone's soul. Delightful group dance by the paragons of virtue of Model Academy was a riveting show of rhythm and emotions. Dance by Ms. Monika Devi from Jammu Sanskriti school was indeed a wonderful performance.

Prize distribution ceremony was performed to felicitate the participants of the programme. Mrs. Rohini Aima, Principal Jammu Sanskriti School expressed her gratitude to emcee for organizing such thoughtful and thematic juncture. Mrs. Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana in coda highly appreciated the optimistic endeavours of APS Jammu Cantt for conducting such activities. Ms Puneet kaur, Principal APS Jammu Cantt in her address emphasized on organizing more such events to upskill the skills of these special children. The programme culminated with a vote of thanks by Ms. Anupama Bahadur with the message of love and respect scintillated everyone.

The smooth - sailing and engaging event was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Ashish Anand, Special Educator of Army Public School Jammu Cantt. Indomitable spirited gentle souls created magic everywhere. The event was a message that strength lies in differences, not in similarities.

