## UNITED TEAM UNIFIED DREAM Annual Sports Day 2023



The air was charged with excitement as our school hosted its much-anticipated Junior and Senior Sports Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. Dignitaries, Students, teachers, and parents gathered at the school's sports field, ready to witness a day filled with true sportsmanship, colourful array of drills, competitions and unforgettable moments.

Sister Leena Jacob, President of the Society of Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy, India, Principal, Sister Lizy along with senior teachers, Ms. Jeyanthi and Ms. Renubala welcomed the Chief Guests to the campus.

Padma Shree Mr. Dilip Tirkey, President of the Hockey Federation, India graced the Junior Sports as Chief Guest. Students and parents alike were overwhelmed to have the hockey legend from Odisha amidst them. In his welcome speech, Mr. Tirkey elaborated on the key role that games and sports play in the lives of the youth and how they nurture the holistic development of a child. The little ones danced into the heart of the Chief Guest through their colourful performances.

The Senior sports day kicked off with a spectacular opening ceremony, featuring a grand march past by the school leaders, four houses (red, blue, green and yellow) accompanied by the majestic school band.



Dr. Siddhartha Das, I.A.S., Director of Sports & Youth Services, Government of Odisha graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He flagged off the event by lighting the ceremonial torch. Guest of Honour, Sister Leena Jacob also graced the two-day event.

The ethos of sportsmanship and unity echoed throughout the day as students from different grades and houses came together to showcase their athletic prowess. Whether it was sprinting on the track, showcasing agility in the relay races, or exhibiting colourful drills, each participant exemplified the true spirit of a unified dream.

The common school drill was followed by the individual house drills that displayed the creativity of the children along with the hard work of the teachers who had trained them for days and months for the final event. From traditional races to unique and creative drills, every student found an avenue to contribute and shine.

As the winter sun began to set, signalling the end of a day filled with excitement, the closing ceremony was a moment of reflection and celebration. Victorious teams were presented trophies and the winners were given certificates and cups.



Sister Lizy extended a heartfelt appreciation towards the teachers, the student leaders, the participants and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the Annual Sports Day a resounding success. Their commitment to promoting a culture of physical activity and friendly competition contributed to the event's overall success.

The Annual Sports Day was not just a day of physical prowess; it was a celebration of unity, team spirit and the indomitable spirit of our children. As the school continues to nurture holistic development, the Annual Sports Day stands as a testament to the importance of sports in shaping the overall development of students.

