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*"Education is the manifestation of the
perfection already present in man."*

- Swami Vivekananda

Army Public School, Chandimandir, has been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence since its establishment in 1983. With the commencement of each academic session, the school has continuously strived to set new benchmarks. The students of the school have attained various milestones in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities since the initiation of the academic session 2023-24. These accomplishments reflect the unwavering commitment and sincere efforts of the school community towards fostering holistic development and academic success.

At the very outset, the school is highly indebted to its Management Committee ably headed by our COAS and Sr Patron Lt Gen Devendra Sharma; Patron Maj Gen Vikramjit Singh Gill, MG Arty Western Comd and the Chairman Brig AS Jamwal, Brig Arty, HQ Western Command, who have been a constant source of guidance, inspiration, support and motivation. The school looks up to

them for their invaluable guidance at every stride.

Principal Mrs Suman Singh, Vice Principal Mr Nitish Shaw and Headmistress Mrs Manu Tomar along with the teaching staff are the pedagogical leaders and play crucial role in the evolution of teaching learning ecosystem. They support the curriculum transaction and direct the focus of all school activities towards student learning and acquiring necessary competencies of the 21st century.

In the dynamic 'Digital Era,' the teachers stay updated with the latest educational technology and pedagogy. They undergo 50 hours of training at CBSE Centres of Excellence, FDRC, or in-school to create an engaging learning environment, ensure authentic student assessment and foster holistic development. Jaadui Pitara is a repository of Teaching Learning material to enhance development of five domains at the foundational

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stage namely cognitive, affective, physical, language & literary, and aesthetics & culture. School has trained teachers in implementation of National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) with extensive use of Jaadui Pitara. The school, with approximately 3800 students and a dedicated team of 139 qualified teachers and 44 administrative staff, is committed to the continuous progress of the students. Ever vigilant 82 chosen representatives of Students' Council can be observed discharging their duties with utmost sincerity and at the same time nurturing their juniors.

The imposing school building in the cantonment has an impressive infrastructure which is being improved further with the tireless efforts of the School Administration and Management Committee. Besides, the two main wings - primary and senior, the school has a multi purpose hall, an amphitheatre, spacious lawns, sports facilities, well-equipped labs, two libraries, and a strong focus on technology to keep students informed and skilled. Adapting to evolving teaching methods, our teachers leverage technology for engaging student interactions. The school has installed two 125 KVA generator sets - one each for primary and senior wing and 94 strategically placed CCTV cameras to monitor children's safety. Renovation of washrooms, staffrooms and the school canteen and augmentation of the capacity of overhead water tanks by 22000 ltrs was carried out as a part of infrastructure development by the magnanimous efforts of the School Management Committee. Separate water pipeline was also laid for Primary and Senior Wing of the school. The School also installed 25 stand-alone 12th Gen computers with i5 processors.

Periodic security drills are conducted by the School to ensure a safe campus.

Aligning with NEP 2020 wherein inclusive education aims for equitable access, empowering all learners, fostering diversity and ensuring tailored support for diverse needs, the school has two well-equipped resource rooms- one each in the Primary and Senior Wing. The Resource Rooms have all kinds of support material to help and assist differently abled students as well as low achievers in teaching-learning process. For remediation, there are three labs in the Resource Room: English, Hindi and Maths.

In the words of Ray Bradburry, "Without libraries, we have no past and no future." The library is the heart of the school. The school has two well-stocked libraries with approximately 15000 books for students. It offers 25 magazines, 11 newspapers and 5 journals to enhance reading and awareness of current affairs. The Students' Resource Centre provides access to 600+ e-books and e-journals.

Academics are at the school's core reflecting the diligence, competence and hard work of the students and teachers. Ashish Saraswat with 95.8% in Non-Medical, Radhika Sharma with 95.6% in Commerce, Khushi with 96.6% in Humanities were the toppers of their respective streams. Overall pass percentage was 99.1%, with four students scoring 95% and above. Master Navneet Kashyap received a Certificate of Merit from Chief of Army Staff (COAS) in Nov 2022 for securing 99.2% in class X. These accomplishments drive the students to excel further. Class XII students continue to shine, gaining admissions in prestigious institutions nationwide. 05 students from the session 2021-22 and Arjun Jhakar & Naveen Sardiwal from 2022-23

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entered the National Defence Academy, Pune. Savyasachi Soni and Vivek Saraswat from 2021-2022 joined Officers Training Academy, Gaya. 09 students from 2022-23 cleared the NDA written exam, while Ramandeep Singh joined IIT Bombay & Dhruv Singh joined IIT Mandi. Daksh Joshi, Ritul, Palak Thakur and Navdeep Lohchab of (2022-23) joined Government Medical Colleges in Chandigarh, Chamba and Thrissur.

Empowerment of students for their all-round development through education is the motto of the school. Enthusiastic participation in Inter House Competitions helped the students in excelling in the various Inter School Events. School Team secured 2nd position in 2 Corps Inter Army Public Schools Hindi Debate Competition. Bhuvanjoit Sran of Class XII and Avishi Pandey of Class IX were adjudged as the Best Interjectors in Hindi and English Debate Competitions respectively. School Quiz Team bagged 1st position in 2 Corps Inter Army Public Schools Quiz Competition.

"Sports is the greatest physical poetry". In the 2 Corps Inter Army Public Schools Table Tennis Tournament in Jul 2023, the team won gold medals in Girls' Doubles category and silver medals in Girls' Singles category. School Team secured 1st and 2nd position in 2 corps Inter Army Public Schools Badminton and Football Tournaments respectively. The Badminton team also won 04 silver medals at Command Level. Besides this, 32 students participated in Athletics at the Zonal level, 217 students participated at district level events and 68 students were part of state level competitions. They were awarded with Certificates of Excellence in Sports.

The XXIV Annual Day Function was held on 07

Nov 2023. Maj Gen Vinay Dhiman, VSM, MG Arty Western Comd and then Patron of the school presided over the event as the Chief Guest. Mrs Preeti Dhiman, then Chairperson Schools was the Guest of Honour. A total of 1800 students participated in various cultural events under the theme "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat". The Prize distribution ceremony felicitated academic achievers of Classes X & XII and students securing placements in prestigious institutions. The Sports Trophy was awarded to Subhash House while Nehru House won the Co-Curricular Activities and Overall Trophy for the session 2023-24.

Aristotle said "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all". The school ethos of moral values and principles is reflected in the assembly topics that focus on values and life skills: 'Awakening Our Possibilities: Unlocking the Potential', 'On the Path of Transformation; 'Importance of Being Fit; Active and Healthy', 'Environmental Justice and Technology' etc., which focus on inculcation of values and life skills: Special days such as AWES Day, Independence Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, Teacher's Day, Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti are also celebrated in the most befitting manner to mark their importance through special assemblies.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page". Our school organized educational trips for classes I to XII. 878 students of primary wing explored local sights including Chhatbir Zoo, Rock Garden and the Shiwalik Bird Sanctuary, while 696 students from classes VI to XII gained experiential knowledge by visiting Kurukshetra, Kapurthala and Dehradun.

National Cadet Corps (NCC) is doing an exemplary

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service to the nation by moulding the youth into responsible and disciplined citizens. This academic session was remarkable, as 25 girls joined the NCC Army Wing marking a significant year in the school's history. 30 NCC cadets attended Combined Annual Training Camp and 20 cadets took the 'A' Certificate Examination. Ms P Kavita attended the PRCN (JW) Course -112 NCC at Gwalior. She has been appointed as Associate NCC Officer (ANO) to train NCC Cadets. Mr Kuldeep, TGT Hindi has also been appointed as CTO for boys.

School Counselling Cell headed by Ms Preeti Ahluwalia and Ms Namrita James conducted orientation programmes for parents to familiarise them about the school norms and build a fruitful & interactive relationship between school and parents. A two-day comprehensive Career Fest For the students of Classes X to XII was organised on 25 and 26 May 2023 under the aegis of AWWA. A talk on 'Career in Army & Leadership Requirements of 21st Century' was delivered by Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (Retd), PVSM, UYSM, YSM & VSM on 27 May 2023 in the Manekshaw Auditorium. A motivational talk was organised for the students of Class IX in Jul 2023 where the students interacted with a National Athlete and Mountaineer Ms Aasha Malviya.

Vidyanjali is an initiative undertaken by the Ministry of Education with the aim to strengthen schools through community and private sector involvement. Under this project, the school conducted Yoga and Paper Bag Making Activities in the Govt Middle School and Govt Primary School, Haripur Panchkula. The educators from Army Public School, Chandimandir, also mentored the students from Government School, Haripur Panchkula. Their efforts bore fruit as Arushi of Class II A, Government Primary School,

guided by Ms. Manmohan, TGT Hindi from APS Chandimandir, secured the prestigious first prize in the Kavyanjali-Poetry Competition and Payal from Class VIII, Government Middle School, under the guidance of Ms. Ritu Goswami, HOD Art from APS Chandimandir, emerged victorious in the Jute Bag Design Competition as part of the Srijnoday Vivekanand Smriti Samaroh 2024 held at Swami Vivekanand Millennium School, Pinjore.

In this rapidly evolving landscape, technology serves as the "wings" propelling education forward. TAG (Tech Avant Garde) has entered into an agreement with the school for a period of 5 years in Sep 2023 to mandate implementation of Hybrid Learning. The programme includes - Skill Hub Initiatives, Digital literacy Programmes, Adolescent Health Programmes, and School & College Connect.

The School has introduced skill based modules namely Handicraft, Financial literacy, Artificial Intelligence in the classes VI to VIII. The students of classes IX to XII also got the opportunity to study skill subjects. The school was also a part of CBSE's PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) pilot project in Nov 2023 and successfully conducted the assessment for the students of Classes III, VI and IX.

The visits of eminent personalities inspire us to maintain excellence. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, AVSM, GOC-in-C WC visited the school in August this year and emphasized the need for changes aligned with NEP 2020 and preparation of a roadmap for upgradation of school infrastructure. Furthermore, Maj Gen Vikramjit Singh Gill, Patron, Mrs Vineet Gill, Chairperson Schools, during their visit to school were

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apprised by the Principal Ms Suman Singh of the measures taken by the school to align itself to NEP COS, HQ Western Command highlighted the measures taken by the school to align itself to NEP 2020. The Maj Gen PR Murali, VSM (Retd.), MD AWES also visited the school on 20 Feb 2024.

'Those who relentlessly strive for excellence have no space for complacency'.

The school believes in embracing challenges and nurturing excellence as a habit while aligning its principles with the AWES motto of 'Quality Education and Character Building'.

With immense pride in our past accomplishments and unwavering confidence in our potential for further progress, we eagerly anticipate the greater achievements that lie ahead in the upcoming academic session.

**“ Empowering the
mind with the
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