

## Haryana Veer and Shaheedi Diwas – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

*‘Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it; it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.’*

A special assembly on ‘Haryana Veer and Shaheedi Diwas’ was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 for the students of classes IV and V to pay homage to the people who fought for the freedom, welfare and progress of their country. The Haryana Government in 2007 had decided to celebrate 23<sup>rd</sup> September as ‘**Haryana Veer and Shaheedi Diwas**’ as a mark of respect to the martyrs and freedom fighters. Students of class III were shown a presentation and explained about the importance of this day.

The assembly commenced with a short talk on Rao Tula Ram, freedom fighter of India's First War of Independence in 1857, who made the supreme sacrifice of his life fighting against the British. The debt of the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives, can never be paid and the people of the country will always remember their martyrdom because they will always live in the hearts of the people.

The assembly came to an end with the Headmistress, Ms. Laveena Hemrajani reiterating the significance of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and how we should cherish the freedom we are enjoying today because of our valiant freedom fighters, who laid down their lives while safeguarding the frontiers of their nation. Everybody observed two minutes of silence as a mark of respect for the martyrs.

