

## MAATHRUBAASHA DIVAS @ KKN



“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, it goes to his heart.” Keeping this in mind, the ‘Maathrubasha Divas’ was celebrated to understand the grandeur and nuances of Indian

languages. The middle school students of PSBB KKN focused on Tamil, Hindi and Sanskrit displaying eloquence in these tongues.

The celebration began with a recitation of a Bharathiyar song highlighting the importance of the ancient language, Tamil. This was followed by speeches given by students about the evolution of this language and how proud one must feel about the language which was used by great dynasties like the Cholas. The message that the students took home was that the vast literature of this language will take ages for us to understand and master.

Following this was a presentation by the Department of Hindi. The origin, evolution and the current state of the most common language of our country was discussed in detail. The students elaborated on how Hindi can be so elegant and sweet sounding to our ears. Some quotes that the students used showed how a few words can inculcate many a thoughts in the minds of people. The famous song ‘Saare Jahaan Se Achha’ was then rendered expressing the beauty of the language and instilling patriotism.

The focus then shifted to the language of the Gods, Sanskrit. The students first spoke on the importance of Vedas and chanted a few verses from the Vedas. Our school's tradition of inviting guests with the Poornakumbham was also expounded by the students. A recitation of Sri Ranganatha Gadyam, the elegiac piece of Sri Ramanuja in praise of Lord Ranganatha followed this. The prizewinners of the Sanskrit elocution competition spoke on an array of topics ranging from Andal's Thiruppavai to the Rivers of India. A song in Sanskrit on national integration and world peace marked the end of the programme.



Students were made to understand that language was something beyond just a medium of communication and that it was an emotion by itself. They were left pondering and agreed that every language was indeed

stupendous in its own way. This proved to be yet another platform that our school gave for students to take pride in the founding values of our nation.



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