## A Creative Rendition of JKPS Investiture Ceremony 2023

"Leadership is not about ruling; it's about serving."

-Guru Nanak

Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh, hosted the prestigious event of the school calendar, the Independence Day and Investiture Ceremony on the splendid morning of 11 August 2023 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The solemn occasion commenced by invoking the blessings of the almighty with a pious Shabad followed by a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, the illustrious Lt. Gen. Balbir Singh Sandhu AVSM, VSM, Ph.D. and JKPS Alumnus Col. Amit Gupta. Alongside, The Chairman of the school, the venerable Sardar Surjit Singh Ji, and Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Rasna Singh along with other distinguished guests who graced the occasion. The guests were greeted enthusiastically, accompanied by a grand band performance, live classical singing, complemented by a simultaneous live painting presentation and honoured with a guard of honour. The National Flag was unfurled by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, followed by a captivating and harmonious display of coordination, discipline and rhythm showcased through the March Past and band performance.

This year marked the 77th anniversary of our beloved nation's independence and the audience was transported immersed in the pages of our glorious history through the captivating portrayal of a dance drama- 'Sankalp se Siddhi'-a transformative journey from aspirations to achievements.

Mrs Asha Saran Srivastava, Principal JKPS, addressed the gathering and the newly elected Student Council Members with her inspirational words. She formally welcomed the newly elected Student Council Members, leading them through an induction that involved taking a pledge and parents affixing badges and epaulettes onto their uniforms. Guiding these young torchbearers, she advised the young leaders to be dutiful and responsible.

The Chief Guest, Lt. Gen. Balbir Singh Sandhu, and the Guest of Honour Col. Amit Gupta in their address congratulated the newly elected members and enlightened the students to embrace a guideline of maintaining physical fitness, fostering mental resilience, and upholding strong moral values (be physically fit, mentally strong, and morally upright). They guided the students to keep moving forward despite all the obstacles and challenges in life. The Chief Guest advised the students to strive to become better than others and to aim for personal growth and improvement, rather than comparing themselves to others. He highlighted that there's abundant space and enough resources for everyone's development and stressed the significance of dedication and continuous efforts toward their goals, rather than merely setting lofty aspirations and high aims in life.

Concluding on a triumphant note, the event, which resonated as a resounding success, came to a close with a gracious vote of thanks delivered by the Headmistress, Mrs. Shikha Dhameja. The culmination was marked by a collective rendition of the National Anthem, evoking a sense of unity and pride among all present.

