

SRV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Congratulations!

Vice President SRV International School, Subbalakshmi Bulusu is recognized as one of the top ten women leaders from international schools by Women Entrepreneur India! This is a significant achievement and a testament to her dedication, hard work, and impact as an educator. Her recognition not only reflects positively on her but also shines a spotlight on SRV International School and its commitment to providing quality education in Rasipuram, Tamil Nadu, India. Such acknowledgments can indeed be a strong source of motivation and validation for our efforts. They also inspire the teachers, students, and the entire educational community to shape young minds and contribute to the field of education. The passion and commitment of her and the SRVIS team are making a difference, and allowing continued success in our journey as educators and leaders at SRVIS.



Women Entrepreneur India

WOMEN LEADERS FROM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

SUBBALAKSHMI BULUSU IGNITING A RENAISSANCE IN EDUCATION BY UNLEASHING BRILLIANCE & ILLUMINATING MINDS

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Subbalakshmi Bulusu holds a master's degree in English, along with bachelor's degrees in both science and education. She has dedicated herself to enhancing her expertise in IB and Cambridge learning, undertaking numerous courses in these areas. Subalakshmi commenced her professional journey as a kindergarten teacher and currently, she holds the esteemed position of vice president overseeing two schools—one following the CBSE curriculum and the other offering IB and Cambridge programs.

**AS EDUCATION LEADERS,
EMPOWER THAN HOLDING POWER.
THE MORE YOU EMPOWER THE
HIGHER YOUR POWER GOES**

Within the realm of education, there exists a breed of extraordinary leaders who possess the power to ignite transformation and inspire students to reach their true potential. Like a master weaver, these visionaries intricately blend passion, innovation, and compassion and understand that education extends beyond textbooks, embracing the richness of life's lessons, fostering empathy, kindness, and ethical values. Subbalakshmi Bulusu stands as a shining example of passion, determination, and continuous growth. With a strong academic foundation, she has embarked on a journey of self-reflection, seeking personal and professional improvement. From her early years as a kindergarten teacher to her current role as the vice president of two schools, including one with an IB and Cambridge curriculum, Subbalakshmi's motivation comes from within, driven by her unwavering belief in self-motivation and the transformative power of embracing opportunities.

Engaging in an idiosyncratic interaction with Women Entrepreneur, Subbalakshmi shares the imperious details her professional milestones, her success mantra, and her vision as a leader in the Indian Education System.

How does your prior industry experience in the education sector empower you to be a better educationalist today?

Drawing from my prior experiences and embracing diverse sources of inspiration, such as workshop leaders, school staff, and accomplished professionals, I continuously strive for personal and professional growth. Setting ambitious goals and empowering others are fundamental principles that guide my approach. I am committed to continuous improvement and surpassing my previous achievements and firmly believe that every individual, regardless of their role or background, possesses unique knowledge and skills that contribute to our collective learning journey. Together, we can leverage the collective potential of each individual and foster an atmosphere of collaboration, growth, and shared success. I am also grateful to my husband Krishnamohan Bulusu and my family for the tremendous support which made me what I am now.

Tell us about SRV International School and its key areas of specialization.

SRV International School, located in the semi-town of Rasipuram, Tamil Nadu, is the realization of Ganesh Babu Nateshan's vision. The SRV brand encompasses a group of schools with an exceptional reputation for fostering global citizens, instilling responsibility, nurturing creativity, and promoting critical thinking. The school has received many awards including the Best Stand-alone School by National Education Brilliance, and the award of International Dimension Schools by the British Council.

The highlights of our school include the offering of two international curricula, International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), where students have agency in their learning and assessments. We encourage a culture of inclusivity, valuing every individual's unique contribution. Our students benefit from one-to-one iPad usage, digital language learning portals, and the implementation of Singapore Math, which emphasizes conceptual understanding. Furthermore, we provide four languages from an early age: English as an instructional language and Hindi, French, and Tamil as additional languages.

What are some of the most critical challenges you encounter as a leader in Indian education sector and how do you overcome these roadblocks?

Every challenge presents an opportunity for growth and improvement, and the field of Indian education is no exception. For parents, constructing a foundation of respect for teachers and refraining from negative conversations in front of children is essential. Assessment and evaluation also pose challenges, as parents often prioritize marks over the learning process itself.

To address these challenges, effective communication and understanding between schools and parents are crucial. Schools must uphold the integrity of the education system, school culture, and student well-being. Parents should embrace the right system of education, value teachers, and instill the same respect and appreciation in their children.

Tell us about the top three professional milestones that you have achieved over the years?

One of the pivotal moments in my life was when I discovered the world of International Baccalaureate (IB) education. The rigorous standards set by the IB board and the emphasis on global citizenship through the IB learner profile left a lasting impact on me. Another milestone was when I embarked on a journey as an IB workshop leader, Program Leader and consultant. This role not only allowed me to share my knowledge but also provided an opportunity for personal growth through interactions with diverse cultures and perspectives. Assuming leadership positions was yet another notable milestone. Over the past 15 years, I have embraced leadership roles, gradually progressed into senior leadership positions.

How do you foresee the Indian school education evolving in the near future? Which trends will have the strongest impact?

With a splendid curriculum and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), India is poised to become a leading nation in education. The advancement of digital technology, robust assessment practices, and a commitment to innovative and interconnected learning are key factors that will contribute to our success. India is set to excel in areas such as digital technology, AI, STEM education, and more. By refining our systems and prioritizing emotional and social development, India is on track to raise its educational standards and attract students from around the world, solidifying its position as an educational powerhouse. [m](#)



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The annual recognition of
'Top 10 Women Leaders from International Schools- 2023'
acknowledges the industry experience and subject matter expertise of the chosen women leaders while also celebrating their inspirational professional journey in the Indian education landscape.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY



Embracing our identity as Indians, we cherish the legacy of our nation's hard-fought struggle for freedom. The sacrifices of brave freedom fighters paved the way for the liberties we enjoy today. At SRVIS, we stand devoted to nurturing holistic development and patriotism among our learners.

Our commitment goes beyond teaching about individual freedom fighters; it extends to imparting a comprehensive understanding of India's profound significance. On the 14th of August, we conducted an enriching quiz, fueling their knowledge of India's history and current affairs.

On the momentous 15th of August, as we commemorated our independence, our tribute to freedom fighters echoed through a captivating march past, vibrant dances, resonating music, and inspiring speeches. The day was a harmonious blend of meaning and education, fostering a profound connection to our beloved nation.

**Happy Independence Day!
Jai Hind!**





VISIT TO SALEM GOPI HOSPITAL



Grade 5 learners ventured on an enlightening journey with a visit to Salem Gopi Hospital, an experience that left a lasting impact. Witnessing their enthusiasm as they observed dedicated healthcare professionals in action—doctors, nurses, and technicians—underscored the tangible real-world applications of their academic studies.

Exploring diverse hospital departments provided them with a holistic view of healthcare delivery, from the bustling emergency rooms to the focused precision of operating theaters. This exposure fostered a profound appreciation for the interconnectedness of these units within the medical field.

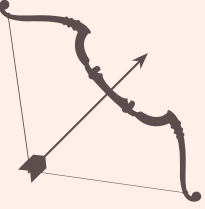
As they interacted with cutting-edge medical equipment and technologies, their curiosity was genuinely ignited, sparking a keen interest in the latest medical advancements and innovations. Engaging with healthcare experts facilitated insightful discussions, highlighting the importance of effective communication and empathy in the realm of patient care.

Above all, this field trip instilled in them a deep understanding of patient care practices, hygiene protocols, and the pivotal role of teamwork in a medical environment. The experience transcended traditional teaching methods, leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey.

Upon their return, the students thoughtfully reflected on their learning experiences at the hospital, aligning them with the key IB PYP elements they had focused on during their visit.

We Sincerely thank the entire team of Salem gopi hospital.





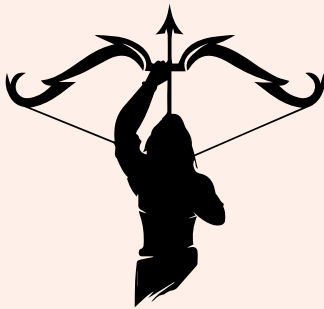
INSIGHTFUL LECTURE FOCUSING ON THE CRAFT OF CREATING CHARACTER SKETCHES

The learners of Grade 4 had an enriching session exploring the art of writing an epic, guided by Ms. Pratibha, mother of G. Avyukth Natesh. She conducted a guest lecture focusing on the craft of creating character sketches to enhance their writing process.

During this insightful lecture, she intricately linked the concept of character sketches with the essence of the Indian epic, the Ramayana. By unfolding the pivotal story plot of the Ramayana, she skillfully correlated it with the attributes of IB learner profiles. The students were captivated by her presentation, and their curiosity about the Ramayana was ignited, leading them to draw connections not only with Indian narratives but also with Western references like Harry Potter and Peppa Pig.

Moreover, she astutely drew parallels between the characters in the Ramayana and those in Harry Potter, shedding light on the Valmiki Ramayana's amalgamation of both fictional and non-fictional characters, reminiscent of the realm of Harry Potter.

This session was a testament to the collaborative spirit of learning and the rich insights our community members bring to our educational journey. It's through such interactions that our learners are not only inspired but also gain a broader perspective on the world of literature and the intricate interplay of character development.



EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF NATURE

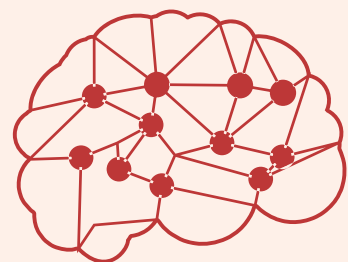
Grade 2's Journey to Discover Landforms

Grade 2 students, wide-eyed and curious, embarking on a memorable field trip to a picturesque hillside. This adventure was not just a fun day out; it was an educational journey where these young minds would learn about various landforms and the fascinating changes that occur in our natural world. The hill they visited was teeming with diverse landforms, from rolling hills to jagged cliffs and winding rivers which was a miss as the water was dried of. With the help of their enthusiastic teachers, the students delved into the basics of landforms, starting with the most common ones like mountains, valleys, and plains. As the young explorers ventured further, they began to understand that landforms are not static but ever-changing. They observed the effects of erosion, a powerful force that continuously shapes the landscape. The learners made connections on how the beauty of the hills and mountains have changed. They saw a mountain cut half way where human activities such as mining, deforestation and how we have degraded the land by throwing and accumulating garbage and spoiling the scenic beauty of the land which have caused drastic change during the course of time. The students further delved themselves in how bricks are formed, the various processes that are involved in it, they interacted with the workers and gained new insights. They made connections as how the fertile soil is been taken from the hill and how its mixed with cement and sand and how we get the finishing products of bricks. They used their thinking and analytical skills to come up with their view points. In addition to natural forces, the Grade 2 students discussed how human activities could impact landforms. They saw firsthand how deforestation and construction altered the landscape, prompting discussions about the importance of preserving our natural surroundings. This field trip was not just a day of fun and exploration; it was a transformative experience for Grade 2 students. They returned to their classrooms with a newfound appreciation for the Earth's landforms and a deeper understanding of the changes that shape our planet. This adventure served as a foundation for their environmental education, instilling in them a sense of responsibility to protect and cherish the wonders of nature they had witnessed on that hillside.



CAN AI LEAD TO DOOMSDAY?

Grade 9 students engaged in a riveting debate on the burning question: "Can AI lead to doomsday?" The discussions delved into the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence, exploring its potential for advancement and the importance of responsible usage to avoid potential pitfalls. The learners left no stone unturned, unravelling the intricacies of AI and how it can both empower and challenge our society. It was a thought-provoking session that emphasized the significance of harnessing technology for productive purposes, ensuring it complements our lives without overpowering us. The students also gained insights into the impact of technology on our overall well-being, fostering a deeper understanding of the blessings and cautions that come with it.



TRIP TO THE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTA AND GEEDEE CAR MUSEUM IN COIMBATORE

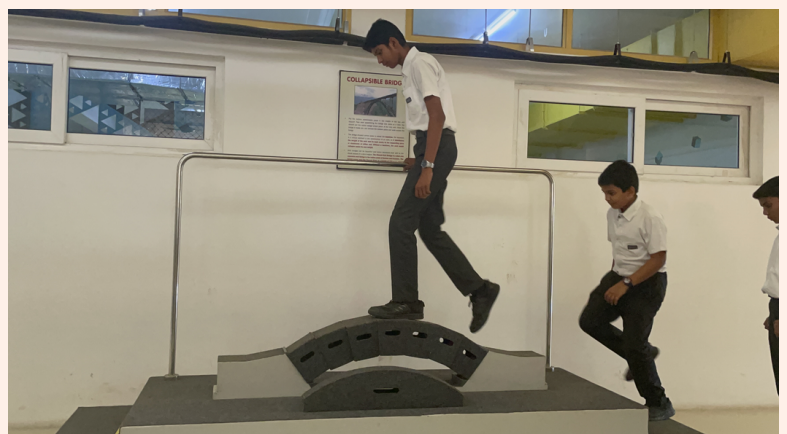
A remarkable day unfolded for the Cambridge learners of SRV International School during their captivating trip to the Science Experimenta and Geedee Car Museum in Coimbatore.

Our young scientists had an exhilarating time immersing themselves in a world of experiments at Science Experimenta. They didn't just watch – they got hands-on with the exciting science of reactions! It was like pure magic happening right before their eyes.

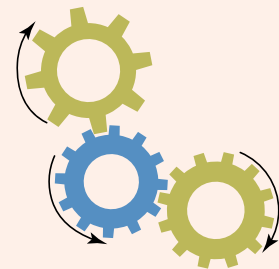
Our learners also hopped on an incredible journey to the Geedee Car Museum in Coimbatore. They zipped through time on wheels, exploring the evolution of cars. As they strolled through the museum, our young enthusiasts uncovered the fascinating engineering that powers cars. From engines to gears, they unravelled the mechanics that make these incredible machines zoom down the road.

The combination of science and cars brought an abundance of joy and knowledge to our budding scientists and car enthusiasts. Laughter, learning, and exploration filled the air!

As we reflect on the day's adventures, we pay homage to G.D. Naidu's vision and mission, which continue to inspire young minds to embrace innovation, curiosity, and the thrill of discovery.



INNOVATION



UPCOMING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- 04 SEP 23. Janmashtami Celebration
- 06 SEP 23. Janmashtami (Holiday)
- 05 SEP 23. Teacher's day
- 08 SEP 23. GrandParent's Day celebration
- 14 SEP 23. Hindi Diwas
- 15 SEP 23. Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration
- 18 SEP 23. Ganesh Chaturthi (Holiday)
- 11 SEP - 15 SEP 23. Literary Week, Elocution
- 28SEP 23. Miladi-Un-Nabi/ Eid e Milad





UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITY HELPERS

Grade one learners recently embarked on a captivating field trip to various public establishments including a post office, police station, market, and fire station. This experience was nothing short of extraordinary, offering these young minds a unique opportunity to connect with diverse community helpers. They gained an understanding of how these dedicated individuals collaborate to ensure public safety.

During the trip, the learners eagerly posed questions, demonstrating their curiosity and fostering valuable communication skills. The warm welcome they received from the officers was heartening, and the stationery items and books provided exemplified the officers' hospitality. This exchange not only reinforced their interpersonal skills but also offered a glimpse into the profiles of these dedicated professionals.

A visit to the post office revealed the procedures behind different types of letters, stamps, letter writing, posting, and distribution. Witnessing letters being carefully stamped and dispatched to various destinations provided a glimpse into the inner workings of this essential community service.

Exploring the local market showcased the intricate supply chain that brings goods and produce from diverse sources to the public. The learners gained insight into the complexity of this process, which sustains the daily lives of the community.

At the fire station, excitement filled the air as the students grasped the pivotal role firefighters play in disaster management. Learning about their diverse skill set, from combating fires to aiding during floods, highlighted the invaluable contribution of these brave individuals. The visit instilled a sense of empathy and respect for those who serve the community during times of crisis.

This field trip was a holistic learning experience, igniting the students' curiosity about their community and fostering a deeper appreciation for the various roles that contribute to the well-being of society.





PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



Celebrating World Photography Day at SRV International School.

SRVIS embraced the magic of freezing fleeting moments, capturing raw emotions, and narrating captivating stories through the lens. Whether you're an experienced shutterbug or taking your first steps into this captivating realm, your unique perspective adds boundless beauty to our world. On World Photography Day, we teamed up with the Young Indians Photography Contest to host an exhilarating photography competition at SRV International School. Our young talents were assigned diverse topics, each challenging them to wield their cameras and craft visual tales that spoke volumes. The response was truly awe-inspiring. Enthusiastic participants poured their hearts into their shots, breathing life into their chosen themes. The results were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing their creativity and passion. A highlight of the event was the esteemed presence of Mr. Gokul, a wildlife photography expert, who graced our campus with invaluable advice and pro tips that left our budding photographers inspired and motivated. Prizes gleamed, and certificates sparkled as they were handed out by the Young Indians team, recognizing the remarkable efforts of our young talents.

PAN INDIA COORDINATORS MEET

The Association for Heads of IB World Schools India and South Asia recently hosted the PAN INDIA IB PROGRAMME COORDINATORS FORUM, where educators gathered to discuss and exchange insights. The event included a PYP Coordinators meeting at JG International School Ahmedabad, bringing together 109 PYP Coordinators, including our school's Ms. Preethi. The forum provided a valuable opportunity to learn from and collaborate with fellow experts in the community, fostering the sharing of best practices. Notably, Ms. Preethi took the lead in conducting a session focused on "Measuring Learning Impacts," adding to the overall enriching experience of the event.



ENHANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN **SRVIS THROUGH IPAD**

Our teachers recently had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on iPad training session, taking classroom learning and teaching to the next level. The training was expertly conducted by the Apple team, and it proved to be a fantastic learning experience for our educators. Exploring the innovative ways in which iPads can enhance the teaching and learning process left our teachers feeling inspired and equipped to create dynamic and engaging educational experiences for their students. This training marked a significant step forward in our commitment to leveraging technology for educational excellence. Our learning did not stop with the teachers and students. Our Vice President, Ms.Subbalakshmi Bulusu, also attended 'Apple Education Leadership Summit 2023', and now she is driving us into the new way of teaching approaches.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION

AT SRVIS

Fostering Sportsmanship: National Sports Day Celebration at SRVIS!

At SRVIS, we believe in the power of sports to shape not just athletes but also strong individuals with values of teamwork and perseverance!

To celebrate National Sports Day, we organized a thrilling array of events catering to students across all grades, ensuring that every participant had an opportunity to shine. And what's more, the hard work and dedication of our winners were proudly acknowledged during the grand National Sports Day celebration!

Hats off to all our talented participants, and hearty congratulations to the winners – your passion and sportsmanship inspire us all!

Let's continue to embrace the spirit of sports in our journey of growth and excellence.



LEARNER PROFILE DAY

SRV International School's Learner Profile Day, held on August 26, 2023, brought together parents, IB PYP, and Cambridge International students in a celebration of holistic development. Through engaging activities and discussions, we strengthened the Learner Profile attributes, nurturing global perspectives and lifelong learning. The event truly exemplified our commitment to cultivating inquisitive, open-minded, and compassionate individuals. Together, we inspire international-mindedness while nurturing skills for a dynamic world.



A Parent's guide to
IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES

How can a parent support the development of learner profile at home?

The Learner Profile - Caring

- Ask yourself the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big right and wrong and needs something you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, and being on active listener all show your child that you care about people.
- Eat a single thing, the building is done for someone. Show your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Make the effort to establish these habits in your home.

The Learner Profile - Inquirer

- Encourage your child to ask questions by suggesting they utilize the library to borrow books and explore.
- Develop an understanding of the internet. Work with your son or daughter when using the internet and strive to build the understanding that not all internet sites are reputable.

The Learner Profile - Knowledgeable

- "Why do you believe their understanding anything new is important?"
- Can you identify any current events in the world that might show similarities with this aspect of learning?
- Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate.

The Learner Profile - Communicator

- Encourage your child to maintain contact with relatives and friends using other resources through letter writing, phone calls, or emails.
- When tackling mathematics homework, prompt your child to articulate their answers orally or visually by drawing.
- Collaborate with your child to enhance their language skills, as being a proficient listener is integral to effective communication.

The Learner Profile - Team-Worker

- Encourage your child to share your experiences, from sports to theater to games to engaging in novel activities.
- Encourage your child to explore hobbies, activities, and traditions while maintaining an open-minded approach.
- Foster active listening in your child, encouraging them to understand their own ideas and the opinions of others.

The Learner Profile - Principled

- Invite your child to participate in team-based games.
- Engage in discussions about the attributes of an effective team player.
- Prompt your child to reflect on the qualities they value in a team member. Which kind of person would they like to have on their team?

The Learner Profile - Risk-Taker

- If your child fears failure about trying something, motivate them to give it a shot. Alternatively, discuss whether they enjoyed the activity and how it felt to step outside their comfort zone.
- Make sure to clarify the distinction for your child between being an achievement risk-taker when trying new things and engaging in potentially hazardous activities.

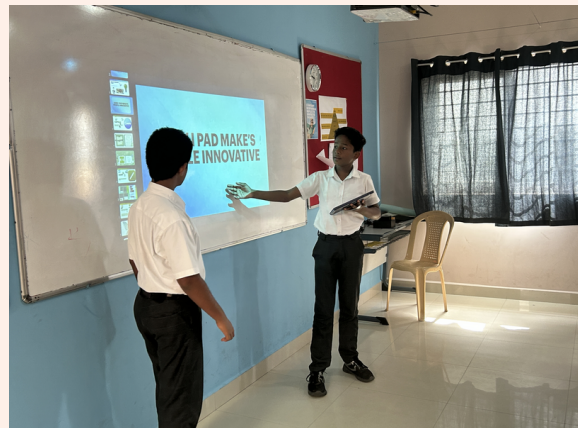
The Learner Profile - Thinker

- Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.
- Encourage your child to engage in a diverse range of intellectual activities.
- Invite discussions about food groups with your child. Use a few minutes daily meals to assess if your family's meal is well-balanced.

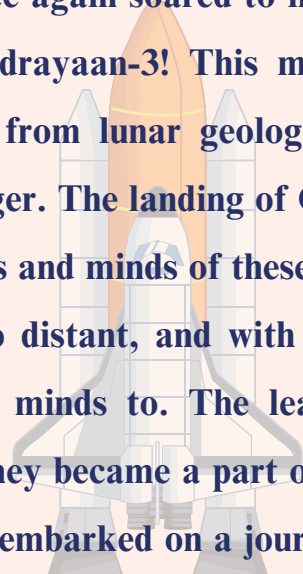
The Learner Profile - Reflective

- Foster your child's capacity for reflection. Reflection is a crucial aspect of the learning process and is integral to taking action.
- Encourage the evening reflection journal as a normal and essential part of learning. Being reflective helps us to notice and learn from our experiences and mistakes.
- Encourage your child to ask themselves "What makes you say that?" and "What would you do differently next time?" These questions promote deeper thought and growth.

<p>INQUIRER We ask questions</p> <p>I am curious and learn about new things with enthusiasm.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATOR I communicate my ideas creatively at home and school in more than one language.</p>	<p>BALANCED I understand the importance of physical and mental self-care.</p>
<p>KNOWLEDGEABLE We know bits of things</p> <p>I make connections between the things I learn to gain knowledge.</p>	<p>OPENMINDED We respect others' point of view</p> <p>I understand that other people experience the world differently than I do, and that's okay.</p>	<p>RISKTAKER I attempt new things and I am prepared to lose or gain. I do not give up.</p>
<p>THINKER We think Great Ideas</p> <p>I know my actions make a difference and look for ways to solve problems.</p>	<p>CARING I treat other with respect and kindness.</p>	<p>PRINCIPLED We do the right thing</p> <p>I take responsibility for my action.</p>
		<p>REFLECTIVE We find the things to be better</p> <p>I think about my own learning.</p>



SRVIS CELEBRATES THE TRIUMPHANT LAUNCH OF CHANDRAYAAN-3



India's space endeavors have once again soared to incredible heights as the nation celebrates the triumphant launch of Chandrayaan-3! This mission will undoubtedly contribute to a wealth of scientific knowledge, from lunar geology to space exploration technology, and inspire generations to dream bigger. The landing of Chandrayaan-3 isn't just a landing on the Moon; it's a landing in the hearts and minds of these young dreamers. It's a reminder that no dream is too big, no goal is too distant, and with hard work and determination, they can achieve anything they set their minds to. The learners of SRVIS didn't merely witness Chandrayaan-3's safe landing; they became a part of this historic moment. Their enthusiasm and curiosity took flight as they embarked on a journey of discovery. Their reflections aren't just words; they are expressions of curiosity nurtured by this celestial feat.

