

## Sub: INDIA AT A GLANCE

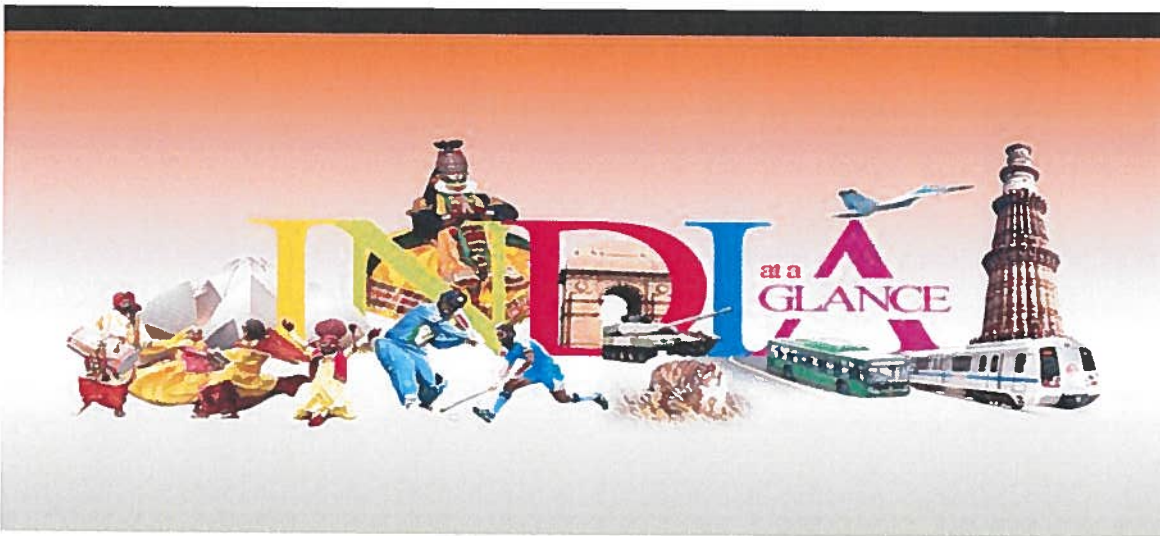
Dear Parents,

**A happy new year to all of you at the very outset!**

The diversity of India and its multiplicity in culture, faith and language is what makes India special. Tolerance has been part of our collective consciousness for centuries and we wish to inculcate this in our children in line with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed's vision of a tolerant nation.

As the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade this year, we would further like to explore with our children the close ties that UAE and India share.

Get ready for a celebration of the spirit of India at the Kindergarten Starters!



**When:** January 2<sup>nd</sup> –January 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

**What is it about ?**

We will have a month long celebration of Indian culture, cuisine, dresses, folklore, traditions and customs woven into our curriculum for KG- Grade 5. Curricular objectives in the first three weeks of January will be connected to the Theme- India at a Glance- Celebrating the spirit of tolerance and diversity.

**What we will do ?**

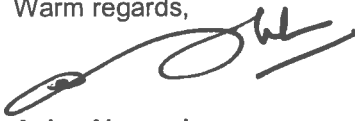
- **Kindergarten One and Two** will host an exhibition with the provocation "We are all different but we are all the same." on **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon** at the KGS Auditorium.
- Grades 1 and 2 will explore Flavours of India in their Project Based Learning on Food which will be ongoing in the three weeks and where we hope to invite a Master Chef for a workshop with children.
- **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017** is being celebrated as Heritage Day when children will be allowed to come dressed in their national dress. Competitions in Patriotic Songs, Quizzes and Art Festivals will mark this event giving students an opportunity to explore their culture and be aware of the culture of others.
- Grades KG-5 will march in India Colours around the school on **26<sup>th</sup> January- Republic Day** and then form the Indian Flag while the flag is hoisted between **9 a.m. and 10 a.m.** This is the **Tolerance March** where we hope to highlight the spirit of tolerance in our school and the wider community.

- On **27<sup>th</sup> January, Friday** we will host the **Winter Fiesta** Celebrating the spirit of India from **3 p.m. - 10 p.m.** This is a unique opportunity to let children understand the close ties that UAE has with India. A Float of 50 people representing each state will move through the school campus during this winter fiesta.
- 2017 is the Year of Giving and KGS is beginning the year in the spirit of generosity. We will be organizing a food collection drive and sale of tickets for the fiesta the proceeds of which go to Red Crescent to help the hungry and the homeless.

We would like all our parents, teachers and students to attend the events so that they too will embody tolerance and appreciate the warmth of this host nation UAE which allows us to live and celebrate the Indian culture in a peaceful and harmonious environment. You will receive specific notifications for each event closer to the date.

We look forward to welcoming you back to a new term in 2017.

Warm regards,



**Asha Alexander**  
**Principal**