

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025–26

Saint Soldier International School, Sector 28-B, Chandigarh

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."

With immense pride and gratitude, we present the Annual Report of Saint Soldier International School, Sector 28-B, Chandigarh, for the academic session 2025–26. The report reflects another year of remarkable achievements, meaningful learning experiences and holistic development. Guided by our vision of nurturing confident, responsible and compassionate citizens, the school has continued to excel in academics, co-curricular activities, sports, leadership and community engagement.

The academic session commenced with renewed enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence. Throughout the year, students and teachers worked tirelessly to achieve the highest standards of learning. The outstanding results in the CBSE Board Examinations once again reaffirmed the school's reputation for academic excellence. In the Class XII Board Examination, Yagya Srivastava emerged as the Humanities topper with 96%, while Bhumika secured 95% in the Medical stream. Saloni Jindal topped the Non-Medical stream with 95.2% and Sukhpreet Singh brought laurels to the Commerce stream by scoring 93%. The Class X Board Examination results were equally commendable, with Jasmeh Singh and Richa scoring an impressive 96.6%, followed by Simarpreet Kaur with 95.8% and Pranav Tripathi with 95.6%. The excellent performance of our students is a testimony to their hard work, the dedication of teachers and the unwavering support of parents.

Believing that quality education begins with empowered educators, the school organized and participated in several Capacity Building Programmes and professional development workshops throughout the year. Teachers attended sessions on Life Skills, Value Education, School Health and Wellness, Inclusivity in Education and Educating Parents about Education.

The school organized a First Aid Training Workshop in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society for the teaching faculty. The workshop equipped teachers with essential first aid skills and emergency response techniques, including the management of injuries, burns, fractures and other medical emergencies. Through practical demonstrations and interactive sessions, teachers gained valuable knowledge to ensure the safety and well-being of students and respond effectively during emergencies within the school premises.

A Fire Safety Awareness Workshop was organized under the joint initiative of the Disaster Management Committee and the NSS Wing for students of Classes X–XII. The session, conducted by fire safety expert from the Chandigarh Fire Department, educated students about various fire hazards, preventive measures and emergency response techniques. A live fire extinguishing demonstration provided hands-on

learning, helping students develop awareness, preparedness and confidence in handling fire-related emergencies.

The school strongly believes in building a collaborative relationship with parents. To strengthen this partnership, orientation programmes were conducted for parents of newly admitted students. Special parenting sessions focusing on effective communication between parents and children were also organized. These sessions helped parents understand the emotional and developmental needs of children in today's rapidly changing world. Health awareness programmes and pediatric counselling sessions further contributed to the overall well-being of students and their families.

School organized an insightful orientation programme on "Bridging the Communication Gap Between Parents and Children" for parents of senior students, followed by a training session for the teaching faculty. The sessions were conducted by renowned Life Mentor and Counsellor Mr. Sanjiv Jaggi, who shared valuable insights on adolescent behaviour, effective communication and positive parenting. He emphasized the importance of nurturing independent thinking, resilience and problem-solving skills among children. An interactive Life Skills session was also conducted for students, focusing on ethical decision-making, good behaviour and moral values. The programme proved highly enriching for parents, students and teachers alike. These programmes equipped educators, parents and students with contemporary strategies and enhanced their ability to create engaging and inclusive learning environments.

The school celebrated various national, cultural and religious festivals with great enthusiasm throughout the year. Celebrations of Baisakhi, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Independence Day, Janmashtami, Dussehra, Diwali, Gurpurab, Christmas and Children's Day provided students with opportunities to appreciate the rich cultural diversity of our nation while imbibing values of unity, respect and gratitude. Special assemblies, cultural performances and awareness activities made these occasions meaningful and educational.

One of the most significant events of the academic year was the Investiture Ceremony, where the newly elected Student Council was formally entrusted with leadership responsibilities. The young leaders pledged to uphold the values and traditions of the institution with sincerity and dedication. The ceremony served as an important platform to encourage leadership, accountability and service among students.

Environmental conservation remained a key focus area during the session. Students actively participated in various initiatives aimed at promoting sustainability and environmental awareness. Earth Day activities, plantation drives under Van Mahotsav, eco-friendly Diwali campaigns and awareness rallies inspired students to

become responsible custodians of the environment. More than eighty saplings were planted during the year, reinforcing the school's commitment to a greener future.

Sports and physical education continued to play a pivotal role in the holistic development of students. The school achieved remarkable success in football, athletics, taekwondo and various other sporting disciplines. The football team brought glory to the institution by winning the 13th Saint Soldier Football Tournament and securing medals at the CBSE Cluster XVII competitions. The athletics team delivered an exceptional performance at the CBSE Cluster XVII Athletics Championship by winning numerous gold, silver and bronze medals. Several athletes qualified for the national level, making the school proud. The Chandigarh Athletics Association also recognized the school for its outstanding participation and contribution to athletics over the years.

The school organized a vibrant Annual Sports Week for students of Classes III–V, celebrating sportsmanship, teamwork and physical fitness. The event featured a variety of track and field competitions, fun races and engaging activities that witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. Special events involving teachers added to the excitement and strengthened the bond between students and staff. Winners were felicitated with medals and trophies, making the event a memorable celebration of talent, determination and sporting spirit.

The NCC unit of the school displayed exemplary discipline and dedication. Cadets actively participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp and earned accolades in various competitions. They also contributed to social awareness campaigns, including the Health Run organized under the theme “Race Against Drugs,” promoting fitness and a drug-free society.

The year witnessed several remarkable achievements in literary, artistic and creative pursuits. Samya Anuja of Class XII published her debut novel, showcasing exceptional literary talent at a young age. Shivansh Nigam secured a prestigious national-level position in an essay-writing competition focused on aerospace innovations. Students also excelled in painting, art exhibitions, environmental competitions and innovation festivals, bringing numerous accolades to the school.

Co-curricular activities remained an integral part of school life. Students enthusiastically participated in self-defence workshops, empathy and compassion programmes, language enrichment activities, art and craft competitions and various cultural events. The school continued to excel in cultural activities and inter-school competitions during the academic session. Saanvi Kothari of Class IX-D brought laurels to the institution by securing First Position in the Hip-Hop Battle (On-the-Spot) Competition held at Gurukul Global School, Chandigarh, showcasing exceptional talent and confidence. Further adding to the school's achievements, a team of students secured First Position in the Folk Frenzy 2025 – Group Folk Dance

Competition held at Mount Carmel School, Zirakpur. The students captivated the audience with their vibrant presentation of the traditional Rajasthani folk dance “Tera Taali”, demonstrating outstanding coordination, cultural awareness and artistic excellence. These accomplishments reflect the school's commitment to nurturing creativity, preserving cultural heritage and providing students with platforms to showcase their talents. These activities provided platforms for self-expression, creativity, teamwork and character building.

Educational excursions and field trips offered students valuable experiential learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Visits to Pushpa Gujral Science City, Wagah Border and Gobindgarh Fort enriched students' understanding of science, history and patriotism. Such experiences helped connect classroom learning with real-life observations and enhanced students' overall development.

The Annual Day celebrations were among the highlights of the session. The Primary Wing presented “The Carnival of Joy,” a vibrant showcase of talent, confidence and creativity. Students of Classes I and II enthralled the audience through “Tarang – The Cultural Grooves of India,” celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of our country through music, dance and dramatic performances. These events reflected the immense efforts of students and teachers and received widespread appreciation from parents and guests.

The school also continued to receive recognition at prestigious platforms. In the Education World India School Rankings 2025–26, Saint Soldier International School secured the 5th position among co-educational day schools in Chandigarh. This achievement is a reflection of the school's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, holistic education and continuous improvement.

School organized its Alumni Meet 2025, bringing together former students for an evening filled with nostalgia, cherished memories and heartfelt reunions. Alumni interacted with their teachers, revisited their school experiences and expressed gratitude for the values and guidance received during their formative years. A soulful musical performance by the school's music faculty added to the celebratory atmosphere. The event strengthened the bond between the institution and its alumni, concluding on a memorable note with fellowship and appreciation.

The school successfully implemented the Peer Mentorship Programme to foster a supportive and collaborative learning environment. Under this initiative, senior students guided and mentored their junior peers, helping them adapt to school life, enhance academic performance and develop essential life skills. The programme encouraged leadership, empathy, teamwork and effective communication while creating a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect among students. It proved to be a valuable platform for nurturing confidence, responsibility and positive peer relationships within the school community.

During the academic session, the school successfully conducted various Hub of Learning meetings and collaborative activities under the CBSE Hub of Learning initiative as Mentor School. These programmes brought together educators from Mentee member schools to share best practices, innovative teaching strategies and effective assessment techniques. The meetings promoted professional development, collaborative learning and the exchange of ideas, thereby enhancing the quality of education and strengthening academic excellence across participating schools.

To cultivate reading habits and develop a love for books among students, the school organized a Book Exhibition during the academic session. The exhibition showcased a wide collection of educational, literary, reference and general-interest books catering to different age groups. Students enthusiastically explored the exhibits, discovering new authors and genres while enhancing their knowledge and imagination. The event successfully encouraged reading as a lifelong habit and reinforced the importance of books in intellectual and personal growth.

The various school clubs continued to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop talents and enhance life skills beyond the classroom. Through the activities conducted by the Literary Club, Creative Arts Club, Cookery Club, Life Skills Club, Eco and Gardening Club, Cyber Club, Dance Club, Lego Club, Theatre Club, Aerobics and Fitness Club, Swimming Club, Golf Club and Orchestra, students actively participated in creative projects, performances, sporting activities and collaborative learning experiences. These activities fostered critical thinking, creativity, leadership, teamwork, communication skills, cultural awareness, physical fitness and a spirit of inquiry, contributing significantly to the holistic development of learners.

School has proudly secured the 7<sup>th</sup> rank among leading schools in Chandigarh in the Times School Ranking 2026, a prestigious school survey conducted by the Times of India to list the top schools in the Tricity.

The school remained committed to the health and well-being of its students and staff by organizing various medical and health check-up camps throughout the academic session. These included Eye Check-up, Skin Care and ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) Health Camps for students, aimed at promoting preventive healthcare and early detection of health concerns. In addition, a Bone Density Screening Camp was conducted for teachers to encourage health awareness and overall well-being. These initiatives reinforced the school's commitment to fostering a healthy and safe learning environment for all members of the school community.

The NSS Wing of the school successfully organized a Seven-Day Special NSS Camp centered on the themes of 'Colours of Culture' and 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. The camp provided students with valuable opportunities to develop leadership, discipline, social responsibility and environmental awareness. Volunteers actively participated in

cleanliness drives, tree plantation activities, awareness campaigns, poster-making and slogan-writing competitions, promoting the values of hygiene and environmental conservation. Informative sessions on first aid and road safety further enhanced students' life skills and civic awareness. The camp concluded with a cultural programme showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and reinforcing the NSS motto, "Not Me, But You."

As part of its community service initiatives, the NSS Unit organized an interactive outreach programme at Government High School, Hallomajra. NSS volunteers presented a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak on Health and Hygiene, spreading awareness about cleanliness and healthy living practices. The programme also included the distribution of hygiene-related essentials to students, made possible through contributions from students and alumni of the school. The initiative reflected the values of empathy, social responsibility and community service while strengthening the spirit of giving among students.

As we conclude another successful academic session, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the School Management for its visionary leadership and constant encouragement. We sincerely thank our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, hardworking students and valued alumni for their collective contribution towards the growth and success of the institution.

The year 2025–26 has been a journey of learning, achievement, resilience and excellence. With renewed determination and an unwavering commitment to our values, we look forward to reaching even greater heights in the years ahead.

"Together we learn, together we grow and together we create a brighter future."