

## **Republic Day Celebration at St. Xavier's School, Bathinda**

St. Xavier's School, Bathinda celebrated India's 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 with great eclat. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. The bright morning welcomed excited children and teachers who had assembled to unfurl and salute the tiranga.

The day began with a verse from the holy Bible followed by the prayer and thought. Thereafter, a medley of patriotic songs was sung mellifluously by the school choir. Then, the significance of the day was explained to the junior Xavierite's by Rev. Father Amaro Martins, Manager. The school campus was then reverberated with a patriotic dance performance by the students. Finally, vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Shilpa Jaidka.

On the other day i.e. on 26<sup>th</sup> January, a small cultural programme was organized by the junior wing in the school campus wherein after the prayer, The Principal and the other dignitaries were presided to the flag hoisting ceremony. Rev. Father Amaro Martins, Manager, Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal and Rev. Father Charles Kisku, Assistant Parish Priest unfurled the flag which was followed by the national anthem. The teachers and the other staff saluted the national flag and pledged to uphold the honour and integrity. Thereafter, there was a melodious group song and group dances performed by the teachers of the school on patriotic theme. Father Kisku later addressed the gathering expressing his pride in the rich heritage and culture of our country. He urged every teacher to do their bit and conscientiously work for the nation. The audience dispersed with the fluttering image of tricolor in their mind and heart.