## D.A.V PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE SECONDARY SECTION SESSION: 2021-2022

## <u>Mahatama Hansraj – An Embodiment of Excellence</u>

To commemorate the 157<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatama Hansraj, one of the greatest Arya Samajists & founder of DAV Institutions, were being informed about this epitome of excellence. During the assembly a good piece of information was shared by the class teacher through PowerPoint presentation. Students not only brought forth the great life of this pious soul but also they were enriched to think about this great compassionate soul and undoubtedly, the pillar of D.A.V institutions.

**Lala Hansraj** (**Mahatama Hansraj**, was an <u>Indian</u> educationist and a follower of <u>Arya Samaj</u> movement founder, <u>Swami Dayanand</u>. He founded, with Gurudatta Vidhyarthi, the <u>Dayanand Anglo-Vedic Schools System</u> (D.A.V.) in <u>Lahore</u> in 1886, where the first D.A.V. school was set up in memory of Dayanand who had died three years earlier. He propounded the guiding principles of the Arya Samaj, in which the foremost was the spread of education. He believed, and rightly so, that this would lead to an awakening throughout the length and breadth of the country.

No wonder Lala Hansraj became Mahatma Hansraj in the eyes of both friends and foes. He continues to be revered many decades after his demise on 15 November 1938. May the memory of the excellent work done by Mahatma Hansraj Ji in the fields of education and Vedic Dharma continues to be cherished by one and all living in all parts of the old and new worlds. It goes without saying that Mahatma Hansraj Ji was an Epitome of Excellence.

The students were motivated and encouraged to learn more about Mahatmaji's greatness. The students took part in the online quiz based on the life of Mahatma Hansraj. They were also asked to seek blessings of their parents by touching their feet.

The sole intention behind these activities was to make students aware that Mahatma Hansraj was a real scholar, great writer and a true Vedic preacher and that his contribution in the field of education is incredible. He dreamt of an educated generation, enriched with values, patriotism and discipline. The embodiment of sacrifice, kindness and mercy, this great soul helped and served the poor and needy all through his life. The students showed their interest by their enthralling participation in the activities. We all salute this great preacher and feel that his life is a source of inspiration to us always and we should follow his principles.

## # Glimpses of the celebration









