

## ITL ORGANIZES MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY SWAMI SHANTATMANAND

Date : 4 April 2016

Venue : ITL Public School, Auditorium

Conducted by : Swami Shantatmanand, a senior monk of Ramkrishna Order

Attended by : Students of Classes XI & XII and staff of VI – XII.

Swami Vivekananda said "Call upon the sleeping soul and see how it awakes. Power will come, glory will come and everything that is excellent will come when this sleeping soul is roused to self- conscious activity."

With the sublime mission of rekindling humanitarian values in students, the **new session** of **Senior Secondary** section started on a sanctified note with the motivational address by **Swami Shantatmanand**, a **senior monk** and mentor of **Ramkrishna Order on 4**<sup>th</sup> **April 2016 at ITL Auditorium.** 

The Welcome Song by the School Choir piously proclaimed the true essence of secularism and praised the gracious glory of the Almighty. **Ms. Sudha Acharya**, Principal, ITL Public School felicitated the Guest Speaker.

**Swamiji** in his speech highlighted the profound significance of *attaching price tag to one's time and retaining the foundational values of the country*. He emphasised on practical lesson of education and claimed that they have immense strength. He also advised students to put forth constant effort to think right. The life skills of getting as extra split second to react as one of the features of a calm mind, was inspirational and motivational revelation.

He advocated to uphold the **spirit of philanthropy** and **patriotism**. With the conviction of a true educator, he reiterated on the **expansion of thoughts and actions**, which leads to **firm character building.** He inspired the students to keep alive the **quest for knowledge** and **exploration** as a key to self-escalation. All acceptance and ever optimism as the parting note, Swami ji reinforced to react to efforts in a lightning speed and steady mind. The open house led to yet another avenue of students asking questions on self-introspection & reflection of life. Techniques on controlling the even erratic character of mind, to inculcate reading habit and to nurture nationalistic values were discussed.

In a separate session with the teachers Swamiji declared that the job of a teacher is supremely noble... a job which touches and transforms lives. His valuable words on sincerity, hardwork, teamwork, in taking up challenges gracefully proved to be a life time experience both for the teachers and students.

The initiative taken by the Principal Ms. Sudha Acharya resulted in the much needed sound foundation for the academic year 2016 – 17 to commence...!

