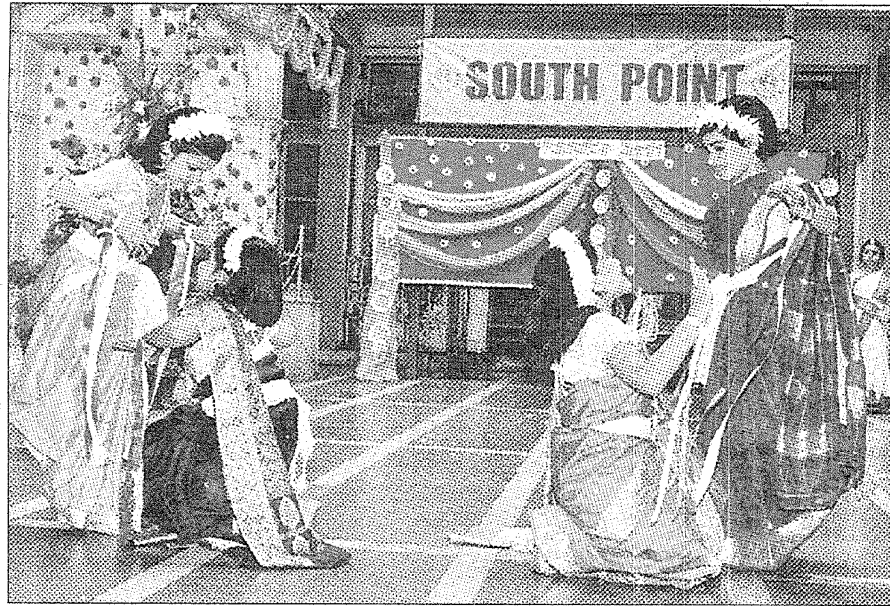


Saraswati Puja at South Point

South Point celebrated Saraswati Puja on 15 February. The central courtyard of the school wore a festive look as it was decorated with 'chand malas' and bright yellow 'dupattas'. The beautiful marble figure of Goddess Saraswati also looked resplendent in garlands of marigold and was surrounded by flower pots displaying brightly-coloured flowers. The courtyard bustled with people - students and teachers of the Junior and High school, the participants and their guardians. Boys and girls, both the little ones and the older children looked radiant dressed in traditional kurta pyjamas and sarees. A short cultural programme was put up by the students of the Junior and High school to mark this occasion. It began with an opening song, a 'Saraswati Vandana' melodiously rendered by the junior school choir. This was followed by three dances presented by the children of the Junior School. The girls of Class III (morning), dressed in red and green sarees, performed



a graceful dance to a 'shlok' dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. The second dance, set to a Rabindra Sangeet *Basonti He Bhubonomohini*, was presented by the girls of Class III (afternoon) and the third dance performed by the little girls of Class II, dressed in blue and silver,

was set to a popular 'Adhunik Gaan' - *Surerur Jharna*. The High School programme began with a solo song. This was followed by a solo dance and their programme concluded with a group dance. The performances were greatly appreciated. After the cultural programme, the *aarti* was performed by the priest in front of the deity. Then the participants, students and the teachers offered their prayers and

'anjali' to the goddess and sought Her blessings. 'Prasad' was offered to all present. With this, the day's festivities came to an end.

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