

**SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL** 

An ISO 45001:2018 Certified Institution Affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education

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Dear Parents / Guardian,

## <u>For Parents / Guardian of the pupils of Classes VI to XII</u> <u>Sub: Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony</u>

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> July every year – the birth anniversary of Shri Madhav Prasadji Birla -- has always been the pre-eminent event in the South Point calendar. After felicitating a host of students, the celebratory spirit merges with an ever-radiant Cultural Programme, presented by SPS and SPHS students.

This has been the fond and familiar picture at South Point till 04 July 2019 before COVID-19 plunged the world into an unprecedented crisis in 2020, and the School has since got its act together through remote learning on the digital platform. The digital arena served another vital purpose in 2020. South Point was the first School in the city to host its Annual Prize Distribution programme online, via Zoom app and Facebook Live.

Hopes of returning to a near-normal life were rekindled in early-2021. While South Point was gearing up to welcome back its students, the pandemic swept across the country – the second wave hitting us with greater ferocity. With such a distressing scenario prevailing, the School has naturally held back all celebrations and concentrates on serving the community as best as possible. As we turn another page of the calendar and July stares at us, we do not dare to venture into preparing for the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony this year. Also, given the challenges of conducting virtual assessments in the academic session 2020-2021, the School had decided not to award ranks to students. Nor were the M. P. Birla Smarak Kosh Inter-School events and sporting activities held in the last session; their winners are always felicitated on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Such a decision is heartbreaking for everyone in the South Point family, yet, our collective understanding tells us that celebrations can wait – we must first tide over the crisis at hand.

Awards, prizes and programmes will certainly happen again. Pointers will be felicitated and their talents will be showcased again as well. This is the time to come together, provide all-out support to everyone and smoothen the recovery process. Let us remember 04 July 2021 as such a date – of letting hope sprout around us. And thus treasure the vision of the great philanthropist, Shri Madhav Prasadji Birla.

Thank you.

Principal