**IRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CROWNED IT’S 8th SPELLING BEE QUEEN**

Ira International school celebrated its 20th Foundation Day on 8th of August 2013 and as Tradition conducted Spelling Bee Competition with sheer brilliance. This unique Competition which was organized , witnessed the participation of 188 participants from 24 Schools of Nagpur. The competition got colours as participants from Aurangabad also competed & their participation added another feather in the cap of Ira. The concept of the competition was to motivate children to enhance their spelling skills. The Chief Guest of the function was the well known personality of the print media Mr. Vijay Phansikar ,Editor of the esteemed Daily “ The HItavada”. He has been recently felicitated by JEEVAN SADHANA PURASKAR by the Nagpur University.

The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mrs Niru Kapai - the principal of Modern school, Mrs Ushree Dutta former HOD of Maths , Hislop college Nagpur and SMC member of Ira International Society. The honorable judges were Dr Supantha Bhattacharya , HOD of English Deptt Hislop college Nagpur and Mr Kunwar Deepak Singh, Principal Stepping Stone High school Aurangabad. They were welcomed warmly by Principal Mrs Reena Dargan.

The traditional lamp was lighted by all the dignitaries’ with the melody of the song sung by a choir brought serenity in the hearts of everyone. A splendid prayer dance was performed by the girls of std. IX on the song “Durge Durghat Bhari………..” to praise the goddess Durga .

The first round was Elimination round. Ten participants were eligible for the second round which was a Synonym round. This had five words .They were Tawdry, Abstruse, Jeopardy, Mar and Tantalize. Five students were qualified for this round to enter in the third round. This had words, Incubate, Glut, and Infringe. Judges allotted thirty seconds per word. From this round three finalists were qualified for the final round. The words were Boutique, Titanus, Cartouche, Abattoir and Cayenne. The winner of the competition was Shreya Kanungo from Somalwar Nikalas Nagpur and the runner up was Rohit Pant from Jain International School, Nagpur.

 The chief guest Mr. Vijay Phansikar addressed the gathering. He called “Spelling Bee” as the bench mark in expression of words. He lauded that how Ira has started new era in learning the language. He stated Language is the soul of society. He said that Einstein could have his phenomenon clearly only because his language was clear, precise and highly expressive. He further said that the efforts taken by Ira team in conducting the programme from past so many years, is praiseworthy. He said he himself has witnessed the pursuit of excellence and hard work of Ira every year by attending the programme . The School Management and Ma’am Principal Mrs. Reena Dargan proposed vote of thanks. She thanked the entire internal team as well as the staff of the other school. The programme was concluded by a melodious parting song that conveyed the inspiration to everyone to let us meet again next year.