

## Annual Report 2025–26

Aspire Indian International School, Kuwait, experienced a year of academic excellence, cultural enrichment and strong community engagement during the academic session 2025–2026, reflecting its unwavering commitment to holistic education and value-based learning. The academic journey began on **7th April 2025** with the commencement of the new academic year and the observance of World Health Day through a special assembly. The programme opened with a recitation from the Holy Quran followed by the Kuwait National Anthem and the school prayer. Students presented the Thought for the Day, news updates and a health awareness video. The School Counsellor, Ms. Lia, delivered a meaningful presentation on physical and mental well-being. The Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, addressed the gathering and outlined the four foundational pillars of Aspire, namely academic excellence, discipline and integrity, co-curricular participation and character development while encouraging students to pursue balanced growth. Certificates were distributed to students for their achievements at the CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletic Meet, and the Vice Principal, Dr. Alice Abraham Kisku, delivered the vote of thanks.

On **16th April 2025**, Aspire observed World Heritage Day through a culturally rich special assembly. A video presentation on UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a colourful cultural dance helped students appreciate the richness of global heritage. Students took an oath to preserve cultural and historical treasures. In her address, the Principal emphasized that heritage is not only found in monuments but also in traditions, languages and values that must be safeguarded by future generations.

A historic milestone was marked on **21st April 2025** when Aspire Indian International School celebrated its First Foundation Day. The event commenced with a captivating performance by the school band followed by the ceremonial balloon release by Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Head of Sustainability and Strategic Growth, symbolising aspirations and growth. The programme featured Quran recitation, ceremonial salutation, the Kuwait National Anthem, and the School Prayer followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Mr. Sundaram, Corporate Manager, Mr. Subin Sebastian, CBS Administrator, Mr. Toby Mathew, Activity Director for DAS Schools and the Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, and Vice Principal, Dr. Alice Abraham Kisku. A specially curated video portrayed the journey of Aspire from its inception to its present stature. The official school anthem written by the Principal and co-composed by Mr. Matthew was inaugurated. A powerful theatrical presentation titled ***Roots to Wings*** written by the Principal beautifully traced the school's evolution. Foundational figures, pioneering students and parents were honoured. In her address, Dr. Geetika Ahuja highlighted the school's rapid growth from 300 students to over 1600 learners within five years and expressed gratitude to the leadership, staff and parents. The Vice Principal shared her pride in being part of the Aspire family and reflected on the school's spirit of unity and purpose.

On **1st May 2025**, Aspire Indian International School marked the Fourth DAS Cares Initiative Programme in honour of World Labour Day, celebrating the dignity of labour and the spirit of giving. The event was graced by Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Head of Sustainability and Strategic Growth, Mr. Sundaram, Corporate Manager, Mr. Toby Mathew, Activity Coordinator, Ms. Sujata Sivakrishnan, Principal, Indian Central School, Mr. Noel, Ms. Shaini, Ms. Shyamala, Ms. Julie, Vice Principals of Indian Central School, Ms. Ayesha and Mr. Ahsan Raza, Vice Principals of PES, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, Principal, AIIS, Dr. Alice Abraham Kisku, Vice Principal, AIIS, and Mr. Adel. Their presence, along with teachers, staff and students of AIIS and its sister schools, added great significance to the programme. Inspiring speeches, soulful performances and a heartfelt skit honoured community helpers. More than 500 care kits containing groceries, household essentials, stationery, basic medical kits and hygiene items were distributed to community workers by the chief guests. Gratitude cards handcrafted by students were included to express appreciation. The initiative strengthened empathy, dignity and social responsibility and reaffirmed Aspire's commitment to compassion and inclusivity.

On **6th May 2025**, World Athletics Day was observed through an energetic morning assembly. Students participated in fitness-based presentations and watched videos on aerobic exercises and basketball drills. The Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, encouraged students to embrace discipline, perseverance and sportsmanship as essential qualities for success.

On **15th May 2025**, Aspire celebrated Mother's Day with an emotionally uplifting programme that included choir performances, traditional and modern fashion shows, dance presentations and engaging games. Mothers were honoured as the backbone of families and society strengthening the bond between home and school.

On **26th May 2025**, the Fourth Investiture and Appreciation Ceremony was conducted with dignity and splendour. The newly elected Student Council members were formally inducted and awarded badges of leadership. The Chief Guest, Ms. Stephanie Mathew, commended the students for their confidence, discipline and sense of responsibility. Cultural performances and academic recognitions highlighted Aspire's emphasis on leadership and excellence.

On **9th September 2025**, Aspire observed International Literacy Day through a special assembly conducted by students of Grades 3 and 4 for students of Grades 1 to 4. The programme commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by Salutations and the Kuwait National Anthem. The Thought for the Day highlighted the importance of literacy as a basic human right and the foundation of lifelong learning. Students presented news updates and delivered an informative speech on the significance of literacy. A powerful silent skit by Grade 4 portrayed how illiteracy limits personal growth and makes people vulnerable to exploitation while emphasizing the importance of reading, writing and continuous learning. The assembly concluded with students taking a pledge to never stop learning.



On **25th November 2025**, Aspire conducted its Felicitation Ceremony and Annual Sports Meet Prize Distribution. Academic toppers, interschool competition winners and sports champions were honoured by the Principal and Vice Principal. Warrior House emerged as the Overall Winning House, celebrating excellence in teamwork and perseverance.

The Annual Day Celebration titled *The Timeless Classics* was held on **21st December 2025** under the visionary leadership of the Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja. The original script was written by Ms. Subi Dalbin, Head of English, IGCSE. Students brought to life the Elizabethan Revival and Victorian eras through drama, dance, poetry and narration, portraying William Shakespeare, William Wordsworth and George Bernard Shaw. The presence of Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Mr. Sundaram, Mr. Subin Sebastian, Mr. Toby Mathew, British Council representative Mr. Islam, and leaders from sister schools added prestige. The Vice Principal, Ms. Husena, played a vital role in shaping the visual design and artistic coherence of the programme.

On **8th January 2026**, Aspire hosted Stellar Talks 2026, themed *AI Leap, Imagine, Innovate, Inspire*. The Guest Speaker, Mr. Vishal Edward Khan, Founder of Infinity Business Solutions, addressed students and educators. Ms. Stephanie Mathew shared the vision of the Stellar Talks initiative. A mime performance titled *Control Life with AI* and a student-led panel discussion explored the impact of Artificial Intelligence on education, ethics and careers. Certificates and mementos were presented to participants and sponsors by Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, and Vice Principal Ms. Husena.

On **13th January 2026**, a Special Assembly on Environmental Awareness was conducted by students of Grades 1 to 4. The programme began with Salutations and the Kuwait National Anthem. The Thought for the Day and a speech highlighted environmental responsibility and sustainability. Students took a pledge to protect their surroundings. Grade 4 presented an acrostic on the environment and Grade 2 showcased innovative costumes made from waste materials reinforcing the importance of recycling and conservation. The Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja, addressed the gathering urging students to adopt small sustainable actions for a greener future.

On **19th January 2026**, Aspire proudly conducted the Graduation and Farewell Ceremony of its first CBSE Class XII batch, themed *Metamorphosis*. The ceremonial lamp was lit by Ms. Stephanie Mathew, Mr. Toby Mathew, and the school leadership. The Principal, Dr. Geetika Ahuja inspired the graduates to pursue their dreams with integrity, empathy and lifelong learning. Students were honoured with mementos and blessings as they stepped into a new phase of life.

The academic year concluded on **25th January 2026** with the celebration of the 77th Republic Day of India. The programme included patriotic speeches, dances, poems, quizzes and songs that highlighted the





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values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. The Vice Principal addressed the gathering and encouraged students to uphold the spirit of the Constitution and take pride in their nationality.

Throughout the year, Aspire Indian International School also strengthened its unique practices including Meals for Smiles, the Hydration Bell, the Cup of Kindness and Daily Morning Affirmations which nurtured empathy, health, gratitude and emotional well-being. Together these initiatives and programmes demonstrate Aspire's unwavering dedication to nurturing academically competent, socially responsible and ethically grounded learners prepared to lead and serve in a changing world.

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