



## STUDENTS REFER CLASSICS, PUT TOGETHER AN INSPIRING PLAY

**A**bout 150 students from classes 1-5 of Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad Junior School put up their annual musical titled Change Makers at their 100-acre campus near Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. Conceptualised, scripted and directed collaboratively by a team of faculty in the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) at the Academy, the show title was coined by a grade 5 student, Yashita Chereddi.

Change Makers revolves around students in the school library sharing stories from books they are reading, and speaks to concepts of student agency and choice. The books referenced include “The Giver” by Lois Lowry, “Giraffes Can’t Dance” by Giles Andrea and Guy Parker-Rees, “Angelina Ballerina” by Katherine Holabird, “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein and “Playing It My Way” by Sachin Tendulkar.

Students performed dances, mimes, gymnastics and yoga sequences as part of the production. Talented musicians, both students and staff, accompanied them on instruments and through choir singing. As they dived into various tales, they demonstrated an appreciation for different aspects of a balanced and fulfilling life. The chief guest at the event, Brahmani Nara, Executive Director of Heritage Foods