Students of Sanawar celebrate "Deepawali Sans Firecrackers"

No one is too small to make a difference and certainly not our small children. The small children have decided to bring about a big difference, a difference that is urgently needed to save the earth and its environment from its existential threat in the face of 'Climate Change' and 'Global Warming'. Inspired by the "Greta Thunberg Effect", over seven hundred students of The Lawrence School Sanawar in Himachal Pradesh celebrated Deepawali on Sunday absolutely free of fire-crackers.

In yet another forward march towards a clean and green world, , the students of the school unanimously agreed to pay heed to the warning of Global warming' and pledged to celebrate 'pollution free Deepawali' as far as possible. A Puja was organized in the evening which was followed by a cultural evening where the talented young children performed various items including songs, Indian classical as well as western dances and stand-up comedy. The students were also offered a sumptuous special dinner on the occasion enhancing their festive mood. The Head Girl of the school, Nitya Khanna said that my education has taught me to become a socially responsible citizen. Given the sad state of our environment, we can't afford to indulge in bursting firecrackers when the earth is already in flames and chocked with air pollution. We must find sustainable ways of celebration and there exists many. What is required is a rock solid resolve.

Expressing his happiness and applauding the students' effort and resolve for pollution-free Deepawali, the Headmaster of the school, Mr. Vinay Pande said, "I am an eternal optimist and my students who are future citizen of the world are the origin of my optimism. It gladdens my heart to find that students have so very happily celebrated Deepawali in the right earnest expressing their happiness by lighting up 'Diyas' , performing Lakshmi Puja and an array of cultural events. I am impressed by their conviction for a better future for the planet earth".