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My happiness had no boundaries after I got to know about our musical performance that was going to be held at Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh. I have participated in number of competitions such as calligraphy, drawing, Quiz etc. However, the opportunity that I got from the school to go to a distant, peaceful and spiritual place where the audience from abroad also witnessed our performance and appreciated us to the immense level, was really special and unforgettable.

I still remember the curiosity that I had in me on the day of leaving for our destination. It is not common for us to go somewhere where reputed and well designated people were in actual waiting for us to watch our musical performance for which we had practiced under the guidance of Nanki Mam for months.

Finally, when we reached our destination Nanki Mam was already waiting for us at the gate of Ashram and she greeted us very warmly and took us to the mess where Tujhar Sir had already arranged the best lunch for us that we experienced after the lunch time was over. We are highly thankful to him for his effort as he already had an idea that we might get a bit late to have the

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meal at the proper lunch time scheduled by the ashram. Some day in the evening, we had a long practise session with Nanki Mam in the auditorium that gave us the confidence for our final performance as we already got familiar with the stage experience there.

The following day, we were invited on stage by Swami Swaroopananda ji and we commenced our performance with his blessings. We sang Hanuman Chalisa, Ram Bhajan, Pranesh Mool mantra and Sikh Shabad and Arti that was highly appreciated there by the audience. Looking at the people crying and tapping to our Bhajans was giving us the confidence to remain motivated throughout our performance. I cannot forget the elegant smile that Swami Swaroopananda Ji had on his face that enlightened the whole embodiment.

After the performance, almost every single person in the audience came to us for the appreciation and even clicked pictures with us that made us feel special. A beautiful surprise was than given to us by Jujhar Sir who organised our trip to Mcleodganj where we enjoyed alot and did shopping. We even visited the temple that made us feel like as if we were in Heaven. The surprise did not cease

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here as on our last day, we experienced Himachali Dham that was very delicious and new for us.

I really hope that I get to visit there again and even get to perform at distant places like this, so that I can be the representative of my school and even make my parents feel proud and happy to support me, the way it happened for this musical trip.

~~Tanya~~  
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