

PRESS RELEASE

UNIC-NPSC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR GIRLS U-17

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon hosted the Under 17 Girls Football match in collaboration with the National Progressive Schools Conference and the United Nation Information Centre on 5th February 2018. The tournament is an initiative of the UNIC for India and Bhutan towards promoting gender equality and bringing forth the importance of sports in the holistic development of the younger generation. Mr. Derek Segaar, Director United Nation Information Centre for India and the Kingdom of Bhutan was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The other eminent guests were Ms Sadhna Bhalla, Chairperson National Progressive Schools' Conference and Principal Meera Model School, Delhi, Ms Aishwarya Sehgal Project Co-ordinator UNIC and Ms. Shachi Chaturvedi Public Information Assistant UNIC. The parent reps were also present for the same.

The programme commenced with the lamp lighting by the Chief Guest, the Chairperson of the NPSC, officials of the tournament and the school Principal Ms. Aditi Misra. The Principal then addressed the gathering, and appreciated the thoughtful endeavour of the United Nation Information Centre focusing on building gender parity through the medium of sports. Blue and white balloons were released to symbolize global peace. Then Ms Sadhna Bhalla administered the oath of fair play and expressed her happiness and pride to be a part of this initiative to empower young girls.

Mr. Derek Segaar then spoke on the occasion, sharing anecdotes from his life which motivated him to stand for the cause. Sports, according to Mr. Segaar, is greatly instrumental in shaping a child's personality and this football tournament would definitely work as a confidence booster. He further advised the teams to always remember that practice always pays off, maintaining team spirit is a must and last but not the least, participants must learn to bounce back in case they do not win.

The Dean, Student Welfare Ms.Sapna Dhawan, then proposed the vote of thanks and wished that the participating teams take home beautiful memories.

