## **REPORT ON SAHYOG – THE WINTER CARNIVAL**

The much-awaited Winter Carnival 'Sahyog' was held on 15 December, 2018 in the premises of Delhi Public School Gurgaon. Keeping in tandem with the spirit of the school motto 'Service Before Self', the proceeds of the carnival were donated to the Shiksha Kendra, an afternoon school to impart quality education to the children of the marginalized section of the society. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Gurugram, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest along with Mr. Pramod Grover, Chairman, DPS Gurgaon, Ms. Dhara Jaipuria, Pro-Vice Chairperson, DPS Gurgaon and Ms. Aditi Misra, Principal, DPS Gurgaon and various other eminent educationists and members of the Parent Rep body.

The morning celebrations commenced with the students of Shiksha Kendra, presenting a cultural programme. The Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra in her inaugural address said that Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh is a dynamic and visionary bureaucrat. She thanked Mr. Grover for being a silent yet a strong pillar supporting the various endeavours of the school.Ms. Misra eulogized the philanthropic endeavours of the Jaipuria family for a noble and benevolent cause. She extended her heartfelt gratitude to all for their support and generosity. She lauded the achievements of the Shiksha Kendra students in scholastic and co-scholastic fields.

A Power Point presentation by the Heads of the Student Council of Shiksha Kendra gave an insight into the plethora of educational and informative activities being conducted in the afternoon school. This was followed by the screening of a movie by Mr. Tushar Joneja based on the dreams and aspirations of Shiksha Kendra children. The choir comprising of students from morning and afternoon school presented a melodious rendition of 'Gagan Jhooma, Dhara Jhoomi' which received a thunderous applause from the audience. A Nukkad Natak based on educational equality presented by the students of DPS Gurgaon and Shiksha Kendra brought forth the philanthropic ventures of DPS Gurgaon and its patrons.

Ms Dhara Jaipuria, Pro- Vice Chairperson, DPS Gurgaon, expressed her pleasure in seeing the dreams of the Jaipuria family to serve the under privileged being translated into reality through Shiksha Kendra. She urged all the children to work relentlessly towards their goals and to get one friend each to the afternoon school. Mr. Pramod Grover, Chairman, DPS Gurgaon shared the vision of Ms. Dhara Jaipuria and congratulated all for the success story of Shiksha Kendra which has grown manifold since its launch in 2003.

The scintillating dance on 'Chhoona hai Aasma' threw light on the aspirations and of the Shiksha Kendra children to reach for the sky.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh in his address shared his thoughts on how the gift of education is a gift with no expiration date. He shared few anecdotes from his school life giving a message that nothing is impossible and with faith, fortitude, teamwork and commitment one can overcome any challenge in life. The dignitaries thereafter awarded prizes to the meritorious students of Shiksha Kendra.

Mr. Ravi Jaipuria, Member, Managing Committee, DPS Gurgaon, joined the luminaries for releasing of the red and white balloons marking the inauguration of the carnival. The school grounds pulsated with scintillating music and a lively crowd. The carnival had something in store for everybody, be it children or adults. An array of edible delights, raffle draw and exciting prizes ensured an unforgettable time with near and dear ones. A variety of rides, interesting game stalls, flash mob, school band, face painting and mehndi corner added attractions which garnered a lot of attention. Handicrafts, jewellery and dress material stalls were definite crowd pullers.

The zest and zeal exhibited by the excited crowd of visitors and participants made 'Sahyog' the Winter Carnival 2018, a memorable one.

