

## **Report – The DPS National Tennis Tournament Girls (Open) 2018**

Delhi Public School Sector-45 Gurgaon, hosted The DPS National Tennis Tournament Girls (Open) 2018, under the aegis of DPS Society on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November'18 at the Ryder's Sports Academy, Gurgaon. Thirteen schools from all over the country participated in the tournament.

Mr. Pramod Grover, Chairman, DPS Gurgaon, was the Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony. Dr. D. R. Saini, Director, DPS Society, presided over it. The ceremony commenced with participants and their coaches walking proudly to the beat of the school band.

The Principal, in her inaugural address, thanked the DPS Society for giving a platform to young athletes to showcase their talents. She laid stress on the importance of twinning sports with academics for a holistic development of a child. She advised the players to take this opportunity to learn from each other and play within the spirit of the game.

Dr. Saini, appreciated the school for hosting the prestigious event. He stressed on the importance of sports in inculcating values like optimism, sportsmanship, belief in oneself as well as the ability to face challenges in life.

Mr. Grover, in his speech said that, Sports, not only entertains but also unifies athletes from diverse demography. It also creates an environment for friendly competition thereby creating a holistic teaching and learning life experiences. He then, declared the tournament open.

A Newsletter was also released by the eminent guests to mark the occasion.

The two days of the tournament saw some of the best moves on the court amidst thrills, shrills and cheers. The spirit of camaraderie shown by the players on and off the field was commendable. Interacting with each other the players learnt life lessons of winning graciously and losing with dignity.

The Principal, Ms. Misra, in the closing ceremony, felicitated the Technical Experts and Referees for abiding by the rules of the game and officiating with impartiality. The winner in the Team Event and Singles was DPS Sonapat. The Best Player of the Tournament was awarded to Asmita Kaur of DPS Sector 45 Gurgaon.

Ms. Aditi Misra, in her closing address, asked the participants to identify one opponent with whom they will like to be paired while playing the Wimbledon, before declaring the tournament closed.

