

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DPS GURGAON: INDO-GERMAN STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

DPS Gurgaon successfully completed the first leg of the Thirteenth Rhythm of the Cultural Exchange Programme with its German partner schools Gymnasium Bei St Michael, Erasmus Widman Gymnasium and Lise Meitner Gymnasium. This year twenty-one German students visited DPS Gurgaon from 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, escorted by their teachers Ms. Ines Mend, Mr. Martin Milich, Mr. Jonathan Liebold and Mrs. Waltraud Schaible Soppa.

The German guests were given a traditional welcome at school. Their stay included attending the school and participating in activities like yoga, dance, soccer, basketball, kho-kho, art and sculpture classes. To get an experience of regular school life at DPS Gurgaon, they attended classes with their partners and interacted with students learning German.

The guests along with their partners visited the cities of Jaipur and Agra, the historic monuments in Delhi and the Pepsi Plant at Nuh. Their visit coincided with the festival of lights-Diwali, which gave the guest students a glimpse into Indian traditions and family celebrations. Their stay in India and their visits to various places helped them to understand an array of different cultural and social perspectives. They were enamoured by the rich heritage and beautiful culture of the country.

An Indo-German cultural evening was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at DPS Gurgaon, which commenced with the Indian and German anthems sung by the students of both the countries. The Principal, Ms Aditi Misra expressed joy on the success of the exchange. She thanked the teachers who initiated the exchange, and the parents for being supportive. She appreciated the participants of the exchange programme for accepting the diversity of the two cultures. She further stated that cultural exchanges are an integral part of the school curriculum to develop global and progressive outlook of the students. Mr. Carl-Jochen Dill, Head of Educational Services Goethe-Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi, was the guest for the occasion. He expressed his joy over more Indians learning German and appreciated the long association of the school with the Institute. The wonderful times of togetherness were brought to light through heart-warming experiences shared by students from both countries, as well as the parents. A presentation capturing a kaleidoscope of events spoke volumes about the unforgettable moments spent together.

The students sang a medley of popular Hindi songs and presented a scintillating Bollywood dance, which left the audience mesmerised. It was indeed an evening, which created strong bonds of everlasting friendship.

