## SYMPOSIUM FOR SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS 2017 – REPORT

Delhi Public School Gurgaon, organized the 9<sup>th</sup>Symposium for Senior School Students 2017 in collaboration with the Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy—ICTRC on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The purpose of the symposium was to provide a platform for students to interact with reputed career counsellors and experts from diverse fields, to aid students to make well informed choices about their careers. As many as thirty schools and sixteen hundred students participated in this two day symposium.

The Principal, Ms Aditi Misra, in her welcome speech thanked the renowned Educational Psychologist and Counsellor- Trainer Dr. V.S. Ravindran and the Vice Chancellor, BML Munjal University, Dr B.S. Satyanarayana for sparing their valuable time and gracing the occasion. She emphasized that this platform gives exposure to the students about career choices. She urged the students to talk to experts, gather information and use the two days wisely thus enabling them to carve the future of their choice. Dr V.S.Ravindran in the key note address advised the students to listen to the panelists with an open mind. He told the students that 'fantasies are not career choices, dreams are. Dr. B.S.Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor BML Munjal University spoke to the audience about the 5 'I's- inquiry, inspiration, ideation, innovation and implementation. He urged the students to be curious, think critically and be creative.

Sessions such as 'Confusion to Clarity', Academic vs. Competitive Exams- The Balancing Act, apart from discipline specific sessions by subject experts on Law, Defence Services, Hospitality, Mass Communication and many others were fruitful sessions appreciated by the students. In the career exposition zone, the students got an opportunity to visit different stalls displaying relevant information pertaining to a wide range of courses and careers. The teachers attended a talk on the 'Challenging Role of Teachers in a Changing Educational Scenario.'

The two day Symposium culminated with vote of thanks given by Mr. Keshav Singh, Coordinator, ICTRC who thanked the partner organizers from various universities and all participating schools for making the symposium a success.



