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### INVESTITURE CEREMONY CLASS XII- 2018

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon hosted the Investiture Ceremony for Class XII on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2018. The ceremony was held to invest the newly appointed School Council.

The ceremony began with the singing of the National song and the School Anthem. This was followed by the Earth Day celebration to raise consciousness about environmental issues. In a symbolic gesture to heal the Earth, the dignitaries watered the Tulsi plant, an emblem of the enduring and healing power of nature to the chanting of the Shanti mantra.

The Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra, welcomed the Guests of Honour, Ms. Akanksha Arora and Mr Prince Aditya. She stated that it was very heartwarming to have ex-students returning to their alma mater. She extended a warm welcome to the Parent Rep, Ms Hina Naqvi, the Head Council of the previous session and the parents. She congratulated the leaders to be invested as office bearers to reflect on what they did, learn to delegate and believe in teamwork. She added that in these changing times we should introspect to save and protect Mother Earth. She spoke of the yogic mantra 'so- ham' meaning "I am He/That" which signifies identifying oneself with nature. She further requested the audience to be the change maker and stop the use of bags while shopping and reduce water wastage. She concluded by thanking the parents for their support in their long association with the school.

The result of the National Finance Literacy Assessment Test 2018 was announced and the students were awarded. The school bagged the award for the best performance (regional winner).

The cultural programme commenced with the school choir presenting a motivational song 'TheClimb' symbolizing the struggles of life and the reward at the end of it blended with 'Hum hain rahi daro nahi...' Followed by fusion of Bharatnatyam and contemporary dance forms on the prayer 'Where the mind is without fear' by Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore.

The Investiture Ceremony began with Ms. Akanksha Arora, an ex-student and Head Girl 2011-'12, administering the oath of office to the newly appointed Club and Cultural Appointees. In her address to the students, she asked the students to ponder over the persons they want to be, to have a dream, put one's thoughts into actions deliberately and learn from everyone around them. She emphasized on being open to new experiences and strive for excellence. Mr. Prince Aditya, also an ex- student and President , 2011-'12, in his address to the newly appointed council, was nostalgic and shared anecdotes that were inspiring. He laid stress on students being responsible portfolio holders, and urged them to use this opportunity to break out of their own shells by setting benchmarks of exemplary behaviour.

The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by the newly appointed Head Council, Abhijai Singh and Anushka Ghosh.

