

PRESS RELEASE

SCHOLAR BADGE AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY CLASS XII- 2017

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon hosted the Scholar Badge and Investiture Ceremony for Class XII on 22nd April, 2017. The ceremony was held to felicitate the meritorious students who have excelled in scholastic as well as co scholastic areas and also to invest the newly appointed School Council.

The ceremony began with 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.

The Principal, Ms Aditi Misra, welcomed the Chief Guest, Lt Gen Mohinder Puri, UYSM, PVSM, highlighting his illustrious career in the army. She added that he has also authored a book, 'Kargil: Turning the Tide' which gives a first-hand account of the Kargil war. Ms Misra also welcomed the Guests of Honour, Ms Prita Puri, a lady of substance and Mr Archit Sharma, Head Boy, 2010-11. She extended a warm welcome to the Parent Reps, the Head Council of the previous session and the parents. She said that it was a day of triple celebration where even as the scholars were being recognized for their sterling achievements and the outstanding leaders invested as office bearers, they 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 and asked the audience to pledge to plant trees. Recalling the long association of fourteen years, she thanked the parents for their help with the school projects like Shiksha Kendra, a philanthropic venture of DPS Gurgaon which celebrates the motto of Service before Self by grooming and educating the children of the underprivileged section of society and project Muskan, a twinning endeavour of the school in collaboration with the local administration to support two government schools. This was followed by the release of the school magazine, Pallav.

The cultural programme commenced with the school choir presenting an invigorating song 'Hues of Camaraderie' that drove home the message that Mother Nature is not our legacy to be exploited but a blessing to be cherished. Next was a mesmerizing dance performance, 'Aspirations for a better tomorrow' on destruction and healing of Mother Earth.

Meritorious students were awarded for continuous academic excellence and for excelling in co-curricular activities by the Chief Guest and the Principal. Special awards were given to students with exemplary performance in various fields.

The Investiture Ceremony began with Mr Archit Sharma administering the oath of office to the House Appointees. Ms Prita Puri administered the oath of office to the Cultural Presidents. The School and Club Appointees were administered the oath of office by Lt General Puri. Sir, in his address, expressed his happiness on being a part of an event that was carried out with a touch of military precision. He advised the students to follow the path of honesty, integrity and loyalty.

The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by the newly appointed Head Boy, Yagnesh Sharma, and Head Girl, Shirin Kumar.

