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DPS GURGAON: INDO-FRENCH STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE

DPS Gurgaon has successfully culminated the sixth rhythm of the Cultural Exchange Programme with its French partner school, Cite Scolaire St Exupery of the Rhone Alpes region.

This year saw 21 French students visit DPS Gurgaon from 15th October to 29th October 2017. They were escorted by their teachers Ms Keri Benta and Ms Severene Gillier. The visiting students were hosted by their Indian counterparts who had visited France earlier in April-May this year.

The French students attended school, where their activities were interspersed with yoga, dance, cricket, self- defence, art and sculpture classes. To give them an experience of regular school life at DPS Gurgaon, they attended classes and interacted with students learning French. The highlight of their experience was their visit to the government girl's school, Kanhai which collaborates with DPS Gurgaon under the twinning project 'MUSKAAN'. It was a day filled with fun activities and learning life skills.

During their stay, the French students along with their partners visited the cities of Jaipur and Agra, and the historic monuments in Delhi. Staying with their host families they learnt about Indian food, culture and lifestyle. Their visit coincided with the festival of lights-Diwali, which gave the guest students a glimpse into Indian traditions and family celebrations.

As a culmination to the exchange, an Indo-French cultural evening was organized on 28th October 2017, at DPS Gurgaon, which commenced with the Indian and French anthems sung by the students of both countries. 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. The wonderful times spent together were brought to light through heart-warming experiences shared by students from both countries, as well as the parents. Presentations capturing a kaleidoscope of events spoke volumes about the unforgettable moments spent together in both countries. The students sang a medley of popular songs, and presented a dazzling Bollywood dance. The French students left India enamoured with the richness of its heritage, warm tradition, diverse cuisine, colourful markets, and much more....! It was indeed an evening to remember, with strong bonds of everlasting friendship and a promise to meet again.

