DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURGAON REPORT: CAPAX INFINITUM – CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF SCIENCE

"Excellence happens not by accident. It is a process." Dr A P J Abdul Kalam

Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon, organized an online Inter-School Science Fest, 'Capax Infinitum – Celebrating the Spirit of Science', designed to nurture the 4Cs of the 21st century. The fest was held in the month of July and showcased an online event *Panchtatva* on 24th July 2021. The fest was a novel way to engage students in the world of innovation and also to foster curiosity. Thirty schools from the Delhi NCR region participated in the event.

The Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra, in her address, during the online event, applauded the efforts of the teachers and students. Ms Misra stated the importance of scientific aptitudes and encouraged students to keep innovating and enhancing their ideas and work. The Dean Student Welfare, Ms Sapna Dhawan, in her address, encouraged the young innovators to exhibit their talent and put their skills in the spotlight, to prove their mettle.

Rounding up the virtual event was a captivating presentation of a fusion dance that encompassed and depicted the five elements. The event also showcased a virtual treat, '*Teleidoscope*' based on concepts of science, by the students of Shiksha Kendra, DPS Gurgaon. The live event, *Panchtatva* aimed to showcase the zeal of the young scientists as they chose any one element (except fire) to design and demonstrate a principle/concept of Physics. The esteemed panel of judges for the event comprised of Mr Syed Shaaz and Mr Ishan Amlekar, alumni of DPS Gurgaon.

The other offline events hosted by the school were *Greenovation - Ecological Innovation Challenge*. For the event, the students designed potential sustainable solutions for a greener world in accordance with the theme of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The event, *Chemputli*, unleashed the storyteller within students as they depicted the contribution of a scientist or scientific concept/phenomenon through the art of puppetry. The event, *Stamp Ageart* challenged students to design a stamp and create a limerick depicting the same. The event, *Sciencetoon*, put their humourous skills to the test as they designed cartoons that humorously provided scientific knowledge. The young trendsetters shared their magical, whimsical and adventurous audio stories of a perfect futuristic world as they participated in the event, *Time Lapse-Voyage into The Future*.

The winners of the fest were Delhi Public School, Sushant Lok, Gurugram in the first position, followed by Amity International School, Sector 43, Gurugram and Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, in the second and third positions respectively.

The participants and the accompanying teachers of this event carried with them a plethora of rich experiences and great learning.

