GPSC GOONJ-An Online International Cultural Fest-2021

Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon, organized GPSC GOONJ-An Online International Cultural Fest in the second week of April 2021. The theme of the fest was '☐☐**ME**…. *as you thrive, so shall we'*, emphasizing on the need for sustainable co-existence and interdependence with nature, while also imbibing in children the love for Mother Earth. The Fest provided a platform to the young learners to explore 21st century skills in their socio-natural milieu.

The Fest comprised of eight events related to visual art, performing art, movie making and photography, which encouraged the participants to delve deep into the world of creative expressions, to convey their perspective to the audience.

The highlight of the Fest was the celebration of 'Earth Day' on the virtual platform on Thursday, 22nd April, 2021 through two online art events, along with the Inauguration of Art Integrated Learning Workshops- *Scratch Programming Basics* and *Let's Create Our Marks.* Thirty participating schools from India and abroad along with the distinguished panel of judges for the events attended the celebration.

Director Principal, DPS Gurgaon, Ms Aditi Misra, in her address, stated that it is important that one must not forget about the 4Cs – compassion, care, calmness and community, the values which would ensure peace and harmony, especially in these unusual times. She also gave a call for action on an individual level to be the trailblazers for contributing to the community without waiting for others to take action. She extolled the efforts of the students who had worked tirelessly for the success of the event.

The Fest witnessed enthusiastic participations across a plethora of activities, performances and learning experiences which synergised the idea of global citizenship through cultural confluence. The event was an embodiment of Tagore's quote- 'We should know that the great task of our institution is to provide for the education of the mind and all the senses through various activities'.