

EU Goes to School

DPS Gurgaon, Sec 45 has always believed in providing opportunities to students for their holistic growth.

One such opportunity is a programme called 'EU Goes to School, in collaboration with WISE Foundation and the EU Member State Diplomatic Missions. As a part of this, 25 students and 1 teacher participated in an interactive webinar on 6th October 2020.

This unique project is a part of the European Union's outreach initiatives to connect with the youth, foster stronger India-EU relations and to create awareness about the EU-financed programmes for attracting high-caliber Indian students for further studies and research across Europe.

His Excellency, Mr. Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the Delegation of European Union, interacted with the students of two schools: DPS Gurgaon and Lotus Valley International School, Noida, during this EUGTS Webinar Series. The topics under discussion were India-EU Relations in the context of politics, democracy, environment and sustainability.

The Webinar began with an introduction by Mr. Anshul Jain, WISE Foundation and Project Partner for 'EU Goes to School', followed by a brief introduction by Mr. Viraj Desai, Project In- charge for 'EU Goes to School'.

After the introductions were in order, His Excellency, Mr. Ugo Astuto, Ambassador, Delegation of European Union to India and Bhutan, talked about the programme, working and policies of EU, its global outreach to young minds, and gave a presentation on EU- India Relations with a focus on Sustainability.

It was a very informative session, wherein the students got to know about the European Union, its essential features and policies. The importance of Schengen border was also discussed in brief, along with the aim of the EU, that is, working for peace and prosperity.

The EU- India relations started 55 years ago, and since then both the parties have attained many milestones together. The EU- India strategic partnership began in 2004, and the EU is India's largest trade partner, contributing to India's growth and development. Both EU and India share the same objectives in achieving Sustainable Development. The vocational opportunities in the EU were also discussed by His Excellency.

Towards the end, His Excellency opened the floor for questions. Three students from each school asked him a few interesting and challenging questions, which were answered by him with zeal.



