

Report- Youth Leader Competition 2024-25

DPS Gurgaon's Initiative- 'Chakr'

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

Harmony Fest, an annual event organised by the Global Education and Leadership Foundation (tGELF), is a distinctive international youth festival at the school level. It brings together young learners from pan India and across the globe for a vibrant mix of competitions, workshops, events, and lecture series, all aimed at discovering socially driven, action-oriented leadership talent. Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, has proudly participated in the Youth Leader Competition since 2012. This competition seeks to identify individuals with ethical, altruistic, and action-oriented leadership qualities. The themes for the competition are inspired by the United Nations' Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

This year, DPS Gurgaon proudly presented *Project Chakr*, where students emerged as beacons of hope and changemakers within their community. By refurbishing discarded bicycles, they not only championed sustainability but also empowered underprivileged children by providing them access to education. The team utilised digital platforms to engage audiences, hosting podcasts featuring social workers from NGOs dedicated to educating underprivileged children. They further amplified their efforts through flash mobs and awareness sessions, connecting with over 2,000+ peers. Their website also highlighted impactful images and interviews, enhancing the project's visibility and outreach. With the support of grade XI students, Team Chakr raised over ₹1,65,000 through a Ketto campaign, which enabled them to distribute 11 bicycles, creating meaningful opportunities for education and growth.

Over eight months of dedicated work, Team Chakr, led by Aarushi Bakshi (XI B) and Niral Mehta (XI E), with support from team members Ojsya Chugh (XI E), Ayushmann Choudhury (XI I), Ashmita Jain (XI D), Priyam Jain (XI D), Risha Agarwal (XI G), and Pratyush Lall (XI E), culminated in an incredible achievement. The team secured the *Grand Trophy – First Prize* at the National Level of the tGELF Youth Leader Competition 2024, held on December 7th, 2024, at Scottish High International School. Their unwavering commitment to community service also earned them the *First Prize* among 114 national and international schools at *Harmony Fest 2024*, organised by tGELF.

Project Chakr's impact goes beyond providing access to education; it nurtures empathy, social responsibility, and a sense of community among the students. Their selfless efforts are sure to inspire a ripple effect, paving the way for brighter futures for countless underprivileged children.

