

SCHOOL VISIT BY MAHARAJ KUMAR SAHIB DR LAKSHYARAJ SINGH JI - 12TH MAY 2023

Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon was privileged to welcome Maharaj Kumar Sahib Dr Lakshyaraj Singh ji Mewar of Udaipur on 12th May '23. A philanthropist, educationist, sports patron, business leader and seven times Guinness World Record Holder, His Highness has dedicated his life to public service and preserving the heritage and culture of our country. The event was also graced by the presence of Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Gurgaon Ms Devyani Jaipuria. The occasion was also marked by the presence of various principals and other honorary guests.

In her address, the Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra welcomed Maharaj Kumar Sahib and said that she found in him the perfect role model for the youth. She hoped that his talk would motivate the torch bearers of tomorrow to become role models and contribute to society and the environment like he does. In turn, she thanked Ms Jaipuria for extending the opportunity of hosting this event, thus fostering love for the culture and giving a deeper understanding of the school motto, 'Service Before Self'. She spoke about the vision of the school's patrons, Mrs and Mr Ravi Jaipuria who believe in breaking barriers and providing education to one and all.

The event initiated with a mellifluous rendition; '*Andhere Jahan Mein*' presented by the Shiksha Kendra students. The song brought forth the desire of these young achievers to soar high to the pinnacle of success. They dream to be educated and have a wholesome life and this dream has been transformed into reality by DPS and its leaders. Following the song was a dance performance, '*Shiksha ka Suraj*', presented by the Shiksha Kendra students of classes II and III. Dressed in vibrant colours, the tiny tots displayed finesse and coordination whilst presenting a strong message of education, which is the only key to the prison of the underprivileged. They urged the audience to walk hand in hand with them, ushering them to a place where the sun never sets on liberty and equality.

The talented dancers of DPS left everyone in awe with their Kathak performance on the song, '*Sat Rango ki Hori*'. The amalgamation of dance and expressions through the various '*mudras*' depicted an inspirational story behind the '*nav ras*' leaving the audience cheering for more. The dance was indeed a masterpiece of cosmic proportion.

While addressing the audience Maharaj Kumar Sahib ji said that the students were extremely fortunate to be a part of such a culturally rich institution which treasures and keeps the heritage of its country alive. He further went on to say that one should always lead by example and Ms Aditi Misra was one such leader, par excellence. He urged the audience to take pride in their heritage and preserve their language and culture as it is the essence and soul of one's existence. He appreciated the Hindi Language, showing his love for it and said that it plays an important role in transforming a human into a humanitarian. He extolled the efforts of the school in providing new avenues to the students which makes them global citizens while instilling in them the value of being a proud Indian wherever they go.

The event culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms Misra. She said that she was honoured to have His Highness visit the school and was sure that his presence would not just ignite tremendous motivation in the children to work for the community, but also teach them to be grounded and humble.