

## INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, celebrated the first phase of culmination of the Indo-Danish and Indo-Polish exchange programs while welcoming the Spanish delegation for the first-ever Indo-Spanish cultural exchange on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. The program began with the singing of the National Anthems of Denmark, Poland, Spain, and India, symbolising unity in diversity. The exchange coordinators from Denmark and Poland, along with the Director of the Italian State Comprehensive Institute of Barcelona, Spain were felicitated for their efforts in fostering cross-cultural learning. The event also marked the 10th anniversary of the Indo-Polish partnership with felicitation of the Founder Director Dr. Jerzy Waligora of VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące, Kraków, Poland.

The Director Principal Ms. Aditi Misra, in her address to the gathering, described the exchange program as a *mélange of cultures* where students learn through shared experiences—something no textbook can teach. She applauded parents for opening their homes and hearts to international students, promoting global friendships. She also acknowledged the outstanding work of the coordinators and expressed hope for such collaborations in the future.

An audio-visual presentation, capturing the spirit of togetherness, enabled the students to reminisce moments of camaraderie and collaborative experiences. A group of students from Denmark presented a song celebrating the strong bond between India and Denmark. This was followed by a captivating dance and music performance by Polish, Danish, Spanish and Indian students.

Students from Aalborg Katedralskole in Denmark and VIII PALO, Krakow, Poland shared their unforgettable experiences of exploring Indian culture and forming lasting friendships. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to the school and host parents for their warmth and hospitality. The parents also shared their reflections, highlighting the meaningful connections they have made and the cultural immersion they enjoyed. The esteemed teachers from Denmark and Poland expressed their appreciation for the enriching experiences and the bonds that were formed during this cultural exchange. Ms. Patrizia Carfagna, the Director of the Italian State Comprehensive Institute of Barcelona, shared her vision for the Indo Spanish exchange program promising to strengthen the ties between the two schools.

Group photographs of the Indo-Danish, Indo-Polish and Indo-Spanish students and teachers along with the Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra captured the essence of the cultural program.

In conclusion, the exchange coordinators of the school Ms. Mamta Kanti Kumar, Ms. Rati Chugh, and Ms. Sarabjit Lall expressed their heartfelt gratitude with a vote of thanks. This International Cultural Exchange program not only celebrated the friendships and memories formed but also highlighted the importance of understanding and embracing diverse cultures.



