

REPORT- FRENCH FESTIVAL, 2024

Delhi Public School, Sector-45, Gurgaon, under the aegis of the DPS Society, organised and hosted its Annual Inter-School French Language Festival, 'À la Découverte de la France,' on 31st July 2024. The event, curated under the guidance of Director Principal Ms. Aditi Misra, saw the participation of over 815 students from classes IV-XII, representing 45 schools from across the Delhi NCR region.

The festival was a beautiful amalgamation of diverse performances, including music, dance, and audio-visual presentations, all celebrating the joy of learning, the spirit of discovery, and the bonds formed through a shared passion for the French language and culture. The Valedictory Ceremony honoured the dedication and enthusiasm of every participant, who brought the festival to life, showcasing the beauty and richness of French culture in a truly mesmerising way.

The festival commenced with Ms. Aditi Misra extending a warm welcome to the Guests of Honour, Ms. Dolly Chanana, Joint Director of the DPS Society, and Ms. Smriti Pahwa, Project Manager and Chargée de Mission at the French Embassy in India. She expressed her gratitude to the DPS Society and its representative, Ms. Chanana, for granting DPS Gurgaon the opportunity to host the French Festival. Ms. Misra also thanked the judges for their valuable time, as well as the participants, their teachers, and principals for being a part of the event.

The much-awaited award ceremony followed, celebrating the dedication, hard work, and achievements of the participants. The awards were presented by Ms. Aditi Misra, Ms. Dolly Chanana, and Ms. Smriti Pahwa. Delhi Public School, Vasant Kunj, emerged as the overall winner of the coveted trophy.

The nine onsite activities conducted included *Art de quilling* (Quilling Art), *Mise en scène d'un personnage* (Character Enactment), *Eh voici ! la chorale* (Group Song), *Raconte-moi une histoire* (Skit), *Maya l'abeille* (Spellathon), *C'est délicieux* (French Cuisine), *La danse est le langage caché de l'âme* (French Dance), *La plume et l'encre* (Story Writing), and *Faire résonner la chanson française* (Solo Song). These activities fostered creative thinking and prepared students for global interactions and collaborations.

Additionally, three offsite events were conducted to assess students' French language skills: *Carte postale* (Picture Postcard Making), *Bande Dessinée* (Comic Strip Designing), and *Le sous titrage* (Dubbing a Disney Movie Scene).

18 eminent judges from Alliance Française, Delhi University, and JNU were present to judge these events.

Following the vote of thanks, Ms. Dolly Chanana was invited to address the gathering. In her speech, she expressed gratitude on behalf of the DPS Society to the Pro Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Devyani Jaipuria and the Director Principal Ms. Aditi Misra, for organising and hosting an event of such scale. Ms. Chanana then formally declared the event closed.

The French Festival, 'À la Découverte de la France,' was a unique and enriching experience for all participating schools. It was much appreciated and regarded as the kind of event that helps shape the global citizens of tomorrow.

