

REPORT- RWYC GOONJ- An International Cultural Fest 2022

Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon, organised RWYC GOONJ- An International Cultural Fest on Friday, 22nd April 2022. The theme of the fest was *Soham... I am one with the universe*. The fest provided a platform to the young learners to construct their own learning, creating joyful experiences with a concerted focus on 21st century competencies.

The fest commenced with the celebration of Earth Day by watering of the Tulsi plant by Ms. Aditi Misra, Director Principal, DPS Gurgaon and the eminent guests, accompanied by the chanting of shlokas by the school choir.

Ms. Misra, in her address, highlighted how a small yet conscious choice like planting and nurturing a tree can be a catalyst to a major paradigm shift. She emphasised on the importance of promoting sustainability while being aesthetically inclined so as to enhance the mutual exchange of learning. Thereafter, Ms Misra launched the Art Website- Gallery 45, created by the art enthusiasts of the school with the aim to inspire the younger generation to explore and continue the path of creative pursuits.

RWYC GOONJ 2022 witnessed an enthusiastic participation from 31 schools from across the country and internationally. It comprised of five events, conducted on a blended platform. The events were related to visual art, performing art and photography, which inculcated appreciation for aesthetics and creativity, enabling learners to apply art -based enquiry and critical thinking. This was also an endeavour towards promoting Art Integrated Learning, emphasised in NEP 2020. Judges for the events with in-depth knowledge on these and various other disciplines shared their appreciation and valuable feedback with the participants.

The Letter of Honour and accolades based on the judges' recommendation were awarded to Army Public School, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt, Lotus Valley International School, Gurugram and The Indian School, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi.

Overall, the fest was a success and a reflection of the undiminished spirit of the youth to revel in the joy of now and wonder about the possibilities of tomorrow.

