

REPORT – SPIC MACAY

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, in collaboration with the Spic Macay Society, hosted an 'Odissi Dance Performance' on 10th April 2024. Ms Kavita Dwibedi, a multi-faceted Odissi artiste graced the occasion. Ms Dwibedi is a disciple of veteran Odissi maestro, Guru Harekrishna Behera.

The event commenced with the welcome of Ms Kavita Dwibedi. She is Visharad in Odissi Dance from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya and is also the holder of Senior Scholarship and Junior Fellowship from the Government of India. She has been honoured with many awards, which include Odisha State Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2013, Mahari Award, Sanjukta Panigrahi Award, and Mahila Shirimani Award among others. Kavita Dwibedi is the Founder Director of 'Sanchari Foundation', Delhi, where she imparts training in Odissi dance to young aspirants. On behalf of her Foundation she has organised Jayadeva Utsav and Champu Utsav in Delhi.

Vice Principal, Ms Arpana Gupta, felicitated Ms Dwibedi and her entourage, Shri Prashant Kumar Behera, Shri Prashant Kumar Mangaraj, Shri Nikhil Behera and Ms. Arpita Debashree. She also welcomed, Ms Rupi Mahindroo, Chairperson, Spic Macay, Gurgaon Chapter and Mr Raviraj Sagar, Vice Chairperson, Spic Macay, Gurgaon Chapter.

Ms Kavita Dwibedi enthralled the audience with her graceful movements, supple footwork and expressive eyes. Her dance form is not only the quintessence of sweetness, beauty and power of our culture, but it is also a prayer and meditation, attracting divine peace of mind. Her performance had a pristine and divine quality which left the audience mesmerised and elevated them to a higher state of consciousness. The students of classes V-IX and XI got an opportunity to witness the phenomenal rendition. They got a better understanding of the various stages that one is ushered through while learning Odissi dance. This was followed by an informative and delightful interaction between the artiste and the young learners. While answering the students' queries, Ms Kavita Dwibedi reiterated that classical dance is an intrinsic part of the Indian culture and teaches children about the rich literary and cultural heritage of India.

The event culminated with an enriched and rejuvenated audience.

