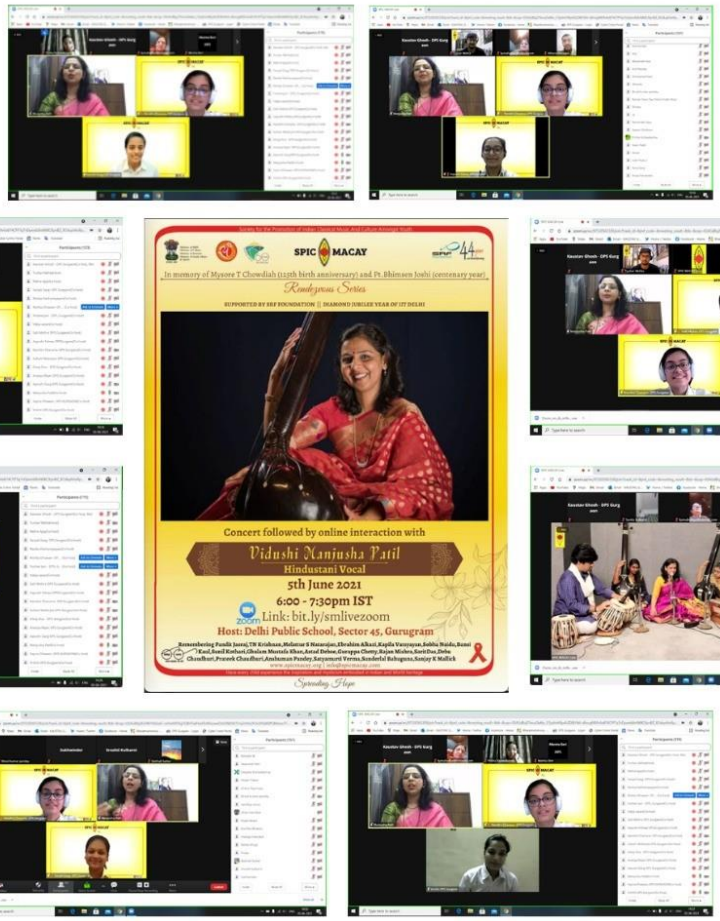
REPORT - SPIC MACAY

The Spic Macay Society organised a three-day virtual programme in memory of Mysore T. Chowdiah's 125th Birth Anniversary and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi's Centenary year, as a part of the Diamond Jubilee year celebration of IIT, Delhi. Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, in collaboration with the Spic Macay Society, hosted the 'Rendezvous Session' on 5th June 2021 on Zoom. The artist for the live concert of the 'Classical Evening Series' was Vidushi Manjusha Patil, a renowned Hindustani Vocal exponent.

The event started with the student comperes of DPS Gurgaon welcoming the illustrious artist, who has been honoured by the *Ustad Bismillah Khan award*, by the Sangeet Natak Akademi. Vidushi Patil, in her address, thanked the audience for showing interest in Indian Classical music. A pre-recorded video of her presentation enthralled and mesmerised the audience.

The interaction between the artist and the young learners was instructive, informative and delightful. While answering the queries during the question-answer session, she reiterated that classical singing is an intrinsic part of India, as it symbolises the country's remarkable diversity in culture and language. She also shared nuances of different *Raagas* and *Taals* of Hindustani Classical singing.

The event culminated with the students proposing the vote of thanks on behalf of their school and the Spic Macay Society.