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In the victory dance of the surgical strike by the IAF, Indian spirits rung higher than winning the ICC World Cup. Indians stood proud and felt the 'josh' after many years of despair and despondency in the once losing battle against terrorism. This unconventional way that finally built the morale of the common Indian has been made true due to the able guidance of a strategic leader. A leader, who understands the strengths of India as a country and worked on it as a team to give us the much-awaited success. We, at DPS feel privileged to be under the mentorship of a such a virtuoso; a visionary who has, not only brought the school to its present glory, but also has made her benevolence felt in the lives of many, touching people's heart in more ways than one. We, the staff and students of all three branches of DPS thank our beloved Director, Mrs. Rekha Aggarwala from the depths of our hearts for being our guru in its true sense.

Gratitude

Winning is what happens when commitment, desire, talent, preparation, hard work, and leadership all come together.

We are more powerful than we think. Yet it is sometimes hard to muster this belief in ourselves. Sometimes we need a person to help us understand that we are the master of our own professional destiny. A mentor can help us to see our own potential. They can provide us with a way to explore our own ideas, fears and important questions on our professional development journey. A mentor can provide us with the inspirational spark to get us started on a particular path and help us talk things through when we feel stuck. Perhaps most importantly, a trusted mentor can ask us the tough questions that we need to face when we don't seem to be making the progress that we had hoped for.

The year of 2018-19 has been a year of glory and success. Delhi Public School, Hyderabad has won three prestigious awards back to back; Fortune 50 Award, Times Excellence Award and Brainfeed School Excellence Award. These awards have humbled us to appreciate the planning, hard work and dedication that goes into consistently work as a team to achieve a common goal. None of these would have been possible if not for the prescience of **our founder Principal and** mentor, Mrs. Rekha Aggarwala.

In the words of Dan Gheesling,

"Experience is an invaluable tool. Experience can't be purchased, it can only be earned, or shared. A great mentor will share their experience with you to help you achieve your goal in the best possible way they know how."



Mrs Rekha Aggrawala, Director Academics, DPS Hyderabad is benevolence personified. She has exemplified excellence and always catapulted us towards success with complete belief in us. She is a great leader with a strong foresight. I am indeed proud to be in association with her for the last thirteen years.



Ms. Rama Ananth,
Head Mistress, Grade V and VI

Rekha ma'am is one of the most gracious and humble person I know. Her leadership has always provided an environment where we were allowed to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. She has touched the lives of each one of us in one or the other way. Her problem solving approach in any situation always left me with a thought that there couldn't have been a better solution to the problem in hand. I thank her for her undying support, love, guidance and above all her leadership which has helped me to grow not only in my professional but also in my personal life.



Ms. Mala Khattar,
Teacher, Grade XI and XII

Having a special person in professional and personal life feels absolutely great especially when the person keeps us motivated and encourages us to perform extraordinary tasks. One such special person is our Director Ms. Rekha Aggarwala Ma'am. She is a very important person because her attribute drives every single person to persevere and inspire. She is special because of her strong willpower and high-spirited smile she possesses. She not only cares about me as a teacher, but as a person. Her kind and compassionate actions reveal her to be a true humanitarian. From her dedication to her teacher's, she is truly the most benevolent person I know.



Ms. Rajya Lakshmi G.,
Coordinator, Grade XI and XII

Today, as we try to express our thoughts for Rekha ma'am, all that we want to convey manifests into two precious words; "Thank You".

Farewell and Tilak Ceremony

Tilak Ceremony Grade XII

"Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened," and with this sentiment echoing in the hearts of the students of class XI, they stepped onto the stage to bid adieu to their seniors, who are on the cusp of facing the real world.

The Tilak Ceremony for Grade XII was held on the 9th day of February, 2019 and was entirely hosted and conducted by the students of Grade XI, mentored by their teachers and Coordinator, Mrs. Rajya Lakshmi. The XI graders had formed a colourful guard of honour as a gesture of appreciation and applauded each XII grader as they walked in. The XII graders for their part had turned out dressed to charm everyone around.

Shavika Kapoor and Rishab Agarwal welcomed the dignitaries and the audience and kicked off the proceedings. The event began in the morning with a prayer to invoke divine blessings followed by the Tilak Ceremony where students received blessings from their teachers. Soon after, a brilliant and mesmerizing show was put up by the members of the band. The band performed various hits, from Titanium to We Will Rock You, and many more, with full gusto, encouraged by the continuous applause from the XII graders. To raise the tempo, dance performances to Bollywood- Tollywood- Hollywood tunes, which were truly the highlights of the show, had the audience completely enraptured. The dance also increased the 'josh' of the XII graders as the famous dialogue from the movie 'Uri' was repeated to an equally enthusiastic response from the XII graders.

Next, to entertain the students, Hema Simha and Madhavan of Class XI conducted a game session with the pictures of the XII graders, digitally altered, to show how they would look years from now and how they used to look before. The presentation had the audience in splits and made the entire gathering nostalgic of the fond memories they had made here. This was followed by a power point presentation put together by the students of class XI, which showcased the growth of most students from Prep till XII grade, and the gathering had a fun time guessing who was in the frame. A few XII graders also became emotional at the prospect of never entering the school again as a student, which was painful to acknowledge but also the harsh truth of life.



Shavika Kapoor, then read out to the audience, a message from Director, Mrs Rekha Aggarwala where she urged the students to be optimistic, believe in themselves and prove to be good ambassadors of the institution. Following this, Principal, Geetha Vishwanathan Ma'am addressed the students and spoke about to how they would all move into various careers but what was the most important in life was to trust one another, be kind to one another and make sure that the people around you and you especially, are happy in life. To conclude the assembly, the Head Boy, Ajay Uppaluri and Head Girl, Anusha Choudhary and Tulika Gupta, gave a speech to express their gratitude for all the teachers who had helped them grow into the people they are, and put into words the feelings reciprocated by all the XII graders present.

A special farewell was also given to Mrs. Janaki Suri ma'am, who is set to retire at the end of the year. Emotionally addressing the gathering, she spoke about how proud she was of this batch and reminded the students that although she would physically not be amongst us, she was just a phone call away for any help that any student needed.

Gauri Tewari concluded the assembly with a vote of thanks and wished all the 12th graders the very best of luck in all their future endeavours and actions.

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Farewell Ceremony Grade X

The staff and students of Delhi Public School Hyderabad bid farewell to the outgoing batch of 2018-19 of class X on 02 February. The farewell was organised by the students of IX in the form of a Tilak ceremony for the senior students.

The atmosphere was filled with festivity and gaiety. They turned out in their best with the boys looking dapper and the girls dressed resplendently.



The programme began with the lightning of the lamp by our Honourable Principal Ms. Geetha Vishwanathan. This was followed by a solemn prayer song rendered beautifully by the students of grade IX.

The auspicious Tilak ceremony got underway with the Principal blessing the Head Boy and the Head Girl. This was followed by the Tilak ceremony of all other students.

After this a recorded message of Director, Mrs. Rekha Aggarwala was played as she passed on her 'light of wisdom' to the outgoing batch. The Principal also addressed the students and urged them to be 'themselves'. She exhorted them to follow the path of moderation, self-control and humility.

On behalf of all students of grade X the head boy and the head girl expressed their gratitude, their alma mater as they looked back on happy memories spent at the school.

Next, all were treated to an exhilarating performance by the school band which was applauded by one and all. The programme came to an end with a power packed presentation depicting the journey of the students which took them down the memory lane. A vote of thanks was proposed by class IX students.



Bidding adieu

Farewell is always a time for bittersweet memories, teary eyes and promises to stay in touch. Superannuation is the beginning of the second innings in one's life. Though it is laden with memories of a glorious time, it also promises of an equally carefree future. With a heavy heart, we the students and staff of DPS, Hyderabad bid adieu to two of our teachers as they embark on this new journey of their lives. Wishing them health and happiness for their future.



Workshops

A workshop on Quality Evaluation was conducted by CBSE on 13th February, 2019 at DPS, Nacharam, Secunderabad. The workshop was attended by class 12 teachers of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Accountancy from close to 200 schools of Hyderabad and Warangal. The main objective of this workshop was to highlight the changes introduced by CBSE in the class 12 Spot Evaluation process for AISSCE 2019. The importance of the new evaluation system was explained in detail by Mr. M.V.V. Prasad Rao, Director, CBSE and Mr. Neelakantam Pillai, HOD Physics. He expressed that CBSE aims at an error free evaluation.

The idea behind including evaluators themselves in the process is that since they themselves handle the paper, scrutiny will be more effective. The workshop concluded on an optimistic note and gave the participants a clear idea about the new evaluation process and the importance of their role as evaluators.

Donation Drive

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

It was that time of the year when we, Indians, relish the new harvest all across the country in different forms. We prepare pongal, revdi, til-gud, fini, gajak, shunga pitha, puran poli to name a few. However, there are hundreds of less fortunate ones for whom winter and festivities add to the daily dose of woes. Not all have loving and caring family to protect them or celebrate with them.

This harvest season, the students of DPS, Hyderabad joined hands to try and bring a smile on the faces of these less privileged ones. The **Interact Club of Delhi Public School, Hyderabad** collected different groceries, stationery and toiletries from the students of Nursery to grade IX and grade XI. The teachers did not want to be left out either. They contributed by bringing packets of sanitary napkins which were distributed to girls' hostel.

On 4th February, 2019, the Interactors along with the Appointees of the Primary wing and grade V & VI visited **Kinnera Welfare Society**, a home for the aged; **Anurag Human Services**, home to mentally challenged children and the aged; **Shishu Mangal**, a home to 23 orphaned children, **Radha Kishan Balika Bhavan**, a shelter to about 160 girls and **SC/ST Hostel for girls**, a home for 180 underprivileged girls in Bowenpally.





Suhani Modi, Director, Interact Club of DPS Hyd. reported that 15 DPS Interact members, 3 Appointees of grade V & VI along with two teachers visited SC/ST hostel for girls at Bowenpally. They were welcomed very warmly and were astounded to receive such love and warmth from those young girls. The students started with an interactive session to discover their hobbies and aspirations. The students also talked about sanitation and menstrual hygiene and were very glad to see the willingness of the girls to listen and learn from their young counterparts. They also danced and sang with them. The girls were full of energy and optimism and had a hope in their heart. They were hard working but content with what they have and this adverse situation didn't bring down their morale. They were ready to combat what came their way and these qualities inspired the students of DPS a lot. All good things come to an end and with that the students of DPS had to leave and report back to school.

A similar experience was reported by the visiting teams to the other four institutions. The close interactions with the less privileged members of the society, helped the students to be grateful for whatever they have and also understand the ground realities. It inspired each one of them to do their best to find ways to give back to society.



Sports News

GOLI JAHNAVI of class XI won bronze medal in 50 Mts B/S in All INDIA School Games Federation Swimming competition, held at Delhi on 18th December-2018.

She also represented KHELO INDIA Games in Swimming under 17 years category held at PUNE January 2019.



Signing Off

Delhi Public School, Hyderabad and all the in-charges of DIPSCOOP would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the readers of DIPSCOOP. It has been a pleasure to put forth the myriad events and activities for the eager audience each month. Until next June, stay tuned!!