

## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

Delhi Public School Panipat city celebrated the Annual Day on Sunday, 18th December 2016, with enthusiasm, elation and unprecedented fervour.

Mr. R.S. Dalal, IPS, former Director General of Police, was the esteemed Chief Guest. Ms. Meghna Malik, a film, television and theatre actor was the Special Guest. Other dignitaries present were Mr. Mohit Agarwal, Chief Judicial Magistrate Panipat; Shrimati Rohita Rewri, M.L.A. Panipat; Shri Mahipal Dhanda, M.L.A. Panipat Rural and Shri Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman of Khadi Gram Udyog Haryana. The presence of Mr. M.S. Rana, Patron of DPS Panipat City, added extra charm to the occasion.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest. Mr. M.S. Rana and the Pro Vice Chairman, Mr. Amit Rana felicitated Mr. R.S. Dalal with a statue of Lord Buddha, a shawl and a planter. Ms. Sheetal Rana and Ms. Archana Jain, the Principal of DPS Panipat City felicitated Ms. Meghna Malik and all the dignitaries present.

The evening commenced with a welcome song sung with panache by the school choir followed by the School Annual Report by the Principal, Ms. Archana Jain. She clearly outlined the accomplishments of the students and the school in academics as well as extra-curricular and stated that the school had certainly accomplished much in the past year. Hard work and labour had certainly borne the sweet fruits of success. The many rewards and awards reaped were secondary to the intrinsic satisfaction achieved on seeing the students realize their full potential.

Soon after there was Prize Distribution ceremony in which the students were recognized for their skills in various fields. The Chief Guest gave away the certificates and trophies to acknowledge the achievements of the young scholars in academics as well as sports. While addressing the august gathering, he congratulated the students who had carved a niche winning several national and international laurels. He added that students should not only be imparted excellent education but also be given great scruples and values so they can effectively serve their nation. Mr. Dalal highly lauded DPS Panipat City Management as well as staff for grooming students to have Indian cultural roots and global eminence.

Ms. Meghna Malik stated that children of small towns can also realise their dreams if they have a burning desire to do so.

The school then presented a play on 'Rani Ki Jhansi' highlighting her loyalty and martyrdom for Jhansi. The queen's life was conceptualized through drama and dances portrayed in the most artistic and regal form which kept the audience captivated till the end. The entire programme revolved around the theme stemming from the heroic deeds of the queen from childhood till she breathed her last, a journey full of challenges and impediments but facing all odds with courage. Losing her husband at a tender age and taking over the responsibility of Jhansi on her young shoulders was a sheer act of bravery. It spoke volumes about the ethos inspiring spirit she was blessed with and how she stood against the English till death that drew generous applause from the audience. Surrounded with enemies from all sides did not subdue or suppress her; her brave stance rekindled the burning desire in Indians to be free once again and laid the foundation stone for the long and harsh struggle for Independence. The pulsating dramatics brought alive the blurred images of history and etched in all hues and shades her fight in the battlefield till the end. The magnanimity of the queen's undying spirit to rise and fight for Jhansi removed the residual doubts about a woman's capabilities and supported

Women Empowerment. The play with four dances propelled an inspiring vision of gender equality.

It was the most riveting performance of the day and drew an unceasing applause from all present who virtually travelled back in time, experiencing anguish, lamenting over mishaps and admiring the royal courage of Rani Laxmibai exhibited on stage by the young artists.

The Pro Vice chairman, Mr.Amit Rana announced a new initiative by DPS Panipat City-Project Sharda which is a step towards Beti Bachao Beti Padoo. Every year the school will embrace needy girl students and support their education till their marriage. He also announced Scholarship Scheme for deserving candidates from all over Haryana.

He appreciated the students, teachers and support staff for putting up a great show. He admired the finesse with which the old forgotten hierarchy was brought afresh to the audience and filled them with pride to be Indians. He expressed his gratitude to the parents for cooperating with the evening practice sessions and taking out time to be a part of the great show. He concluded by stating that life is fraught with many challenges and the world tomorrow is but anybody's guess. What is certain however, is that what we do today will determine the kind of lives we have in future and encouraged students to rise to the challenges, seize the opportunities provided by the school to experience, learn and grow.

With this the curtains came down and the evening ended with the National Anthem, a noteworthy end to a memorable Annual Day.