

ITL PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES BHARTIYA BHASHA UTSAV

Organised by: ITL Public School, Dwarka, New Delhi

Participants: Students of Classes I- XI

In sync with the vision of National Education Policy 2020 that promotes Multilingualism, the power of language in teaching and learning and an inclusive society that respects diversity, ITL Public School conducted week long activities to mark the **Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav**, culminating on **11th December 2024**. A language festival observed pan India to promote linguistic diversity and celebrate the rich tapestry of languages spoken in the country, it aimed at emphasizing upon the importance of preserving and promoting India's linguistic heritage.

The **week long commemoration of Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav** witnessed a diverse range of activities based on multiple themes like Environment/Nature, Literature, Cuisines etc, helping students to explore the variegated aspects of culture like languages spoken, food and literature produced in different states of India by various poets and authors. The activities highlighted the catchphrase ***Incredible India*** through the diverse range of activities like folk tale narration, poem recitation and storytelling through puppets.

The event significantly showcased a linguistic variety that our country proudly boasts of, while accentuating upon the theme of ***Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, with an extra emphasis on the Classical languages of India***. The students enjoyed singing and listening to the folk songs of different states. The students presented a beguiling performance on ***Bande Utkala Janani, the state anthem of Orissa***, portraying the splendid natural beauty, the past glory, God's bounty to the State, its holy shrines; its arts, crafts and heritage; its history, culture and literature; its rich tradition and its peaceful social living in the most vivid forms.

The policy of multilingualism has been incorporated in the school curriculum and as a part of the same, students celebrate all the regional festivals. The festival of **Onam** was celebrated with great zeal in the month of August. As a part of Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, students prepared delectable cuisines like **Sadya**, made **Onam Pookalam** (floral rangolis), narrated folk stories and showcased their dance skills on **Thiruvathirakali**, the popular Onam dance.

A cultural extravaganza was witnessed in the Inter-house **State Tableaus**, where the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Sikkim, and Tamil Nadu were the main highlights. Through all these activities, the students received multiple opportunities to explore their multifarious talents while also learning about their respective languages and culture. The event provided a multilingual exposure to the students.

The event culminated on **11th December, 2024**, which also marks the birth anniversary of **Mahakavi Shri Subramania Bharati**. A big canvas was kept at the school reception for 'My Signature in my Mother tongue'. Special activities were conducted to orient the student about the the great poet and his celebrated work. Students well versed in Tamil language narrated his poems, folk tales and interesting facts from their state. Students from other states joined them to make it a celebration of diversity.