

INDO-RUSSIAN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT VISIT BY RUSSIAN DELEGATES

Day/Date: Thursday, 05 October 2023

Cultural Exchange Programmes play a vital role in promoting respect for other cultures. Such initiatives broaden horizons and perspectives and help to inculcate diverse cross-cultural skills.

As a part of the Indian phase of the International Social and Cultural Programme, 'BRICS People Choosing Life', a team of representatives from Russia (Moscow, School No.-1409) visited DPS Dwarka on 05 October 2023. The team members were Rina Viktorovna Ilicheva- Director, Svetlana Avsenenko- Vice Principal (Incharge of International Relations) and Milana Kuleva - Press Secretary.

The tour of the school was aimed at understanding policies, procedures and programmes which are an integral part of DPS Dwarka. To begin with, the visitors watched the stage production by the students of Pre- Primary titled Rumpelstiltskin's Palette. The hallmark feature of this event was mass participation. Colourful costumes, rhythmic and foot - tapping dances, characterization, stage set-up and spectacular enactments made a stupendous show that mesmerized the audiences.

To give an insight into how students are taught to make careful experimental observations and draw conclusions from data, the delegates visited the Science Laboratories (Chemistry, Biology and Physics). Students demonstrated various innovative experiments pertaining to their areas of interests and explained the scientific rationale and underlying principle of each experiment.

The digital expertise and exposure of students was another dimension of the academic acumen that the faculty from Russia was familiarized with.

The mind-body ancient practice of Yoga which is deeply embedded in the Indian fabric of fitness and spirituality was another important part of this visit. From the origin of the word Yoga, its importance, relaxation techniques, demonstration of 'Pranayamas' and 'Asanas' to Hastha mudras, all aspects of this discipline left an indelible impression on the visitors.

The Tolstoy-Gandhi Centre in the Senior Wing Library showcased a PowerPoint Presentation that highlighted the strong Indo-Russian connect- culturally, politically and economically. The parallels in cuisine, art, literature, music and dance were also brought to the fore. At the core of this centre are the philosophical teachings and the legacy of the two great thinkers- Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy.

To make students 'future ready' and science more fun, the Robotics Club of DPS Dwarka encourages students to learn coding, work collaboratively and build models, tools, robots and AI guided Apps. The ingenious creations of this club were much appreciated by the delegates who aptly commented that the reason behind India's success of lunar- exploration missions can be well- explained by the fact that her children too like her scientists are so talented.

INDO-RUSSIAN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Day/Date: Tuesday, 03 October 2023

DPS Dwarka in association with 'BRICS - People Choosing Life' has initiated Indo-Russian Educational Project. As a part of this project, the illustrious 'Gandhi & Tolstoy Centre' was inaugurated on Tuesday, the 3rd of October, 2023.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Kiran Datar, Hon'ble Chairperson, DPS Dwarka, Ms. Sunita Tanwar, Director, DPS Dwarka, Mr. Mikhail Antsiferav, Cultural Attache, Embassy of Russian Federation, New Delhi and Mr. Victor Gorelykh, Head of Education Cooperation Department, Russian House along with other dignitaries.

All students of Classes Pre-School to XII were zealously participated in various activities related to the life and work of the two great apostles of peace. Their work was showcased in the Exhibition, the Tolstoy Farm, the Youth camp and the Youth March organised on this momentous occasion. The guests also visited the Language Lab offering a glimpse into the captivating world of language acquisition.

The cultural extravaganza included a heartfelt rendition of 'Vaishnav Jan To,' a hymn cherished by Mahatma Gandhi by the school choir, an enthralling Indian instrumental musical duet, featuring the Tabla and Sarod, a captivating stage presentation showcasing the shared philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy and mesmerising Russian Folk Dance and exquisite Indian Classical Dance performances.

The highlight of the event was the formal inauguration of the 'Gandhi and Tolstoy Centre.' and an exhibition celebrating the rich cultural exchange between India and Russia, paying homage to the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy.

Principal DPS Dwarka, Ms. Priya Narayanan, in her welcome address stated that the aim of this programme is to preserve and popularize the moral heritage and the philosophy of non-violence as preached by the two great legends- Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy.

Ms. Irina Viktorovna Ilicheva, Director, Moscow School 1409 praised the endeavours of the students of DPS Dwarka and extended an open-hearted invitation to the bright young minds of DPS Dwarka, inviting them to experience the enchantment of Moscow firsthand.

Mr. Mikhail Antsiferav, Cultural Attache, Embassy of Russian Federation, emphasized the richness of heritage and the vibrant culture underscoring the profound value of cultural exchange in building bridges of understanding and fostering lifelong connections.

Dr. Kiran Datar, Chairperson, DPS Dwarka invoked the ancient wisdom of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – the timeless Indian philosophy that proclaims, 'The World is One Family.' Her message reverberated with the spirit of unity in diversity, reminding us that we share this planet, bound together by the rich tapestry of our differences.

The day culminated on a lofty note, as Delhi Public School, Dwarka, once again reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to nurturing global understanding and friendship through the transformative power of cultural exchange.



BRICS EVENT

Date: 13 December 2022

LAUNCH OF TOLSTOY AND GANDHI CENTRE AT DPS DWARKA

Delhi Public School, Dwarka in collaboration with the Regional Public Organization “BRICS. World of Traditions” hosted the programme ‘**Creation of Tolstoy and Gandhi Center**’ on Tuesday, 13 December 2022. An exhibition highlighting the life, works & ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy was set up in the school. On this occasion, MOU between Delhi Public School, Dwarka, and State Budgetary Educational Institution School No. 1409 Moscow was also signed.



The programme was graced by **Ms. Lyudmila Sekacheva**, President, Regional Public Organization “BRICS. World of Traditions” and Manager of the program "BRICS People Choosing Life" as the Chief Guest. In her address she highlighted that this International and Interregional Socio-Cultural programme aims to promote ‘Ecology of soul and body to the ecology of the world’.

Ms. Yulia Aryaeva, First Secretary & Head of Cultural Department at the Embassy of Russian Federation and **Mr. Oleg Osipov**, Director, RCSC were the Guests of Honour. Other dignitaries from BRICS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Russian Federation , The Russian Embassy , RCSC & the Vice Principal of Russian Embassy School also graced the event. Representatives from ITAR TASS, TV BRICS, Russia and Janhit Times were present for press coverage.



Dr. Kiran Datar, Chairperson DPS Dwarka presided over the programme. In her address she reiterated that in the present times of aggression and violence, we need to teach the children the lesson of 'One People, One World, One Humanity & One Peace'.

Ms. Sunita Tanwar, Principal, DPS Dwarka in her address emphasised that the aim of this programme is to preserve and popularize the moral heritage and the philosophy of non-violence as preached by the two great legends- Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy.

A beautiful cultural programme was put up by the students of DPS Dwarka. Gandhiji's favourite Bhajan 'Vaishnav Jan toh' was sung melodiously by the school choir followed by a hymn and a Russian song. A Talk Show on 'The Great Leaders - Tolstoy and Gandhi' highlighted the philosophies of these two great apostles of

peace. Highlight of the day were the foot tapping Bhangra , Kathak & Russian dance performance which was greatly appreciated by all the distinguished dignitaries. Students of Russian Embassy School enthralled the audience with a beautiful song and dance presentation.



The exhibition highlighted joyful pictures by students from the State Budgetary Educational Institution of Moscow “School No. 1409”. The theme of the art works was “From Children to Children”. Students of DPS Dwarka also prepared exhibits, posters, portraits showcasing the life and works of Gandhi and Tolstoy. The paintings by Moscow students will be granted to the Indian orphan houses and to the Old Age homes.

This project is a befitting tribute to the 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Russia.