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GANGA HOUSE-WORLD HERITAGE DAY AND WORLD EARTH DAY

22nd April 2022

Ganga House organised and performed an assembly on **22nd of April 2022,** to commemorate World Heritage Day (18th April) and World Earth Day (22nd April). With a wide variety of performances, involving students from grades V to A2, Ganga house not only aimed to present the history and significance of these two important days, **but also aimed to broaden the audience's horizons with respect to what heritage truly means** as well as importance of the younger generation understanding the significance of the conservation of our planet's resources.

The assembly began with a Hindi prayer and thought for the day about our planet followed by the news, which had a special section on World Heritage Day and World Earth Day 2022. Following that was a short skit starring a family where the child realised from the information provided by her father and grandfather, the importance of heritage and the environment. Skilfully weaving in facts, anecdotes and detailed yet crisp descriptions, the skit's dialogues provided information to the audience in a way that would really send a message and leave an impact. Incorporated within the skit was a mesmerizing dance performance highlighting the beauty of river Ganga on the song **"O Ganga tum beheti ho kyun" by Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika.**

Next was a radio show. The show began with a scintillating musical performance, **"Love Song to the Earth",** addressing the increasing need to protect and love our planet. Thereafter, the radio show's anchors used a mixture of wit and factual details to talk about Delhi's heritage. They **talked about the amalgamation of tangible, intangible, and natural heritage in Delhi,** and how it is a microcosm of the entire world's heritage. **The radio show also included a small quiz for the audience**, completely based on Delhi's most interesting cultural and heritage facts.

Devaj Gupta, an **alumnus of our school, was invited to speak about his organisation A- PLUS, which aims to tackle the problem of plastic waste management by tying up with schools across India**. After a deeply insightful and moving speech, the reigns for the club were handed over to the students of A1, for them to continue and increase the efforts with the help of the foundation. The results of the **Badge making, Poster making, Cultural Connect- Photography and Oath making competitions**, held by Ganga house in the weeks preceding the assembly were announced. **The winning oath was then spoken out and repeated by all the audience members, including students and teachers.**

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