

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Function @GBS: Unveiling Brilliance & Embracing Diversity

Gyan Bharati School, Saket marked a momentous occasion with the grand celebration of its **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Function** on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The event radiated with exceptional fervour and elegance, capturing the very spirit of the school's rich tradition. The school was graced with the presence of the Honourable **Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Desai**, Chairman, TERI and former Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN. **Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar**, the illustrious Dagarvani dhrupad singer and Padma Shri awardee and **Mr. Aditya Raj Kaul**, National Security and Strategic Affairs, TV9 Network Executive Editor; both our notable alumni were the **Special Guests of Honour**. The School Chairman, **Mr. Gopal Ansal**, the members of the BOG, the school Director **Mrs. Lata Vaidyanathan**, Principal, **Dr. (Mrs.) Mudita Sharma** and the Vice Principal, **Mr. Sanjay Bhardwaj** were also present on the occasion.

The cultural fiesta commenced with the auspicious **Lamp Lighting ceremony**, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and the beginning of a joyous celebration. The welcome address by the School Principal was followed by the felicitation of the guests. The **Annual School Report**, that meticulously enumerated the students' academic successes as well as their endeavours in sports and extracurricular activities was well presented. It illustrated the dynamic nature, dedication to excellence and the holistic development the school nurtures.

The eagerly anticipated Prize Distribution Ceremony for the session 2022-23 celebrated the meritorious students in the field of academics, sports and other co-curricular disciplines. The **Lala Chiranjilal Ansal Memorial Award for 'Pride of the School'** was awarded to Venneti Bhargav, acknowledging his outstanding contributions to the school community. **Mr. M.N. Kapur Memorial Award for 'Excellence in Sports'** was bagged by Abhimanyu Singh and **Mr. R.C. Shekhar Memorial Award for 'Excellence in Academics'** was well received by Arnav Ranka.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest, **Mr. Nitin Desai**, praised the efforts of the students and lauded the school for championing holistic development. **Mr. Aditya Raj Kaul** expressed his exhilaration on being given the opportunity to be a part of the celebration and took a nostalgic stroll down memory lane, reflecting on his own days as a student at school. The Chairman, **Mr. Gopal Ansal** took a moment to appreciate the vibrant enthusiasm of the students, acknowledging their spirit to excel across all domains.

The cultural extravaganza unfolded with the enchanting **invocation dance "Jayatu Jayatu Bharatam"** an exquisite fusion of different voices that encapsulated the diversity and spirit of our nation. The students of the Middle school took the stage to perform the **retro-themed 'Umbrella Dance'** that allowed them to express themselves through graceful and well-coordinated movements.

The **Martial Arts segment, 'Joshile hum, hum mein hai dum'** showcased awe-inspiring skills and techniques, leaving the audience in admiration of the students' prowess. The **Peacock Dance titled 'Poetry in Motion'** was a visual treat, executed to precision and

grace, providing sheer delight to the onlookers. The **fitness drill 'Hum fit toh India Fit'** was a demonstration of perfect synchronization, emphasizing the importance of health and wellbeing. The **Bamboo dance**, the traditional dance of Mizoram by the students of the middle school transported the audience to the scenic hills of the region, showcasing the rich cultural heritage. The **'Wall of Hope'** a fusion of physical, mental and spiritual practices brought to life by our students, left a profound impact on the spectators. **Ghoomar**, the vibrant dance of Rajasthan was indeed bedazzling and garnered much appreciation from the audience. The **Bhangra**, a seamless blend of dance and drama, performed by the senior secondary students, served as a fitting finale to the evening's festivities. The thunderous applause that followed every performance highlighted the collective appreciation of the students' efforts.

**The Director, Mrs. Lata Vaidyanathan** addressed the gathering, commending the efforts of the students and teachers. She acknowledged the contribution of all those who worked tirelessly to give a beautiful shape to the Annual Function. The programme culminated with the Vote of Thanks and the rendition of the National Anthem.

The Annual Function was a celebration of our school's journey, achievements and the collective spirit that binds our community. It was indeed an occasion to celebrate art, culture, creativity and talent of the students in its myriad forms.

