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## A Legacy in Colours: DPS Interschool Art Fest Shines in its Silver Jubilee Year

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## MS. SHINU GEORGE, CORPORATE RELATIONS OFFICER – DPS GROUP

### CHIEF GUEST

The Chief Guest highly appreciated the inclusive spirit of the event, emphasizing that every participant is a winner in their own right. She highlighted that participation fosters growth and self-awareness, while art serves as a powerful form of expression for many children. Commending the school's efforts, she praised how it nurtures diverse talents, encouraging honesty, dedication, and responsibility—qualities that shape well-rounded individuals.

## MS. ASNA NAFEEES, PRINCIPAL, DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL

The principal congratulated the entire DPS Modern Indian School community on its Silver Jubilee, emphasizing the school's commitment to holistic development. She highlighted the timeless value of art as a powerful form of human expression, now being rightfully recognized again through initiatives like NEP and CPSC. Praising the themes of Indo-Qatar, sustainability, and happiness, she expressed pride in leading an institution that nurtures creativity and aims to raise sensitive individuals who strive to leave the world better than they found it.





## ART THROUGH EXPERTS' EYES JUDGES' OPINIONS



### MR. RAMACHANDRAN ARSHA, JUDGE

The judge of the competition expressed his appreciation for the event. He shared that he was truly inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of the young artists and commended the school for fostering such talent.

### MS. VAISHNAVI SRINIVASAN, JUDGE

The judge said that one should not be scared to try new things and encouraged everyone to explore without fear, adding that people never know what they are capable of until they try. She emphasized that art is a great way to experiment, as there is nothing to lose—just a piece of paper, some sketches, and colors, and that's the beauty of it.





## ART THROUGH EXPERTS' EYES JUDGES' OPINIONS

### MS. RICHA BAHL, JUDGE

The judge said that the competition was tough and most students performed very well, making it difficult to choose the best. She advised participants to strive hard without worrying about the results and to always give their best, adding that no one is a loser, and as the Principal, Asna Ma'am, rightly said, everyone is a winner.



### VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

#### CAITLYN IJ - DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:

" Drawing is my favourite hobby and I enjoyed drawing many things in today's competition like a boy, cat on a branch , bird and a caterpillar ."



## VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

### NEMSITH VIII B – SHANTINIKETAN INDIAN SCHOOL:

"I enjoy art work. To me , art represents real life. I often participate in many cultural activities too."



## VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

### SHRUTI XII A– M.E.S INDIAN SCHOOL:

"I've participated in many art competitions, but this one was exceptionally well-organized. Art has always been a big part of my life—it means a lot to me. Every time I draw, I feel like I leave a piece of my soul in it. For the topic 'Sustained to Survive,' I drew a woman symbolizing Mother Earth, gently caressing the floating Earth around her."

## VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

### NAVEEN V E – M.E.S INDIAN SCHOOL:

"For me, art is about enjoying the process of drawing and admiring pictures for a long time. For the competition, I drew a school with lots of kids playing. Art brings so much joy to children. The host school looks wonderful, and I'm feeling great to be here."





### VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

#### UMMEHADIYA VIII A - BHAVANS PUBLIC SCHOOL:

"I drew famous Indian buildings and landmarks. The topic was about representing both Qatari and Indian cultures, so I combined elements from both. Art makes me happy—it's special because you can create it with just your fingers."

### VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

#### SHARIKA V L - BIRLA PUBLIC SCHOOL:

"In my free time, I love drawing and coloring, especially people. I enjoy exploring all forms of art and love using oil pastels and colored pencils."

### VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

#### KARISHMA XI B - BIRLA PUBLIC SCHOOL:

"Art allows me to express my thoughts and emotions. While we usually submit our artwork through school, this was my first time participating in person, and I truly enjoyed the experience."



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## VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

### **FARHEEN SULTANA VI WE - PEARL PODAR SCHOOL:**

"I feel great after the competition and was happy to finish on time. For me, participation matters more than prizes. I've been passionate about art since I was a child. Today, I created a piece on Indo-Qatar culture using oil pastels, sketch pens, and markers."







## SMALL HANDS, BIG TALENT:

### ANCIL JOSVEL DSOUZA BAGS SECOND PRIZE!

DPS Modern Indian School proudly hosted a grand inter-school drawing competition, welcoming 139 participants across various categories. Adding to the celebration, our very own Ancil Josvel Dsouza of grade IV D brought laurels to the host school by securing Second Prize in the Junior Category. His creativity, attention to detail, and vibrant imagination impressed the judges, reflecting the artistic spark in our young talents.



## MORE THAN JUST HOSTS: DPS ARTISTS MAKE THEIR MARK!

### DHANVI RAJIL – III G

I drew children holding hands in front of a school to show their happiness. I used many colours ; green is my favourite. The topic was 'Happy School,' and I had a lot of fun.





**" From the Heart of the Host School : Young Artists Reflect. "**

**LAKHI MISHRA – VIII K**

"I've taken part in many inter-school art competitions, but this one was special as it was hosted by our own school. I felt proud to represent DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL. The topic, Indo-Qatar Culture, allowed me to explore the strong bond between India and Qatar. Through my artwork, I highlighted their shared traditions, cultural exchange, and mutual kindness. It was a truly meaningful experience."

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**ZAYNAB SALIM KUTTY – XII H**

"To me, art is a powerful form of expression, especially for those who struggle with words. It's more than just painting; it also includes music, dance, and other ways of expressing emotions. For the competition, I created a surreal piece on Sustained to Survive, highlighting the contrast between today's world and a sustainable future."





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## ESCORTING TEACHERS' OPINIONS



### Teachers' Reflections : Guiding Young Artists

**MS. VARSHA SYNESH – TEACHER FROM MES INDIAN SCHOOL:**

"The competition was very well-organized, with all necessary information shared in advance. The topics were thoughtfully chosen, which helped us guide our students effectively. The quality of artwork displayed was truly impressive."





## ESCORTING TEACHERS' OPINIONS

### Teachers' Reflections : Guiding Young Artists

#### MR. LAL KUMAR – TEACHER FROM NOBEL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:

"It's a pleasure to be here. The topics provided allowed students to express their ideas clearly. I look forward to guiding them in refining and sharing their work. As an artist , I truly enjoy drawing and painting."

### Teachers' Reflections : Guiding Young Artists

#### MS. ROSHNI KRISHNAN – ART TEACHER FROM PODAR PEARL SCHOOL:

"Creativity, driven by passion, is essential for students. Today, their drawings and creative expressions were truly impressive. The hospitality was outstanding as well."

### Teachers' Reflections : Guiding Young Artists

#### MS. MANIMALA – TEACHER FROM DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:

"Art is crucial for everyone, not only as a creative outlet but also as a form of therapy. It offers children relaxation and a break from the usual school routine, playing a key role in their well-being."



## CANVAS OF IMPRESSIONS

### WHAT PARENTS SAW AND FELT

#### **MR. RIKKAZ AND MRS. SANA – PARENTS OF IZAAN RIKKAZ, DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:**

"Follow your passion and stay focused on your goals. Art enhances creativity, imagination, and concentration. It's inspiring to see children excel—it greatly contributes to their overall development."

### WHAT PARENTS SAW AND FELT

#### **MR. JOSVEL FEDELIS DSOUZA AND MRS. MARTINA ALVES – PARENTS OF ANCIL JOSVEL DSOUZA – GRADE IV D , DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL:**

"I hope the children keep excelling in art and continue to make the school proud. I'm sincerely grateful to the school for giving us the chance to be part of this amazing event."

### WHAT PARENTS SAW AND FELT

#### **MR. PANKAJ – PARENT OF KIARA KOHLI, RAJAGIRI PUBLIC SCHOOL:**

"The event was excellently organized. Every profession holds value; what truly matters is pursuing it with dedication and passion."







## FROM EASELS TO INSIGHTS:

### ART TEACHERS SPEAK



#### Mr. AMIT MAJUMDER

"Art is a universal language that communicates through expressions, colours, and lines. To encourage students, I first give them creative freedom, which helps them express their ideas. Later, I guide them through various mediums and styles.

Reflecting on the recent competition, he said, 'It was a joy to see not only my students' work, but also the diverse artistic expressions from other participants. This event is more about sharing creativity than winning prizes.'

### ART TEACHERS SPEAK



#### MS. SHIRLEY SURESH

When asked about the important skill students learn through art, the teacher emphasized, "Art builds foundational skills that are essential in professions like medicine and engineering. I strongly believe that art should be treated as a core subject in schools."

### ART TEACHERS SPEAK



#### MR. SACHIN TIKADAR

"I'm grateful to all 17 participating schools for making the inter-school art competition a grand success. It was a proud and joyful moment for both students and teachers. I also appreciate the school for providing a platform to showcase talent and connect with others."

## ART TEACHERS SPEAK



### MRS. GAURI GAURISH KATKAR

Expressing pride in her students, Ms. Gauri added, "It's truly satisfying to see 139 participants taking part in the competition. The students are already creative; they just need motivation to realize their full potential. I advise young artists to be hardworking and consistent in practicing their chosen style or technique, as hard work is the key to success."

## ART TEACHERS SPEAK



### MR. ANKUSH KHATRI

In response to the question about students feeling nervous at the time of the competition, Mr. Ankush said, "Nervousness is natural, but students should focus on expressing their thoughts through their artwork. Doing their best without worrying about perfection leads to the best results." Regarding the inter-school competition, he added, "I was surprised by the large turnout, but it was a great experience."







## STUDENT PRESS TEAM SPEAKS: VOICES THAT SHAPED THE VISION

### KAMAKSHI SHARMA Class VII- E



"I was happy to be part of the Student Press Team, interviewing the principal, chief guest, and participants. It was a fun and enriching experience—I learned how others felt about the event and felt inspired by their love for art. It also gave me a chance to showcase my communication skills."

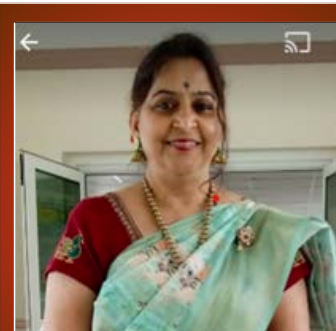
### ANGELA MARY SIBU Class VIII- I

"Representing the Student Press Team was a great experience for me. I enjoyed interviewing guests and learning from their views. It was fun to hear their thoughts, and I especially loved working with my co-partner, Ms. Kamakshi."



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### JAYASHREE SRIDHAR



"It was a privilege to curate this special newsletter for the inter-school art competition hosted by DPS Modern Indian School as part of our Silver Jubilee. With 139 participants, the event was filled with creativity and joy. As editor and mentor to the student press team, I enjoyed capturing moments that celebrated art, talent, and youthful spirit."