

**Event:** Melange 2021-22

**Date:** February 5, 2022

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams

'When we teach in pluralistic ways, there are two wonderful dividends. First of all, we reach more students, because some learn best through stories, some through works of art, some through role play etc. Second of all, we show what it is like to really understand something'. - Howard Gardner

'Melange 2.0, bringing Multiple Intelligences together, with a clear focus on the dire need of the hour, the 'Sustainable Development Goals' proposed by the United Nations. Over 300 students from 31 schools across NCR showcased their skills in their respective spheres of learning.

The grand show commenced live on the auspicious occasion of 'Basant Panchami' with lamp lighting by the head of the institution, Mrs Guneet Ohri along with a few staff members accompanied by a melodious Saraswati Vandana by the Suncitizens, hailing the goddess of knowledge and wisdom, 'Maa Saraswati' in the school premises.

Subsequently all participants stepped into the virtual inauguration ceremony wherein the Suncitizens performed 'Shiv Vandana', and sang an inspirational song, 'Million Dreams ' to set the tone of the day.

Our head of the institution welcomed the esteemed judges and extended her good wishes to all the participants. She encouraged our young green ambassadors to ponder on the environmental and societal issues (as per the SDGs) and form actionable plans to help everyone live in a better world.

She appreciated all the participants and spoke about an unlimited potential in every individual that can be honed at every opportunity and at every stage.

Our Chief Guest, Dr Archana Bahadur Zutshi, an Indian English poet, author and translator praised the spirit of the participants and the event organizing committee. She guided everyone with her inspirational words and promoted the 'willingness to grow' amongst students.

'Melange' comprised an array of domains, which were a fusion of talent, imagination and a range of skills such as speaking, art of questioning, physical stamina, agility, time management etc. The participants prepared zealously to excel in events like 'Art of Silence', 'War of Words', 'Scientiastic', 'Rap-n-Roll', 'Happy Feet', 'Hakuna Matata', 'Wear your design', 'Archineers', 'Abhinay ki Udaan', 'Abhivyakti Shrinkhla' and 'Oorja'.

The vivacity and brilliance of the skills sets of the participants reflected fully in their performances. The students left our panel of judges awe-struck as they presented their talent so immaculately and effortlessly. The event culminated with the rendition of the national anthem.

We dispersed with a sincere hope that such mega events should be organized time and again giving the students a chance to display their talent and exhibit the 'willingness to grow' irrespective of the positions secured