

REPORT: A Session on Organ Donation SOCH... A gift to life

The youth leaders Param Kapoor Class XI and Damini of class IX, DPS Gurgaon, on 8th September 2018 initiated a session for the school staff on 'Organ Donation' under the 'Youth Leader' program SOCH... A gift to life' which is a collaborative initiative with The Global Education and Leadership Foundation (tGELF) to motivate and create awareness among people about organ donation. This initiative promotes the Sustainable developmental goal, Good Health and Well-being.

The event saw the presence of esteemed guests, Dr. Vasanthi Ramesh, Director, National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Directorate General Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Dr. Jaideep Sharma, a radiologist who initiated a project called 'HEAL', Mr. Raj Pal Gandhi, President, Group Chief Financial Officer and Director at Varun Beverages Limited and Mr. Shyam Sunder Sharma, Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society.

Dr Jaideep Sharma addressed the gathering and appreciated the Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra, for her vision to provide a school environment for empathetic and sensitive students who under her able guidance and leadership were promoting the cause of organ donation. He explained how one's selfless act can save the lives of many people and lauded the on- going efforts of the youth leaders of the school.

Dr. Vasanthi Ramesh gave in-depth information with the help of a power point presentation on organ donation, its need, the organisations involved, role of youth as well as the role of NOTTO. She launched an on-line organ donation registration, a government initiative. This programme is one of the first in India to mobilise national support regarding the same. She motivated the two youth leaders and their team to continue their mission with zest and zeal and promised her support for the same.

The empowered youth from Gurgaon colleges who had pledged to donate their organs, were also a part of this event. They enthusiastically supported the initiative 'SOCH' by DPS Gurgaon. The passion of the youth leaders resulted in many members of the audience becoming donors.

