

## **The DPS Football Tournament Boys (U - 14) 2019**

The DPS Football Tournament Boys (U -14) 2019, for zone 2 schools was hosted by DPS, Gurgaon from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 under the aegis of The Delhi Public School Society. 19 teams of zone 2 from NCR participated in the tournament.

Dr. D. R. Saini, Director, Delhi Public School Society, was the Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony. The other eminent guests were Ms. Rima Singh, Principal, DPS International and Ms. Anna from VIII PALO, Krakow, Poland. The Director Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra welcomed the eminent guests. She, in her address, advised the students to compete in a healthy way and accept when one is in the wrong, celebrate when one is in the right and take pride in what one does. Thereafter, the guests released the balloons and the newsletter, to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. Dr. Saini lauded the school for hosting the grand event and congratulated the players for being a part of the first DPS U -14 football tournament being played on astro turf. His address was followed by the Oath Taking Ceremony.

The three days of the tournament witnessed exciting and gripping matches among teams, to qualify for the National finals.

The Closing Ceremony was graced by an eminent sportsperson, Mr. Manish Maithani, former Indian football player. Mr. Maithani felicitated the match commissioner and the referees with a 'Letter of Appreciation'. DPS Panipat City was the Winner of the tournament, DPS Vasant Kunj the First Runner Up, DPS Gurgaon the Second Runner Up and DPS Noida was at the fourth position. All the four teams qualified for the finals scheduled in Navi Mumbai. The Best Goal Keeper award was presented to Akrishh Bali of DPS Gurgaon Sec 45 and the Best Striker to Karan Mishra of DPS Gurgaon Sec 45 and to Devansh Mehra of DPS, Noida. Suvrat Shankar Mishra of DPS Vasant Kunj and Hariom Bhokker of DPS Panipat City were awarded the Best Defender and the Best Player respectively. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Sports Captains. The tournament was declared closed by the Director Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra.

