

16th UDBHAV UTSAV INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL - GWALIOR, INDIA
30th October – 4th November 2019

The 16th Udbhav Utsav International Dance Festival was held from 30th October – 4th November 2019 at Gwalior, India.

Teams from various schools in India and countries like Italy, Spain, Russia, Sri Lanka and Israel participated in the week long festival. DPS Gurgaon was represented by 39 female students of classes IX-XII (all girls) and 4 accompanying teachers in the festival.

A press meet was organized on day one of the festival. The group leaders of the teams were introduced and information about the dances was shared. All the teams gathered at a common point the next day for a 2 km march past to the venue where the opening ceremony took place. Our students dressed in the traditional Marathi sarees and Bhangra outfits performed a unique amalgamation of Lavani and Bhangra dance during the parade.

The competition began with the qualifying rounds on 1st Nov '19. Our students performed:

- A Kathak composition based on the theme 'Saavan – The season of love' in the classical category.
- 'Mohan Se Mathama' – tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary in the fusion category.
- A traditional Bengali folk dance in the folk category.

We were one of the very few teams who qualified for the finals in all the three categories at the festival.

DPS Gurgaon was awarded second position in the fusion category and a third position in the classical category in the finals that took place on 2nd Nov '19.

A gala night, closing ceremony, was organized on 3rd Nov '19 where all the winning teams in each category performed one last time on stage. All the winning teams were awarded their respective trophies and certificates. The teams were given a farewell party at the venue on behalf of the organizers.

The festival was a very enriching experience for all the students and the accompanying teachers. Performing at this festival is a new lesson as the intensity rises each year. It also provides us a platform to perform in competitions and festivals abroad under the aegis of the International Folklore Festival each year.

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