## **Report on Ventriloquism Workshop**

## *Ventriloquism is not merely about giving voice to puppets; it's about giving voice to the values and wisdom that shape young minds.'*

The ventriloquism session by Mr M. Santhosh Kumar, a qualified Company Secretary, passionate ventriloquism artiste, and TEDX Speaker on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at DPS, Sector-45 was a transformative experience for both students and teachers alike. Mr Santhosh's skilful manipulation of the puppets mesmerized the audience, as the puppets came to life, imparting valuable life lessons and techniques. Through witty dialogues and heartwarming anecdotes, the puppets conveyed messages of focus, concentration, discipline, and the importance of healthy habits.

The speaker encouraged the children to nurture a love for nature, practise gratitude towards their parents, and pursue their hobbies. He highlighted the detrimental effects of excessive screen time and encouraged the students to engage in meaningful activities instead of mindlessly scrolling through social media reels. Students were encouraged to break free from the shackles of technology and embrace the wonders of the natural world. Mr Santhosh also introduced the audience to the intricate techniques of ventriloquism, emphasizing the role of concentration and observation in mastering this art form.

The session concluded with an interactive session wherein teachers and students were invited on stage to try their hand at ventriloquism techniques. This hands-on approach not only deepened their understanding of the art but also fostered creativity and confidence among the participants. The session ended with the student editors of the Junior School asking Mr Santhosh about his passion, inspiration, and journey in the world of ventriloquism. Overall, the session served as an inspiring and educational experience, leaving a lasting impression on all those who attended.

