

The DPS National Shooting Championship Girls (Open) 2018

Hosted By: DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurugram

(Under the aegis of Delhi Public School Society)

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‘The DPS National Shooting Championship Girls (Open) 2018’, an initiative by DPS Society was hosted by DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurugram on July 31, 2018 & August 1, 2018. 17 ace teams from all over India participated to show their shooting skills in 10 meter air pistol & air rifle shooting championship.

The following teams were the part of the championship:

1. DPS Bhopal
2. DPS Bulandshahr
3. DPS Chhindwara
4. DPS Greater Faridabad
5. DPS Faridabad
6. DPS Kalyanpur, Kanpur
7. DPS Karnal
8. DPS Nacharam Hyderabad
9. DPS R.K. Puram
10. DPS Rewari
11. DPS Rajkot
12. DPS Sec.45, Gurugram
13. DPS Sushant Lok
14. DPS Udaipur
15. DPS Vasant Kunj
16. DPS Yamuna Nagar
17. DPS Maruti Kunj

The opening ceremony was held at DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurugram on July 31, 2018.

The Chief Guest Dr. D.R. Saini- Sports Director DPS Society graced the occasion. Mr. Abhishek Verma, Master Nishant Sindhu & Ms. Priya Raghav, the ace shooters who have shown their mettle in International & National Level of Shooting Championships were also present to motivate the students. They shared their experiences and stressed that the participants must work hard with dedication and determination to realize their goals. They were presented mementos by the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the recital of Ganesh Vandana. The Principal Mr. Akhilesh Chandra Chaturvedi formally welcomed the esteemed guests, teachers, coaches and their teams. He extended his best wishes to the participants and encouraged them to play with the true spirit of sportsmanship.

A mesmerizing cultural programme was presented by the talented students. The melodious choirs and scintillating dance performances enthralled everyone. The cultural programme was followed by words of wisdom by the Chief Guest. In his motivational speech, Dr. D.R. Saini applauded the efforts of the school for working towards the holistic development of the students. He urged that the real aim of education is to provide environment conducive to developing healthy minds in healthy bodies. He also appreciated Mr. V.S. Dahiya (Head Sports Department) & his team for promoting shooting as a sport and encouraging both girls and boys to participate actively in them.

The oath was administered by the Sports Captains Suhani Khatri & Aaina Dahiya. The meet was declared open by the Principal Mr. Akhilesh Chandra Chaturvedi.

After the formal 'Opening Ceremony', a highly competitive shoot ensued for two days. The spectators enjoyed the tough competition as high skills were displayed by each team. The nail biting competition ended with the team from DPS Maruti Kunj winning the First position in Pistol (Team) Shooting competition comprising a team of four participants Alka Singh, Parul Tayagi, Aaina Dahiya & Kajal Bhati. The First position in Pistol Individual event was bagged by Aaina Dahiya from DPS Maruti Kunj.

The 'Closing Ceremony' was held on August 1, 2018. The Principal Mr. Akhilesh Chandra Chaturvedi welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Pramod Grover-Chairman MC DPS Maruti Kunj & Treasurer DPS Society. He also extended his warm welcome to the august gathering. In his welcome address he applauded the zeal and enthusiasm of the talented participants.

A soulful Qawwali sung by the budding singers touched everyone's hearts. Equally enthralling were the dance performances by the little twinkle toes. The cultural programme was highly appreciated by the Chief Guest Mr. Pramod Grover. In his inspirational speech, Mr. Pramod Grover congratulated the winners and advised them not to sit on their laurels but to keep working hard to achieve higher goals. He reinforced that life is full of challenges but if we focus on our targets and goals, we are sure to achieve success.

The honourable Chief Guest did the honour of presenting awards and certificates to the winners and the participants.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice- Principal Ms. Ritu Malik. The event concluded with the National Anthem sung by everyone present.