

## PRAGYOUTSAV

The youths of today are gradually becoming inclined towards a foreign culture, forgetting that there is no culture as rich, colorful & varied as the Indian culture. To rein in the wandering generation from becoming mechanical and robotic, the introduction of our rich culture in the form of classical music & dance, the age old folk dances & songs that bring the awareness of beautiful parts of India and make us aware about the beauty and tradition of India, such competition as 'Pragyoutsav' is a humble endeavor by Krishna Public School Nehru Nagar that brings together artistes from various parts of Chhattisgarh to display their talents on a single stage.

The competition had started on the 9th of August 2017. For the initial two days the competition were based on vocal music where competitors were not allowed any other form of instruments except for Tanpura. From 11th to 13th the Dance competitions were held. The age groups were segregated into 3 parts. There were sub- junior, junior & senior groups. There were classical, semi classical, folk & western dances. The dances were either preformed solo or in groups.

The 14th of August saw the final curtain down on the program for the year. On this day of the closing ceremony a grand function was held to applaud the achievements of the winners, who once again captivated the audiences and spectators with their remarkable performances.

The chief guests of occasion were Shri. Prem Prakash Pandey Ji and Shri. Santosh Upadhaya Ji.

The function had started at 5 pm with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the devotional song sung by school students to create an auspicious beginning. The ambience created by the presence of eminent judges, dignitaries and talented artistes was extremely inspiring especially because with the curtain coming down on the 5 day competition, would give way to the auspicious celebration of Janmanstumi - the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna.

The programs were held in the school auditorium that was throbbing with instruments and music, the tinkling sound of ghungroos and the kaleidoscopic colors all around.

Eminent judges- Smt. Shivani Bias- the Asst. Prof. of Dance of the university of Khairagarh and Smt. Anuradha Dubey the very well known kathak dancer and actress graced the function with their presence.

The chief guests in their speech had applauded the endeavor that Krishna Public School Nehru Nagar makes always to inculcate awareness in the youths about the rich Indian tradition and its culture through various competitions such as this.

The Chairman Mr. M.M. Tripathi and other dignitaries blessed the artistes and congratulated them for the laurels they gained in these days.

There were 33 schools that had participated along with 1500 participants. Krishna Public School Nehru Nagar spends Rs 1.5 lakh on the prizes of the winners. The cash prizes were awarded to the winners securing the 1st positions. For solo dance - in categories of sub junior, junior, and senior- Rs. 3000 each were awarded. For group dances each group from classical, semi classical, folk & western were awarded Rs. 11000 each. For music solo junior & senior level Rs. 3000 each were awarded and for the overall Best Performance Rs. 11000 to the performer.

The competitors who bagged the prizes and took home the laurels were KRISHNA AWARD DPS Durg, Group Music (Jay Krishwas, DPS Durg).

The entire credit for organizing this remarkable competition went to the Principal Mrs. Savita Tripathi and the school managing committee.

The Krishna Music and Art College managed the shows with great expertise with the help of the school council members who had worked diligently along with the teachers.



