Celebrating Coexistence Through the Arts: A Day of Expression at Manay Rachna International School

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FARIDABAD: On October 9, an inter-school competition titled 'Abhivyakti,' showcasing the importance of 'Coexistence' and establishing a harmonious environment in the world, was organized at Manay Rachna International School, Sector 21C. Approximately 500 participants from 27 schools in Faridabad, Gurugram, Delhi, and surrounding areas took part in the event. Students from Class 1 to Class 8 expressed their thoughts on the contemporary necessity of 'Coexistence' through language, dance, singing, instrumental music, painting, and crafts. Participants showcased their talents across various categories and 30 subcategories in Sanskrit, Hindi, English, French, and Spanish, along with diverse instruments, songs, ghazals, Sufi, semi-classical, and Western music and dance, theater



(solo), mime, and Indian classical dance. Their performances not only captivated everyone but also highlighted the essence of the theme 'Coexistence.' Through their art and crafts, participants transformed the school premises into a 'mini world' filled with vibrant colors and unique creations. They emphasized the need for peace, love, harmony, goodwill, and brotherhood in the world through their exceptional presentations. The renowned flutist Pandit Chetan Joshi graced the event as the chief guest, adding charm to the proceedings.

He expressed his thoughts on this beautiful initiative by the principal of Manav Rachna 21C, commending the effort to promote fine arts and inspire students to embrace these art forms. He praised the theme of 'Coexistence,' noting how crucial it is to make future leaders aware of such significant topics in today's world. As a special guest, the esteemed Kathak dancer Pandit Birju Maharaj's son, Pandit Deepak Maharaj, appreciated the school's efforts to spread the message of peace through art with his presence. Mr. Amit Bhalla, Vice President of Manav Rachna

Educational Institutions, addressed everyone, stating that peace, harmony, and brotherhood are essential in today's time. A person who maintains their inner peace not only becomes capable of enjoying happiness in life but also fosters a peaceful environment for those around them. Mrs. Sanyogita Sharma, Director of Manav Rachna Schools, encouraged all participants with her warm smile, offering them her blessings and best wishes. The esteemed jury members—Mr. Hariom Shastri, Dr. Meena, Ms. Archana, Ms. Ekta, Ms. Surabhi, Ms. Meeta Rampal, Mr.

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Sanjay Singh Rana, Mr. Gaurav Kumar, Mr. Arpan Singh, Mr. Mukesh Ganganani, and Mr. Nadeem Khan—praised the students and encouraged them to use their art and skills for the welfare of society. Mrs. Seema Anees, Principal of Manav Rachna International School, Sector 21C, expressed her gratitude to the judges and congratulated all participants, praising their language skills, thoughts, and presentations, referring to them as the little ambassadors of peace in the world.