

## **DIWALI UTSAV CAREER FAIR**

Diwali Utsav career fair was hosted by Sanskriti School on 22nd October, 2019. This is a platform which provides an opportunity to parents and NGOs to come together and share experiences of vocational communities employing people with different abilities.

The event began with a welcome note by Ms Sujatha followed by the lighting of the inaugural lamp by chief guest Mrs Gauri Ishwaran and the principal Mrs Richa Agnihotri followed by a welcome song by the learning centre Choir. The principal then warmly welcomed the gathering. Mrs Ishwaran then addressed the gathering comprising of parents and caregivers from various NGO's and schools in Delhi , she spoke about the need for skill development in PWD's and the importance of thinking out of the box. The first speaker at the event, Mr Jitendra Solanki (Investment advisor and certified planner and Chartered estate planner advised families with special need dependents on their personal financial and legal requirements.

The second speaker Ms Sushama Nagarkar, founder of Arpan Cafe Mumbai run by individuals with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities shared her life's journey and experiences of overcoming hurdles and making the endeavour of employing specially abled individuals a reality and a success, she also emphasized the need for community living Ventures. The utsav then moved to the Gymnasium where several NGO's working with the disabled showcased the products made by their students and employees.

Two ex students of the Learning Centre, Devender Verma and Aneesh Sinha also put up stalls. Devender is a budding artist showing a lot of promise, he is a student of Delhi college of Art , he had put up his exquisite paintings for sale. Aneesh Sinha is an illustrator and animator. The NGO's were provided with a platform to market their goods and to interact with others in the field.

It was indeed a welcome sight to witness the gymnasium bustling with activity. Teachers, students and parents were able to do their diwali shopping and had a huge array of products to choose from.





















