

Students of AGDAV Public go on religious excursions

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NEW DELHI: Arvind Gupta DAV Centenary Public School, Model Town, organised excursions to religious places for little ones.

India, our motherland, is a vast country with a large population. This population consists of people of different colours, creeds, castes, communities and religions. Religion can be described as a set of beliefs that explain the universe. It is more than spirituality and helps in understanding the world. It is the belief in one or more deities and has ceremonies, ethical guidelines and rituals.

To imbibe spirituality, faith, hope, morality and to hone the communal harmony among students, the school organised religious excursions. Temples are a central element in all aspects of everyday life in the Hindu community. To a Hindu, the temple is significant not only for its religious elements, but also for culture, society, and education.

A visit to nearby Radha Krishna temple was organised. Children were excited to see many idols of gods and



■ The excursions aimed to develop the spirit of communal harmony

goddesses decorated with ornaments and flowers. Priests were sitting in front of the idols. They were clad in saffron clothes with sandal marks on their foreheads. Incense was burning and it was giving out sweet smell. The priest blessed them and the little ones offered their prayers.

Buddhism is a religion and dharma that encompasses a variety of traditions, beliefs and spiritual practices largely based on teachings attributed to the Buddha. Pre-primary students visited a nearby Buddha temple where they learnt about

Buddhism and about Gautam Buddha. He was not a God, prophet or supernatural human being, but a remarkable human being, who discovered a way of achieving true wisdom, compassion and freedom.

Little ones worshipped Lord Buddha and were excited to see the temple. Children also visited the Gurdwara Nanak Piao complex. They learnt how they should enter the gurudwara and were also shown the Guru Granth Sahib. They listened to the Gurbaani sung inside by the sevaks.