

Virtual Connection On Diwali_!

Exploring Connections Between Hinduism and Judaism!

Diwali Virtual Connection

SUDI KSHA
DESIKAN 12 A



ARVIND
SIVARAM 12 B



NIRANJANA 10 B



SHIFA 10 B



SRINIDHI 10 B



NAREN 10 C U GURUPRIYA 9 B



Interacted with a group of teenage students of Rachel Greengrass, a Rabbi at Temple Beth Am (a Jewish Synagogue) at Miami, Florida on Saturday, 14th November for more than 2 hours. Besides answering their questions on **Diwali and Religion**, the students also performed Konnakol, Dance and gave an exciting display of Indian Percussion Instruments. It was truly an online **cultural exchange** between the excited teens of **USA** and **our accomplished students**

It was a Diwali with a difference for PSBBians when selected students from the PSBB group of schools interacted online through Zoom, with a group of students from Miami, Florida, students of Ms. Rachael Greengrass, a Rabbi at Temple Beth Am (a Jewish Synagogue).

The significance of the festival of Diwali was thoroughly explored on the delightful evening on 14/11/2020 at the cross cultural interaction. Topics such as the different ways of celebrating the festival and traditions associated with it were explored. The rich cultural heritage of the country was highlighted by the PSBB Students. The Principal of PSBB Nungambakkam, Mrs. Vasanthi S. and Sanskrit teacher, Mrs. Chandra Ramani, welcomed the guests and offered their valuable insights on the festival as well. Mrs. Vasanthi gave a comprehensive insight into the celebration of the festival in the city, with the noise of the fireworks in the background adding to the thrill of the experience !

The American team watched wide-eyed as the PSBB students performed and conducted dance and music workshops, giving them a 'hands-on' experience online. Various 'mudras' were explained and the students enjoyed the interaction thoroughly, completely immersing themselves in the glorious culture. A video of a percussion ensemble was played, and the American students were taught the rhythm of 'Aadithaala', much to their excitement!

The School Pupil leaders of PSBB Nungambakkam, Sudiksha Desikan of 12 A and Aravind Shivram of 12 B, besides Shifa, Srinidhi and Niranjana of 10 B, Gurupriyapriya of 9 B and Naren of 10 C were the students who participated in this cultural interaction from PSBB Nungambakkam.

Raising intriguing questions, the budding Rabbis had the students of PSBB recollecting their old Sanskrit lessons and by doing so, the depth of the traditional Indian lifestyle was discovered. This discussion led both parties to discover their own culture and to draw parallels between their faiths -of Judaism and Hinduism.

The meeting concluded on an exhilarating note with an exchange of greetings. The interaction had opened the minds of the students to whole new perspectives, leaving them asking for more !