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## Virtues of charity

Both live performances and a virtual picnic make the Christmas celebrations at DPS Joka so special. **Young Metro** reports...

*"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."*

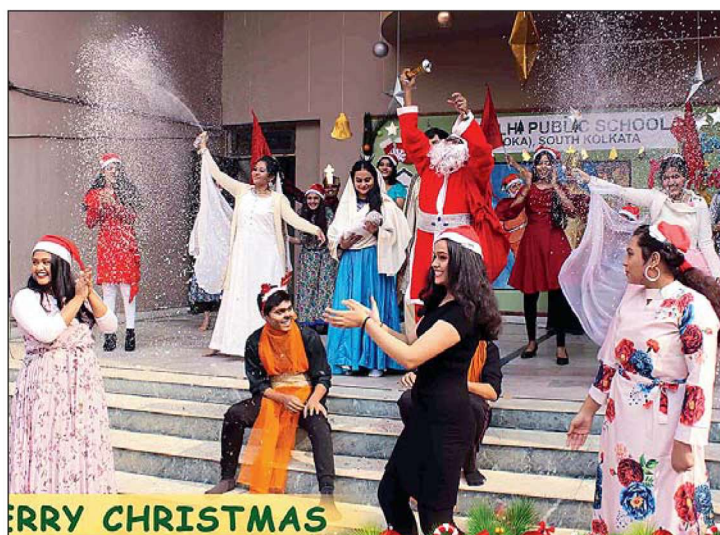
This quote by evangelist Ruth Carter Stapleton best captured the celebrations at Delhi Public School, Joka, where children were taught the virtues of charity. The entire school staged a variety of events on the occasion, some online and others real-time.

The students spread the festive cheer through a special assembly that was organised live on December 23. The students followed all Covid protocols as they sang and performed on stage.

The programme began with a prayer. The children took a pledge to give "without a thought of getting," in keeping with the festive spirit.

A delightful cultural programme — Joy of Giving — was presented by the students of classes IX to XI on the occasion. The nativity scene was enacted and a vibrant choir sang carols on the birth of Christ. Then Santa Claus took centerstage spreading the message of love, charity and kindness.

The junior section had their own



Classes IX to XI spread festive cheer through a special programme — Joy of Giving — organised live in school

share of fun as they gathered for a virtual picnic to enjoy the essence of winter.

The little ones from Nursery to Class II displayed their creativity by making their own Christmas tree, stockings, reindeer headgears and Christmas candy canes using easily available materials.



Students sing carols during a special assembly

I played Mother Mary in the Special Assembly performance on December 23. I was glad to get this opportunity to showcase my talent in front of all my teachers and friends. The event was special to me as it was the first offline event in our school after a long time. We followed all the Covid-19 protocols while preparing. It was indeed a dream come true  
— **Tajmina Parvin**, Class XI



It was a pleasure to perform before a live audience after so long. Although I had joined the school only a year back, everyone made me feel very homely. We didn't have much time to prepare for the event, but our enthusiasm was impeccable. We enjoyed singing, dancing and rehearsing many Christmas Carols. The rehearsals were very special to me  
— **Dipsha Das**, Class XI



The colorful presence of the students as they performed live for a special assembly is the best gift for us all. This was the first onstage performance of our students of classes IX to XII. The excitement and enthusiasm of the students during rehearsals was like a breath of fresh air. Life again seemed normal for a while

— **Writuparna Chatterjee**, principal



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