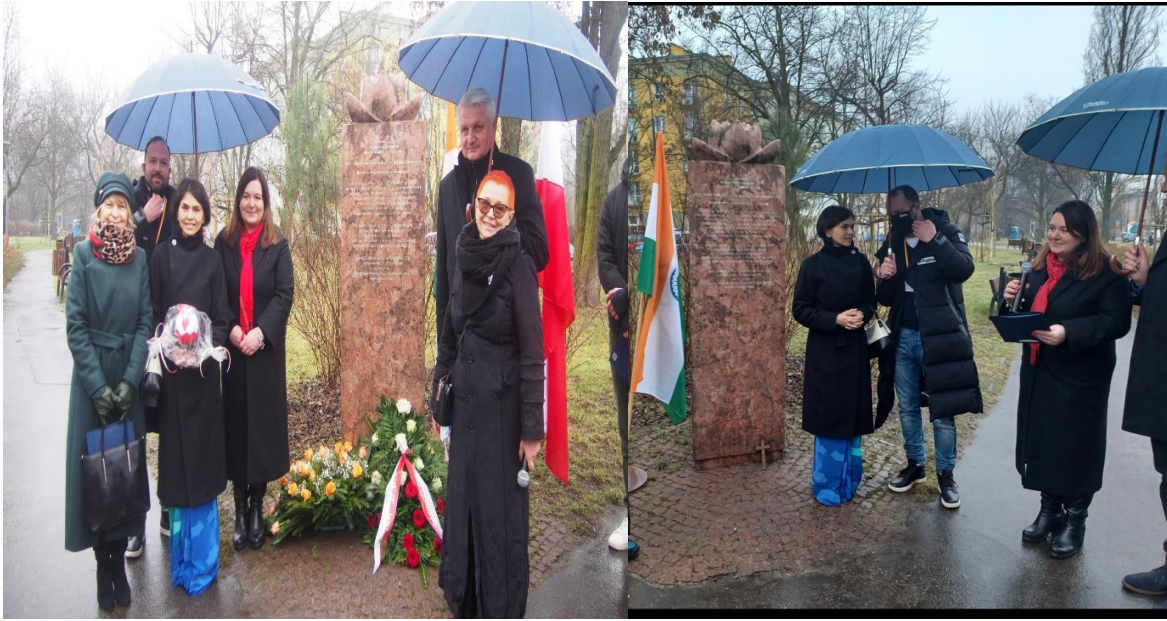


Polish school entrusted with guardianship of the Good Maharaja Monument in Warsaw



At an impressive ceremony on 26th January 2022, the Mayor of the District of Ochota, Dorota Stegienka, awarded the honorary patronage and guardianship of the Good

Maharaja Monument to the Janusz Korczak Non-Public High School No. 2. Nagma M. Mallick, Ambassador of India to Poland, was the Guest of Honour at the event.

Mayor Stegienka, in her speech emphasized that the Jamsaheb Digvijaysinhji, known in Poland as the Good Maharaja, and Janusz Korczak, the patron of the school, were united by the love for children and a desire to help them at all costs. Ambassador Mallick expressed her happiness that keeping alive the memory of Good Maharaja and celebrating the Monument of the Good Maharaja Digvijaysinhji and his role in providing refuge to Polish children during the Second World War, would henceforth be done by the management and students of the Janusz Korczak School located in the same district. She recalled that the Chhatrapati Royal family of Kolhapur had provided refuge to over 5,000 Polish refugees including women and children at the Varivade camp. She paid homage to both the Royal families for their noble actions and their role in bringing India and Poland closer together.

The Ambassador, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Principal of the School, and school students together placed two wreaths in the flag colours of the Polish and Indian national flags at the foot of the monument, to mark the occasion. The monument is a pink marble obelisk crowned with a lotus flower, the national flower of India, in the same stone. It has, inscribed in Hindi, Polish and English, details of Maharaja Digvijaysinhji who provided refuge to around a thousand Polish children. The monument was erected in 2014 and is at the corner of Opaczewska and Białobrzaska, Streets in downtown Warsaw.

Warsaw, Poland

