

## Editorial

Greetings to the entire school community for the year 2024!

As we connect through our school newsletter, 'Roots,' I find it pertinent to discuss the heightened significance of providing our children with a well-rounded education that fosters not only academic excellence but also nurtures their social and emotional well-being.

In recent times, there has been a noticeable trend wherein our young learners find themselves burdened by the intense pressure of academic competitions. This mounting stress often leads them to veer away from activities crucial for a wholesome childhood and healthy development. The repercussions extend beyond the academic realm, with challenges like depression becoming prevalent.

It is imperative for us to recognize the need for a balanced approach to education. Our children should not only excel in their studies but also actively participate in sports and cultural activities. These pursuits not only contribute to physical fitness but also instill values such as teamwork, discipline, and creativity. By engaging in a diverse range of activities, our students learn to grow into well-rounded individuals.

Let us collectively strive to create an educational environment that values the holistic development of our children. This year, let's prioritize not only academic achievements but also the social and emotional growth that is essential for molding them into better human beings.

Wishing everyone a fulfilling and successful academic year ahead!

Happy Reading

Raghunath Mukherjee  
Principal



### Soaring High!

Meetali Dhankhar, an alumna, completed her flying for the American Commercial Pilot License from Florida, US. Presently, she holds the Indian commercial pilot license with 300+ hours experience after completing the required flying tests and exams. She will soon be taking off her career and have the beautiful sky as an everyday office view.

### International Scholar

Sarvesh Prabhu, alumnus, has been accepted into Cornell – an Ivy league college, with 100% scholarship.



## Events Update

### *Nation First Activity*

The students felt very proud as they celebrated the Independence Day with Nation First Activity. They made beautiful cards and posters to show their sincere love and respect for the country.



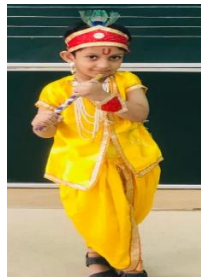
### *Blissful Bond Activity*

The little ones celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan with Blissful Bond Activity. The children of Nursery and KG I made greeting cards and decorated envelopes. The children of KG II made delicious desserts in fireless cooking activity to make the event more special.



### *Fancy Dress Competition*

A fancy-dress competition not only blends learning with fun but also develops confidence in students by giving them an opportunity to present themselves in an entirely different look. The students of Nursery sparked in the hue of mythological theme. The little ones participated with great enthusiasm and displayed great confidence while speaking.



### *Joyous Janmashtami*

Janmashtami was celebrated with great fervor by Pre-Primary students. Children decorated the picture of Lord Krishna using mustard seeds, peacock feather, stones, mirrors etc. The exercise assisted students in refining their fine motor skills and enhancing hand-eye coordination.





## ***Grandparents Day***

Grandparents Day was celebrated on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, by the junior wing to honour the invaluable wisdom, guidance, and affection that grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren.

The pre-primary students were filled with excitement as they accompanied their grandparents for the occasion, dressed in traditional attire. They sang melodious songs and made beautiful souvenirs for their grandparents. Various games and fun activities made the celebration even more memorable.



Primary students organised a virtual programme which commenced with the Class Teacher's welcome speech followed by a presentation. Various activities were organised like - 'Card Making', 'Breakfast Making' and 'Singing a Song'. The event wrapped up with happiness and blessings showered by the grandparents and served as an opportunity to strengthen the intergenerational bond between the children and their grandparents.

## ***Clay Modelling Competition***



Clay Modelling is an activity that helps in the development of toddlers in several ways. It nurtures a child's creativity, boosts imagination, and imbibes self-confidence. The touch and feel of clay have a naturally relaxing quality. The students of KG I & KG II made different types of idols. Children enjoyed this activity as they were able to give life to their imagination.



## ***Gaiety of Ganeshotsav***

Gaiety of Ganeshotsav - a craft activity, was conducted creatively for the tiny tots in which they pasted colourful bindis on pictures of Lord Ganesha. The students participated in the activity with great zeal and joy.



## ***De-worming Session***

Untreated worm infections prevent children's healthy growth, cause malnourishment and reduce their capacity to concentrate and learn. In order to combat these issues, a de-worming session was organized for the primary wing students.



### ***Vijayadashami – ‘V’ For Victory***

Highlighting the significance of celebrating festivals, Vijayadashami - 'V' for Victory Activity was conducted for Pre-Primary children. The students engaged in various crafting endeavours and made beautiful wall hangings, paper plate rangolis and decorated the picture of Goddess Durga with stones and mirrors.



### ***Solo Dance Competition***

To hone the dancing skills of our little ones, Solo Dance Competition was organized for children of classes Nursery, KG I & KG II on different themes like Western, Folk & Fusion respectively. True to the theme, the vivacious dancers set the floor on fire with their energetic performances and cute moves.



### ***Diwali – Luminous Lamps***

To celebrate the festivity of Diwali, Luminous Lamps Activity was conducted for Pre-Primary children in which they made beautiful wall hangings and greeting cards. The children also indulged in fireless cooking and prepared delectable tacos and chocolate shots.



### ***Show & Tell Competition***

The students presented their eloquent speaking skills by participating in Show and Tell Competition. They showed their favourite toys, indoor games and sports equipment and spoke about them.





## *Investiture Ceremony*

The Investiture Ceremony was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It was a motivational milestone as the



Principal, Vice-Principal, Senior Co-coordinator and the Headmistress felicitated the students with badges and sashes. During his address, the Principal urged the students to embrace their responsibilities and uphold the ethical standards of the school. He emphasized on how the posts are not mere positions but also responsibilities, thereafter, emphasizing the importance of proficient leadership and the principles integral to effective

leadership. The new appointees were solemnly sworn into their roles, pledging unwavering dedication to prioritize the welfare of the school over personal interests. They committed to shouldering responsibilities with selflessness, passion, and discipline. The event came to a close with the school anthem, followed by the national anthem.



## **Senior School Cabinet 2023-24**

| S.N. | Post                               | Name of the Student     |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1    | Head Boy                           | Pawit Singh Saluja      |
| 2    | Head Girl                          | Aradhita Arvelli        |
| 3    | Captain International Affairs      | Lavin Kaur Sahni        |
| 4    | President Interact                 | Gunesha Kaur Anand      |
| 5    | CCA Captain (Boys)                 | Kabir Pandey            |
| 6    | CCA Captain (Girls)                | Savi Chaddha            |
| 7    | Sports Captain (Boys)              | Fahad Ahmed Khan        |
| 8    | Sports Captain (Girl)              | Kanika Nair             |
| 9    | Vice Head Boy                      | Akshay Kumar            |
| 10   | Vice Head Girl                     | Arushi Vijayvargiya     |
| 11   | Vice-Captain International Affairs | Saanvi Joshi            |
| 12   | Vice President Interact            | Aarya Bagga             |
| 13   | Vice CCA Captain (Boys)            | Atharva Kumar Kshatriya |
| 14   | Vice CCA Captain (Girls)           | Palak Agrawal           |
| 15   | Vice Sports Captain (Boys)         | Ishaan Sharan           |
| 16   | Vice Sports Captain (Girl)         | Avi Katre               |



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| S.N. | Post                         | Name of the Student  |
|------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | Head Girl                    | Aishwarya Nair       |
| 2    | Head boy                     | Kush Garg            |
| 3    | Vice Head Girl               | Deveshi Agarwal      |
| 4    | Vice Head Boy                | Bhavya Kabra         |
| 5    | House Captain (Pragyan)      | Devina Kothari       |
| 6    | House Captain (Prabal)       | Abhyuday Patel       |
| 7    | House Captain (Pragati)      | Shaarav Padhee       |
| 8    | House Captain (Pratap)       | Krish Narayan        |
| 9    | Vice House Captain (Pragyan) | Rishika Jaiswal      |
| 10   | Vice House Captain (Prabal)  | Siddharth Dhurandhar |
| 11   | Vice House Captain (Pragati) | Eleena Arora         |
| 12   | Vice House Captain (Pratap)  | Anwita Vishwakarma   |
| 13   | Sports Captain               | Rachel Ana Pannalal  |
| 14   | Vice Sports Captain          | Nischay Lalwani      |

### Teachers' Day

Teachers play a major role in making their students responsible citizens of tomorrow and good human beings. As a gesture of reverence, the Teacher's Day was organized with tremendous enthusiasm and fervour by the students. A hearty reception at the school gate with flowers and cards was a heartwarming surprise for all the teachers. A wide range of activities were organized on this occasion. Fun-filled games were planned at the school ground which reminded the teachers of their school days and made them feel nostalgic. The melodious songs, the heart throbbing dances and thrilling games made the day a memorable one for the teachers.



### National Sports Day

Games and Sports have become an integral part of the present education. National Sports Day was celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, amidst a lot of fun and frolic to mark the significance of sports in the life of the students and to instill the qualities of discipline, sportsmanship, team spirit and leadership. The program commenced with the 'Special Morning Assembly' followed by prayer, speech and a special sports session conducted by the sports instructors. All were captivated by the breathtaking display of drills and exercises that unfolded in a perfectly synchronized manner throughout the day.



## ***Veer Gatha Project***

Veer Gatha Project Edition – II was organised by the CBSE and the Ministry of Defence in order to disseminate the details of acts of bravery and life stories of the brave hearts, among the students. The Veer Gatha project aims to raise awareness about the brave acts and sacrifices of the Gallantry Award winners among school students. Students were tasked with creating diverse projects centred around recipients of gallantry awards and the most outstanding projects won accolades.



## ***National Nutrition Week***



The Junior Dipsites observed Nutrition Week on 9<sup>th</sup> September, '23, emphasizing the crucial role of proper nutrition for optimal physical and mental growth. To mark this occasion, an awareness programme on the theme - 'Right Nutrition is the fuel for your future' was organized, reiterating the necessity of proper nourishment.

The young scholars of primary wing were seen with a special spark to witness the programme along with the teachers. Dr. Shweta Chhabra, PhD Food and Nutrition, Founder of 'Nourish Me' graced the occasion and enlightened the students to maintain healthy food habits so that they can contribute towards a healthy India. Dr. Shweta made a detailed presentation to illustrate how a child can improve the nutritional and health status by the intake of proper nutritious diet and by replacing the amount of junk food with other healthy and homemade alternatives.

The virtuous session grew more interactive when the guest of honour conducted an 'Orientation' round for the students, furnishing them with information about a wide variety of food and eating practices so as to empower them to opt for nutritious eating options.



## ***International Sign Language Day***

Dedicated to empowering children with special needs to become the valuable participants of our society, the students visited 'Kopal Vani Shravan Badhit Avasiya Vidyalaya' to celebrate 'International Sign Language Day' on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023. The event served as a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn and imbibe the values of 'sharing is caring' and to foster, promote and recognise sign language as a part of their country's vibrant and diverse linguistic landscapes.



## ***G-20 Expression on India's Harmonious World***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> CBSE Expression series was organized in the school on the theme 'G-20: India's Vision for a Harmonious World' from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August. A series of activities namely essays, paragraphs, paintings, and poems were organized.

### ***Inter-School Dance Competition in Bhilai***

DPS, Bhilai organized an 'Inter-school Dance Competition' on 18<sup>th</sup> October, wherein DPS, Raipur secured the top prize, surpassing several other schools.



### ***Winner at Inter-school Fest***

DPS Raipur was the cynosure of eyes, bagging first position in the inter-school fest organized by KPS Tulssi.

Poem Combat - **Amyra Narang (II)** and **Aishwarya Nair (V)** bagged 1<sup>st</sup> prize.

Spellathon Group A - **Ishita Chouhan (V)** and **Sharav Padhee (V)** clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position.

Spellathon Group B - **Yohaana Mehta (II)** bagged 1<sup>st</sup> prize and **R. Cherish Raj (II)** bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

News Casting - **Aman Nathani (V)**, **Eleena Arora (V)** and **Vihaan Taori (V)** clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position.

Maths Premier League - **Aarav Pinjani**, **Maurya Bhakre** and **Parth Nagwani** of Primary section bagged 1<sup>st</sup> position.

## ***Unity Day***



National Unity Day was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to commemorate the 146<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The day commenced with a Unity Run - a significant event aimed at fostering a spirit of unity and togetherness among the students. The run took place within the school premises and the students participated with great enthusiasm. An important part of the event was the collective pledge-taking ceremony. Students and teachers came together to

recite the unity pledge, emphasizing the commitment to uphold the harmony and integrity of the nation. A biopic of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was screened, providing valuable insights into his life struggles and highlighting his role in unification of India. It was a memorable day that blended the essence of unity, patriotism and reaffirmed commitment for the welfare of the country.



## ***Advertising Competition***

An Inter-house 'Design an Advertisement Competition' was organised, engaging eager participation from students in grades I and II. The candidates got a chance to delve into the art of product promotion, demonstrating their natural talent and marketing instincts. The competition enabled them to become more discerning and critical consumers.





### *Poem Recitation*

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and an effective mode of expression. In order to enhance the students' oratory skills, a 'Poem Recitation Competition' was facilitated for the students of classes I to V, focusing on various themes. The contestants captivated the spectators, and the victors received applause and accolades for their performances.

### *Narrative Puppetry*

Storytelling using puppets was orchestrated for the juniors as a part of curriculum. The realm of creativity and entertainment blossomed as students showcased a puppet show, earning the acclaim and approval of the audience. The ambitious display intended with blazing buoyancy was evident as they exhibited and expressed their oratory skills thereby proving their mettle.



### *Tongue Twister Competition*

'Tongue Twister Competition' was organised to improvise the fluency and pronunciation of the young scholars of classes I and II. The students impressed the audience when they recited the tongue twisters with ease and confidence leaving the onlookers in awe.

### *Dance Elysium*

The rock stars of classes I and II enthralled the audience with their magical moves. They set the stage on fire with their scintillating performances one after the other, and kept the audience tied to their seats. All the performances were par excellence, and the entire gathering was stunned to see these little kids perform with such confidence and precision.



### *Yoga Competition*

Yoga is the best way to cultivate and maintain a balanced attitude in daily life while bequeathing the best of performance skills in every action. To promote awareness about the numerous advantages of Yoga, a Yoga Competition was arranged for students in grades III to V. The students displayed vivid asanas and postures, winning thunderous applause and simultaneously inducing exercising skills.

### ***Declamation***

Declamation Competition was organised to hone the oratory skills of the students. The dynamic participants mesmerized the student audience with their vibrant speeches while delivering the rhetoric. They displayed confidence, enthusiasm and emerged out as energetic, eloquent and persuasive orators.



### ***Collage Making***

Collage making activity was conducted to enrich pupils' experience in pictorial composition by transforming ordinary materials into diverse artistic visions. The artists displayed their resourcefulness by employing a myriad of materials like old newspapers, magazines and other waste supplies to craft visually compelling collages. The winners of the competition were adjudged on the basis of their talent, creativity and overall presentation.



### ***Sudoku***

The Sudoku Competition, held with enthusiasm and strategic prowess in the school premises, showcased the logical acumen and numerical dexterity of our budding mathematical minds. The competition was tailored for students of classes 3 to 5, encouraging them to demonstrate their mental prowess through friendly competition with their peers. The students unveiled their impressive skills, exceptional precision and reasoning during the entire contest.



### ***Debate***

The students delivered their deliberations raising their voice in speaking 'for' or 'against' the motion in the Debate Competition. The event unfolded as a dynamic exhibit of intellectual prowess and persuasive diction with the debaters passionately engaged in articulate discourse, not only spotlighting their eloquence and argumentative skills but also fostering critical thinking and oratory assurance.



### ***Kavi Sammelan***

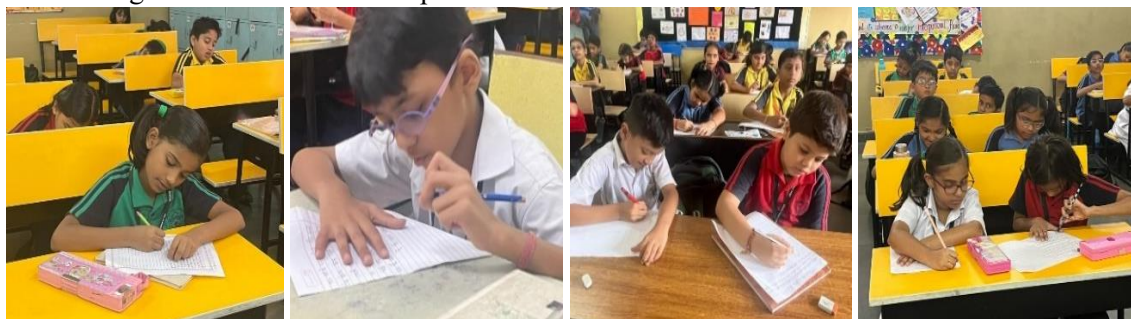
To foster an appreciation for Hindi Poetry, promote linguistic skills and provide a platform for the budding poets, Kavi Sammelan Competition was held. The event not only advocated for the valuation of Hindi Literature but also allowed students to express their emotions, ideas and perspectives through poetry.





### *Story Writing*

The 'Story Writing Competition' was aimed at recognizing and celebrating the literary talents of the promising wordsmiths in our primary school community. The objective of the event was to galvanize students towards writing a good piece of literature, inspire them towards the creative path and to ignite their ingenious and innovative spark.



### *Fraternal Bond Commemoration at Orphanage*

With the benevolent motives of spreading joy among others, becoming selfless, instilling the habit of 'sharing' and caring' and building social skills, the students of class V visited 'Bal Ashram' to celebrate 'Rakhi' and distributed chocolates and fruits. The children got a chance to dwell up with the children at 'Bal Ashram' and spread a huge grin on their faces.



### *Independence Day: Stamp Design Contest*

A contest on the theme "Step Wells in India" was organized as part of the Independence Day celebrations, aiming to create awareness about Philately as well as raise consciousness on the importance of the step wells of India in the current scenario, wherein populations across the globe are facing water scarcity. The posters reflected the creative and imaginative minds of the students.





## National Literacy and Numeracy Day



National Numeracy and Literacy Day was celebrated with great zeal and gusto. The scholars visited Shashkiya Balak Prathmik Vidyalaya and Shashkiya Balika Prathmik Vidyalaya, Nardaha with the aim of supporting and



enhancing the academic empowerment of the students.

A team of eight students along with the escort teacher, well equipped with the required teaching aids and recreational pursuits, visited both the schools. The students spearheading the Mathematics stream elucidated diverse concepts encompassing addition, fractions, and subtraction to the children. Activities were undertaken to expand their understanding of mathematical principles.



On the other hand, the English stream focused on Grammar topics and conducted certain engaging activities to enhance their language skills. The entire event demonstrated the prospect of valuable partnerships between educational institutions, fostering collaboration and promoting learning. Students of both the schools deepened their understanding and created lasting memories.

## DPS Students on a 'Green Mission'

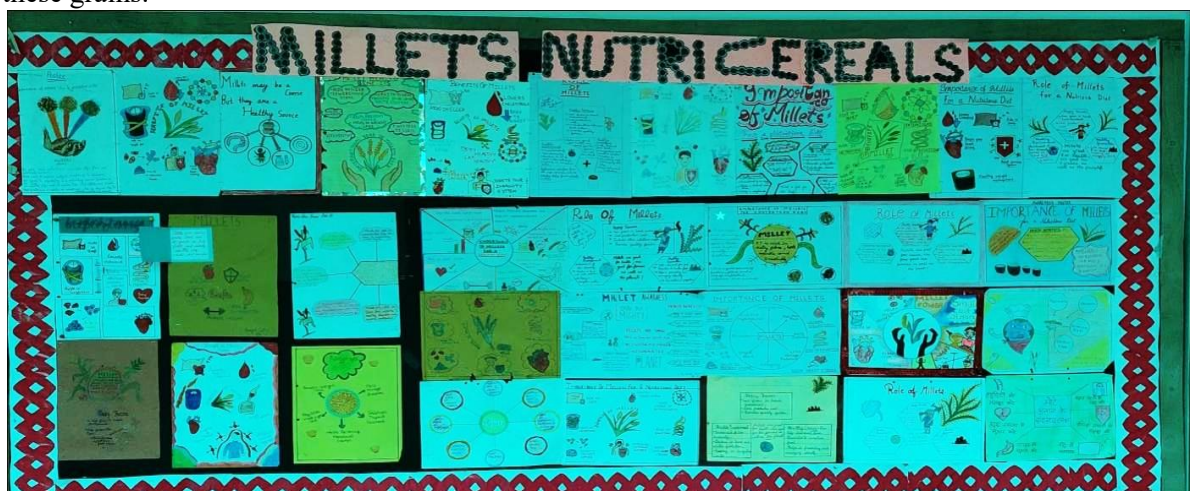
A plantation drive was planned to spread awareness about the significance of 'Vriksho Rakshati Rakshitaha' to ensure a greener planet for the future generations under the tutelage of an instructor, at Government Naveen Primary School, Baradera (Dhansuli) Aarang, Raipur. They also participated in preliminary horticultural preparations to comprehend about the species of trees to be planted, handling and planting of trees, and advantages of arboreal presence.





### *Millets- The Nutri-cereals*

To commemorate the International Year of Millets 2023, students showcased their enthusiasm by making posters on millets - 'the nutri-cereals' portraying various types of millets, their English and indigenous names, and the positive contribution of their exceptional nutritional value to the environment. This activity not only enriched the learners' understanding of the different varieties of millets and their nutritional significance, but also focused on the myriad health benefits associated with these grains.



### *Atal Tinkering Lab - Instilling Entrepreneurship Skills*

Displaying exceptional creativity, strategy, and passion for entrepreneurship at 'Venture Vortex' organized by KPS Raipur, the commerce team representing DPS, Raipur emerged as winners. Innovative ideas on business venture proposed by the students impressed the panel of judges, distinguished guests and industrialists who were present to listen to the students' investment plans for future. The team comprising of **Ojas Khurana, Gunesha Anand, Sanskriti Tandon** and **Sunderam Agrawal** left a lasting impression to notch this recognition.



Another achievement that DPS, Raipur bagged was being selected in the top 400 teams of ATL Marathon, a recent innovation where the challenge was that schools needed to identify problems of their choice and develop solutions in the form of prototypes. This mission is yet another futuristic goal to foster DPS students towards becoming insightful entrepreneurs.



**Akshay Kumar** won the Second prize in the elocution competition conducted by the 'Indian institute of Metals, Bhilai on the topic 'Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML) in advancement of Materials Research'.

## *Aurora DPS Fest*

The school was transformed into a lively arena of celebration, as it hosted 'Aurora Inter-school Fest' spanning multiple days and reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic education. The enthusiastic students unfolded their creativity and imagination by participating in various competitions like 'Sudoku', 'Spin a Tale', 'Robo Race' and 'Model Making' competition. The vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter, applause, and cultural exchange, underscored the success of the fest in bringing the entire school community together.

Marking a groundbreaking initiative, the festival drew participation from 15 renowned schools in Raipur. This confluence of excellence and diversity infused a distinctive charm into Aurora, rendering it an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

The students exhibited wholehearted engagement across 18 diverse competitions spanning the realms of academics, arts, literature, science, youth parliament, Model United Nations, and cultural events. Their dedication was truly commendable, underscoring the significance of fostering a strong community and nurturing a passion for knowledge and creativity.

Noteworthy among the achievements is Brighton International School\*, clinching the coveted Overall Championship Trophy. Their exceptional performance across multiple categories stands as a testament to their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts.





### *Model United Nations*

Our school launched an Inter-School Model United Nations (MUN) competition in its premises for Classes 7 to 12 on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023, to enhance students' political discourse and deepen their knowledge. Nearly 6 committees with 250 delegates from DPS Raipur, Raj Kumar College, Disha School, and Govt. School, Nardaha participated in 8 sessions. The 6 delegation committees were named – IP, UNHRC, UNSC, MARVEL, AIPPM, and IAEA. The session ended successfully on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

### *Heritage Walk to Bhoramdeo*

It is often remarked that the school years constitute the most cherished phase of life. The visit to Bhoramdeo on 8<sup>th</sup> October, orchestrated by the Social Studies faculty, stands out as an enduring memory that Humanities students will treasure eternally.

The students were immersed in a captivating exploration of the cultural and architectural wonders of our heritage, gaining profound insights into the temple's rich historical significance. Nestled in the heart of Chhattisgarh, the temple's detailed carvings and ancient architecture deeply imprinted a lasting



impression on the students. Guided by knowledgeable teachers, students delved into the historical significance of the temple, gaining insights into the region's rich cultural tapestry. The excursion cultivated a profound admiration for our cultural heritage, providing students with a firsthand encounter of the artistic and spiritual legacy encapsulated within the temple's walls.

### *Youth Parliament*

The Youth Parliament convened at our school manifested a remarkable forum for prospective leaders to engage in profound discourse and civic education. In this perspective, the school organised 'Youth Parliament' on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 along with the 'Aurora Interschool Fest' to promote the true spirit of



democracy. Seven schools, including DPS, Raipur, from grades IX-XII, took part in the event. Under the aegis of a knowledgeable faculty like Mr. Sudhir Sharma (Under-secretary of Vidhaan Sabha C.G. since 2000) and Dr. Balram Shukla (a research officer in Vidhaan Sabha C.G.), this simulated parliamentary session enabled students to delve into the intricacies of governance, debate contemporary issues, and propose solutions with eloquence and sagacity. The deliberations and debates provided them with a perspective on the functions and duties of the Indian Parliament.

### ***Inter School State Level Judo Competition (SGFI)***

The Inter School State Level Judo Competition (SGFI) held at Jagdalpur from October 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, saw our Judo team clinching 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal, with four of them earning the honour to represent their school at the National Judo Championship.

In the Under 19 Girls weight category of +70 kg, **Manjot Kaur Dhillon (XII)** showcased her prowess by securing a Gold medal, further highlighting her dedication to the sport. **Avni Dwivedi (X)** shone in the Under 17 Girls category (-70 kg) and brought home another Gold medal, showcasing her exceptional skills on the Judo mat. **Arya Singh (XI)** displayed remarkable talent in the Under 17 Girls category (-63 kg), securing yet another Gold medal for the school, and reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing sporting talent. The Under 14 Boys category (-50 kg) witnessed **Arnav Kumar (VI)** clinching a Silver medal.

Avni Dwivedi also won a Bronze medal in the Open State Championship, and a Silver medal in the Senior Judo Championship held in Bhilai.



### ***CBSE Badminton Championship***

The CBSE Far East Zone (U-14 & U-17 U-19 Boys & Girls) Badminton Championships 2023 concluded on a high note at KPS Nehrunagar Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. The event, which took place from October 25<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>, witnessed remarkable performances from budding badminton players from various schools from the four regions of West Bengal, Odisha, Assam and Chhattisgarh.



In the U-14 Girls category, the school team, comprising of **Tejaswi Singh (IX)**, **Aarushi Kapil Alwa (VIII)**, and **Sunandini (VIII)**, emerged as frontrunners, defeating DPS Bhilai by 2-0 in the semifinals of the Team Event. Their stellar performance secured their place in the finals. Although they played admirably in the final match, they narrowly missed the

championship. However, their stellar performance earned them a spot in the CBSE National Badminton Competition held in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.

The U-19 Girls team comprising of **Ishita Jain (XII)**, **Rewaraje Verma (VIII)**, **Preet Ahuja (X)**, and **Anvita Dwivedi (IX)**, also displayed exceptional skills, reaching the semifinals. In a thrilling semifinal match, they defeated NH Goel by 2-0 in the Team Event, sealing their place in the Nationals. Both teams, U-14 and U-19 Girls, were awarded Silver Medals for their remarkable achievements.

Rewaraje Verma secured victory in the U-15 Girls Singles and Doubles categories at the State-Level Badminton Championship.



The school participated in the Yonex Sunrise 22<sup>nd</sup> CG Mini & Sub Junior Badminton Championships 2023 held at Digvijay Stadium, Rajnandgaon, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, and earned a place in the Nationals, thanks to their star player, **Shashwat Shri Mishra (IV)**. Another bright star, **Abhimanyu Singh (IV)**, displayed outstanding performance by reaching the semifinals and earning a cash prize of ₹1000.



### *Chess Tournament*

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, **Pratishtha Ahirwar** won the first prize in CG state U-19 open & girls FIDE chess championship. **Advit Pandey (V)** won the 1<sup>st</sup> position in Chhattisgarh state U-13 chess tournament held in Bhilai from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December and selected to represent Chhattisgarh for U-13 National chess tournament which will be held in Hyderabad.

### *DPS Steals the Show at Amicizia 2023: A Symphony of Victories!*



Amity International School, Nava Raipur, witnessed a spectacle of talent on 15<sup>th</sup> October at Amicizia 2023, as DPS, Raipur emerged as the undisputed champion. From paint-splattered canvases to electrifying dance moves, DPS students dominated the competition, proving their mastery in diverse arenas.

Manya Ratho, Anubhuti Ramtek, and Mayuri Nair transformed faces into mesmerizing artworks, claiming the top spot in the Face Painting Competition. Suhani Pitalia's fiery arguments on the debate stage along with Alisha Khan's articulate defense left the judges spellbound, earning them a well-deserved first place.

DPS's senior singers weaved harmonious melodies, bagging the coveted first place in Senior Group Singing. Their junior counterparts weren't far behind, their enthusiastic voices capturing second place in Junior Group Singing. The stage truly erupted with the synchronized energy of DPS's dancers, who swayed to first in Group Dance.

### *Hats Off, Eight Times! Top Honors at COSMO Mega Youth Festival*

DPS, Raipur shone at COSMO's Mega Youth Fest organised by Rotary Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, claiming top honors by securing for the eighth time - School of Schools Award! **Suhani Pithalia's** fiery debate in the Middle School category secured first place, while **Arnav Drolia** dominated the Senior Chess scene. **Taneesha Drolia** and **Nishith Pagaria's** strategic moves landed them Middle School Chess silver and bronze, respectively. **Vijaya Biswas's** soulful solo in the Middle School category charmed the judges, earning second place. DPS's dynamic dancers twirled their way to second in Middle School and third in Senior, proving their grace and agility. DPS emerged as a true champion of well-rounded excellence, leaving the audience and fellow schools inspired.



### ***Inter-School Football***

The school's U-17 football team, emerged victorious in the Shahid V K Choubey Inter-School Football Tournament.



### ***DPS Raipur Wins Big at G-20 Model Making Competition***

Four bright stars from DPS Raipur excelled at Venkateshwara Signature School's unique Model Making Competition on August 19th, 2023. The theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" reflected India's G-20 presidency, challenging students to envision future banknotes highlighting UNESCO World Heritage Sites from G-20 nations.

Amidst fierce competition, two DPS standouts, Ridit Patel (Class VII) and Suhani Pitalia (Class VIII), claimed the coveted first prize, their model impressing the judges with its creativity and precision. Moovika Sahu (IX A) and Tanvi Ahuja (X F) closely followed, earning the title of runners-up.

This exceptional performance not only showcased the innovative spirit of DPS students but also their keen understanding of global themes. The school community erupted in pride, celebrating the young ambassadors who left their mark on this landmark event.



### ***DPS Raipur Triumphs at Mind Spark Inter-School Fest***



DPS, Raipur has been on a tear lately, dominating various inter-school competitions with their exceptional talent and dedication. Their band rocked the 'Feel the Band' competition at Brighton's Mind Spark Inter-School Fest, securing first place. The cricket team displayed impressive teamwork and skill, securing runner-up at the Double Wicket Cricket Tournament (U-18). Our graceful dancers pirouetted and bounded with exhilarating freedom to a thoroughly deserved second place in the Dance Competition. And to top it all off, DPS Raipur was crowned the overall champion at Mind Spark. **Amyra Narang (II)** and **Aishwarya Nair (V)** bagged 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the 'Storytelling Using Puppets' competition. These accomplishments are a source of immense pride for the entire DPS Raipur community highlighting the school's dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals who excel not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities.



### ***DPS Raipur Shines at KPS Intelligence Fest***

DPS Raipur students displayed their intellectual prowess at the KPS Intelligence Fest, demonstrating their expertise across various competitions. Their impressive showing resulted in a string of victories, leaving their mark on the prestigious event.

In the 'Numerical Inquest' competition, DPS swept the first two positions, with **Ratnabh Asati** clinching the coveted first prize and **Arshiya Uppal** following closely behind in second place. The senior team of **Trisha Pandit** and **Vaishnavi Upadhyay** secured a commendable third place in the 'Paryavaran Paheli' competition, demonstrating their understanding of environmental issues. The junior team of **Amogh Dhar Diwan** and **Haardik Verma** bagged the second place in the same category, proving their potential and knowledge.



Beyond the realm of numbers and puzzles, DPS Raipur also triumphed in the captivating world of 'Storytelling'. **Shivansh Sinha** captivated the audience with his mesmerizing narrative, earning him the top spot in the Story Telling Competition. **Doyel Chanda's** unique tale resonated with the judges, securing her a hard-earned third place.

Students from junior wing also proved their mettle by bagging many prizes. **Aadhya Singh** secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in Story Telling Competition (Group B - Classes 3 to 5).

**Shanaya Raichura** (Group A - Classes 1 & 2) and **Eva Ahana Keshari** (Group B - Classes 3 to 5) topped in Poem Recitation Competition whereas **Aariz Khan** was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> position. **Krish Narayan** emerged victorious in Drawing & Painting (Group B - Classes 3 to 5) along with **Quaaf Qaiser Haque** clinching 2<sup>nd</sup> position (Group A - Classes 1 & 2).

### ***British Deputy High Commissioner Visits DPS Raipur***



Delhi Public School Raipur witnessed a momentous event as it had the distinct honor of hosting the British Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Nick Low, on August 24. The visit was a confluence of interactive sessions, heartfelt appreciations, and a showcase of the school's vibrant culture.

The pinnacle of the visit was Mr. Low's address to a gathering of students during the school assembly. He commended the students for their diligent efforts and urged them to continue striving for excellence. The subsequent interactive session enabled students to engage in meaningful discussions and exchange ideas, fostering a cross-cultural exchange of knowledge.

### ***Workshop on Financial Literacy***

CBSE organized a workshop on Financial Literacy for teachers on September 26<sup>th</sup> within the school premises. Mr. Neeraj Kharya, an Entrepreneur and Certified Trainer with over 18 years of experience in financial product distribution and planning, served as the resource person. The session provided valuable insights to teachers on diverse aspects of financial planning and investing, empowering them to align these strategies with their life goals.





### ***Skill Development Sessions***

In recent skill development sessions for classes VI and VII, students engaged in practical learning. The focus was on honing button stitching and buttonhole stitching techniques, fostering essential sewing skills. Additionally, under the guidance of Art Teacher Abhijit Kar, students creatively crafted first-aid kits using waste cardboard boxes, combining sustainability with basic first-aid knowledge. These hands-on activities not only enhanced practical skills but also promoted resourcefulness and environmental awareness.



### ***Paper Mache, Ceramic Art, and Garment Making***

In a bid to empower students in the neighbouring rural village of Nardaha, an inspiring skill development initiative has taken roots, spearheaded by the dedicated guidance of Ms. Uma Dhote, Art teacher. Focusing on diverse artistic disciplines, students enthusiastically embraced training in Paper Mache, Ceramic Art, and Garment Making. This initiative not only nurtures creativity but also equips our young minds with practical skills for a brighter future.





## *Educator Empowerment Programme (August to November)*

| SN | Topic   | Teacher                   | Mode/<br>Venue | Organizer   | Date         |
|----|---|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1  | Addressing Diversity & Inclusion Through Stories  | Ms. Komal Motwani         | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 07       |
| 2  | Unpacking the National Curriculum Framework for School Education: "Redesigning Secondary Education" | Mr. Subhojeet Banerjee    | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 08       |
| 3  | Action Plan of NEP in the Classroom   | Ms. Deblina Parial        | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 09       |
| 4  | NCF - Foundational  | Ms. Tanushree Gurlani     | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 10       |
| 5  | Multidisciplinary Approach to Learning  | Ms. Usha Kutty Varma      | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 11       |
| 6  | NEP 2020: Vocationalisation of Education in Schools   | Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sengupta | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 14       |
| 7  | Integration of Art in Teaching & Assessment   | Mr. Rohit Shukla          | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 16       |
| 8  | Introduction to Sign Language   | Ms. Laxmi Agrawal         | Online         | DPS Society | Aug 17       |
| 9  | The Rise of Nationalism in Europe   | Ms. Sarita Gantayat       | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 04       |
| 10 | Bhakti and Sufi Traditions  | Ms. Priyanka Sharma       | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 06       |
| 11 | Transformative Pedagogical Processes for Developing 21st-Century Skills in Students of History      | Ms. Annapurna Mohapatra   | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 11       |
| 12 | Harappan Civilization: Recent Researches  | Ms. Priyanka Sharma       | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 12       |
| 13 | Feudalism   | Ms. Priyanka Sharma       | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 13       |
| 14 | Reapproaching Ancient and Early Medieval History through Inscriptions                               | Ms. Priyanka Sharma       | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 14       |
| 15 | Nazism and the Rise of Hitler   | Ms. Apurva Rathi          | Online         | DPS Society | Sep 15       |
| 16 | Programme in Computer Science   | Mr. Harsh Vardhan Sinha   | HRDC Noida     | DPS Society | Sep 21 to 24 |
| 17 | Planning and Sustainable Development  | Ms. Namita Roy            | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 03       |
| 18 | Spatial Information Technology  | Mr. Artatrana Ratha       | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 04       |
| 19 | Plate Tectonics   | Mr. Artatrana Ratha       | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 05       |
| 20 | Managing Academic & Behavioural Challenges in Your Classrooms                                       | Mr. Ajit Mohurle          | Online         | Eblity      | Oct 05       |
| 21 | Mineral Resources and Power Resources   | Mr. Subhojit Banerjee     | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 06       |
| 22 | Human Development   | Ms. Namita Roy            | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 09       |
| 23 | Climate   | Mr. Subhojit Banerjee     | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 10       |
| 24 | Federalism  | Ms. Sarita Gantayat       | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 11       |
| 25 | Crisis of Democratic Order  | Ms. Apurva Rathi          | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 12       |
| 26 | Indian Politics: Trends and Development   | Ms. Apurva Rathi          | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 13       |
| 27 | India's Foreign Policy, Citizenship, Contemporary South Asia  | Ms. Annapurna Mohapatra   | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 16       |
| 28 | End of Bipolarity   | Ms. Annapurna Mohapatra   | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 17       |
| 29 | Regional Aspirations  | Ms. Apurva Rathi          | Online         | DPS Society | Oct 18       |
| 30 | Empowering Educators to Navigate Classroom Challenges   | Mr. Ajit Mohurle          | Online         | Eblity      | Oct 19       |
| 31 | Implementing Positive Discipline to Reinforce Child Protection in the School                        | Mr. Ajit Mohurle          | Online         | Centa       | Oct 26       |
| 32 | Equations, Polynomials, Algebraic Identities  | Ms. Madhu Shukla          | Online         | DPS Society | Nov 07       |
| 33 | Linear Equations in Two Variables   | Mr. Hemant Thakur         | Online         | DPS Society | Nov 08       |
| 34 | Volume and Surface Area   | Mr. A Srinivasa Rao       | Online         | DPS Society | Nov 09       |

## *Exemplary Educators*

1. **P. Kalyanaraman**, an exemplary educator, has dedicated numerous years to nurturing young minds through his unwavering commitment to education. His passion for teaching Sanskrit has made a lasting impact on countless students, with 25 of them achieving a perfect score of 100/100 in the Sanskrit class X CBSE exam. He is also a founding teacher of DPS Raipur.



2. **Bharti Parmar**, a beacon of knowledge and wisdom, has illuminated the path of learning for countless students. Her dedication to her craft and her students is truly commendable, including her role in training Aradhita Arvelli, who represented the school at the Rochester Institute of Technology, USA.

3. **Sujit Dash**, an inspiring educator, has not only imparted knowledge but also instilled values in his students. His contribution to their growth and development is immeasurable, notably in his training of Aradhita Arvelli, who represented the school at the Rochester Institute of Technology, USA.



4. **Abhishek Chandrakar**, a teacher brimming with enthusiasm, has ignited a passion for Robotics and AI in the hearts of many. His innovative teaching methods have profoundly impacted his students' understanding of science and innovation.

5. **Abhijit Kar**, an outstanding Art teacher, has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the students. His dedication to their success has earned him the admiration of all, including setting a world record by creating the smallest painting in the world.



6. **Uma Dhote**, a nurturing educator, received a Certificate of Recognition from the Harvard World Records, London, for being an Inspirational Teacher and Influential Social Worker.



7. **Prema Madhuri**, a dedicated sports teacher, has consistently inspired her students to strive for excellence. Her passion for football has ignited a thirst for victory in the young soccer team, leading them to win the V K Choubey Football Tournament.



8. **Rekha Katre**, a tireless advocate for Judo, has made a significant impact on her students' lives. Her unwavering commitment to their growth and development is truly praiseworthy, with several children selected for the SGFI State and National Judo competitions. She has participated in the International Judo Championship at Abu Dhabi (UAE). She is a National Judo Referee.

9. **Shakti Mishra**, a dynamic educator, has gone above and beyond to ensure his students' success. His dedication and hard work have left an indelible mark on the badminton field, with students winning the State and National Badminton Championships.



10. **Annapurna Mahapatra & Namita Roy**, along with the SSt faculty, flawlessly and successfully organized MUN, Youth Parliament, and Inter-school festivals.

11. **Mr. Gautam Biswas & Trilochan Sona**, exceptional music teachers trained the students who won prestigious award in music, the JCI, & Inter-DPS competitions. Our school was the only participant from the East and central Zone schools.



12. **Daljeet Singh Anand** won the Best Coordinator Award by SOF. He is an outstanding teacher who has made significant contribution in the field of education. This award is a testament to his exceptional work and dedication as a coordinator, likely in the context of organizing and overseeing various Olympiad events, competitions, or programs related to science education.

## *Results of Inter-House Competitions of the Junior Wing*

### Collage Making Competition (Classes III to V)

| S.N. | Name               | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Aadhya Singh       | III   | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Advik Jaiswal      | III   | Pratap  | Second |
| 3    | Aahana Pandey      | III   | Prabal  | Third  |
| 4    | Hridhan Goenka     | IV    | Prabal  | First  |
| 5    | Sanaya Singh       | IV    | Prabal  | Second |
| 6    | Aayushman Gaharwar | IV    | Pratap  | Third  |
| 7    | Charvi Rai         | V     | Pratap  | First  |
| 8    | Saisha Roy         | V     | Prabal  | Second |
| 9    | Shivansh Bajaj     | V     | Pragyan | Third  |

### Dance Competition (Classes I & II)

| S.N. | Name             | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Satakshi Yadu    | I     | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Charvi Gandhi    | I     | Prabal  | Second |
| 3    | Shravi Dewangan  | I     | Pragyan | Third  |
| 4    | Anushka Giri     | II    | Prabal  | First  |
| 5    | Krishna Gandhi   | II    | Pragati | Second |
| 6    | Shanaya Panjwani | II    | Pragati | Third  |

### Declamation Competition (Classes I & II)

| S.N. | Name            | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|-----------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Sanidhya Jain   | I     | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Aprajita Pandey | I     | Pragyan | Second |
| 3    | Ujas Kaur Anand | I     | Pragyan | Third  |
| 4    | Amyra Sarang    | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | R. Charish Raj  | II    | Pragati | Second |
| 6    | Darshi Nayani   | II    | Pratap  | Third  |

### Design an Advertisement Competition (Classes I & II)

| S.N. | Name               | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Shresth Srivastava | I     | Pratap  | First  |
| 2    | Aakriti Pandey     | I     | Prabal  | Second |
| 3    | Sanidhya Jain      | I     | Prabal  | Third  |
| 4    | Amyra Sarang       | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | Darshi Narayani    | II    | Pratap  | Second |
| 6    | Aarna Agrawal      | II    | Pratap  | Third  |



**Extempore Competition (Classes III to V)**

| S.N. | Name              | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|-------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Neetara Dutta     | III   | Pragati | First  |
| 2    | Saanvi Pandit     | III   | Pragyan | Second |
| 3    | Aryan Chelani     | III   | Pragati | Third  |
| 4    | Mauli Tiwari      | IV    | Pragati | First  |
| 5    | Advika Singh      | IV    | Pratap  | Second |
| 6    | Harshika B. Seth  | IV    | Pragyan | Second |
| 7    | Aryaman Ghosh     | IV    | Pratap  | Third  |
| 8    | Vihaan Taori      | V     | Pratap  | First  |
| 9    | Darsh Goyal       | V     | Pragati | Second |
| 10   | Labonya Mukherjee | V     | Prabal  | Third  |

**Fancy Dress Competition (Classes I & II)**

| S.N. | Name                  | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|-----------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Sanidhy Jain          | I     | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Aashi Agrawal         | I     | Pragati | Second |
| 3    | Pehal Kabra           | I     | Pratap  | Third  |
| 4    | Krishna Gandhi        | II    | Pragati | First  |
| 5    | Hridansh Singh Bhalla | II    | Prabal  | Second |
| 6    | Ishanvi Dixena        | II    | Prabal  | Third  |

**Freehand Drawing Competition (Classes I & II)**

| S.N. | Name                | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|---------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Aarna Gulani        | I     | Pratap  | First  |
| 2    | Shubhay Agrawal     | I     | Pragyan | Second |
| 3    | Satakshi Yadu       | I     | Prabal  | Third  |
| 4    | Hazel Patel         | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | Jaspreet Kaur       | II    | Pragati | Second |
| 6    | Avika Singh Chauhan | II    | Prabal  | Third  |

**Freehand Drawing Competition (Classes III to V)**

| S.N. | Name               | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Divyam Jain        | III   | Pratap  | First  |
| 2    | Atharv Agrawal     | III   | Pragati | Second |
| 3    | Virraaj Pal        | III   | Prabal  | Third  |
| 4    | Anant Kedia        | IV    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | Aayushman Gaharwar | IV    | Pratap  | Second |
| 6    | Shuhana Sarkar     | IV    | Prabal  | Third  |
| 7    | Kavya Limbani      | V     | Pratap  | First  |
| 8    | Advika Pandey      | V     | Pragyan | Second |
| 9    | Vaibhavee Agrawal  | V     | Pragati | Third  |

**Poem Recitation Competition (Classes I & II)**

| S.N. | Name               | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Aprajita Pandey    | I     | Pragyan | First  |
| 2    | Shresth Srivastava | I     | Pratap  | Second |
| 3    | Inaya Khan         | I     | Pratap  | Third  |
| 4    | Amyra Sarang       | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | R Charish Raj      | II    | Pragati | Second |
| 6    | Darshi Narayani    | II    | Pratap  | Third  |

**Story Telling Using Puppets (Classes I & II)**

| S.N. | Name                    | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|-------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Ujas Kaur Anand         | I     | Pragyan | First  |
| 2    | Shresth Srivastava      | I     | Pratap  | Second |
| 3    | Sidharth Krishnamoorthy | I     | Pragati | Third  |
| 4    | Amyra Sarang            | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | Vrisha Prakash          | II    | Prabal  | Second |
| 6    | Jishan Tharwani         | II    | Prabal  | Third  |

**Story Writing Competition (Classes III To V)**

| S.N. | Name                 | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Aadhya Singh         | III   | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Sanaita Dutta        | III   | Pragati | Second |
| 3    | Aryan Chellani       | III   | Pragati | Third  |
| 4    | Rhea Tiwari          | IV    | Pragyan | First  |
| 5    | Devansh Uraon        | IV    | Pratap  | Second |
| 6    | Advika Singh         | IV    | Pratap  | Third  |
| 7    | Vihaan Taori         | V     | Pratap  | First  |
| 8    | Eva Ahana Keshari    | V     | Pragyan | Second |
| 9    | Harshvardhan Sachdev | V     | Pratap  | Third  |

**Result of Tongue Twister (Classes I & II)**

| S.N. | Name            | Class | House   | Rank   |
|------|-----------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Jalaj Jha       | I     | Prabal  | First  |
| 2    | Virat Singh     | I     | Pragyan | First  |
| 3    | Adhyasha Swain  | I     | Prabal  | Second |
| 4    | Aakriti Pandey  | I     | Prabal  | Third  |
| 5    | Amyra Sarang    | II    | Pragyan | First  |
| 6    | Shikhar Baheti  | II    | Prabal  | Second |
| 7    | Ishanvi Dixena  | II    | Prabal  | Second |
| 8    | Jishan Tharwani | II    | Prabal  | Third  |
| 9    | Krishna Gandhi  | II    | Pragati | Third  |



## *Results of Inter-House Competitions of the Senior Wing*

### Pragati House Achievements

| S.N. | Events                  | Class    | Position | Name of participants  |
|------|-------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| 1    | Sanskrit Stotram        | VIII     | Third    | G Sai Srinidhi  |
| 2    | Mask Making competition | XII      | First    | Samriddhi Soni<br>Hajra Khan                                    |
| 3    | House Board             |          | First    |   |
| 4    | On the Spot PPT Making  | VI-VIII  | First    | Samartha Yadav<br>Ammar Siddiqui                                |
| 5    | Best Out of Waste       | XI & XII | First    | Rituparna Das<br>Hajra Khan<br>Avya Agrawal<br>Fahad Ahmed Khan |

### Pragyan House Achievements

| S.N. | Events  | Class   | Position | Name of participants  |
|------|---|---------|----------|---|
| 1    | Sanskrit Stotram                              | VI      | Second   | Siddhi Bothra   |
| 2    | Rangoli Competition                           | IX-XII  | Third    | Lavanya Manik<br>Varsha Jain<br>Shambhavi Chandrakar<br>Meher Kaur Daultani |
| 3    | On the Spot Hindi Poem<br>Writing Competition | XI      | Second   | Diya Minocha  |
| 4    | On the Spot PPT Making                        | VI-VIII | First    | Naitik Kumar<br>Soumil Sawai  |
| 5    | Best Out of Waste                             | IX      | Second   | Manya Rathi<br>Anubhuti Ramteke   |
|      |   | X       | First    | Parth Chitlangia<br>Ritvik Rai  |
| 6    | Mask Making Competition                       | IX-XII  | First    | Lavanya Manik<br>Purvi Joshi  |

### Pratap House Achievements

| S.N. | Events                        | Class   | Position        | Name of participants   |
|------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| 1    | Sanskrit Stotram              | VII     | First<br>Third  | Arsh Agnihotri<br>Bijaya Biswas  |
| 2    | Mask Making competition       | XII     | First           | Samriddhi Soni<br>Hajra Khan   |
| 3    | House Board                   |         | Second          |  |
| 4    | On the Spot PPT Making        | VI-VIII | Second          | Shubhay Shrivastav<br>Doyel Chanda   |
| 5    | Best Out of Waste             | IX<br>X | First<br>Second | Arya Mittal<br>Anshuman Sharma<br>Swastika Dokaniya<br>Aayushi Singh   |
| 6    | Rangoli Making<br>Competition | IX-XII  | First           | Kanak Kochar<br>Harshita Agrawal<br>Falakpreet Kaur Randhawa<br>Ankana Gupta<br>Arya Singh Thakur<br>Aarya Bagga<br>Rahet Kaur Khanuja<br>Swastika Dokania |

### Prabal House Achievements

| S.N. | Events  | Class   | Position | Name of participants  |
|------|---|---------|----------|---|
| 1    | Sanskrit Stotram                              | VIII    | Third    | Aalya Talreja   |
| 2    | Mask Making competition                       | XII     | First    | Samriddhi Soni<br>Hajra Khan  |
| 3    | House Board                                   |         | Third    |   |
| 4    | On the Spot PPT Making                        | VI-VIII | Second   | Astuj Singh Oberoi<br>Adarsh Kumar<br>Samartha Agrawal<br>Nishida Diwakar |
| 5    | Best Out of Waste                             | XII     | Second   | Rajshree Dubey<br>Drishti Sarin   |
| 6    | Rangoli Competition                           | IX- XII | Second   | Ruchita Choudhary<br>Astha Agrawal<br>Gunn Jaiswal<br>Pritha Singh        |
| 7    | On the Spot Hindi poem<br>Writing Competition | X       | Third    | Shivansh Poddar   |



## ***SOARING IN THE SKY***

*I fly in the sky,  
With my wings spread wide,  
Be it overcast, cloudless, sunset or rise,  
You hypocrite humans have made sure,  
when you come, we need to hide,*

*Some are astrophiles,  
Some are thalassophiles,  
But you have made us immobile,  
Which was never our style,*

*You human, you hypocrite two-faced monster;  
Don't cage me, domesticate me,  
We are meant to be free,  
And not bound by thee,  
So free us, let us live,  
Spread our wings and soar away.*



***Kamyaa Shrivastava (VIII)***

## ***THAT FLOWER WAS DEAD***

*Beauty of that flower was stinging to eyes!!  
Looking at my mirror was somewhere likewise...*

*Oh, was there a difference?  
Stinging were my eyes cause of jealousy,  
Whilst looking at mirror was ironic hilariously.*

*I was feeling un-alive, but flower was one long dead.  
Hovered were the clouds mirroring thoughts in my head....*

*Oh, what were the thoughts?  
Will the rain be consequence of new bloom?  
Or my thoughts are just a start of an impending doom?*

*Pondering upon, failing to realise  
Under midnight gleam, soon was a starlit monsoon!*



***Vedika Verma (XII)***

## अनुभूति

हिंदी भाषा एक संपूर्ण भाषा है चाहे वह शुद्धता एवं मानकता के आधार पर हो या संवाद के आधार पर। हर परिस्थिति में हिंदी अपना नवीन रूप धारण कर अन्य भाषाओं के साथ हिल-मिल जाती है। यही एक महत्वपूर्ण गुण है जो इसे प्रत्येक भारतीय के मध्य संवाद एवं विचाराभिव्यक्ति के सरल माध्यम के रूप में प्रस्तुत करती है। अपने इसी सरलतम रूप के कारण आने वाले समय में हिंदी विश्वभर में संवाद का प्रभावशाली माध्यम सिद्ध होगी। हिंदी भाषा सर्वमान्य भाषा के प्रत्येक चरण में खरी उतरती है लेकिन इसके साथ ही यह भी सुनिश्चित करना आवश्यक है कि लोगों के बीच यह ज्ञान प्राप्त करने का सर्वोत्तम और सरलतम माध्यम बनकर उभरे। इन बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए हिंदी भाषा के शिक्षकों की जिम्मेदारी बढ़ जाती है।

हिंदी के प्रति छात्रों में रुचि एवं आकर्षण बनाए रखने हेतु विद्यालय द्वारा समय-समय पर विभिन्न प्रकार की प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की जाती हैं। इन प्रतियोगिताओं में माध्यम से विद्यालय छात्रों को हिंदी भाषा के प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्टता हासिल करने हेतु प्रेरित भी करता रहता है। इन उद्देश्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए निम्नलिखित प्रतियोगिताओं एवं गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया—

- कक्षा छठवीं से आठवीं तक के छात्रों ने जुलाई माह में विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया जिनका विषय केरल और छत्तीसगढ़ की सांस्कृतिक परंपरा तथा वन्य जीवन था। केरल और छत्तीसगढ़ के इस अनूठे संगम को बड़ी ही सृजनात्मकता से प्रस्तुत किया गया।
- 'कला एकीकृत परियोजना' के अंतर्गत कक्षा आठवीं के विद्यार्थियों हेतु 'वन्य जीव अभ्यारण एवं उनके निवास स्थान' पर आधारित पत्रिका-निर्माण गतिविधि का आयोजन किया गया। इस गतिविधि में छात्रों ने लेखन-कौशल का अद्भुत नमूना प्रस्तुत किया।
- सृजनात्मक लेखन में रुचि उत्पन्न करने के लिए शिक्षकों और छात्रों के द्वारा 'कथा सम्राट की कथा' विषय पर संकाय पट (फैकल्टी बोर्ड) का निर्माण किया गया जिसमें छात्रों द्वारा मुंशी प्रेमचंद की उत्कृष्ट कृतियों एवं पात्रों को जीवंत रूप में प्रस्तुत किया गया।
- विद्यालय द्वारा आयोजित फेस्ट 'ऑरोरा' के अंतर्गत हिंदी पत्रकारिता को प्रोत्साहन देने के उद्देश्य से हिंदी समाचार वाचन प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। इस आयोजन का मुख्य उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों में हिंदी भाषा के उन्नयन एवं विकास के साथ ही हिंदी समाचार वाचन कला के प्रति छात्रों में रुझान उत्पन्न करना एवं वर्तमान समय में सबसे अधिक प्रभावी करियर के रूप में वाचन कला के विभिन्न आयामों से छात्रों को परिचित कराना था।





## हिंदी दिवस

हमारी राष्ट्रीय भाषा के रूप में हिंदी की स्वीकृति के प्रतीक के रूप में, 14 सितंबर, 23 को स्कूल परिसर में 'हिंदी दिवस' मनाया गया। उत्सव के माध्यम से, छात्रों को हिंदी भाषा के महत्व और समृद्धि के बारे में बताया गया और उनसे हिंदी भाषा की मधुरता और सार का आनंद लेने के साथ-साथ हिंदी में विशुद्ध बातचीत और संचार सीखने और बढ़ाने का प्रयास करने का आग्रह किया गया। समारोह की शुरुआत छात्रों द्वारा 'श्लोक पाठ' और 'शास्त्रीय नृत्य' के साथ हुई, जिसके बाद विभिन्न नृत्य प्रस्तुतियां हुईं। छात्रों द्वारा प्रस्तुत 'नुक्कड़ नाटक' अद्वितीय था क्योंकि इसने अपने हास्य, गीत, संवाद और प्रवाहशीलता से दर्शकों का ध्यान खींचा। दर्शक मनमोहक प्रस्तुतियों से मंत्रमुग्ध हो गए और उन्होंने इस विशेष दिन का भरपूर आनंद उठाया।

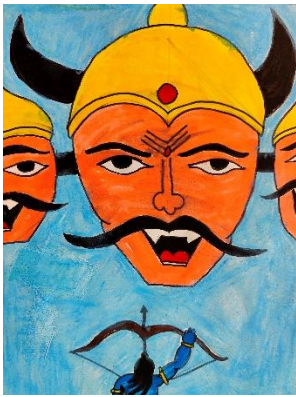


## रजनी का जादूगर

रात का आसमान शहर की चमकदार रोशनी से जगमगा रहा था।  
ऊँचाई से टिमटिमाता—चमचमाता तारा,  
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यह देखकर मेरी आँखों में आग की चिंगारी चमकी,  
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इसकी चमक सबसे शुद्ध चीज़ है जो मैंने कभी देखी,  
आकाश की शांति और नीरवता ने पृथ्वी को महत्वहीन बना दिया।  
मुझे आश्चर्य है भगवान ने किसी चीज़ इतना भव्य कैसे बना लिया।  
आकाश की असीम सुंदरता ने मुझे आश्चर्यचकित कर दिया,  
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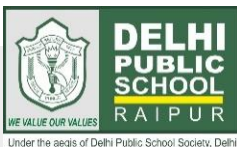
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