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पर उन्होंने आजादी चुनी ।
करने को तो वो भी गुलामी कर सकते थे
पर उन्होने भारत माता की सेवा चुनी ।
प्राण निकलने का इंतजार वो भी कर सकते थे
पर उन्होंने आजादी की खातिर शहादत चुनी ।
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PRATHAM PAG MAGAZINE

I express my heartfelt thanks to the Almighty who has empowered me to take up the task of composing this magazine and enlighten the minds of the readers with all the activities that have taken place throughout the year 2022-2023 at Pratham Pag-the foundation wing of Doon Defence Academy. I express my gratitude to all the faculty members for their immense hard work to help me in the composition of this magazine.

Introduction

Pratham Pag as the name implies is the first step towards progress in the field of developing the skills of youngsters and recruiting them as officers in the armed forces. The magazine is dedicated to the noble cause of serving our country with dynamic young men and women of valor and courage reflecting the Indian personalities ready to die and sacrifice their personal interests for their country.

This magazine holds for the readers an overview of the Foundation wing-Pratham Pag-a subsidiary institute run by Doon Defence Academy under the guidance and mentorship of Mr. Sandeep Gupta-the Director of DDA , the man spearheading the organization to accomplish the noble mission of enlightening the lives of the youngsters with the specifically curated course to allow the students to become eligible for Defence and Merchant Navy along with their regular school curriculum. The magazine also holds all the events and important functions and celebrations that magnificently embody Pratham Pag as a Defence preparatory institute with a difference.

The magazine is a reflection of all the competitions and activities that the students participated in during their regular school at the Foundation wing, the students were exposed to all kinds of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities to lay a strong foundation for their future undertakings.

The magazine has been prepared after much scrutiny and analysis of the fact that the reader can understand the accomplishments of the Foundation wing owned by Mr. Sandeep Gupta. The entire team of Doon Defence Academy has put in tremendous efforts to help me successfully accomplish the task of completing the magazine. As the Editor of the magazine, I wish to acquaint the readers with how the Foundation wing runs. This magazine unlocks to the students the sequential listing of the events in the academic journey at Pratham Pag to be empowered with the most essential skill of knowledge and wisdom for lifetime success as dynamic cadets. I hope that through this magazine, I will be able to achieve my goal of establishing a theatrical influence on my readers and I anticipate eliciting from the readers a strong response. Your response is relevant to make my dream a reality as I have taken the much-needed help of the ex-servicemen working in the Army, Navy, and Air Force to assemble the components of the magazine and make the articles as engaging and intriguing as possible. With my experience and skill, I feel greatly motivated to publish this magazine for the benefit of the readers. In case, you have any query , you can give your suggestions through mail – sandeepsirda@gmail.com

EDITOR OF DOON DEFENCE ACADEMY

Mrs. KIRAN SHARMA



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**YOUR DREAMS ARE
WITHIN YOUR REACH**





Mr. Sandeep Gupta

Director, DDA

It gives me immense pride and pleasure to write as the Director of the prestigious Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy – Dehradun. I salute the Indian Armed Forces and the management team of yesteryears for their dedicated efforts in grooming this institution to its premium status of today.

The focal point of any educational institute is its students. The responsibility of "Training" which encompasses, educational, moral, cultural and behavioural development solely rests on the staff of the institution. Thus, we, who have chosen to be a part of the executive, have to synergize our efforts towards achieving the goal.

In the contemporary era, while academic excellence is of foremost importance, the development of soft skills and one's personality has gained equal status.

The youngsters today, are facing multiple challenges. They have to be ahead of their peers so as to enable themselves to find their niche. The task of today's Teacher is thus daunting.

As an Armed Forces and Merchant Navy preparatory school, we have to maintain the spirit of discipline, determination and dedication among the

students as it is the demand of these services.

We thus have no option but to raise the bar of students so that they can meet the academic as well as competitive challenges.

The beauty of an academic institute lies in the efforts that it puts in to bring out the best of it. Also, it is a field where everything is transitory and one can never rest on one's achievements. I am sanguine that "TEAM DDA" of which the cadets are an integral part, is well equipped to achieve the goals, unmindful of challenges that may come our way. On this path, I invite all our parents and well-wishers to join us.

"Power is knowledge and knowledge is power"
As an institution which strives to inculcate the spirit of 'Country First', we aim to provide our nation with a generation of responsible, empowered and intellectual citizens who will play a significant role in its betterment.

Jai Hind !

SANDEEP GUPTA
Submariner - Indian Navy (Retd.)
Director
Doon Defence Academy, Dehradun



Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta

Dy. Director, DDA

As the Deputy Director of the prestigious Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy, Dehradun I take this opportunity to extend my heartiest greetings to you all.

DDA welcomed its first students in 2005, but its mission to mentor students aspiring for defence and merchant navy exams remains as vital now as it was then.

As a recognized leader in the defence and merchant navy coaching sector DDA has been nurturing future officers.

Our academy has a strong reputation for high academic standards and quality teaching. I am immensely proud to have a team of highly qualified and dedicated faculty and management who train the boys to enter the competitive world where they can prove their passions.

Pratham Pag, a "one of its kind" venture of

DDA aims at providing students an access to high quality education as well as an exposure to a plethora of co- curricular activities in order to build in them the skills and confidence required to fight different competitions.

Here we will teach them to be independent, fearless, truthful and capable of offering strong leadership by providing them an environment to grow and excel.

"OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO TRANSFORM BOYS INTO MEN OF WORTH"

DIVYA ASWAL GUPTA

Dy. Director, DDA

Ex-Faculty, RIMC - Dehradun



Mr. D. N. Thapliyal

Principal, DDA

As the Principal of Pratham Pag, I feel that an educational Institute is incomplete without its students. An institution is not merely a building where knowledge is imparted but it is the coordination and mutual understanding between the teachers and the students that matters most. For the Pratham Pag team, we wish to instill in our students, such values which can help them throughout life. We focus on character formation by guiding our students to follow the path of truth, courage, and humility. I want my students to leave behind the legacy of discipline, morality, and sophistication which are essentially the important constituents for a cadet aspiring to seek a successful career in the armed forces. With a team of worthy intellectuals and trainers, Pratham Pag is sure to touch spectacular heights of success in the coming years. Our curriculum has all the prerequisites of a successful career in the armed forces. The first and foremost target is to help the students score excellent score in their board exams and also to make them move in the direction of their dream careers. Our teachers, being retired army personnel can provide the best guidance and mentorship to make the students future ready for all challenges including all defense competitive exams. Our classes are so structured that the students are able to make steady progress every day by instilling in them the skill of time management. They are disciplined

enough to attend physical development classes in the morning and then attend school. During school hours, the students have to attend General awareness classes apart from PCM. We keep holding competitions and activities to provide a platform to our students so that they can try to experiment on all platforms in their areas of interest. We as motivators can surmount all obstacles however great they might be and this can become possible only with proper coordination and cooperation between our teachers and students. I am confident that our students will surely value the hard work of their teachers and mentors and strive hard in the right direction. Under the able guidance and supervision of our venerated Director-Mr. Sandeep Gupta, no mission can fail as our educational plan is to nurture our students with such attributes as to transform them into dynamic personalities and ensure excellence in all undertakings.

D. N. THAPLIYAL

Principal

Pratham Pag - Foundation Course
Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy
Former Vice Principal, RIMC- Dehradun

प्रथम पग – एक सुनहरा सफर

समर्पित मातृभूमि की सेवा मे
हम रहते सदा सजग
बढ़ रहे राष्ट्र सेवा को,
हम हैं प्रथम पग।।

एकता एवं अनुशासन हमारी पहचान
राष्ट्र सेवा मे तत्पर करने की प्राण भी कुर्बान
रखने भारतमाता की आबरू की लाज
तैयार हो रहे प्रथम पग के वीर जाबाज
जब बारी आएगी देश सेवा की, हम सकते खड़ग
बढ़ रहे राष्ट्रसेवा को हम हैं प्रथम पग

चाहे हो तो बात फुटबॉल/बैडमिंटन/बॉलीबॉल खेल
प्रतियोगिता ड्रिल या अनुशासन
हर जगह अब्बल, हम हैं
महान भारत का सुनहरा कल
हम जल है, हम थल है, हम वायु हैं
पर जब बात आए देश या देशवासियों की रक्षा की
हम माँ सीता की आबरू की लाज रखने वाले
गिद्धराज जटायु है।

आँखों मे सपने लिए हम खड़े सदैव सजग
बढ़ रहें राष्ट्र सेवा को – हम हैं प्रथम पग।



जय हिंद
कैडेट उत्कर्ष कुमार – जल हाउस
कक्षा – 11-डी



Our Mission

Our objective is to preserve the solid heritage of the past seventeen years, during which thousands of students were converted into magnificent personalities in their gorgeous uniform, acting as a source of pride and fame for their country, families, and acquaintances. Our first and most important purpose is to give our country visionary and intellectual leaders who are an inspiration for others.

We want to improve education by combining it with the most important soft skills needed for students' holistic growth, as well as the ethical and moral code that guides them in being worthy and good human beings. In this attempt, I anticipate the involvement of both parents and students. During their two years in the Foundation Course, students will be able to sit for their twelfth-grade board examinations while also attending Defence Preparatory Classes, with the goal of cracking the competitive exam in their initial attempts. We wish to set such educational standards based on the parameters of life in Defence so as to expose and allow the students to acclimatize themselves to the tough regime of their army life.

The Foundation Course is a specialized educational program with the goal of saving students' time spent studying for Defence after their twelfth-grade test. By taking Defence preparation lessons in the afternoon after normal school, students will be able to make better use of their time during the Foundation Course. Furthermore, the cadets' training under the capable direction and supervision of faculty (ret'd RIMC Senior faculty) proves to be an equally valuable experience.

Our mission is to provide guidance to enlighten the students through the well-structured educational program of the Foundation Course so that their successful selection after their higher secondary exam is ensured.





Our Vision

Pratham Pag is the new branch of Doon Defence Academy with the objective of making a significant contribution to the Defence Sector by providing an influential training platform to the aspirants and so we as educators, want to create such a high educational level that aspirants to the military are nurtured into cadets who not only respect the integrity of their prized uniform, but also contribute significantly to the defence industry by being independent, courageous, and strong. We want to see our country flourish, and we can only do so if our future cadets are taught the important qualities of being trustworthy, informed, and unflappable when it comes to shouldering the burden of safeguarding the country. Our goal is to establish standards that will allow our country to continue on its growth path. Only when the future citizens are strong and progressive can a nation be strong and progressive. We believe that Pratham Pag, Doon Defence Academy's dream Future vision, will be fruitful for tenth pass-outs as it saves the valuable time of aspirants wishing to join the Defence Sector after class twelfth.

COURSE CURRICULUM

- Regular Classes (11th and 12th)
 - SSB-Interview Preparation
 - Sports and Games
 - Spoken English Classes
 - Online Test Series
 - Picnic and Movies
 - Weekly Unit test
 - Quiz, Debate, Singing, Dancing,
 - Coaching of Defence + Merchant Navy
 - Physical training
 - Drill and Parade Training
 - Computer Knowledge
 - Educational Trips
 - Extra-curricular Activities
 - Science Practical
- Playing the Guitar & the Casio, Participation in Cultural program, PDP Classes, Marathon.



Welcome Ceremony

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit, Where the mind is led forward by thee into the ever-widening thought and action.
Into that heaven of freedom, my father, "LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE"
- Rabindranath Tagore, Gitanjali

Doon Defence Academy marked the 2nd of July as a special occasion because of the momentous and ceremonious event of welcoming the class eleventh batch to the newly introduced foundation course, which is an amalgamation of the class eleventh and twelfth academic years, as well as the preparatory classes for defence. The ceremony commemorated DDA's great heritage of creating history by being the only institute to have the highest selection of students in the Army,



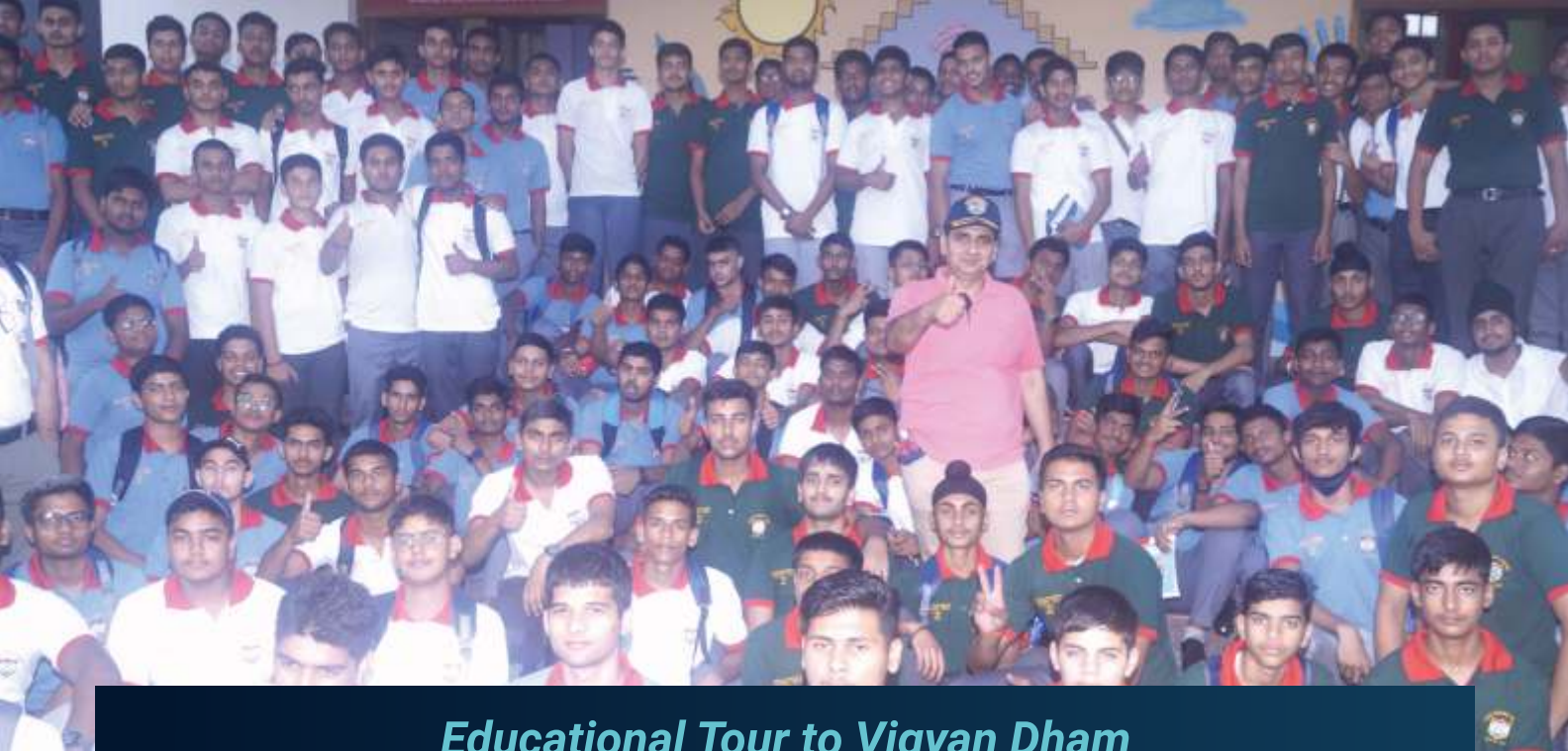
Navy, and Air force, as well as the golden moment of Sandeep Sir's completion of 32 years of service in the Indian Navy.

The ceremony, hosted by Dr. Giri Raj Gupta, was held at the DDA's Pratham Pag Campus and attended by the Director-Sandeep Sir, Deputy Director Divya Aswal Gupta, Principal-D.N. Thapliyal, all faculty members, and class eleventh students of the foundation course. The main goal of the event was to inspire and encourage young

people to devote themselves to the noble cause of selfless service to the nation, as well as to convey the message of how important it is to maintain the key factors of discipline, dedication, and hard work in order to live a life worth living. The Honorable Director-Sandeep Sir, the Principal-D. N. Thapliyal, the Academic Coordinator- Dr. Giri Raj Gupta, the Chief Warden-Karam Veer Jat, and a few other faculty members delivered introductory addresses to the new students of Pratham Pag.

This was followed by the cake-cutting ceremony, and the mood of excitement was generated by the melodic music playing "Papa Kahte hain," along with several patriotic songs that were played to impart and instill the values of selfless devotion to the nation. The class eleventh pupils expressed their heartfelt gratitude and reverence to the DDA professors with a stunning march past in the style of the army. The whole DDA team pledged their obligation of completing the humongous task of providing such training to the students of the foundation course so that the students are able to achieve their aim of building a good career in the Defence Sector. The audience seemed mesmerized and spellbound by the environment of excitement and zeal and responded to the entertaining addresses with a cheerful outburst.





Educational Tour to Vigyan Dham

On the 9th of July, the students of Pratham Pag (Foundation Course) went for an educational tour to Vigyan Dham (Science City), Dehradun, and later, they also went to Shaurya Sthal War Memorial, Garhi Cantt, Dehradun. The main objective of taking the students of Pratham Pag was to tell them about various aspects of Science and Technology. At Vigyan Dham, the planetarium was a feast to the eyes of the beholders. They also saw statues of freedom fighters and models of aircraft. The students found the tour not only informative but also rejuvenating and enthralling. Sandeep Sir wished all the students good luck.



COMPOSITION-WRITING COMPETITION

"No composition can be considered outstanding without creating an image of the events in the mind of the reader."

"The Story of My LIFE".

On the 11th of July 2022, a Composition writing activity was conducted for all the eleventh-standard students of the Foundation group of DDA. The topic of the composition was "The story of my life". The outstanding creative skill of the students was appreciated and the students were judged on the parameters of clarity of thought and beauty of expression along with perfection in grammar and accuracy in expression. Three students were considered the best composition writers and were awarded certificates of achievement for elucidating explicitly. Cadet Utkarsh Kumar (Jal), Cadet Aditya Tripathi (Vayu), and Cadet Jay Kumar Singh(Thal) were awarded the title of the best composition writers from their respective houses.



| BEST WRITERS | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Name | House |
| Cadet Utkarsh Kumar | Jal |
| Cadet Aditya Tripathi | Vayu |
| Cadet Jay Kumar Singh | Thal |

Creative Writing Competition

In the creative writing competition conducted house-wise for Pratham Pag students in the month of November 2022, three students performed exceptionally well. The students were given articles to write and they were judged on various parameters of accuracy, beauty of expression, coherence, and grammatical appropriateness. Cadet Shiva Krishna from Thal House was honoured with the first position followed by Cadet Ayush Lohar from Jal House who bagged the second rank and Cadet Deepansh Srivastava from Vayu House who got the third rank. All the winners were given medals and prizes in the morning assembly.

| WINNERS | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Cadet Shiva Krishna | Thal | 1st |
| Cadet Ayush Lohar | Jal | 2nd |
| Cadet Deepansh Srivastava | Vayu | 3rd |

Hindi Debate Competition

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it"

Mother Tongue plays a very vital role in connecting us to our roots. The very essence of our nationality and culture is deeply rooted in our mother tongue. Thus, we ought to give due reverence to our mother tongue and continue the practice of using it in our everyday lives. It is through healthy discussions that we encourage the children to think in a logical manner and to consider the facts with the objective of developing in them critical thinking to speculate and reflect on what is right. On the 21st of July, 2022, the DDA Foundation wing held a debate for the three houses Jal, Thal, and Vayu in which all the deserving students were selected to participate "Kewal Ek Prithvi" was the debate topic. The students did a commendable job by showing great enthusiasm in expressing their ideas vividly.



| WINNERS | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Cadet Ayush Sharma (For) | Thal | 1st |
| Cadet Raj Verma (Against) | Jal | 1st |
| Cadet Aditya Gautam (For) | Vayu | 2nd |
| Cadet Pratik Kashyap (Against) | Vayu | 2nd |



English Debate Competition

'Communication is the most Powerful Skill to Get Success in the World'

Language is the most powerful way to connect with others. Our thoughts find expression in a language through which we convey our feelings and our perception to others. Debates are conducted in Schools to make the students perfect in the art of communicating in any particular language. The students get groomed well when they get opportunities to express themselves in front of others. Pratham Pag fraternity hosted an Inter House English Debate Competition on the 8th and 10th of September 2022 on the topic 'Co-education and Social Media - Boon or Bane'.

Different teams representing all three houses of Pratham Pag



contested the debate. After a tough front put up by all the contestants, Cadet Shiva Krishna Srinivas from Thal House won the first position for speaking in favour of the motion whereas Cadet Raj Verma won the first position for speaking against the motion. Cadet Ayush Lohar from Jal House bagged the second position for speaking in favour of the motion whereas Cadet Adarsh Tiwari from Vayu House secured the second position for speaking against the motion.

| WINNERS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Cadet Shiva Krishna Srinivas (Favour) | Thal | 1st |
| Cadet Raj Verma (Against) | Jal | 1st |
| Cadet Ayush Lohar (Favour) | Vayu | 2nd |
| Cadet Adarsh Tiwari (Against) | Vayu | 2nd |

Second Hindi Debate Competition

"A good discussion increases the dimensions of everyone who takes part"

Language holds for us the essence of our culture and identity. It is therefore our duty to preserve our mother tongue. Doon Defence Academy held the event of a Hindi debate to promote the relevance of the Hindi language among the students.

Pratham Pag (the foundation wing of DDA) held a Hindi debate competition for the second time on the 23rd of August, 2022 in which the students from all three houses participated. The topic of the debate was "Education system threatened by Political intervention". Students enthusiastically participated in the Hindi debate.

The Hindi Debate was attended by the honorable Principal Sir Mr. D. N. Thapliyal, faculty members, and class eleventh students. The winners were chosen by the screening committee on the basis of their pronunciation, clarity of thought, and enunciation accuracy. Cadet Raj (Jal) who spoke against the topic was honored with the first position which was shared by Cadet Ayush Sharma (Thal) who spoke in favor of the topic. The second position was shared by Cadet Aditya Gautam (Vayu) and Cadet Pratik Kashyap (Vayu) and both spoke in favor of the topic. The debate competition was a treat to the ears as the panel of the jury was not able to decide the winners. Kudos to the DDA gems for a remarkable debate!



| WINNERS | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Cadet Ayush Sharma (For) | Thal | 1st |
| Cadet Raj Verma (Against) | Jal | 1st |
| Cadet Aditya Gautam (For) | Vayu | 2nd |
| Cadet Pratik Kashyap (Against) | Vayu | 2nd |





INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Pratham Pag Inter-House Basketball tournament was organized by Doon Defence Academy, and Thal House defeated Jal House in the championship game to take home the trophy. On July 19 and 20, 2022, the matches took place on the DDA campus. Both Director Sandeep Gupta and Deputy Director Divya Aswal Gupta met with the players from both sides before the tournament's commencement and wished them. In the basketball championship hosted by DDA, THAL defeated JAL by 32 points as opposed to 22 points.

In the game, the referees were Mr. Tarun, Mr. Arvind Negi, Mr. Piyush, and Mr. Jagmohan Kuthari. Sandeep Gupta, Director of the Doon Defence Academy, complimented both teams for a magnificent demonstration of sportsmanship and teamwork on the playing field on the momentous occasion. Participating in such games not only fosters team spirit but also keeps the athlete fit and healthy. Sandeep Sir made it clear that in order to compete in the many events held at places other than the academy, Pratham Pag students must form teams for each game. Deputy Director Divya Aswal Gupta, Principal D. N. Thapliyal, SSB coordinator Umesh Uniyal, Foundation faculty members, and other staff members were present to witness the matches of the tournament.



WINNER

Thal House defeated Jal House



Spell bee

Competition 

“Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.”

With the objective of improving the expression of the students by instilling in them the accuracy of language, spelling becomes an important aspect. To spark the fire of learning, the greatest tool is to hold competitions. On the 13th of August 2022, a Spell Bee Competition was conducted for the eleventh-class students of Pratham Pag in which only short-listed students participated in the final round of selection of the winners from all three houses. Contestants were asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty.



As the foyer was getting restless for the results to be declared, the cheering crowd was finally given the final verdict by the panel of jury. Cadet Ayush Lohar from Jal house bagged the first position, Cadet Paras from Jal House and Cadet Aditya Tripathi from Vayu house shared the second position & Cadet Arman from Thal house secured the third position in the Spell Bee contest. Overall, it was an enriching experience for the participants.

| WINNERS | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Cadet Ayush Lohar | Jal | 1st |
| Cadet Paras & Aditya Tripathi | Jal & Vayu | 2nd |
| Cadet Arman | Thal | 3rd |





PRATHAM PAG CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE DAY & 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF DDA

"Life without liberty is like a body without spirit"

Doon Defence Academy marked the 75th anniversary of India's independence as well as the 17th anniversary of DDA on August 15, 2022, by celebrating Independence Day with a lot of fanfare. The Doon Defence Academy (DDA) was established on August 15, 2005, which has special importance for the organization as it also commemorates the day of India's Independence. Everyone present was giddy with enthusiasm. As a part of the "Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," the students had successfully completed the goal of decorating the terraces of all the buildings adjacent to DDA making the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign a success.

The students gave the chief guest, Commander Annirudh Payasi a warm welcome and invited him to unfurl the national flag after a warm welcome with a bouquet of flowers. The DDA campus resounded with the chanting of the national anthem. Commander Annirudh, the Chief guest was invited on stage to address the

gathering. He informed the students that on the momentous day, India had successfully completed 75 years of independence and that in all those years, it had achieved spectacular heights of success in a variety of fields, demonstrating to the rest of the world that it was not at all lagging behind in any arena, whether it be technology, medicine, information technology, or research. He added that when India will successfully complete 100 years of independence, it is certain that it will become a superpower.

After that, the esteemed Director Sandeep Sir addressed the group. He emphasized to the gathering that the Tiranga should not only be embellished only on the house terraces, but it should be in the hearts of the people as well. It is our moral responsibility to protect and cherish India's freedom since it has been earned after innumerable sacrifices made by the patriots years ago. More thousands of students have received training for defence competitive exams from DDA in the past 17 years, he continued, and more than 11000 of them are now cadets in the Indian Navy, Air Force, and Army who are stationed on duty at the international borders to defend the country. He added that after the successful and glorious

completion of 17 long years, DDA is stepping into the 18th year.

All of the institution's members were there as the day was ceremoniously observed. The students who were born on August 15, 2005, jointly honored their birthdays with a cake cutting ceremony after the flag was hoisted and the National Anthem was sung. The function was attended by the Director-Mr. Sandeep Gupta, Deputy Director-Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta, the Principal of the Foundation branch of DDA-Mr. D.N. Thapliyal, the Batchmates of honourable director sir.





Inter House **BASKETBALL** Tournament

"Sports not only build better athletes but also better people"

Doon Defence Academy organized a basketball tournament for the students of Pratham Pag (Foundation Course) which commenced on 17th August and concluded with the final round of the match on 18th August. The main objective of the tournament was to develop team spirit and fair play among the athletes and to allow them to hone their athletic feat.

The exciting match was played by athletes from all three houses. The athletes played passionately with the objective of making their team win the game and they seemed determined to defeat the opponents. The match was cheered by the spectators of their respective houses to boost the confidence of the athletes in the game. The team was led by Captain-Pottara Likhith. At the end of the tournament, the result was declared and the winning team was the Thal house team (first place), followed by the first runner up the Jal house team (second place) and the second runner up the Vayu house team (third place). After the declaration of the result, the tournament culminated with a vote of thanks.

| WINNER | 1 st RUNNER UP | 2 nd RUNNER UP |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thal House | Jal House | Vayu House |



Inter School Badminton Tournament At Zhen Sports Academy

An Inter-School Badminton Tournament was organized on the 27th of August, 2022 by Zhen Sports Academy in which 200 athletes from 15 illustrious schools participated. The tournament was a great success as all the matches were cheered by the spectators of the respective schools for their teams.

The match was witnessed by the students. The tenacity and remarkable zeal with which the athletes played were indeed a treat to the eyes of the beholders. From the foundation wing two students, Cadet Krishna and Cadet Ankit won the gold in the under-19 category.

Three students – Cadet Prajjwal, Cadet Sudanshu, and Cadet Devansh won the Silver medal in the under-19 category. The bronze winners under the same category were Cadet Raj Verma, Cadet Omji, Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Aditya Gautam, Cadet Yash Raj, Cadet Sarthak, and Cadet Yuvraj Nigam. The winning Athletes from the foundation wing made DDA Team swell with pride to acknowledge the victory of the deserving athletes.



| WINNERS | |
|--|--------------|
| Name | Position |
| Cadet Krishna and Cadet Ankit | Gold Medal |
| Cadet Prajjwal, Cadet Sudanshu and Cadet Devanshu | Silver Medal |
| Cadet Raj Verma, Cadet Omji Singh, Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Aditya Gautam, Cadet Yash Raj, Cadet Sarthak, Cadet Yuvraj Nigam | Bronze Medal |



INTER HOUSE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

“FAILURE WILL NEVER OVERTAKE YOU IF YOUR DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED IS STRONG ENOUGH”

From the 30th of August to the 1st of September 2022, a series of Inter House Volleyball matches was held at the open ground of Pratham Pag in which 6 teams participated to compete with each other. The main objective of the match was to boost the athletic feat of the students and encourage them to participate in games and sports which is an integral part of their personality development.

The teams were named Jal A, Jal B, Thal A, Thal B, Vayu A, and Vayu B. In the preliminary round of matches played on the 30th of August, Jal B was proclaimed the winner by 3 points, defeating Thal B. In the following match, Thal A was given the winner title by 3 points, defeating Vayu A. There were two teams from each of the houses. The third match, which was played on August 30, saw Jal A defeat Thal A by 3 points, while the fourth match, which was also played that day, had Jal B defeat Vayu B by 3 points.

In the following match played on September 1, 2022, Thal A defeated Vayu A and was proclaimed the winner by a margin of 3 points. The teams that advanced to the final round played their last match on September 1, 2022, and Jal A triumphed by 2 points defeating Jal B with a score of 16/14.

According to their performance in the competition, Jal A received first prize thus winning the trophy, Jal B received second place, and Thal A received third place. Cadet Tanishq Joshi, Cadet Prajjwal, Cadet Azeem Ali Saroha, Cadet Ankush Kumar, and Cadet Animesh Borah were the members of the Jal A team, which was supervised and led by the Captain of the Jal A House - Cadet Gyanendra Singh Yadav. The audience cheered for their individual teams and watched the games with great curiosity since they wanted their teams to win the competition. All the matches were very interesting and kept the spectators captivated and engaged till the end. Due to the coordination of all the Pratham Pag officials and faculty members including the sports in charge, the matches came out beautifully.



| WINNER | 1 st RUNNER UP | 2 nd RUNNER UP |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jal - A | Jal - B | Thal - A |

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ COMPETITION



“Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice”

A G.K. Quiz Contest was organized at Apollo International School on September 22, 2022, with four different teams participating. Among the participating teams, three teams had participants who represented Doon Defence Academy. The major goals of the quiz contest were to enhance and augment the student's knowledge in a variety of subjects and to provide them with suggestions on how to communicate with students from different fields more confidently. The three

teams, Jal, Thal, and Vayu, represented the three foundation wing houses, and the fourth team was made up of kids from Apollo International School. For the second phase of selection, only chosen students were shortlisted in the first round

Questions on a variety of topics, including, Maths, Science, English, and General Knowledge were asked to evaluate the subject knowledge of the quizzers. After the Final round, the result was declared. The teams were assessed using the industry-standard criteria of promptness, accuracy, and the number of questions they answered correctly. When the scores from the several rounds were combined, Vayu House came out on top, Thal House came in second, Jal House came in third, and Apollo International School Team came in fourth. Dr. Giriraj Gupta served as the event's quiz master. In fact, the quiz was an awe-inspiring experience for the young participants who thoroughly enjoyed the quiz. The Principal of the Foundation wing - Mr. D. N. Thapliyal, students from Apollo International School and Foundation wing were present to witness the quiz which was indeed a successful undertaking.

WINNERS

| Name | House | Position |
|--|-------|----------|
| Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Gautam Kumar & Cadet Gautam Raj | Vayu | 1st |
| Cadet Pritesh Yadav, Cadet Shiva Krishna & Cadet Deepak Dev | Thal | 2nd |
| Cadet Yash Sanjay, Cadet Ayush Lohar & Cadet Arman | Jal | 3rd |





TEACHER'S DAY SPECIAL



To express gratitude to their teachers and educators, Pratham Pag students organized a program on the 5th of September for their Gurus who dedicated themselves to enlightening the future of their students, Teachers' Day was observed on September 5th, 2022, with a lot of fanfare in the Pratham Pag (Foundation wing) of DDA. The educators and students in attendance were entertained by the fantastic stage performances of the eleventh class students, and the audience was mesmerized by their musical performance. In his speech, Sandeep Sir addressed the audience that only a teacher can make a significant contribution to securing a nation's foundation by directing its young generation.



He continued by saying that only that nation can progress if the youth of the country is educated. He said that the only person who can both educate and steer youngsters on the proper path is a teacher.



The participants entertained the instructors and students present at the event with fantastic stage performances, and their musical performances captivated the audience.



As stated in our texts, a good teacher is therefore elevated beyond God. The opening statement of the Pratham Pag cultural show was given by Cadet Gautam Raj, who discussed the importance of being led by a real teacher and mentor. Cadet Gautam Kumar articulated his English Speech on the significance of teachers' day and Cadet Ayush Bishnoi presented a Hindi speech. The participants of the group song were Cadet Deepansh, Cadet Shashank, Cadet Ayush Sharma, Cadet Vinit and Cadet Tanishk. There was a Solo song performance by Cadet Devyansh Bisht and a Solo Dance performance by Devpreet. Cadet Aryan and Cadet Devyansh Bisht presented a duet song. Cadet Rahul presented a fantastic poetic verse (Shayari). A sensational Solo song was sung by Cadet Sumit and a Solo Dance by Cadet Aditya Prashar put the stage on fire. Thereafter there was a verse enunciated by Cadet Sahil and a Rap presented by

Cadet Vishwa. The participants of the lazy dance were Cadet Chaitenya, Cadet Soviyat, Cadet Subham, Cadet Tuhin, Cadet Shriwar, Cadet Adarsh, and Cadet Bhaskar Sharma.

The group song was sung by Cadet Lakhan, Cadet Aditya Chaudhary, Cadet Akshat, and Cadet Sudhanshu. Cadet Shiva recited a poetic verse and the solo song was presented by Cadet Bhavishya. A dramatic stage performance enthralled the audience and was presented by Cadet Raj, Cadet Sumit, Cadet Vansh, Cadet Azeem, Cadet Naman, Cadet Bhargav, Cadet Rahul, and Cadet Raushan. The Haryanvi song thrilled the audience. The Punjabi Bhangra rocked the stage and the participants were Cadet Kamaldeep, Cadet Sarandeep, Cadet Devpreet, Cadet Bhaskar, Cadet Nitesh, Cadet Kavya, and Cadet Rohan Gurung. Everyone was spellbound and thrilled at the same time. Aditya's dance to the song "Blue eyes" and Cadet Devpreet's song in Punjabi became a sensation. The audience applauded loudly during the song "Blue eyes" since it was enjoyable and intriguing. The people were captivated and absorbed by the poetic verse narrated by Cadet Sahil, Cadet Naitik Porwal, and Cadet Shiva as well as the melodic verse delivered by Cadet Rahul. The rhapsodic entertainment was indeed memorable and received applause. The audience present found the performance by Cadet Naitik's group and the Bhangra group to be quite ticklish. To keep the audience interested and the atmosphere full of delight the choir sang a song.

The Pratham Pag students Cadet Uttkarsh, Cadet Gagan, and Cadet Priyanshu worked together in co-ordination with other team members to plan the complete entertainment stage show. Director Sandeep Gupta Sir, Deputy Director Divya Aswal Gupta, and Principal of Pratham Pag D. N. Thapliyal served as the program's distinguished attendees. The teachers, students, and staff from Pratham Pag, including Ritu Chandra Prakash, Sadhana Uniyal, Sumit Panwar, Tarun Arora, Mohd. Salman, Sachin Gupta, and Upasna Doval, were present to take part in the joyous celebration. Ashish Gupta and Niharika Gupta were the Special guests invited to grace the momentous occasion. The celebration culminated with a vote of thanks to the stage performers and the audience for being a part of the function.



Teachers strengthen a nation's foundation

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION AT MUSSOORIE

Students from Apollo International School took part in the Inter School debate competition that was conducted at Mussoorie International School on September 27, 2022. The debate had five teams, including the school that hosted it. St. George School, St. Judes School, Apollo International School, Oak Grove School, and Mussoorie International School were among the participating institutions.

In the first round of the English Debate, the question "Should English be taught throughout the world?" was up for discussion. At the conclusion of the argument, Apollo School defeated Mussoorie International with a score of 271 to 269 for the opposing team.

Should old age homes exist? was the subject of the first round of the Hindi Debate. Apollo School debated against the motion, and following a verbal duel,

Apollo School prevailed with 254 points to 231 overall. Apollo School qualified for the semifinal round. Apollo School stood victorious in both the English and the Hindi debate.

The English debate's second round topic was "Right to Die " and Apollo School advocated against the proposal. This time, Oaks Grove School was the adversary. After a contentious argument between the two schools, Apollo School prevailed by only one point, scoring 257 to Oaks Grove School's 256. This is how Apollo School won the competition.

Are Moral Values Limited Within the Books? was the subject of the second round of the Hindi Debate, and Apollo School opposed the motion. But this time, Oaks Grove School won the argument with a score of 290, defeating the Apollo team's 277, and the Apollo team was unable to advance to the Inter School Debate's final round.

St. Georges School and Apollo International School squared off in the final round of the English Debate on the issue of "Ban abortion of fetuses on the basis of their impairment." This time, Apollo School supported the proposal in the discussion. St. Georges School was crowned the winner of the English Debate following the battle of words. Apollo School stood second in the contest and Oaks Grove School was declared the winner in the Hindi Debate. Apollo International School bagged the second position in the English Debate and third in the Hindi Debate competition.

. The participants of the Inter-School English Debate competition from Apollo School were Cadet Ayush Lohar, Cadet Raj Verma, and Cadet Shiva Krishna. The participants of the Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition were Cadet Pratik Kashyap, Cadet Aditya Gautam, and Cadet Ayush Sharma. The overall in charge of the contest was Mr. Sumit Panwar.

"Participation is more Important than Winning a Competition"

Diwali Cultural Program

“The greatness of a culture can be found in a festival”

One of the highlights of the Foundation wing-Pratham Pag was the event of Diwali Celebration on the 20th of October when the students assembled as per Director Sir's instructions. As Sandeep Sir wished to celebrate the festive occasion of Diwali with his staff members, faculty members, and students. On the auspicious day of Diwali, the ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamps and recitation of a prayer verse as a beacon of hope and light to be brought into everyone's life. This event featured a cultural stage display that enraptured the audience with a light and sound show. The DDA kids were curious to see the performance. An earthen lamp was also lit to pay tribute to all the martyrs who gave their lives in defense of their country. The theme was to dispel the darkness which enveloped the families of the martyred soldiers on account of the gloom at the loss of their beloved family member and to commemorate their sacrifice. Sandeep Sir conveyed his heartfelt wishes on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. He wished for the success and happiness of all his staff members and students. He wished that the lives of all were illuminated with the light of joy and happiness and that the dreams of all came true as expected and anticipated by them

MAY DIWALI BRING WITH IT NEW JOYS, NEW EXPERIENCES, AND A NEW BEGINNING FILLED WITH HOPE AND SATISFACTION



KHALANGA WAR MEMORIAL

Travel And Trek Refresh and Rejuvenate One's Mind

For the students of Pratham Pag, Doon Defence Academy organized a hiking trip to Khalanga War Memorial on October 16, 2022. The students went to the Khalanga War Memorial, a historical landmark in Dehradun. It tells the noble tales of the Gurkhas who gave their lives while defending themselves from the Britishers and is dedicated to the remembrance of the Gurkha troops by the British who built the historical monument as a homage to the valiant clan. The 8-kilometer journey started from the DDA campus and finished at the Kalanga Memorial. At 6 in the morning, the students set off on their adventure, and while enjoying the hiking experience they got enthusiastic about the memorial, finishing their journey at 8:30. Students greatly enjoyed the lush green forest trails on the way and had a visit to the War Memorial where they were given a fun trek experience and training program by the physical instructors. The students were given refreshments once they arrived at the memorial. After returning the way they had come, they arrived at Pratham Pag Campus. For all of them, it was an exciting and wonderful event. In order to instruct and acquaint them with different pertinent aspects of trekking, the Pratham Pag instructors guided them throughout.



74th DISTRICT LEVEL ATHLETICS MEET AT RIMC

“YOU CAN'T WIN UNLESS YOU LEARN HOW TO LOSE”

A Pratham Pag Cadet Rahul performed fabulously in the 74th District Level Athletics meet at RIMC winning gold medal in the Shot put competition. Athletes from famous schools, including 15 from Pratham Pag, competed in the 74th Dehradun District Annual, Athletics Meet 2022, which was held on the 5th and 6th of November. Cadet Rahul, a DDA student at Pratham Pag honored his alma mater by earning the gold medal in the under-sixteen group. He covered a distance of 11.24 meters in the Shot put. He had also performed magnificently earlier in all the sports activities and competitions organized in the academy. The athlete exhibited a magnificent feat by breaking all previous records in the Shot put. He is the Captain of the Jal House at Pratham Pag and is quite a promising student and athlete possessing outstanding athletics skills to perform at the State and National levels. Sports enthusiasts get opportunities at the foundation wing to show their caliber and so they participate freely making new records by performing excellently in all these sports events. The entire Pratham Pag and DDA team congratulated him on this magnificent success.



KUDOS TO CADET RAHUL –THE GOLD MEDALLIST

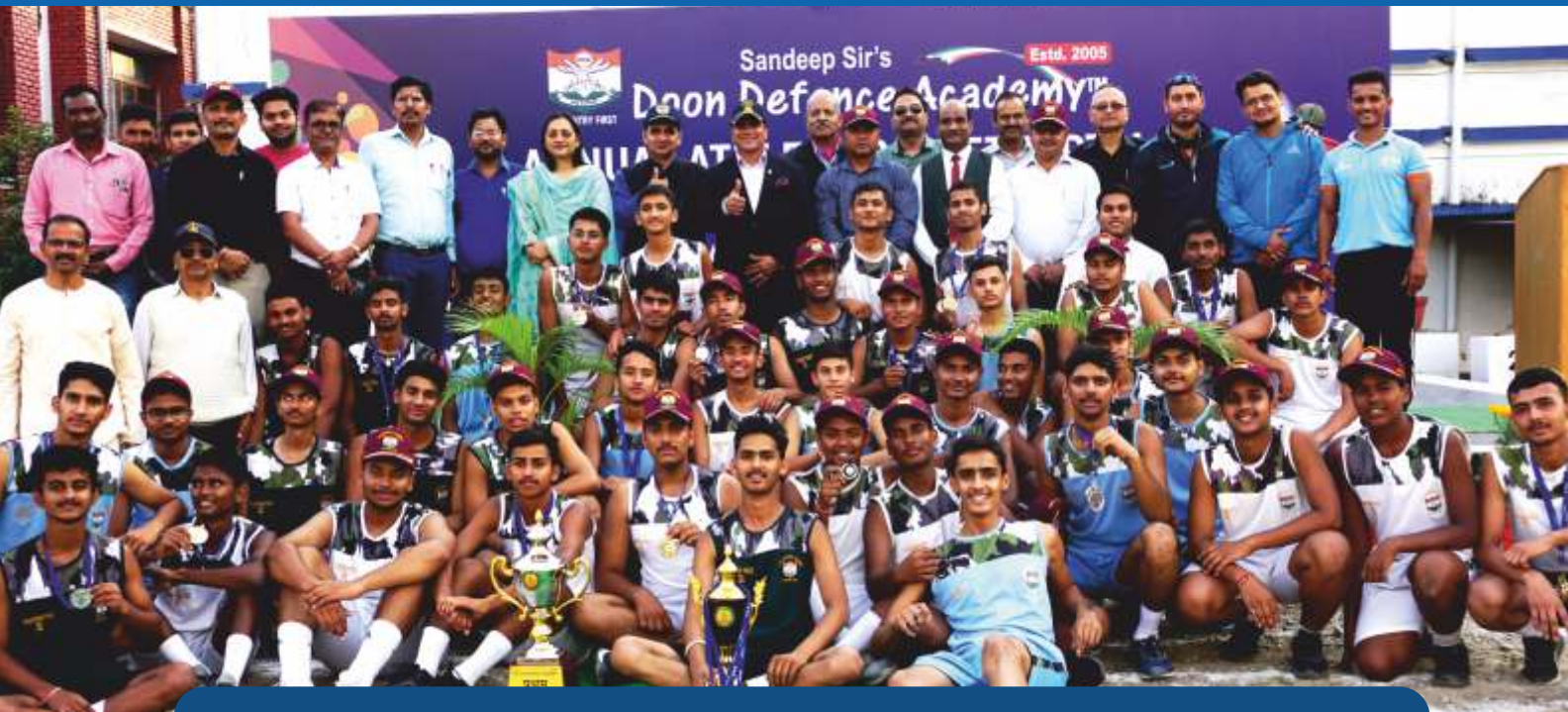
BADMINTON TOURNAMENT AT FYLFORT SCHOOL

On the 28th of September 2022, thirteen athletes from Pratham Pag participated in an Inter School Badminton tournament in which innumerable athletes from renowned schools all across Dehradun competed including the athletes of foundation wing from Doon Defence Academy. The tournament was hosted by Fylfort School. Among the winners were Cadet Ankit and Cadet Krishna who bagged the gold medals in the under-15 group for their team and the silver medals were won by eight athletes from two teams of Pratham Pag. The winners of the silver medals were Cadet Aditya Gautam, Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Prajjwal, Cadet Devansh, Cadet Sarthak Suryawanshi, and Cadet Rishab Mishra. The victory of Pratham Pag has indeed glorified the name of the Doon Defence Academy of which PRATHAM PAG IS A PART. The in charge of the tournament was Mr. Tarun Arora who also accompanied the students to Fylfort School.

The tournament was a demonstration of the vast potential possessed by young Pratham Pag aspirants who wish to make their military careers in the armed forces. Pratham Pag is consistently exposing the students to various intellectual and physical challenges to make them future-ready as cadets in the armed forces.

WINNERS

| Name | Position |
|--|--------------|
| Cadet Ankit & Cadet Krishna | Gold Medal |
| Cadet Aditya Gautam, Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Prajjwal, Cadet Devansh, Cadet Sarthak Suryawanshi & Cadet Rishab Mishra | Silver Medal |



ATHLETICS MEET AT PRATHAM PAG

The Athletics meet of Pratham Pag-the foundation wing of DDA began on the 19th and 20th of October 2022. The guest of honor was given a special welcome as the house captains escorted him to the stage. The Athletics meet was declared open followed by a welcome address by the Principal-Mr. D. N.T hapliyal. The athletics meet was attended by the students, the teachers, the Principal, and the Founding Members - Mr. Sandeep Gupta and Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta. The athletics event commenced with the quarter finals and semi-finals of races which included the 1600 meters race, the 400 meters race, the 200 meters race, 100 meters sprint, and the Shot put (6 kg). Many Pratham Pag students participated in various activities like races, drills, and March past in the presence of the dignitaries who were spellbound by their enthusiastic and fidgety impatience to compete and excel.

The final Athletics meet took place and many events of Races enthralled the spectators. In the 1600 metres race, Cadet Tanishq Joshi from Jal House won the first position, Cadet Yashraj from Vayu house won the second position, and Cadet Abhishek from Thal House won the third position. In the second event which was the 800 meters race, Cadet Tanishq Joshi from Jal House won the first prize, Cadet Saksham Tomar from Thal house won the second prize, and Cadet Prakhar from Jal House won the third position. In the 400 meters race, Cadet Saksham Tomar from Thal House won the first position, Cadet Kavyansh Rana from Vayu House won the second position, and Cadet Devansh Chaturvedi from Jal House won the third position.

In the 200 meters race, Cadet Kavyansh Rana from Vayu House won the first position, Cadet Omji Singh from Jal House won the second position, and Cadet Rohan Gurung from Vayu House won the third position. In the 100 meters sprint, Omji Singh from Jal House won the first position, Cadet Kavyansh Rana from Vayu House won the second position, and Cadet Prakhar from Jal House won the third position. In the 400 meters Relay Race, Group 1: Jal House comprising four participants (Cadet Omji, Cadet Prakhar, Cadet Satyajit, and Cadet Devansh) won the first position, Group 2: Vayu House comprising three participants (Cadet Kavyansh, Cadet Rohan, and Cadet Prajjwal) won the second prize and Group 3:Thal House comprising four participants (Cadet Saksham, Cadet Sarthak, Cadet Devansh, and Cadet Hardik won the third prize. In the last event Shot put, Cadet Rahul won the first prize, Cadet Chaitenya Gupta won the second prize and Cadet Animesh won the third prize.



The event culminated with a vote of thanks by the academic coordinator followed by the national anthem. The anchor expressed gratitude to Mr.Sandeep Gupta-the Director, the Deputy Director-Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta, the event head Dr. Giriraj Gupta, and the Event Incharges – Mr. Nitish Sharma and Mr. Tarun Arora for their immense dedication to making the Athletics meet a great success. The winners were congratulated by Team DDA.

WINNERS

| Goal | Name | House | Position |
|------------------|--|-------|----------|
| 100 Meters | Cadet Omji Singh | Jal | 1st |
| 200 Meters | Cadet Kavyansh Rana | Vayu | 1st |
| 400 Meters | Cadet Saksham Tomar | Thal | 1st |
| 800 Meters | Cadet Tanishq Joshi | Jal | 1st |
| 1600 Meters | Cadet Tanishq Joshi | Jal | 1st |
| 400 Meters Relay | Group 1- Cadet Omji Singh, Cadet Prakhar, Cadet Satyajit & Cadet Devansh | Jal | 1st |
| Shot Put | Cadet Rahul | | 1st |

CADET LAKHAN WON GOLD MEDAL IN THE JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP IN KHEL MAHA KUMBHA

Pratham Pag – the Foundation wing of DDA where the students follow their CBSE curriculum of eleventh and twelfth along with the Defence preparatory classes to get recruitment in the armed forces. One of the special features of Pratham Pag is the fact that not only does it provide the students with the academic environment needed to qualify for their written NDA exam but they also train the students for various life skills and the students participate immensely in all the extracurricular activities as well. One such stalwart is Lakhan of whom the entire Pratham Pag fraternity is immensely proud. Lakhan a Pratham Pag prodigy has made history by earning a Gold Medal in the Judo Competition during the Khel Maha Kumbh, 2022 and there cannot be a greater honor for his alma mater-Pratham Pag. Mr. Tarun, his physical trainer shared the fact that Lakhan went through a tough fight to get the Gold medal in the Judo competition at the district level and even at the State level. His commendable performance made him win the Gold medal. He also got selected for the Judo Competition at the National Level which is about to take place in Chennai from 17 to 21 February at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. He is undergoing rigorous training for the event. Tarun tells that winning two coveted Gold medals was indeed a remarkable and fantabulous achievement for him. He is motivated and aided by all his friends at DDA. He is confident of winning the Gold medal in the Judo Competition at the National Level.

Congratulations Lakhan! You have made Pratham Pag and DDA proud.

'Laurels and medals symbolize hard work and a steely resolve to Achieve the Impossible'



8 MEDALS

PRATHAM PAG CADETS BAG 8 MEDALS IN KHEL MAHAKHUMBH 2022

The Khel Maha Kumbh 2022 was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Governor Lt.Gen. Gurmeet Singh from Rajpur Nyay Panchayat in Dehradun. The Sports Carnival featured various sports events for athletes of different age groups. More than two lakh players are supposed to be the participants in the largest sports carnival ever organized at Block, State, District, and State Level Competitions. At the District Level Judo Competition held, Cadet Lakhan Sharma –a Pratham Pag student won the Gold Medal in Judo at the District Level and made his alma mater proud of his accomplishment. On behalf of Team DDA, Sandeep Sir-the Director of DDA congratulated the winner and all other athletes for their stupendous and spectacular victory and for the Gold medals they won which indeed added another feather to the cap of DDA. He added that the students of Pratham Pag and DDA are as extraordinary in studies as they are in sports and games. Their stellar performance in both studies and sports made him swell with pride. He added that those students whose spectacular performance makes them win laurels in the Sports Carnival will also be honored and felicitated at Doon Defence Academy.

In the under-17 category, Cadet Lakhan Sharma (Jal House) won the Gold, Cadet Sahil (Jal House), Cadet Akshat Chaudhary (Jal House), and Cadet Aayush Sharma (Thal House) won Silver Medal. Cadet Rahul (Jal House), Cadet Bhaskar Kumar (Thal House), Cadet Rajveer Yadav (Vayu House) and Cadet Mayank Dongre (Jal House) won the Bronze Medal. In the under-21 category, Cadet Aayush Garg (Vayu House) won the Bronze Medal.

It is notified that on 27th November 2022, under the aegis of the Youth Welfare Association which was a part of the Khel Maha Kumbh 2022, the inaugural ceremony of Pavilion Ground Dehradun was done. The competition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest-Mrs. Rekha Arya-the Minister for the Youth Welfare and Sports Association of Uttarakhand Government. The Sports Minister Mrs. Rekha Arya motivated the participating athletes. On this gracious occasion, Mr.Jitendra Kumar Sonkar - the Director of the Youth Welfare Association expressed his immense gratitude to the Chief Guest for sparing her precious time to be a part of the Sports Carnival and motivate the athletes.





“A HARD DRILL MAKES AN EASY BATTLE”
Alexander Suvorov

INTER-HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION

An Inter House Drill competition was held on the 3rd of October 2022 for the students of Pratham Pag – Foundation wing of DDA which was witnessed by all the members of the administration including the Principal Mr. D. N. Thapliyal, Deputy Director –Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta and staff in the company of students. Military Drills are conducted to instill pride and discipline among the students during military training. It tends to pass a message of proper code of conduct among the cadets to ensure team spirit and synchronize their actions along with nurturing in them the values of conducting themselves well in a formal environment and displaying themselves as dignified cadets as is required among the cadets in the armed forces. All three houses- Jal, Thal, and Vayu participated in the drill competition with great enthusiasm and each student eagerly wanted their own house to be the winner. 25 students from each house presently displayed an amazing march across the premises of the Pratham Pag campus which was closely monitored by a panel of judges to award marks for their proper posture and poise while marching. Among the three houses, Jal House led by Cadet Sarthak Kumar Yadav-the team captain won the winner's title and was awarded the top position, whereas the first runner-up was Vayu house and it was led by the team captain –Cadet Aditya Tripathi, and Thal House was declared the second runner up and was led by the team captain –Cadet Nitesh Kumar Bhati. The students who are going to be future cadets marched magnificently displaying poise and alacrity to the drum beats. The performance was indeed full of splendor and made all the spectators appreciate their efforts making the drill competition a successful undertaking. The overall in charge of the Drill competition was Mr. Nitesh Sharma.

| WINNERS | | |
|--|-------|----------|
| Name | House | Position |
| Jal House - Led by Captain Sarthak Kumar Yadav | Jal | 1st |
| Vayu House - Led by Captain Aditya Tripathi | Vayu | 2nd |
| Thal House - Led by Captain Nitesh Kumar Bhati | Thal | 3rd |



2nd Spell bee Competition

“Everything negative-pressure, challenges-is all an opportunity for me to rise”

An Inter House Spell Bee Competition was held at Pratham Pag-the Foundation wing of Doon Defence Academy and the final round of Spell Bee was conducted on 16th November 2022. The event was anchored by Mrs. Upasna Doval and was assessed by Mr. Sumit Panwar and Mrs. Ritu Chandraprakash. The timekeepers were Sanchit Sachin Manjarekar. The event was witnessed by all the staff and faculty members of Pratham Pag. Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta was also present to witness how the students competed against their rivals and get a commendable score to win. The Chief guest was Mr. D. N. Thapliyal and the Special Guest was Dr. Giriraj Gupta. The main objective of the event was to enhance the word power of the students and check their language proficiency.

The competition had two rounds out of which 25 marks were allocated for the students to verbally spell out the difficult words and the rest of the 25 marks were allocated for the students to write the difficult spellings. To declare the contestants as winners, the Jury consolidated the scores of the two rounds. The event culminated with a vote of thanks to the participants and the audience and the declaration of the result.

Cadet Ayush Lohar and Cadet Utkarsh from Jal House shared the first position and were declared winners of the competition. The second position was shared between three participants out of which two were from Vayu House-Cadet Aditya Tripathi and Cadet Gautam Kumar and Shiva Krishna was from Thal House. The third position was also shared between Cadet Shreyas Sashikant Mohite from Vayu House and Cadet Raj Verma from JAL House. For the commendable performance of the winners, they received loud applause and were honoured with Medals, and certificates of achievement in Spell Bee. The winners also received congratulatory messages from Pratham Pag Team. All efforts made by Pratham Pag team members are solely dedicated to curving a path of success for their students by moulding them into worthy citizens possessing wisdom and leadership qualities.

WINNERS

| Name | House | Position |
|--|------------|----------|
| Cadet Ayush Lohar & Cadet Utkarsh | Jal | 1st |
| Cadet Aditya Tripathi & Cadet Gautam Kumar | Jal & Vayu | 2nd |
| Cadet Shreyas Sashikant Mohite & Cadet Raj Verma | Vayu & Jal | 3rd |



Inter-House G.K.

Competition

Winning accolades is the Hallmark of DDA Students

On the 28th of November 2022, a General Knowledge Competition was conducted at Pratham Pag for the students of the eleventh standard and the teams representing various Houses participated enthusiastically in the competition. The participants of Team A (Vayu House) were Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Cadet Gautam Raj, and Cadet Adarsh Tiwari. The participants of Team B (Thal House) were Cadet Pritesh Yadav, Cadet Shiva Krishna, and Cadet Nikhil Yadav whereas the participants of Team C (Jal House) were Cadet Paras Vashisth, Cadet Gyanendra Singh, and Cadet Ayush Lohar. The G. K.



contest was anchored very effectively by the Quiz Master Dr. Giriraj Gupta and the officer in charge of the quiz was Mr. Sumit Panwar. The General Knowledge Quiz comprised several mind-boggling and intriguing questions on various disciplines including English, General Study, Science [Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Technology, Art, and Culture]. The students enthusiastically answered the questions as per the protocol of the quiz anchored by Mr. Giriraj Gupta-an amazing Quiz master who kept the students guessing with his charismatic smile to make the quiz captivating. The quiz was witnessed by the students of the Pratham Pag and they were all awe-struck and totally rapt in the act of wondering which team would win. They kept their fingers crossed to wish for the victory of their respective houses.

Team A representing Vayu House bagged the trophy for winning the General Knowledge Quiz Competition followed by Team C which represented the Jal House won the second prize and Team B representing Thal House stood third in the contest. All the participants performed with their full potential to win the quiz. The General Knowledge quiz culminated with the prize distribution in which the three winners of Team A (Vayu House) were given certificates of achievement, medals, and the winning trophy. The winners were Cadet Aditya Tripathi, Gautam Raj, and Cadet Adarsh Tiwari. The winners were felicitated with honors on stage at Pratham Pag-the Foundation wing of DDA to train young boys and girls in the field of Defence along with their CBSE study of eleventh and twelfth. The General Knowledge Quiz was conducted with the objective of making the students aware of the latest events around the world, the technological developments made, and the way they have to interact in a formal environment while competing with their rivals outside the ambit of their institutions which significantly contributed to enhancing the communication skills of the students and developing their personality.

WINNERS

| Name | House | Position |
|----------|------------|----------|
| Team - A | Vayu | 1st |
| Team - C | Jal & Vayu | 2nd |
| Team - B | Vayu & Jal | 3rd |



Excursion

“Parade by marching contingents demonstrates their unwavering spirit to face challenges and constant strive to excel”

Doon Defence Academy organized an educational excursion for all its students on 3rd December 2022. The students were taken for a visit to the Indian Military Academy to motivate them to envision their life ahead as army officers. It was planned to commemorate Indian Navy Day which is observed on the 4th of December every year to pay homage to the officers & personnel of our naval forces for their commendable contribution in guarding the coastal areas of the nation against the enemy troops. It was in fact a fascinating and awe-inspiring sight for the students who are overwhelmed by their aspiration to become officers in the armed forces and serve their country. The spectacle of the passing out parade instilled in the students the inspiration to become a part of the parade.

The students were taken to the Indian Military Academy where they could catch glimpses of the rehearsal of the Passing Out Parade which is indeed a much-awaited and anticipated ceremony. The marching contingents looked really impressive while they rehearsed in their elegantly worn Military uniform which greatly inspired the DDA and Pratham Pag students.

Thereafter, the students were taken to the Forest Research Institute of India a premier institution in Dehradun under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education(ICFRE). The main building is a National Heritage which was inaugurated in 1929. Its campus is set in a lush green estate and is aimed at the evolution and

development of Scientific forestry. It has laboratories, a library, a herbarium, arboreta, a printing press, and experimental field areas for conducting forestry research. It also houses a Botanical Museum to attract tourists. Most of the forest officers are a product of the institute. The students were taken to FRI to let them have insight and reflect upon their own potential in the field and develop their own perspectives regarding the development of forestry through research and study.



THE GOLD MEDAL IN SHOT PUT

Cadet Rahul, a student of Pratham Pag – the foundation wing of DDA created history by being an outstanding athlete and winning the Gold medal in the Shot put. Rahul broke all the earlier records by pitching in the longest distance through his shot put throw in the under-16 category. The contest was organized at Maharana Pratap Sports College organized by SFA Championship Uttarakhand on 7th December 2022. SFA is an Annual multi-sports Inter-School tournament and it organizes many such competitions for athletes from different schools every year.



New Year Celebration



The New Year holds new energy and renewed hope filled with new dreams and new resolutions. Pratham Pag-the foundation wing of DDA too was brimming with excitement and vigor during the cultural program conducted at Pratham Pag. Doon Defence Academy celebrated the new year on the 2nd of January by hosting a cultural program at Pratham Pag-the foundation wing of DDA. In the event, the Deputy Director-Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta, the Principal-Mr. D. N.Thapliyal, SSB coordinator of DDA- Mr. Umesh Kuniyal, the staff, and faculty members of DDA and Pratham Pag were present along with the students of Pratham Pag. The Inter House Variety Entertainment Competition was contested by the students from all three houses. Solo Song Hindi, Solo Dance, Solo Song English, Drama, Group Song, and Group Dance were the various entertainment shows staged to entertain the audience and mark the beginning of the new year. The maximum time for each house to present the show was 30 minutes. The scores were marked by a panel of 3 judges. The program was anchored by Cadet Ayush Lohar and Cadet Prateek Kashyal-students from Pratham Pag. Each student could participate in only two events so as to give everyone an opportunity. Cadet Kavya Gurung from Jal House, Cadet Devpreet Singh from Thal House, and Cadet Aditya Parashar from Vayu house performed Solo Dances individually which were all hilarious and entertaining. Cadet Subhodip Singh from Jal House, Cadet Krishna from Thal House, and Cadet Kavyansh Rana from Vayu House articulated Solo Song (English). The Dramas were presented by Cadet Paras Vashisth and a group from Jal House, Cadet Saksham Tomar and group from Thal House and Cadet Rohan Gurung and group from Vayu House. The spellbinding performances of all these students and many more mesmerized the audience. Thereafter, the Principal –Mr. D.N. Thapliyal was requested to address the audience and declare the result of the competition. Jal House stood first with a commendable score of 149 points followed by Vayu House which came second with 144 points. Thal House got the third position with 142 points. The event culminated with a vote of



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



LET US PLEDGE THAT WE WOULD NOT LET THE HARD SACRIFICES OF OUR BRAVE WARRIORS GO IN VAIN

Republic day was observed at Doon Defence Academy on 26th January 2023 with the celebration of the day with a cultural program prepared by the students of Pratham Pag and Doon Defence Academy on the DDA campus. The day was celebrated with great exuberance in the presence of the dignitaries including the honorable Directors Mr. Sandeep Gupta and Mrs. Divya Aswal Gupta, the members of the administration including the Pratham Pag Principal Mr. D.N.Thapliyal, the Academic Head Mr. Uday Mehra, the SSB Coordinator Mr. Umesh Kuniyal and the Guest of honor Major General Jai Kaushik, the Chief Guest Admiral O P S Rana along with all the teachers and students of Pratham Pag and Doon Defence Academy. After the formal welcome of the Chief Guest Rear Admiral Om Prakash Singh Rana, who inaugurated the occasion, the National Flag hoisting ceremony was performed and the National Anthem was sung by all which was followed by the mesmerizing melody of Saraswati Vandana to make the event auspicious. The Pratham Pag students were invited by the anchor to present their stage program first.

STAGE PERFORMANCE BY PRATHAM PAG STUDENTS

The cultural program was a Variety Entertainment

program with sensational stage performances displayed by talented students in the ambience of patriotic fervor having the musical backdrop of awe-inspiring patriotic rendition by the choir. The program commenced with an inspiring speech on the relevance of the day in English by Cadet Gautam Kumar from Pratham Pag and in Hindi by Aditya Tripathi. The program was anchored and coordinated by Shiva Krishna and Cadet Deepansh Srivastava. A solo dance performance by Cadet Kavya Gurung was followed by a mime act by Vayu house which enraptured the audience. Cadet Devpreet Singh presented a solo dance followed by a graceful group dance performance by Jal House. Cadet Shubhodeep Chatterjee's sensational song made the audience spellbound which was followed



by Bhangra group dance performance by Thal House.

STAGE PRESENTATION BY DOON DEFENCE ACADEMY

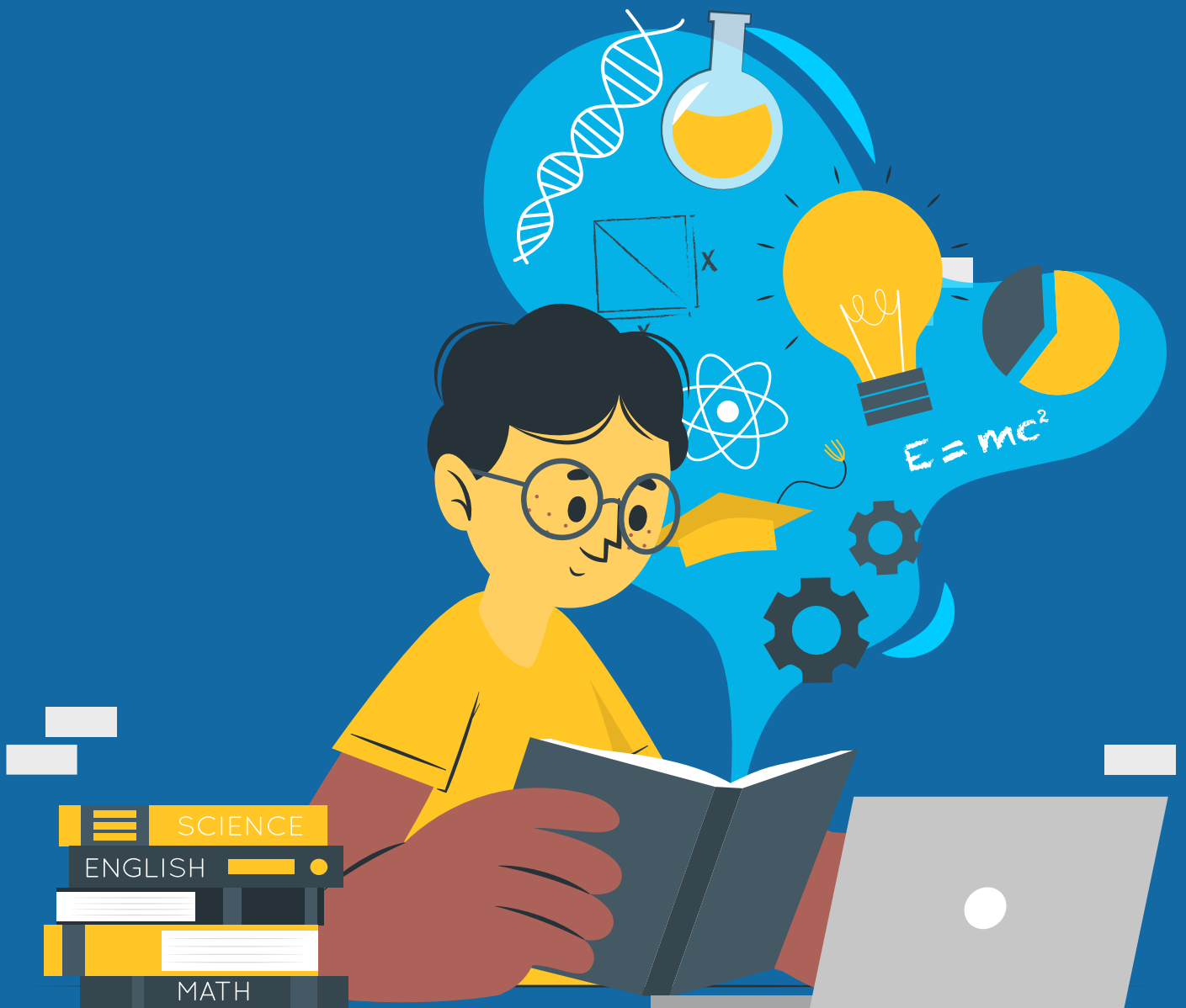
After the students of Pratham Pag had displayed their stage program, the stage was taken over by the students of Doon Defence Academy students. The program was then anchored by Jaya who invited Sadhna to deliver the Republic day speech in English. Thereafter Kajal enunciated the hallowed Gayatri Mantra. A Bollywood song was melodiously sung by Arun which put the stage on fire. Akshay performed a thrilling dance. Anmol enthused everyone by presenting a rhythmic Rap. Kajal articulated certain unknown and interesting facts about Republic day. Akshad took over the stage with his feat on beatboxing. Shiva recited a verse that was enchanting. Shubham also mesmerized the listeners with a melodious song and so did Shri Chand Sir with his flute performance. Rajesh Sir entertained everyone with a Bollywood song and Rahul Sir and Suraj Sir each shared a verse which made the entire program really entertaining and fun-filled. Thereafter, the Director Mr. Sandeep Gupta was invited to address the audience, and his discourse was enlightening as well as inspiring. He then requested the Chief Guest Rear Admiral Om Prakash Singh Rana to share his views and he lauded the variety entertainment program praising the talent of all the stage performers. The event closed with Sandeep Sir honoring the Chief guest with a token of appreciation for his precious time. The guest of honour's formal address was an exhilarating speech to the students to motivate and encourage the students for their upcoming defence Competitive exams and the distribution of sweets for students, staff, and teachers marked the culmination of the event.

The audience roared with cheers of joy and a passionate clamor of applause.





STUDENTS Corner



Money



Money is a fascinating subject to discuss and ponder as it is the means for all people around the world to avail of quality life and make themselves flourish to a level of achievement wherein they feel contented and satisfied and can ensure the safe future of their children. These days all relevant topics are discussed but the financial aspect of various professions, various services, and activities is totally ignored with the ideology that it is natural for any person to understand how money can be put to the best use and how the resources of any person can be augmented. In fact, I feel that it is an important aspect of a person's life and should be discussed with students. The history of money and the various transformations, it was subjected to also are equally intriguing. After the barter system got abolished wherein one article was exchanged for another, gold, silver, and bronze coins were introduced, and finally, the currency which is still in use along with plastic

money which includes the use of credit and debit cards. Even plastic money is now obsolete with online payments and transactions. Now we have another form –the bitcoins. All financial aspects of a person's life are interlinked with the banking system.

The new forms of money which have even been evolving since times immemorial are still unexplored by students. Government policies need to be in compliance with the convenience and advantage of the general public. Demonetization was introduced by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi in 2016 as per which the 500 and 1000 currency notes circulated for exchange were declared invalid from November 8. It was implemented to regulate corruption but the traders and businessmen who had bulks of currency lying hidden in their houses got agitated and they did not welcome this policy of the government. All the citizens were therefore ordered to get these specific notes replaced with the legalized currency from their respective banks as a part of the demonetization. People were encouraged to use their bank deposits rather than cash for their transactions. More digital transfers started taking place and bank-to-bank transfers through the internet or mobile phones, cheques, Atm cards, credit cards, and swipe machines reduced the requirement for cash which indeed brought corruption under control.

Cadet Mayank Patel
House - Thal

Games and Sports



Games and sports play an important role in the lives of students. It is mandatory for all the affiliated boards to introduce games and sports in their curriculum and promote the holistic development of a child's potential be it physical, mental, psychological, or spiritual. The greatest advantage of playing games is that it ensures a healthy mind in a healthy body. Physical agility revitalizes all the energy levels in the body by augmenting the blood flow in all parts of the body, reducing stress levels, and ultimately making the mind free of all superfluous thoughts. There are basically two categories of games- outdoor games and indoor games. It is recommended for children to spend at least one hour every day on physical activity so as to eliminate the problem of obesity generally seen in children these

days as they spend too much time playing video games which are not doing them much good except for increasing their mental capacity to deal with the digital aspect of their skill development. Though indoor games can also increase their mental capacity. The best form of games is generally outdoor games like Cricket, football, basketball, Tennis, badminton, and others like Kabadi, etc. These games make a person build skills like team spirit, cooperation, understanding with their contemporaries, and the spirit of healthy competition so much required in today's modern-day world where everyone is getting isolated due to increased technological tools and online exchange of ideas and goods. Games expose a child to various aspects of their personality development like social communication and the behavioral aspect of a person like an etiquette and manners. The spirit of coordination between various team members comes only during the time they play games and learn to be disciplined. The children who are academically not very brilliant can take up sports as their career and grow in life as popular sports persons. We have many legendary figures like Sachin Tendulkar, Dhoni, etc who crossed many hurdles on their way to becoming popular sports stars. Therefore, it is very important for children to play games and involve themselves in some sports.

Cadet Animesh Borah
House -Jal

Condition of Roads in India



Today we need to travel from one place to another and it is very important that a country should have a good infrastructure so that the movement to places inside the country and outside becomes smooth and convenient. If the roads are not constructed to be traffic-worthy, many accidents are likely to take place. It has been witnessed that over the years, so many fatalities have occurred due to the negligence of the panchayats, municipalities, and municipal corporations and the poor condition of roads, especially during the rainy season. Indian roads are in terrible condition due to the innumerable potholes, and ditches and need repair from time to time due to the fact that poor quality concrete and tar were used during the construction. The blame goes to corruption and mismanagement. Nothing

can be more annoying than the fact that sometimes the government just ignores the most relevant problem existing in the country. So many accidents have occurred and proper funding needs to be done to finance the roads and bridges projects all across India. Good roads and clean surroundings will surely lure tourists to visit the country and their visit will enhance and augment National Income. In spite of criticism and reminders given to the government nothing is done so far. At times, there is a lot of congestion on the roads, and road rage is another problem that takes place and results in violent feuds due to collisions. We need to understand that roads form a relevant part of a country's infrastructure and if these are not repaired and maintained, the country appears to be a poor economy. It is an amazing fact that in spite of such vast resources that the country has, it is still not able to properly use its resources to the fullest. Only an intention and a purpose will make a drastic change everywhere.

Only if the grievances of the people can be entertained to make our country a heaven for the people.

Cadet Aatm Raj
House - Vayu

Child Labour



Child Labour is a practice that has originated from the ancient practice of slavery. Since ages, the practice of servitude and slavery has created the concept of master and the servant and in today's fast-evolving world of technology and cut-throat competition, the problem of labor and the wages paid to the labor have made the affluent section of society to now exploit the children who are innocent and gullible and have unconditional trust in what the adults tell them. Due to the increasing population, poverty and unemployment have made the marginalized section of society strive and struggle for even the most basic necessities of their life and with a family of 8 members to feed, the parents are compelled to send the minor children to work so as to supplement their incomes. Though child labor is

a crime and the employment of any child in any job or work is illegal. Yet we see that parents are not at all considerate and sensitive to their children's future and focus only on the present need for money which can get them their three meals a day. The child who becomes a servant to the owner loses his freedom and individuality. He is bound not just physically but also mentally. He loses his creativity and is deprived of the joy of living a happy life. He is also deprived of education and the development of his mind does not take place. He remains ignorant of what progress the world has made and when he grows up, he merely gets reduced to a laborer working tediously to arrange for the three meals or a rag picker who lives a dirty life. These children get prone to accidents and infections and they just add to the number of illiterates and unskilled workers in a nation.

According to 'The International Labour Organization report 2018, more than 13 million children between 5-15 are engaged in child labor in India. The main reason is that one-third of India's population lives below the poverty line which is due to child labor going on for generations. The vicious cycle needs to be intervened. The Indian government has made laws and declared the employment of children between ages 5-15 in any hotel, restaurant, or organization but the laws are constrained only within the books and never imposed on the people. There is a need for the government to provide free and compulsory education to all children till class 8 to reduce child labor. Also as citizens, we need to raise our voices against the atrocities which are impacting innocent childhood, and eventually, the future of our country is impacted.

Cadet Mohit Singh
House - Jal



PRESS & MEDIA

Press and Media are considered the fourth pillar of democracy. Problems can be resolved faster with the help of the press and media as the concerned authorities become aware that they will become unpopular and will be defamed if they do not follow proper norms and tend to the needs of the people. It is categorized into Mass media (connecting the masses), Electronic media (radio and television), and Digital Media (related to websites, Facebook, and other online applications). Social, political, and economic issues can be raised with the help of social media. Media should not threaten the unity and integrity of a nation and should never intervene in the smooth running of the government machinery. Press and Media have a great role to play in the economy of a country and the nation at large. The main role played by the press and media is to deliver the information in the right manner to the general public and to create awareness about the happenings and instances around the world. These days, the medium is newspapers, Whatsapp, magazines, and social media networks like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. It is very important that when the news and information get spread at such a fast pace, it can really be detrimental to the interest of the general public at large and therefore it is mandatory to censor the information which could indeed harm the people in any way or can cause disputes or feuds among certain specified communal groups. Had the Media and press not been there, the general public would have remained ignorant of the events of the world. On the other hand, if wrong messages and news gets circulated, then it might cause riots among people due to unnecessary hatred, and the peace and harmony of a nation might be adversely affected. As we live in a democratic country, we have the right to speech and any kind of injustice suffered by any innocent person must reach the masses so that the culprit can be punished by the judiciary and the judicial system favors the innocent and not the guilty. Had the press and media not been there, the youth would not have become aware of the new avenues of employment. Many jobs and placements happen due to the circulation of the demand for that professional in the newspaper and on other media applications online. But Press and Media should always remain free from corruption and should not be censored to authentically come across to people the way it is meant to be. Press and Media need to understand their limitations and work accordingly. They also need to speculate on the importance of the news that is being delivered and the influence of that news on the general public.

Fake news and rumors should be kept at bay and the news to be circulated needs to be validated before it is known to the public for the smooth functioning of a democracy. Without Media and Press, a democracy cannot work effectively.

Cadet Utsav Kumar and Cadet Azeem Ali
Jal House



PLANET EARTH

Planet Earth is a unique planet in the entire Universe. It is home to millions of species on earth and its creation is explained in the Big Bang theory. Life on earth started with the explosion of a big heavenly body (NEBULA) which split into numerous small parts getting spread as matter in the Universe out of which one of the pieces that were thrown into the Universe became our planet Earth. The shape of the Earth is Geoid (similar to an orange). It moves on an imaginary axis and has a tilt of $23\frac{1}{2}$. It rotates with a velocity of 29.8 Km/sec. The total surface area is 511 million km (square). It has a diameter of 12756 km. The minimum distance of the Earth from the Sun is 147.9 million km and this distance is called Perihelion and the maximum distance is 152.1 million which is called Aphelion.

It was suitable for life with resources of water and air. It is indeed an amazing fact that Earth is 4.6 billion years old and has undergone drastic changes over the decades and centuries with the passage of time. Its mass is 5.97×10^{24} tons. Sunlight is the greatest source of vitamin D which is an essential requirement by humans. It takes sunlight 8 minutes and 18 seconds to reach the surface of the earth as it is 149 million km away from the earth. Our planet which has its three-fourth surface covered with water is called a blue planet. When viewed from the satellite, the blue planet looks magnificent with varied terrains of mountains, plateaus, plains, deserts, coastal areas, forests, and oceans, and all these natural landscapes bear an enormous wealth of resources including the flora and fauna of the Earth.

Today this beautiful planet with its vast resources is on the verge of extinction. It is indeed a harsh reality to note that so many species of plants and animals have already become extinct. We humans too are facing existential challenges as during the Covid times, we all have witnessed large fatalities and this has cast a gloom over the entire humanity making us all realize that we need to mend our ways. Urbanization, modernization, and pollution have had a very degrading impact on the environment causing Natural calamities and catastrophes that further make existence difficult for us all and increasing the problems of unemployment and poverty for the masses.

The earth has enough to satisfy everyone's needs but not enough to satisfy everyone's greed.

The cleaner we keep our earth, the better for us all. We will then be staying healthy and will definitely leave a legacy of a beautiful planet that is like heaven rather than a hellish place littered with heaps of garbage and dirt. It is the need of the hour to preserve mother Earth and we have no alternative left if we wish to sustain life on Earth.

Cadet Rajveer Yadav
Cadet Devyansh Bisht
Vayu House

THE INDIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM



Indian Education System – Education means the training of young minds into civilized and well-behaved human beings who can add productively to the Country's economy and also contribute to the national income of the country.

Indian Education system has gone through a lot of changes. NEP- National Education policy provides for reforms at all levels of education from school to higher education. NEP aims to increase the focus on strengthening teacher training, reforming the existing exam system, and early childhood care, and restructuring the regulatory framework of education. The new policy replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986. The policy is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban India and aims to transform the education system by 2030. From the Gurukuls to Modern and advanced (technical) learning in India. India being a developing nation has to take certain measures from time to time that can upgrade the standard of education in India to an extent that the education can become skill-based learning. It focuses on making the youth more capable and more independent and Indians can make the best use of manpower available to it.

DRAWBACKS

There are certain loopholes and drawbacks which bring about hurdles and intervention in the efficient working of the development programs. Corruption in the government system of education is the major cause. Employment of sub-standard teachers, poor infrastructure and inferior accessories, and lack of technical assistance and equipment don't generally allow the welfare programs to run effectively. Also what is written and sanctioned in the books is hardly implemented in actuality. The impact of western civilization is another big drawback. The theoretical aspect of learning is given more relevance and no efforts are made to the practical application of the knowledge gained which makes it a deficit system.

MEASURES

Government schools and institutions should be inspected by certain authorized officials to properly evaluate the quality of education imparted to children.

The students should be provided with all the books and other accessories required during the learning process. The syllabus should be revised from time to time to make the learning skill-based and practical. The eligibility of the teachers needs to be taken care of before they are recruited and also time to time reporting on the performance of the learners can really improve the standard of education imparted in government schools.

Cadet Utkarsh Kumar
Jal House

Global Warming

Earth is today a suffering planet. It is because of the fact that the ailing planet is severely exploited by the human being who take undue advantage of the resources and exploit these resources to an unlimited extent, making the planet suffer on account of the degradation in the environmental factors which are ultimately harming the humans and human life. Global warming means the climate changes caused due to the long-term heating of the Earth's surface which has been observed since the pre-industrial period (1850-1900) due to human activities, primarily fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The effects of Climate change are hotter temperatures, more severe storms, increased droughts, rising sea levels, more health risks, and poverty caused due to natural calamities and displacement.

Earth gets polluted in myriad ways. The greenhouse gases include CO₂, CO, and many others. Forest fires also contribute immensely to the rise in temperature along with the threat they hold to the flora and fauna of the world. The greatest culprit is the smoke and emissions released out of the factories and the various respiratory ailments and allergies caused due to exposure of these harmful gases. The air conditioners and the refrigerators release CFS Chemical which is depleting the Ozone layer in the atmosphere and its depletion would expose the Earth to harmful ultraviolet rays.

Measures we can take

We need to recycle the waste specifically the smoke and emissions released out of the industrial units need to be processed and transformed into harmless and environment-friendly substances. Stringent laws should be made to stop the littering of the environment and officials should also inspect from time to time whether the laws are properly enforced and implemented. Electric vehicles could be an alternative that can work miracles to the extent of stopping harmful emissions.

Cadet Sarandeep Singh
Thal House

Blood Donation

Blood is an important fluid running across all parts of the body to transfer oxygen and food for balanced growth and proper functioning of our body. In hospitals and emergency wards, doctors and Surgeons operating critical patients are in desperate need of the right blood group to save the life of the patient. Blood banks have therefore emerged and are set up in every town and city to solve this problem. But the crucial factor is that the working of the blood banks depends on the availability of blood. Only generous donations by people with noble intentions can resolve the issue of blood shortage. Only 3 percent of the age-eligible people donate blood. Blood can be donated only by people who are above 18 years. Regular blood donation increases life expectancy and lowers the problem of blood pressure and heart attack. Victims of fatal road accidents and other unfortunate incidents are in urgent need of blood for their life to be saved. The donor needs to get his or her blood samples tested to prevent any infection or other contagious disease to the recipient of the blood. It is very important that we need to understand the need of the hour and take into consideration the fact that our life needs to have a noble purpose and without any such noble objective it will remain meaningless.



Cadet Ashish Sajgotra
Vayu House
Cadet Sarthak
Thal House

INS Vikrant

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS-Vikrant), which Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi commissioned to the Indian Navy at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) on September 2, 2022, is a major milestone in our maritime History, showcasing the country's growing prowess and of summarizing the importance of the INS Vikrant for the country. The Prime Minister exclaimed that Vikrant is special as it is not just a warship but a very powerful symbol of India's power and strength. It is huge and massive and it represents how India has been able to categorize itself as one of the most influential countries of the world as it now has the capacity to build, manufacture and design an aircraft carrier like the UK, Russia, China, US, and France.

INS Vikrant, the largest warship which is manufactured in India is 262 m long and 62 meters wide. It has a maximum speed of 28 knots per hour. It will be India's second-largest aircraft carrier after INS-Vikramaditya which was built on a Russian platform. Initially, the warship will carry MIG fighter jets and some helicopters. INS-Vikrant has the capacity to accommodate 1600 crew members and 30 aircraft on board. It is equipped with machines that can make 3000 chappatis in an hour. The warship is equipped with a 16-bed hospital, 250 tankers of fuel, and 2400 compartments. It has specialized cabins to accommodate women officers and sailors.



Cadet Gulshan Yadav
Jal House

Importance of Teachers



In every one's life from the beginning to end there are teachers in their life. We are born to our parents but the direction of our lives is given by the teachers. Teacher is not just a words. It is a pride honour for a person who teaches and spreads knowledge. Anybody who is great successful is due to his/her teacher. But now days people are not respecting teachers for them teacher is just a normal person who just teaches and they are giving more preference to success. The successors were become successful by their teachers only. Imagine a world without teachers everybody will be dumb without them. In the medical period teachers were on top because they taught people about the bookish knowledge or environmental knowledge. But now the students are arguing with teachers making fun of them taking them lightly and most important they are not respecting them. Our teaching are doing hard work for students only but students are disrespecting them.

They are trying their best for us to give a good direction to our life. At last I would like to thank all my teachers who help, support, trust me without teachers we are nothing. So please respect them.

Cadet Kavyansh Rana
House - Vayu

The person I admire the most



The way you look.
 The way you cook.
 The way you walk.
 The way you talk.
 The way you smile.
 You really have stolen my heart with your amazing style.
 The way you are fair.
 The way you are always taking my care.
 The way you behave with me.
 The way you always save me.
 Sometimes you blast on me like a bomb.
 But at last not the least you are my successful mom.

Cadet Sarthak Suryawanshi
House - Thal



Today's Generation

What is happening to today's generation?
 They don't respect the people of their own nation.
 They only think about greed.
 Instead of thinking about the people and their need.

What is happening to today's generation?
 They don't think about their reputation.
 They only think about their social media pages.
 Instead of giving happiness to their parent's faces.

What is happening to today's generation?
 They forget the heroes of their own nation.
 They spend their whole time to see new trends.
 Instead of giving time to their family and friends.

What is happening to today's generation?
 It seems their life has no destination.
 Instead of making their nation and parent's proud of them.
 They are engaged in activities which do not give profit to them.

Cadet Tanmay Chauhan
House - Vayu



My Mom

You are my inspiration
 You are my motivation
 You became my medication
 We share such lovely relation

In my veins the blood is yours
 For all my problems you have cures
 God couldn't be everywhere
 So he sent his most beautiful creation here

To say there is only one thing left
 In my heart, for you there are no boundaries of respect
 You play many roles in my life
 Sometimes a sister sometimes a father
 Even many a times a brother
 That's why I call you my magical mother

Cadet Devansh Chaturvedi
House - Jal



Teacher

Its dark, no light
Is it the faith of my life
No food, no money in the poverty
I need a light to survive in this cruelty

OH ! I see now, the rays of light
Its education which will make my future bright

With wings of words
I want to fly high
With brain of thought
I want to shine bright



Thank you my teacher
To teach me all day
Now, I have my future
And I can make my own way



Cadet Aniket Negi
House - Thal

Kidnap



The greatest supporter of my life
The best one my lovely wife
One day she got kidnapped and
chopped half by knife
Where I lived ganga has its turn
I took her body hugged her and let her
body to burn

Noone with me just my face filled with tear
Later the waves made the ash clear
No voice of her left for me to hear
Nothing to motivate or to cheer
Today I weep and just wish if she could be near

Cadet Deepansh Srivastav
House - Thal



The Soldier



The day when I get two stars on my shoulder
I will think my life is not an empty folder
I will never let my motherland be captive in my enemy's hand
Till I lay down my life for my motherland,
I will fight till I lay down and make the sand red
With my blood
When I leave my home for my country
I will tell my parents not to worry and not to fear
And hope for my return
And if I do return, It will be for you, my motherland
Or else, I will rather feel proud to die while protecting you
From the enemy's hand and then rest in peace

To know that it is for you, India that I died and made myself immortal with the title of a
brave soldier

I will say Goodbye and kiss my soil the last time during my last breath

The life of a soldier is indeed no fun
Challenges of Artillery, bombs, and gun
This is the way I will be one day- a valiant soldier
When I see the stars in the sky

I remember the Verbatim

"Two stars on my shoulder are better than a million in the sky"

My determination and dream are the same

LET ME SAY FAREWELL AND JAI HIND!

Cadet Tuhin Biswas
House - Vayu



My Mother

You all talk about different things
 I wish to talk only about me
 The person I love and adore the most
 Is none other than my mother with love utmost
 It is not greed she works for
 And she is always there when needed or
 I can assure she loves me more than anyone else
 The person is my mother I wish to tell
 She loves me unconditionally
 She is always set on a mission too frequently
 To wake me up and get me ready for school
 Making sure I look presentable and cool
 When I am hungry, she becomes the Master Chef
 When I am sick, she nurses me the best
 She wakes me up before the sunshine
 Her love for me seems too divine
 I am lucky to have a mother
 Who is an impersonation of God, my brother
 Nothing is more precious to me than her presence
 May God always let me have her by my side and



I am sure, I will feel
 blessed with her
 hallowed essence

Cadet Devyansh Bisht
 House - Thal

I Can Do

I know the journey is hard
 But the destination is not very far
 You only need to walk towards it
 Carrying your tired feet
 Go with the proper plan
 Don't forget your way and
 Keep distance from excuses for the next day
 The Day will definitely come
 For which you are waiting
 That day you will be a dream holder
 With the two stars on your shoulder



Cadet Tanishk Joshi
 House - Jal House

2 Stars on my shoulder is better than millions in sky

One day when I get two stars on my shoulder.
 I will think my life is not an empty folder.
 Guarding at the top of hill
 I will protect my motherland.
 I will never let the Indian flag
 Be in the hands of hollow men
 Life of a soldier is not fun
 It is full of artilleries, bombs and guns
 When I will go to the border on my senior's orders
 I will tell my parents I will come back for you
 Because I love my country and I love you too
 I will tell my parents not to cry
 If my body comes without life
 For my sister will be there
 To look after my parents
 If I am killed in the battle

She will be enough to make settle



Cadet Tuhin Biswas
 House - Vayu

I am an Indian



I am an Indian, I am 17 and how I have seen my country change.

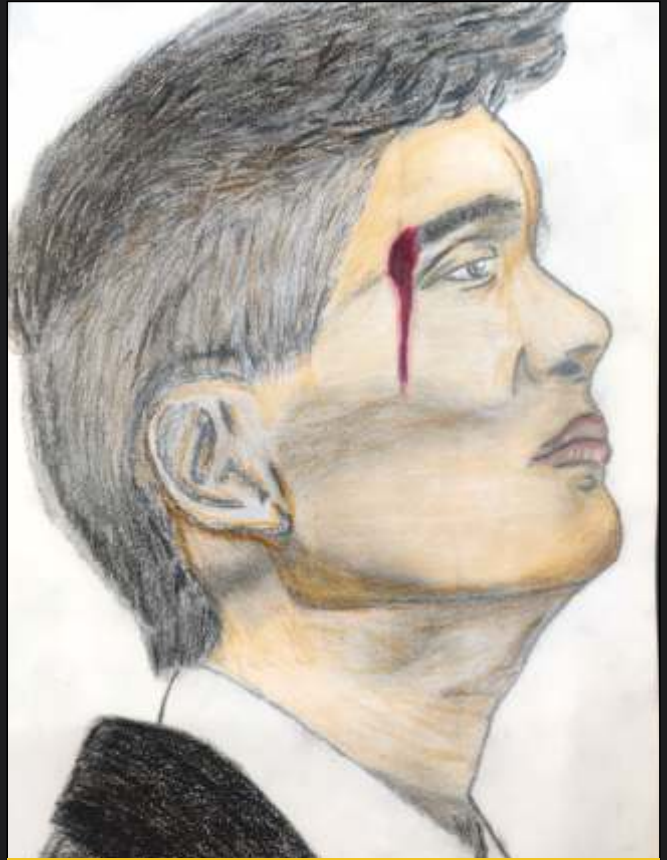
My friends we eat play and study but when I asked my father about 2002 riots he was telling not a different story now I know my country has changed

My mother and grandmother do not know about G.K. , maths , science, she was married when she was sixteen but my younger sister is attending one of finest schools of my town . now I know my country has changed, my grandfather told me there was emergency in india we had shortage of food and vorrious other resources , but now we even grow crops have enough to eat and live , now I know my country has changed my neighbor who belongs to lower caste told me that his father was kicked out from a house of an upper caste guy , but know he play with son of the person, now I know my country has changed , Mr. Sinha tells his sister was killed when she was born , but now he has two a allghters
 Now I know my country has changed my country where so many crisis is now one of the biggest economy I am an indian , I am 17 and this is now I have seen my country change.

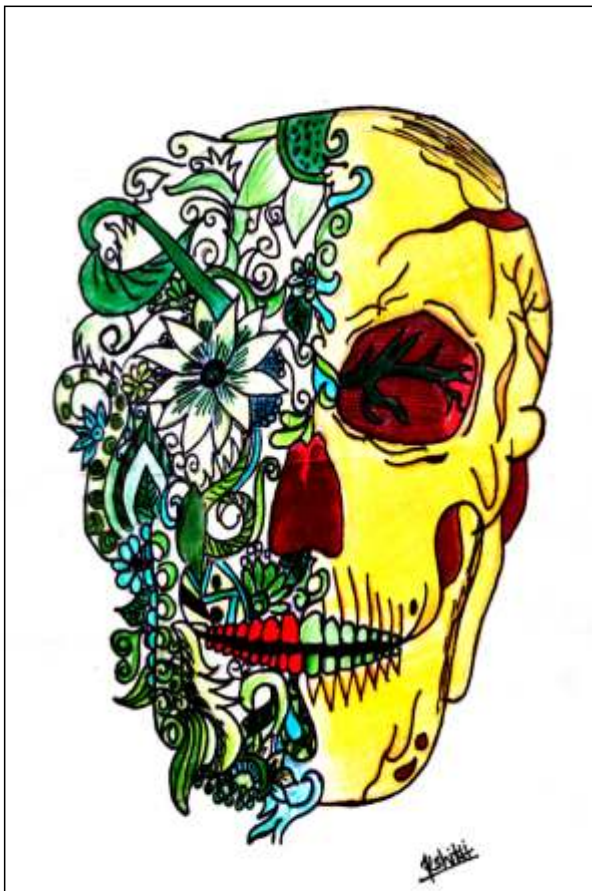
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Cadet Aman Singh (Class XI-D)



Cadet Hemant Kumar



Cadet Aditya Choudhary (Class XI-D)

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**Painting is
silent poetry.**

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Shot Put



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Taekwondo Team



(L-R) - Cadet Sumit Sharma, Mr. Tarun Arora (PTI), Mr. D. N. Thapliyal (Principal), Mr. A. S. Negi (PTI), Cadet Hardik Kumar

Basketball Team



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Cadet Mayank Chaurasia, Cadet Rajveer Yadav

Standing (L to R) :
Cadet Sahil, Cadet Rahul, Cadet Akshat Choudhary

Standing (L to R) :
Cadet Mayanak Prasant Dongre
Cadet Lakhan Sharma

Volleyball Team

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