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### UDAAN DAY 1-SPORTS

DPSGV celebrated its Senior Wing Sports Day, Day 1 of “UDAAN – Ek Naye Aakash Ki Khoj,” on Friday, 19 December 2025, with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit. The event aimed to promote discipline, teamwork, resilience and healthy competition among students. The programme commenced with the welcome and felicitation of the Chief Guest, Mr. Humza Mujtaba, a distinguished hockey player whose inspiring journey motivated the young athletes. Principal Dr. Vinod Kumar highlighted the importance of sports in holistic development, followed by the Chief Guest’s address.

The March Past reflected discipline and house pride, followed by energetic track and field events, including races, Shot Put, Long Jump, and Relays. Parents also joined in fun races, adding to the excitement. The day concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony, celebrating winners and appreciating the spirit of participation. Sports Day was a resounding success, showcasing the collective effort of students, teachers, and staff and inspiring learners to aim higher and believe in their potential.



## UDAAN DAY 2- CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Day 2 of UDAAN at Delhi Public School Ghaziabad, Vasundhara marked the culmination of the year-long academic, co-curricular, and experiential learning across all grades, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic education.

The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp in the presence of Mr. Om Pathak, Chairman, DPSG Society, Lt. Gen. Dewan Ravindranath Soni, Mr. Manas Vats (ACJM), and Dr. M. S. Tyagi.

Student-led exhibitions, club presentations, and interactive learning spaces showcased the integrated efforts of students and teachers. Through hands-on activities, models, simulations, and interdisciplinary projects, learners demonstrated critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and real-world application of concepts in mathematics, science, technology, art, citizenship, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.

Interactive workshops in photography, Madhubani painting, and pottery, conducted by the invited experts, offered immersive learning experiences and promoted appreciation of traditional and contemporary art forms. The "MAANAVTA – Expressions of Empathy" segment highlighted the school's focus on value education and community engagement.

Cultural performances by Rangmanch, Swaranjali, and Happy Feet Clubs added vibrancy to the event, reflecting artistic growth nurtured throughout the year.

Overall, UDAAN Day-2 celebrated the learning journey itself, aligning with the CD 2020 and NEP 2020 vision, and reaffirmed DPS Ghaziabad, Vasundhara's mission to develop confident, skilled, and socially responsible learners.



## UDAAN DAY 3-DASHAANAN



DPSG Vasundhara presented its Wing Production Dashaanan as the culminating expression of UDAAN—a celebration not merely of performance, but of a year-long inward and outward journey of learning. Rooted in Indian philosophy and brought alive through art, the production became a mirror to the human soul, where movement, melody, and narrative converged to speak of growth, reflection and becoming. The evening unfolded with the sacred Lighting of the Lamp, a timeless invocation of wisdom and illumination. As the flame was kindled by Dr. Vinod Kumar, Principal, DPSG Vasundhara, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries,

it symbolised the eternal triumph of knowledge over ignorance and marked the beginning of a contemplative voyage. The gathering was enriched by the presence of distinguished guests whose lives embodied purpose and service. Esteemed alumnus Cdr. Bhavni Oberoi and Capt. Achint Oberoi stood as living testaments to courage, discipline and commitment. Eminent educationists Ms. Sneha Rathore Khandelwal (CEO, Sanfort Group) and Mr. Sunil Tyagi (ICION Group) lent intellectual depth to the occasion, while respected RWA members and Dr. Shilpa, a renowned physiotherapist, reaffirmed the school's deep-rooted connection with the

community and the philosophy of holistic well-being. The stage then transformed into a space of introspection. Dashaanan reimagined Ravana not as a singular villain, but as the many-headed self—where virtue and ego coexist, where attachment challenges awareness. Through evocative sequences of music, dance, and theatre, students gave voice to timeless human emotions—fear, envy, pride, and longing. The evening ended with an inspiring address, a Vote of Thanks and the National Anthem, leaving the audience awakened to the enduring dialogue between self and soul



## LITERARY FEST: THE CONFLUENCE OF WORDS

The school hosted an enriching Literary Fest on 20 December 2025, bringing together authors, publishers, students, and parents to celebrate stories, creativity, and the written word. The event featured two distinguished guests – Ms. Shaguna Gahilote, renowned performance storyteller and author, and Ms. Lipika Bhushan, senior publishing professional and founder of MarketMyBook.

Ms. Gahilote enthralled the audience with an immersive storytelling session rooted in Indian folk traditions, inspiring students to view stories as powerful carriers of culture and values. Ms. Bhushan offered valuable insights into the journey of a book, from idea to publication, enriching aspiring young writers and parents alike.

A special highlight was the recognition of the school's young authors from the Literati Club – Amaaira Kumar, Aaradhaya Mehta, Anvi Singh, Anvi Panwar, and Geet Choudhary – who proudly showcased their children's books and interacted with the guests during an engaging Q&A session.

The fest concluded with an interactive session with students and parents, reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing young voices and fostering a lifelong love for reading and writing.



## FELICITATION OF DPSG CUP COACHES, THE CHAMPIONS BEHIND THE CHAMPIONS

A felicitation ceremony was organised to honour the coaches of the DPSG Cup for their invaluable contribution to nurturing young sportspersons. The event celebrated the true spirit of sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork, with enthusiastic participation from 78 schools across various sporting disciplines. The Principal, Dr. Vinod Kumar, addressed the gathering, highlighting the pivotal role of coaches in shaping confident athletes. The coaches from different schools and sports were felicitated for their dedication and guidance.



# VICTORY IN EVERY STRIDE: DPSGV'S DOMINANT DISPLAY AT THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP

The 5th Edition of the Chairman's Cup—a visionary legacy of our Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, Mr. Anshul Pathak—brought together seven DPSG schools across three states for a high-octane celebration of sportsmanship. Representing DPSGV, our athletes rose to the challenge, showcasing grit, talent, and an unbreakable team spirit.

We are immensely proud to announce that our students returned with a massive haul of 22 medals, proving their mettle across Athletics, Chess, Yoga, Basketball, and more.

## The Medal Tally

Achievement	Total Wins
Gold Medals	4
Silver Medals	11
Bronze Medals	7
<b>Total Medals</b>	<b>22</b>



## OUR HALL OF FAME: THE CHAMPIONS

The Golden Streak

Our Gold medalists displayed peak performance in their respective fields:

- Vamika Pandey & Reyansh Gupta – Table Tennis (U-14)
- Niel Tripathi – Skating (U-14)
- Reet Kaur – Athletics (100m)

Silver Standouts

The Silver tally was bolstered by incredible team efforts and individual brilliance:

- Team Success: Boys' Basketball (U-17), Boys' Football (U-17), and Athletics Relay Team (U-17).
- Chess Masters: Our U-12, U-15, and U-19 Chess teams strategic brilliance earned them the second spot.
- Individual Excellence: Varushka S Gurung (Yoga), Aarav Singh (Yoga), Drishya (Skating), Drishyam Jha (Skating), and Reet Kaur (Athletics 200m).

Bronze Brilliance

- Team Spirit: Cricket Team (U-19), Girls' Basketball (U-17), and Athletics Relay Team (U-14).
- Skill & Poise: Swaranjali Gupta (Yoga), Akshat Agarwal (Yoga), Gauransh Joshi (Table Tennis), and Yagya (Skating).

A special mention goes to our coaches and mentors whose tireless dedication paved the way for this success. Congratulations to all our champions for keeping the DPSGV flag flying high!



## MAAHIR ARORA BRINGS DISTINCTION TO DPSGV

DPSGV proudly congratulates Maahir Arora (Class IV Rose) for his outstanding achievements in Table Tennis.

He secured the **First Position in the District Table Tennis Tournament (Under-11)** conducted by the Delhi State Table Tennis Association on 14 December 2025 at Bosco Public School, Paschim Vihar, competing against over 30 participants from Delhi and NCR.

He also won the **Third Position in the STAG Global Delhi State Table Tennis Championship** held on 21 December 2025 at Hansraj Public School, Punjabi Bagh, among more than 50 players.

**Maahir was felicitated with a trophy and a cash award of ₹6,000 for his commendable performance.** The school applauds his dedication and wishes him continued success.



## FIELD FRENZY-THE INTER SOCIETY SPORTS EVENT



Delhi Public School Ghaziabad, Vasundhara hosted its much-awaited intercity sporting event, Field Frenzy, on 6th December 2025 (Saturday) with tremendous enthusiasm and participation. Designed to inspire young children to "Unleash the Athlete Within," the event received an overwhelming response from the community.

A total of 400 registrations were received, with 300 energetic participants competing across various categories. The event was graced by 85 parents and 15 RWA Presidents from nearby societies. Pre-primary and primary students from local residential areas and nursery schools also attended, adding vibrancy and joy to the occasion.

Logistics, hospitality, and coordination were seamless, ensuring comfort for guests and young participants alike. The atmosphere was energetic, participants enjoyed thoroughly, and parents and RWAs appreciated the school's effort—making the event a joyful and successful celebration of sports.



## TATVASHAKTI 2025- SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY

DPSGV came alive with discovery and innovation as learners across the PYP showcased their scientific brilliance at **Tatvashakti** – The Annual Science Exhibition. Our young researchers explored science in action.

Every booth showed confidence, clarity and creativity.

Parents and visitors were amazed by the clarity, communication skills and global-mindedness of our learners.



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS: A JOYFUL EXPRESSION OF SHARING AND CARING



The Junior Wing celebrated Christmas in the true spirit of sharing and caring, amidst bright and cheerful decorations. Classrooms were beautifully adorned with handmade stars, bells, wreaths, and Christmas trees, creating a warm and festive atmosphere.

The celebration emphasized kindness and gratitude as students presented simple gifts to the school's support staff, learning the joy of giving and appreciation. Through stories and discussions, children understood that Christmas is not just about celebrations, but about love, compassion, and togetherness.



## CREATING SPACES THAT INSPIRE LEARNING

Learning thrives in environments that are welcoming, functional, and thoughtfully designed. Keeping this vision in mind, the school has undertaken several infrastructure enhancements to better support students' academic and creative needs. The revamped library now offers a more engaging and comfortable space that encourages reading, research, and quiet reflection. In the Junior Wing, new age-appropriate furniture has been introduced to ensure comfort, safety, and ease of movement, making classrooms more learner-friendly. These improvements reflect our commitment to creating spaces that nurture curiosity, collaboration, and a love for learning.



## VISIBILITY IN THE MEDIA

Our school continues to strengthen its presence across digital and print platforms. Regular features on Facebook, Insta, and LinkedIn, along with coverage in esteemed dailies such as The Hindu and The Hindustan Times, reflect our commitment to sharing achievements, initiatives, and milestones with a wider audience. This growing visibility helps amplify our voice and celebrate the collective efforts of our school community.

**DPSG Vasundhara Hosts 'Tatvashakti' Annual Science Exhibition**

**DPSG, Vasundhara, presents Wing Production Dashaanan as part of 3-day UDAAN celebration**

**GHAZIABAD:** DPSG, Vasundhara, presented its Wing Production titled 'Dashaanan' on the third and final day of UDAAN, celebrating a year-long journey of holistic learning encompassing sports, clubs and societies, citizenship studies, music, dance, and theatre. The event began on an auspicious note with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Principal Vinod Kumar, along with the dignitaries, invoked divine blessings to mark the beginning of the event.

The occasion was graced by a distinguished guest, including school chairman Rohit Pathak, whose visionary leadership has played a pivotal role in shaping the institution into a dynamic educational hub.

The presence of esteemed alumnus Cdr. Bhavni Oberoi and Capt. A Oberoi served as an inspirational boost for the students. Eminent professionals in the field of education, including DPSG Group CEO Sneha Rathor and Sumit Tyagi from ICJON Group, added academic depth to the occasion.

The participation of RWA members and renowned physiotherapist Dr. Shipra further strengthened the school's connection with the community and underscored the importance of holistic well-being. Follow-up felicitations of the guests, the event was addressed by the principal who eloquently introduced the concept of Dashaanan.

In his address, he emphasized the relevance of the production in nurturing physical, cognitive, socio-emotional, ethical, linguistic, aesthetic, and cultural development of learners, reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic education.

The production unfolded a deeply symbolic narrative, portraying Ravana not merely as a mythological antagonist but also as a reflection of human virtues and vices.

**Public School Ghaziabad, Vasundhara** came alive with innovation, curiosity, and joyful learning as young inquirers showcased their scientific thinking at Tatvashakti, The Annual Science Exhibition. Aligned with the IB PYP philosophy, the exhibition reflected the school's commitment to nurturing conceptual understanding, learner agency, and real-world connections. EY1 and EY2 learners welcomed visitors with hands-on colour-mixing explorations, observing change at inter-effect relationships. EY3 learners sensitised the audience about the importance of trees through models depicting deforestation and shrinking habitats. PYP 1 learners raised awareness about air, water, and land pollution through impactful demonstrations at the exhibition. PYP 2 learners highlighted sustainable practices such as composting, rainwater harvesting, hydroponics, and step farming, linking their work to the Sustainable Development Goals. PYP 3 learners explained the five layers of the atmosphere with scientific clarity, while PYP 4 learners demonstrated renewable and non-renewable energy sources. PYP 5 learners presented simple machines and their real-life applications, concluding with a thoughtful reminder on responsible technology use. Tatvashakti celebrated inquiry, collaboration, sustainability, and scientific thinking, reflecting the school's vision of nurturing future-ready global citizens.



## MS. RAJNI SHARMA: A LEGACY OF DEDICATION AND THE POWER OF WORDS

After 25 years of committed service, Ms. Rajni Sharma retires, leaving an enduring imprint on the school as a Senior English teacher and the Editor of DPSG Times.



Ms. Sharma inspired students to appreciate literature, think critically, and communicate with confidence. Her classrooms were spaces where language came alive and learning extended beyond textbooks.

Under her stewardship, DPSG Times evolved into a vibrant platform for student expression, creativity, and responsible journalism. She mentored young writers, refined their voices, and upheld high editorial standards, transforming the school newspaper into a mirror of campus life and student thought.

As a member of the CBSE Material Production Group, Ms. Sharma made significant contributions to Teachers' Manuals and English Communicative and English Language & Literature textbooks for Classes IX and X. She has authored and annotated several academic publications and served as a Master Trainer for ASL (CBSE & Trinity College, London), leading numerous capacity-building programmes for teachers and students.

A two-time recipient of the British Council Award for Coordinating International Dimensions in Schools, Ms. Rajni Sharma's impact extends far beyond the classroom. Her dedication to education, language, and leadership will continue to inspire the school community for years to come.

We miss you ma'am!

## FOSTERING MINDS: A WORKSHOP ON CRITICAL THINKING IN EDUCATION

As part of the school's ongoing teacher training programme, a workshop on Critical Thinking was conducted by Ms. Deepa Shukla, focusing on its importance as an essential tool for effective education. The session emphasised moving beyond rote learning to nurture analytical, reflective, and independent thinking among students.

Ms. Shukla shared practical classroom strategies to integrate critical thinking into everyday lessons through well-designed questions, discussions, problem-based tasks, and real-life contexts. She highlighted ways teachers can encourage students to analyse information, evaluate perspectives, and justify their responses with reasoning.

The interactive workshop equipped teachers with actionable ideas to enhance student engagement and deepen understanding, reinforcing the role of critical thinking in creating meaningful and impactful learning experiences.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The recent weeks have been a celebration of energy, excellence, and collective achievement, leaving us with a deep sense of pride in our



students and the vibrant learning culture at DPSG Vasundhara. Our students have embraced every opportunity to grow, explore, and shine, making this term truly memorable and inspiring for all of us.

We have witnessed a variety of enriching experiences, from the outbound trip to Jim Corbett, which nurtured teamwork, resilience, and a deeper connection with nature, to the Children's Day Food Fiesta, a joyful celebration of creativity, fun, and camaraderie.

The three-day extravaganza UDAAN was a spectacular showcase of our students' talents and efforts. From athletic displays and team events to creative and performing arts presentations, students demonstrated discipline, leadership, and innovation. Complemented by the Literary Fest and the Chairman's Cup, these events offered multiple platforms for intellectual engagement, artistic expression, and healthy competition, enabling students to build confidence, explore new interests, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

With the successful completion of all major events and celebrations, our focus now shifts to academics and purposeful preparation for upcoming assessments. Academic excellence will remain central in the coming term, especially for Classes X and XII, as they prepare for the Board Examinations. The schedule for the subject-wise online classes has been shared, enabling students to strengthen concepts and reinforce learning. We encourage all our students, across every grade, to approach their studies with focus, confidence, and self-discipline as they prepare for the End Term assessments. With the steady support of parents and the right guidance, this phase can become a meaningful opportunity to strengthen understanding and develop good learning habits. Our teachers continue to be available to mentor students, address concerns,

and support them at every step of their academic journey.

This term has truly reflected the spirit of DPSG Vasundhara—where creativity, discipline, and curiosity go hand in hand.

As we step into 2026, we extend our warm wishes to you and your family for a year filled with joy, warmth, and memorable moments, and we look forward to welcoming our students back with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to excellence in learning.

**Warm regards,  
Dr. Vinod Kumar**

## EDITORIAL: GRATITUDE AT YEAR'S END

December often arrives wrapped in deadlines, celebrations and a sense of hurry. Yet, as the year draws to a close, it gently invites us to pause and look back – not at what remains undone, but at all that quietly came together.

This month reminds us that no achievement is ever individual. Every success is supported by unseen effort, patient guidance, quiet encouragement and collective belief. Gratitude, then, is not just about saying thank you; it is about recognizing interdependence. Students learning from teachers, teachers learning from students and families walking alongside the school in trust.

In a world that constantly urges us to move ahead, December gives us the rare gift of reflection. It teaches us that growth feels deeper when acknowledged and progress feels meaningful when appreciated.

As we step into a new year, may gratitude remain not just a sentiment of the season, but a habit of the heart – grounding us, humbling us and reminding us that what we have is, in many ways, enough.

## A JOURNEY OF GRIT AND PASSION



For **Mr. Mukesh Kumar Shail**, learning extends far beyond classrooms—it unfolds on mountain roads and rugged trails. A dedicated teacher at DPS Ghaziabad, Vasundhara, he is an explorer at heart who turns every journey into a lesson in life.

A passionate solo biker, he has ridden across Spiti Valley, Ladakh, the Char Dham route, and challenging terrains of Manali and Shimla. An avid trekker and national-level sportsperson who has represented Maharashtra in football and athletics, Mr. Shail embodies discipline, resilience, and courage.

These values reflect strongly in his teaching, where real-life experiences inspire students to step out of their comfort zones and embrace challenges. Through his YouTube channel 'Adventure Explorer on Wheels', Mr. Shail showcases that true learning is a lifelong adventure.

## THE THIRD LANGUAGE: A GATEWAY TO CULTURE AND GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING



The third language in our school is not merely an academic subject but an integral part of holistic education. It acts as a bridge to diverse cultures, perspectives, and ways of thinking; helping students

develop global awareness and cultural sensitivity. Language learning here goes beyond vocabulary and grammar, fostering respect for traditions and an appreciation of the world's rich cultural heritage.

In this spirit, we are delighted to present an article written in Japanese by Ms. Anju Singh, Japanese Language Teacher, which offers a thoughtful exploration of the Japanese Tea Ceremony and the values it embodies.

## MEET OUR ALUMNI

**CAPT. ANKIT CHAUDHARY**  
**Indian Army Officer**  
**Alumnus, Batch of 2013**  
**DPSG Vasundhara**



Capt. Ankit Chaudhary's path to becoming an Indian Army Officer was

shaped by his strong academic foundation and unwavering determination. After graduating from DPSGV, he pursued Civil Engineering at Inderprastha Engineering College, Ghaziabad. His academic journey continued as he cleared the GATE exam and secured admission for an M.Tech at Delhi Technological University. However, Ankit's true calling came when he cleared the SSB Interview for the Indian Army.

Driven by a desire to serve his country, he made the life-changing decision to leave his M.Tech course and join the Army. Today, as an Assistant Garrison Engineer with the Military Engineering Services. Capt. Ankit Chaudhary embodies the value of discipline, dedication and leadership and is a source of inspiration.

### 茶道

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## AT THE CROSSROADS OF DESTINY AND CHOICE

Life has a curious way of testing us. Just when things begin to feel manageable—almost calm—a new challenge appears. A setback, a loss, a decision we didn't anticipate. Many of us are raised with the belief that everything is planned, that life follows a destined path. And yet, in moments of hardship, an unsettling question arises: if everything is destined, what role do our behaviour, choices, and karma really play?

### 1. Destiny May Set the Stage, But We Write the Script.

Psychologically speaking, destiny can be understood as the conditions of our life: the family we are born into, the opportunities we receive, the crises that arrive without warning. These are not chosen. They are given. But within these conditions lies something profoundly human—the power to choose. The psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl argued that even in the most extreme suffering, humans retain the freedom to choose their attitude. Circumstances may be fixed, but our inner response is not. This inner freedom becomes the space where dignity, growth, and meaning are created. In everyday life, this means that while we may not control what happens, we do control how we respond—and that response quietly reshapes what comes next.

### 2. The Psychology of the Choice Point.

Every difficulty brings with it a moment psychologists might call a choice point. At such moments, multiple paths unfold: to react impulsively or reflect calmly, to withdraw or engage and to blame or take responsibility. These moments are small, but their effects are cumulative. According to Kurt Lewin, behaviour is the result of both the person and the environment. Destiny may shape the environment, but behaviour expresses who we are becoming. Over time, repeated choices turn into habits, habits into patterns, and patterns into a life trajectory.

### 3. Karma as the Memory of Our Choices

Rather than seeing karma as fate or cosmic reward, psychology invites us to view it as the psychological consequence of repeated behaviour. The way we respond to stress, failure, or conflict gradually conditions our mind. A person who consistently avoids challenges becomes more fearful; one who faces them develops resilience.

Albert Bandura emphasized the role of personal agency—the belief that one's actions can influence outcomes. When individuals believe they are active agents rather than helpless victims of destiny, they approach life with greater confidence and responsibility.

Thus, karma is not something that happens to us; it is something we quietly build through everyday choices.

### 4. Why Challenges Keep Returning

When a lesson is avoided rather than faced, life often recreates the situation until a different response is chosen. In this sense, challenges are not punishments—they are invitations to grow.

### 5. Destiny presents the question. Behaviour writes the answer.

#### Living Between Fate and Freedom

Perhaps the most comforting realization is this: life does not demand that we control everything. It only asks that we participate consciously. Even when outcomes are uncertain, choosing with awareness transforms suffering into experience and experience into wisdom. Destiny may decide what door we stand before. But choice decides whether we walk through it in fear, faith, or courage.

At the crossroads of destiny and choice lies the quiet power of the human mind—where behaviour shapes karma, and every response becomes the seed of what comes next.

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**School Counsellor**