

AAROHAN
Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony
28 January 2021

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
Prof. Ved Prakash, Vice President, DAVCMC and Chairman of the school
Shri. Anurag Tripathi, Secretary, CBSE,
Dr. Nisha Peshin, Director, Public Schools, DAVCMC
Sh. J.K. Kapoor, Secretary, DAVCMC and Vice Chairman of the school
Mrs. Adarsh Kohli, Manager of the school
Members of LMC, Principals
Members of PTA, Alumni Members
Parents
Staff and dear students

A very Good Morning to all of you!

I feel extremely proud and privileged to welcome a host of dignitaries to **Aarohan, the Manik Jayanti Celebration** of the school.

It is indeed a matter of great honor and pride to welcome Professor Ved Prakash, the Chairman of the school. Prof. Ved Prakash, is a recipient of the US Fulbright post-doctoral fellowship and has served the cause of education during a career spanning almost forty years. Starting his academic career from a humble beginning, he rose to phenomenal heights culminating to the position of the Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC); the most premier organization of the Government of India. In over 60 years history of the UGC, he has had the unique distinction of serving in all the three key positions of the UGC namely the Secretary, the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman. In addition, he has also served as the Founder Vice-Chancellor of National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA); Adviser (Education) Planning Commission and has held key positions in prestigious institutions in India and abroad. Prof. Ved Prakash has represented the Government of India in a number of high powered delegations to forging collaboration with other countries in the field of higher education and research.

The school is indeed blessed to be lead, guided and directed by a man of such high calibre and capacity.

I accord a heartfelt welcome to Senior bureaucrat Mr. Anurag Tripathi, IRPS, Secretary, CBSE, an alumnus of the Indian School of Business, a man with a futuristic vision. Under his mentorship and guidance CBSE has acquired a new dimension and his efforts to bridge the gap between educators and the new education policy 2020 are commendable. Sh. Tripathi is the chief administrative officer of the Board, Head of the affiliation unit and is working for bringing reforms in examinations. His contribution for the use of technology in conduct of examinations and educational administration is of immense benefit in the present scenario. He has introduced Single Window System in CBSE, developed Employees Charter for the Internal and External Customers and taken many other initiatives to bring about a rare credibility and dignity to the institution. A very down to earth, humble, approachable luminary, Sh. Tripathi is a human being par excellence.

Your presence Sir, in today's function is indeed very motivating and encouraging.

It is an honour to welcome **Dr. Nisha Peshin**, Director- PS, DAVCMC an embodiment of poise, composure and strength of personality. Her tireless and zealous efforts, her indomitable spirit, her endless perseverance add a silver lining to her magnetic personality. The herculean efforts made by her to raise the performance bar of DAV Schools have gone a long way in bringing credibility and fame to the organization. As Dean, DAV United Foundation and Director, DAVCAE, she is executing and implementing new strategies, new policies and new initiatives to bind the Alumni to the organization and promote excellence in all spheres.

I extend a warm welcome to **Sh. J.K. Kapoor**, Vice Chairman of the school, who illuminates us by his indomitable spirit, noble ideals and great vision and gives us the strength to overcome challenges.

I cordially welcome school Manager **Mrs. Adarsh Kohli**. Her guidance in our quest for progress has helped us surpass many milestones and set new trends.

I extend a warm welcome to esteemed members of DAVCMC, LMC, PTA, Principals from different schools, Parents and Alumni, epitomes of knowledge and wisdom, all key figures who help us sculpt the future of our children and help them scale summits of glory.

आपके आगमन से
कार्यक्रम को मिली अनंत भव्यता

करते हैं हार्दिक भाव से
हम स्वागत आप सभी का !!

Forty years ago
A dawn was set
A dawn of knowledge
A dawn of pledge
A dawn of dreams
A dawn of life
The dawn of DLDAVMS
May we always, with honest efforts,
And complete sincerity to our goals
Ascend day by day
Higher and higher summits of glory and bliss!

Forty years ago, Darbari Lal DAV Model School, Pitampura was established with the philosophy that perfect education, laid on the foundation of human values, leads to the creation of men and women who form the backbone of any nation. A vision was born, a vision, in which the glorious dreams of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Mahatma Hansraj and others found total fulfilment. The school is proudly carrying the vision, set by these illustrious giants, forward. From a fledgling institute, the school has metamorphosed into a progressive institution, widely recognized for its commitment to excellence.

This year the school celebrates 40 years of an illuminating journey from scratch to success, from ordinary to extraordinary. It claims to have played a pivotal role in evolving programmes which ensure a deep appreciation of the wisdom of the centuries, a genuine experience of human values in the contemporary virtue and a synthesis of modern technology. It is dedicated to the advocacy of cultural education, propagation of Sanskriti or Indian culture and moulding of good human beings through value education in school.

The school has indeed come a long way, from makeshift rooms that housed first batches of students to the present day state of modern infrastructure. The school has shouldered the responsibility of being a facilitator of the exploration of the limitless potential of the child through education. On the academic front the school has made a phenomenal rise. Through the portals of the school, have passed out, more than a lakh of its alumni, spread all over India and abroad, navigating their way to the stars.

The thrust to carry education beyond curriculum has gone unabated. A gamut of extra-curricular activities and events have honed students' skills, tapped their innate potential and groomed them into holistic personalities. Proportionate emphasis has been laid to sports as well. As a robust and vibrant school, it has engendered excellence in every sphere of human endeavour and manifested its penchant for experimentation and innovation. A happy, stimulating, secure, learning environment has ensured joyful learning which is meaningfully engaging and empowering.

New vistas have been sought for, to channelize the unlimited potential of students, bringing us into close association with organisations working hand in hand with school. The school strictly adheres to the guidelines and policies of apex educational bodies like CBSE, NCERT or DAVCAE. Efforts have been made to tap the inner reservoir of human mind and evolve ordinary people into legions of selfless service humans devoted to service.

The school is future ready. By updating the curriculum in tune with the global changes, harnessing technology, invigorating pedagogical practices, streamlining 21st century skills, promoting logical and artificial intelligence and divergent activity, building communication skills, the school is upholding a child centred ethos and setting new standards in education. As per CBSE guidelines, it has made a shift towards experiential learning and competency based education which is an outcome based approach to ensure proficiency through demonstration of the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes required for dealing with real life situations.

‘The bigger the challenges, the bigger the opportunity for growth.’

Today when half the world has shut down its working due to the attack of a microbe, the school has restated its belief in its core values – of service, of excellence, of innovation, of courage to take a lead in formidable and challenging times.

I must say that I am extremely proud of my committed faculty who have displayed exceptional dedication, ingenuity, resilience, passion and strength to navigate new territories and explore new vistas. They walk beside, they elicit greatness in others, they harness courage in themselves, they innovate, they empower and they deeply care. They have optimised learning skills by availing relevant learning opportunities provided by school and attending seminars offered by CBSE, DAVCAE and other educational organisations.

The school has set a high bar and is leading at frontline. The drive for perfection permeates deeply the school culture. In its ever-continuous, unending saga of setting milestones and rooting landmarks, the school pledges to uphold, reinforce and enhance the traditions of this learner's paradise.

The school received the following awards in the year 2020 –

- ISA Award by the British Council for 2019-2020 for the third time.
- Certificates of Recognition for organizing Fit India School Week.
- FIT INDIA SCHOOL FLAG by Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for promoting sports.
- Governor's Recognition Award by Rotary Club.
- Outstanding Initiative of the year in Robotics by All India Council for Robotics and Automation.

- Tagline of Microsoft Incubator school and collaboration with Adobe Digital Disha Project under ATL.

I humbly received the following awards on behalf of the school –

- By ASSOCHAM INDIA for valuable services to cause of education.
- Commendation Trophy for conducting Teachers Workshop on awareness of POCSO Act 2012 organised by Govt of India and Amazon.
- Savitribai Phule Educational Leadership Award 2020.
- AKS Exceptional Academic Leader Award for remarkable CBSE Board Results
- Certificate of Appreciation by Heart Lung Foundation for organizing Webinar on guidelines for opening of schools.

The following awards were received by staff members –

Ms. Neeta Chabbbra received the Asian Education Award and Global Digital Teacher Excellence Award and has been selected facilitator in climate action project, ENO India Program and Green9 SDG Conclave.

Mrs. Shaily Chawla received an Award for Zero Investment Innovations for Education initiatives by HRD Ministry, Govt. of India.

Mrs. Charu Dhodi secured second position in ATL inbox tinkering digital Summer camp.

Mrs Charu Bawa was awarded Savitribai Phule Most Inspiring Award 2020.

Ms. Dharna Sethi, Mrs. Garima Bhasin and Mrs. Charu Dhodi were awarded IT Guru Award by Edunext Technologies and Mrs. Shimpi Wadhwa, Mrs. Kanchan Kapoor received Global Teacher Award by AKS. 10 teachers received the Exceptional Academic Mentor Award by AKS for delivering outstanding Board results.

Today, on the occasion of the Manik Jayanthi Samaroh of the school, we revisit its glorious history and connect with its continuing odyssey. We celebrate the joy of learning as we develop in mind, body and spirit and persist to challenge ourselves with high expectations.

We all aspire,
As we complete 40 years of existence
To stand by your wall of support
And take from you
The will to be steadier
For, the sky knows,
As a star
You'll only grow brighter and brighter

Standing on the threshold of completing 40 glorious years of existence on the education map of India, we envisage the school as a global canvas of different shades, addressing the winds of educational change. A journey began four decades back. A voyage to track and tap potential and talent; Incubate it; Nurture it; Move it across a swathe of stretch challenges; Evaluate it on parameters pegged in a holistic manner. And I must say with full conviction that we have delivered a legacy of excellence.

I take the opportunity to pay my respectful tribute to the founder of the institution Sh. Darbari Lalji. My sincere gratitude to Sh. Punam Suri, President, DAVCMC for his blessings and inspiration, Mrs. S.L. Makhija, the founder Principal of the school, for her mentorship, Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman of the school for his guidance and direction, Sh. Anurag Tripathi, Secretary, CBSE for his motivation, Dr. Nisha Peshin, Director, Schools, DAVCMC, for constantly stimulating us in our journey, Mrs. Adarsh Kohli, Manager of the school for her counsel and advice. I would like to thank members of LMC, PTA, Alumni, Supervisory Incharges, the entire teaching, administrative and support staff and Parents for their proactive involvement in school endeavours and dear students for their diligent work and engagement in school pursuits.

Let us together herald a new era in which the DAV philosophy may permeate all human enterprise and spawn leaders of the future.

In the depth of the night
In the somnolence of the dawn
We creep towards our goal
Our dreams are being born
As we walk down our sun
Scorched path, ignoring the beckoning shade
We catch a glimpse of glory and
Petty temptations fade.
Even the mighty sun must set, so
Some failures there will be
But all we see is
Us, victory and nothing in between.

Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

ACHIEVEMENTS

DLDAV Pitampura celebrates 40 years of excellence. It is not merely a name but a domain, an academic brand, an organization that feels and dreams, thinks and delivers. It has a genuine identity and panache, longevity and experience, history and heritage. It is an attitude and a way of life, people identify with, and have trust in. By judiciously capitalizing on skills and experiences gathered over the years, it is an unenviable cornucopia heralding new benchmark. The pursuit of excellence in all its myriad dimensions is a relentless passion at the school.

The covid pandemic lockdown has failed to curb the school's indomitable spirit to march ahead with full zeal and zest.

The class XII CBSE Board Results stand testimony to the quality education being provided in the school. The QPI this year was 83.8% i.e. 2% higher than last year. 84 students out of 261 students secured 90% and above. 216 students secured distinctions in all five subjects. Ishita Saraogi the Commerce topper secured 98.60%. Shreya Yadav & Gautam Jaju, Science toppers secured 96.60% and Humanities topper Manav Gudwani secured 97.20%. The Vocational Topper was Akaash Nandwani with 92.80%. Gautam Jaju & Ansh Jain secured highest PCM i.e. 96.67%. The highest PCC was 96.33% secured by Mohammad Sameer Akhtar & Ansh Jain. The highest PCB was 95.67% secured by Aashi Gupta. 100 marks were secured by Gautam Jaju, Ishita Sarogi & Aryan Gupta in Maths and by 10 students in Fine Arts. We can proudly boast of 100% placements of students in reputed colleges. Students have qualified for medical colleges, IIT, NSIT, DTU and good DU colleges.

The QPI in the class X CBSE Board result was 79.41%. 78 students out of 377 students secured 90% and above. 55 students secured distinctions in all 5 subjects. Ansh Trivedi was the topper with 97.20% followed by Asmita Jain & Ayush Jindal with 96.60% %. 5 students attained 100 in Maths and 18 students secured 100 in IT.

The school found place in the Top Schools of Delhi 2020 Survey by Careers 360 after a much researched and comprehensive study of schools in the capital. It has yet again bagged 7th rank in North Leaders Category of Times school survey 2020 conducted by The Times of India.

The school also ranked 77 among top 100 CBSE schools of the country by Education World Rankings 2019-20 with a phenomenal rise from rank 97 to 77.

It has been selected among top 500 best CBSE schools and awarded Brainfeed School Excellence Award 2019-20.

Swati Sharma, school alumna, brought laurels to school by bagging All India Rank 17 in UPSC Examination and opting for Indian Foreign Service.

Amongst the notable achievements, Aditya of class IX secured Rank 1 in NSO and Rank 3 in IMO Exam organised by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) and received cash prizes of Rs. 50,000 & Rs 10,000. He has secured National Level 2nd position and Ved Sinha 3rd position, in National Maths Olympiad organised under the aegis of DAVCAE. Aditya and Shaurya have also won Tablets for securing national rank 2 in Global Science Olympiad.

Swayam Arora of class X was awarded Inspire Award Manak 2020 under Inspire scheme of Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. He has received a cash award of Rs. 10000/-.

Shaurya Shandilya of class 6 secured national Rank -1 with 100 percentile in VIKRAM SARABHAI ASTRO QUEST. He bagged a Gold medal.

The Wise Foundation in collaboration with Techfest 2019-20 conducted the WISE International Environment Olympiad 2019. Aadya Joshi of class 5 received cash prize of Rs 10,000/- for being national topper. 9 school toppers received book vouchers worth Rs 1000/- each. The school has been selected to launch the International Certificate Program under NB8 Program in collaboration with Embassy of Denmark. Tisha of class XII qualified to attend Online Exchange program with Danish High School students. Udit of class VI secured 3rd position in a debating competition and cash prize of Rs. 2000/- in NB8 Forum Competitions.

Gautam Gupta, Swayam Arora and Rakshit Gupta of class IX bagged Most Innovative Idea Award during a 3 day bootcamp organized by Indias Future Tycoons season 2 for their Brand Prarambh and Product Toilet@Call. The team of Deepansh, Tanisha and Rishabh were among top 24 teams selected at National Level for Bootcamp.

Under the Innovation Fair during Vigyan Srijanotsav 2019 organized at National Science Center, project- "Rural Sanitation Hygiene" showcased by Yajur, Anamika and Harsh secured First position.

School's Model Jal – The Strength of Life, was selected out of 137 models to participate at National level in the CBSE Regional Level Science Fair.

Aarav Gupta of class 7 secured State level rank 1 in IOEL and received cash award to Rs. 2000/-. He was selected for National Level Camp by Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan. 10 students from classes VI to X were selected for STATE LEVEL CAMP in the VIDYARTHI VIGYAN MANTHAN OLYMPIAD.

Sanchi Bansal of Class VII bagged IV position in International Kids Coding Competition 2020. She also qualified for the National Final level of youth fest, Harmony 2020 in Magic with Colours competition and won a cash prize of Rs. 2000/-.

Arjun Manocha of Class VI Cambridge bagged 1st runner up position along with a cash prize of 2500/- and scholarship in Virtual Hackathon organised by Avishkaar Box under Avishkaar League 2020 which was a world's Biggest online Robotics and Coding competition.

Arushi Garg and Manav Taggar of class XI were selected for the Mentorship program for CBSE-IBM AI enabled SEWA project by 1b1m.

Sipul Pandey of class 7 Cambridge bagged second position in S&T Home Contest organised by National Science centre under Junior Category.

Students of the school has been doing exceedingly well in the field of Artificial intelligence. It is among ten schools in India to conduct a small scale Pilot program in collaboration with Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

These are the DAVians, we students who have the ability to triumph in any field we choose with the education we get in the school. The school has created high benchmarks in academics and allied arenas, in fostering missionary consciousness, in infrastructural growth, in social interfacing, in human resource, in research and development, in liaising with Global Institutions and NGOs, in broadening Global reach – all to embellish footprints on the sand of time.

NEW NORMAL

Our school stands tall for successfully integrating a holistic system where the nitty -gritty of formal education has been intricately woven with moral, spiritual and social education.

The current situation has imposed what is potentially one of the greatest threats - a gigantic educational crisis. We feel proud to note that our school has stepped

into the breach and played a stellar role in meeting this formidable challenge. It has responded positively to the unprecedented challenge and used technology to spur changes, switched to remote learning & open educational applications immediately limiting the disruption of education and also risen to the challenge of executing and participating in innovative programmes.

This 'online school' is future ready. Right from its inception to now, the institution has marched forward to spread the light of education and paved the path of holistic education of every student. The key focus areas continue to remain - creating opportunities, challenging minds, encouraging innovation and sustaining excitement.

Here is a look at our humble initiatives in this hour of unprecedented lockdown:

- 1- Switching to remote learning & open educational applications
- 2- Completion of syllabuses as per planned
- 3- Facilitation of assignments and resource material
- 4- Conduct of online examination for all classes
- 5- Conduct of regular PTM's with a remarkable attendance of parents
- 6- Simultaneous online digital training sessions
- 7- Orientation Programmes for parents of all classes
- 8- Facilitation of e- reading through e- library
- 9- Motivational Address by Chairman Sir on Rejuvenation, Teachers day, Independence day, Foundation day, Ramanujan day celebrations, virtual havans
- 10- Successful organization of annual events- Expo 2020, Crossroads 2020, Ensemble, Rhetorics, Grandparents Day, Spectrum, Talentica, Readoholic, Inquisitive Quiz, Language Week, Kreativ, Online Chess Tournament, Helen O Grady classes
- 11- Conduct of online Inter school events- Praestantia, Virtual educational trips, Skype sessions by Cambridge wing
- 12- Conduct of Cyber Security Week, Earth Day celebration, Career Counselling sessions, Counselling sessions for students and parents, Staff meetings, Webinars, Competitions and much more
- 13- Online Investiture Ceremony of all classes held
- 14- Participation in Inter school competitions with many prizes won
- 15- Regular Robotic Club activities by ATL team, Theatre classes, German language classes, I Quest classes
- 16- Regular activities for nursery students by TP Block staff
- 17- Celebration of Festivals, Grandparents Day, Magic show, Puppet show and Chrysalis at nursery wing
- 18- Provision of Primary Plus supplement and Student Edition (Times NIE) online
- 19- Physical activities under Fit India Movement Programme and yoga sessions

- 20- Online School Diary
- 21- Launch of project ' Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiated by CBSE
- 22- Hands on practice and promotion of art Integration, Interdisciplinary projects, experiential learning, Collaborative learning and online practicals
- 23- Online competitions and Olympiads
- 24- Introduction, training and mastery of new virtual apps like Augmentation, Scratch, Speaking work study etc
- 25- Arya Yuva Club activities
- 26- Health Related activities
- 27- Life skill classes
- 28- Promotion of Research based projects
- 29- Celebration of Special Days by conducting special virtual and House Assemblies
- 30- Club activities and Physical education sessions
- 31- Astronomy Workshops
- 32- Retirement Assemblies
- 33- Scholastic Book Fair and Author's Meet
- 32- Awareness of the new normal in the current scenario
- 33- Enactment of Play Safarnama by Thespian Club students.
- 34- Organisation of Virtual Ullas Utsav and Triumph soon.

As we are beleaguered with this health crisis, hope remains. Hope that out of the ashes of a global pandemic, we can build a world that recognizes that our greatest strength is each other. Our ability to take collective action and collaborate with each other is particularly apparent and necessary.

Let us embark on newer formidable challenges and build new structures and practices that will last beyond COVID-19. Let us navigate new territories and learn new things so that we can stand tall in this fight against the pandemic.

EHSAAS

"He alone is entitled to be called a man, who is thoughtful and feels for others as for self, who does not countenance injustice and respects only virtue and truth," said Swami Dayanand.

Some of the school ventures which reflect its concern for society and the spirit to serve are as follows.

Rotis are collected everyday by students to be distributed amongst the needy.

Old newspapers are collected and donated for recycling under the aegis of GOONJ and Patrika.

Eco Enzymes are made under Green Salvage by SAMBHAAV Care n Share Project.

Students visit Sewa Bharti and distribute woolens, note books and water bottles.

Money raised under Craft Bazar, school's Sambhaav Program is donated to Sewa Bharti.

The Arya Yuva Club and Interact Club organized talk on Diabetes Awareness and Thalassemia and participated in Polio Free India Campaign. A talk on hazards of kite flying manja was also organized by TPDDL. Virtual Hawan, Special Assemblies to observe Gratitude Day and Grandparents Day have been activities greatly appreciated by one and all.

A number of students participated in the Summer Internship Students Program under the aegis of Helpage India.

Experts have been invited to deliver talks on handling stress and anxiety, time management, career counselling and other areas.

The Road Safety Brigade of the school participated in a number of Road Safety Awareness activities.

Come March, 2020, and Covid-19 threw education all over the world in a loop. All the running projects had to be revamped or given up. And yet, efforts were made to virtually accomplish school goals and not succumb to pressure of the global threat.

Interactors of the Club and Arya Yuva Club members participated in Fit India Fit School event. They organized Dussehra Delights and Diwali Contest which received a phenomenal response.

The online Buddy Programme under the aegis of Seva for teens program, is gaining great momentum and reaching out to many needy.

The school alumni have initiated a flagship programme meeting 'Aarambh' which aims to provide scholarships to students with passion to pursue in

technical field. A number of old passout students are also sponsoring fee of brilliant, needy children. They are mentoring the aspiring young through talks and seminars under the Meet my Mentor programme. The Alumni Meet organised in the school drew a large crowd of students. They participated in the 3 days DAV Utsav, a spectacular event organised by DAV United with great zeal and zest.

The school has received an overwhelming response from parents and students in the initiation and expansion of these projects. The DAV philosophy and the school's aim of developing essential human values also finds fulfilled. Hence such ventures will continue to find place in the school curriculum. 'When we remake ourselves, we remake the world,' DLDAV Pitampura has given us a new lease of life as we march forward embarked on the journey of spreading love happiness.

Here's a poem for a seed that we the DAVians resolve to plant on this momentous occasion -

**Let's change the world, let's shift it
Let's shake and remake it
Let's rearrange the pieces
In ways that make it better**

**Let's change the world, let's lift it
Let's take it and awake it
Let's raise our voices
And stand up for our choices**

**Let's change the world, let's love it
Let's hold it and unfold it
Let's redesign the future
The fate of earth and sky**

**Let's fly to where there's hope
To where the world is greener
Where air and water's cleaner
Because it's smart to make a start**

**To fix what has been broken
Our children's wish unspoken
Let's be the ones who rise and say:
We changed the world today!**

Thank you