



# DMA TIMES

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HEART TO HEART

Dear all,

Every month the newsletter provides a fantastic cross-section of the learning taking place throughout our school. You can see how we empower students through enriched learning including an experiential learning. We make sure that the students are regularly engaged in academics and activities which contribute to bringing learning to life and delivering on the building of knowledge and skills. We ensure that the students assume their personal and shared responsibility to make a positive impact on their world.

It has always been a pleasure to see so many parents in school attending the Parent Teacher Meetings. The PTMs provide the opportunity for teachers and parents to meet face-to-face to discuss how they can best support the learning of our students is invaluable.

Thank you to all those parents who have made time to come to school and connect with the teachers. This partnership is critical to a happy and successful school life for our students.

This month we are having our Half Yearly Examinations. As the name suggests, these are evaluation tests conducted after the completion of half academic calendar. The purpose of this examination is to provide a mid-term evaluation and feedback so that the students can look back at their performance and make improvements by the time they appear for final examination. I wish all my students all the best for their half yearly examinations.

With warm regards and best wishes.

**Dr (Mrs) Ritu Dewan**

**Principal**

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### ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

#### DISCOVER AND SHARE THE JOY OF READING

Reading brings joy, inspires minds and creates wonder. Reading also touches hearts and widens horizons. Reading is also the best way to enhance our knowledge, vocabulary and imagination. DMA has provided a unique reading portal for the students as well as the parents, which has thousands of books for all age groups. The school hopes that everyone would be enriched by participating in this unique reading and learning program.

<http://exam.modischools.in/guru/worldbook.html>



HAPPY  
*Teacher's Day*

# ACTIVITIES REPORT

## NEKI KI DEEWAR



DMA always ensures that its students develop a sense of responsibility towards the society especially for the needy and the less privileged. Under this social initiative, students have been donating clothes to help those in need. This act of kindness not only helps the less fortunate, but also promotes sustainability by reducing waste. By donating clothes that are still in good condition, students can give back to their community and make a positive impact on the environment. These donations were placed at the **NEKI KI DEEWAR** on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, a place earmarked by the school as a vantage point for donation activities, from where the needy can collect things they need. Donations are also given to local charities, shelters, or other organizations that work to support those in need. Overall, clothes donation by students is a wonderful way to help those who are less fortunate and promote a more sustainable future.

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The Student Council of Dayawati Modi Academy, Modipuram Meerut, organized a grand Teachers' Day Celebration on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to honor and appreciate the dedicated educators who shape the lives of students. The event was a resounding success, filled with memorable moments and heartfelt appreciation for the teachers. The program commenced with a soulful prayer, setting the tone for a day filled with gratitude and reverence. Following the prayer, a thoughtful 'Teacher's Day' message was shared, reminding everyone of the significance of teachers in the students' lives.





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The day was enriched by a series of inspiring speeches and performances. Monal Singh (XII K), a talented student, delivered a moving speech that acknowledged the invaluable contributions of teachers. This was followed by a mesmerizing song by Renesa (XI K) that resonated with the audience's hearts. A heartfelt poem recited by Manya (XI L) added a touch of creativity and emotion to the event. Vansh Goel (XII K), with his stand-up comedy act, provided moments of laughter, lightening the atmosphere. The dance performance of Vaibhav Verma (XI J) and Kinjal (XI J) stole the hearts of one and all. A significant highlight of the event was the felicitation of our revered Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan, who has been an exemplary leader and educator. She was honored with a well-deserved prize as a token of appreciation for her dedication and tireless efforts in shaping the school's success. To add a dash of fun and excitement to the celebration, various games such as Musical Chair, Truth/Dare, Tug of War, and Shot Put were organized, with our teachers enthusiastically participating. This allowed students to bond with their teachers on a more informal level, creating lasting memories.



## ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LETTER TO HIS SON'S TEACHER



He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just (fair), all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel (dishonest) there is a hero; that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated (committed) leader.. Teach him for every enemy there is a friend.

**Lincoln was the 16th president of the united states and one of the great american leaders**

Steer him away from envy, if you can, teach him the secret of quiet laughter.

Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest to lick... Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books... But also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and the flowers on a green hillside.

In the school teach him it is far honorable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong... Teach him to be gentle with gentle people, and tough with the tough.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon... Teach him to listen to all men... But teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth, and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right. Treat him gently, but do not cuddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

Let him have the courage to be impatient... Let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime (inspiring) faith in himself, because then the will have sublime faith in mankind.

Teach him if you can, how to laugh when he sad... Teach him there is no shame in tears, Teach him to scoff (ridicule ) at cynics (sarcastic people) and to beware of too much sweetness... Teach him to sell his brawn (strength) and brain to the highest bidders but never to put price-tag on his heart and soul.

The Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan, addressed the assembly, expressing her gratitude for the love and respect shown by the students. She emphasized the importance of education and the role of teachers in shaping the future of students. Her words of wisdom resonated with everyone present. The event was concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks extended by Lakshit (XII L) and Medhavi (XII L). They expressed gratitude to the Student Council, teachers, Principal and Vice Principal for making the celebration possible. They highlighted the significance of teachers in their lives and encouraged students to continue learning and growing. It was a day filled with love, appreciation, and gratitude. The event truly celebrated the spirit of teaching and learning, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



## CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023, Saturday, a cleanliness awareness rally was organized by the NCC cadets under the cleanliness campaign at Dayavati Modi Academy, with the presence of 70 UP Battalion. The rally was inaugurated by Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Devan by hoisting the green flag and sending off the NCC cadets. The rally raised awareness among people at various locations such as Modipuram Police Chowki, Pallavpuram Phase-1, Neki Ki Deewar, etc., and cleaned up the areas of litter and dirt, providing insurance against the dirt to the local residents.



## HINDI PAKHWADA CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the 71st Hindi Pakhwada closing ceremony was celebrated with enthusiasm at Dayavati Modi Academy in Modipuram. Following the school's tradition, the ceremony was inaugurated by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of the goddess of knowledge and art, Devi Saraswati, by the school's principal, Dr. Ritu Devan. Students welcomed the principal, vice-principal, and all the teachers by singing Sanskrit shlokas. Students from classes seven to twelve presented moral couplets of Goswami Tulsidas, Sant Kavi Kabir Das, and Rahim. Nitya Rana presented a self-composed poem titled 'PITA', Anshuman Baliyan presented 'SANDEH', and Kshipra Siddharth presented 'KANYADAAN' poems that are relevant to modern times. A play based on the Ramayana was performed to showcase the importance of discipline, cooperation, service, and dedication. The special features and importance of the national language, Hindi, were expressed through a short play. Aditi Varma from the eighth grade mesmerized everyone with her beautiful dance on the song AAO PADHEN, AAGE BADHEIN'.

At the end of the program, revered Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Devan, thanked all the teachers of the Hindi department and participating students for organizing such a beautiful event. She said that through such programs, we can contribute to the progress of our national language, Hindi. She added that our love for Hindi should not be limited to just one day but should always reflect in our thoughts, behavior, and conduct. She also encouraged everyone to learn multiple languages and become a 'Great Indian' at an international level. The school's vice-principal, Mr. Kapil Christopher, was also present during the program.





# SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the NCC cadets of Dayavati Modi Academy in Modipuram organized a rally in the city to contribute to the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" campaign and spread the important message of a "Plastic-Free India". Led by Havaldar Chain Singh of the 70 UP Battalion and NCC officer Kamlesh Raghav, the rally was inaugurated by hoisting the green flag by the school's principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Devan, at around ten o'clock in the morning. During the rally, 45 NCC cadets and students of the school traveled from Modi Puram Police Chowki Tiraha to various locations such as Pallavpuram, Palhada, Modi Colony, Modi Hi-Tech, Lakshmi Vihar, and Modi Puram Bus Station before returning to the school. The local public welcomed the cadets at various places during the rally. After completing their journey of approximately one hour, all the cadets returned at eleven o'clock. Powerful slogans such as "We need to make India clean, reduce the use of plastic" and "Clean India, Better India" were chanted during the rally.

Congratulating the success of the rally, Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Devan, the principal of the school, thanked all the cadets and participants. She mentioned that selfless service to the nation is the goal of the NCC. Our disciplined and dedicated cadets can achieve this great objective. The NCC has been continuously progressing since its establishment through important tasks like public service and environmental conservation. She wished the cadets success in their commitment to reducing plastic usage to a minimum and making India 'carbon emission-free' in the coming decades.





## AKSHAM MULYA PARAK SHIKSHA

On 29th September 2023, a special prayer meeting was organized at the library of Dayawati Modi Academy in Modipuram, with the support of "Saksham Mulya Parak Shiksha" on the subject of "Gratitude". The program began with a prayer assembly at the school. The practice of meditation was conducted by Mrs. Garima Singh, who emphasized that meditation focuses the human mind. This was followed by a beautiful song presented by the choir group expressing gratitude towards parents. Tanmay from Class 7 recited a poem on the topic "Parents are the four pillars of life" and created an emotional atmosphere. Continuing the series, an activity called "Family Tree" was organized, where students had to write the names of their grandparents and other family members along with the teachings they received from them and present it to everyone. Dance always works to eliminate negativity from the environment, and students from Class 7 and 8 presented a dance performance expressing respect and love towards parents, mesmerizing everyone. A beautiful enactment of a short play was performed, which developed teamwork, public speaking skills, and social awareness among the students, captivating the parents. Mrs. Latika Gupta and Mrs. Neeta Sirohi highlighted the importance of effective programs through a PowerPoint presentation, emphasizing that such programs help students build values that enable them to maintain harmony in any situation in life. At the end of the program, Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Devan, the principal of the school, stated in her speech that our students are the future of the country, and for a bright future, it is essential for students to have values. Value-based education plays a significant role in the overall development of students. The school's programs promote respect and gratitude towards elders among students and encourages parents to develop love and mutual understanding among students. The program concluded with tree plantation by the school's principal, parents, students, and cadets from the 70 UP Battalion NCC. The successful organization of the program was made possible by the contribution of Vice Principal Mr. Kapil Christopher, Mrs. Prita Abbi, Mrs. Latika Gupta, and Mrs. Neeta Sirohi.





## ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

### DMA CHESS CHAMPIONS

Somil Kumar of class XII-A secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Bhavishya Chauhan of class XII-G secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the U-17 category at the Chess Tournament organised at Shanti Niketan Vidyapeeth on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. Ashi Chauhan of class V-B secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in U-10 category for girls.

### SANSKRIT BHAJAN COMPETITION

Aarna Pandey of class VI-A made the school proud by winning third position in the SANSKRIT EKAL GAYAN PRATIYOGITA organised by Sanskrit Bharti Meerut Zone and CCS University. She was awarded the Bronze medal and a cash reward of Rs 1000.

### NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Shourya Tomar of class VIII-B secured first rank in Zonal Level 2 of the National Science Olympiad along with a cheque of Rs. 5000. The event was organised by the Science Olympiad Foundation.



## WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

### A VISIT TO AUGARHNATH TEMPLE & SHAHID SMARAK (27TH SEPTEMBER 2023)

*"The word is a book and those who do not travel read only one page".*

*By Saint Augustine*

DMA always provides opportunities to students for their holistic development. Keeping this in view, a visit to historical places of Meerut was arranged. The students of grade seven of travel and tourism club visited the historic Kali Paltan Temple and Shahid Smarak on 27th September 2023.

There were 44 students escorted by three teachers. It was a wonderful experience for all the students as they learnt chanting of 'OM', 'Gayatri Mantra' and importance of parikrama by Swami Brahmadev in the Kali Paltan temple. Swami ji also shared his words of wisdom and enlightened them about the importance of spirituality in life. Students were also made aware of the historical importance of Augarhnath temple and the monument of the first war of independence. Thereafter, they visited Shahid Smarak where they saw the Sundial and Martyr's memorial 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' containing the names of 85 soldiers of 3rd Bengal light cavalry who refused to use the cartridges of Enfield rifle during the 1857 revolt.

All the students were very excited to visit the museum at Shahid Smarak which is divided into 5 galleries that show cases a perfect pictorial representation of the revolt of 1857. Overall, it was an enriching experience for all the students.

### COMPETENCY-BASED ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP (16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023)

*'If you want to be successful, don't seek success- seek competence, empowerment; do nothing short of the best that you can do.'*

Dayawati Modi Academy organized a workshop on 'Competency-based Assessment' on Saturday, 16th September 2023 for the teachers from the Department of English, Science and Maths. It was organised by ACER- Australian Council for Educational Research an independent not-for-profit research organisation that uses global expertise to improve learning by creating and promoting research-based knowledge, products, and services. The vision of the workshop was to educate the teachers about competency-based assessment, PISA Competencies for Reading, Maths and Science, to connect NCERT learning outcomes to PISA competencies in different domains and to design domain specific competency-based assessments.



The workshop commenced on a pious note with the lighting of lamp, followed by the introduction of the resource people – Ms. Dimple Sood, Research officer, ACER and Ms. Shreevarshini K, Subject Matter Expert, ACER, to the audience. They were warmly greeted and welcomed by the Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan.

At the very outset, the participants radiated energies all around when they introduced themselves creatively using an appropriate adjective for themselves. It was a diverse activity enriched workshop. Subject-wise groups were formed. First, each group gave a presentation reflecting on strategies that promote competency-based teaching and learning in their respective classrooms. Through an interactive session, Ms. Dimple explained the concept of what competency-based assessment is and how it can be integrated with teaching and learning processes.

In the post tea session, Ms. Shreevarshini K. introduced the participants to PISA – Programme for International Student Assessment competency-based assessment for English, Maths and Science that evaluates the skills and knowledge of students in the age group of 15 year after completion of school learning. The participants recapitulated the concepts of traditional and competency-based assessments participating in Snap and Clap activity. Next Activity performed by the teachers focused on the alignment of learning outcomes to PISA Competencies in the subjects of Science, Maths and English at the primary and Secondary grade levels.

The post lunch session saw the participants in the subject -wise assigned groups preparing competency-based items using visual stimulus including MCQs with a stem and a set of alternatives that are credible but incorrect, Fill ups and True /False etc. to assess the required competencies related to a particular domain. Then the group leaders gave a presentation on questions prepared assessing different competencies. The session reached its crescendo when all the participants responded actively and zealously to a quiz activity - 'Jeopardy' reflecting their overall understanding of the concept of competency-based assessment.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph of all the participants. Overall, it was highly informative, engaging and enriching for all the attendees.







## Janmashtami Celebration





# Hindi Diwas Celebration



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# GANDHI & SHASTRI JAYANTI CELEBRATION



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# MAKER LOOKING IN DYI



# WORLD TOURISM DAY

# MAKER LOOKING IN DYI

