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THE DOON GIRLS' SCHOOL

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BSAI TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

August 01-03, 2025

A three-day workshop organized by the Boarding Schools Association of India (BSAI) was held at Kasiga School from August 1st–3rd, bringing together teachers from several prestigious residential schools, including The Doon School, Welham Girls', Tula's. The aim was to enhance the professional skills and well-being of teachers in boarding school settings.

Key Sessions and Highlights:

1. Life of a Residential School Teacher – Dr. Jagpreet Singh (The Doon School) discussed the multifaceted roles teachers play

beyond academics, including mentorship and pastoral care.

2. Communication & Conflict Management – Mr. Vinay Pandey shared strategies for resolving conflicts and promoting collaboration.

3. Legal & Ethical Responsibilities – Garima Rao educated staff on POCSO, NCPCR, and POSH, focusing on student safety.

4. Team Building & Trust – Mr. Philip Burret used interactive methods to highlight staff cooperation and mutual respect.

5. Pastoral Care Skills – Ms. Monisha

Datta provided tools to support students' emotional and social needs.

6. Educational Insights – A special session with Arundhati Shukla offered a reflective look at teaching philosophy.

7. Tutors' Reflections – Mr. Rashid (Kasiga School) led a collaborative session for teachers to share experiences and strategies.

It was a valuable and enriching experience, offering practical skills, peer learning, and a stronger sense of community among educators.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

August 15, 2025

The Independence Day celebration at The Doon Girls' School on 15th August, was a heartfelt tribute to the nation. The event began with the ceremonial flag hoisting in the badminton court by Mr. C. P. Dang, which was a moment of deep reverence as the tricolor flag was raised. This was followed by the National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana," filling the air with a sense of patriotism and unity.

The Principal delivered a powerful speech, reflecting on the significance of the day and inspiring

the students to uphold the values of liberty, integrity, and responsibility. Following this, the Chairman, Mr. C. P. Dang, distributed sweets to everyone, symbolizing the joy and sweetness of freedom.

A highlight of the celebration was a captivating skit presented by Mynah House. The performance beautifully depicted a childhood incident of Subhash Chandra Bose, showcasing his early determination and leadership qualities. The second part of the skit portrayed his

journey and the formation of the Azad Hind Fauj, highlighting his unwavering commitment to India's independence. The students' performance brought to life the sacrifices and struggles of the freedom fighters, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

The celebration was a blend of solemn observance and vibrant festivity, successfully instilling a sense of pride and patriotism in the young minds of The Doon Girls' School.



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

August 16, 2025

The Doon Girls' School celebrated Janmashtami with great enthusiasm and devotion on August 16, 2025. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolising the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge and positivity.

Students presented a skit based on Lord Krishna's life, showcasing his various roles as a divine leader, friend, and lover.

A dance competition was held, with students performing to popular bhajans and songs like "Nand ke

Anand bhayo" and "O Palanhari".

The highlight of the event was the "Kaliya Nag" dance performance, depicting Krishna's victory over the serpent.

The program concluded with a soulful bhajan sandhya, where students and teachers came together to sing devotional songs and pay tribute to Lord Krishna.

The event culminated in an 'aarti' ceremony filling the atmosphere with spiritual energy.

Janmashtami is not just a celebration of Lord Krishna's birth

but also an opportunity to learn valuable life lessons from his life and teachings. Through various activities and performances, our students gained insights into the importance of Krishna's insatiable quest for knowledge which emphasises the value of lifelong learning.

Krishna's role in the Mahabharata exemplifies the importance of taking responsibility and leading with commitment. His kindness and empathy towards all beings highlight the significance of these qualities in our lives.



TRANSFORMATIVE PASTORAL PRACTICES WORKSHOP

August 23-24, 2025

A two-day workshop on Transformative Pastoral Practices was successfully conducted on 23rd and 24th August, bringing together eminent educators and pastoral leaders from some of the country's most prestigious schools.

On August 23, the session was led by Ms. Monisha Datta, who shared insightful strategies on effectively supporting children in boarding schools. She introduced innovative approaches such as Circle of Resolution, Empathy map, Johari Window and other such resources to deal with various prevalent issues among adolescents and teenagers.

On August 24, the resource person Dr. Deepti conducted an engaging session on understanding the human nervous system and its responses in varied situations. She emphasized the importance of attunement in pastoral care, enabling educators to build deeper and healthier connections with their students.

Both days witnessed the presence of Dr. Vinay Pandey and Mr. R. P. Devgan, whose guidance enriched the workshop experience. The highlight of the final day was the address by Dr. Jagpreet Singh, Headmaster of The Doon School,

who inspired the delegates with his thought-provoking words and provided a motivating conclusion to the workshop.

The two-day workshop not only offered fresh perspectives but also reaffirmed the shared commitment of educators to nurture student well-being through innovative pastoral practices. The sessions concluded on a note of renewed energy, compassion, and dedication towards shaping a more supportive environment for children across schools in India.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION – A Day of Energy, Excitement, and Team Spirit!

August 29, 2025

The school playground buzzed with excitement as students celebrated National Sports Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The afternoon turned into a carnival of cheers, laughter, and friendly competition as students participated in a variety of traditional games including Kho-Kho, Pithu, and Tug of War. Each house displayed remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship

throughout the event. After several thrilling rounds, the results were as follows: Cuckoo House clinched the Kho-Kho Trophy, Robin House emerged winners of Pithu, Koel House proved their strength in the Tug of War, Myna House was honoured with the 'Most Enthusiastic Team' award.

The entire event was beautifully organised by the Sports Dept.,

whose efforts ensured that everyone- participants & spectators alike—had an unforgettable time. Their excellent coordination and team spirit made this celebration a resounding success.

Well done to all the houses and the Sports Department for making National Sports Day a memorable occasion!





INTER-HOUSE (JR) HINDI ELOCUTION & (SR) ENGLISH DEBATE

August, 2025

Competitions are not just about winning or losing—they are about learning, growing, and discovering confidence within. As students prepare for elocutions and debates, they go through a wonderful process of researching, memorising, presenting, and

collaborating. They learn to stand tall, speak with conviction, and support their peers—skills that will serve them for life.

The Inter-House (Junior) Hindi Elocution and Inter-House (Senior) English Debate were perfect examples of this spirit. Students

impressed everyone with their clarity of thought, eloquence, and passion. The events reflected not only their linguistic talent but also the confidence and enthusiasm nurtured through teamwork and perseverance.



INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION

September 01, 2025

The Inter-School English Debate Competition 2025 was successfully hosted by The Doon Girls' School on September 1, 2025. The event brought together nine schools, creating a vibrant and intellectually stimulating atmosphere. The participating schools included Jaswant Modern School, Doon World School, Adroit Progressive School, PYDS, Montessori School, Oasis School, The Doon Girls' School, Him Jyoti School, and Doon International School.

The competition was organized into two categories: Group A (Grades VII-VIII) and Group B (Grades IX-X). Participants were given their respective topics one hour before the debate began, allowing them time to research and prepare their arguments. Each speaker was judged on several criteria, including the organization of thoughts, voice modulation, use of facts and

examples, presentation, and rebuttal skills.

The esteemed panel of judges for Group A consisted of Mr. Yogendra Bhattacharya, a licensed Master Mariner with extensive academic and professional experience, and Ms. Protima Sen, an educationist with three decades of experience in the field. For Group B, the judges were Mr. R P Devgan, an eminent educationist and sportsman, and Ms. Ranjona Banerji, a veteran journalist and environmental activist.

The competition showcased exceptional talent from young debaters. The best speakers from each group were recognized for their outstanding performances:

Group A: Kanak Negi (For the Motion) and Arna Pant (Against the Motion).

Group B: Eva Pandey (For the Motion) and Sudhyati Kandari from Doon International School (Against the Motion).

The competition concluded with Doon International School being awarded the Overall Trophy, a running trophy that they will maintain for the year. Jaswant Modern School secured the second position, and Adroit Progressive School stood third.

The event was a testament to the students' impressive oratorical skills and critical thinking abilities. It fostered a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual exchange. The host school, The Doon Girls' School, extended its gratitude to the judges, participants, and teachers for making the event a resounding success.





TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

September 5, 2025

The Doon Girls School celebrated Teacher's Day with great enthusiasm & joy on 5th September 2025 to honour the dedication, hard work, and guidance of the teachers. The event was beautifully organized by the students, who made every effort to make the day memorable for their mentors.

The celebration began with the entry of teachers accompanied by songs and a warm welcome by the

students in the Amphitheatre. A special dress theme — South Indian attire — was decided by the students for the teachers. The teachers participated wholeheartedly & looked elegant, adding colour and charm to the celebration.

The event included a variety of enjoyable activities, games, and performances.

A special PowerPoint presentation

and video (Shades/PPT) prepared by the students showcased heartfelt memories & appreciation for their teachers.

The celebration concluded with lunch, which brought the event to a joyful end. The programme reflected the students' respect, love, and gratitude towards their teachers and strengthened the bond between them.





INTER-HOUSE DECLAMATION COMPETITION

September 13, 2025

The Inter-House Declamation Competition was held on 13th September with great enthusiasm and spirit. It turned out to be an amazing event, providing a platform for students to showcase their oratory skills and confidence.

The participants delivered powerful speeches of eminent personalities such as Kiran Bedi, Sushma Swaraj,

Sadhguru, Naina Jaiswal, Bhagat Singh, and Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Each speaker impressed the audience with their clarity, expression, and ability to bring alive the thoughts of these great figures.

The competition was marked by exceptional performances, making it a truly inspiring experience for everyone present. After a close

contest, Robin House emerged as the winner, displaying outstanding delivery and content.

The event not only celebrated the art of public speaking but also inspired students to imbibe the values and wisdom of the personalities they represented.

INTER-HOUSE SPELLING COMPETITION

September 13, 2025

The much-awaited Inter-House Spelling Competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from all houses, making it an engaging and enriching session for everyone present. The event aimed to promote linguistic excellence among students and to foster a spirit of healthy competition. The competition comprised multiple exciting rounds that challenged students on various aspects of spelling and vocabulary. Among these were the Spelling Round, where participants were tested on their ability to spell words correctly, and the Visual Round, which required them to identify words from visual clues and write their correct spellings. Each round was designed to assess not only the spelling proficiency of the participants but also their presence of mind, quick thinking, and command over vocabulary. The atmosphere throughout the event was charged with excitement and anticipation as the participants confidently showcased their linguistic abilities. The audience

cheered enthusiastically, adding to the lively and encouraging environment. The event proved to be both educational and entertaining, inspiring students to appreciate the richness of the English language. After several closely contested rounds, Myna House emerged victorious, securing the first position with an impressive performance. Robin House claimed the second position, while Cuckoo

House took the third place, demonstrating commendable effort and team spirit. Overall, the competition successfully achieved its objective of encouraging students to enhance their vocabulary, improve their spelling accuracy, and develop a lifelong love for the English language. It was indeed an amazing and memorable session that celebrated talent, confidence, and learning in its truest sense.



16TH SHRI TEK CHAND MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (U-12 GIRLS)

September 25-27, 2025

The Doon Girls' School successfully concluded the 16th 'Shri Tek Chand Memorial Basketball Tournament – U-12 Girls' marking yet another memorable chapter in its enduring legacy of promoting girls' sports. Organized in association with the District Basketball Association, this prestigious annual event is held in memory of Late Shri Tek Chand Dang, father of the School Chairman, Mr. C. P. Dang.

This year the Chief Guest was Mr. Suresh Kumar Ranot. He is a distinguished individual with a Master's in Business Administration and a notable career in sports especially in Basketball. He has represented India at various International Tournaments. Our Guests of Honour was Ms. Indrani Pandhi, well known Journalist

entrepreneur, actress and social activist. She is also the Chairman and Managing Director of The Himachal Times Group. Also gracing the occasion was Mr. Mohit Dang, Vice President of The Doon Girls' School, Ms. Monisha Datta, Director and Mr. R. P. Devgan, an Educationist, Headmaster and an all round sportsman who has played cricket and squash in the National and International Circuit.

This year's tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from 10 schools across the district, showcasing emerging young talent and fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.

The grand finale featured a high-energy face-off between The Doon Girls' School and Him Jyoti School. In a gripping contest, The Doon

Girls' School emerged victorious.

Individual Awards:

Most Promising Player:

Parini Khod, The Doon Girls' School
Best Player:

Anisha Rastogi, The Doon Girls' School

Two special prizes were awarded by Mr. Mandeep Grewal, Secretary Uttarakhand Basketball Association, Uttarakhand. The recipients were Anahita Singh of Gyananda School and Yashashwini Rawat of Convent of Jesus and Mary, Dehradun.

The Tek Chand Memorial Basketball Tournament continues to inspire the next generation of athletes, reinforcing the values of sportsmanship, resilience, and empowerment.



