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WORLD MUSIC DAY

World Music Day was celebrated at DPGA on 20 June 2025. Organized by the Soundscape Music Club, the event was a vibrant celebration of creativity, expression, and the unifying power of music. Students from all grades participated, each contributing their unique passion and talent to the stage. Performances ranged from classical Bharatanatyam to lively pop-rock instrumental covers. Every aspect of the program, from hosting to performing, was student-led, reflecting teamwork, leadership, and initiative. The day concluded with gratitude and applause, leaving the audience with a lasting reminder of music's ability to inspire and bring people together.



YOGA DAY

On 20 June 2025, DPGA celebrated International Yoga Day with active participation from students and teachers. The session included asanas, breathing exercises, and short meditations that fostered a calm and relaxed atmosphere. It offered a refreshing break from daily routines and encouraged everyone to focus on personal well-being. By the end, students felt rejuvenated and gained a deeper understanding of how yoga can support balance and mindfulness in everyday life.



GRADUATION AND INVESTITURE

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day was held on 28 June. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by our Principal, the Heads of Department, Head Boy Aditya, and Head Girl Vedika, setting a radiant tone for the event. Principal Mr. Prakash Nair addressed the graduates with words of encouragement and motivation. Students were then invited on stage to receive their certificates, marking an important milestone. Speeches followed from the Heads of Department, as well as from the Head Boy and Head Girl. The event concluded with an open floor, where students shared their reflections and experiences.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

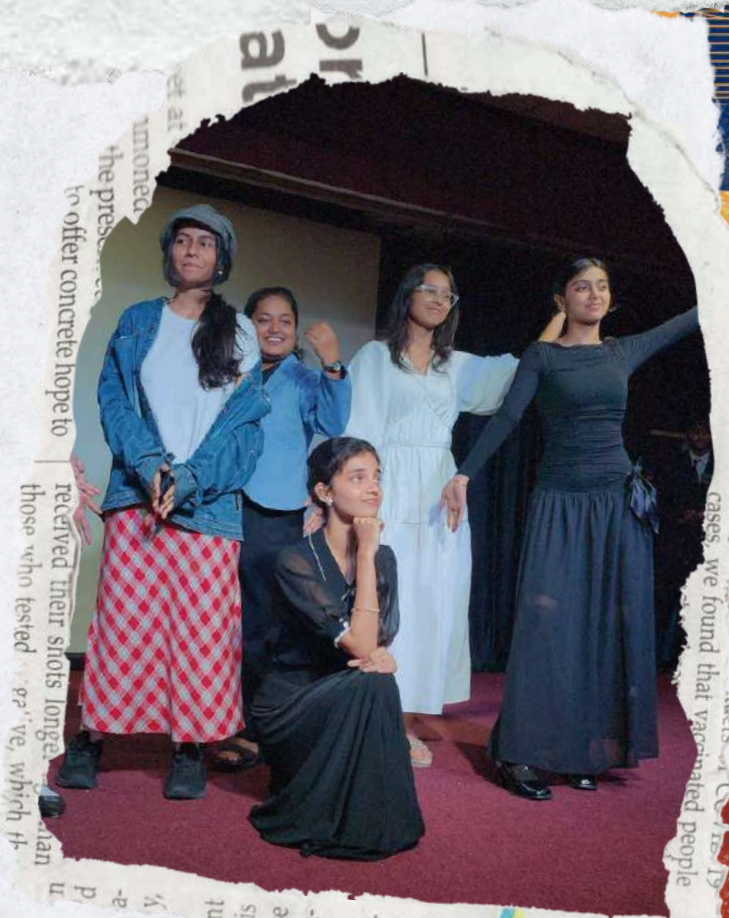
The Investiture Ceremony on 11 July 2025 marked the beginning of the elected student council's leadership journey. The program opened with reflections on leadership, followed by the presentation of badges and sashes and the oath-taking. Inspiring speeches were delivered by the outgoing Head Boy, Aditya Bajulge, along with the new leaders, Bharadwaj Suresh Babu S. and Yazhini Deshmukh. Principal Mr. Prakash Nair shared his guidance, and the ceremony concluded with the school anthem and a vote of thanks.

BASTILLE DAY & TOK

BASTILLE DAY



Bastille Day was celebrated on 16 July as French Day, showcasing vibrant performances filled with creativity and charm. Grade 4 students sang cheerful French rhymes, followed by a skit on Coco Chanel's life journey. Soulful solo songs and a humorous Ice Age voice-over added flair, before the event concluded with a lively dance to Chez Mama Africa and a vote of thanks by Miss Aarti Patil. The celebration captured the joy and spirit of la culture française.



THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

The IBDP Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition at DPGA took place on 26 June and featured the insightful work of IBDP Year 2 students. Each student presented three carefully chosen real-world objects connected to a specific TOK prompt, demonstrating depth of thought and reflection. The event, graced by Mr. Subodh Balkrishna Bhide as chief guest, encouraged younger students to develop habits of critical inquiry and inspired enriching conversations between students and faculty.



18TH JULY

INTERHOUSE CHESS COMPETITION



Students from Grades 3 to 12 participated in the Interhouse Chess Competition, earning points for their respective houses. The event showcased strategy, mental agility, and the challenge of the ticking clock, with two rounds of 10 minutes each. The boards crackled with intensity as players pushed their limits, thinking swiftly under pressure. The competition concluded with cheers and applause, celebrating not only the winners but also the spirit of sportsmanship, focus, and mental endurance.



INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Students from Grades 3 to 12 demonstrated teamwork, agility, and determination in the Interhouse Football Tournament. With fast-paced five-minute halves, the matches were filled with energy and excitement, supported by enthusiastic spectators. The tournament concluded with applause for the winners and a celebration of sportsmanship, unity, and perseverance.



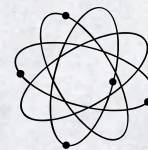
13 & 19 AUGUST



CORPRISE



Corprise 2025, held on 13 August, was a celebration of innovation, strategy, and creativity. The competition featured three major events: Brain Blast, a test of knowledge and quick thinking; Adspot, a showcase of marketing creativity; and the flagship Pitch Deck, where aspiring entrepreneurs presented bold business ideas to industry experts. More than just a competition, Corprise highlighted the power of ideas and collaboration, inspiring participants to think big, act decisively, and transform visions into reality.



ANVESHAN

Anveshan, DPGA's Annual Science Expo, was hosted on 22 August 2025. Students from all grades showcased creative models, experiments, and demonstrations on the theme

From Roots to Rockets – A Journey Through Inventions and Innovations.

The event highlighted the imagination and scientific spirit of young learners, with projects ranging from historic breakthroughs to futuristic technologies. The expo not only celebrated curiosity and inquiry but also inspired students to think critically and explore the limitless possibilities of science.



INDEPENDENCE DAY



14TH AUGUST

DPGA's Early Years and Primary Section celebrated Independence Day with enthusiasm through flag hoisting, patriotic songs, and cultural performances. The dedication and energy of the children made the event memorable, highlighting themes of freedom, strength, and love for the nation while reminding everyone of the true essence of independence. The celebration concluded on a bright note with the words: **"Freedom in the mind, strength in the words, pride in our souls, and love for our nation forever."**



15TH AUGUST

The Independence Day celebrations began with flag hoisting by the PE Department and the National Anthem played on the violin. Students and teachers then gathered in the auditorium, where the Cultural Captain and Deputy Head extended a warm welcome, followed by the Principal's address. The programme included patriotic songs, a Marathi speech, and energetic dances by Grades 3 to 5, along with guitar, violin, and drum performances that reflected both talent and spirit. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Prasun Lomjail, marking a proud and memorable celebration.

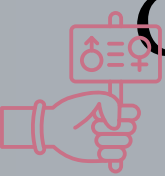


TABLE TENNIS - 26TH AUGUST



The Interhouse Table Tennis Competition, held on 26 August, brought great energy to the school. Players from all four houses displayed sharp reflexes and determination, engaging the audience with long rallies and clever shots. Students from Grades 6 to 8 stood out for their teamwork and sportsmanship, supporting one another throughout the matches. The excitement peaked in the finals, where Emerald House emerged as champions. The tournament reflected not only competitive spirit but also unity and enthusiasm across the school.





Global Issue: Gender Inequality

In 2025, a fair number of people believe we live in an equal world — feminism is seen as a rather common belief, girls go to school, women go to work. However — is this all there is to equality? No: even after having achieved this much progress, women still face a myriad of problems that men don't face, or face to a significantly lesser extent. Feminism is still a loosely defined movement — rather, it has lost its meaning along the march of progress. Let us see where the world falls short — and what we can do about it.



Feminism is the belief in and advocacy for equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, especially addressing historic and systemic disadvantages faced by women. Feminism supports questioning patriarchy, a system that disadvantages not just women, but often men in certain ways. To wit, this movement aims to amend the disadvantages faced by women, as well as the improvement of men's condition under the patriarchy.

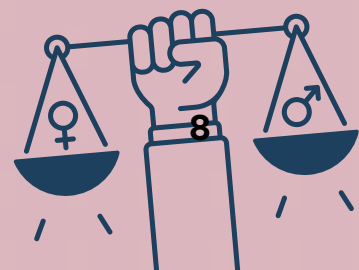
The feminist movement, through its many waves, has achieved many things: women's suffrage (according to Pew, 198 countries allow women to vote the same as men), working women, girls in education, equal laws regarding property, jury duty, clothing, and more. Despite this, around 35.6% of women globally have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime; only 28% of women employed worldwide have access to paid maternity leave.



In the beauty industry, companies use gender to profit from insecurities. Dove's "Real Beauty" campaign appeared empowering but was criticized as "commodity feminism" because it still sold products by reminding women to care about appearance. Skin-lightening creams like Unilever's Fair & Lovely promoted colorism by equating lighter skin with success. These practices send the message that women must constantly "fix" themselves to be accepted into this biased society.



In Bollywood, top actresses have spoken openly about being paid far less than male actors, even when they carry a film's success. The industry justifies it by claiming "male stars bring bigger box office returns." Similarly, in corporate, women CEOs and executives are still rare, and those who do reach leadership roles often earn significantly less than their male counterparts. Studies show Indian women earn around 20% less on average than men for similar work, and only a small fraction make it to board-level positions.





In the United States, the average NBA player earns several million dollars a year, while many WNBA players make barely a fraction of that, sometimes needing to play overseas during the off-season just to make a living. The usual argument is that the men's league brings in more revenue, but this ignores the lack of investment, marketing, and broadcasting support women's sports receive in the first place. Across fields as different as athletics, tech, and the arts, the message is consistent: women's contributions are still undervalued, paychecks reflect that bias and restrict equality in both creative and corporate spaces.



According to the United Nations, gender equality is a fundamental human right, a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) states that all people are entitled to rights and freedoms “without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex...” The UN stresses that no society can reach its full potential if half its population is denied equality. So why can't we, as a society, achieve equality?

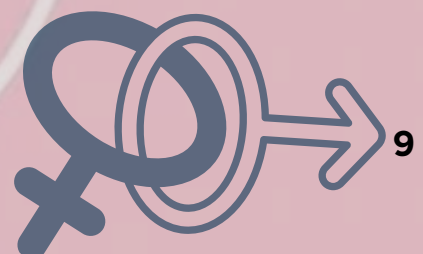
On social media, extreme opinions get more attention. Since feminism fights against male-dominated systems, some perceive any criticism of men's behavior or privilege as being ‘anti-men’. Recently, the USA banned abortion; they termed it a crime, yet they advocate men leaving single mothers to fend for themselves. Women around the world are being denied healthcare without a man's involvement. Society says the fighting for equal rights destroys their beliefs, their principles. What kind of principles limit a person's free will and legal rights?

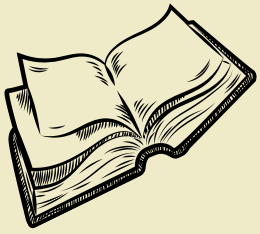
As Laura Bates, a popular feminist writer, said, “It is not a men vs. women issue. It's about people vs. prejudice.” The first step toward promoting gender equality is changing mindsets. Modern values must surpass outdated traditions, and culture should never be used as an excuse for discrimination. Governments make laws to protect women, but they must also be enforced fairly and consistently across all regions. Real progress comes from education, awareness, and empowerment. Equal pay policies, flexible working hours, and safe workplace environments are essential steps toward leveling the playing field. Simultaneously, encouraging men to take paternity leave, challenging stereotypes in schools and media, and creating mentorship opportunities for young girls can help break cycles of inequality.



Gender equality is not just about correcting past injustices; it's about building a future where both women and men are free to reach their full potential without barriers.

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