

# ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL DAMANA

## ACTIVITIES (2022-23)

### CCA ACTIVITIES:

- **Geeta Gupta, TGT Science and ATL In-charge** was felicitated with the award of **Most Consistent Mentor- ATL Tinkerpreneur** from **Atal Innovation Misson (AIM)**.
- **Gaytri Singh** of class **VIII A** has been bestowed with **High Commendation Award** for being the **Best Delegate of Russian Federation KC MUN**.
- **Adharv Arora** of **Class I** bagged **Ist prize** in a **Story-telling Competition - 'Star Quest'** organized by **International Delhi Public School Jammu**.
- **02 students** namely **Abhimanyu Goswami** and **Modita Sharma** of class **VI** clinched **Certificate of Excellence** in **7<sup>th</sup> Sanskrit Olympiad (National Level)**. **Abhimanyu Goswami** secured **14<sup>th</sup> National Rank** and was declared as **1<sup>st</sup> State Topper** whereas **Modita Sharma** clinched **15<sup>th</sup> National Rank** being **2<sup>nd</sup> State Topper**.
  
- **NDA: Raghav Singh Manhas**, a student of the **Batch 2021-22** brought laurels to the school by qualifying the prestigious **NDA Exam**. He joined the academy on **27 December 2022**.
- **Best Skipper Award : Shivang Kumar (XI)** clinched **Best Skipper Award** along with a **Trophy and Cash Prize of Rs. 11000**. The event was conducted by **Rope Skipping Association, UT of J&K** on **2nd and 3rd February**.
  
- **Bronze in CBSE Cluster North Zone-II Shooting Championship: Shimani Choudhary (XII)** clinched **Bronze** in **CBSE Cluster North Zone-II Shooting Championship** and was selected for **CBSE National Level Competition** which was held at **Scholar Senior Secondary School, Sonapat, Haryana** from **3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**.
  
- **65<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Championship 2022: Shimani Choudhary (XII) and Anirudh Sharma (IX)** participated in **65<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Championship 2022** held at **Trivandrum, Kerala** from **20<sup>th</sup> Nov to 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022**. Both the students qualified the competition and received **Renowned Shot Certificate from National Rifle Association of India**. **Shimani Choudhary** also qualified for **Indian Shooting Team Trials**.
  
- **Gold Medal in 30<sup>th</sup> National Child Science Congress : Yashasvi Koul (V)** bagged **Gold Medal** in **30<sup>th</sup> National Child Science Congress** organized by the **Gujarat Council of Science and Technology (GUJCOST), and SAL Education**. The competition witnessed participation of over **1400 delegates** including child scientists and escort teachers from **27-31<sup>st</sup> January 2023** at **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. Only **7 students** were selected for participation at National level wherein **Yashasvi Koul** of **APS Damana** proudly clinched **Gold Medal and National Participation Certificate**. Her guide, **Mrs Anurita Koul, PRT** also received **Gold Medal**.

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- **8<sup>th</sup> Sanskrit Olympiad** : 19 students clinched **Gold Medal** and secured **National Rank** ranging from **I-X** in **8<sup>th</sup> Sanskrit Olympiad** organized by **Sanskrita Bharti Educational Trust**. A total of **22 students** had participated in the competition. **Siya Choudhary** of class **VII E** bagged the title of **National Topper** by securing **Rank 2** at National Level.
- **CBSE Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2022-23** : **03 students** namely **Gayatri Singh, Dhruv Manhas and Ridham** of class **IX** bagged **top positions (among 1-100 Rank)** in **CBSE Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2022-23** organized by **CBSE** in the month of November.
- **Gold Medal in National Science Olympiad (NSO)**: **15 students** clinched **Gold Medal** in **National Science Olympiad (NSO)** and are bestowed with **Gold Medal of Excellence**. **Vineet Sharma (IX)** outshined and bagged **Gold Medal of Distinction**.
- **Cash Prize in Painting Competition**: **Ashvi Sharma (VII)** was awarded a cash prize of **Rs 2000** in a **Painting Competition on Energy Conservation** organised by **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)** at **JDA Commercial Complex, Narwal Jammu**.
- **Certificate of Appreciation in Suchana Project** : **10 students** of **Class V** were awarded with a **Certificate of Appreciation** for participating in **Suchana Project** which is specially designed for the Planet Saviors. Both teams of our school were in **Top 10 ranks** in four rounds conducted during this one month long project organized by **Dept of Education, Philippines**.
- **Article published in Vigyan Setu E-Magazine**: An article titled '**Family Literacy: A Life-course Perspective**' got published in year 3, Jan-March 2023 edition of **Vigyan Setu e-magazine**. The article was collaboratively written by a team comprising: **Mrs. Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana, Ms. Anurita Koul Assistant Coordinator, PRT** along with two students namely **Devansh Raina (IX)** and **Ronak Sharma (V)**.
- **Winners of Annual Painting Competition 2022** : **The Himalayan Avian** organized an **Annual Painting Competition 2022** under the theme "**Mithu ki Azadi**" and "**Talab se Jeevan**". The students of class **I-X** participated in the competition enthusiastically. **Aarav (I A)** bagged **3<sup>rd</sup> prize** in **Sub-junior Category A** whereas **Ashvi Sharma (VI)** bagged **Ist Prize** in the **Middle Category**. Besides, the school bagged **22 consolation prizes**.  
**Winners in Flower Show** : A **Flower Show** was held by **CSIR IIM Jammu** at **CSIR IIM lawns on 13 March 2023**. **APS Damana** won **4 prizes in different categories**: **3<sup>rd</sup> prize** in **Herbal garden**.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> prize** in **Foliage**.  
**Consolation prize** in **artistic arrangement of flowers**.  
**Consolation prize** in **Succulent**.

### **INTER-APS COMPETITIONS:**

- The quiz team of clinched **3<sup>rd</sup> position** in **Inter Army Public School Cluster I Quiz Competition** hosted by **APS Samba** on **13 September 2021**.

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- Best Speaker in Inter APS Cluster I AWWA Ethics Bowl Competition : Gaytri Singh (IX) participated in Inter APS Cluster I AWWA Ethics Bowl Competition. She was adjudged as Best Speaker and selected for Command Level Competition. Outshining the competition, she won Command Level Competition and got selected for National Level Competition.
- Runner-up in Inter-APS Cluster I Hindi Debate Competition : 03 Students participated in Inter-APS Cluster I Hindi Debate Competition held at Inter-APS Sunjwan on 26 August 2022. The team brought laurels to the school by securing 2<sup>nd</sup> position and therefore clinching Runner up Trophy.
- Runner up in Inter APS Cluster-I Hockey Tournament : The Hockey Team emerged as Runner up in Inter APS Cluster-I Hockey Tournament held at APS Kaluchak on 26 August 2022.
- Runner-up in Inter- APS Cluster-I Table Tennis Competition: The Table Tennis Team of the school clinched Runner-up title in Inter- APS Cluster-I Table Tennis Competition held at APS Jammu Cant from 14 to 16 July 2022.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Inter APS Cluster-I Basket Ball Competition: The Basket Ball team (Girls) secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Inter APS Cluster-I Basket Ball Competition held at APS Ratnuchak from 27 July to 02 August 2022.
- A team of **six students** of the school participated in **President AWWA Rolling Trophy Ethics Bowl Competition 2023** held at Tiger Auditorium from **28 April-1 May 2023** wherein our team emerged as **Runner-up**. **Gayatri Singh (X)** was adjudged **Eloquent Speaker** while **Purva Jasrotia (XII)** got **Most Voluble Speaker Award** in the competition.

### **CBSE INITIATIVES:**

- **Vidyanjali**: Vidyanjali is an initiative taken by the **Ministry of Education, Govt of India** with an aim to strengthen schools through community and private sector involvement in schools across the country. Following the guidelines of **AWES** and **CBSE**, the school has adopted **Govt Middle School Parwah** under **Vidyanjali Project** wherein the school is providing the necessary assistance to the mentee school in terms of **Assests , Material, Equipments, Teaching- Learning Aids, Counseling Sessions, Academic Sessions, Visit to ATL and other labs.**

- **Continuous Professional Development:** Following **CBSE Cir No. 32/2021**, the Educators are attending various online webinars organized by **CBSE** under **CPD**. Each Educator has attended **50 hours of CPD** workshops throughout the session for their professional development, driven by their own interests.
  
- **Veer Gatha :** The students (**IX-XII**) witnessed Felicitation Event of **Veer Gatha Awardees** on **12 August 2022**. The event included felicitation of Super 25 winners of Veergatha Contest by Shri Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri. The programme was organized by MOD, Govt of India. The school also conducted **Essay Writing cum Painting Competition** under the project **Veergatha 2.0** organized by **Ministry of Defence** in collaboration with **CBSE**. **04** Best entries were uploaded on **CBSE portal**.
  
- **Youth Ideathon 2023:** **Akshat Singh (VIII), Sumit Kumar (VIII) and Vaibhav Sharma (VIII)** participated in **Youth Ideathon** wherein the Team worked on Eco Bricks under the mentorship of **Ms Anurita Koul (PRT)**. The Team was in **Top 1000 Innovators** and received **Certificates of Appreciation**. Ms Anurita Koul was acknowledged with **Teacher of Innovation Citation** for her furtherance of the cause of Innovation and entrepreneurship in the school.
  
- **Vigilance Awareness Week :** The observance of the one week long **Vigilance Awareness Week** commenced with the **Mass Integrity Pledge** taken during the special morning assembly. Besides, an **Inter House Debate Competition** was organized on **4 November 2022** on the topic “Can Corruption be wiped off from India?” to acquaint the students with the nefarious effects of Corruption and how to keep a check on these corrupt practices.
  
- **Celebration of Veer Bal Diwas :** **Veer Bal Diwas** was celebrated on **2022** in the school premises to commemorate and honour the martyrdom of sons of Guru Gobind Singh. To mark the day, various activities were conducted in the school including Special Assembly, Movie Time- Char Sahibzade, Card Making and **Guest Lecture by Dr Arvinder Singh, Addl Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages**.
  
- **Har Ghar Tiranga Program :** Following **CBSE Circular No. Acad-86/2022**, the school organized **Har Ghar Tiranga Program** as a part of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** from **11-17 August 2022**. Under the programme, a plethora of activities were conducted in the school which included: Poster Making (III-V) Rakhi Making (VI-VIII) and Poster Making (IX-XII), Inter-House Patriotic Song Competition etc. Besides, the students and Parents were encouraged to hoist **National Flag** in their houses.
  
- **Pariksha Pe Charcha:** The students of Class **IX-XII** along with the educators registered themselves for the **6<sup>th</sup> edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha**.

- **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** : The school participated in an **Essay Writing Competition** for the students of Classes X to XII, organized by the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** in collaboration with the **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** on **8 October 2022**. The topic for the CBSE-CVC essay competition was ‘Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation’.
  
- **CBSE Reading Mission 2021-23: 100 Days Reading Campaign** : Following **CBSE Circular No. Acad-134/2021** and in order to build a culture of joyful reading among students, the school had made a weekly planner and organized reading activities under **CBSE Reading Mission 2021-23: 100 Days Reading Campaign** from **19 January to 17 February 2022**. The activities include: Drop Everything and Read, reading story books with parents, reading English and Hindi newspaper etc.
  
- **Orientation Programme:** The school has organized **Orientation Sessions** for the students of classes I-XII for the session 2022-23. In the sessions, the parents were briefed about the Latest Changes in the Syllabus, Pattern of Examination, Punctuality of the Students, Discipline and other aspects. It was made compulsory for the fathers to attend the Orientation Sessions.
  
- **Feedback from Parents:** With an aim to give the correct and comparative feedback to the parents about their ward’s performance, the school prepared each student’s **Observatory Sheet (class IX & XI)**. In the student wise sheet, each student’s comparative result and other observations by the subject teachers were mentioned. The parents were also sensitized about their role and need as an accountable parent.
  
- **Passport to Earning** : The students of Classes IX-XII along with the educators of the school completed an **online course on Passport to Earning** on **19 January 2023**. This course is initiated by AWES in collaboration with UNICEF and implementation partner Learning Links Foundation.
  
- The Educators of the school attended a webinar on **100 Days Reading Campaign** under **CBSE Cir No. Acad-134/ 2021** dated **31 December 2021** organized by the **Ministry of Education, Govt. of India**.
  
- Under **CBSE Circular No. Acad-119/2021**, the school organized the **75 Lakh Post Card Campaign** from **01-20 December 2021** on the topics- “**Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle**” and “**My Vision for India 2047**”.

### **AWARDS:**

- The school made an iridescent impact by winning the prestigious **School of Innovation Trophy** at a special function “**Youth Ideathon Grand Finale**” held at **IIT New Delhi** on **20 November 2021**. **Mrs Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana** proudly received the trophy at **IIT New Delhi** from **Prof. V. Ram Gopal Rao, Dir IIT Delhi**. Outshining all, **Ritik Bhat (XII)** emerged as **STATE WINNER** and was conferred with cash prize of **Rs**

**10,000 and State Winner Certificate. Mrs Anurita Koul** PRT was bestowed with **Teacher of Innovation Certificate** and National Recognition in India's **Teachers of Innovation** list.

- The school earned the title of **Cyber Smart School** from **ATL Team** along with their partners **World Network Services-WNS Cares Foundation (WCF)**.
- The school bagged **NYP School of Excellence Award** for the **outstanding participation in the Budget Session 2022** of National Youth Parliament held on **10 & 11 January 2022**.
- **Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Hindi Pariksha 2022-23:** The school conducted **Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Hindi Pariksha 2022-23**. The competition witnessed **Mass Participation** of the students from class **III-X**. Out of **1149 students** who appeared in the competition, **1104** clinched **Gold Medal**. **23 students** bagged **Rashtriya Rajbhasha Hindi Gaurav Ratna Puraskar**. To add to the achievement, the school is garnered with **Aadarsh Pathshala Puruskar** whereas Principal of the school received **Aadarsh Pradhanacharya Puruskar**. **Mrs Manu Kumari, PGT Hindi** was also acknowledged with **Rajbhasha Bhushan Puruskar**.
- **136 students** were recently recognized for their **outstanding contribution to the Pariksh pe Charcha Program** initiated by Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. The students were presented with appreciation letters and certificates personally signed by the PM commending their valueable insights and active involvement in the program.
- The students of Classes IX-XII along with the educators of the school participated in an **online course on Passport to Earning** initiated by AWES in collaboration with UNICEF and implementation partner Learning Links Foundation. The school was presented with School Certificate for maximum participation in the program along with 86 Merit Certificates for students.

### **SAHODAYA COMPETITIONS:**

- **Umika Sharma (IX C)** bagged **Consolation prize** in an **Inter-School Solo singing competition** under the patronage of **Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex** on **16 October 2021**.
- **Gaytri Singh (VIII A)** won **Consolation Prize** in **Sahodaya Inter-School Hindi Poem Recitation Competition (VI-VIII)** organized by **Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex** at **Doon International School Jammu** on **23 October 2021**.
- **Ridit Rajput (IV A)** clinched **1<sup>st</sup> Prize** in **Inter- School Poem Recitation Competition (III-V)** organized by **Jammu Sanskriti School, Kathua** under the banner of **Sahodaya School Complex, Jammu Chapter**. The student recited the poem on the topic: "India of my Dreams".
- **Ms. Manu Kumari (PGT Hindi) secured 1st prize in Sahodaya Story Telling:** Indian Public School Kidzee Kathua organised Hindi Story Telling competition on the theme 'Women Empowerment' for teachers under the aegis of **Jammu Sahodaya School Complex**. Teachers from more than 20 schools participated in the competition wherein **Ms. Manu Kumari (PGT Hindi)** secured 1st prize.

- **Akshat Singh of Class VIII bagged Consolation Prize in an Inter-School Bilingual Turncoat Debate hosted by Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu (JSSJ) on 5 November on the theme Present day distractions-addictions or simulations under the banner of Sahodaya School Complex Jammu.**
- **Aalya Raj (V) clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Hindi Story Telling Competition held on 3 December 2022 at Kartar Public School, Kathua, Jammu under the aegis of Sahodaya Schools Complex Jammu.**
- **02 students of Class VI namely Mrityuanjay and Chehak Koul bagged Consolation Prize in English Literary Quiz Competition organised by JK Public School, Kunjwani under the banner of Sahodaya Schools Complex, Jammu Chapter.**
- **Ridit Rajput (IV A) clinched 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Inter- School Poem Recitation Competition (III-V) organized by Jammu Sanskriti School, Kathua under the banner of Sahodaya School Complex, Jammu Chapter. The student recited the poem on the topic: “India of my Dreams”.**
- **Neelakshi Sharma (VII) bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> Consolation Prize in Has Kavita Pratiyogita held on 26 November 2022 at Holy Presentation Convent School, Kathua under the aegis of Sahodaya Schools Complex Jammu.**
- **Turncoat Bilingual Debate Competition was conducted in the school premises on 29 April 2023 under the aegis of Sahodaya Jammu Chapter wherein Suneha Sharma (XII) clinched First Prize by knocking out 30 other participants from various schools.**
- **Ashvi Sharma (VIII) got consolation prize in Sahodaya Interschool Poster Making Competition held on 24 April 2023 at TSUS.**
- **Best Costume Award in Sahodaya Inter-school Fancy Dress Competition held at International Delhi Public School Jammu on 15 May 2023.**

## **SPORTS:**

- **Shimani Choudhary (X) participated in Inter School District Level Shooting Competition organized by District Youth Services and Sports Officer, DYSSO Gandhi Nagar Jammu on 15 December 2020. She outpaced the event by clinching 1<sup>st</sup> position and also got selected for the state level competition.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Position in 24th All India Kumar Surendra Singh Inter School Shooting Championship:**  
Two students of the school namely **Shimani Choudhary (XII D)** and **Anirudh Sharma (X C)** proved their audacity by bagging positions in **24th All India Kumar Surendra Singh Inter School Shooting Championship**. The competition was held at **Asansol Rifle Club, Chandmari Asansol West Bengal from 18-24 September 2022 under National Rifle Association of India**. The competition witnessed participation of nearly 1000 shooters from various states across the country. Shimani Choudhary (XII D) accentuated the competition by clinching **1<sup>st</sup> Position in Peep Sight 10m Air Rifle (NR) Junior in women category.**

Besides, Anirudh Sharma (X C) secured Silver Medal in Peep Sight Air Rifle (NR) Sub Youth Men Category.

- **7<sup>th</sup> Jammu District Handball Championship Men/Women:**  
The handball team of the school participated in **7<sup>th</sup> Jammu District Handball Championship Men/Women** from **30 Sep to 03 Oct 2022**. The competition was organized by **J& K Sports Council** at **Play Field Shastri Nagar Jammu**. **16 students** from our school participated in the competition wherein **05 students** bagged **Gold Medal** and **05 - Silver Medal** and **03** students bagged **Bronze Medals**.
- **Dist Level Kho Kho Championship Men/ Women 2022:** **Supriya Charak (VIII B)** clinched **Silver Medal** in **Jammu Dist Level Kho Kho Championship Men/ Women 2022**.
- **Gold Medal in State Level Basket Ball Championship :** **02** students namely **Mannat** and **Shivani** of class **VIII** bagged **Gold Medal** in **State Level Basket Ball Championship** held at **M.A. Stadium** on **01 & 02 Nov 2022**.
- **Participation in 51 National Women Handball Championship:** **Diya Choudhary (XI D)** and **Poonam Devi (XI B)** participated in **51 National Women Handball Championship** held at **Varanasi, UP** from **15-19 March 2023**.
- **Bronze Medal in J& K UT Gymnastic Championship:** **Advita Choudhary (VI E)** bagged **Bronze Medal** in **J& K UT Gymnastic Championship** held at **M A Stadium** from **18-20 March 2023**.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship :** **Shivang Kumar (XI)** bagged **Bronze Medal** in **23<sup>rd</sup> RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship** held at **Talkatora Stadium , New Delhi**. The event took place from **17 to 20 Oct 2022**.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> position in J&K UT Weightlifting Championship 2022-23 :** **Prikshit Arya** bagged **3<sup>rd</sup> position** in **J&K UT Weightlifting Championship 2022-23** organized by **J & K Weightlifting Association** under **J & K State Sports Council** on **20 & 21 Feb 2023**. He also clinched **Bronze Medal** in **Junior Weightlifting Championship** (Weight Category **67 kg**), **Jammu District 2022-23**. The event took place from **19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at **M.A. Stadium**.



## WELFARE

- The School organized a **Virtual and Collaborative Celebration of Teachers Day** with **KRM Public School Chennai, Tamil Nadu** on **03 September 2021**. The programme included sharing of pedagogies by the Co-ordinators of both the schools, sharing of best practices and online teaching experiences, various enthralling and exhilarating activities.
- The School celebrated **International Labours Day** virtually on **01 May 2021**. On the occasion, a special **Virtual Gratitude Programme** was organized to appreciate and acknowledge the special efforts of **Group D staff** towards the school.
- **Ms Pushpinder Kaur, Principal of the school** took a session of the students of class **XII** and their parents on **21 February 2022**. The students and parents were briefed about the need to be optimistic and believe in themselves especially before examination. The students were advised to take adequate rest, have nutritious food, draw up a time-table and follow it religiously.
- An interactive session for class IX on the topic '**LET'S TALK**' was conducted on **10 February 2021**. The session was taken by the **Counsellor, Ms. Madhur Uppal** in presence of Principal of the school Mrs Pushpinder Kaur.
- With an aim to give exposure to the children of nearby community and share the resources of the school, APS Damana organized **ATL Community Exchange Programme** in the school premises as a part of **AWES Raising Day Celebrations**. A group of **25 students** along with **02 teachers** of **GMS Parwah** visited the school campus. The Students and Educators of GMS Parwah visited **ATL** of the school wherein the resplendent array of projects and models prepared by students of APS Damana were showcased. The guest students were encouraged to visit all the exhibits and working models on display in the **ATL**. With great elation, the students showed their keen interest in the game devised by **Master Devansh Sharma (VI)** using **Scratch Coding** and **Drone** prepared by **Ayushman Koul** and **Vansh** of class **XII**. Furthermore, the students of GMS Parwah were divided into two groups wherein they were given opportunity of **Hands on Practice** to make **Power Point Presentation** with their names and insert animations in it.
- **Art and Craft Camp at Govt Middle School Parwah** : APS Damana organized **Art and Craft Camp** at **Govt Middle School Parwah** on **25 February 2023**. The drive was organized under **Vidyanjali – a School Volunteer Program**. Mrs. Preetika Sharma, PRT Art & Craft apprised the students with creative ideas to make Best Out of Waste using dried twigs, pebbles, stones, old wedding cards and cardboard boxes. The students of Class IX interacted with the students of GMS Parwah. **Mrs Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana** appreciated the enthusiasm of the children and motivated them to kindle of light of knowledge by reading books.
- **Book Donation Drive at Govt Middle School Parwah** : Following the benign practice of extending a helping hand to the community at large, APS Damana organized **Book Donation Drive** at **Govt Middle School Parwah** on **14 February 2023**. The drive was organized under **Vidyanjali – a School Volunteer Program** and to mark the **International Book Giving Day**. Around **550 books** of Literature, Textbooks, Grammar Books, Story Books etc were distributed among students.

