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INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Smashing serves, sharp rallies, and spirited cheers marked the Inter-House Badminton Matches held on the 4th of May and from the 10th to the 12th of May. The event brought together all four houses in a display of agility, teamwork, and determination.

In the girls' category, Agni House was split into two teams—Agni A and Agni B. The finals witnessed a thrilling face-off between the two, with Agni B clinching the title and Agni A finishing as worthy runners-up.

Among the boys, fierce competition played out between Jal, Thal, and Vayu Houses. Thal House dominated the court with a commanding performance, securing first place. Jal House followed closely in second, while Vayu House took the third position.

The tournament not only showcased athletic talent but also strengthened house spirit and camaraderie, making it a truly memorable sporting event.



WHEN SIRENS WAILED

A sudden siren pierced the morning calm—panic followed, with the sounds of shelling, chaos, and emergency evacuation. But this wasn't war. It was a powerful, high-intensity mock drill conducted at Doon Defence Academy under the visionary leadership of Director Sandeep Gupta.

Designed to simulate a real-time cross-border attack, the drill tested cadets on their response under pressure. From securing essential supplies to administering first aid and rescuing injured peers, the students demonstrated commendable courage, coordination, and clarity in crisis.

Guiding them throughout were Col. Sudhir Verma (Retd.), Umesh Kuniyal (Retd.) Indian Navy and Anil Rawat, along with the dedicated DDA staff and faculty. Their active involvement brought authenticity and invaluable guidance to the entire exercise.

More than just a drill, the day was a vivid lesson in readiness, resilience, and responsibility—reminding every cadet that true defence training begins when the sirens wail, not just when the books open.



Sahastradhara Trip

As part of the Educational Tour Program, the cadets of the Foundation Course Pratham Pag from Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy embarked on a memorable 7 km foot march to the picturesque Sahastradhara. The journey, flagged off at 5 AM by Director Sandeep Gupta, led the cadets through serene and scenic trails, instilling both discipline and a deep connection with nature.

Upon reaching Sahastradhara, the cadets gathered by the riverside to celebrate the birthdays of students born in May with a joyous cake-cutting ceremony. The event was filled with cheer as the cadets enjoyed water activities and took a refreshing dip in the river.

Joining in the celebration were DDA Director Sandeep Gupta, Deputy Director Divya Gupta, Academic Head Umesh Kuniyal, along with the warden and PTI—making the day not only fun-filled but also deeply motivating for the young aspirants.



OPERATION SINDOOR

DDA Diamonds March Shoulder to Shoulder with Dehradun in Honour of Operation Sindoor

In a stirring display of patriotism and unity, the cadets of Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy (DDA)—including the spirited Foundation Course 'Pratham Pag'—marched proudly alongside thousands of Dehradun citizens in the grand "Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra".

Led by Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, the march stretched from Shaurya Sthal Cheed Bagh to Gandhi Park, honouring the heroic success of Operation Sindoor, a bold and decisive military campaign by the Indian Armed Forces.

The air resounded with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," "Vande Mataram," and "Jai Hind" as ex-servicemen, youth, women, and the general public joined hands, waving the tricolor with pride. DDA cadets marched in unison, exemplifying the values of discipline, nationalism, and courage that define the Academy.

Chief Minister Dhami paid floral tribute at the Shaurya Sthal, stating, "Operation Sindoor stands as a shining example of India's strength and resolve. It is a moment of pride for every Indian."

The event not only celebrated military victory but also reinforced the spirit of collective pride, unity, and unwavering faith in our nation's defence forces—values that lie at the very heart of DDA's mission



Honouring Opportunity with Enthusiasm



In a proud and symbolic moment for both the institution and the region, the students of Sandeep Sir's Doon Defence Academy marked a significant milestone by participating in the inauguration ceremony of the ice rink at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Dehradun. The event was elevated by the esteemed presence of the Honourable Chief Minister, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, underscoring the importance of youth engagement and infrastructure development in Uttarakhand. The involvement of the academy's students in such a prestigious event is a testament to the discipline, commitment, and patriotic spirit that the academy fosters. As Uttarakhand takes strides toward becoming a hub for sports and defence training, the active participation of institutions like Doon Defence Academy plays a crucial role in inspiring the next generation.

A Day Out, A Step Forward

A special milestone was achieved this month by our Pratham PAG Course 3 students — their very first official outing. The visit to Pacific Mall was a refreshing break, filled with joy and bonding. But what made the day truly memorable was a chance interaction with the gentlemen cadets of the Indian Military Academy.

Meeting these future officers left a deep impression on our students. Their discipline, humility, and sense of purpose served as a live example of the values we aim to nurture — resilience, respect, and responsibility. It was more than just an outing; it was a moment of inspiration. And for many, it sparked a clearer vision of the path they wish to follow.



A Step Closer to School Life

The students of Pratham PAG Course 3 recently visited their school, Touch Wood School, marking an important step in their academic journey. The visit aimed to familiarize them with the school's infrastructure, facilities, and overall environment.

It was also a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet and interact with their teachers, helping build an early connection and sense of belonging. During the visit, they were

handed their school diaries for the year and were given a detailed briefing to help them understand the expectations and responsibilities ahead.

This visit served as a meaningful orientation, building comfort, clarity, and confidence as they step into the new academic year.

Rising to the Challenge

This month has been full of academic milestones for our students across Pratham PAG Course 2 and Course 3. Students of Pratham PAG Course 3 — which includes our Class 9 and Class 11 — appeared for their very first examinations. It was a proud moment to witness their dedication and determination in action. Their impressive performance reflects not only their hard work but also their growing confidence and focus. It's a strong start, and a sign of the bright path ahead.

Our Class 11 students are balancing a rigorous dual curriculum — preparing for their school academics while also building a solid foundation for NDA. Their in-house assessments provide us with valuable insights into their strengths and help us offer more personalized guidance.



At the same time, students of Pratham PAG Course 2 — comprising Class 10 and Class 12 — continued with their weekly examinations. These regular tests are crucial in reinforcing their concepts, tracking progress, and building consistency.

Together, all these efforts are not just academic checkpoints, but important steps in shaping disciplined, confident, and capable individuals ready to take on greater challenges.

Interactive Sessions with AK Singh Retd IAF Psychologist

Students of Pratham PAG Course 2 and 3 recently had the unique opportunity to participate in interactive sessions with AK Singh, a retired psychologist from the Indian Air Force. These engaging sessions allowed students to gain firsthand insights into psychological concepts relevant to defense services, enhancing their understanding and preparing them better for their future roles.

During the sessions, AK Singh shared valuable insights on inculcating positive habits essential for personal and professional growth. He emphasized developing officer-like qualities such as leadership, integrity, self-discipline, and resilience. He also guided students on how to refine their personality and demeanor to confidently and professionally represent themselves. His practical advice on mental conditioning, attitude development, and effective communication deeply resonated with the students, inspiring them to adopt these traits as they prepare for their careers.



Silver, Spirit & Skill – DDA's Football Heroes of 2025!

Proud Moments from the उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आंदोलनकारी शहीद मेमोरीयल फुटबॉल चैंपीयनशीप 2025!

DDA secured the 2nd position and brought home the Silver Medal!

A special shoutout to Aryan Thapa from Course 2 (Jal House) for winning the Best Footballer Trophy in the U-17 category – a true game-changer!

In the girls' category, it was an all-AGNI final:

AGNI A emerged victorious, while AGNI B stood as the proud runner-up.

The teams were guided and supported by PTI Tarun, PTI/Warden Vishal and PTI/Warden Rupa, whose efforts made this success possible.



Pratham Pag Shines at the Hindustan Olympiad!

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding performance of our Patham Pag Course 2 cadets in the prestigious Hindustan Olympiad!

Their results reflect the grit, discipline, and dedication nurtured throughout their journey. A special salute to Cadet Khushi and Cadet Anand for securing Rank 2 and Rank 3—a truly remarkable achievement!

Congratulations also to Cadet Anjali Yadav, Cadet M. Manish, and Cadet Harshit Singh Sandhu for emerging as top performers in this national-level competition.

Forward march—with pride and purpose!



A Triumph of Talent : Celebrating Our DDA Cadets' Debate Victory

We are proud to celebrate the stellar performance of our DDA Course 2 cadets at the Interhouse Debate Competition, Shalini Beverly Hills.

Anjali claimed First Place with a powerful and persuasive speech, while Khushi secured Second Place with grace and eloquence.

Their success reflects the talent, confidence, and commitment of our cadet community. Kudos to our champions—your voices echoed brilliance!



Victory



OPERATION SINDOOR

Honoring Valor – Operation Sindoor at DDA

Doon Defence Academy (DDA) recently hosted a grand celebration at its Trishakti campus to honor the success of Operation Sindoor, India's bold anti-terrorism strike. Led by Sandeep Sir, the event showcased patriotism and pride through cultural performances, speeches, and awards.

Colonel Sudhir Verma (Retd.) shared insights into the operation, while students from Classes 9th to 12th impressed with heartfelt dances, songs, and poetry. Special recognition was given to Yaseen Kumar, an Agniveer, and top-performing cadets across various academic and defense exams.

The event was graced by distinguished veterans, including Vice Admiral (Retd.) Vinay Badhwar and Brigadier Vinod Pasbala. Director Sandeep Gupta concluded by stating, "This is the new India—strong, proud, and fearless."

A powerful tribute to the valor of the Indian Armed Forces and the spirit of today's youth.





On behalf of the Pratham Pag fraternity and Team DDA, we extend our gratitude to all the students and parents who are cooperating with us and helping us accomplish our mission towards being successful in our endeavour of training young minds into capable and valiant personality possessing all the essential skills to be selected as cadets serving their country.

PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN

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