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# PRATHAM PAG CADETS INSPIRED BY SITARE ZAMEEN PAR

DDA Screens Motivational Film During Educational Excursion

Dehradun: As part of its educational excursion program, Doon Defence Academy (DDA) organized a special screening of Sitare Zameen Par for over 180 cadets of the foundation course "Pratham Pag." DDA Director Mr. Sandeep Gupta and Deputy Director Mrs. Divya Gupta joined the students for the event.

The film, a spiritual sequel to Taare Zameen Par, highlights the journey of neurodivergent children in a basketball team and sends a strong message of inclusion and empowerment. Cadets enjoyed the film and spent quality time interacting with their mentors.

DDA regularly organizes such activities—films, treks, and picnics—to ensure all-round development and keep cadets motivated





# DDA Clinches Women's T10 Income Tax Cup

**REETISHA SHINES WITH 74**

**DDA DEFEATS PITCUL BY 55 RUNS IN FINAL MATCH**

Doon Defence Academy (DDA) showcased its excellence beyond academics by winning the Women's T10 Income Tax Cup, defeating PITCUL by 55 runs in the final held at Aryan Chhetri Cricket Ground. Batting first, DDA posted a formidable 134/2 in 10 overs. Opener Pooja scored a quick 22 (11 balls), Anjali added 17 (12 balls), and Kaushki chipped in with 11. The star of the match was Reetisha, who played a blistering, unbeaten knock of 74 off 32 balls, smashing 7 sixes and 6 fours. In response, PITCUL managed 79/6 in their 10 overs. DDA bowlers Anjali and Bhuvi took 2 wickets each, while Priya and Reetisha Chand picked up one apiece.

Director Sandeep Gupta praised the team's outstanding performance and was seen actively encouraging the players throughout the match.





# INTER-HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION

## JaL House Beats Agni House in the Final

A spirited inter-house debate competition was held under the foundation course Pratham Pag at Doon Defence Academy, with cadets from Jal, Agni, Vayu, and Thal Houses participating.

In Round Two, on the topic "Internet: Boon or Bane?", Jal House led with 618 points, followed by Agni (572), Thal (493), and Vayu (475). Jal and Agni advanced to the final round.

The final debate, on "Should Developed Nations Be Taxed More for Global Warming?", saw Jal House emerge victorious with 628 points. Agni House came second with 562 points.

Jal House was represented by Cadets Sambhavya, Shivam, and Dhavman; Agni House by Cadets Anjali, Priyanshi, and Pooja.

Winners received medals and certificates from DDA's Commandant Col. Sudhir Verma (Retd.) and Principal Sanjay Kumar Arya. Judges included faculty members Bhaum Bahadur, Anshuman Jagudi, and Sumit Panwar. The event was organized under the guidance of English faculty Jyoti Rai.





## ***Pratham Pag Cadets Pay Tribute on Kargil Vijay Diwas***

On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, cadets of the Pratham Pag foundation course at Doon Defence Academy's Trishakti Campus held a heartfelt Shraddhanjali ceremony to honor the martyrs of the Kargil War.

A ceremonial lamp was lit as a symbol of remembrance and gratitude, followed by prayers for the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation. Students also offered floral tributes, expressing their deep respect and reverence for the supreme sacrifice made in service to the country.







# U-18 District Basketball Championship

## ***Girls Show Grit, Boys Dominate Early Rounds***



Cadets from Doon Defence Academy delivered a commendable performance at the District Under-18 Basketball Championship 2025–26, held from July 28–31 at Doon International School, Riverside. The tournament was organized by the District Basketball Association under the supervision of the Basketball Association of Uttarakhand.

The DDA Girls' Team displayed impressive spirit and teamwork. Despite a 13–24 loss to Wynberg in the opening match and a close 16–19 defeat to Vantage Hall, they bounced back strongly with a 14–2 lead and a confident win against Sai Grace. The Boys' Team began with a dominant 22–0 win, followed by a 14–0 victory over Annfield to enter the quarter-finals. They continued their strong run with a 32–14 win in the pool final. Although they fought hard, they narrowly missed reaching the semifinals.

Both teams demonstrated remarkable discipline, sportsmanship, and resilience—embodying DDA's focus on all-around development through physical fitness, mental toughness, and competitive excellence.





# PRATHAM PAG CADETS SELECTED IN DEFENCE FORCES AND MERCHANT NAVY



**Cadet Gautam Kr**  
Selected in NDA-152nd Course



**Cadet Deepak Dev**  
Selected in Army TES-52 Course



**Cadet Rajveer Yadav**  
Recommended in NDA-153 Course



**Cadet Aditya Tripathi**  
Recommended in NDA-155 Course



**Cadet Nikhil Yadav**  
Recommended in NDA-154 Course



**Cadet Devpreet S**  
Selected in Merchant Navy



**Cadet Aditya P**  
Selected in Merchant Navy



**Cadet Gautam Raj**  
Selected in Merchant Navy



**Cadet Tanishk Joshi**  
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Selected in Merchant Navy



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**JAI HIND**

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