

## DMCS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Celebrating with festive merriment of Christmas, an embodiment of cultural traditions across the globe, DMCS celebrated the reverential festival of Christmas with unbounded feting and joy. Keeping community welfare and societal endeavour as the anchor, the DMCS Christmas celebrations were observed at DMCS Banaswadi and Vidyaranyapura Campus with great joviality.

At DMCS Banaswadi, a special invitation was extended to the students of 'Diya Foundation' - headed by Ms. Deepika; aligning remarkably with the societal vision of our dynamic Chairman - Dr. Joseph V. G. Quite notably, Diya Foundation is a Charitable Trust and Vocational Training Centre for people with disabilities. The celebrations commenced wherein the students enamoured the audience with their graceful 'Dance Performance'. The celebrations were also adorned with the mellifluous 'Carol Singing' and the liturgical enactment of the 'Nativity Scene' that suffused visceral feelings of festivity on the campus. Our respected DMCS School Director, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho addressed the audience with devotional wisdom and presided over the 'Gift Ceremony'. DMCS presented the children of 'Diya Foundation' with gifts and goodies, as a special gesture of love and Christmas goodness. Ms. Deepika from 'Diya Foundation' addressed the gathering with profound wisdom and her gratitude towards the revered day. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem.

At DMCS Vidyaranyapura, a special ceremonial celebration of 'White Christmas' was celebrated in a heartfelt frolicsome mood. The morning assembly was conducted by the DMCS students who successfully captured the spirit of 'White Christmas'. The programme began with an insightful theme based speech which sparked joy, peace, and the message of kindness associated with White Christmas. The speech set a warm and reflective tone for the assembly. A melodious 'Kindness Song' was presented by DMCS students which echoed the true essence of Christmas. The highlight of the celebrations was an eye-catching dance performance by the students of 'Kinderfun and Grade I'. It exhibited graceful movements and forms that vividly depicted the theme, spreading cheer and festive joy throughout the school campus. The celebrations saw a delightful culmination that infused everyone with the values of kindness and benevolence.

The community initiatives and societal endeavours at DMCS for Christmas Celebrations indeed encouraged everyone to share collective warmth and grace filled with festive cheers. DMCS expresses its gratitude to 'Diya Foundation' and is elated for the wonderful rendezvous with them.

**DMCS BANASWADI - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS GLIMPSES**

**DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS GLIMPSES**

# EDITORIAL - GEMS MAGAZINE JANUARY 2026 EDITION

## A NEW YEAR, A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO VALUES



**Ms. Vrinda Coutinho**  
School Director  
Deva Matha Central Schools  
Banaswadi and  
Vidyaranyapura

*"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."*

– Helen Keller

**As we enter a new year, we are given a moment to pause, reflect, and move forward with renewed intention. This time the beginning should not be defined by new planners or resolutions, but by the choices we make each day to grow with focus and integrity, especially within the journey of education.**

**Let me share a short story –**

*Long ago, a gardener planted a young sapling in his garden. Each day, he watered it carefully, supported it when strong winds bent it, and placed a small barrier around it for protection. Passersby questioned his effort. "Why interfere?" they asked. "Let the plant grow on its own." The gardener calmly replied, "I am not limiting its growth; I am preparing it to stand strong."*

**With time, the sapling matured into a straight and resilient tree. It offered shade on hot days, fruit in its season, and shelter to those who stood beneath it. Its strength was not accidental, it was the result of consistent care in its early years.**

**Education follows the same principle. Structure provides direction, values give inner strength, and the guidance of parents and teachers supplies the care children need to thrive. When structure is absent, progress becomes uncertain. When values are ignored, achievement loses its purpose.**

**To our students, this new year is an invitation to approach learning with honesty, responsibility, and self-discipline. Understand that guidelines exist not to confine you, but to equip you for the responsibilities and freedoms that await beyond school.**

**To our parents, your role remains essential. The lessons taught at home, the example you set, and the trust you place in the school deeply influence your child's growth. When families and educators work in harmony, children develop confidence and balance.**

**To our teachers and staff, your influence extends far beyond textbooks and classrooms. Through your patience, fairness, and dedication, you demonstrate the importance of consistency and character. You do more than educate minds, you help shape individuals.**

**As we begin this year together, let us commit ourselves not only to academic success, but to nurturing thoughtful, respectful, and principled individuals. With clear direction and strong values, we can make this year purposeful and impactful.**

**I wish every member of our school community a year filled with progress, learning, and meaningful achievement.**

# DMCS BANASWADI MAJOR EVENTS

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Celebrating the sacred institution of the Constitution of India and its implementation to bring about the restructuring of India into a Republic on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950, DMCS observed the Indian Republic Day with patriotic feelings of solidarity and unity. The celebrations began with the stately arrival of the Chief Guest, Cdr Rishi Raj Tyagi (Retd) and the 'General Salute' accompanied by the DMCS anthem. After propounding the 'Significance of the Day', the National Flag was unfurled with



the synchronised rhythm of the National Anthem. With the 'Profile Reading' of the Chief Guest, his felicitation was followed by the 'Inspection of the Houses'. The prestigious March Past Ceremony was carried out to the rhythmic cadence of the remarkable School Band. The celebrations were filled with exotic art and cultural presentations that included Hindi Speech and an adulatory 'Fashion Show' by the Kinderfun students based on the theme of Freedom fighters & National Leaders. An array of attractive presentations like Yoga Displays, Drills, Patriotic Group Songs, Dance and Taekwondo drills by DMCS students was a sight to behold. The Chief Guest, Cdr Rishi Raj Tyagi (Retd) addressed the gathering with wisdom that encouraged the students to walk the path of service, responsibility and duty amalgamated with discipline and humility. He deeply appreciated the DMCS Cultural Programmes and showered special praise for DMCS School Band. A melodious tune of the song - 'Ek Pyar Ka Nagma Hai' was also beautifully played by him on a Mouth Organ. A heartfelt 'Vote of Thanks' was read by DMCS students who acknowledged the gathering for their solemn presence and contribution towards organising the celebrations. The auspicious Republic Day concluded with an endearing vote of thanks, giving it a fine closure.

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## ROAD SAFETY DAY - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Road Safety Awareness Day was conducted on the DMCS campus to enumerate the significance of observing traffic guidelines and road safety measures. The assembly elaborated safety guidelines to educate students about the importance of following traffic rules to ensure safety and order on the roads. The highlight of the assembly was a 'Short Skit' performed by the students, in which they demonstrated various traffic rules and guidelines, such as obeying traffic signals, using zebra crossings, wearing helmets, seat belts, and walking carefully on the road. Through simple scenes and clear ideas, the students conveyed the importance of being responsible pedestrians, passengers and drivers.

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# DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA MAJOR EVENTS

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

DMCS Vidyaranyapura celebrated Republic Day with meticulous planning and well planned roadmaps, upholding the values of democratic principles and republic integrity. At DMCS Vidyaranyapura, the esteemed arrival of the Chief Guest, Sergeant Trilok A (Retd) marked the beginning of the celebrations. The DMCS School Anthem was sung with vigour and proliferating piquancy. The Chief Guest, unfurled the 'National Flag' as the accompaniment of the National Anthem added patriotic colours to the ceremony. After the 'Inspection of the Houses' by the Chief Guest, the gathering was presented with the gracious 'March Past' ceremony. The suave School Band and its emphatic display was indeed a beautiful piece of memory. The 'Profile Reading' was followed by the dignified 'Felicitation of the Chief Guest' and the 'Significance of the Day', that promulgated the tenets of Indian Constitution. The audiences were enthralled to witness presentations of various cultural activities like Group song, Yoga Display, Mass Drill ,Taekwondo Display and Group dance by DMCS students. The Chief Guest addressed the audience and refurbished the importance of upholding values of national unity, culture and heritage that are integral to the Constitutional Republic of India.



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL - KINDERFUN



Makar Sankranthi, the Harvest Festival, was joyfully celebrated on the campus with great enthusiasm and cultural spirit. The celebrations started with the comely arrival of the Parents community and guests, creating a warm and lively atmosphere for the program to begin. After a heartfelt 'Welcome Address' by DMCS faculty member, a melodious 'Harvest Song' was presented by Kinderfun students that filled the assembly hall with festive joy and highlighted the significance of the harvest season. The students actively participated in a creative grains collage activity, which helped them to recognize different food grains and understand their importance in daily life. The highlight of the celebrations that piqued everyone's interest and enthusiasm was the 'Kite Making and Flying' activity where parents and children participated together, strengthening their loving bond while enjoying the traditional spirit of the festival. As a step towards environmental awareness and conservation, saplings were planted by the children, instilling in them a sense of responsibility towards nature. Another highlight of the celebration was the preparation of 'Sweet Pongal', which gave the children a hands-on experience of making traditional festive food and imbibing its cultural relevance.

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# DMCS Rewards and Recognition



DMCS Banaswadi Class Prefects Grade I - V



DMCS Banaswadi Gems Star of The Month Grade VI - XII



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DMCS Banaswadi Gems Star of The Month Grade I to V



DMCS Vidyaranyapura Class Prefects



GEMS STAR AWARDEES FOR THE MONTH



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Khel Vijayi Award

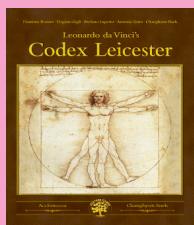
# DMCS BANASWADI

## THE MAGIC OF LEARNING

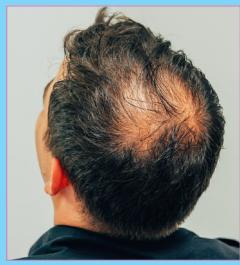
Ms Kokila Vani M - Faculty Member

### DID YOU KNOW

1. The most expensive book in the world is *Codex Leicester* by Leonardo da Vinci. Bill Gates purchased the book in 1994 for \$30.8 million.



2. Heredity is the most common cause of hair loss. It is medically known as "androgenetic alopecia."



3. Wool keeps us warm. It comes from animals, not chemicals. Wool is eco-friendly, it is biodegradable and renewable.



4. A standard pencil can write approximately 45,000 words or draw a line about 35 miles (roughly 56 km) long.



### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES



*"You must aim high, not in what you are going to do at some future date, but in what you are going to make yourself do today. Otherwise working is just a waste of time."*

- Edgar Degas



*"Everything negative - pressure, challenges - are all an opportunity for me to rise."*

- Kobe Bryant



*"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."*

- Marian Wright Edelman

### BEST TOURIST SPOTS OF THE WORLD ST. MARY'S ISLANDS, KARNATAKA



St. Mary's Islands is a group of four small islands off the coast of Malpe in Karnataka. Due to the abundance of coconut trees in the area, it is also known as Karnataka's Coconut Island. The Islands are full of basalt rock formations, designated as one of the 34 National Geological Monuments in India by the Geological Survey of India. Millions of years ago, hot molten lava oozed from the Earth's surface and was cooled by the waters of the Arabian Sea, resulting in the igneous rocks with a unique hexagonal shape.

While the Islands are uninhabited, they are open for tourism. There are many security measures in place in order to preserve the natural environment and protect visitors. The best time to visit Coconut Island is from October to January.

# DMCS Vidyaranyapura – The Knowledge Kiosk

## ROCK GARDEN, CHANDIGARH - THE ARTISTIC HEARTBEAT



The Rock Garden of Chandigarh is not just a park; it is a place filled with creativity and imagination born from a great mind. It has become one of India's most beloved and unique cultural landmarks. At the core of the Rock Garden's artistic heartbeat is Nek Chand Saini, a government road inspector who began building this extraordinary space secretly. He used broken tiles, glass bangles, ceramic pots, and many other discarded materials to bring his vision to life. The Rock Garden transports visitors into a lost kingdom of fantasy and myth. Long before sustainability became a global

movement, this garden embodied the idea of turning waste into beauty. It is a rare example of outsider art, created without formal artistic training, yet it stands today as a powerful symbol of eco-art. By promoting environmental awareness, reuse, and recycling, the garden reflects Indian folk traditions through its human and animal sculptures. The Rock Garden is truly the heartbeat of Chandigarh's identity. It shows that beauty can rise from anywhere and that small actions can create eternal beauty.

Charmika S. - Grade VIII

## SQUASH: OWN THE COURT



Squash is a fun and fast indoor sport played by two players. Players use rackets to hit a small rubber ball against the front wall. The aim of the game is to hit the ball in such a way that it becomes difficult for the opponent to return it. Playing squash is excellent for fitness. Players run a lot, move quickly, and frequently change direction. This helps improve speed, balance, and stamina. Squash is a fast-paced game, and because of this, players remain active throughout the match. It also strengthens the muscles in the arms and legs.

In addition to physical fitness, squash helps improve thinking skills. Players must think ahead and stay focused, as choosing the right shot at the right time can completely change the course of the game. Good players know how to plan their shots effectively. A fine example of this is Mohamed El Shorbagy, who is known for his powerful shots, quick thinking, and controlled playing style. Because of these qualities, he is ranked world number one. In conclusion, squash is a challenging and enjoyable sport that builds and requires both physical and mental skills. With regular practice, players can improve their game and, like Mohamed El Shorbagy, truly own the court.

Svayam G. Anand - Grade VIII

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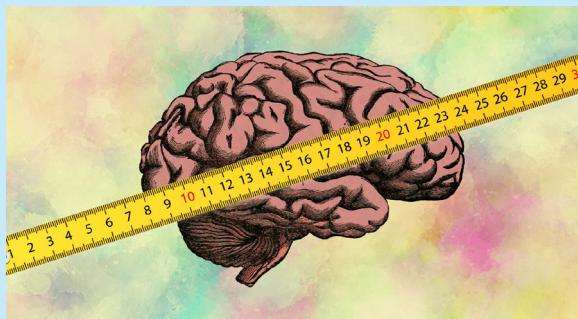
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# GEMS STARS OF THE MONTH

## DMCS BANASWADI & DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA

### MARKS DO NOT MEASURE INTELLIGENCE



True success in school and in life is a gradual process. In today's education system, marks and grades are often considered the primary measure of a student's intelligence. Learning is a journey filled with growth, challenges and valuable lessons that cannot always be measured through tests and report cards. Mistakes and failures play a crucial role in shaping a person's character and understanding, making them an essential part of

learning. Marks do not define a person's intelligence or future success. What truly matters is the willingness to learn, the courage to improve, and the ability to grow with every experience. Qualities such as creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving ability often remain unrecognized in exams. Many students who think differently or learn at their own pace may not always score high marks, yet they possess exceptional talents and innovative ideas.

'Success is not measured by marks alone, but by the passion to learn and the determination to grow.'

Nida Fathima - Grade X



### AIR AND WATER

Air whispers softly through the trees,  
A gentle breath the earth can seize.  
It lifts the birds; it cools the day,  
It carries dreams and clouds away.

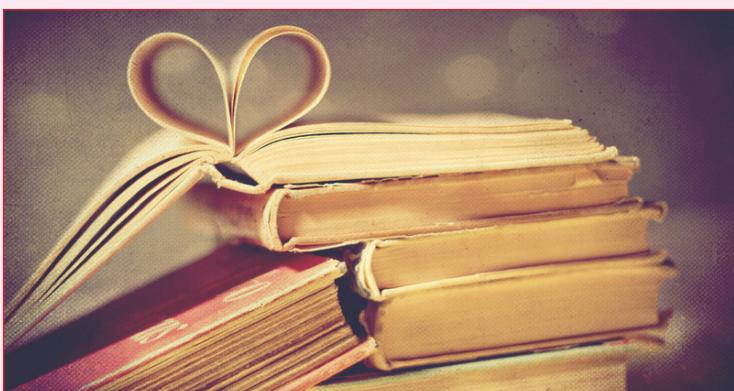
Water flows with endless grace,  
River dance from place to place.  
It feeds the soil, it calms the ground,  
In every drop, life can be found.



Together they keep the world alive,  
Helping every creature thrive.  
They are precious to our lives,  
Without them life doesn't drive.

Sinchana - Grade VII

### I LOVE BOOKS



I have read a number of books. It is called a 'Mine of Diamonds'. The more I read it, the more I like it. I read it daily without fail. It has become a part and parcel of my life. It is a friend, philosopher and guide. When I am sad, I run for my books and there I am deep into the pages and words.

Stuti Rao H. K. - Grade III

# GEMS STARS OF THE MONTH

## DMCS BANASWADI & DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA

### DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DESTRUCTION

Development is the lifeblood of progress. It brings innovation, improves living standards and creates opportunities for millions. However, when pursued recklessly, it can turn into destruction in disguise. Forests are felled, rivers are polluted, and biodiversity disappears - all in the name of growth. True development does not exploit or destroy; instead, it empowers and preserves. The world today demands action-oriented and sustainable progress. We must embrace renewable energy, eco-friendly industries, and responsible urbanisation. Governments, businesses, and individuals alike must take initiative - plant trees, conserve water, reduce waste and innovate in ways that protect our planet while advancing society.

Education and awareness play a crucial role in this journey. An informed population drives positive change and ensures that development remains sustainable. Development without destruction is not just a philosophy; it is a call to action. Every step we take and every choice we make can either harm or heal our planet. Let us choose wisely, act responsibly, and create a world where progress and nature thrive together.

Joanna Vivek - Grade X



### My School



My school is very special,  
My school is very nice,  
I learn a lot of knowledge  
I would like to go everyday twice!  
My teachers are supportive,  
Like pillars that help me stand,  
Different teachers, different subjects,  
And kindness, in their hands.  
I have many friends in school,  
Who cheer me when I shine,  
They are with me in my darkest times,  
Their voice as sweet as chimes.  
School is a place,  
Where we learn to shine bright,  
To get a better future,  
To make our life full of light.

G. S. Krishna Sai - Grade V



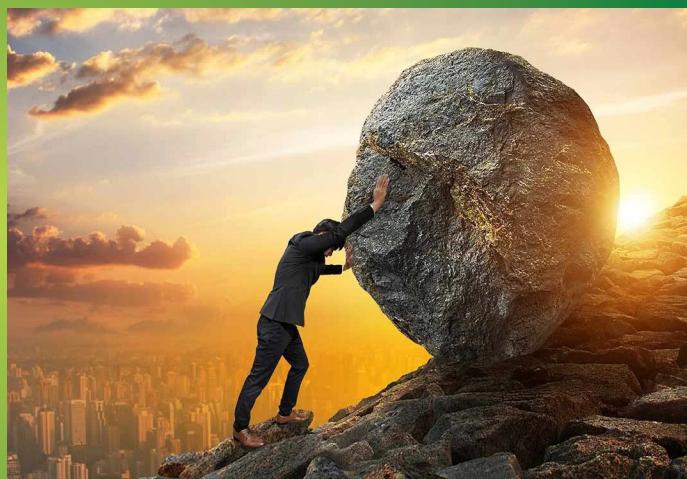
Hard work might be hard to do,  
But the result will always be good.  
Ignorance makes you lose,  
But hard work is what you chose.

There is no substitute for hard work,  
It is our only mission.  
Hard work makes you learn the value of your life,  
Hard work brings you to a superior position.

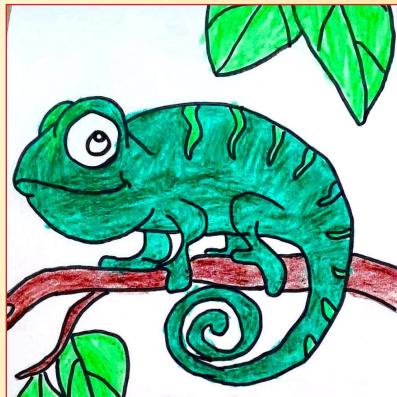
Hard work is a way to success,  
Hard work is a way to win.  
Hard work gives you self-respect,  
Hard work is the only way to learn new things.

Sameer Kulkarni - Grade VII

### HARDWORK



# COLOURS ON MY PALETTE



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