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## **DMCS INVESTITURE CEREMONY - 2025-26**





Our Honourable Chairman, Dr. Joseph V.G. has always believed in embarking on visionary leadership values and adhering to exemplary educational principles. The DMCS Investiture Ceremony occupies one of its fundamental building blocks that shapes the educational paradigm for the academic year. In light of the same, Deva Matha Central School, Banaswadi and Vidyaranyapura Campus, celebrated the formation of its new DMCS Student Council 2025-2026.

At DMCS Banaswadi, the Investiture Ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest. Rtd. Sgt. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, facilitated by our respected School Director, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho. The celebrations advanced with the School Anthem followed by the Ceremonial Inspection of the four houses: Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire and Topaz. The remarkable pageantry of March Past, led by the leaders of the Four Houses, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls and the School Band, invoked a profound sense of belonging in the DMCS community. Students of Grade VIII, IX & X presented a mesmerising dance performance that elated the spirits of the audience. The ceremony proceeded with the celebratory bestowing of Badges and Sashes by the honourable Chief Guest. School Director - Ms. Vrinda Coutinho eloquently handed over the Flags in the accompaniment of Principal Ms. Vinetha David to the newly formed Student Council Members. Led by the DMCS Head Boy, the new student council undertook the 'Oath Ceremony' to honour their roles and commitment to serve the DMCS fraternity to the best of their abilities. In a motivating speech delivered by the Chief Guest, he reinstated the importance of Courage, Conviction and Commitment in our lives - the three C's of leadership, and also emphasised the significance of setting priorities and the need of the hour to be a team player. The Head Girl addressed the assembly with elaborate confidence and zeal to live by DMCS values, taking new responsibilities with commitment and integrity. The Parents of the newly appointed Student Council Members were indeed delighted to see their wards undertake the promising roles as DMCS leaders. With a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by our DMCS student, the ceremony came to a magnanimous conclusion.

At DMCS Vidyaranyapura, the ceremony commenced with the esteemed arrival of the Chief Guest, Mr. Naveesh H. S. (National Champion Sprinter and NIS-Certified Physical Education

Trainer); in the gracious presence of our School Director, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho and Principal - Ms. Leelavathi T. With the ceremonial General Salute and DMCS Anthem, the Chief Guest, Mr. Naveesh H.S. was escorted to relish the impressive formations of our School Band, Scouts and Guides, and Houses - Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, and Topaz. This was followed by an immaculately coordinated March Past, led by DMCS Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports and CCA Leaders, and the House Captains, each representing the spirit and ethos of their respective teams. The Chief Guest was decorously facilitated by our respectable School Director, Ms. Vrinda Coutinho, eulogising his journey of perseverance and excellence in athletics - from National Victories to setting International Records. Quite remarkably in the year 2022 he broke the great athlete Usain Bolt's record with 9.16 Second -100 Mtr. achievement. The assembly gradually proceeded towards the sacrosanct 'Badge Ceremony'. The Chief Guest conferred the newly elected boy squad of student council members with their Badges and their new incumbent roles. School Director- Ms. Vrinda Coutinho endearingly handed over the flags to the leaders followed by the pinning of badges and sashes for the girl squad of student council members by Principal Ms. Leelavathi T.

The Head Boy then led the Student Council members in the solemn 'Oath of Office', pledging loyalty, integrity, and service to the DMCS School Community. The Head Girl delivered a heartfelt speech, expressing gratitude and reaffirming the council's commitment to leading the school with courage, compassion and integrity. The Chief Guest addressed the assembly with inspiring words of wisdom, motivating the students to dream big, stay disciplined, and never lose sight of their goals. DMCS Parents relished every moment of their children being put on the pedestal of meaningful responsibilities and an engaging leadership experience. The CCA Captain concluded the Investiture Ceremony with a sincere Vote of Thanks to the entire DMCS Community. The event drew to a close with the National Anthem.

Our heartfelt wishes and congratulations to the New DMCS Student Council Members for the academic year 2025–26!

**DMCS EVENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** 

# DMCS INVESTITURE CEREMONY GLIMPSES

























## FROM THE DESK OF DMCS - SCHOOL DIRECTOR



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

## Embracing a Student-Centric Approach – Empowering Every Learner.

At the heart of every progressive educational institution lies a simple, yet profound belief – that every child is unique, capable, and worthy of an environment that nurtures their individuality. At DMCS, we have wholeheartedly adopted a student-centric approach, placing the learner at the very core of our educational philosophy. Each child not just seen as a student, but as a growing individual with dreams, potential, and a unique journey.

Instead of designing systems around what teachers want to teach, we build our curriculum, methods, and environment around what students need to learn and how best they could learn it. It is a deliberate move from traditional instruction to a more flexible, responsive, and personalized way of education. We believe that every child has an untapped potential that is waiting to be nurtured.

Whether it is through project-based learning, interactive discussions, or collaborative group work, students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning. Our teachers serve as facilitators and mentors, guiding students to explore, question, and discover, rather than merely deliver classroom

lectures. The yearly school diary is designed to expose students to an environment which aims at holistic development, the activities planned help build confidence; by exposing them to assembly themes to overcome stage fear, resilience; by introducing them to online education and empathy; through community service initiatives. Through personalized attention, engaging classrooms, and a blend of academics, cocurricular, and value education, we ensure that no child is left behind.

We have also created platforms for students to express themselves beyond academics – through leadership programs, Skill enhancement initiatives, sports, and creative arts. Every child is given the space to thrive in their area of interest, while also being gently pushed to step out of their comfort zone and explore new dimensions of learning. The school canteen menu has been offered based on students' voice and choice, considering their health on top most priority.

Our assessments too reflect this philosophy. Beyond traditional exams, we use tools like portfolios and presentations to gauge understanding. These not only measure academic journey but also encourage students to think critically and take pride in their progress.

Emphasis is given to the emotional and social growth of our students. Our school promotes a culture of respect and inclusiveness. Through life skills programs, counselling support, and open classroom conversations, we ensure our learners are not only academically strong but also emotionally intelligent and socially responsible. Mental health and emotional well-being are given the attention they deserve.

We understand that education is a shared journey. That's why we value the active involvement of parents in shaping the future of our learners. Your insights, feedback, and support are invaluable to us as we constantly strive to innovate and improve.

As we continue to walk this path, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and above all, our bright students – who inspire us every single day to innovate, adapt, and nurture with purpose.

Together, let us build a learning environment where every child feels seen, heard, and celebrated.

## **DMCS BANASWADI MAJOR EVENTS**

#### NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY

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The DMCS fraternity celebrated the indispensable contribution of healthcare services and medical support provided by Doctors and medical professionals in our daily lives. National Doctors' Day was an embodiment of our gratitude towards their assiduous and dedicated service towards committed care of our social health and wellbeing. A prolific speech on 'National Doctors' Day' was delivered by



DMCS student, highlighting their vital role in society and reminding us to express thankfulness towards healthcare professionals. With increasingly deleterious anthropogenic interactions with our natural environment and lifestyle, the need for proper awareness of basic biological wellness and lifestyle practices is necessary, and the role of Doctors and healthcare professionals is inexorably important.

Ms. Meera - Faculty Member

#### WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY - $7^{ m th}$ July 2025



World Chocolate Day was celebrated on the DMCS Campus with inundating joy and excitement about savouring confectionery delights. The significance of the day was propounded by DMCS students, followed by a splendid activity of 'Chocolate Decorations' by students of Grade III, adorned with 'Gloves and Aprons', exuding Master Chefprofessional vibes and elan. The day was filled with laughter

and merriments of partaking the best chocolate confectioneries with restrained engagement with the sweet. The assembly concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Ms. Kalpana K - Faculty Member

#### ADOLESCENCE AWARENESS PROGRAMME @ DMCS





DMCS Banaswadi conducted emphatic Boys and Girls-adolescence awareness and vigilance programmes. These Learning sessions focussed on important aspects of teenage development which were both informative and engaging. It mainly encapsulated the physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during adolescence. These sessions spearheaded by the Head Girl - Sana Saha encouraged open discussions, and many students participated actively, asking thoughtful questions while sharing their concerns. Myths and misconceptions about puberty, helping to clear up confusion in a respectful and supportive way were also discussed. The Adolescence Awareness Programme at DMCS indeed created a safe space for deliberation and helped DMCS students to relish effective, age-related query resolution.

Austin T - Grade XII Shreya S - Grade XII

## **DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA MAJOR EVENTS**

#### ENGLISH - A GLOBAL LANGUAGE - 8th July 2025



Recognising its global impact on linguistic traditions and culture, DMCS celebrated the 'English Language' and its significant role in connecting people worldwide. The students of Grade VIII presented a highly entertaining skit during the morning assembly on the theme "English - A Global Language". The skit showcased a 'Mock Interview' where two candidates



applied for the same job. The plot of the skit showed both being equally qualified, but the one with better English communication, winning the race while the other losing over poor language skills. The skit effectively highlighted the importance of English in today's work environment — not just as a subject, but as a key skill for success in education and career. The performances were articulate, confident, and left a profound message for all students. The skit affirmed that good communication in English can open many doors in today's world. Organised and presented under the diligent supervision of DMCS faculty member, the presentation was extolled with great appreciation and applause.

Ms. Vaishali Kundargi - Faculty Member

#### **KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS CELEBRATIONS - 26th July 2025**

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025, in a solemn ceremony to commemorate the invaluable martyrdom of our Indian soldiers, who sacrificed their precious lives to protect our nation, Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on the DMCS campus in their honour for protecting and leading our country to victory. The students of Grade VI participated in the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations, presenting a beautiful and energetic 'Dance Act' dedicated to the Indian Army. With raiments, as vivid and colourful, waving the Indian flag with pride, they danced to patriotic songs that filled the air with high emotions and national pride. Under the meticulous supervision of DMCS faculty member, their performance depicted the significance of bravery, sacrifice, and patriotism for the freedom of our people. The students were moved by their heartfelt tribute, and the performance ended with an ecstatic round of applause.





Ms. Kalpana Sure - Faculty Member

## PERSONAL HYGIENE & AWARENESS SESSIONS 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025





DMCS organized 'Personal Hygiene & Awareness Sessions' to educate students about their physical, emotional, and psychological changes during their adolescent years of growth. On 9<sup>th</sup> July, a 'Menstrual Awareness Session' was conducted for girls from Grades IV to X. Many myths were debunked through a lively "Myth vs Fact" Quiz. A comprehensive 'Q&A Session', led by Student Council Members, promoted open dialogue and helped create a safe, supportive space for shared learning experiences. On 10<sup>th</sup> July, a 'Puberty Awareness Session' was held for boys, facilitated by DMCS Counsellor and Special Educator. She addressed physical changes like growth spurts, voice deepening and also focused on emotional changes such as mood swings, and self-image. The discussion included important topics like 'Gender Identity' and 'Mental Health', educating students about these transitions, them being entirely natural and normal in

their growing years. The session ended with an open "Question

Time," encouraging students to voice their doubts freely.

Ms. Nabanita Ganesh - Faculty Member

## DMCS BANASWADI THE MAGIC OF LEARNING

Ms Kokila Vani M - Faculty Member

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

1. You can make a rocket at home. You may not believe it, but you can build a simple rocket out of random stuff lying around your house. With paper and a fizzy tablet, you can demonstrate the mechanism and principles of a rocket.



- 2. There is a Toilet Museum in New Delhi. The 'Sulabh International Museum of Toilets' features a rare collection that details the historic evolution of toilets from 2500 BC up to the present day. With elaborately decorated toilets from 18th and 19th century Europe, you can even get to sit upon one from Austria that is shaped like a lion!
- 3. A Liver's size fluctuates significantly throughout the day. A study from 1986 found a person's liver to swell about 20 percent between day and nightpresumably related to the fact that the liver is not working as hard when a person is sleeping.



4. The Statue of Liberty wears a 'Size- 879 Shoe'. It's no wonder that Lady Liberty in New York Harbor is a massive monument. The Copper Statue alone is 151 feet and one inch tall. However, if she needed a new pair of sandals, it would take 'Size-879 Shoes' to cover her ginormous feet.



5. A Lifeboat Drill was cancelled the morning of the Titanic tragedy. According to passenger 'Arthur Godfrey Peuchen', a routine lifeboat drill was scheduled on the morning of the day of the Titanic disaster. However, the crew never assembled for one and it was cancelled.





## INSPIRATIONAL **QUOTES**



"Don't rest after your first victory because if you fail in second, more lips are waiting to say that your first victory was just luck".

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing". – Walt Disnev





"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop".

Confucious

#### **BEST TOURIST SPOTS OF THE WORLD MALDIVES**



When it comes to picture-perfect tropical escapes, a weekend adventure, the Maldives sits right at the top of our travel list. From bustling capital streets to secluded coral havens, there are countless places to visit in the Maldives that offer something for every kind of traveller.

Male City: Maldivian adventure almost always begins in Male City, the nation's capital.

Vaadhoo Island: Famous for the 'Sea of Stars' phenomenon, Vaadhoo Island is one of those rare Maldives tourist spots that genuinely feels magical. At night, Bio-luminescent plankton light up the shore, creating an unforgettable glowing dream-like shoreline.

## DMCS Vidyaranyapura - The Knowledge Kiosk

#### INNINGS OF GLORY: THE EVERLASTING CHARM OF CRICKET



Cricket has always been more than just a sport in India. It's a feeling that lives in the hearts of millions. For many of us, it begins with a plastic bat in a backyard or a gully, excitedly playing with friends. From a casual street game to a tense international match, cricket holds an extraordinary emotional connection. That's the beauty of cricket – it turns ordinary moments into lifelong memories. The charm of cricket lies in its emotions. Whether it's the thrill of a close chase in a T20 match, the timelessness of Test Cricket, or the balance of an ODI – there's something in it for everyone.

It's not just about runs and wickets. It's about passion, dreams, and pride. Watching players like M. S. Dhoni finishing with a six, or

Virat Kohli chasing under pressure, or remembering the legacy of Sachin Tendulkar — that gives us goosebumps. What makes cricket so personal is how connected we feel to the game. We laugh, shout, cry, and even pray during matches. Cricket brings families together in front of the TV and turns strangers into friends in stadiums.

It teaches us important life lessons like teamwork, patience, resilience, and respect. Even with changing times and formats, cricket's soul remains the same. From dusty streets to international stadiums, its magic continues to grow. And no matter where we are, cricket always gives us the familiar, heartwarming feeling. That is the everlasting charm of this glorious game — a game that stays with us forever!

Prarthana Hegde - Std. 10

#### KONARK: THE RADIANT JEWEL OF ODISHA'S HERITAGE



Konark, a small town in Odisha, is home to one of India's most beautiful temples – the Sun Temple. This ancient temple, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by King Narasimhadeva I, is dedicated to Surya, the Sun God.

The temple is designed like a huge chariot with twelve stone wheels and seven horses, showing how the sun moves across the sky. The carvings on the temple walls are full of amazing details, showing dancers, musicians, animals, and scenes from daily life. These carvings show the great skill of the artists of that time.

Although some parts of the temple are damaged due to age and weather, it still stands strong and attracts visitors from all over the world. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which means it is very special and protected. Every year, the Konark Dance Festival is held near the temple, where classical dancers from all over India perform. This keeps the spirit of the temple alive. Konark is not just a temple, it is a symbol of Odisha's rich culture and history, truly a radiant jewel of India's heritage.

Vedanth K M - Std. 8

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## **DMCS BANASWADI - REWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**



Best Class - 3A (I to V)

Best Class - 9B (VI to XII)







Class Prefects (I to V)

Class Prefects (VI to XII)









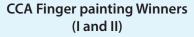
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**Best House -Sapphire** (VI to XII)

**GEMS Magazine Star** of the Month (I to V)

**GEMS Magazine Star of the** month (VI to XII)







(III to V)



Poetry Writing (IX and XII) Winners



Sports -100mts Race (VI to VIII) and 4x100mts Race (IX and XII) Winners

## **DMCS VIDYARANYAPURA - REWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**



Best Class - 5B

**Class Prefects** 





**Best House Junior - Ruby** 

**Best House Senior - Topaz** 





Sports-Mini Football - Boys & Girls (I & II)

**CCA Competition Winners** 







**Gems Magazine Star Awards** 

Sports-Hand Ball - Boys (VI to VIII)

Sports-Hand Ball - Girls (VI to VIII)







International Mathematics
Olympiad Winners

Sports-Kho-Kho - Boys (IX & X)

Sports-Kho-Kho - Girls (IX & X)





**Library Star Awards** 

Sports-Box Cricket - Boys & Girls (III to V)

## GEMS STARS OF THE MONTH DMCS BANASWADI

#### A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE



I was travelling back from my hometown. During the trip through the Western Ghats, I had an experience that felt nothing short of a miracle. The journey began beautifully, with lush verdant hills and misty air, but things took a sudden turn when a landslide blocked the road ahead. Within minutes, a massive traffic jam formed. We were stuck with no mobile connectivity, no food, no water, and no houses or restaurants in sight. It then started to pour. Just endless rain, mountains, and honking vehicles all around. The rain was relentlessly pounding against the windshield and turning the winding roads slick and treacherous.

Oddly enough, our car had stopped right at a small opening in the road divider, the only spot where it was possible to cut to the opposite lane–which was closed for concrete work and hence completely empty. We were the only ones with the chance to turn. That's when a van pulled up beside us. A man inside rolled down his window and said, "There's a narrow road through a private coffee estate ahead. You can use this break to join the opposite side and escape the jam. If you stay, you'll be stuck till evening."

The path was narrow, winding through beautiful rain-soaked coffee plantations. Though the surroundings were scenic, our hearts were anxious. This was a new experience for us because we had never been to these parts or along these roads. After 45 minutes, we finally reached the main road-safely. We wanted to thank the van driver, but he was nowhere to be found. It was a fun and profound experience for my family and me.

In the end, what seemed like a terrifying detour became one of the most memorable and meaningful experiences of my life.

Elizabeth Rodrigues - Std. 10

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMANS

Al (Artificial Intelligence) is everywhere. From unlocking phones with face recognition to chatting with Alexa or Siri, Al is all around us, quietly making things faster, easier, and more personalized.

In education, Al-powered learning apps help students study smarter. They can adjust to each student's pace, suggest topics to revise, and even quiz them. In healthcare, Al helps doctors detect diseases early and manage patient records more efficiently. It even helps in surgeries. Shopping websites use it to suggest items, and chatbots answer our questions instantly, even in the middle of the night. Al is part of our lives now. Helping with schoolwork, entertainment, even



part of our lives now. Helping with schoolwork, entertainment, even daily chores. I use it almost every day without even thinking.

Joanna Maciejewska said - "I want AI to do my laundry and dishes so that I can do my art and writing, not the other way around."

Let's be clear - Al isn't going anywhere. But the question remains: Are we controlling it or is it creating an illusion that we are?

Adhya Chandrashekar - Std. 10

## THE SUN

The Sun wakes up and shines so bright, It fills the world with its golden light. It warms the flowers, trees, and skies, And waves hello as it starts to rise.

I love the Sun in all its glory, Each of its ray and all its stories, I love its yellow, shining and bright, The beauty, the heat and its might.

Jayden Francis-Std. 4

## GEMS STARS OF THE MONTH DMCS VIDYRANYAPURA

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND YOUTH ACTION**



Climate change is one of the biggest global challenges we face today. Rising temperatures, extreme weather, and melting glaciers show the urgent need for action. While governments debate policies, the youth across the world are stepping up and leading the call for change.

Young people are inheriting this planet in crisis. If greenhouse gas emissions aren't reduced, future generations will face serious consequences. That's why the climate crisis is more than just an environmental issue — it's about 'Justice between Generations'. The youth are mobilizing globally with fresh ideas, digital tools, and a strong sense of purpose. Their activism has helped keep climate change in the spotlight, shaping public opinion and

pushing for action. However, young activists often struggle with limited access to decision-making, resources, and recognition. To create real change, their voices must be included in policymaking at all levels.

The youth are not just future leaders — they are today's change makers. Their passion and resilience are a source of hope. Supporting their efforts is key to protecting our planet for future generations.

G Srividhya - Std. 9

#### THE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

The spirit of sportsmanship represents the true essence of ethical competition. It stands for fairness, respect, and humility— values that are crucial both on the field and in everyday life. A good sport plays honestly, follows the rules, and respects teammates, opponents, and officials alike. Winning isn't just about the score—it's about showing grace in victory and dignity in defeat. Sportsmanship builds character and fosters a sense of unity, as it brings individuals together regardless of their backgrounds.

Ultimately, sportsmanship shapes individuals into better human beings. It encourages a lifelong commitment to treating others with respect, facing challenges with courage, and never losing sight of the values that make competition truly worthwhile. In a world that often celebrates victory, sportsmanship teaches us that how we play and treat others, is the real measure of greatness.



In the end, the true value of sports isn't found on the scoreboard, but in the kind of person it helps us to become. Sportsmanship teaches us lessons that go far beyond the field— it shows us how to win with humility. It reminds us that respect, honesty, and fairness aren't just rules we follow during the game; they are qualities that define our everyday interactions. When we hold ourselves to these standards, we build character, earn trust, and inspire those around us.

M Darshini - Std. 9

#### FROM PANCHATANTRA TO PODCAST



The Panchatantra stands as one of the most enduring literary works in Indian history. Composed over 2,000 years ago by the scholar Vishnu Sharma, this ancient collection of animal fables was originally designed to impart political and practical wisdom to young princes. The stories offer timeless lessons on strategy, friendship, leadership, and moral conduct.

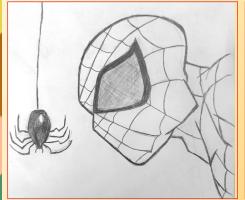
In today's digital age, these age-old tales are experiencing a revival – not through books, but through podcasts. As audio storytelling gains popularity, educators and content creators are transforming Panchatantra stories into immersive listening experiences. These podcasts often incorporate sound effects, background music, and expressive narration to enhance

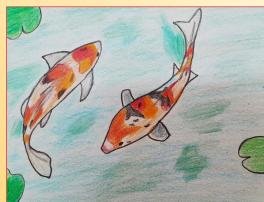
engagement, particularly for younger audiences. This modern format preserves the core teachings of the original stories while making them accessible and appealing to today's tech-savvy generation.

This evolution from ancient texts to modern media proves the lasting relevance of the Panchatantra. Its stories continue to resonate across centuries and formats, highlighting the enduring power of storytelling to educate, inspire and connect people across all mediums.

Dheeya S K - Std. 10

## COLOURS ON MY PALETTE





CHANDAN - X

**RISHON JOHNSON - V** 

NIHITHA S. - IX









A. ADITYA REDDY - VII

VIBHA - IX

**ANUSHREE VISWANATHAN - VI** 



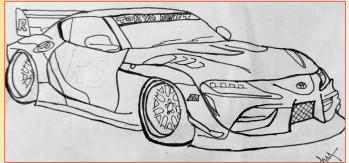




RICHA N. - VII







RISHAN JAMAL - VII