

Principal's Report
132nd Annual Prize Giving – December 13, 2014

The Honourable Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singhji Chauhan, President of the Board of Governors Maharaja Tukoji Rao Puar, Members of the Board, guests, parents, colleagues, students and members of the media. A special welcome to the Class of 89 who are celebrating their 25th year.

Welcome to the 132nd Prize Giving and to the 144th year of our existence. General Sir Henry Daly founded this school as the first of the Rajkumar institutions in 1870 and after he returned to England in 1881, the Princes renamed the College in his honour in 1882.

It is very fortunate for us that on this occasion we have with us a very very special guest, Sir Henry's great great grandson Robin Daly who is accompanied by his wife Nancy. We are very honoured to have you both with us.

In an attempt to claim our rightful vintage, the student Club DClan has undertaken a rebranding exercise along with the excellent social media clips they are producing and posting.

Our Chief Guest for the 132nd APG, Shri Shivrajji was born into a farming family in Sehore District. He is married to Sadhna Singhji and has two sons.

He is a gold medal winner from Barkhatulla University where he did his Masters in Philosophy.

Shivrajji was imprisoned during the Emergency. He has been a volunteer with the RSS since 1977. He was appointed Organising Secretary, later Secretary and still later Member of the National Executive of ABVP. In 1984 he was appointed Joint Secretary of the Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha and was later appointed President in 1988.

Shivrajji has been elected to the Lok Sabha 5 times and has served on a variety of Consultative Committees.

In 2005 he was appointed President of the BJP in MP and in November of that year he took over as Chief Minister.

He has taken the oath as Chief Minister on 3 occasions and it is under his stewardship that the once backward State of Madhya Pradesh has flourished. He fulfilled his promise of water, electricity and roads, has overseen a massive improvement in infrastructure development, in the education system and in the lives of the poor and more especially of the girl child.

He is a man of the masses, simple in his habits and determined in his thrust towards progress, not only in skill development, education and industry but also in farm output which has risen immensely. Our own Daly College alumni and President of the Board, Maharaja Tukoji Rao Puar and the Chief Minister have shared a long friendship and association and Maharaj has served in various capacities as Minister for Higher Education, for Sports & Youth Affairs and for Tourism, all of which have flourished under their guidance.

It is a matter of great pride and honour Sir that you have graced us today with your presence.

This year is a landmark year because, as part of the Chief Minister's encouragement of Private Universities like NM and Symbiosis, we have applied for permission to start the Daly College Private University. We have the land, the built up area, the funds and the experience of running the Daly College Business School for 16 years. We now Sir, require your blessings.

You are aware of the quality we provide because on the instructions of the Board of Daly College, I made the plans for a new school Sanskaar Valley Bhopal, where your sons studies.

Inspired by the dedication of our Chief Minister to enhance the quality of life for the girl child, our students at DC, 3 years ago launched our 'Washroom for Girls' project and have funded built and handed over toilet blocks in 10 schools so far. This project has been taken up in one form or another by 41 other schools which met at DC two years ago. We also interacted with Shri Mohan Bhagawatji on this matter and we are now very happy that our Prime Minister has taken this scheme to a national and official level.

DC can also take pride in promoting two new activities in Indore – Internationalism and MUNing. I do believe this will make us Indoreans more intellectually alive and will expand our general knowledge. In the last calendar year 160 of our students have participated in 8 different MUN Conferences in Mumbai, Kolkata, Ajmer, Chandigarh, Mussoorie and Indore.

Of great satisfaction is that the C-Fore Survey of Best Schools of India for Education World has given us excellent ratings.

We have been adjudged –

The Best School in India in all categories in Internationalism,

The Best School in India in all categories in Infrastructure

The Best School in India in all categories in Sports Education

The Best Day cum Boarding School in India

The Best Day cum Boarding School in India for Special Education

In fact our department of Special Education has done a commendable job in preparing students for an inclusive education.

Academic results have been excellent and improve each year. Here is a graph of the last 10 years Class XII results. No compartments, 80% students with distinction and a class average of 84.3%. 38 students scored an average of 90% or more.

Merit certificates were awarded by CBSE to 4 students.

Stream, School and subject toppers

In Class X 15 students scored a CGPA of 10.

Another 9 missed it narrowly.

In the Cambridge International Exams the results have been very encouraging.

In IGCSE we have the India topper in Geography.

In AS levels we have the India topper in Mathematics and also the India topper in Applied ICT.

In AS levels we also have the World topper in History.

9 of our teachers have attended CIE workshops in different centres.

In the sphere of community service, apart from the Washroom for Girls project, students have gone to different areas in India and to Laddakh, Romania, Peru and Cambodia.

In the 6th Eye Camp conducted by DC students, Ermitage students from Paris, Choithram Netralaya and Friends of Round Square and was held in Azad Nagar. 9159 persons registered, 8700 received free spectacles, and 275 cataract operations were performed.

Ashok House students visited a school in Sudama Nagar and donated clothes.

In the sphere of Internationalism, DC has now become a global brand. Having conducted prestigious International Conferences for Round Square and for G-20 we have this year conducted one for Tilt Shift and will organise one for Global Connections in 2016.

In 2014, between exchanges, conferences and workshops we have hosted 109 overseas students and 30 overseas teachers and have sent out 70 students and 12 teachers in exchange with 28 countries.

The US Govt. is sending us students to be taught Hindi.

The School of Education in Melbourne University has for the 3rd year sent its post graduate teacher trainees to us for work experience.

DMU sent us 10 College students from the UK under their DMU Global scheme.

We are actively involved in AFS and RS and are also running a certificate course in Indian Culture where foreign students come to learn about Indian culture..

In Junior School we are partnering Christchurch school London through the British Council.

We have received the British Council International School Award.

In the last 12 month period we have also hosted the 74th IPSC Conclave

The Green Club continues to flourish and we have released the sequel to Birds of DC and this is the Trees of DC. Pick up your copies if you have not done so. DC

Photographers should start clicking for Butterflies of DC to be released in January 2016.

In the field of Sport, DC leads the IPSC in the medal tally and IPSC has now climbed into the upper half of the national chart. 20 of our students won medals in the SGFI.

We are currently the IPSC national champions in:

U-19 Girls Basketball

U-14 Girls Tennis

U-14 Boys Shooting

U-17 Boys Shooting

U-19 Boys Shooting

U-17 Girls Shooting

U-19 Girls Shooting

U-14 Girls Squash

U-17 Girls Squash

U-19 Girls Squash

U-14 Boys Squash

U-19 Boys Squash

And are the current runners up in IPSC U-19 Girls Football and are Madhya Pradesh Champions in:

U-19 Girls Football

U-19 Girls Hockey

Boys Shooting

Girls Shooting

Also we won the U-19 Invitational Cricket in Himachal.

A total of 152 students qualified for the Nationals in various disciplines. These include:

5 in Basketball

2 in Chess

1 in Equestrian Sports

16 in Football

1 in Rhythmic Gymnastics and 2 in Gymnastics

11 in Tennis

23 in Shooting

7 in Skating

15 in Swimming

23 in Squash

3 in Badminton

6 in Athletics

In Cultural activities our students excelled in various IPSC and other national events and between them collected approx. 45 medals.

8 in Debating

2 in Quizzing

3 in Creative Writing

5 in IT based events

1 in Spelling

2 in Vocal music

1 in Instrumental music

3 in Art

2 in Poetry

and the Indian orchestra was awarded a medal.

From the Class of 2014, 2 students qualified for IIT, 1 for BITS, 2 in Medical and 1 for BDS. 25 have taken admission in Engineering Colleges like MIT, VIT & NM. 10 have taken admission in Delhi University, 26 in Mumbai University, 4 in Bangalore University. Children have opted for Medical, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Chartered Accountancy, film making, fashion technology, Business Management and Hotel Management. Students have joined 5 different universities in the USA and 6 different universities in the UK.

On behalf of all the students I would like to thank the Mehta family of Old Dalians for sponsoring the BCM football field & pavilion.

I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Mandloi brothers for sponsoring the Fitness cum Table Tennis facility.

Mr. Vimal Todi of Moira Steel is sponsoring the Demo Kitchen for students and the Board has decided to construct a Badminton Complex and a guest house.

A new toilet block is nearing completion for Holkar House. We have conducted an audit for child safety and measures include proper boundary protection and extensive coverage by CCTV.

We also have a new Recording Studio.

A dental check up centre from where electronic photo reports are sent to parents.

We continue to receive excellent support from our parents and the ODA. The ODA Development Committee and the Board of the College recently met with House Captains and House staff and each House drew up a wish list. The list includes new double storey buildings for Tagore, Jawahar, Ahilya & Indira, a new building for the Vikram House staff, ducted air cooling in all student Houses, reflooring, replacement of old furniture and refurbishing of washrooms.

This is truly an exciting project as funds raised Housewise by Old Dalians will be matched by the Board. Eventually the students will enjoy a better quality of life. Old Dalians and parents, please do support this scheme.

Old Dalians have also chipped in with half the required funds for the complete renovation of Principal Fanshawe's grave.

My sincere thanks are due to the Board of Governors, the Old Dalians Association, my colleagues on the staff, the local administration, the DAVV VC & Registrar, the media and all our well wishers.

Jai Hind