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# **Celebrating** 43 Years of Excellence

Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

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**MAY - JULY 2025** 



# Foundation Day Celebrations

Our school proudly celebrated its 43rd Foundation Day, paying tribute to a legacy of educational excellence and community growth. Under the theme "Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future", the day was filled with pride, reflection, and renewed commitment to empowering future generations.







Celebrating 43 Years of Legacy and Learning



# Inauguration of ComputerScience Lab





A tribute to courage—New Computer Science Lab dedicated in memory of Syed Jaffer Shah

A moment of deep emotion and inspiration marked the inauguration of our **new Computer Science Lab**, dedicated to a beloved student lost during the **1999 shelling at school**. His memory will continue to motivate students to pursue k n o w l e d g e with courage and compassion." *Caption:* "A tribute to courage New Computer Science Lab dedicated in memory of Syed Jaffer Shah

#### Educational & Historical Tours





- Grade 8 students visited the Munshi Habibullah Museum, exploring Ladakhi heritage and local artifacts.
- Grade 10 experienced a powerful historical field trip to Drass, connecting them with stories of India's military legacy and valor.

#### Annual Science & SAT Exhibition



Innovation in Action – Students showcase scientific brilliance

Students showcased their scientific innovation during the **Annual Science and SAT Exhibition** held on Annual Day. Projects on technology, biology, and environmental studies drew appreciation from visiting dignitaries, parents, and faculty.





#### Wipro Wellness Session



Mental Health Matters - Wellness Workshop in progress

In collaboration with **Wipro Foundation**, a session on **"Stress and Stress Management"** was conducted, helping students understand the importance of mental health and strategies for emotional resilience.

## Key Highlights from May



 May 10: A special Morning Assembly commemorated the 1857 Rebellion, encouraging students to reflect on India's freedom struggle.



- Classroom Decoration Competition: Classes
   Nursery to Grade 8 brought life and color to
   the school with creative, thematic
   decorations.
- Remedial Classes: Personalized support sessions began for slow learners, ensuring no child is left behind.



 No Tobacco Awareness Campaign: Students actively participated in spreading awareness about the dangers of tobacco through posters and public messages.

# School Exposure Tour

We had the pleasure of hosting students from **Government Model School, Biathang**, promoting an exchange of ideas, friendship, and collaborative learning experiences.



## Wipro Earthian Sustainability Sessions



Sowing Seeds of Sustainability Students engaged in hands-on environmental learning with Navikru Foundation.

Two impactful sessions under the Wipro Earthian Program were held with Navikru Foundation, emphasizing environmental responsibility, water conservation, and sustainable development.

#### Parent & Career Orientation





'Guiding Young Futures Parents and students explore pathways in innovation and agri-tech with expert insights.

 A Parent Orientation Meet was held for parents of Lower Department students, strengthening the school-home partnership.



 The Agriculture Science and Technology Department of the University of Ladakh conducted a Career Guidance Session, exposing students to future opportunities in agri-tech, innovation, and sustainable development.

#### Sports Highlights



Champions in the Making – Sportsmanship and Spirit at SVPHSS

- 200m Race: Our student secured 2nd Position, a proud achievement in the interschool athletics meet.
- Volleyball Team: Displayed excellent teamwork, reaching the semi-finals with determination.
- Handball Team: Participated with passion and sportsmanship, representing SVPHSS with pride.

# Closing Note

The month of May has been a vibrant blend of academic rigor, environmental awareness, emotional wellness, and celebration of our history. As we move ahead, we stay committed to honouring our roots and shaping futures with care, creativity, and courage.

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Celebrating Learning, Growth, and Achievements Together



### Environment Day Celebrations



United for the Earth Students lead eco-initiatives

 A rally for ending plastic pollution was organized, raising awareness among students and the community.



Students participated in the **pre-campaign for World Environment Day**, spreading messages of sustainability.



 A field visit to the Solid Waste Management Plant, Khurbathang was conducted, offering practical insights into waste management.





 A cycle drive for ending plastic pollution encouraged eco-friendly practices and healthy living.



 Students actively joined the plastic pollution athletic event organized by the Department of Forest & Ecology.



 A painting competition on the eve of Environment Day showcased students' creativity and environmental awareness.



 Lower classes engaged in a "No Fire Cooking" activity, promoting sustainable practices.



 The school also held a classroom decoration competition, with prizes awarded to creative classes.

# Academic & Co-Curricular Initiatives

 Remedial classes were started for slow learners to provide additional academic support.



Fueling Futures Learning, Reading, and Guiding

 A new library was set up in the Multipurpose Hall, enhancing access to reading resources.

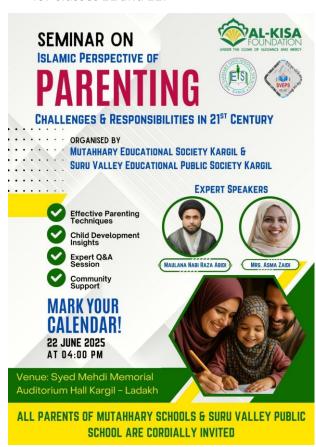




 A career counselling session was conducted by Mr. S.M. Raza for Classes 1012, guiding students toward future opportunities.



• An **ecological tour** to **Sankoo** was organized for Classes 11 and 12.



 A parenting workshop was conducted by Ms. Asma Zaidi (Regional Head, Al Kisa India) and Maulana Nabi Raza Abidi, offering valuable guidance to parents.



**Wise Talk Inter-House Competition** was held, encouraging students to showcase their public speaking and debating skills.



#### Celebrations & Student Life



Celebrating Culture and Wellness

 Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of physical and mental wellness.



• **Eid celebrations** included a heartwarming activity where students gifted handmade cards to their parents.





Celebrating Culture and Wellness A joyful mix of Eid, Yoga Day, and mindful moments of connection and reflection.

 Picnics were conducted in two phases, providing recreational and bonding opportunities for students.







 Moharram activities were conducted in two phases, emphasizing values of reflection and unity.



#### **\* Events & Collaborations**



 A Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was conducted for Class 10, strengthening communication between parents and teachers.





 A collaboration meeting with NIELIT was concluded for Class 9 students, opening new avenues for digital learning.



Building Bridges Academic Collaborations for Growth

 The school welcomed the Al Kisa team members, where an MOU was officially signed for the Lighthouse School initiative.



 A two-day inspection and evaluation were carried out to review school progress.



 The school actively participated in and organized the Educators Development Conference, focusing on professional growth.

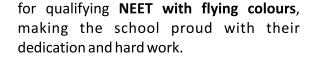


 A meeting with WIPRO Foundation was held to explore potential areas of mutual collaboration.

#### Student Achievements

Heartiest congratulations to our shining stars:

- o Kashif Raza
- o Archo Nuzhat
- o Basharat Hussain



# Closing Note:

June at SVPHSS was a month of environmental stewardship, academic growth, student achievements, and meaningful collaborations. We continue to move forward with our vision of holistic education and community engagement.

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Celebrating Learning, Growth, and Collaboration



#### Examinations & Academics

- Term 1 Examinations were successfully conducted from Nursery to Class 9, thanks to the dedicated efforts of both teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Remarks on report cards were carefully reviewed by the Vice Principal and Coordinator to ensure meaningful feedback for students.
- **Result Declaration & PTM**: Results were announced with parent-teacher meetings, fostering dialogue for student progress.



 Notice & Message Writing Test was conducted for Class 12 to enhance language proficiency.



 NIELIT classes officially began for Class 9, introducing digital literacy and IT skills.

# Leadership & Recognition



A Moment of Pride Our Chairman's appointment as Principal Incharge at Drass inspires leadership across the SVPHSS community.

 Our respected Chairman was appointed as Principal In-charge at Degree College, Drass, a moment of pride for the SVPHSS family.



#### Career Guidance



From School to Service Students learn about careers in the Indian Army from Major Manzoor Hussain.

 A Career Counselling Session was conducted by Major Manzoor Hussain, focusing on opportunities in the Indian Army, inspiring students to pursue careers in defense services.

#### Collaborations & Meetings



- Productive meetings were held between the Vice Principal, Chairman, and both teaching and non-teaching staff to strengthen academic and administrative functioning.
- A collaboration meeting with Matahary Public School was conducted, paving the way for academic exchange and partnership.

# Community Contribution

SVPHSS received a generous donation of ?1
lakh from Mr. Stanzin Jigmet, Councillor,
Karsha (LHDC), supporting the growth and
development of the institution.

#### Parent-Teacher Meetings



Together for Every Child Parents and teachers unite to nurture student growth and academic support.

 Class 9 and 11 PTMs were successfully held, ensuring stronger engagement between teachers and parents for academic progress.





 The non-teaching staff worked tirelessly day and night, ensuring the smooth conduct of T1 Examinations.



#### Events & Celebrations



Honouring History, Celebrating Expression

 Students and staff participated in the Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebrations at Drass, honouring the sacrifices of our armed forces.



 A special Moharram Day Assembly was conducted, highlighting the values of reflection, sacrifice, and unity.



 A 2-day Theatre Workshop was organized, nurturing creativity, performance, and confidence among students.







 Participation in the Kargon Summer Mega Symposium at Karsha Monastery, Zanskar, gave students cultural and academic exposure.





Honouring History, Celebrating Expression From Kargil Vijay Diwas to Moharram assemblies and theatre workshops, students connect deeply with values and voices.

- Movie Screening: Class 8 students watched a Doordarshan archival film on Indigo, linking history with visual learning.
- Disaster Preparedness Activity
   First Aid for an Unconscious
   Person

The **Social Science Department** organized an interactive activity on "**Helping an Unconscious Person During a Natural or Manmade Disaster.**"

- The session aimed to equip students with essential life-saving skills in case of emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, accidents, or fire incidents.
- Teachers demonstrated step-by-step first aid measures, including:
  - Checking for responsiveness and breathing
  - o Calling for immediate medical help
  - Placing the person in the recovery position
  - Ensuring airway clearance and safety until professional assistance arrives

- Students actively participated through roleplays and demonstrations, enhancing their practical understanding of emergency response.
- The activity highlighted the importance of awareness, presence of mind, and compassion in disaster situations.

This initiative not only strengthened students' disaster management knowledge but also aligned with our school's commitment to holistic education and community responsibility.



#### **SUMMER BREAK ANNOUNCED!!**

# Closing Note

The month of July was marked by academic achievements, community support, career inspiration, and cultural enrichment. Together, our SVPHSS family continues to thrive honouring our traditions while preparing for the future



### Report on Zanskar trip

From 20th to 27th July 2025, we had the privilege of visiting Zanskar under the arrangements of the Zanskar Buddhist Association. The trip was organized for us to attend the teachings and public sessions of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, along with other cultural and educational events. On the first day, after a long journey through the breathtaking mountains, we arrived in Zanskar. Kaka Rizwan welcomed us warmly and took us to our





accommodation. It wasn't exactly a hotel, but a guest house run by his family. Their kindness and hospitality instantly made us feel at home, reminding us of the warmth of our own families. That day we rested and spent some time practicing for the next days session. We were fortunate to have our teacher, Madam Angmo, with us. She was incredibly kind and trusted us in every situation - a trust we were determined to keep and respect. Throughout the trip, the people we met were warm, welcoming, and generous. Saba, a good friend of mine, and I even got the chance to interact with many tourists, including an Italian traveler who taught us how to say "hello" in Italian. These small but special moments gave us the chance to connect with people from different backgrounds and learn new things.



The following morning, we woke up early, prepared for the session, and headed towards the venue. Initially, we were told it would start at 9 a.m., but the timing was later shifted to around noon. While waiting, we interacted with other participants and explored the surroundings. Once the session began, we listened to various respected speakers from different states who shared powerful and thoughtprovoking messages. One speaker told the story of the life of Buddha, describing the sacrifices he made in pursuit of truth-his emotions were so sincere that he even shed tears on stage. Another discussed the importance of secular ethics in both private and government schools, explaining how education should be guided by moral values as much as by academic achievement. A speaker emphasized that "knowledge should be imbued with the concerns of others," giving the example of nuclear bombs - how knowledge without compassion can be destructive.





We also explored deep topics such as ethics vs. values, where it was explained that a combination of values and morality leads to ethics. Another speaker compared knowledge and wisdom, highlighting that wisdom is the ability to use knowledge with good judgment. There were discussions on affliction and its impact on the mind, and even a fascinating scientific session on quantum theory, including the double-slit experiment and Schrödinger's cat





thought experiment, linking them to philosophical questions about reality and perception. We also had the opportunity to hear from a respected Muslim community head, who shared his perspective on faith. He spoke about Islam and the Gergan was also there, he is the founder of our school, and thoughtfully differentiated between religious principles found in Christianity and Buddhism. His talk emphasized mutual respect, understanding, and the shared moral values that connect different faith traditions. Over the next two days, these joint sessions continued, giving us the chance to absorb both spiritual and scientific perspectives. We also met students from other schools in Kargil — all boys, some juniors and some seniors - and gradually formed small bonds through our shared



experiences. As compared to other student groups, we were lucky to have found a very comfortable guest house.



While others were staying together in a single large hall, we had a beautiful two-room accommodation with a bathroom, a lovely view, and the warm company of kind hosts. This made our stay even more memorable. Then came the day we had been waiting for - the teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The moment he entered, the entire atmosphere transformed. His presence brought a sense of calm, joy, and deep respect to everyone gathered. Listening to his words on compassion, unity, and inner peace was a truly moving experience that left a lasting impression on us. Our journey ended on a high note - on 26th July, we were felicitated and had the honor of taking photographs with respected dignitaries and the head of the Buddhist community of Zanskar. The next day, 27th July, we returned to Kargil with heavy hearts. Although we were sad to leave, we knew it was time to focus on our studies, so we held our memories close and came back with renewed inspiration. The trip not only gave us the opportunity to learn from one of the greatest spiritual leaders of our time but also allowed us to explore Zanskar's culture, connect with people from different backgrounds, experience nature in its purest form, and create memories we will cherish forever.

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