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The Chairman's Message for the Year 2006

Our concern at the DPS is the child, our concern is education, therefore, the future of India and the World. The child is to be provided integrated learning experiences to nurture his potential to the fullest and to prepare him to be a Global Citizen.



DPS education is representative of integrated learning experiences, those which include the development of the personality, academics, aesthetics, values, mental and physical health, culture and heritage and international understanding.

Excellence in education is also being engineered through impactful use of Information Communication Technology. Foreign language and inter-cultural learning is leading to widening international horizons. Mainstreaming Shiksha Kendra students is further strengthening this integration.

As educational planners, administrators and teachers, we must also perceive it our dharma to help students prepare for their ideal career and to ensure opportunities for their forward integration. Success can be ensured only when preparation and opportunity meet. We must offer students opportunities to make the most important decision they will ever make about their future; we need to help them make this decision consciously, make it carefully and make it boldly.

"The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found, but are made and the making of those paths changes both the maker and the destination."

Let's welcome the New Year as a special gift from the Creator, another step into the future, another golden opportunity to complete what we were unable to finish yesterday.

Shri Narendra Kumar
Chairman - Delhi Public School Society

From the Desk of the Principal

Past few months have seen DPS Rajkot taking greater strides towards success! The laurels achieved by the students in **National DPS Cultural Fiesta - JOSH**, at **National School Games** and **Open Gujarat Badminton Tournaments** are an indication that our students excel, not only at State level but also National level. DPS Rajkot played a host to a major event like **CBSE Inter School T.T. Competition (Cluster IX-West Zone)** where 23 schools from 5 states of India participated. Apart from this, a plethora of activities, competitions, eco tours to provide learning opportunities to our students were held. Things can only get better in the year 2006! **Wish you all a happy new year..!**

Dr. Arun Jee

Memorable Achievements !

- **3rd position** was achieved in the **AD-MAD Competition** by five students of our school from Classes VI to VIII - **Esha Kamalia, Sharon Paul, Shakti Prasadiya, Dhvani Patel** and **Shray Shah** who had participated in the '**National DPS Cultural Fiesta - JOSH**' held from 10th December 2005 to 16th December 2005 at DPS Kanpur. Our teachers **Ms. Sushma Soni** and **Mr. Jay Dave** had given them the guidance. Congratulations!

- **Pulkit Rathi** of Class XI bagged **Silver Medals** in the **Open Gujarat Major State Ranking Badminton Tournaments** held at GNFC Bharuch and ONGC Surat in the Under 16 category.

- **Yashad Ganatra** of Class X also bagged a **silver medal** in the Tennis Tournament in the **51st National School Games** held at Ahmedabad Centre of Tennis Foundation from 27th to 31st December 2005. He had participated in the Under 17 category.

- The results of the **Cyber Olympiad** were declared in the month of December. All class toppers were given appreciation medals by the organizers.

Inter School CBSE Table-Tennis Tournament

Our school had hosted CBSE Inter School T.T. Tournament in which 23 CBSE schools from 5 states of India and eminent sports personalities had participated. It



was a mega event which was inaugurated by **Mr. Nityanandam**, the Police Commissioner of Rajkot (Seen in picture). **Three teams of our school** Under 16 - Boys, Under 16 - Girls and Under 19 - Girls reached the **semi finals** in the tournament.

Representation in Inter School Competitions / Meets

1. **Devsh Mehta** (Class IX), **Deepan Avlani** (Class IX) and **Riddhish Bhalodiya** (Class VII) participated in the **Inter DPS Lawn Tennis Tournament** held at DPS Surat from 24th October 2005 to 27th October 2005.
2. **Pulkit Rathi, Aman Sharma, Abhinav Sharma** and **Hatim Dhankot** from Classes IX to XI participated in the '**CBSE West Zone Badminton Tournament**' held at Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Jabalpur from 7th to 11th November 2005.
3. **Yash Kadwani, Jiten Doshi, Rhythm Katira, Ankush Oswal** and **Sumeet Motwani** participated in the '**All India Inter DPS Chess Tournament**' held at DPS, Panipat City from 14th to 20th November 2005.
4. **Kaushalya Fofandi** (Class XI) participated in the **Open Gujarat T.T Competition** held at Vadodara on 16th November 2005.



5. **Tanmay Singh, Siddhartha Mehta, Parth Dadhania and Harsh Kachhela** participated in the '**DPS Model United Nations Conference**' held at India Habitat Centre, Delhi organized by DPS R. K. Puram from 26th November 2005 to 28th November 2005 (Seen in picture: the participants outside the Habitat Centre with their teacher).

School Competitions (Classes I and II)

1. **Diwali Card Making Competition** was held on 13th October 05. The first prize winners (classwise) were **Het Goti, Het Patel, Jaikishan Sorathiya, Manvita Sanchela and Hem Makadia.**
2. **Solo Song Competition** was held on 17th November 05. The first prize winners (classwise) were **Twisha Shah, Anoushka Jain, Nandinee Makwana, Harshvardhan Gogia and Sancharee Chattopadhyay.**
3. **Story Telling Competition** was held on 22nd December 05. The first prize winners were **Anoushka Jain and Tanya Dewan.**

Inter House Competitions (Classes III to XI)



1. **Inter House Kho-Kho Competition** was held on 24th November 2005. The winners among girls were Yamuna House and among the boys were Jhelum House (Seen in picture).
2. **Lemon and Spoon Competition** for Classes III to V was conducted on 1st December 2005.



3. **Flower Arrangement Competition** for Classes VI to XI was conducted on 1st December 2005 (Seen in picture). The winners were **Khevna Shah, Priyanka Mehta, Anmol Chandwani, Aditi Desai, Priyanka Chauhan, Divya Nathwani and Ankita Suraiya.**
4. **Inter House Football Competition** for Classes VI to XI was conducted on 16th December 2005. The winners were Narmada House (Classes VI to VIII) and Yamuna House (Classes IX to XI) (Seen in picture).



Teachers' Become Learners!

1. A seminar was conducted by Ms. Neha Shah from **ALOHA Brain Development Centre Rajkot** for the teachers. The teachers came to know about various abacus methods to improve mental maths in students.
2. A **Subject Enrichment Programme** organized by the Delhi Public School Society for the subjects English, Hindi,



Environment Science and Maths was held in the school from 16th December 2005 to 20th December 2005 (Seen in picture: **Dr. Arun Jee**, Principal, DPS Rajkot, inaugurating the programme).

Visitors' Gallery

1. The guests who visited the school during the **CBSE Inter School Competition** were : Police Commissioner, Rajkot, **Mr. K. Nityanandar** and **Dr. Kamlesh Joshipura**, Vice



Chancellor, Saurashtra University (Seen in picture giving prizes at Valedictory Function flanked by **Bhadrayu Vacchrajani**, Member Managing Comm., DPS Rajkot and **Mr. Rajendra Kumar**, Pro Vice-Chairman, DPS Rajkot) **Mr. J. Ramte**, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya International Umpires, T. T., **Mr. Ram Malik**, **Mr. Balsingh Sarvaiya** and **Maneesh Mehta** and **Gunwantbhai Delawala**, President Sargam Club, Rajkot.

2. **Ms. Renu Krishna** and **Ms. Shabli Chatterjee** from DPS Vasant Vihar, **Ms. Komal Goomer** and **Ms. Meena Sharma** from DPS Vasantkunj were the guest Resource persons for Environment, Maths, EVS and Hindi respectively for the **Subject Enrichment Programme**.



3. The **Chief Guest** for the **Valedictory Function** of the Subject Enrichment Programme was **Dr. Balwant Jani**, Chairman, National Council of Teacher Education (See picture). The other guests were **Mr. Bhadrayu Chhajani**, Member Managing Committee-DPS Rajkot, **Mr. Rajendra Kamdar**, Pro Vice Chairman DPS Rajkot, **Mrs. Kalpana Kamdar**, **Mrs. Bandana** and members of Parents' Teachers' Council.

4. **Mr. Anish Avlani**, Secretary, **Mr. Deepak Agrawal**, Former President, **Mr. Ketan Kakkad**, Director - Youth Programmes and **Mr. Shailesh Desai**, an active Rotarian from the **Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown** visited the school for the **Installation Ceremony of Interact Club** in the school. Earlier another eminent Rotarian **Mr. Amit Mehta** had visited the school.



5. The judges for the **Story Telling Competition** of Classes I and II were **Dr. Sonal Mathur** and **Mr. John Mathew**, Asst. Director, T. N. Rao College of Management (Seen in the photo).

Interactions with the Parents

a. The first meeting of **Parents' Teachers' Council** (which was formed in October '05) was held on 7th October 2005. Many important issues were discussed

for the improvement of the students and the school in the meeting.

b. **Parents' Teachers' Meeting** for Classes I and II was held on 15th October 2005, Saturday.

c. The second meeting of the '**Parents' Teachers' Council**' was held on 19th November 2005 in which the general and academic progress of the school was discussed.

d. The P. T. M. for the Pre-primary Section and Report card distribution for the Nursery and Prep Classes was held on 24th December 2005.

Eco-tours and Picnics

The students of Classes-VII to XI went for an eco tour to **Mahabaleshwar** and **Panchgani** from 27th October 2005 to 31st October 2005.

The students of Classes VI to XI had a picnic to the **Nyaari Dam** and those of Classes I to V had an outing to the **Kadwani Farm** on 14th November as part of Children's Day Celebrations.

The children of Nursery and Prep had an outing to **Kadwani Farm** on 29th November 2005. They thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

Get together

A **Navratri get together** was organized on 7th October 2005 in the school. All the staff and the students from IX and XI participated in the 'Garba Dance' held on that occasion (Seen in picture).



Teachers' Perform for Children !

Children's Day was celebrated for **Classes III to XI** with a **special assembly** by teachers, in which the teachers presented the thought for the day, news, poem recitation, group song, skit (Seen in



picture) and a Rajsthani dance, which were greatly appreciated by the students. After the assembly, the students had an **outing**.

The teachers of **Pre-Primary Section** welcomed the students on Children's Day wearing **cartoon masks**. The children watched the movie '**Baby's Day Out**'. The teachers also gave the children **chocolates** and **pencils** as gifts on this day.

Walk for a Cause

Some of our students and teachers participated in the '**Walkathon**' organized by the **Rajkot Medical Association** on the '**World Diabetes Day**' on 14th November 2005. The students had prepared **posters** and **banners** with slogans to spread awareness of this widespread disease in the city (Seen in picture).



Vigilance Awareness Week

The school celebrated 7th November to 14th November as '**Vigilance Awareness Week**'. The students prepared **charts** to create awareness and prevention of unethical practices in our country. They also presented their views on the same in their **class assemblies**. An '**Essay Writing Competition**' on the topic 'How to prevent Corruption and improve Efficiency' was organized in the school on 10th November 2005.

Earthquake Relief

The students of the school had decided to "say no to crackers" during Diwali. They donated the money they saved by doing so, for the earthquake victims of Jammu Kashmir.

Helping the Elderly Needy People

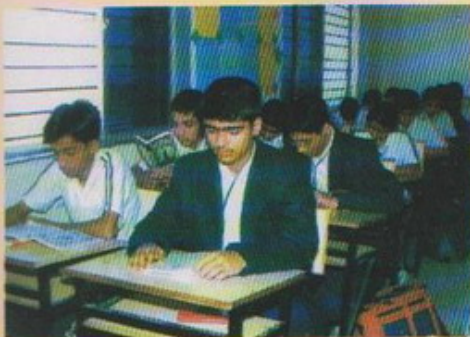
The students collected approximately **Rs. 81,000** for **HelpAge India**. This money will be used to help the needy elderly people of the society.

Life at DPS Hostel is fun!

In the last three months, the DPS Rajkot hostel students had trekking at Chotila, Ishwariya, Zania Mahadev and Hanuman Dhara-places of scenic beauty all. They visited the Lalpari Lake, Doll's Museum, Nyari and Aji Dams and Fun World. They also had a **night camp** at Kadvani Farm House and friendly **kabaddi** and **football** matches with **Sarvodaya English School, Rajkot**. They had art and Computer Workshops and also participated in a **personality development seminar** organized by the well-known NGO of Rajkot '**LIFE**' from 27th December 2005 to 31st December 2005. They enjoyed watching movies like Deep Blue Sea, The Day After Tomorrow, Shaolin Soccer, etc.

Reading is a Meditation!

A **Reading Meditation** activity was conducted for **Classes III to XI** and **all staff members** on the '**World Reading Day**' on 3rd December 2005 (Seen in picture). The students and staff members read a book of their choice on that day for a fixed duration of time.



The budding talents of Shiksha Kendra



A **Drawing and Colouring Competition** was organized for the junior and the senior groups of **Shiksha Kendra** on 3rd December 2005 (Seen in picture). The best entries were given prizes.

Installation Ceremony - Interact Club

The **Installation Ceremony** for the **Interact Club** of **DPS Rajkot** was conducted on 23rd December 2005. The students who were a part of the Board of Directors of the Club took their oaths under the guidance of **Mr. Anish Avlani**, Secretary, Rotary Club Rajkot Midtown.

Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way!

The Pre-Primary students celebrated **Christmas** wearing **Santa Claus masks** given by their teachers and enjoyed the game of **musical chairs**. The other classes had class wise celebration where students decorated their classrooms, played **games** and had **talent shows**.

Expressions!

SERIOUSNESS

Seriousness, Seriousness,
a very important thing in life!
A mind without Seriousness,
is like a body without a soul.

Many students think,
that cheer is everything.
And I know that in 10th,
they will use their mind for
mischief and nothing else.
They won't know the value of
seriousness, until it's too late!

Whenever we tell them
to be serious about their
boards, they only say,

Why worry about blackboards and soft boards?
That's why I tell them to be serious,
Otherwise their life will be ruined.
Be serious, or repent at leisure!

Written by **Akshay Singh, VII- B**

About yourself

Whatever you do,
You always think you have done the best,
But it is not always true.

What you have to do,
You always think you can't do it,
And you never do it.

What you did,
You always think you shouldn't have done,
But now nothing can be changed!

Written by **Sumit Motwani, X**

JUST YOU

Genius is there within you. Before
reading the next paragraph, just close
your eyes for a minute and ask yourself, what
different quality is there in you?

Is there any aim in your life?

Are you moving aimlessly?

You must have seen the best you can
do. Raise your spirit, you can aim still better.

Think deeply about it, let your all
bones and muscles function on it
and forget all other things. You will reach your
aim as nothing is impossible.
What you just need is to awaken
your spirit.

Come on... your each and every
second is precious!

Written by **Rishabh Dhruv, X**

The Black Terror

One winter noon, I was napping on the terrace
basking under the sun, when suddenly my siesta
was disturbed by a very unwelcome sound. I
opened my eyes to still them on a crow swinging
on my T. V. antenna, croaking with all its might.
Irritated at the audacity of a petty black crow,
daring to disturb my sleep, I waved my hand in an
effort to shoo it off.

In reply, it opened its wings a little and again
became motionless.

Cursing, I jumped off my seat, pretended to pick
up a stone and jerked my hand towards it.

It flew off immediately and landed back on the
swinging antenna. It now became a question of
my pride. Almost on the verge of insanity, I
turned back towards the antenna and shooed it
off and it landed back on my seat. This game
continued for sometime.

Not admitting defeat, I consoled myself, that I
belonged to the highest species- a modern society
and above all, I was a person possessing enough
brains so as not to be bothered by a 'mere' crow.

As these thoughts processed through my mind, I
heard a croak. I glanced up to see 'it' croak once
more, triumphantly, and then fly off, soaring
higher and higher...

Written by **Ms. Manisha Jain**
Class Teacher -I A