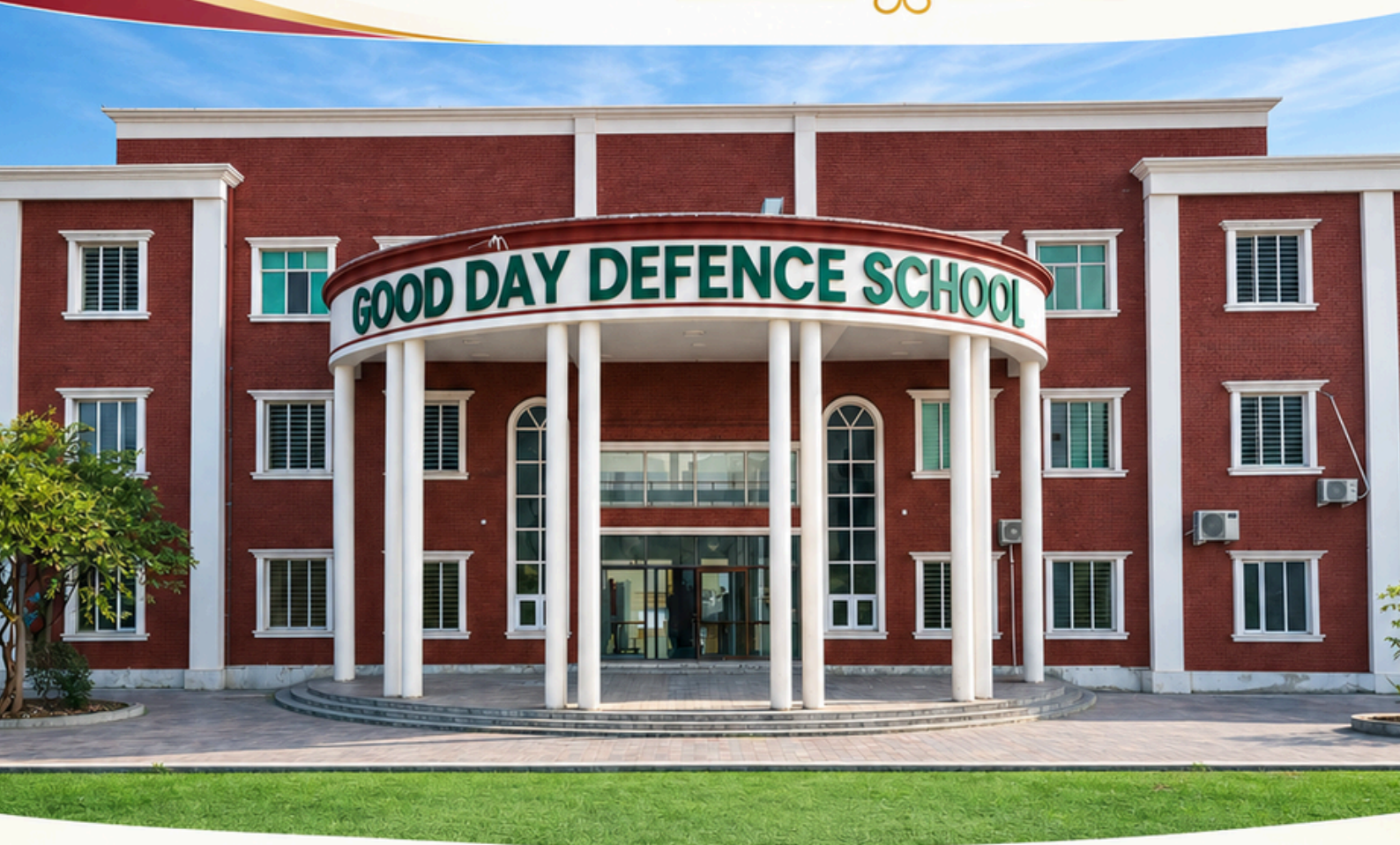




SEPTEMBER NEWSFLASH

Good Day Defence School
| Sainik School Hanumangarh



Dear Parents,

September at **Good Day Defence School, Hanumangarh** was a month of remarkable momentum. From welcoming experienced defence leadership to celebrating exceptional sporting achievements, from Half-Yearly Examinations to wellness initiatives, creative celebrations and meaningful residential experiences, the month reflected the many dimensions of life at GDDS. It was a month of **discipline, achievement, leadership, learning and togetherness.**

A New Chapter of Leadership at GDDS

Welcoming Wing Commander Gopal Dutt Sharma (Retd) as Director

September marked an important new chapter for GDDS with the joining of **Wing Commander Gopal Dutt Sharma (Retd)** as Director.

An Ex-Indian Air Force Officer with **over 37 years of leadership experience**, Wing Commander Sharma brings extensive experience in defence leadership, institutional administration and residential school management.

His professional journey includes serving as Administrative Officer at Sainik School Kunjpura, Karnal, Haryana, from December 2018 to May 2022, where he was closely involved in:

- Residential school administration and campus management
- Teacher and staff appointments
- Examination administration
- Cadet welfare and discipline
- Contracts, tendering and procurement
- Institutional coordination and governance
- The successful induction and smooth entry of the first batch of girl cadets at Sainik School Kunjpura

His experience brings together defence leadership, discipline, institutional governance, HR, procurement, financial administration, crisis management and stakeholder coordination — **experience closely aligned with the vision of a defence-oriented residential school.**

We warmly welcome Wing Commander Gopal Dutt Sharma (Retd.) to GDDS and look forward to the experience, leadership and perspective he brings to the institution.





Welcoming Our Residential Vice Principal

Mr. Avnesh Rajput Joins the GDDS Leadership Team

GDDS also welcomed Mr. Avnesh Rajput as Residential Vice Principal. With 10 years of experience as an Ex-Defence Officer, Mr. Rajput brings diverse leadership experience across areas including manpower management, planning and review of scheduled events. His academic and professional qualifications include:

- Executive Management Certificate – IIM Lucknow, 2023
- Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management, 2014
- B.Tech in Civil Engineering, 2012

His experience adds strength to the residential and administrative framework of GDDS, supporting the school's commitment to structured residential life, discipline, student welfare and effective leadership.



A September of Sporting Excellence



Basketball Champions – 1st Position Among 32 Teams

September was truly special for the GDDS sporting community, with our students bringing home an impressive collection of achievements across multiple disciplines. Our Good Defence Basketball Team secured **1st Position among 32 teams** at the tournament. In the Final Match, the team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a remarkable **60–12 victory**. Adding another highlight to the achievement, **Urvish** was named **Man of the Tournament** and awarded **Best Player of the Tournament** for his exceptional performance throughout the competition. A proud moment for our players, coaches and the entire GDDS family!



1st Position | 32 Teams | Final Score 60–12



Urvish – Man of the Tournament & Best Player



46 Medals at the U-17 & U-14 Swimming Championships

Our swimming team delivered an outstanding performance at the U-17 & U-14 Championships.

The Medal Tally



26 Gold Medals



16 Silver Medals



4 Bronze Medals

Total: 46 Medals



- U-17 Championship – Champions
- U-14 Championship – Runners-Up
- U-17 Best Swimmer – Kushagar



This exceptional performance reflects the swimmers' dedication, discipline, hard work and competitive spirit, along with the continuous support of their coaches and parents. Heartiest congratulations to all our swimmers and coaches for this remarkable success!

CBSE Boxing Championship 2026

Our young boxers made their presence felt at the CBSE Boxing Championship 2026, bringing home:



1 Gold Medal



2 Silver Medals



10 Bronze Medals

Every medal represents commitment, training, courage and the determination to keep improving.



1 Gold | **2** Silver | **10** Bronze



Under-14 District Judo Champions

Another proud sporting milestone came from our Judo team.

Our Good Defence Judo Team became the **Under-14 District Champion** at the District Judo Tournament.

The achievement celebrates not only sporting ability but also the discipline, dedication and perseverance demonstrated by our young judokas.

Congratulations to the entire team!



District Champions





Academic Focus: Half-Yearly Examinations

The Half-Yearly Examinations continued through September, alongside revision and practice sessions. With teachers guiding students throughout, the examination period strengthened preparation, concentration, time management and responsibility.



Learn
Prepare
Grow



Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Wellbeing remained an integral part of campus life through regular yoga sessions, nutritious hostel meals and the Sanjeevni Health Camp, encouraging students to build healthy and mindful routines.



Healthy
Students
Happier
Tomorrows



One Birthday. One Sapling.

At GDDDS, birthdays became an opportunity to give back to nature. Students celebrating their birthdays planted a sapling, turning a personal milestone into a meaningful act of environmental responsibility.



Small
Steps
Greener
Tomorrows



हिन्दी दिवस Celebrating Language



Hindi Diwas was marked through creative activities and competitions, encouraging students to engage with Hindi through expression, participation and creativity.



11th Ayurveda Day Kadhe Pe Charcha

GDDS organised "Kadhe Pe Charcha" in collaboration with the Faculty of AYUSH and Vagbhata Wellness. Twenty students participated in an interactive session on Ayurveda, asking questions about its relevance and common myths.

Students interacted with Wing Commander G.D. Sharma (Retd), Director; Shri Arvind Singh Rawat, Yoga Scholar; Faculty of AYUSH; and Dr. Surabhi, MD Clinical Yoga & Naturopathy.

The session encouraged curiosity, questioning and informed understanding.



Looking Beyond the Classroom



Night telescope sessions gave hostel students an opportunity to explore the night sky, turning an evening activity into an experience of wonder, curiosity and discovery.





Creativity in Action

Drawing and hands-on activities gave younger learners opportunities to create, explore and express themselves, making learning joyful and engaging.

Residential Life

Learning Beyond the Classroom

September brought a balanced residential routine of academics, revision, yoga, sports, NCC, nutritious meals, friendships and evening routines. Students participated in cricket, badminton, tennis and horse riding, building discipline, teamwork and independence.





The Student Voice Circle

Regular interactions between Chairman Mr. Dinesh Juneja and hostel students created a space for students to share their experiences, challenges and concerns. The Student Voice Circle reflects a simple principle: a strong residential community is built not only by guiding students, but also by listening to them.



Teachers' Day

Celebrating Our Educators

Teachers were felicitated on Teachers' Day in appreciation of their dedication and contribution. The celebrations continued with a special dinner for teachers and staff, bringing the GDGS family together in gratitude and celebration.



A Month of Achievement

September leaves GDDS with many reasons to celebrate:

-  Basketball — 1st Position among 32 teams
-  Swimming — 46 Medals
-  Boxing — 13 Medals at CBSE Championship
-  Under-14 District Judo Champions
-  U-17 Swimming Champions
-  Birthday Tree Plantation Initiative
-  11th Ayurveda Day & Kadhe Pe Charcha
-  Half-Yearly Examinations & Academic Preparation
-  New Defence-Oriented Leadership at GDDS

But beyond the medals, examinations and events, the real achievement lies in the habits being built every day — **discipline, curiosity, courage, responsibility, resilience and the confidence to participate.**



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Thank you for being a part of today's journey of learning, growth and leadership.



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