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The **QUEST** 2024

National Talent Search Examination

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Darshan Academy, Pune's Outstanding Achievers

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Sub-junior Group



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Shivansh Malhotra
6th Rank



Nishka Karkhanis
8th rank



Pranav Hegde
9th rank



Swarali Shaligram
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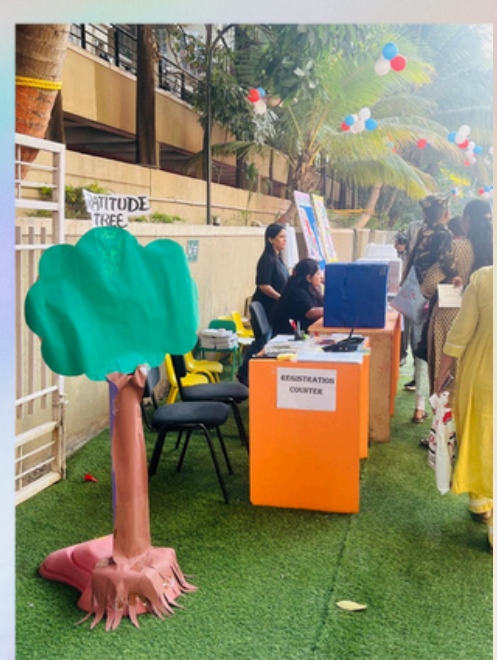
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Kid's Talent Fiesta- 5th Dec 2024

ANNUAL INTER PRE-SCHOOL KIDS TALENT FIESTA

The Annual Inter Pre-School Kids Talent Fiesta, held on 5th December 2024, was a spectacular event filled with creativity, energy, and heartwarming moments. The day was a true celebration of our young learners' talents, as they showcased their skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities. From captivating song and poem performances to the heartwarming Mother & Child Rampwalk, the children demonstrated confidence and creativity. The Fancy Dress Competition was a delightful sight, with kids donning colorful costumes and letting their imaginations run wild. Every participant was recognized with a certificate and a special prize, ensuring that every child felt celebrated. To keep the energy high, refreshments were provided, and the children enjoyed fun games, a magic show, music, and a tattoo corner. The event concluded with the awarding of the School Trophy and the Overall Talent Trophy, honoring both individual and collective achievements. It was a day full of joy, pride, and unforgettable memories, as the children not only showcased their talents but also experienced the joy of being part of a supportive community. We are incredibly proud of every participant and look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate the creativity and confidence of our little stars!



Kshaunish R V won Bronze Medal in Skating

Darshan Academy, Pune, takes immense pride in announcing the remarkable accomplishment of our student Kshaunish R V, who won Bronze medal in the Track Elimination 10 km Skating Race under the 14-17 years category at the prestigious RSFI Nationals. Kshaunish's dedication, perseverance, and extraordinary performance have not only inspired his peers but also brought great honor to our institution. We wholeheartedly congratulate him on this outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors



Outstanding Achievements of THE QUEST



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Sub-junior Group	Shreya Garad	1st Rank
	Anvi Saraf	2nd Rank
	Shambhavi Mathotra	4th Rank
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	Nishka Karkhanis	8th Rank
	Pranav Hegde	9th Rank
	Sneha Sridharan	9th Rank
	Girish Pater	10th Rank

Darshan Academy Pune is delighted to announce that our students have excelled in the Inter-Darshan Academy Talent Search Examination - THE QUEST, organized by Darshan Education Foundation. Congratulations to all our Outstanding Achievers for their remarkable performance in General Awareness, Spiritual Curriculum, Quantitative and Qualitative Reasoning, and English Competency! A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive parents, whose efforts helped our students shine at the national level.

At Darshan Academy Pune, we remain committed to fostering academic excellence and inspiring our students to achieve even greater heights. Here's to many more milestones ahead!

Visit to Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) 14th December 2024

Darshan Academy Pune students from Grades 9 to 11 had an incredible opportunity to visit the prestigious Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Symbiosis International University.

During their visit, they explored SIT's cutting-edge laboratories across various engineering branches, including:

Computer Science Engineering

APPLE iMac Lab

Robotics & Automation (RA)

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AIML)

Electronics & Telecommunication (E&TC)

Mechanical Engineering (ME)

Civil Engineering

3D Printing Lab and more!

Under the expert guidance of SIT faculty, our students also participated in an engaging career counseling session that broadened their understanding of the exciting opportunities in the field of engineering and technology.

This visit was a highly enriching experience that offered valuable insights, inspiring our young minds to dream big and explore the vast horizons of innovation and learning.



Winter Carnival “FROSTY FIESTA”- 21st December 2024

Darshan Academy Pune hosted its Winter Carnival, Frosty Fiesta, with great festive fervor and enthusiasm. The event witnessed active participation from parents, guests, and students, who showcased creativity and enterprise through vibrant food stalls, exciting game counters, and trendy fashion accessory booths. A special highlight of the event was the art paintings exhibit and spiritual curriculum corners curated by Darshan Academy, which received widespread appreciation from attendees. Children delighted in meeting Santa Claus and playing on fun jumpers, while elders enjoyed personalized sketches and intricate mehendi designs. Adding to the excitement were the ever-popular Tambola and a thrilling lucky draw that kept the crowd engaged. The event's charm was elevated by the presence and participation of alumni, adding prestige and a nostalgic touch to the celebration. Live music and energetic dance performances brought a lively rhythm to the day, ensuring everyone was thoroughly entertained. The Winter Carnival was truly a day filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments, leaving everyone with fond memories to treasure.



Session on IT skills - 31st December 2024

This month, our teachers had the opportunity to attend a valuable session on IT skills, focusing on Microsoft Word and Outlook Email, conducted by the knowledgeable Mrs. Dharini Dhule. The session was aimed at enhancing the teachers' proficiency in using these essential tools for administrative tasks, communication, and classroom activities. Mrs. Dhule provided in-depth training on advanced features of MS Word, such as document formatting, creating templates, and utilizing styles for efficient document preparation. She also covered effective email communication through Outlook, teaching how to manage emails, organize folders, and use calendars for scheduling. The hands-on approach allowed teachers to gain practical skills that will improve their productivity and streamline their daily tasks. Mrs. Dhule's clear and engaging instruction ensured that everyone left the session with valuable, actionable knowledge. We are grateful for this opportunity to empower our educators with the digital skills needed to excel in their roles.



Session on soft skills - 1st January 2025



A special session on Soft Skills was conducted by Mr. Siddharth for the teachers. The session focused on the importance of balancing technical expertise with interpersonal skills in the teaching profession. Through an engaging PowerPoint presentation, he explained the key differences between soft and hard skills. He emphasized how soft skills like communication, empathy, and adaptability enhance teaching effectiveness. The session highlighted that while hard skills are essential for subject expertise, soft skills play a crucial role in student engagement and classroom management. Teachers actively participated, sharing their experiences and insights. Practical strategies for improving soft skills were also discussed. The session provided valuable takeaways for professional growth. All teachers attended and found the session insightful and enriching.

Special assembly on “Birth Anniversary of Stephen Hawkin” - 8th January 2025

Darshan Academy Pune was privileged to have Ms. Dimple Mohindra, DEF Regional Head, visited our school recently! Her inspiring words and wisdom motivated both students and teachers to aim higher and keep striving towards their goals. In celebration of the birth anniversary of the brilliant Stephen Hawking, our Grade VII students conducted a special assembly to honor his legacy. The students put on an engaging role play, bringing to life Hawking's remarkable journey and his groundbreaking contributions to science and cosmology. The assembly also included informative insights about Hawking's significant achievements, followed by an awards ceremony where Ms. Dimple Mohindra recognized the achievers for their exceptional contributions. A day full of inspiration and learning, as we continue to reach for the stars!



National level DA essay writing competition - 8th January 2025



We are thrilled to share the remarkable achievement of our talented students in the Darshan Education Foundation's Inter Darshan Academy Essay Writing Competition!

✨ Shreya Garad secured the First Position in Group A.

✨ Anvi Saraf earned the Second Position in the same category. Congratulations to our young achievers for making us proud! A heartfelt thank you to our supportive parents and dedicated teachers for their guidance and encouragement.

Together, we shine brighter!

Visit to Lohagadh Fort- 11th January 2025

Darshan Academy, Pune, organized an enriching and adventurous trekking to the historic Lohgad Fort near Lonavala for the students of Grades VII, VIII and IX. This activity beautifully blended learning with fun as students explored the historical and geographical significance of the fort and its surroundings.

The trek offered students a chance to witness the rich heritage of Maharashtra while gaining practical knowledge about the history and geography of the region around Pune. Guided sessions during the trek highlighted the architectural marvels of the fort and its strategic importance in the Maratha Empire.

The experience not only deepened their understanding of the history but also nurtured their love for nature and adventure.



Makarsankranti, Pongal, Lohri Celebration - 13th January 2025

Darshan Academy celebrated Makar Sankranti with great enthusiasm. Students performed an energetic Bhangra dance and a thought-provoking skit on the festival's significance. A special segment highlighted the importance of Makar Sankranti in different regions of India. The event showcased cultural unity and tradition, leaving the audience mesmerized. The celebration was a perfect blend of learning and joy.



Book Review Session - 18th January 2025

Darshan Academy Pune students recently participated in an engaging book review activity designed to foster a love for reading and enhance critical thinking skills! Each student selected a book of their choice, delved into its plot, characters, themes, and reflected on their personal takeaways. The activity culminated in insightful presentations where students shared their reviews, discussed the author's writing style, and highlighted their favorite moments. Many students even created creative posters and charts to accompany their presentations, sparking lively discussions with peers. From classic children's literature to modern adventures, the variety of books chosen sparked engaging conversations and broadened everyone's horizons! This activity not only nurtured their reading habits but also sharpened their communication and analytical skills.



Republic Day Celebration (Pre-primary) - 24th January 2025

The Republic Day celebration at Darshan Academy Pune was a vibrant and patriotic event that instilled a sense of pride and unity among students from Nursery to Class 2. The young learners enthusiastically participated in various activities designed to honor our national heroes and celebrate the spirit of India. Children donned costumes representing national heroes bringing history to life. Heartwarming speeches delivered by the little ones highlighted the importance of the Constitution and the sacrifices made by freedom fighters. Adding a unique touch to the day, tri-colored food, symbolizing the Indian flag, was shared among the children, fostering the message of harmony and diversity. Creative activities like flag-making, painting engaged the students, making the celebration memorable.



Republic Day Celebration - 26th January 2025



Darshan Academy, Pune, celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event was graced by the chief guest, Colonel Vivek Pandey from Bombay Sappers, along with Mrs. Pandey and Mr. Deepak Kundani, the School Manager. They were warmly ushered in by students performing Lazim and a marching parade.

The program began with a heartfelt welcome by student anchors. The entire school participated in a march past, followed by the flag hoisting and the national anthem. The school choir presented a patriotic song, "Lehra Do," setting the tone for the celebrations.

Principal Mrs. Renuka Kaushik addressed the gathering, acknowledging the efforts of students and staff. Parents also attended the event and witnessed inspiring speeches. Students delivered speeches on "Swarnim Bharat" and "Viksit Bharat," capturing everyone's attention.

A skit on Fundamental Rights, performed by Grade 7 students, was a highlight of the event. Additionally, students from Grades 4 to 6 presented two energetic patriotic dance performances. Chief Guest Colonel Vivek Pandey delivered a motivating speech, appreciating the efforts of Darshan Academy in both academics and sports.

The celebration concluded with the choir singing "Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja," followed by a vote of thanks by Vice Principal Mrs. Vinita Seth highlighting the achievements of DA Pune. The event ended on a patriotic note with the singing of the national song, "Vande Mataram,".

The event was a grand success, instilling a sense of patriotism, unity, and respect for the nation among students, staff, and parents.



Blessings Ceremony for Grade X Students - 5th February 2025

Continuing its cherished tradition, Darshan Academy, Pune, recently organized a Blessings Ceremony for Grade X students appearing for the CBSE Board Examination.

The event was graced by parents, students, and teachers, coming together to seek blessings and encouragement for the students' journey ahead. Vice Principal Ms. Vinita Seth warmly welcomed everyone, emphasizing the importance of blessings and acknowledging the dedication of students, teachers, and the school in their collective efforts over the past year. Class teacher highlighted the unique qualities that make each student special, while coordinators motivated them to stay focused on their goals. Mr. Balaji Jadhav, father of an alumnus, delivered an inspiring speech, underscoring the power of gratitude, affirmations, hard work, and perseverance in achieving success.

A special video message from Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj filled the atmosphere with blessings, positivity and encouragement. Students received Maharaj Ji's blessing message, a pen, their admit cards, and prasad—symbolizing divine guidance and support for their exams.

We extend our heartfelt wishes for success and confidence to all our students as they embark on this important journey!



Book Review Session by Teachers - 5th February 2025

Darshan Academy, Pune, recently held an inspiring Book Review Session on 'Detox the Mind' authored by Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj.

The session commenced with meditation. Teachers shared creative presentations, highlighting the importance of mental detoxification and its profound benefits.

Ms. Prerna Gupta, Spiritual Curriculum Observer, provided valuable insights and guided teachers on incorporating these practices into daily life for a spiritually awakened journey. It was a truly enriching experience, reinforcing Darshan Academy's mission of 'Creating generations of peacemakers'.



Conducted SOF Olympiad Level 2 Examination - 9th February 2025

Darshan Academy Pune proudly served as an exam center for the prestigious SOF Olympiad Level 2 Examination. The national-level competition witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 620 bright and talented students from across the city, who took part in IEO, IMO, and NSO exams. The smooth and efficient conduct of the exams highlighted the school's dedication to academic excellence and its credibility as a center of learning. We continue to create exceptional learning experiences for our students, and this event is a testament to our commitment. Best wishes to all participants for their success and future achievements!



Pariksha pe Charcha - 10th February 2025

Our students had the opportunity to watch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's annual "Pariksha Pe Charcha" session at school. During this interactive event, PM Modi addressed students across the country, offering valuable insights on handling exam stress. He encouraged students to focus on learning and self-improvement rather than the pressure of results. The Prime Minister shared tips on managing time effectively, staying calm, and finding a balance between studies and hobbies. Students were inspired by his words to approach exams with a positive mindset and to see them as a stepping stone to personal growth. The session left everyone feeling motivated and empowered to face challenges with confidence.



Sant Sevalal Birth Anniversary - 15th February 2025



Importance of Healthy Habits by Dr. Smita - 20th February 2025



Dr. Smita spoke to our students about the importance of adopting healthy habits for a successful school life. She explained that maintaining a balanced diet, staying active, and getting enough sleep are key to staying energized and focused throughout the day. Dr. Smita also emphasized the significance of mental health, encouraging students to practice relaxation techniques and manage stress effectively. She advised limiting screen time and prioritizing outdoor activities for better physical and emotional well-being. Dr. Smita's message was clear: small positive changes in daily habits can lead to better academic performance, improved mood, and long-term health benefits. Students left the session inspired to make healthier choices in their daily routines.



Roti Bank Activity - 24th February 2025

Heartwarming Roti Bank activity at Darshan Academy, Pune! Spreading kindness, sharing meals, and making a difference.

Shivaji Jayanti and Marathi Bhasha Diwas Celebration - 27th February 2025



Darshan Academy Pune proudly celebrated the legendary legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and honored the richness of the Marathi language in a grand event at the school ground. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Ms. Sanjana Magar, a renowned author and poet, who inspired students to connect with their roots and take pride in their heritage. The event also witnessed enthusiastic participation of community members and parents. Students showcased their talents through dances, poems, tongue twisters, and speeches, while our teachers impressed everyone with a highenergy dance performance. Vice Principal, Ms. Vinita Seth welcomed all and reiterated the vision and mission of Darshan Academy in nurturing every child's holistic development by providing ample opportunities for growth and excellence. A heartwarming celebration that truly reflected our rich culture and commitment to empowering our students!

Celebrating Excellence at Darshan Academy



Darshan Academy, Pune

**SOF INTERNATIONAL
COMPUTER SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

*Heartiest Congratulations to
Outstanding Achievers*



KANHA DEEPTI PATIL
International Rank: 3
Percentile Score: 99.76

- Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/-
- International Bronze Medal
- Gold Medal of Distinction
- Certificate of Outstanding Performance
- Certificate of Distinction



SHREJAL RATNAKAR
International Rank: 16
Percentile Score: 98.01

- Gifts Worth Rs. 500/-
- Gold Medal of Distinction
- Certificate of Distinction
- Certificate of Zonal Excellence

We are thrilled to announce the exceptional achievements of two of our brilliant students in the International Computer Science Olympiad organized by SOF. Heartiest congratulations to Kanha Deepti Patil for securing International Rank 3 with an outstanding 99.76 percentile, and to Shrejal Ratnakar for achieving the 16th position with a remarkable 98.01 percentile! Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have truly paid off, setting a shining example for us all. This is just the beginning of many more accomplishments to come. We wish all our students continued success in all their future endeavors!

Graduation Day Ceremony "AAROHAN" - 22th March 2025



Darshan Academy Pune hosted an unforgettable Graduation Day Ceremony, AAROHAN, with the inspiring theme: "Saving the Environment: Green Heroes Marching Towards a Sustainable Future." Our little stars from Grade Nursery to II took the stage as they anchored the event, eloquently presented speeches, and showcased vibrant dance performances that conveyed the vital message of protecting our planet for future generations. We were honored to have Mr. Neerav Kulshreshtha, Co-Founder of Anandvan Foundation, an NGO that works for developing and nurturing urban forests in the heart of Pune city, as our Chief Guest. He encouraged parents and the community to join hands in preserving and conserving precious resources for the well-being of future generations. The event was a tremendous success, filled with energy, passion, and a shared commitment to a sustainable tomorrow.

Memorable Moments!



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