

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET SPECIAL

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BRINGING CLASSICS TO LIFE: A THEATRICAL SHOWCASE

We witnessed an extraordinary blend of humor, wisdom, and life lessons with the theatrical performances of *The Proposal* by Anton Chekhov and *Bade Bhai Sahab* by Munshi Premchand. Under the masterful direction of Mr. Sanjay Pandit, both plays were brought to life with a modern touch while staying true to their timeless essence. *Bade Bhai Sahab* struck an emotional chord, while "The Proposal," was a timeless one-act comedy.... *Keep reading on Page 4*

Illuminating the Path to Knowledge!

The **Annual Sports Meet** commenced with the **auspicious lamp-lighting ceremony**, led by our esteemed **Chief Guest, Shri Anup Sah ji**, alongside **Principal Dr. Deepak Manchanda**, special guests, and dignitaries. As the sacred flame was kindled, the mantra resonated: *"Deepam Jyothi Parabrahma, Deepam Sarva Tamopaham, Deepena Sadhyate Sarvam, Sandhya Deepo Namostute."* This divine moment symbolized the light of **knowledge, unity, and success**, setting a spiritual and inspiring tone for the event ahead.



SHRI ANUP SAH JI: A VISIONARY OF NATURE AND ADVENTURE

Our esteemed **Chief Guest, Shri Anup Sah ji**, is a true embodiment of versatility and excellence. A **Padma Shri awardee**, he is celebrated not only for his **breathtaking wildlife photography** but also for his passion for **mountaineering, apiculture, and environmental conservation**.

As the **Chairman of the Nainital Mountaineering Club**, he continues to inspire young adventurers and nature lovers. Beyond his artistic brilliance, he is a **renowned naturalist**, deeply committed to preserving the delicate balance of nature. His life's work is a testament to the **power of dedication, passion, and a deep-rooted love for the environment**. We were truly honored to have him grace our event and share his wisdom with us.



A DIVINE BEGINNING: KANHA SO JA ZARA

The Annual Sports Meet opened with a mesmerizing dance performance on **"Kanha So Ja Zara,"** setting a soulful and spiritual tone for the event. As the ceremonial lamp was lit, **Aaradhya Manchanda, Dhaani Jain, Anushri Joshi, Manasyi Bisht, Additri Singh, Vandita Singh, and Katyayani Chandra** brought the stage to life with their graceful expressions and devotion.

Their movements beautifully embodied the **timeless presence of Lord Krishna**, making it feel as if Kanha himself was among us. This captivating performance left the audience spellbound, marking a truly divine start to the celebrations.



Tiny Dancers, Big Message!

In a world where screens dominate our time, our youngest performers reminded us of the pure joy of movement through their delightful Zumba performance. These tiny tots took the stage with boundless energy, dancing their hearts out and proving that fitness can be fun, exciting, and full of life.

Their **adorable expressions, coordinated steps, and infectious enthusiasm** melted hearts, leaving the audience in awe. Every jump, twirl, and clap was a reminder that **staying active isn't just about exercise—it's about celebrating life itself.**

Their performance was a **true highlight of the event**, spreading smiles and inspiring everyone to embrace movement with the same **enthusiasm and joy** as these little wonders did.



A SPECTACULAR FUSION OF TRADITION AND GRACE:

Our talented students captivated the audience with a breathtaking performance on "**Sadda Dil Vi Tu.**" This dance, choreographed by our esteemed **Mr. Deepankar**, beautifully fused the richness of tradition with contemporary grace. Dedicated to **Lord Ganesha**, it symbolized new beginnings, prosperity, and the removal of obstacles.

The performers—**Shauryadeep Manchanda, Sahibjot Singh Lattar, Samridhhi Raj, Yash Mourya, Daivik Gupta, Aarul Upadhya, Garv Gupta, Daiwik Chilana, and Nishant Badlani**—executed each movement with precision, energy, and heartfelt expression. Their dedication and countless hours of practice were evident in every step, showcasing not only their talent but also their deep respect for the cultural heritage they were honoring.

A special acknowledgment is due to **Mr. Deepankar**, whose artistic vision and commitment guided this performance to excellence. This performance was a true celebration of life and culture, leaving a lasting impact on everyone present. The grace and dedication of our students were truly inspiring, and their hard work made this an unforgettable highlight of our event.

A Timeless Classic with a Modern Twist...

Bringing Anton Chekhov's wit and humor to life, the talented Class VIII students delivered a spectacular performance of "The Proposal," a timeless one-act comedy exploring love, misunderstandings, and the quirks of an upper-middle-class family. This wasn't just a traditional staging—it was a **modernized adaptation** that made Chekhov's brilliance resonate with today's audience while preserving its original charm.

Under the expert direction of Mr. Sanjay Pandit, a Master of Theatre Arts from the Academy of Theatre Arts, Mumbai, the young actors brought remarkable energy and precision to their roles. Shauryadeep Manchanda played the nervous yet endearing suitor, Ivan Lomov, Samridhi Raj embodied the strong-willed and witty Natalya Stepanovna, and Yash Mourya took on the role of Stepan Stepanovich Chubukov, the fiery and comical father.

With sharp dialogue, impeccable timing, and outstanding performances, this rendition of "The Proposal" was nothing short of **brilliant**, keeping the audience entertained from start to finish. A huge round of appreciation for our Class VIII performers and the **visionary direction** of Mr. Sanjay Pandit, whose dedication made this play an absolute success!



A THOUGHT-PROVOKING PERFORMANCE: 'BADE BHAJ SAHAB'

Pathfinder Boarding School had the privilege of witnessing a **remarkable theatrical adaptation of Munshi Premchand's timeless story, 'Bade Bhai Sahab.'** This classic tale, filled with humor and deep life lessons, beautifully captures the **struggles between academic expectations and the innocence of childhood.**

Directed by the highly esteemed Mr. Sanjay Pandit, this play was brought to life with **modern relevance**, making it more relatable to today's audience. The cast's brilliant acting and flawless execution made the story deeply engaging and thought-provoking. In today's world, where children are often burdened with the pressure of **marks and academic achievements**, this play served as a reminder that **education should not come at the cost of childhood joy.** Striking the right balance between discipline and personal growth is essential, as a **stress-free mind performs far better than one weighed down by constant expectations.** This performance was more than just a play—it was an **eye-opener.**



A Fiery Celebration of Punjabi Spirit!

The stage ignited with energy as three talented girls delivered a power-packed performance on *Tu Kudi Punjaban/Phatte Chuk Di*, embodying the fearless spirit of Punjab. Their electrifying moves and infectious enthusiasm set the perfect tone for the evening.

Following this, a dynamic group of boys and girls paid tribute to the legendary Surjit Bindrakhia Ji. Under the expert guidance of our choreographers, they brought his iconic songs to life with passion and precision.

With synchronized moves and boundless energy, this performance was a true celebration of Punjabi culture, leaving the audience spellbound!



A POIGNANT MUSICAL TRIBUTE: SAVE THE TREES

Our little performers brought an **emotional and visually stunning act** to life through the **musical performance of Save the Trees**. Without the need for dialogues, their expressive movements and heartfelt performance conveyed a powerful message about the importance of preserving nature.

Set to a beautiful medley of songs, the toddlers effortlessly portrayed the **loss of greenery, the cries of nature, and the urgent need for change**. Their synchronized movements, graceful expressions, and sheer dedication turned this musical into a **captivating and thought-provoking experience**.

This was more than just a performance—it was a **wake-up call**, urging us all to cherish and protect our natural world before it's too late. The little stars truly **touched hearts and left a lasting impact**, making this one of the most moving highlights of the event.

Honorable Mentions!

Alongside the grand performances of the evening, a few acts added their unique charm to the event. A dance performance to the **title track of *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*** brought an element of mystery and thrill to the stage. **Jatin Singh, Aseet Mandal, Dhaani Jain, and Aaradhya Manchanda** showcased their energy and enthusiasm, making the act an engaging addition to the lineup.

Adding a cultural touch, **Divya Negi (Class V)** presented a **Pahari dance performance on a medley of traditional songs**. Her graceful movements paid tribute to the musical heritage of Uttarakhand, blending folk charm with modern artistry. These performances, though brief, reflected the diverse talent of our students, making the event even more vibrant and inclusive.



HEARTFELT REFLECTIONS: PARENTS' FEEDBACK SESSION

The Parents' Feedback Session at our Annual Sports Meet was an emotional tribute to the school's dedication. Mrs. Neelam Mourya, with tears in her eyes, shared how her son Yash Mourya's confident performance in *The Proposal* was a moment of pride, saying, *"This school has given my child not just education, but a second home."*

Mr. Rajesh Kumar expressed gratitude for his daughter Samridhi Raj's transformation, thanking the school for shaping her into a confident and articulate individual. Ms. Arti Aggarwal and Mrs. Ravinder Kaur Sandhu also praised the academic and personal growth of their children, appreciating the faculty's efforts.

The session was a heartfelt celebration of the strong bond between parents, teachers, and students—proof that Pathfinder Boarding School is more than just an institution; it's a family.



Celebrating Excellence: The Victory Ceremony

The **Victory Ceremony** was a heartwarming celebration of the outstanding achievements and hard work of our students. With beaming smiles and proud hearts, students were recognized for their exceptional performances across both **sports** and **academics** during the 2024-25 session.

Awards were presented to students in various categories, including **Best in Academics, Best Artist of the Year, Best Athlete, and Best Efforts**. Each award was a symbol of the dedication, perseverance, and passion these students demonstrated throughout the year. The ceremony was a moment of pride not only for the awardees but for the entire school community, as we came together to appreciate the growth and success of every student.

As the awards were handed out, the atmosphere was filled with joy, pride, and a sense of accomplishment, making this Victory Ceremony a memorable occasion for all. It was a celebration of excellence, where hard work met recognition, and every student's journey was acknowledged with heartfelt appreciation. **Here's to more success and achievements in the years to come!**



Celebrating the Spirit of the 76th Republic Day

The Republic Day celebration at our school was a vibrant tribute to the values of liberty, justice, and equality. The day began with students and teachers decorating the school gate with patriotic symbols and colorful crafts, creating a spirited atmosphere.

The highlight of the morning was the hoisting of the Tricolor by our respected Principal Sir, followed by the National Anthem and energetic patriotic slogans. Students delivered inspiring speeches on the significance of Republic Day, while creative drawings and crafts adorned the school, showcasing their love for the nation.

Adding to the joy, everyone relished delicious laddoos before engaging in a lively game of musical chairs, filling the day with laughter and unity. This Republic Day was a perfect blend of tradition, creativity, and patriotism, reminding us to uphold the ideals of our Constitution for a brighter future.

