APRIL AND MAY 2020

It is rightly said, "When the going gets tough, the tough gets going".

When the Covid lockdown started in the month of March, nobody envisaged that it would be such a long drawn affair, forcing people to change their life style, change the way they look at things and adapt to a new normal.

One such new normal has been changing the way learning is imparted. The teaching faculty at DPS Greater Noida rose to the occasion yet again and displayed the mettle they are made of. Initially the classes started on Zoom but soon the school moved to the Microsoft Teams. Under the initiative of the DPSS, being overseen by Brig. J.S Suri, Advisor Security and Consultant DPS Society, Ms. Swati Pandey and Ms. Kajal Prabhu attended a workshop organised by the Microsoft Teams on April 14, 2020 to understand the mechanism and functionality of this digital platform for effective online teaching.



The children also adapted to the new virtual teaching – learning platform with alacrity and enthusiasm. It has been two months and each day that has passed has brought about new learnings through uploaded original subject videos and virtual live interactive classes initially through Zoom and then through MS Teams at all levels from Nursery to XII.

Under the able guidance of the Principal, Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi, Headmasters and Headmistress, each faculty has risen to the occasion and the result is evident in the appreciation of the parents during the online PTMs held at all levels.

The school also helped the students with online career counselling classes, information related to various online examinations and videos made by the Music and Dance Department.

Learning made fun, online......

Effective communication is the key to success in online education and that's where the term 'netiquette' comes in. It refers to being courteous and using correct vocabulary when communicating with others online.

An Advisory for online netiquettes or netiquettes in online education was presented by Mr. Rakshit Tandon in which he elaborated upon rules for online classes, video lessons and live interactions for students, teachers as well as parents.

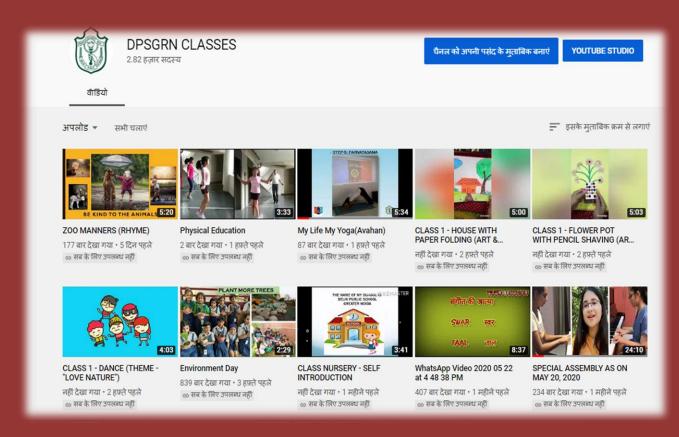
Bridge Course Worksheets

Bridge course worksheets for Maths, Hindi, English and EVS were shared with the parents on alternate days. The worksheets were based on the previous year's syllabus. These sheets were recapitulation sheets to serve as a bridge between the topics taught in the previous year and the current year.

Various Links/E-Books shared

From mid-April, teachers shared various activity videos, academic links, e-books, informative videos and competition-based information with the students to enhance their learning and to keep them engaged constructively. Since most of the students were not able to buy books, passwords and links for E-Books, PDF pages and various images of the book pages, link for Storytelling sites, Extra marks, Scholastic App and Appative App for downloading Ratna-Sagar Books, were shared with the class groups.

Video sessions used for teaching



ACTIVITIES HELD DURING APRIL & MAY:

EARTH DAY:

The Earth Day is the most opportune moment for the school to take a pledge to save and conserve our Mother Earth by adopting eco-friendly practices. Various online competitions at the Inter-class level were held to commemorate this occasion on April 22, 2020.

In spite of the lockdown, the response of the students was overwhelming in all the events and they participated in the activities with great enthusiasm. The entries sent by the students on different environment related themes were judged by a panel of judges comprising teachers of various departments.





The results of the various events are as follows

S.no.	Activity Winners	
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01	CARING FOR PLANS AT	NURSERY
	YOUR HOME GARDEN	1 st position: HEYAN SACHDEVA(NURSERY A)
	(Classes Nursery to II)	ANAYRA CHATTERJEE (NURSERY C)
		2 nd position: AAROHI KASHYAP (NURSERY B)
		MYRA SAHU(NURSERY D)
	JUDGES:	3 rd position: ARYANA SINGH PAWAR (NURSERY F)
	Ms. Reema Ahuja	PREP
	Ms. Sunita Thapliyal	1 st position: EEVA MISHRA (PREP E)
		ATHARV VERMA (PREP G)
		2 nd position: VERONICA PURI (PREP A)
		3 rd position: AGRIMA CHAUHAN (PREP F)
		CLASS I
		1st position: VIDHAN SINGH (I G)
		NEETIKA TRIPATHI (I D)
		2 nd position: CHARVI(IF)
		3 rd position: HIMAKASHI (I B)
		CLASS II

		1 st position: RONAK (II C)
		2 nd position : ARYAN BANSAL (II F)
		NAMIT BANSAL (II E)
		3 rd position: INAYAH HUSAIN (II B)
02	CREATE A POSTER	CLASS III
	(Classes III to V)	1 st position: PRABHAV TANEJA (III E)
		2 nd position: TEJNOOR SINGH (III D)
	Theme:	3 rd position: AKSHAJ MALIK (III C)
ADEQUATE HYGIENE		
	PRACTICES	CLASS IV
		1 st position: MEHER KHANNA (IV H)
	JUDGES:	2 nd position: AARNAVI AGRAWAL(IV C)
	Ms Naiyara Rizvi	AVIKA RANJAN (IV D)
	Ms Rajni Khare	3 rd position: VEDANSHI SINGH(IV B)
	Ms Sonia Saroha	
		CLASS V
		1 st position: SWASTI BHATI (V H)
		2 nd position: AAYAN (V B)
		3 rd position: GAURANSHI (V A)
		ARYAMAN SRIVASTAVA (V E)
03.	CREATE E-COLLAGE	CLASS VI
	(Classes VI to VIII)	1 st position: IZAAN SHAFIQUE(VI B) position:
		2 nd position: ABHISHREE (VIE)
	Themes (in Hindi):	3 rd position: AARAV SAXENA (VI E)
		RUDRANSH PARMAR(VI K)

 क्या सुना पेड़ का दर्द / अपना ध्येय बनाना पर्यावरण बचाना /प्रकृति के दोस्त बनो, दुश्मन नहीं / देखो चिड़िया कुछ कहती है

Themes (in English):

- MAN AND NATURE -A BOND FOREVER
- REVEAL SECRETS OF NATURE

JUDGES:

Mr. Swapan Sutradhar

Mr. Naqeeb Mehdi

Ms. Harpreet Kaur Bedi

Mr. Mridul Chakraborty

CLASS VII

1st position: SYNA GUPTA(VII G)

2nd position: ISHA CHATURVEDI(VII A)

3rd position: AARUSHI VARSHNEY(VII H)

CLASS VIII

1st position: SOHAM BHARDWAJ(VIII E)

2nd position: AKANKSHA JHA(VIII G)

3rd position: HARSHITA GOSWAMI (VIII K)

KEERAT KAUR (VIII K)

04. **POETRY WRITING**

(Classes IX to XII)

Themes (in Hindi):

मत हरो हरियाली/
 फूलों से सुदंर है
 संसार / प्रदूषित हवा
 नहीं सह पाऊँगी

Class: IX

ENGLISH POETRY

1st position: MAHIKA KAPIL (IX F)

ARYAN AGRAWAL (IX J)

2nd position: MEHAL GURBUXANI (IX K)

3rd position: AVANTIKA KORANGA (IX G)

HINDI POETRY

1st position: PRAGYA SINGH (IX G)

2nd position: DIKSHA RAWAT (IX J)

3rd position: PIYUSH YADAV (IX E)

Themes (in English):

- WHEN MAN HURTS, EARTH HEALS / THE HEALING POWER OF THE EARTH
- DON'T JUST EXIST, CO-EXIST

JUDGES:

Ms. S. Veena

Ms. Poonam Dua

Ms. Brijbala

Ms.Tanvi Naudiyal

CLASS X

ENGLISH POETRY

1st position: SHREYA GUPTA (XJ)

RISHI MUKHERJEE(XJ)

2nd position: MANYA CHATURVEDI (XG)

SAMARTH SAINI(X I)

3rd position: SOUMYA DEEP CHATTERJEE(X A)

HINDI POETRY

1st position: DEVANSH BAJAJ (X D)

POONISH SINGH (XJ)

2nd position: VANSHIKA (XF)

3rd position: RISHI RAJ(X A)

CLASS XI

1st position: ANSH BAL DIXIT (XI G)

TANMAY MAHESHWARI (XI A)

2ndposition: ANANYA SHARMA (XIF)

3rd position: SHREYAS MUKHERJEE (XI F)

SHRISHTI THAKUR (XI E)

CLASS XII

1st position: MAULIKA BHATNAGAR (XII B)

2nd position: ZEHRA AZIM (XII F)

PAKHI MAHESHWARI (XII G)

3rd position: JUHI SINGH (XII G)

ANANYA (XII G)

E- certificates were given to all the winners.

The event was co-ordinated by Ms. Poonam Dua (PGT Biology) and Ms. S. Veena (PGT English) under the guidance and supervision of Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi, Principal, DPS Greater Noida.

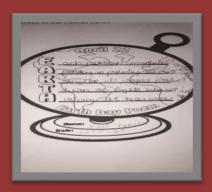




Acrostic Poem on Earth Day

An **acrostic** is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word or a message. The children were encouraged to create an Acrostic Poem on the Earth Day. The poems were later recited in the interactive online classes.

This activity was done in the form of a worksheet given to the students .The objective of this activity was to make students reflect on how they can contribute to the environment at their level and be able to give expression to their feelings.





DWF (Danish Water Foundation) - The WISE Foundation

This online activity was initiated on April 21, 2020. The students were required to make an animal or bird by paper cutting and upload their creative posters and art work.



Mother's Day Activity: To mark this day, special recipes for Biscuit Canapes and Mini Sandwiches were shared with the students through the monthly info sheet. Children were encouraged not only to try out these easy, lip smacking recipes, but also to make them for their mother to make her feel special. The tiny tots drew and coloured cards for their mothers.



Mother's Day Videos

You Tube link for a video was shared with all the students from classes Nursery to V. The videos were a DPS Greater Noida production. The songs emphasised on inculcating good habits among children and encouraged them to help their mothers with household chores. It was a lively song based on the tune of 'Jingle Bells' appropriate for the young viewers.

DPS Prayer/Song

The Music Department of the school created and shared beautiful music videos to boost the morale of all the students. The morning prayer, 'itni shakti hume dena daata' was recorded and shared with the students. They were urged to listen, learn and practise the song at home so that it could be sung on re-opening of the school.

Another music video that was shared with the students was a fine example of collaboration between the Music Department and the Principal, DPSGN. It presented the school anthem 'DPS ki Shaan', penned down by the Principal, Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi, along with Ms. Bhawana Dalela from the Hindi Department. The music composition was done by Ms. Sonam Mishra and Mr. Abhinav Sharma from the Music Department.

World Book Day

On the occasion of the 86th birthday of the celebrated children's books writer, Ruskin Bond, school shared various Power Point presentations, quotes, short stories & PDF files depicting the life of Ruskin Bond. These videos were shared with all the students from classes II-XII, on May 18, 2020. Various competitions were initiated by the library department on the occasion:

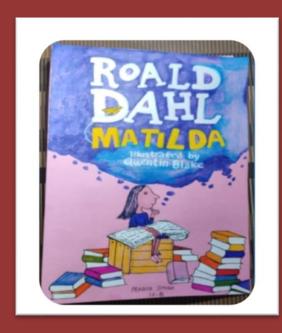


Class	Topics / Activities	Results
IV & V	WRITE A LETTER TO A	Class IV:
	CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK	I Position: Bhavya Godara IV A
		II Position: Divya Verma IV A
		III Position: Dhruv Sharma IV D
		Class V:
		I Position: Shiven Kulshreshtha V A
		II Position: Eeshaan Mishra V G

		III Position: Aahana NirvaanYadav V J
VI & VII	BOOK MARK MAKING	Class VI:
		I Position: Pranit Yadav VI H
		II Position: Om Goel VI K
		III Position: Moddit Srivaastava VI A
		Class VII:
		I Position: Divyansha Goel VII A
		II Position: Divyanshu Chamoli VII A
		III Position: Anvi Mishra VII B
VIII & IX	BOOK COVER MAKING	Class VIII:
		I Position: Prisha Gupta VIII A
		II Position: Nandini Choudhary VIII D
		III Position: Navya Jain VIII G
		Nidhisha Gupta VIII D
		Class IX:
		I Position: Pragya Singh IX G
		II Position: Anurag Yadav IX A
		III Position: Narmada IX D
X	FAVOURITE BOOK COLLAGE	Class X:
	MAKING	I Position: Samishthi Chaturvedi X F
		II Position: Saiprasad Sankaran X A
		III Position: Natansh Nayak X D



Book Cover Making Activity





<u>Digital Version of Primary Plus</u>

Link to the digital version of 'Primary Plus', India's leading Kids' monthly magazine, was made available to the students to inculcate reading as a hobby.

Music video- 'Aakash ke UssPaar'





The Senior students of DPS Greater Noida collaborated with the teachers of the Music department to create a melodious music video 'Aakash ke Uss Paar'. The voices and the music on different instruments were amalgamated digitally. It was shared with the students on May 20, 2020.

Special Assembly-Message from the Principal DPSGN





A special assembly video capsule was shared on May 20, 2020 with the students across all the classes on MS Teams. The Principal, Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi spoke about the need to develop the ability to adapt to unforeseen situations and make the most of the opportunities, despite the various constraints posed by the Covid crisis. She also emphasised upon the need to follow social distancing protocols.

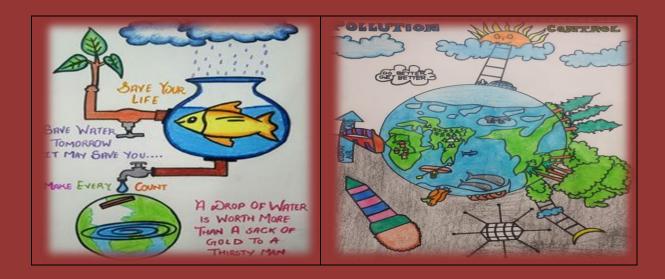
NCC Activities:

The DG of 31UP NCC Girls NCC Battalion has initiated various awareness activities related to Covid-19 and its safety measures under CMO and PMO guidance. The following activities have been successfully accomplished by the cadets till date, while many other activities are being carried out:

- 1. Video making by cadets for Covid -19 awareness.
- 2. An audio has been prepared by senior girl cadets in different languages (Misha Varma-English and Awasthy Vijay Malayalam).
- 3. Online training for Covid-19 volunteer/warrior has been undertaken by 45 girl Cadet.
- 4. Online poster making competition on 'Polio' under the name of 'IndraDhanush' as a general awareness activity.

Activities undertaken by NCC JD Boys Cadets:

- 1. Organized Diksha app IgoT Traning for dos and Don'ts during Covid-19
- 2. Organized Awareness campaign on Aarogya Setu
- 3. Organized KGMU Lucknow NCC Covid related assignments
- 4. Workout video by the NCC cadets to stay aware and fit at home
- 5. Organized NCC Poster making for National Sports Day, Environment Day & Save Water.



Constructive Timetable

As a follow up from the webinar on Effective Emergency Remote Teaching Strategies, the students were asked to make a constructive Time Table to gauge for themselves how they were utilizing their time and how they could use this time to follow their hobbies, along with academics.

Exploring and Excelling in Online space..........

Online career counselling for students:

"RMIT University Virtual Expo"

Study@RMIT Virtual Expo aimed to help the students to discover everything that RMIT has to offer, from anywhere in the world. This exclusive online event allowed students to explore study areas (Architecture, Art, Biomedical Sciences, Building, Business, Communication, Design, Education, Engineering, Fashion, Game Design, Health Science, Information Technology, Law, Media, Property, Science, Social Science) receive tailored advice in the area of the study opted by the student, to be a part of interactive webinars and immerse themselves in their 360* campus videos. The session was held on May 30, 2020 and was attended by Ms. Jyotsna Vats (School Counsellor).

Live Webinar on 'New Age Career Due to Covid -19'

Mr.Jatin Chawla, renowned career Counsellor, held a session on The Emerging Careers for Students of Class XII post COVID scenario' on May 24, 2020. He discussed the impact of Covid 19 induced global recession on the society for years to come.

The webinar underlined that the COVID-19 crisis would be catalyst to bring about reform and restructuring. The following three factors will lead the transformation of every industry: Agility, Digital Transformation, and Work from home culture.

He also discussed how the crisis has exposed emerging areas of opportunity for the young minds and how they can work towards capitalizing on them.

Ms. Deepali Arora, Science Faculty and Ms. Jyotsna Vats (School Counsellor) attended the same.

Emerging Career Domains in the World of Law and Public:

The objective of this webinar was to share information on Law as a career choice. Mr.Prikshit Dhanda was the Resource Person. In his session he explained about Law as a profession. He explained that a law degree is aimed to inculcate serious advocacy skills, empowering one to argue in favor of any cause. Mr. Prikshit talked about the options in the field of law which includes civil law, corporate law, patent law, corporate management, legal services, and administrative services. Students of class XII attended the webinar on May 16, 2020 along with Ms. Deepali Arora (Science Faculty) and Ms. Jyotsna Vats (School Counsellor).

Webinar on National Law School Awareness Summit 2020

A webinar was scheduled for the students of classes XI & XII on 'National Law School Awareness Summit 2020' on May 10, 2020. Law degrees have always been among the most sought- after and widely respected courses to study. This webinar on Law focused on the answers to the questions as; Is Law the right career for interested students?; Are NLUs as good as heard by everyone?; Is Law an option for girls?; Are packages of NLUs better than those of IITs? The Summit was basically a panel discussion comprising Senior Lawyers, Corporate big-wigs, students of NLUs, and senior test prep experts. The senior lawyers gave valuable insight about law as a career option. They shared their own life experiences from being a student to present day big names in the legal sector. The speakers discussed the types of Law degrees available, varying according to where the students decides to study. Finding the information about the National law University is another challenge for the Law aspirants. It is very important for the student to have detail information about all the top NLUs. The speakers also shared about how to prep for the CLAT exams. Ms. Deepali Arora (Science Faculty) and Ms. Jyotsna Vats (School Counsellor) attended the same.

"Engineering Career Forecast- Post Covid Era"

Mr. Savinay Patlolla (Mindler CTO and IIT Kharagpur Alumnus), conducted a webinar on post covid engineering opportunities for Class XII students on May 7, 2020. The scenario in various branches of engineering and the opportunities likely to come up were discussed. Ms. Nilanjana Shihn discussed about the popular courses like Social Sciences; Psychology; area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender and Group Studies and English Language and Literature/Letters available at Trinity College, Dublin. She also discussed the student life at the campus, how to apply for any particular course, fee structure in totality and the overall expenditure involved. Ms. Deepali Arora (Science Faculty) and Ms. Jyotsna Vats (School Counsellor) attended the session.

The Science of Language Learning by Karadipath Educational Agency:

The Resource Person Mr. Kalpesh Gajanan, Senior Official from Karadipath discussed at length about the learning package for classes Nursery to V, aiming at Language teaching in its most effective way. Ms. S. Veena, Subject Incharge of English Department attended the same on April 10, 2020.

SI - UK (Study International - United Kingdom):

On April 7, 2020, Study International United Kingdom (SI-UK) organised a webinar on 'Higher Education in the UK' for classes XI and XII students. The speakers were Ms. Bhavna Duggal, Ms. Aakshi and Ms. Rajni Saini. Ms. Duggal initiated the webinar by briefing about prestigious universities, reasons and benefits to study in UK, the eligibility criteria, competitive exam (IELTS, TOEFL), documents required, scholarships and cost of living in UK.

Career counselling by Mr. Jatin Chawla:

Two online career counselling sessions were organised by the school- for students of Classes X & XI on April 5, 2020 and for Class XII on April 6, 2020, respectively, with Mr. Jatin Chawla. The session started with how to utilise time and enhance one's knowledge and learning with various free online courses available. Information regarding studies in International Universities was the major highlight for the students of class XII. Along with the students, the session was attended by Mr. Narendra Singh (HM), Mr. D.S Yadav (HM), Mr. R. K. Keswani (Commerce Faculty), Ms. Madhuri Gupta (Social Science I/C) and Ms. Kavita Shankar (Science Faculty).

Webinar for Teachers:

Webinar by Ratnasagar Publications - Evolving Paradigms: The road ahead

Ratnasagar Publications conducted a webinar 'Evolving Paradigms: The Road Ahead' on May 27, 2020 for Principals, Head Mistresses and Coordinators of various schools. The panellists included Principals of well-known schools in Delhi-NCR. The aim of the webinar was to discuss the changing education sector scenario, the challenges faced and the training required for all the people involved.

While all the panellists agreed that focus should be on socio-emotional learning and sharing of responsibilities for the same by the three stakeholders: student, teachers and parents; each panellist spoke in detail about one particular aspect of education. Everyone agreed that though the revamp of education system has been in the news for a long time, now is the opportunity to change and modernise it according to the requirements today. Use of technology has been forced upon us, but it is up to us to make it a valuable resource. Dr. (Ms.) Shalini Anupam Jain and Ms. Pooja Chauhan attended this webinar.

Webinar by Oxford University Press:



On 23rd of May, a Webinar was organised by Oxford University Press, on 'Effective Emergency Remote Teaching Strategies'. Nearly 180 teachers from various wings of DPS Gr. Noida logged

in for this Webinar conducted by Ms. Mala Palani. It apprised the teachers with various methods and strategies for successful remote teaching.



Workshop by IPN:

A session on 'How to integrate online in your learning system' was held by IPN on May 02, 2020. The same was attended by the

HMs, Mr. Narendra Singh, Mr. D. S Yadav and Ms. Manju Verma along with Ms. Swati Pandey (Computer Faculty). Mr. Gaurav Yadav, Founder IPN India, Hon'ble Dr. KiranBedi, Lt. Governor, Puducherry; Mr. Ashok Pandey, Director Ahlcon Group of schools, New Delhi; Mr. Simerjeet Singh, International Motivational Speaker; Lt. General Surendra Kulkarni, Director Mayo College, Ajmer were among the eminent personalities present in the session.

OTHER WEBINAR SESSIONS TAKEN BY THE TEACHERS:

- > Ten tips on teaching from home: webinar for teachers of classes X to XII by Dr. Jennifer Chang Wathall.
- ➤ Health and emotional well-being of the primary age children webinar by Dr. Hazel Harris, Ms. Adrienne Bothanne
- Making Mathematics teaching relevant in 21st century for Maths department by Mr. Abhijit Mukherjee.
- > Scholastic Inc. held a live session for the teachers of classes X to XII on 'When facts meets fiction'.
- ➤ Mr. Manoj Prasad attended a webinar on 'students' queries related to examination' held by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

Enhancing skills -in-house :

- A series of online session were held by Department Incharges nd senior Teachers of various departments pertaining to Academic planning and training to handle zoom and MS Teams platforms.
- ➤ To chalk out the strategies for effective execution of subject videos: Session taken by Ms. S. Veena (English Faculty) for teachers of classes II to VIII.
- ➤ How to be an effective Biology teacher: Ms. Poonam Dua took a webinar for the Biology faculty.
- Webinar of FMM software was held for the teachers. Shared by Mr. R. K. Keswani and Ms. Aparna Mishra

Teacher as Resource Person:

Dr.Vinod Chauhan:

➤ 'Bhashik Kaushalo ka Rochak Shikshan: Sunna, Bolna, Padhna, Likhna', A CBSE COE (Delhi East): Hindi webinar held on May 28, 2020.

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➤ 'Hindi Gadya, Padya Aevam Vyakarn ka Rochak Shikshan' – A CBSE, COE (Delhi East): Hindi webinar was held on May 15, 2020.

Competitions online:

Bricsmath.com

Annual International online competition in Mathematics for classes I to XII. Preparatory round for the online competition was held from 22nd April 2020. Approximately 2500 students enrolled themselves. The main round will be held in July-October 2020.

➤ CSIR – NISCAIR :

On the occasion of World Environment Day, 2020, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication & Information Resources (NISCAIR) organized various drawing, cartoon making, essay and video making online competitions on 'Biodiversity' and 'Corona Pandemic'. Total 53 participated in the various events.

'Masti Se Mastishk Tak':

An online activity, was organized by Vigyan Prasar and Vanijya Bharti for students of classes VI to XI from May 10 to 17, 2020 under the guidance and supervision of the Principal, Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi. Forty two students participated in making videos on Physics, Chemistry and Maths related topics. Students showcased their scientific temper and expressed their creativity through the audio-visual presentations. All participants will be provided with an appreciation e-certificate

CBSE evaluation:

The CBSE evaluation for the subjects of Accountancy and Maths resumed from May 13, 2020 till June 04, 2020, under the guidance of the Principal DPSGN, Mrs. Renu Chaturvedi.

Working hand-in-hand with the District Administration:

Feeding the needy: Reaching out to the needy during the lockdown period, the school joined hands with the District Administration and distributed 500 food packets, prepared hygienically, every alternate day, through the office of the DIOS, from April 29 to May 05, 2020.





- Essay, Slogan, Song ,Poetry and Speech writing on 'Only way of Protection from Pandemic Corona is Social Distancing', under Jila Vidyalay Nrikshak from April 1 to 13, 2020.
- Installation of Aarogya Setu App on April 4, 2020 for all wards and their families.
- ➤ Participation in Lighting of Lamp: a call by the Prime Minister, for the Covid warriors on May 5, 2020
- ➤ The housekeeping staff of the school rose to need of the hour and helped the school in stitching 400 masks that were handed over to the District Administration to be further distributed among the needy for protection against the Corona Virus.