

Igniting Minds, Shaping Futures

Annual Report 2024-25

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."-William Buttler Yeast

At Open Sky, we believe that education exceeds the mere accumulation of knowledge. It's about sparking curiosity, igniting passion, and nurturing the innate potential within each child. This year, our journey has been a testament to this philosophy—transforming classrooms into sanctuaries of inspiration, where every lesson is a spark and every student is a flame waiting to shine.

The academic year 2024–25 was a period marked by significant growth, active engagement, and collective success at Open Sky. Staying true to our mission of fostering well-rounded individuals, we dedicated ourselves to achieving excellence in academics, enhancing co-curricular activities, promoting physical well-being, and instilling strong values. Our student-centered approach ensured a dynamic environment, providing numerous opportunities for learning, leadership, and self-expression.

In the academic years 2023–24 and 2024-25, Open Sky School achieved a remarkable milestone with a 100% pass rate in the CBSE Board Examinations. This exceptional accomplishment underscores the collective dedication and hard work of our students, the unwavering support of our parents, and the tireless commitment of our faculty. Beyond the impressive statistics, this achievement reflects the resilience and adaptability of our students in navigating the evolving educational landscape. It signifies their ability to overcome challenges, embrace new learning methodologies, and excel in a dynamic academic environment.

Moreover, this success highlights the effectiveness of our holistic approach to education, which emphasizes not only academic excellence but also the development of critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and emotional intelligence. By fostering a nurturing and stimulating environment, we empower our students to reach their full potential and prepare them for future endeavors. As we celebrate this achievement, we remain committed to our mission of providing quality education that nurtures well-rounded individuals capable of contributing positively to society.

We hosted a series of dynamic workshops covering key topics like mental health, cyber safety, career planning, environmental sustainability, and creative thinking. Led by experts, these sessions provided a vibrant space for students to explore, engage in meaningful discussions, and foster personal growth. The interactive atmosphere encouraged curiosity and empowered everyone to think critically and creatively about their future and well-being.

"The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways."— Robert Greene

Open Sky's vibrant culture served as a dynamic platform for experiential learning. These clubs provided students with opportunities to acquire and apply diverse skills in collaborative settings.

- Yoga Club: Fostered mindfulness and wellness, teaching students techniques for stress management and emotional balance.
- Yuva Tourism Club: Celebrated India's cultural richness through virtual tours and heritage
 activities, enhancing students' appreciation for history and cultural diversity.

• Financial Literacy Club: Taught practical life skills such as budgeting, digital finance, and saving habits, preparing students for financial independence.

These clubs not only nurtured specific skills but also encouraged students to combine them creatively, preparing them for future challenges and opportunities. Our house system — comprising Nehru, Vajpayee, Indira, and Shastri Houses — continued to inspire unity and spirited participation. Students competed in debates, quizzes, cultural performances, art, and sports, showcasing their talents and building teamwork and leadership skills.

At our school, we believe that the world is the ultimate classroom, and this year's adventures proved just that. "Learning isn't confined to textbooks," and our students truly lived that mantra through unforgettable experiences. From marveling at the majestic Taj Mahal and the imposing Agra Fort, to stepping into the wild at Jim Corbett National Park, every trip was a journey not just through space, but through time. And who could forget the biodiversity tour at Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary? It was a hands-on adventure that had students diving deep into conservation and sustainability, where they learned to appreciate nature in its most raw and beautiful form.

But the journey didn't stop there. At the heart of all our activities was a commitment to student well-being, a principle we hold dear. "Healthy students are the foundation of a thriving school," and this year, we ensured that every aspect of health was covered—from general check-ups and vision screenings to dental care and nutrition guidance. It's all part of our effort to foster not just academic success, but personal well-being.

One of the standout initiatives this year was the "Tobacco-Free Future" campaign—a school-wide movement that had students talking, creating, and advocating for change. "This campaign was about giving students the knowledge to make informed, healthy decisions,". Armed with information, students got creative—designing impactful posters, brainstorming slogans, and participating in thought-provoking discussions. These projects weren't just classroom exercises; they've become part of the fabric of our school, displayed across campus as constant reminders of the importance of living tobacco-free.

Another noteworthy initiative was the incredible enthusiasm shown by both students and staff in the "Swachhta Hi Sewa" campaign. Far from being just a routine activity, this campaign transformed into a powerful movement aimed at embedding cleanliness as a fundamental value and shared social duty. Students rolled up their sleeves to participate in cleanliness drives across the school—tidying classrooms, hallways, playgrounds, and even extending their efforts to surrounding public spaces. They designed posters, performed skits, and led awareness sessions, inspiring others to keep their environments clean and green. The campaign also featured sessions on waste segregation, composting, and reducing the use of single-use plastics. The sense of unity, cooperation, and environmental responsibility was evident as students worked together to build a cleaner, more sustainable community. This hands-on involvement not only sparked a sense of pride in their work but also cultivated lifelong habits of civic duty and ecological

We proudly celebrated the richness of India's diverse culture by honoring festivals like Diwali, Eid, Christmas, and Holi, along with national days such as Independence Day and Republic Day. These celebrations were marked by lively performances, vibrant decorations, and engaging class activities that fostered a deep sense of respect, inclusivity, and unity within our school community. Each event became an opportunity to strengthen bonds and embrace the cultural tapestry that makes our nation unique.

Specific training. These sessions not only sharpened their teaching skills but also aligned closely with the principles of NED 2000. principles of NEP 2020, fostering innovative approaches to classroom interaction. Through transformative transformative experiences, our educators have evolved into facilitators of deeper conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and value-based learning.

In alignment with the NEP 2020 vision, the school also organized the SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning) exam for middle school students. This forward-thinking initiative emphasized the importance of conceptual clarity and application-driven learning, reinforcing our dedication to cultivating analytical and critical thinkers.

"Great leaders don't just show the way—they walk it first."

It was a defining moment for our institution when our Chairperson, Dr. Sonu Sharma, had the privilege of representing the SDAV Group of Schools at a prestigious international education summit in Tokyo, Japan a nation where centuries of tradition harmonize with cutting-edge innovation. Welcomed by Ambassador George Sibi and high-ranking officials, including the Japanese Education Minister, at the iconic Tokyo University, the delegation explored exciting new avenues for cultural and academic collaboration. Japan's open invitation to Indian students for opportunities in STEM, along with scholarships and internships, creates an exciting bridge for our learners to "look East," overcome language barriers, and embrace a broader, global approach to education.

As we reflect on the remarkable journey of this academic year, we are reminded that every step we take towards growth, knowledge, and unity contributes to building a brighter future for our students. The experiences, initiatives, and achievements we've shared together have paved the way for a new era of learning, one where curiosity, passion, and global awareness lead the way.

"आगामी वर्षे ज्ञान, समृद्धि च प्रगति प्रबुद्धा सदा अस्तु।"

With this, we move forward, hoping for coming year be enlightened with knowledge, prosperity, and continuous growth, inspired and motivated, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, knowing that our commitment to excellence and holistic development will continue to guide us in the years to come.

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