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SCHOOL ANTHEM

Amidst the rivers that gently flow,
And mountains tall, where eagles soar.
In valleys green, where nature thrives,
Our Doon School, where greatness resides.

Oh, Doon School, our hearts are true,
We stand together, strong and blue.
With courage high and spirits bright,
We'll conquer challenges, with all our might.

In this heaven, where birds take flight,
We seek knowledge, our beacon of light.
In every classroom, wisdom's voice,
Guiding us onward, to make the choice.

Through flowing rivers and mountains grand,
We'll strive for greatness, hand in hand.
Inspired by nature's beauty profound,
In unity and harmony, we are bound.

From valleys deep to peaks above,
Our Doon School, a place we love.
With resilience as our guiding star,
We'll face the world, no matter how far.

Oh, Doon School, forever we'll be,
United by knowledge, proud and free.
In rivers, mountains, birds, and valleys wide,
Our spirit shall soar, with a lasting stride.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

BOOK ODYSSEY 2026

Week-Long Literary Celebration Inaugurated







Doon School Srinagar inaugurated its annual literary event, Doon Book Odyssey – Annual Book Fair 2026, with an enthusiastic response from students, faculty, and leadership.

The ceremonial ribbon-cutting was led by the Principal alongside Academic Coordinators. Students explored stalls featuring fiction, science, history, poetry, and children's literature.

The School's Chairman visited the venue to interact with students and commend the initiative for fostering a lifelong reading culture.

The fair features interactive corners, storytelling sessions, and collaborative book-review activities.









ART OF SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSION

INTER-HOUSE EXTEMPORE COMPETITION













Young orators took the stage at the Doon School Auditorium during an exhilarating Inter-House Extempore Competition.

Designed to refine articulate communication, sharpen quick thinking, and conquer stage fright, the event challenged students to deliver spontaneous, powerful speeches with minimal preparation.

The auditorium buzzed with eloquent delivery, inspiring ideas, and confidence.

SMART AND HEALTHY EATING SESSION

WITH EXPERT DIETITIAN



Healthy Students Brighter Tomorrows









Promoting health and wellness across the school community, Doon School Srinagar hosted a session titled "Smart and Healthy Eating" in the Doon Auditorium. Featuring expert dietitian Aisha Tramboo from Paras Hospital, the interactive session educated Class 7 students on balanced nutrition and healthy habits. Additionally, staff members received personalized one-on-one dietary consultations.

CRICKET TEAM FLAGGED OFF FOR CBSE NORTH ZONE-II TRIALS









Doon School Srinagar announced the departure of its 10-member student cricket team to Chandigarh, Punjab, for the CBSE North Zone-II Cricket Trials (August 7 to 15, 2026).

The team was officially flagged off from the campus by the Chairman, Principal, and Coordinators, who offered their best wishes for a successful tournament rooted in discipline and sportsmanship.

IN THE NEWS

FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

- OPENAI RELEASES ADVANCED NEXT-GEN REASONING MODELS: New breakthroughs in artificial intelligence continue to drive advanced autonomy and complex reasoning capabilities across fields.
- NISAR MISSION OPERATIONAL OBSERVATIONS: Joint radar observations from NASA and ISRO provide precise measurements of Earth's surface changes, helping regional water management and disaster preparedness.
- ASTRONOMERS SPOT INTERSTELLAR COMET 3I/ ATLAS: Advanced sky survey systems continue to monitor rare cosmic visitors traversing our solar system.

SOCIETY & POLICY

- UNION CABINET APPROVES REVAMPED KHELO INDIA SCHEME: An expanded outlay of 36,441 crore was approved to strengthen grassroots sports, school playgrounds, and national talent development through 2030–31.
- BRICS Environmental Cooperation Pact: Member nations reached key agreements to collaborate on forest restoration, biodiversity preservation, and green technologies.
- DIGITAL GOVERNANCE EXPANSION: Nationwide initiatives continue to expand digital public infrastructure, streamlining public services for citizens.

LITERARY LIGHTS

- LITERARY FAIRS DRIVE YOUTH READING HABITS: School and community literary festivals are expanding access to interactive storytelling, digital archives, and curated reading lists.
- CREATIVE WRITING IN MODERN CURRICULA: Schools are increasing focus on impromptu public speaking, creative writing, and poetry to boost youth communication skills.
- GLOBAL OUTREACH FOR INDIAN AUTHORS: Modern regional and national authors continue gaining international platforms for contemporary literary contributions.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- CBSE NORTH ZONE TOURNAMENTS UNDERWAY: School contingents across northern India participate in multi-regional trial matches to identify top athletic talent.
- INDIA PREPARES FOR MAJOR ASIAN & GLOBAL GAMES: National sports federations are conducting intensive preparation camps across track, field, and team disciplines.
- FOCUS ON YOUTH SPORTS SCIENCE: Sports academies across India are incorporating modern biomechanics, nutrition, and wearable technology into junior athlete training.

THE WORLD OF TRADE

- INDIA'S AUGUST EXPORTS SURGE 26%: Strong foreign demand in engineering, chemicals, and textiles led to a significant jump in monthly merchandise exports.
- TRADE DEFICIT NARROWS TO MULTI-MONTH LOW: Slower gold and non-essential imports helped narrow India's merchandise trade gap to $26.9 billion in August.
- GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS GROWTH: Global public and private sectors continue to scale up funding for renewable energy and floating solar installations.



HEALTH & SAFETY

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As the new academic year gathers pace, maintaining healthy routines becomes essential. Adequate sleep, regular meals, physical activity, and mindful breaks help students stay energised and focused through busy school days.

Equally important is knowing when to slow down, seek help, and look after one's well-being. A healthy student is better prepared to learn, participate, and make the most of every opportunity.



CREATIVE CORNER

LYRICAL PIECES

MY HOMELAND, KASHMIR

My homeland is not only a valley on a map,
not merely a name whispered
between mountains and memory.
It is Kashmir --
a place that does not simply exist outside me,
but lives quietly within my pulse,
like an old prayer
I have known all my life.

It lives in the hush of snow at dawn,
in the silver mist resting upon the hills,
in the chinars that stand like keepers of time,
their autumn leaves falling
like burnt pieces of gold.
It lives in the rivers that carry stories,
in the saffron-scented air of distant fields,
in every breeze that passes
as though it knows my name.
Kashmir is beauty, yes --
but not the shallow beauty of postcards.
It is beauty with memory,
beauty with silence,
beauty that has learned
how to smile with tears hidden in its eyes.
Its lakes mirror the sky,
yet somewhere beneath that calm reflection
rest the echoes of sorrow,
unspoken but never absent.

Still, my homeland endures.
It rises each morning with quiet dignity,
wearing frost like poetry
and sunlight like hope.
And teaches me that gentleness is not weakness,
that even the softest things --
snow, prayer, a mother's voice --
can survive the harshest winters.

I carry Kashmir in the smallest things:
in the warmth of noon chai on cold evenings,
in the stories of elders spoken by firelight,
in the wooden windows of old homes,
in the songs that sound
as though longing itself has found a voice.
I carry it in language,
in memory,
in the ache of hearing its name
from faraway mouths.

For a homeland is not only land.
It is the people who keep loving it
through every storm.
It is the mothers who stitch warmth into winter,
the fathers whose weary hands still build tomorrow,
the children whose laughter rises
even beneath uncertain skies.
It is every heart
that refuses to let love be buried
under fear, distance, or grief.

And if one day life carries me far away,
beyond these mountains,
beyond these skies I first belonged to,
I know Kashmir will still remain with me --
in the way I pray,
in the way I remember,
in the way my soul turns homeward
without needing a road.
Because some places are not left behind.
They become blood, breath, and belonging.

They settle into your silences,
your dreams,
your language,
until leaving them becomes impossible.
So no -- Kashmir is not only where I come from.
It is where my heart kneels in gratitude.
It is my first love,
my quiet grief,
my pride, my prayer, my piece of forever.
And wherever I go,
through every season of life,
I will carry my homeland within me --
like the fragrance of rain upon earth
like a lamp trembling in the dark,
like a poem
that no distance can ever finish.

~ Aisha

CHRONICLES

THE LOST PENCIL

Ali was getting ready for his maths class when he suddenly realised that his favourite pencil was missing.

He looked under his desk, inside his bag and even checked his pockets.

"Where is it?" he said, feeling annoyed.

His friend Majid came over. "What happened?"

"My pencil is gone. I've had it since Grade 5!"

They both started looking around. After a few minutes, Majid suddenly laughed.

"Ali, check your ear."

Ali touched his ear and felt the pencil tucked behind it.

"Oh…"

Majid started laughing so loudly that even the teacher looked over.

Ali laughed too. "Okay, don't tell anyone."

"Too late."

By the end of the class, almost everyone knew about Ali's "missing" pencil.

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ART GALLERY





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