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EDITORIAL

September was a month of focus and determination as students geared up for their examinations following the vibrant Raising Day and Annual Day celebrations. The festive energy seamlessly transitioned into academic diligence, reflecting the students' ability to balance celebration with commitment, marking a productive and fulfilling month at school. Happy reading!

-- S.K. Manimekalai (PGT English)



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In recognition of their invaluable contribution, the **Institute of Management Studies (IMS), Ghaziabad**, organised the **Shikshak Samman Samaroh** on Sep 6, 2025 at its University Courses Campus, Adhyatmik Nagar, Ghaziabad. Seven esteemed teachers of APS Noida were felicitated with the **Best Teacher Award**, bringing immense pride and joy to the entire school fraternity: **Ms. Riti Kakkar, Ms. S.K. Manimekalai, Mr. Gaganendra Nath Thakur, Ms. Bhagwati Bisht (Maths), Ms. Ritika Srivastava, Ms. Renu Bhatnagar, Ms. Neetu Deopa.**



Mr. Abhishek Sharma, TGT Social Science, was honoured at the prestigious **Amar Ujala Best Teacher Award 2025** ceremony held on Sep 6, 2025 at Amity University, Noida. The event was graced by the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, **Shri Brajesh Pathak**, as the Chief Guest, adding significance to the occasion. Mr. Abhishek had the honour of receiving the award from the Deputy CM amidst enthusiastic applause from the audience.

ACCOLADES



It is a moment of immense pride and joy for the entire **APS Noida** fraternity to share that our school has been ranked **No. 1 in Noida** under the category of **Government/Defence Day Schools** in the prestigious **Cfore School Rankings 2025**.

The **Cfore School Rankings**, pioneered in 2001, have over the years emerged as one of the most credible and trusted surveys of K-12 schools in India. Receiving the **No. 1 Rank in Noida** is not only an honour but also a recognition of the visionary leadership of our **Principal, Ms. Indrani Neogi**, the dedication of our faculty, the hard work of our students, and the constant support of our parent community.

On the occasion of Teacher's Day, **Ms. Sonia Kapur, Coordinator of Primary Wing**, was felicitated with the **Regional President AWWA Commendation Card**. The award was presented by **Brig. Harbir Singh, Commander 261 Artillery Brigade and Chairman**



APS Noida, in recognition of her dedication and valuable contribution to the field of education.

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On Sep 14, 2025, the **Commerce Teachers' Foundation** organised **Abhinandan 2025** at the India International Centre, New Delhi, to honour outstanding commerce teachers from Delhi NCR and across India for their exemplary contributions to the CBSE 2024–25 results. The event was graced by Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE, and Mr. Dhananjay Shukla, President, ICSI, as chief guests. **Ms. Satinder Kaur, PGT Accountancy from APS Noida** was felicitated with the award for achieving **commendable results in Accountancy in the Delhi NCR category.**



This year, once again the organisation **Pratham** partnered with **QPundits** as an outreach partner for the much-awaited **FAB Teacher Award 2025**. The process of selection involved student nomination and the results of this democratic process brought the value of fair spirit to the APS fraternity. The proud recipients of the **FAB Teacher Award 2025** were: **Mr. Abhishek Sharma, TGT Social Science** and **Ms. Anuradha Parashar, TGT English**. In addition, **Principal, Ms. Indrani Neogi** was honoured with the award for her exemplary leadership and invaluable contribution to the school community. Tokens of appreciation were also presented to **Ms. Riti Kakkar** and **Ms. Anu Mathews**, the award coordinators.



Sahastrajit P. Sinha of Class XII from APS Noida was adjudged **Best Speaker – For the Motion**, bringing laurels to the school, at the **AWES Inter APS Cluster Level English Debate Competition 2025**, hosted by Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan on Sep 11, 2025.

The other participants were **Riddhima Chauhan (Class XI)** as Speaker against the motion and **Navikka Saini (Class XI)** as Interjector. The teacher mentor was **Ms. S.K. Manimekalai, PGT English**.

Anushree Upadhyay of Class VI from APS Noida won the **Gold Medal** in the **Under 11 Category** of **Rhythmic Gymnastics** in the **National Gymnastics Championship 2025**, held at **Sadhvi Pritisudhaji International School, Rahata, Maharashtra, Sep 18, 2025**. Around 250 gymnasts from CBSE schools of different states participated in four categories each in Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics. **Anushree Upadhyay** also won **4 Bronze Medals** (3 in individual events & 1 in the overall performance) in the **Under 13 category** at the **Gautam Budh Nagar District Gymnastics Championship**.



CBSE ACTIVITIES AND COE WORKSHOPS



The **Department of Skill Education, CBSE**, organised the **Skill Expo and Guidance Festival 2025–26** across various cities to promote vocational and skill-based learning among students. For schools under the regional offices of Delhi (East), Delhi (West), and Noida, the **Zonal-Level Expo** was conducted at **Shambhu Dayal Global School, Ghaziabad, on Sep 4, 2025**. **Two projects of APS Noida** were among the **60+ schools** selected to present their projects at the zonal level, showcasing innovation and creativity across multiple skill categories for the **Zonal Round**. One of the selected two projects, **Eco Chill (Category VI–X)** was showcased by **Amogh Bhatt (VIII)** and **Ojaswi (VIII)** under the guidance of **Ms. Kavita Sharma (TGT Physics)**. The other selected project, **Pyrosat (Category XI–XII)** was presented by **Piyush Kanti Das (XI)** and **Nandini Sharma (XII)** whose Teacher Mentor was **Ms. Shaili Singh (PGT Computer Science)**. The project **Pyrosat** advanced to the **National Level** and secured **Rank 2**. The achievement is a testament to the students' dedication, innovation, and the expert guidance of their mentors.

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31ST RAISING DAY AND ANNUAL DAY 2025

The school celebrated the 31st Raising Day and Annual Day 2025 on Sep 1 and 2, 2025, with grandeur and patriotic fervour. On Sep 1, the school was honoured by Col. V. N. Thapar (Retd.), distinguished Army officer, author and noted commentator, as the Chief Guest, along with Mrs. Tripta Thapar, educationist, and proud mother of Capt. Vijayant Thapar, VrC, the Kargil hero who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.

On Sep 2, Lt Gen Sanjay Kulkarni, PVSM, AVSM, SC, SM, VSM (Retd.), the decorated soldier who led the historic occupation of the Siachen Glacier in 1984 and former Director General of Infantry, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The school was also honoured by the presence of Brigadier Harbir Singh, Commander, 261 Artillery Brigade and Chairman, APS Noida, along with Mrs. Namrata Kaur, educationist, homemaker, and Senior Director, Family Welfare Organisation, 261 Artillery Brigade, as the Guests of Honour.

The two-day celebrations showcased the students' diverse talents through cultural performances that embodied discipline, creativity, and excellence. *"Manokathan – Runes from the Soul,"* an evocative dance drama, explored a child's inner world, while a skit by the Primary Wing and a robot dance drama by the Senior Wing reflected both the innocence of childhood and the impact of AI on children's lives today. The school choir's soulful tribute to grandparents and performances celebrating soldiers and patriotism deeply moved the audience.

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony honoured outstanding achievements of students in academics and co-curricular fields. The Primary Wing achievers were felicitated on day 1 while the Senior Wing achievers were felicitated on day 2. A special highlight was the release of the school's Annual Magazine and School Book, which featured the 4th anthology of student-authored stories, published by Scholastic India. The anthology, along with the Annual Magazine *Imprints 2024–25*, was unveiled by the distinguished guests. Inspiring addresses by the chief guests and vote of thanks by the prefects enriched the celebration. The two-day event concluded with a soulful rendition of the national anthem by the school choir.



TEACHER ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMMES

Ms. Rohini J., TGT English, attended a five-day Capacity Building Workshop for the English Faculty (TGTs of APSs) organized by **FDRC at Shankar Vihar, New Delhi** from Sep 8-12, 2025, which proved to be an enriching and highly interactive professional development program for the English teachers. The week-long workshop was well-structured, insightful, and impactful. It not only deepened teachers' understanding of competency-based assessment but also enriched their pedagogical practices through exposure to innovative strategies, values-driven curriculum design, and activity-based learning.



On Sep 16, 2025, a webinar for Hindi PRT teachers was conducted by Goyal Brothers Prakashan from 4:00–6:00 pm, focusing on the grammar book **“Vyakaran Sudha.”** Dr. Shiksha highlighted the relevance of NEP 2020 and NCF 2023, linking grammar teaching with competencies, learning



outcomes, and NIPUN Bharat goals. Teachers were guided on accessing e-books, worksheets, and resources through the Merit Box platform, ensuring digital support for classroom teaching. Queries from participants were also addressed.

Ms. Babita Sinha, School Counsellor, was featured on **NCERT’s Manodarpan live session** on Sep 19, 2025. The programme, **“Small Actions that Lead to Big Inspiration,”** highlighted how simple habits like time management and positive thinking can bring meaningful change.



On Sep 20, 2025, **Ms. Kritika Dogra, Special Educator**, attended a workshop on **Government Schemes and Benefits for Persons with Disabilities**, organised by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Noida, as a part of Continued Rehabilitation Education (CRE) for the professional development of Special Educators. The objective was to enhance the understanding of professionals about intellectual disability, explore effective educational and intervention strategies, and create awareness about various government and other schemes available for persons with disabilities. The sessions aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge to guide families and beneficiaries regarding these welfare programmes.

Ms. Madhu Bisaria of Primary Wing attended a five-day **Capacity Building Workshop for APS Primary Teachers**, organised by the Faculty Development and Research Centre (FDRC), AWES, at APS Shankar Vihar, New Delhi, from Sep 22–26, 2025. The workshop focused on NEP 2020, experiential learning, inclusive education, life skills, value education, and subject-specific pedagogy, equipping teachers with innovative and child-centric practices. The workshop provided a comprehensive platform for professional enrichment, enhancing teachers' capacity to adopt modern, NEP-aligned practices.

On Sep 23, 2025, **Ms. Indrani Neogi** (Principal, APS Noida) and **Ms. Kritika Dogra** attended the **Sign Language Day** at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)**, New Delhi, organized by DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The event showcased key initiatives promoting Indian Sign Language (ISL), including a digital repository of 3,000+ ISL videos, STEM term translations, ISL book releases, and interpreter training programs. Cultural performances highlighted Deaf identity and expression. The event reinforced ISL as a right and emphasized integrating inclusive practices in education nationwide.



Mr. Karmendra Bisht, TGT – Physical Education, successfully completed the **PRCN course** and received his **commission as an NCC Officer** from **OTA Kamptee, Maharashtra**. His achievement has brought pride to the school and it reflects his dedication to discipline, leadership, and youth development through the NCC programme.



EDUCATIONAL VENTURES



On **Sep 12, 2025**, the **Adobe team**, including Michelle (Product Management, Adobe SFO), Linda (Design Team, Adobe SFO), Pooja Upadhyay (Senior Programme Manager, Education Institutions Product Marketing and GTM), and representatives from Engineering and Marketing, **visited APS NOIDA** to interact with students and teachers, observe the use of Adobe Express in classrooms, and gather feedback for improvement. The flow included introductions, a short Adobe presentation on collaboration and creativity, a hands-on activity where students



showcased strong creativity and adaptability, while teachers - Ms. Neelam Anand, Ms. Erweina, Ms. Rajlaxmi, Ms. Meena Bisht, Ms. Ekta Sharma, Mr. M. Akram, and Mr. Divyam Bisht - highlighted the ease of using Adobe Express for lesson materials and projects. Complementary to this visit, **a team of teachers from APS Noida** – Mr. Divyam Bisht, Ms. Meena Bisht, Ms Sulakshana Kalia, Ms. Ancy James and Ms. Neetu Deopa – **visited the Adobe Noida Office on Sep 18, 2025** for an **interactive workshop** which focused on sharing classroom experiences with Adobe Express, identifying areas for improvement, and exploring innovative student-centred teaching.



GYAN BHARATAM CONFERENCE



Mr. Abhishek Sharma, TGT Social Science, attended the **Gyan Bharatam Conference**, held from Sep 11–13 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event marked the formal launch of the **Gyan Bharatam Mission**. The conference focused on the preservation, digitisation, and dissemination of India's manuscript heritage, bringing together over 1,100 participants, including



scholars, experts, and cultural practitioners from India and abroad.

A key highlight was the address by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** on 12 September. He launched the **Gyan Bharatam Portal**, a digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation and public access. The valedictory session was graced by **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Minister for Culture, along with other eminent dignitaries from the Ministry of Culture, IGNC, ASI, and academia.

The conference provided valuable insights into heritage preservation and the integration of traditional knowledge with modern technology. It was a professionally enriching experience aligned with the vision of “Virasat aur Vikas.”



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS & VISITS



On Sep 11, 2025, the students of Class 1 went on an educational excursion to the **Fire Station** and the **Post Office**. At the Fire Station, the officer briefed the children about important safety precautions to prevent fire accidents, immediate



steps to be taken if fire breaks out in the neighbourhood, and the emergency numbers to be contacted in such situations. The visit was highly informative and interactive.



At the **Post Office**, the students observed how letters and parcels are collected, sorted, and delivered. They also witnessed the



conversations between people submitting their letters and parcels for delivery, which gave them a real-life experience of how the postal system works. The students were excited to see the functioning of the postal system and learned the importance of communication services in our daily lives.



On Sep 12, 2025, an **educational trip to Mother Dairy and Safal** was organised for students of Bal Vatika-II. The aim of the trip was to give students practical experience about how milk, milk products, fruits, and vegetables are made available



to people every day. At **Mother Dairy**, the staff gave a warm welcome to the students and explained the process of receiving, storing, and selling milk and various milk products daily.



The next stop of visit was **Safal**, the largest organised retail network of fruits and vegetables in the NCR, where the staff explained how fruits and vegetables are cleaned, graded, and stored in cold chambers to keep them fresh. During the visit to Safal, students were shown different types of fruits and vegetables, explained nutritional value of each product, and they were encouraged to follow a wholesome and balanced diet. Overall, the trip to Mother Dairy and Safal was an enriching

experience for the students, which complemented classroom learning with practical experiences.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



On Sep 12, 2025, the Primary Wing buzzed with creativity, enthusiasm, and hands-on learning as students participated in a variety of exciting **club activities**. The young learners of **Cubs and Bulbuls** turned waste into beautiful lanterns and face masks. They discovered the joy of reusing materials creatively. Students of



Coolinary Club prepared refreshing Virgin Mojitos using ingredients from home. They followed a demonstration and enjoyed the hands-on experience. Participants of **Inkspirations Club** explored the art of comic strip storytelling. They wrote humorous stories



with moral messages using visual formats, which boosted their language skills, and creativity. The **Mould Makers** shaped colourful birds out of clay with focus and care. They learned sculpting techniques while enhancing motor skills. **Orator's Guild** hosted a lively storytelling session, with engaging tales with confidence and creativity. **Symphonia Harmony** practiced the 4/4 Congo beat, focusing on rhythm, coordination, and consistency.



Trivia Triumph organised an exciting quiz on computer knowledge tested students' digital awareness, in which students answered questions on tools, technologies, and cybersecurity. Each club sparked joy, learning, and creativity—making the day enriching for all.



TEACHER'S DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



On Sep 11, 2025, the students of Class V organized a special assembly to celebrate **Teacher's Day**, honouring their teachers with a special programme. Beginning with a prayer song, followed by a thought by Myra Yadav for the day dedicated to the importance of teachers in our lives. The MCs Aashie Singh and Nitya Chawla presented the cultural show which was a blend of dance performances and speeches. The girls of Class 5-A captivated the audience with a graceful dance performance on 'Ganesh Stuti'. This was followed by a thoughtful talk by Atharv Negi (V), who shared his perspective on the role of teachers. Srisha (Class V) recited a moving poem she had composed, expressing gratitude for her teachers. Adeeta (Class V) presented a special talk that highlighted the significance of Teachers' Day and the profound impact educators have on students.

The assembly also featured entertaining performances, including a comedy skit that brought laughter to the hall and a dynamic dance performance by the boys of Class V-B. The latter part of the assembly was dedicated to showing appreciation for the teachers. Students presented their teachers with thoughtful gifts, including pens, handcrafted cards, and keychains.



The event concluded with a **special address by the principal**, who appreciated the students for their efforts and shared her insights on the teaching profession. She then cut a celebratory cake, which was followed by the distribution of doughnuts to all the students as a token of appreciation.



INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

As part of the ongoing initiatives to promote inclusivity and sensitise stakeholders towards the needs and culture of persons with hearing impairment, an **Online Awareness Session on the Deaf Community and Indian Sign Language (ISL)** was organised on Sep 26, 2025 during **Deaf Awareness Week**. Three of our faculty members, Ms. Kritika Dogra, Ms. Poonam Baukhandi and Ms. Rohini J. attended the workshop. The two-hour session aimed to provide valuable insights into the Deaf community, their culture, and communication needs; familiarize participants with basic ISL to foster better interaction and inclusion; and share best practices for creating inclusive environments in schools and other educational settings. The session successfully enhanced awareness about the Deaf community and highlighted the importance of learning ISL as a tool for inclusive education. Participants expressed that the training was informative and practical, enabling them to better support students with hearing impairments.

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Upcoming Events: Oct-Nov '25

- ❖ PTM for Classes BV-I to XII
- ❖ Inter-School Shaheed Captain Vijayant Thapar Football Tournament
- ❖ Social Science Week
- ❖ Inter-School Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Inter-House Debate and Poetry Competition

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