



DOON SCHOOL

SRINAGAR

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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.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

LPD WING

Doon School Srinagar (LPD Wing) celebrated its vibrant Annual Sports Day 2025 on 29th October with electrifying energy and true sportsmanship.

Graced by esteemed dignitaries, the event opened with a heartfelt address by Principal Mr. Kamili, reminding everyone that “each child is a promise of a brighter tomorrow.”

From a spirited torch-lighting to colourful drills, races, dances, and enthusiastic parent events, the day was bursting with joy and talent.

Medals, cheers, and proud smiles filled the field as young champions were honoured for their achievements. Chairman Mr. Showkat Hussain Khan applauded the dedication and teamwork that made the celebration shine.

The event wrapped up with gratitude and applause, perfectly capturing Doon School Srinagar's spirit of Fitness, Fun & Friendship.



ART MELA



Doon School Srinagar, under its “Doon Artistry Club,” hosted a vibrant and highly successful Art Mela that ignited creativity across the campus. The school transformed into a colourful hub of imagination as students participated in 15 diverse activities—from

Canvas Painting, Sketching, Rangoli, and Leaf Printing to Clay Modelling, Pencil Shaving Art, and Kite Decoration—showcasing remarkable talent and innovation. The highlight of the event was the Art Exhibition, where students proudly

displayed their masterpieces, inspiring appreciation and artistic conversations among peers. The Art Mela concluded as a resounding celebration of creativity, leaving a lasting spark of inspiration in every participant.



TALK OVER COOKIES



Doon School Srinagar hosted an engaging virtual cultural exchange, “Talk Over Cookies,” with Lexicon School, Maharashtra, bringing Grade 5 students together for a lively celebration of diversity.

Students shared highlights of their states—from languages and food to tourism and traditions—while quizzing each other, exchanging simple phrases, and ending with cheerful song presentations.

The session not only opened a window to each other’s cultures but also boosted confidence, communication, and respect for differences, making learning both meaningful and memorable.

CHILDREN'S DAY



Doon School Srinagar lit up with joy and colour as the school celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm. The event opened with an inspiring address by the Chairman, urging students to dream boldly and believe in their limitless potential, followed by the

Principal's motivating message on curiosity, compassion, and resilience. Heartfelt words from the Academic Coordinators added warmth to the celebration. The day came alive with energetic dance performances, soulful songs, and vibrant

stage acts, with the Music Department captivating the audience throughout. Doon School Srinagar extends its heartfelt wishes to all students for a joyful and memorable Children's Day.



DOON SCHOOL SHINES AT ALOHA STATE LEVEL COMPETITION 2025



Doon School Srinagar proudly celebrates the outstanding achievement of its young champions at the 16th Annual Aloha State Level Competition 2025, held at the University of Kashmir. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha graced the event and felicitated the top

performers for their remarkable excellence and competitive spirit. Among the brightest stars were Fatima Bint Muzamil, Ayesha Bint Muzamil, and several other talented Doonites who brought pride to the school with their exceptional performance.

Doon School applauds their hard work and dedication, and extends heartfelt congratulations to all the winners, wishing them continued success and even greater milestones ahead.

DOONITE SHINES ON THE NATIONAL STAGE



Doon School Srinagar is proud to celebrate the incredible achievement of Maheem Aijaz, who has been selected to represent Jammu & Kashmir at the National Badminton Championship organized by

BAI in collaboration with SAI. Competing in the U-15 category, Maheem emerged Winner in Girls' Doubles, outplaying top contenders from across J&K & earning her place at the Nationals in Bhubaneswar,

Odisha. As she prepares to step onto one of India's most prestigious youth badminton platforms, we wish her the very best for a power-packed, smashing performance ahead.

FIRST DAY OF NURSERY



Doon School Srinagar welcomed its newest little Doonites with warmth and joy as Nursery students stepped into school for the very first time today. The Chairman, Principal, and staff greeted every child and parent at the gate, turning

the morning into a celebration of smiles and new beginnings. Inside the classrooms, bright décor, playful corners, and loving teachers helped melt away first-day nerves, filling the rooms with curiosity and comfort. Tiny hands

clutching treats and wide, sparkling smiles created memories to treasure. We joyfully welcome our Nursery children and look forward to walking every step of this beautiful journey with them at Doon School Srinagar.



NURSERY PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2025

A WARM START TO A NEW JOURNEY



Doon School Srinagar successfully conducted the Nursery Parent Orientation Programme 2025 under its Lower Primary Department, setting a positive tone for the new academic year. The event introduced parents to the school’s vision, teaching approach, and daily routines while building a strong home-school bond. Highlights included a warm address by the Chairman, an insightful school report by the Head Boy and Head Girl, and heartfelt sharing by LPD students. The programme concluded with the Principal’s inspiring message, followed by an interactive session over refreshments – marking a meaningful and promising start for our newest Doonites.

DOON SCHOOL SRINAGAR SHINES AT ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Doon School Srinagar proudly participated in the “Nasha Muk t J & K Abhi ya n” Awareness Programme at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, on 15th November 2025. Organized by Shahr-e-Khaas Literary & Cultural Welfare Society and Angel’s Cultural Academy in collaboration with the J&K Excise Department and J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, the event saw stellar performances by our students. Grade XI’s Hadi Dar clinched First Place in the Art Segment with his creative expression, while Aabis Aijaz secured Second Place in the Speech Competition, delivering a compelling address on the harms of substance abuse. Doon School congratulates them for representing the school with excellence and making a meaningful impact.

DOON SCHOOL SRINAGAR CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE & BIDS FAREWELL TO CLASS 10

Doon School Srinagar hosted its Annual Prize Ceremony and Farewell Assembly for Class 10, celebrating the achievements and journeys of our young scholars.

The event began with the felicitation of outstanding performers across academics, sports, and co-curricular activities, acknowledging their dedication and excellence.

Heartfelt speeches, fond memories, and inspiring messages from teachers added warmth and nostalgia, while students shared their gratitude and dreams for the future.

The assembly concluded with a spirited farewell, wishing the Class 10 students success, happiness, and bright beginnings as they step into their next chapter.



IN THE NEWS

FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

Scientifically Speaking: How AI is invading scientific journals -These days, much online prose feels generic — flattened voice, repeated language, and similar punctuation. AI may now be infiltrating science journals
AI just found the oldest evidence of life on Earth — scientists are stunned — discovery of molecular-level traces of life from 3.3 billion years ago thanks to a new AI-based method.
Earth is emitting mysterious radiation after sunset — scientists can’t explain why — recent detection of a faint natural radio emission that pulses through the upper atmosphere at night.

SOCIETY AND POLICY

India’s reforms moment in science and technology
If the ANRF is about capacity building, the new 1-lakh-crore RDI Fund aims to catalyse private-sector R&D investment in strategic and emerging technologies
4 quantum fabrication hubs worth 720 cr to come up under National Quantum Mission — a major boost to India’s quantum-tech infrastructure, announced by the government.
India International Science Festival 2025 (IISF) to be held in Panchkula — a platform uniting science, innovation and education for a self-reliant India showcasing how science events are being used to engage students, educators and policymakers alike.

LITERARY LIGHTS

Literature Live! Mumbai LitFest 2025 wraps up with global voices and vibrant sessions — The 16th edition of the Mumbai LitFest (Nov 7-9) brought together over 120 writers, poets, thinkers and performers from 15 countries, featuring sessions on fiction, poetry, social change, gender, history and more.
Nagpur Book Festival 2025 opens with over 300 stalls and a full literary lineup — The first-ever National Book Festival in Nagpur opened on Nov 22, with hundreds of publishers and a schedule of literary-talks, children’s workshops, book fairs and storytelling sessions aimed at reviving reading habits across age groups.
Koshala Literature Festival 2025 — literature, culture and cuisine converge in Lucknow — Set to run from Nov 27-30, the festival promises a mix of literature, music, art and local “tehzeeb,” celebrating the region’s cultural heritage alongside contemporary writing and dialogue.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

India clinches first-ever Women’s Cricket World Cup crown — The 2025 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup ended with India women’s national cricket team defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final. A momentous win that could inspire many young athletes!
Badminton glory for India: Women’s doubles title defended at Syed Modi International 2025 — The pair Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand held their nerve to beat a top Japanese duo in a thrilling three-game final and retain their crown.
Indian sports calendar heating up: 48th Junior National Badminton Championship begins — The 48th Junior National Badminton Championship 2025 kicked off in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, drawing top young shuttlers from across India — a big opportunity for grassroots talent.

THE WORLD OF TRADE

The World Trade Organization (WTO) warns global merchandise trade is cooling: overall growth for 2025 is weaker than expected and 2026 could see as little as 0.5% growth under tariff pressure and policy uncertainty.
Despite the general slump, trade in AI-related and tech products (semiconductors, telecom gear, servers, etc.) surged in early 2025 — nearly half of global trade-growth this year comes from these sectors, showing how technology is reshaping global trade dynamics.
Rising protectionism and geopolitical tensions are fueling a shift in global supply-chains: many countries are reconsidering old trade routes, re-aligning supply networks, and forging new bilateral or regional trade alliances — prompting a re-thinking of how and where goods move globally.



HEALTH & SAFETY

NOVEMBER EDITION

As the year moves forward, it's easy to forget how fragile the body and mind really are one missed night of sleep, one moment of carelessness, one ignored warning, and everything we rely on can shift without notice.

Health isn't just about avoiding illness; it's about being aware of the small signals your body gives the sudden tiredness, the strange ache, the hesitation you brushed off because it felt insignificant.

Safety isn't dramatic, it's quiet, it's found in simple decisions like staying aware, taking a breath before reacting, slowing down when instinct tells you to rush, and paying attention to what feels "off."

Most people don't realize the line between fine and not fine is thin and no one ever thinks they're the one crossing it, until they already have.

-Sadiya Binte Irfan Khan(X)



CREATIVE CORNER

LYRICAL PIECES

NOVEMBER KNOWS

November walks quietly,
 but it listens every step, every breath,
 every thought you think you're keeping to yourself.
 The leaves don't fall; they hide.
 The cold isn't weather; it's a warning.
 And the silence?
 It isn't empty,
 it's waiting for you to hear
 what you were never meant to remember.
 Because November doesn't pass...
 it returns,
 and it remembers everyone who pretends
 they've forgotten it.



THE LAST LIGHT

The final days of November feel like the world
 holding its breathlight fading faster,
 shadows stretching longer than they should.
 You swear the darkness moves
 when you're not watching,
 whispering things you almost understand.
 And as the last sunset bleeds into night,
 you finally realize:
 the month was never ending...
 it was circling back to where it started,
 taking you with it.
 - Nafiah (XII)

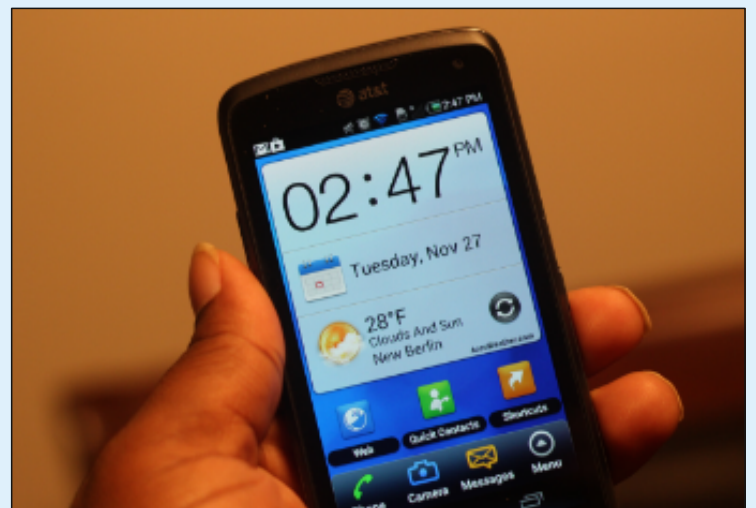
CHRONICLES

THE REFLECTION

She always thought reflections were just glass copying movement, until the night her reflection blinked after she turned away; it didn't copy her anymore it waited, studying her like someone learning instead of mimicking, and when she leaned closer to see if she imagined it, her reflection smiled first, as if finally recognizing her or as if replacing her was only a matter of time.

THE CALL

His phone rang at 2:47 AM no caller ID, no name, just silence when he answered, until a voice that sounded exactly like his own whispered, "Don't go near the door," and before he could ask anything, someone knocked — once, slow and deliberate and the voice on the phone quietly added, "I never listened either."

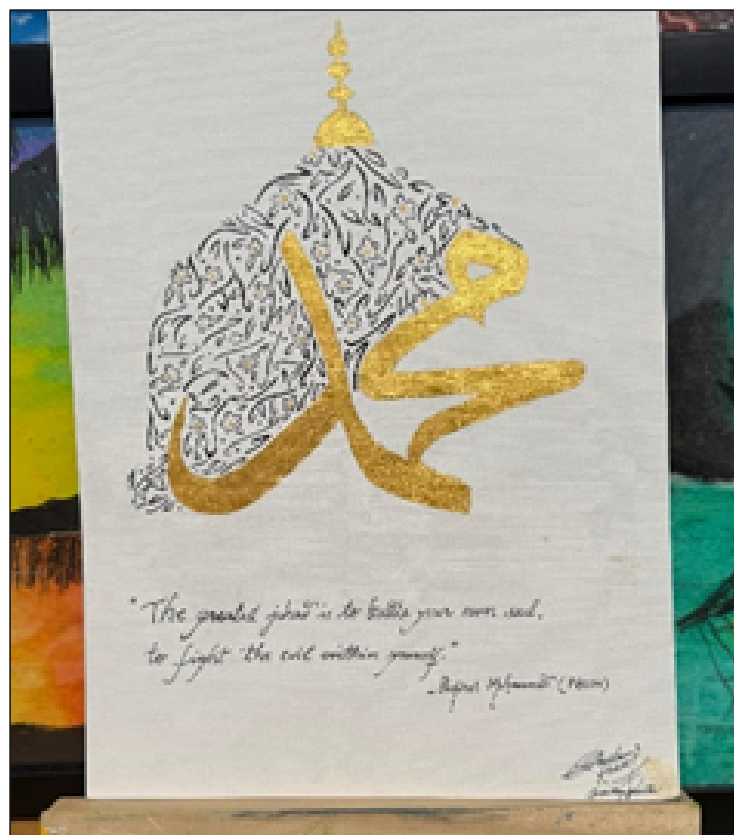


THE MEMORY

She didn't remember the old house, yet every hallway felt familiar, every picture felt like someone she used to know, and when she reached the locked room at the end, her hand moved to the handle on its own like muscle memory and just before she opened it, a thought surfaced so clearly it didn't feel like her own: Don't make the same mistake twice.

Haadi Wani(XII)

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