

PATASHALA PATRIKA

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"**Success** isn't handed to you; it's achieved through dedication, perseverance, and crafting **your own opportunities.**"

-Sripal Jain, Chairman



"Every child has a dream. **Education is the bridge** that transforms every dream into reality."

-Mahipal Kawad, Director



Fancy Dress Competition

● 1 August 2026

Icons Who Inspire

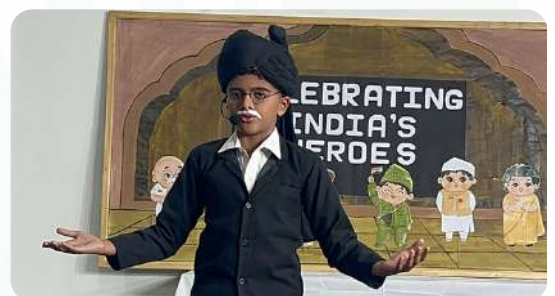


The school auditorium transformed into a **living gallery of India's heroes** as students of **Grades 5 to 8** took the stage for the annual Fancy Dress Competition, themed "Icons Who Inspire - Celebrating India's Heroes." **From freedom fighters to reformers and visionaries**, the young performers stepped into the shoes of the personalities who shaped the nation.

Compères Deepshika and Shanti of Grade 11 welcomed the gathering and introduced the theme, before Grade 5 opened the show, followed by Grades 6, 7 and 8. One by one, students brought their chosen icons to life - **Mangal Pandey, Rani Abbakka, Swami Vivekananda, Jhansi ki Rani, Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi** among them - each paired with a heartfelt introduction. Judges Ms. Sanjana and Ms. Mary evaluated every act across six parameters, from costume and confidence to dialogue delivery and stage presence.



Beyond the applause, the competition was a genuine exercise in learning - **students** researched their characters, built confidence, and **connected more closely with India's history**. Winners across all four grades were felicitated with certificates and prizes, while every participant was celebrated for their effort.



Startup Competition

Big Ideas, Bold Founders • 11 August 2026



Entrepreneurship moved from theory to practice as The Academic City School hosted its Startup Competition, challenging students to think like founders and turn bold ideas into viable ventures. **The event set out to nurture innovation, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and confident communication** - the very skills that build real businesses.

Seven teams took part, each developing a complete startup concept backed by four key deliverables: **a Business Plan, a Pitch Deck, a Business Model Canvas and a working Prototype**. With the presentation order decided by a chit system for a dash of spontaneity, teams pitched their ventures to a panel of judges, who evaluated them on innovation, problem identification, feasibility, business potential and pitching skill.



The ideas on show were genuinely inventive. After a closely contested finish, first prize was shared in a tie-breaker between FireOrbit - ball-based fire extinguishers reimagining everyday fire safety - and Timetale, a line of personalised "memory souvenirs." Smart Shelf, a Library Operating System, claimed second, while Evolv took third for its sharp concept and delivery.

More than a contest, **the competition let students experience the full arc of building a venture** - from spotting a problem to pitching a solution - and to innovate fearlessly along the way.



Model Parliament

When the House Came Alive

12 August 2026

The campus amphitheatre transformed into a chamber of debate and democracy as The Academic City School staged its Model Parliament on the evening of 12 August, part of the Independence Day Celebrations 2026. After dinner, students stepped beyond the classroom to inhabit the roles and responsibilities of a real parliamentary institution.

Built around the theme **"Mental Health in Education – A National Priority,"** the sitting invited young parliamentarians to examine education not just as instruction, but as a system whose success depends on the wellbeing and dignity of its learners. The evening was graced by Campus Director Mr. Nithin Bhat and Academic Coordinator Ms. Sanjana, whose presence affirmed the value placed on student voice and civic learning.

Following the formal choreography of a House - the Speaker's Chair, the roll call, and the Secretary-General's procedures - the proceedings moved through Question Hour, Zero Hour, Bill Introduction, General Discussion, Amendments, the Ministerial Reply, the Prime Minister's closing address, and finally Voting. **Students in Government and Opposition roles rose, questioned, challenged and conceded within a disciplined framework.**

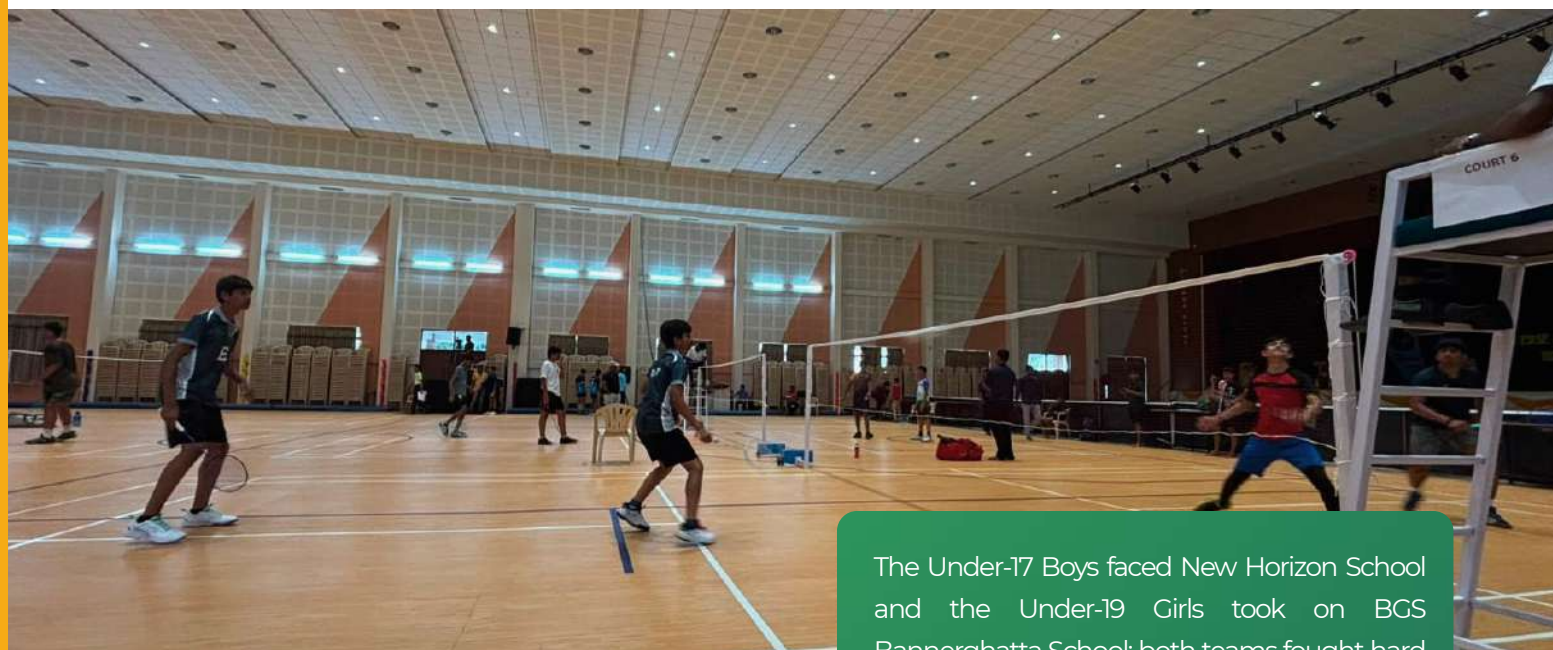
In that rhythm lay the evening's real lesson: **democracy is not merely the freedom to speak, but the practice of speaking responsibly while granting others the very same right.**

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Model Parliament 2026





CBSE Cluster Badminton

Rising to the Rally

● 13 - 15 August 2026



TACS returned to the CBSE Cluster stage with racquets in hand, competing in the CBSE Cluster Badminton Tournament held from 13th to 15th August at **Lake Montfort School**, Virgonagar, Bengaluru. A team of nine students represented the school across three categories - Under-17 Boys, Under-19 Boys and Under-19 Girls.

The standout story of the tournament belonged to the Under-19 Boys, who opened their campaign with a convincing Round of **32 victory over Army Public School, Bengaluru** - sweeping both singles and doubles to progress to the next round. There they met Delhi Public School North, Bengaluru, and, after a spirited effort, bowed out to strong opposition.

The Under-17 Boys faced New Horizon School and the Under-19 Girls took on BGS Bannerghatta School; both teams fought hard but couldn't get past their opening fixtures, **gaining valuable match experience** in the process.

Across every court, the students displayed sharp footwork, steady rallies and genuine sportsmanship, along with the discipline and teamwork that competitive play demands. More than the results, **the tournament offered high-level exposure, a clear sense of the standard to aim for, and fresh motivation to train harder for the seasons ahead.**



Inter-House Quiz Competition

A Battle of Wits ● 13 August 2026



Knowledge met quick thinking as students of Grades 9 to 12 went head-to-head in the Inter-House Quiz Competition - a spirited academic contest that brought all four houses, Prithvi, Jal, Agni and Vayu, into a single arena of wits and teamwork. The quiz unfolded across four distinct rounds, each testing a different skill. The **General Awareness Round** opened proceedings, letting every house set its early score.

The **Visual Round** followed, challenging teams to identify five famous personalities within ten seconds each - a test of observation and rapid recall. The tension peaked in the **Buzzer Round**, open to all houses, where speed met risk: correct answers earned points, but wrong ones cost them. The high-energy **Rapid Fire Round** closed the contest, with teams racing to answer as many questions as possible in sixty seconds.



Ms. Shweta Mane conducted the rounds as Quiz Master, while Anakha Ma'am anchored the event and kept the energy high throughout. **Participants displayed confidence, presence of mind and genuine competitive spirit at every turn.**

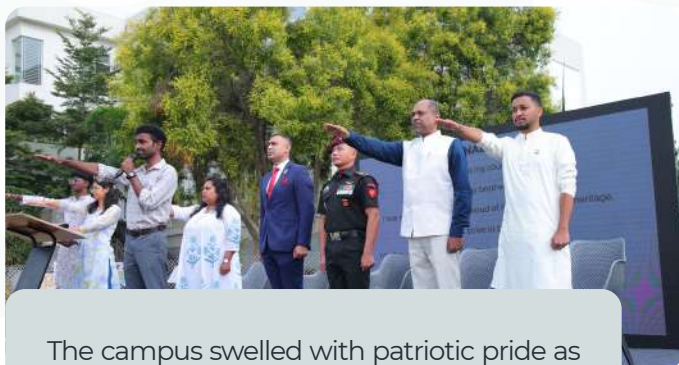
When the final scores were tallied, **Prithvi House emerged champions**, capping an exciting evening that **celebrated curiosity, quick thinking and the thrill of a well-fought quiz.**

Honouring Freedom, Inspiring Responsibility

Independence Day • 15 August 2026



**"Freedom is not only remembered in the past
- it is honoured by how responsibly we shape
the future."**



The campus swelled with patriotic pride as TACS celebrated India's Independence Day with ceremony, colour and deep reflection. The morning opened with a Red Carpet Welcome for **Chief Guest Major Maneo Francis** - decorated with the **Kirti Chakra** and **Shaurya Chakra**, a former officer of the **21 Para Special Forces** - whose presence lent the day extraordinary meaning.

A disciplined March-Past, led by the School Band and the Student Council under Head Boy Sidh Jain and Head Girl Alankrita Rao Shetty, was followed by the four Houses marching in proud sequence. The Chief Guest then hoisted the National Flag, and his stirring address urged students to embrace courage, discipline and devotion to duty. **Guest of Honour Swarnendu Roy, COO of K2 Learning**, added further inspiration on purposeful leadership.



A Prize Distribution honoured winners across the Fancy Dress, Startup, Constitution Quiz, Model Parliament and CBSE Essay & Painting competitions. The cultural programme then blossomed - patriotic dances, dramas, powerful speeches, a yoga-gymnastics display and soulful music, closing with a moving Vande Mataram.

Across campus, art, science and environment exhibitions, startup stalls and an interactive corner turned the **celebration into a vibrant showcase of student talent, creativity and pride.**

Book Reading by Authors, Session 3

Stories That Came Alive

● 22 August 2026

Storytelling took a delightful new turn in the third edition of the Book Reading by Authors series, as TACS reimagined the session into a vibrant blend of digital and traditional storytelling - **proving that a great tale can be told in more ways than one.**

The programme opened with recorded read-aloud sessions from the India Read Aloud initiative. First came Panchi Pyara, narrated with unusual warmth by content creator Shraddha Jain (Aiyyo Shraddha) - the tender story of a young girl and her grandfather navigating the loss of her grandmother, **offering students a gentle, safe way to explore grief and healing.** This was followed by Aai and I, brought to life by performing artist Shraavya Satyanarayana, who wove classical dance, rhythmic mudras and expressive storytelling into the reading, sparking reflection on family, identity and unconditional bonds.



The highlight, however, was the live puppet show on the timeless tale of Shravan Kumar. Colourful puppets carried the audience through his devotion to his blind, elderly parents, right up to the poignant climax by the river **Sarayu. Students cheered, gasped and interacted throughout** - the story's message of respect and love for one's elders landing all the more powerfully through the magic of live performance.



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The puppets reset the room's energy — students cheered, gasped, and lived the story of Shravan Kumar.

Book Reading, The Puppet Show



Inter-House Book Review Presentation

Books, Brought to Life • 22 August 2026

Described beautifully as "unique, portable magic," books took centre stage at the annual Inter-House Book Review Presentation Competition - **a literary contest designed to nurture a love for reading, sharpen critical thinking, and build confident public speakers.**

Twelve speakers, three from each of the four houses - Agni, Jal, Prithvi and Vayu - worked as teams to dissect and present their chosen literary works. Far more than a book summary, the challenge asked students to look beneath the surface: **to analyse themes, character arcs and narrative techniques, and to project their insights with clarity and conviction.** A panel of senior language educators and literary experts judged each team on content and critical analysis, presentation and delivery, and time management.



The stage came alive with an impressive variety of genres - **from historical fiction and sci-fi thrillers to inspiring biographies and timeless classics.** Some teams leaned into the philosophy of their books, others into clever narration and well-structured slides, but all displayed a striking analytical depth that impressed judges and faculty alike.

The finish was among the closest in the school's literary history - just three points separating first from last. Prithvi House emerged champions, with Agni and Vayu tied as joint runners-up, and Jal close behind.

National Sports Day

Tribute, Play & Move ● 29 August 2026



The programme opened with a warm welcome and a student-led address by Veenal Jain of Grade 11, followed by a heartfelt tribute to Major Dhyan Chand and the significance of the day. Students and staff then took the Sports & Fitness Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to an active, healthy lifestyle, before the Principal's address set the tone for the fun to follow.

Then came the highlight - a lineup of spirited, inclusive games that pitted students against staff. **A crowd-roaring Tug of War** (boys and girls), a **fast-paced Hoops Race**, and a **delightfully entertaining Musical Hula** for staff had the whole ground cheering. Prizes and appreciation followed, **celebrating participation as much as victory**.



The football field buzzed with energy and laughter as TACS celebrated National Sports Day, **honouring the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand**. Organised by the Department of Physical Education under the theme "Tribute, Play and Move," the afternoon brought students, teachers and staff together to champion fitness, teamwork and the sheer joy of play.



More than a competition, the day reminded everyone that **sport builds discipline, unity and confidence** - and that sometimes, the best lessons are learned at play.

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"For one afternoon, the scoreboard mattered less than the spirit — students and teachers, side by side at play."

National Sports Day, TACS

Teachers' Workshop 2026–27, Day 1

● 31 August 2026

Building the Mentors Behind the Classroom



Learning began at the front of the classroom as The Academic City School opened its Teachers' Workshop for the 2026 - 27 session, a reminder that the **best schools invest as deeply in their teachers as in their students**. The first day set the tone with professional orientation and a clear message: **a teacher is not merely an instructor, but a mentor, role model and leader within the school community**.

The opening session, led by the Principal, explored mentorship and leadership - encouraging teachers to take ownership of their responsibilities, support students academically and emotionally, and commit to continuous professional growth. This was followed by a **POSH Awareness Programme**, conducted by Mr. Shubham and Ms. Sumitra Krishnamurthy, reinforcing the school's commitment to a safe, respectful and dignified environment for all.



The day closed with a forward-looking session on Skill Education, Computational Thinking and Artificial Intelligence, led by the Principal and Ms. Sanjana. In step with CBSE's 2026 - 27 framework, teachers explored **how logical reasoning, problem-solving and the responsible use of AI can make learning more future-ready**.

Day One left the faculty aligned on a shared purpose: to lead, mentor and continually evolve - for the students they serve.

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Word Wizzard

Ephemeral (adjective)

Meaning: lasting for a very short time; fleeting.

Usage: "The joy of a winning shot is ephemeral, but the memory of the game lasts forever."

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Tricky to Pronounce

Entrepreneur

(on-truh-pruh-NUR)

Fitting for our Startup Competition month! This French-rooted word trips up almost everyone - that middle "-pre-" is pruh, not "pre," and the ending is nur, not "newer."

Commonly Misused Word

● Principle vs. Principal

Principle = a rule or belief.

Principal = the head of a school (or "main").

Remember: the **principal** is your **pal** - the one who leads the school.

Brain-Buster of the Month

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have nobody, but I come alive with the wind.

What am I?



Spot the Difference

Can you find 8 differences



Brain-Buster | Answer: An Echo

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