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SHARK TANK -2026

“Great Ideas Don’t Just Swim – They Make Waves.....”

Conceptualised in alignment with the objectives of competency-based education and experiential learning, D.A.V. Public School, Thane successfully hosted “**Shark Tank 2026 – Pitch, Impress and Innovate,**” an experiential entrepreneurship initiative designed for Senior Secondary Students to foster innovation, financial acumen, strategic thinking, entrepreneurial competence, and effective communication.

The event commenced at 8:00 a.m. in the School Conference Room in the distinguished presence of **Madam Mukta Baurai, School Head, D.A.V. Public School, Thane** and the esteemed sharks. The esteemed judging panel comprised **Mr. Swapnil Kalbande**, Founder and CEO, GroRight Financial Services, and **Ms. Anjali Daarekar**, Senior Finance Leader and Chartered Accountant. The proceedings began with a formal welcome to the dignitaries, followed by the auspicious **lighting of the ceremonial lamp, chanting of the Gayatri Mantra, DAV Gaan and green welcome**. In the inspiring address of Madam, she encouraged the young entrepreneurs to embrace critical thinking, resilience, calculated risk-taking, creativity, and ethical business practices.

The much-anticipated pitching rounds commenced with **Batch I**, comprising 15 students. Each participant was allotted three minutes for the Business Pitch and Product/Service Demonstration, followed by two minutes of rigorous Question-and-Answer interaction and financial scrutiny by the judges. The students presented an impressive array of entrepreneurial concepts encompassing sustainable consumer products, FinTech literacy micro-applications, eco-friendly packaging solutions, localised aggregator platforms, technology-driven services, social enterprises, and innovative consumer ventures. The pitches demonstrated considerable originality and an emerging understanding of market dynamics, customer needs, financial feasibility, operational planning, and value creation. The judges engaged the participants with incisive questions, encouraging them to substantiate their assumptions and critically evaluate the viability and scalability of their proposed ventures. After a brief 15-minute interlude, **Batch II**, comprising 16 students, took the stage with the same passion and meticulously structured pitch decks.

The pitching sessions were followed by an insightful address by the distinguished guest judges, who commended the students for their analytical rigour, confidence, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit. They shared valuable perspectives on financial literacy, fundraising strategies, risk assessment, market research, and responsible entrepreneurship, thereby enriching the students’ understanding beyond the confines of the classroom.

The event culminated with the declaration of results, followed by a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by the Class XI organising team. The successful culmination of *Shark Tank 2026* not only celebrated promising ideas but also empowered young minds to think beyond conventional boundaries, articulate their vision with conviction, and recognise that transformative ideas, when supported by perseverance and purpose, have the power to make a lasting impact.

