

Cyber Horizons: Empowering Students in the Digital Era

The IT Training Programme at DAV Public School, Thane, was a well-structured initiative aimed at enhancing students' technological awareness, skills, and ethical understanding of the digital world. This two-day programme was conducted in two phases—the first phase on November 30, 2024, at the school premises and the second phase on January 21, 2025, at Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium. The event featured a combination of interactive activities, discussions, performances, and expert sessions, providing students with an enriching experience that blended practical knowledge and creative expression.

The first day of the programme, conducted within the school premises, focused on hands-on learning through a series of group and individual activities. Students participated in Cyber Puzzle Creation, where they collaborated to design crossword puzzles related to technology and cyber security. A discussion on E-Waste Management helped them understand the environmental impact of electronic waste and the importance of responsible disposal. Various debates on technology-related topics, including AI in the military, the role of robots in employment, and the limitations of Digital India, encouraged critical thinking and informed discussions. Additionally, a Poster Making Competition on Digital India allowed students to creatively express their perspectives on the country's digital transformation. The Comic Strip Creation on Cyber security was another engaging activity, where students illustrated different aspects of online safety through storytelling. The enthusiasm and active participation displayed by the students highlighted their keen interest in understanding the ever-evolving digital landscape.

The main event of the programme took place on January 21, 2025, at Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium, where students of Std- IX and X showcased their talents and understanding of cyber-related topics through theatrical performances, monologues, and discussions. The event commenced with a formal welcome, lamp lighting ceremony, and DAV Gaan, setting a dignified and auspicious tone. The chief guest, a distinguished neurosurgeon, delivered an inspiring motivational speech, emphasizing the importance of ethical technology use. The presence of special guests, including Radha Krishnan Jagtap and Sachin Sangle, along with the guests of honour, Mrs. Hema Nair, the Principal of DAV International School, Mulund and Mrs. Suman Pradhan, the Principal of DAV Public School, Airoli added significance to the occasion.

One of the highlights of the event was the theatrical skit titled "Narad Muni and Goddess Lakshmi: Cyber Shenanigans Unplugged," which humorously yet insightfully depicted cybercrime and digital ethics. This was followed by Character Monologues, where students brought to life various elements of the cyber world, such as hacking, online privacy, and artificial intelligence. A dance and musical fusion performance showcased the impact of technology on human life, blending creativity with digital themes. Additionally, a student-made movie on Digital India explored the opportunities and challenges in India's digital transformation, offering a thought-provoking perspective. A Career Guidance and Motivational Talk by experts provided valuable insights into career opportunities in IT and the significance of responsible digital citizenship.

The event concluded on a high note with a Vote of Thanks and a soul-stirring rendition of Vande Mataram, leaving the audience inspired and well-informed. The IT Training Programme 2024-25 proved to be a resounding success, equipping students with knowledge, critical thinking skills, and creative expression in the digital sphere. Through interactive discussions, practical exercises, and engaging performances, the programme reinforced the importance of cyber security, ethical technology use, and career prospects in IT. It was a testament to the school's dedication to

preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the digital age, ensuring that they emerge as responsible and informed digital citizens.



