

# **Unfolding Patriotism and Culinary Excellence: DAV Public School, Thane- Scouts and Guides Camp**

The Scouts and Guides Camp organized by DAV Public School, Thane, on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 was a remarkable event that brought together students to engage in various activities, fostering leadership, teamwork, and community spirit. The camp featured three significant activities: the patriotic rally, 'Meri Matti Mera Desh', the culinary extravaganza, 'Khari Kamai', and the 'Knots and Gadgets' event under the leadership of Ms. Sunita Nikam, Mr. Lavu Mulik and Mr. Nitin Waghmare of DAV Public School, Thane.

## **'Meri Matti Mera Desh' Rally - A Patriotic Showcase**

The day began with the inspiring 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' rally, a patriotic event that aimed to instill a deep sense of love, respect, and pride for the nation. The rally was a powerful representation of the students' love for their country. Participants marched with the national flag, creating a mesmerizing sight and symbolizing unity and patriotism. They presented patriotic songs and recited poems that expressed their love for the motherland, reinforcing the significance of national pride. Inspirational speeches were delivered, emphasizing the importance of contributing positively to the country's growth and development.

## **'Khari Kamai' - A Culinary Extravaganza**

After the 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' rally, the students transitioned to the culinary delight of 'Khari Kamai'. This initiative allowed students to become young entrepreneurs and food enthusiasts. This programme's objective was to instill a spirit of earning by working with dignity and self-respect. As a part of this program, the Scouts and Guides of Standard-IX worked in teams and build up a small earning to be pooled in the group fund.

The key highlights included Home-Cooked Food Stalls. Students set up stalls where they prepared and sold a variety of home-cooked dishes. The Culinary enthusiasts offered a delectable array of dishes at the stalls, from mouthwatering Rasogollas to savory Momos and sweet Jalebis, showcasing the rich tapestry of flavors at the Scouts and Guides Camp.

Participants also learned important life skills such as teamwork, time management, budgeting, and customer service as they managed their stalls. This hands-on experience was invaluable for their personal development. The food on offer represented a variety of cultures, showcasing the rich culinary diversity within the camp. Students got a chance to appreciate and understand different regional cuisines. The proceeds from the 'Khari Kamai' were used for charitable purposes, reinforcing the values of giving back to the community.

## **'Knots and Gadgets' - Exploring Scouting Skills**

In addition to the other activities, the camp included the 'Knots and Gadgets' event, which focused on teaching students essential scouting skills and practical knowledge. Students learned how to tie various knots, a fundamental skill in scouting, which can be used in various outdoor activities. They were also engaged in crafting useful gadgets that are commonly employed during scouting and camping adventures.

The Scouts and Guides Camp at DAV Public School, Thane, featured a dynamic sequence of events, including the 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' rally, 'Khari Kamai', and the 'Knots and Gadgets' workshops. These activities empowered students to assume leadership roles, develop essential scouting skills, and cultivate a deep sense of patriotism. Through the rally and diverse culinary experiences in 'Khari Kamai', participants gained cultural appreciation. Teamwork was emphasized throughout, fostering collaboration and camaraderie. The holistic approach of the camp, combining patriotism, culinary skills, and scouting abilities, is expected to mould students into responsible, patriotic citizens contributing to their country's growth.

