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As I articulate my thoughts on paper, I am enveloped by a symphony of memories that resonate with triumph, resilience, and boundless potential. To be part of such a venerable institution—one that perpetually strives for excellence fills me with profound gratitude.

When you begin with a dream and fuel it with unwavering passion, success becomes inevitable. Being ranked first in the Vintage Legacy Co-ed Day and Boarding School category in India for the third consecutive year, as well as in leadership and management and inclusive education, reflects the unwavering commitment to excellence of Team DC. This trifecta of success inspires us to reach even greater heights.

As the steward of this vibrant community, Daly College, I've had the privilege of launching initiatives like G-Literati, Immerse and Inspire, and CD@DC—the first of its kind in the country. The school is scaling new heights, achieving unprecedented trophies and championships along the way.

At Daly College, our journey of exploration, contribution, and collaboration has led to remarkable milestones. We've proudly hosted distinguished guests and prestigious events, each day brimming with enriching experiences that inspire our community. This gratifying journey is a beautiful tapestry woven with action, passion, and purpose, reflecting a true joie de vivre. Each event adds a vibrant thread to our legacy, making our collective efforts shine even brighter.

Reviving 'The Dalian' newsletter will rekindle our connections with students, parents and alumni, not only deepening our existing bonds but also extending our reach across the globe.

As we look to the future, I am reminded of the timeless truth: life is real; life is earnest... Let us embrace the journey of life with open hearts and unwavering determination, ensuring that the spirit of Daly College resonates far beyond our campus.

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TENNIS



MP STATE RANKING TOURNAMENT

Vaidehi Shukla and Anya Rath

Winners: U-17 and U-12 Girls, respectively

Vihaan Nawab

Runner-up: U-12 Boys

IPSC Girls' Tennis (U-17)

9th to 12th October 2024

Daly College, Indore

Team DC clinched the Gold!

DC defeated Mayo College Girls' School 2-0

Guest of Honour for Closing Ceremony - International tennis star and former Fed Cup player,

Aishwarya Agarwal

Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) and School Games Federation of India (SGFI) sports events are two of the most prominent all-India events that all reputed schools of the country participate in.

Daly College has consistently been excelling in all IPSC and SGFI events, with laurels and praises galore.



U-14 IPSC Boys

DC Clinches Gold

among 32 participating teams.



SGFI State Tournament

4th – 7th October 2024

Vaidehi Shukla

Winner - team event

Top Seed in Individuals

U-14 Runner-Up

Purva Singh

Selected for SGFI MP team



HOCKEY

Nehru Cup Hockey Tournament

2nd runners-up in Boys' and Girls' categories.

CHESS

3rd Chess Lovers Open Rapid Chess Tournament

6th October 2024

Mohd. Ashaz Ahmed

U-14 2nd Runner-Up



TABLE TENNIS

Shri Sharad Sanghi memorial Indore District Table Tennis Championship

15th to 19th October 2024

Abhay Prashal, Indore

Aarvi Jain

Gold Medal in U-11

Silver Medal in U-13

Naisha Bankda

Bronze Medal U-11



SHOOTING

16th All India IPSC Shooting Championship

2nd to 5th October 2024

Emerald Heights International School, Indore

2nd Runners-Up, U-17 and U-19

Total 20 medals (4 gold and 16 bronze medals)

SPORTS INSIGHT

**SWIMMING****IPSC Swimming Tournament**

15th to 17th October 2024

Total of 40 medals

Overall, 2nd runners-up!

ATHLETICS**Selection for CBSE National Games 2024**

14 athletes were selected to participate in the prestigious CBSE National Athletic Meet

Selected Athletes:

1. Siddharth Agrawal
2. Neev Gujrati
3. Mitanshu Kathrotiya
4. Emaira Sethi
5. Shubhangi Rathore
6. Divina Somaiya
7. Rasika Kataruka
8. Sana Parekh
9. Aarush Khandelwal
10. Mohammad Presswala
11. Angad Singh Ubeja
12. Aarush Rathore
13. Shoryaveer Maini
14. Anvi Jain

IPSC Athletic Meet (U-19) Boys and Girls 2024

- **Gold medal** - Kabir maini, Mohammad Presswala, Yana Jain
- **Silver Medals** - Simran Kaur Bhatia, Babli Kanwar, Sana Parekh, and the Girls' relay team
- **Bronze Medals** - Arush Khandelwa, Simran Kaur Bhatia, Avni Jain, Aryan Kulhar, Siddharth Agrawal, Siddhiksha Singh Shandilya

**CRICKET****IPSC U-19 Cricket**

8th Oct – 12th Oct 2024

Daly College, Indore

Overall, Runners-Up!

Ansh Dadwani - Best Batsman

Hardik Sharma - the Best Bowler

**BADMINTON****IPSC U-14 Boys**

28th - 30th Oct 2024

Silver Medal

Viaan Dhawan & Gurman Gandhi
selected for SGFI Nationals

**SKATING****All India IPSC Skating Championship 2024**

03rd to 05th October 2024

Emerald Heights International School, Indore

230+ skaters participated

1st Runners-Up : U-19 Boys**2nd Runners-Up: Trophy-U-14 Boys****GOLF****MMR Cup Golf Tournament***Kriesha Dashora***Winner**

Award presented by Shri Shashi Bhushan Prasad, Chief Commissioner, Income Tax Department

SPORTS INSIGHT

ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET 2024

SHATTERING RECORDS



- *Arush Khandelwal* dashed into the record books - 44 years outdone in 4 minutes 39.47 seconds! In a remarkable display of endurance and speed, Arush Khandelwal has left a four-decade-old 1500m U-17 boys' record in his wake!
- *Arush Khandelwal* continued to showcase his speed by breaking the 400m record previously held at 57.50 seconds (2014), with a remarkable time of 55.10 seconds!
- *Karan Bachkaniwala* soared to new heights, shattering the previous pole vault record of 2.45m in 2006 with an impressive leap of 2.68m.
- *Anshika Yadav* blitzed through the G14 80 m Hurdles, stopping the clock at 00:17.26!
- *Emaira Sethi* broke the G19 Javelin record, landing at 27.91 m and surpassing the record of 26.08 m.
- *Anvi Jain* stormed through the G14 800 m, crossing the line at 2:49.25 and crushing the previous record of 2:56.80.
- *Kabir Maini* catapulted the Boys' U-19 Discus to a staggering 38.08 m, shattering the 1989 record of 36.90 m.
- *Shaurveer Maini* launched the Boys' U-14 Shot Put to an impressive 10.08 m, obliterating the 2023 record of 9.09 m.
- *Neev Gujarati* soared over his own 2023 record in the Boys' U-17 High Jump, clearing 1.83 m and surpassing his previous 1.68 m.



CLOSING CEREMONY

Esteemed Chief Guest - **Mr. Amarjit Mehta**, an accomplished business luminary, philanthropist, and social worker with over 25 years of experience in orchestrating strategic growth and operational excellence.

TOP AWARDS

BEST ATHLETES:

U-12

Girls - Brijnandini Kumari M. Singh Rawal

Boys - Garv Malpani, Tagore

U-14

Girls - Plaksha Agarwal, Indira

Boys - Darsh Mittal, Ashok House

U-17

Girls - Divina Somaiya, Indira

Boys - Arush Khandelwal, Vikram

U-19

Girls - Rasika Kataruka, Bharati

Boys - Parth Chhiroliya, Vikram

COLLEGE CUP FOR BEST MARCHING CONTINGENT:

Girls - Bharati House

Boys - Rajendra House

CHAMPION ATHLETE HOUSE:

Girls - Bharati House

Boys - Vikram House

IPSC MUN



4th-5th October 2024
HPS, Ramanthapur

Special Mention - Madhuresh
Mohan Gupta

High Commendation & Best
Position Paper - Shreya Dafria

Verbal Mention - Vidhi
Ruchandani

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

IPSC Music Fest 2024

27th – 29th October
Scindia School, Gwalior

21 talented Dalians, earned the **Award for Excellence** in Hindi Group Song (Patriotic) and Sufi Kawwali Group Song and the **Award for Distinction** in Western Vocal Solo.

Aditya Samaiya - special commendation from the Principal of the host school for his remarkable performance.



LA Fête Dance Fest

St. Xavier's High School, Gurgaon

Winners - Performing Arts category; 25,000 cash prize

Rajveer Patel - Best Performer



IPSC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Nine Dalians participated in a two-day community service initiative at Ahlawat Farms in Sahaspur.



IPSC Visual Art Fest

RKC, Raipur



Top Awards -

Aditya Gurnani - Jewellery Designing

Divina Somaiya & Krishna Gupta - Linocut

Aditya Gurnani & Anushvi Bothra - Flower Making

Radhika Tibrewal & Samwar Jain - Relief Sculpture

Aradhya Bansal - Photography.

MU20 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

October 19th to
21st, 2024

Best Diplomats -
Atharv Agrawal,
Vivaan Agrawal,
and Adhyatm
Shukla

Most Promising

Delegate - Saksham Jain Benjamin

Special Mentions - Aarav Barjatiya, Moksha Shyamsukha,
Vidhi Ruchandani, Anjuna Goyal and Khushagra Jain



DEPARTMENT BULLETINS

FRENCH DEPARTMENT



Alliance Française Workshop by David Cordon
15th - 17th October 2024

Mrs. Tanisha Behrani recently attended a workshop at Alliance Française Bhopal. The workshop was conducted by Mr. David Cordon from France.

Le Concours de la Francophonie
 7th to 11th October
 Mayo College, Ajmer

2nd position - French Movie category



INTERNATIONALISM

In 2024, students of Daly College have also embarked on a variety of enriching international experiences. This ongoing commitment to internationalism offers Dalians invaluable opportunities to grow as global citizens, fostering cultural understanding and collaboration.

ROUND SQUARE

3-day Eye Camp in collaboration with Choitram Netralaya and supported by FRS India

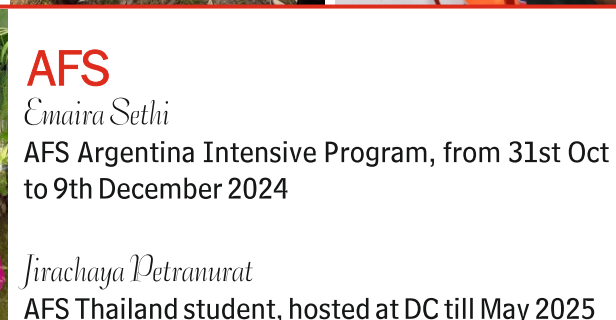
Assisted 3,886 individuals, distributed 3,294 pairs of spectacles and recorded 163 cataract cases.

RSIC 2024: 5 students attended Round Square International Conference - Bogota, Colombia

Pre and Post Conference trip - Turkey and Brazil respectively

Three Dalians – Pritika Narsaria, Somya Rathore & Divisha Singhvi -
 St. Stithians Girls' College, South Africa

Two students - Kaela Naidu and Emily Decker from St. Stithians Girls' College, South Africa - hosted by DC till 8th December 2024



AFS

Emaira Sethi

AFS Argentina Intensive Program, from 31st Oct to 9th December 2024

Jirachaya Petranurat

AFS Thailand student, hosted at DC till May 2025



EVENTS

Ram Leela @ DC

On October 8, Dalians brought Ram Leela to life with a spectacular performance. Chief Guest was Mr. Rajmohan Singh, the Malwa Prant Pracharak, and we were also honoured by the presence of Honourable Mayor Mr. Pushyamitra Bhargav and HH Vikram Singh Puar, President, BOGs, along with other esteemed Board Members. Principal, Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, extended a warm welcome to all guests and dignitaries.

The audience couldn't have missed the brilliance of the graceful dancers and the actors. It transcended mere theatrics, immersing the audience in a profound experience of awe, reverence, and cultural reflection, capturing the true essence of Ram Leela.



The creative genius of director Ms. Neera Bakshi was instrumental

in crafting a production that left a lasting impression.

The festive atmosphere was complemented by lively food stalls, adding to the vibrant setting. Principal Dr. Bindra praised the dedication of staff and students in bringing this elegant initiative to life and expressed a commitment to carrying this legacy forward.

*Cambridge Early Years Workshop*

On October 8, 2024, Daly College organised a Cambridge workshop on Early Childhood Development, spearheaded by Mr. Eddie Rippeth, an acclaimed Cambridge University alumnus and veteran in Early Years education.

The highlight of the session the launch of books for early childhood development. Participants were excited to dive into these newly launched books, adding valuable resources to their toolkit.

The workshop drilled down into core principles, such as fostering holistic growth, with a spotlight on learning through play, which allows children to tap into their creativity while sharpening problem-solving skills.

Mr. Eddie further unpacked the importance of responsive interactions, where positive, engaging conversations between educators and children fuel development. He also stressed the need to build inclusive environments that embrace the diverse needs of all children. Parental involvement was highlighted as a critical piece of the puzzle, with strategies offered to bridge the gap between home and school support.



EVENTS

ScooNews - Great Indian School Tour 2024

In a grand spectacle that fused tradition with regal elegance, Daly College extended a ceremonial welcome to Ms. Lina Ashar, Founder Emeritus of Kangaroo Kids & Billabong High and Founder of Dreamtime Learning, and Mr. Ravi Santlani, Director of ScooNews, for the Indore chapter of the Great Indian School Tour.

Daly College transformed into a melting pot of intellectual exchange as heads of prestigious schools convened for a roundtable conference, strategizing the future of teacher education.

The master class, led by the charming Ms. Lina Ashar, opened new intellectual frontiers, igniting dynamic conversations about the evolving paradigms of modern education. The presence of educators from various schools added depth to the master class. Ms. Ashar's inspiring discourse encouraged participants to move beyond the mere transfer of knowledge and embrace creativity, leveraging technology to innovate. Scoo News' Indore chapter launched a powerful campaign aimed at empowering a

new



generation of educators.

As the tectonic plates of education shift under the weight of digital transformation, the workshop urged attendees to rethink conventional methods and forge pedagogical approaches designed for the future. This event became a rallying point for those committed to reshaping lives through the transformative force of teaching.

Training of Trainers (ToT) Certification Course

Daly College became a hub for cerebral celebration as the 2-Day Training of Trainers certification course, organised by ISTM and CBSE, commenced on campus today.

Leading the initiative was Mr. Inderjeet Mittal, an esteemed CBSE Trainer whose extensive national and international expertise is the driving force behind this program. Joining him as a key Resource Person was Dr. Suman Singh Chauhan, a seasoned CBSE Trainer with decades of service in state government training.

The sessions also included Resource Persons Mr. Lakhendra Chaudhary, Under Secretary, CBSE, and Head COE Bhopal; Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Deputy Secretary CBSE and Head COE, Chandigarh; and Mr. Karamjeet Singh Sodhi, CBSE Master Trainer from Delhi.

The inaugural session set an inspiring tone, with Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, urging all participants to embrace continuous growth and elevate those around them. Mr. Mittal's dynamic opening featured a trainers' pledge, a revered prayer, and insightful anecdotes, energizing attendees for the journey ahead.



EVENTS

Honouring a Legacy: DC Commemorates Founder's Birth Anniversary

Today, Daly College held an assembly in solemn tribute to our Founder, Sir Henry Daly, on his birth anniversary. On this cherished day, Principal Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, along with the Head Prefects, launched a Prayer Book to commemorate the occasion.

This special assembly, held in the Darbar Hall, felt as though we had journeyed back in time, reliving those early assemblies where Sir Daly's ideals took root. Sir Henry's bust, positioned just outside the hall, cast an enigmatic smile, radiating his amaranthine spirit. Though faces may change with each passing year, his vision remains etched in each of us, handed down through generations.



FEATURES

Campus Life

A community that discusses together, expresses together and stays together is a happy community.

'Home is not just a place but a feeling. a moment of knowing I belong somewhere.'

As the boarders stand on the threshold of a new adventure, each and every one of them is assured that they are not alone, this school soon becomes their home away from home where they find mentors, friends, and most importantly, plethora of opportunities that push them to become a better them.

To be curious, kind, ambitious, and above all true to selves is the hallmark of every boarder at DC.



Some events organised for the boarders:

- Cycling outings
- Quizzes
- Indoor games competition
- Talent search
- Mocktail preparation (Class 12)
- DJ and Dandiya evenings
- Community discussions
- Emotional Awareness Workshop (Classes 11-12),
- Magic Show
- Bhagwad Gita chanting
- Debates & Public speaking sessions
- New Boarders' Evening
- Community Service



FEATURES

Whispers of the Past



Principal, Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, exhorted the special assembly with these words -

On this very day, October 25, in 1823, Henry Dermot Daly, a formidable intellectual and pioneer, was born in Kirkee, near Poona. As we reflect on his birth anniversary today, it is impossible not to be awed by the enduring legacy of his contributions, particularly his revolutionary role in the founding of Daly College. His vision continues to shape an institution that stands tall across its 118-acre expanse,

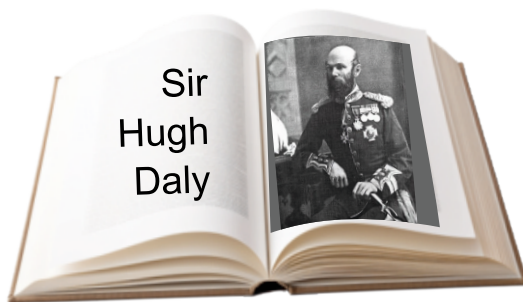


exuding an aura of history, reverence, and academic distinction.

From the very beginning, he evinced a profound dedication to education. His efforts championed a broader intellectual cause, one that would lead to the creation of a school along British lines, catering to the sons of Rajput, Bundela, Maratha, and Muslim chiefs. This vision materialized in 1870, with the establishment of the Residency School at Indore. Sir Daly's unrelenting efforts garnered attention at the highest levels, notably from Lord Northbrook, who, upon visiting the institution, pledged to raise its stature. This marked a turning point in the educational landscape of Central India.

Sir Daly's contributions to the founding of Mayo College in Ajmer and Rajkumar College at Nowgong attested to his far-reaching vision, a vision that embraced the intellectual elevation of future generations. His pioneering work laid the foundation for institutions that would shape India's elite. A keen student of history with a penchant for learning languages, he connected with the nawabs of the Malwa region. This bond fuelled his deep desire to contribute meaningfully to its development.

Daly College that stands today owes much to its founder's foresight. His intellectual legacy is like an eternal flame, passed through the capable hands



Sir Henry Daly from the book by his son

of stewards who have guided the school with unwavering commitment. As we commemorate his birth anniversary, we recognize that his work was not just a contribution to education but an avalanche of enlightenment that still sweeps through every corner of this grand institution.

Sir Daly's bust in the heart of the main building transcends mere stone; it embodies a silent yet vibrant spirit, a tribute to Sir Henry that resonates with every passerby. With an enigmatic smile, it breathes life into the hallowed halls of Daly College. He stands among us, a steadfast north star, gently acknowledging the remarkable journey his vision has inspired!

Vision in Action



Environmentally Conscious



Global Citizens



Democratic

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Review Reservoir

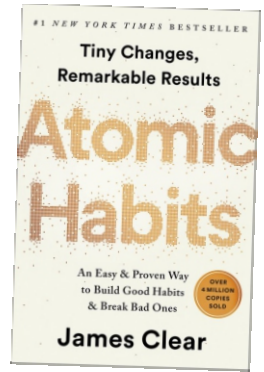
Atomic Habits by James Clear

Non-Fiction Book Review by **Anya Sanghvi (Class-11)**

Atomic Habits by James Clear (a New York Times bestseller) is a vital guide illustrating how small, consistent actions can lead to significant long-term success. As an expert on habit formation, Clear adeptly distils complex psychological and neuroscientific concepts into actionable strategies that can be easily integrated into daily life. The core idea is that success is not merely about setting ambitious goals; it's about cultivating a strong system of habits that improve by just 1% each day.

What distinguishes *Atomic Habits* is its practical methodology for tackling common challenges like lack of motivation and setbacks. Clear aptly notes, "You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems." He contends that the real issue lies not within you, but in your system, and he offers a step-by-step plan to fix it.

This book offers many simple yet effective strategies. For example, "habit stacking" is about stacking a new habit on top of an old habit to drive adoption faster. Environment design encourages us to create an enabling environment that supports our habit objective (e.g. replacing cookie jars with fruit baskets for healthier snacking. Real-life examples of Olympic athletes, artists, and business leaders who have successfully applied these principles to master their crafts are also featured in this book. So, whether you are aiming to improve your health, productivity, or mindset, following *Atomic Habits* principles helps you create a significant impact with minimal effort.



Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell

Book Review by **Samaira Jhawar (Class-9)**

Published: 1948 Genre: Dystopian Fiction



Imagine living in a world where every thought you have is controlled, and every move you make is watched—this is the chilling reality of today's world-political systems which George Orwell created in 1984. The book was published way back in 1948 which prophesied the

world's political order to control its citizens to the extent of controlling their thoughts and changing the meaning of the words existing in the dictionary.

The story follows Winston Smith, who dares to question Big Brother's oppressive regime, risking everything to hold onto truth and freedom. Orwell's gripping, fast-paced narrative draws you into a dark, dystopian future that feels eerily relevant today.

With its shocking twists and deep insights into power and resistance, *1984* is a must-read for anyone seeking a thrilling, thought-provoking experience!

Movie Review

By **Naavya Seksaria 9C**

Certain films are so close to achieving the epitome of perfection that they touch the hearts of all who watched them. The groundbreaking movie 'Inside Out 2' is a crowd-pleasing production by Pixar Animation Studios which portrays the kaleidoscopic turbulence of adolescence.

As Riley starts her teenage journey, the film becomes a reflection of not only the individual's internal struggle but also of the broader societal schemes that shape and, in many ways, control our emotional landscapes. Through an intricate interplay of humor, satire, and existential musings, *Inside Out 2* transforms itself from just a children's movie into a thought-provoking film. Inside Riley's Islands of personalities, 2 more emotions- envy and anxiety- show up and mark the evolution of her emotional complexity, signaling how societal expectations become much more burdening as one matures. This piece of art depicts the mind becoming a battleground, a reflection of the external world where one's internal state is often at odds with societal imperatives. In this light, the emotional conflicts Riley experiences are emblematic of the universal human condition—a ceaseless negotiation between inner desires and external constraints.

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Visual Art Review - Art Beat

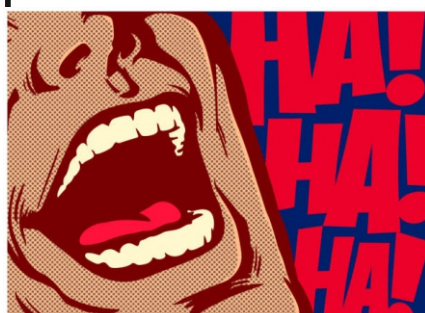


A noteworthy moment is captured in this nature shot, as the dragonfly delicately sits on the leaf's tip. Among the image's finest qualities is its composition, which seamlessly pulls the viewer's gaze on the dragonfly, its main subject. The insect's vivid amber hues shimmer on a lush backdrop, setting for an appealing contrast that draws the eye swiftly. While the leaf's diagonal line boosts the composition's balance and flow, the dragonfly positioned off-center gives the photograph an extra punch. The gently blurred background brings just

the right detail to the natural environment. The dragonfly's elegant yet robust character is seen by the texture of its wings, as the natural light illuminates the veins. This image illustrates Aradhya's keen eye for intricacy and capacity to highlight nature's glorious beauty. The viewer is led to pause and soak up the scene's tranquil grace, thanks to the composition's overall aesthetic appeal and resonance with emotion.

BLOWING IN THE WIND!

Psssst....Some things were heard blowing in the wind



- Athletic Meet – where the houses show their true colours.

- Some of the stalwart teachers of DC are now teaching the 2nd,

3rd or even the 4th generation of a family!

I was reprimanded for not completing my homework, then the teacher called my father and scolded him too! Sorry for the inadvertent déjà vu, Dad!

- Carpooling at DC is not everyone's cup of Masera "tea".

NATURE'S MAGIC - Photograph

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