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Loss

No words can comfort
 Nothing can cure
 The loss of the person
 Who is no more

Insufferable pain
 Bound by chains
 Nothing can cure
 My eyes pouring rain

The Awful Truth
 I wish I could change
 Please come back
 To this heart now estranged.

-Aarav Dhanuka

SelaQuill Lit Fest 2025: A Celebration of Words and Ideas



On 1st and 2nd August 2025, SelaQui International School came alive with stories, ideas, and creativity as the campus transformed into a vibrant celebration of literature and the arts. The SelaQuill Lit Fest, our school's annual literature festival, brought together young minds eager to read, write, perform, and explore the many ways words can inspire change. Schools that participated included DPS Vikasnagar, The Indian Public School, Wynberg-Allen School, GRD World School, and SelaQui International School.



The fest opened with an engaging keynote address by Mr. Anurag Chauhan, founder of the NGO *Humans for Humanity*. Beginning his journey in social work at just 14, Mr. Chauhan has since spearheaded impactful initiatives, most notably the WASH Project, which has promoted menstrual hygiene among over 3.5 million rural women in the last five years.



He also pioneered India's first Virtual Literature Festival in 2020, connecting people to Indian literature and cultural heritage during the pandemic. His inspiring and encouraging words became a call for action for students to view literature not just as an art form, but as a powerful instrument for social transformation.



Throughout the two-day fest, a book fair offered a diverse collection – from timeless classics to bold contemporary voices in both fiction and non-fiction. Students could be seen browsing stalls, exchanging recommendations, and discovering their next favourite read.

The competitions brought out the best in participants. The English Literature Quiz tested literary knowledge and quick thinking, while the English Debate showcased sharp reasoning and persuasive speaking. The Slam Poetry session emerged as a crowd favourite, with moving performances reflecting themes of identity, resilience, and hope.

Adding an artistic dimension, the Shadow Puppetry Workshop allowed participants to merge creativity and performance, bringing stories to life through light and movement.

The SelaQuill Lit Fest concluded with a warm vote of thanks, celebrating the dedication of organisers, the enthusiasm of participants, and the wisdom of guest speakers. As the curtains fell, one message resonated deeply – literature continues to unite hearts, broaden perspectives, and inspire action. **-Viraj Bharadwaj**



सेलाकुई इंटरनेशनल स्कूल में लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल: साहित्य, संवाद और संस्कृति का उत्सव

दिनांक 2 अगस्त 2025 को सेलाकुई इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के प्रांगण में वार्षिक दो दिवसीय सेलाकुई लिटरेचर फेस्ट (LitFest) का भव्य आयोजन संपन्न हुआ। यह उत्सव न केवल विद्यार्थियों की रचनात्मकता को मंच प्रदान करने वाला अवसर था, बल्कि यह साहित्यिक चेतना, सांस्कृतिक समरसता और बौद्धिक विमर्श का भी केंद्र बिंदु बना।

इस सांस्कृतिक आयोजन का उद्घाटन विद्यालय के प्रधानाचार्य, मुख्य अतिथि अनुराग चौहान (भारतीय सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता एवं ह्यूमन्स फॉर ह्यूमैनिटी के संस्थापक), तथा वंश नथानी (भारतीय उद्यमी एवं एड्युसिस के संस्थापक, जो करियर काउंसलिंग और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में सक्रिय हैं) द्वारा दीप प्रज्वलन और मंत्रोच्चार के साथ किया गया। इस शुभारंभ ने महोत्सव को एक प्रेरणादायक एवं पावन वातावरण प्रदान किया। महोत्सव के अंतर्गत विविध प्रकार की प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया, जिनमें प्रमुख रूप से वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, पोस्टर निर्माण, हिंदी और अंग्रेजी प्रश्न मंच, तथा अन्य रचनात्मक गतिविधियाँ सम्मिलित थीं।

विद्यार्थियों ने न केवल सक्रिय सहभागिता द्वारा अपनी प्रतिभा का परिचय दिया, बल्कि दर्शकों ने भी इन प्रस्तुतियों का भरपूर आनंद उठाया और ज्ञानवर्धन किया।

इस आयोजन की एक विशेष आकर्षण था पुस्तक मेला, जो प्रतिभागियों, दर्शकों और समस्त छात्र-समुदाय के लिए आकर्षण का केंद्र बना रहा। मेले में नाटक, हास्य, फिक्शन, आत्म-विकास (सेल्फ-हेल्प), रोमांस आदि विभिन्न विधाओं की पुस्तकें उपलब्ध थीं, जिससे साहित्य के प्रति रुचि और उत्सुकता को विशेष प्रोत्साहन मिला।

वस्तुतः, पुस्तक मेला मात्र पुस्तकों की खरीद-बिक्री का स्थल नहीं, बल्कि एक जीवंत मंच था,

जहाँ शब्दों के माध्यम से विचारों का प्रवाह, भावनाओं का आदान-प्रदान और संवाद की संस्कृति पनपती है।

इस प्रकार के आयोजन न केवल विद्यार्थियों को साहित्य से जोड़ते हैं, बल्कि समाज में सांस्कृतिक चेतना और बौद्धिक समृद्धि को भी बढ़ावा देते हैं। एक काव्य-सम्मेलन का भी आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें छात्रों ने विविध प्रकार की कविताएँ प्रस्तुत कीं। यह एक उत्कृष्ट अवसर था, जहाँ छात्रों ने न केवल साहित्य की महत्ता को समझा, बल्कि एक-दूसरे की सोच और दृष्टिकोण से भी प्रेरित हुए।

प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वाले विद्यालय थे: जीआरडी वर्ल्ड स्कूल, इंडियन पब्लिक स्कूल, डीपीएस विकासनगर, वाइनबर्ग एलन, तथा सेलाकुई इंटरनेशनल स्कूल।

इस उत्सव ने यह सिद्ध किया कि जब विद्यालय साहित्य और संस्कृति के संवाहक बनते हैं, तब शिक्षा केवल किताबी ज्ञान तक सीमित नहीं रहती, बल्कि वह जीवन-दृष्टि और व्यक्तित्व-निर्माण का माध्यम बन जाती है।

-गुल चौधरी



Event	Winner	Runner-Up
Debate	Wynberg-Allen School	GRD World School
Slam Poetry	SelaQui International School	Wynberg-Allen School
English Quiz	Wynberg-Allen School	GRD World School
Hindi Quiz	GRD World School & SelaQui International School	The Indian Public School
Walk the Words	Wynberg-Allen School	DPS, Vikasnagar
Inked Ideas	SelaQui International School	Wynberg-Allen School
Overall Winner	Wynberg-Allen School	



Inter House SLAM Poetry - Bringing Words to Life

The Inter-House Slam Poetry Competition, held on the evening of 30th July 2025, was an engaging and expressive showcase of the power of spoken word. It gave students a platform to present original poems brimming with personal thoughts, emotions, and ideas. Participants from all four houses came prepared with pieces they had written themselves.



Themes ranged from pressing social issues like equality to light-hearted stories and personal reflections. Each poet used voice, expression, and body language to bring their words to life, captivating the audience from start to finish.

The judges warmly praised the originality, stage presence, and meaningful messages conveyed through each performance. In the Junior Category, Reanne Lyonette (Prithvi) secured first, Aadya Sinha (Jal) second, and Divyansh Rungta (Agni) third. In the Senior Category, Angshanliya Konyak (Agni) claimed first, Tayar Rikam (Akash) second, and Arissa Sur (Jal) third. Overall, Agni House proudly emerged as the champion, followed by Jal in second and Prithvi in third place.



By the end of the evening, the stage had echoed with many voices, each leaving a lasting impression. The competition proved that poetry is more than rhyme — it is truth, imagination, and the courage to share one's story.

-Viraj Bhardawaj

Inter-House Football: A Thrilling Display of Team Spirit and Skills

The school was filled with waves of excitement as the much-anticipated Inter-House Football Tournament began on 22nd July. It was a spectacular display of competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with students from all four houses—Agni, Akash, Prithvi, and Jal—participating wholeheartedly, each eager to lift the trophy.



The tournament opened with fierce energy as matches took place simultaneously on three different fields. Junior boys competed on the hockey ground, the girls battled it out on the handball court, and senior boys showcased their skills in the main football field. Whether playing or cheering, everyone's hearts raced as the players stepped in with boots and guards, hearing chants from their housemates. The pressure was intense, but so was the determination to give their best.

Match by match, it became clear that it was not only about winning, but also about supporting one another and performing as a united team.

The final set of matches had to be postponed due to unsuitable weather but resumed with the same enthusiasm the next day. Every participant gave their all and cherished the experience.

When the results were announced, Akash House emerged as the champions, Agni House secured second place, and Jal House claimed third. The tournament was a true test of tactical thinking, endurance, and competitive spirit—proving that in football, only the best-prepared and most determined prevail.

-Sanili Potsangbam



SelaQui at the 5th Edition of the Unison World School Model United Nations

MUN — Model United Nations — has always been one of the most anticipated and integral parts of life at SelaQui. In the run-up to any conference, young diplomats can be found researching, writing, and practicing in the DRC, the reading room, or indeed any spot with AC and Wi-Fi.

One such event that our school participated in was the 5th Edition of the Unison World School Model United Nations. Delegates from a multitude of schools came together to debate across various committees, representing diverse countries, organizations, and portfolios. The sessions were brimming with thought-provoking ideas and spiced up with heated arguments, making the competition all the more dynamic.

The first day was kept lighter, beginning with a beautiful opening ceremony, followed by two engaging committee sessions. The second day was the most intense, featuring four committee sessions packed with challenges and unexpected crises. After a rigorous day of debate, delegates enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and an energetic evening of delegate dance and DJ.



On the final day, delegates participated in two sessions, working on their much-anticipated draft resolutions. The excitement carried into the suspense-filled closing ceremony, where achievements were announced. We are proud to share that Piyush Agarwal and Aarav Mittal from our school were awarded Best Delegate in the International Press Corps committee, representing The Dawn, a prominent Pakistani newspaper.

-Krishna Chaturvedi



A Knot of Care: Rakshabandhan at SelaQui

This year, our school celebrated Raksha Bandhan in a truly special way, as it coincided with the Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM). From the very start of the day, the campus was filled with excitement and festive energy.

Being in a boarding school, many of us are away from our siblings, but this celebration gave us the opportunity to tie rakhis to our friends, seniors, and even teachers, showing that family is



not defined only by blood relations, but also by the meaningful bonds we build over time.

Many students spoke to their brothers and sisters over calls, while those who had siblings within the school celebrated together, thanks to the thoughtful arrangements made by the school management.

After the formal events concluded, students headed for a joyful weekend outing—relaxing, bonding, and carrying the festive spirit beyond the school gates.

The day felt like a true family reunion, bringing together parents, teachers, and students to celebrate love, care, and unity. It served as a warm reminder that in a boarding school, friendships often become family—and every bond is worth cherishing.



-Yuvraj Gupta

Harmony 2025: A Celebration of Music, Dance, and Artistry

On 2nd August, 2025, Unison World School hosted Harmony 2025, a lively inter-school cultural festival that brought together talented music and dance enthusiasts from across the region. This vibrant event celebrated artistic expression by providing a platform where students could showcase their skills and creativity. The festival featured three competitive categories — Western Band, Indian Music, and Western Dance — each reflecting the unique styles and dedication of the participating teams.

The SelaQui Western Band captivated the audience with a dynamic and versatile set that blended multiple musical genres, demonstrating both technical skill and passion. Meanwhile, the Indian Music performers enthralled everyone with soulful renditions steeped in tradition, beautifully balancing classical roots with contemporary influences. The Western Dance teams energized the stage with precise choreography, stylish moves, and infectious enthusiasm, leaving a strong impression on the crowd and judges alike.

Although no team secured a podium finish this year, the participants received heartfelt appreciation for their professionalism, stage presence, and passion. Harmony 2025 was more than just a competition — it was a celebration of talent, teamwork, and the shared joy of performing. The festival inspired all involved to continue refining their craft and set higher goals for future events, reinforcing the importance of cultural collaboration and artistic growth.

-Kartik Jalan

Inter-House Video Editing Competition – “My Tech Journey”



The top prize was awarded to Prithvi House for the impressive entry by Piyush Agrawal and Aarav Mittal. Representing the four houses – Prithvi, Akash, Agni, and Jal – participants submitted original videos that reflected their personal experiences and unique perspectives on technology.



An engaging Inter-House Video Editing Competition was recently held for students of Grades 9 to 12, centered around the theme “My Tech Journey.” The event encouraged participants to creatively showcase how technology has influenced and shaped their lives. The competition was skillfully coordinated by Ms. Kamalpreet Kaur, who provided valuable guidance and support to the students throughout the process.



Akash House took second with the creative work of Arpit Singh and Ishan Raj, while Jal House secured third with a commendable video by Singey Namgyal and Aarunya Bhatia.

The opportunity turned into a meaningful and enriching experience for all involved. More than just a competition, the event offered students a wonderful opportunity to hone their storytelling, presentation, and digital media skills while reflecting on their own technological journeys making it a very

-Piyush Agarwal

Inter-House Chess Tournament: A Battle of Minds

There was a lot of excitement in the school for the Inter-House Chess Competition, which saw participation from all four houses – Akash, Agni, Prithvi, and Jal. Planning, patience, and sharp thinking were the defining traits of the matches.

Every player maintained remarkable composure and concentration during the matches, held in the Old Assembly Area. The participants showcased excellent skills, with every move carefully calculated. Each house entered the tournament fully prepared and determined to secure valuable points. The matches were gripping, and the audience quietly enjoyed the play while picking up a few strategic lessons themselves.

More than just a game, chess sharpens the ability to think strategically while



remaining calm under pressure, and making wise decisions. This event gave students the perfect platform to challenge their intellect while enjoying the thrill of competitive play.



In terms of results, Mayank Chaudhary of Prithvi House clinched first place in the Junior Boys’ category. Lukyaan Vir Grover from Jal House secured the top spot in the Intermediate Boys’ category. The Senior Boys’ title went to Akash K. Mahansaria of Agni House, and in the Girls’ category, Urooj Fatima from Agni House emerged as the champion.

-Vedansh Kothari



Young Entrepreneurs Conference 2025 at The Doon School

On 2nd and 3rd August, 2025, the lush green campus of The Doon School, Dehradun came alive with the buzz of ideas, strategy, and ambition. The Young Entrepreneurs Conference (YEC) 2025 spanned two intense, inspiring days dedicated to celebrating innovation and the fearless spirit of young business minds.

From the very start, there was an electric energy in the air. Students from across the country gathered, each eager to test their skills, challenge the norm, and reimagine what's possible in the world of entrepreneurship.

The conference brimmed with exciting flagship events. X-Pitch saw teams confidently present start-up ideas — each pitch bursting with creativity and vision.

The Crisis Committee plunged participants into high-pressure decision-making, demanding sharp thinking where every second counted.



Over at the Mock Stock, the thrill of simulated trading had the audience hooked, and it was here that Gul Chaudhary earned a High Commendation for his sharp instincts and market-savvy moves.

The action didn't stop there — the IPL Auction, high-stakes marketing challenges that transformed everyday products into irresistible brands, and the Nirmala Cabinet (a dynamic role-play of the finance ministry) added further layers of competition.

In these sessions, students debated, negotiated, and built economic policies from scratch, showcasing not only their business acumen but also their adaptability and teamwork.

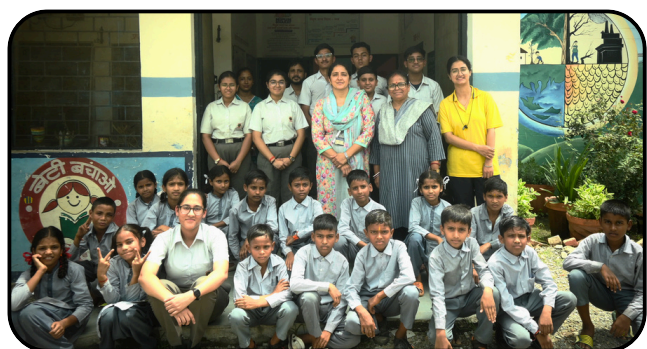
But YEC 2025 was more than just contests — it was a meeting ground for ambitious, curious young minds. Conversations flowed around innovation, adaptability, and harnessing technology to solve real-world problems. Friendships were formed, networks were built, and ideas took root that may one day grow into successful ventures.

As the curtain fell on the final day, one thing was clear — the business leaders of tomorrow are not just dreamers; they are doers. With confidence, collaboration, and vision, they are ready to embrace challenges and create meaningful change.

-Pranay Makharia

Sahyog – Where Helping Hands Build a Happier World

One Saturday in July, the Sequins4Change conducted their very first Sahyog workshop — an experience that turned out to be far more than just a teaching session. The team of volunteers walked into the classroom ready to guide students through the fear of public speaking. But by the end of the day, they realized they had just as much to learn from the students as the students did from the volunteers.



Sahyog is a student-led social initiative that creates meaningful connections and also offers support to school students through interactive, student led sessions. With this vision in mind, the Sahyog team set out to work with students from Grades 9 and 10.

The first workshop focussed on a common challenge — stage fear and how it holds young people back from expressing themselves. Whether it's speaking in class or in public, the fear of being judged can destroy one's confidence. The goal was to help the students see that this fear is normal — and more importantly, that they can overcome it.



The need for impact was clear, the workshop leaders could not just talk about fear. They had to connect with the students in a way that they could relate to - something they may face in their day-to-day lives. So, instead of starting with a lecture, the team began by doing things that the students like. They sang together, danced, and also had an interactive session where they asked each other questions — simple moments that helped break down barriers and build a sense of trust. Slowly, the room began to fill with energy. By joining them in each activity, the volunteers showed that being nervous is human — and that even they, as volunteers, understand what it feels like.



As the session was conducted step by step, beginning with how to introduce themselves and practical tips on managing stage anxiety. But the true magic of the workshop unfolded when students began stepping out of their comfort zones. Some chose to sing, others shared stories or spoke a few words in front of the group — something they might not have imagined doing just an hour earlier. Their classmates clapped, encouraged, and celebrated every effort.



Watching them support one another and take those first brave steps was nothing short of heart-warming. The classroom turned into a space filled with courage, laughter, and connection. By the end of the workshop, the Sahyog team left not only as volunteers but as learners. They had come to teach students about overcoming fear, but in turn, they were reminded of the power of vulnerability, the strength in trying, and the beauty of shared growth.

-Ariyala Imchen

Awards for Assembly – 11th August 2025.

The morning assembly on 11th August 2025 was marked by a celebration of excellence, as students were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

At the Climate Conference 2025, hosted by Kasiga School on 5th August, Viraj Bhardwaj brought pride to the school by securing an Honourable Mention for his performance.

The SelaQui Open Tennis Tournament, held on the 30th and 31st of July, witnessed remarkable success by our students. Teerath Bedi of Jal House claimed the 1st Position, while Veer Khandelwal of Prithvi House secured the 2nd Position.

The highlight of the assembly was the awarding of the prestigious Games Blazer to Shivam Garg of Class X, Agni House. Shivam has excelled across multiple sports, including athletics, skating, and football, with achievements such as a silver medal at the District Athletic Meet, two gold medals at the Chairman's Cup, and participation in the IPSC Athletics Trials where he qualified for the SGFI Nationals 2024.

The awards ceremony was a proud moment for the school community, as it highlighted not just achievements, but also the values of perseverance, teamwork, and excellence that SelaQui International School stands for.



-Aarav Dhanuka

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