

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

Podar Schools, established in 1927, have a long history of academic excellence. Their focus on traditional Indian values, innovative methods, and quality education has yielded impressive results. This report highlights the school's achievements in academics, competitions, and student development.

OUR MISSION To develop and equip the children of India for the challenges of the 21st century.

OUR VISION To be the best and be recognized as raising the traditional standards of educational possibilities and outcomes for students, parents, and society.

OUR VALUES Innovative, Open, Committed, Long Term

CLASS X RESULTS (2024-25) The school achieved a 100% pass rate in the CBSE Class X examinations for the academic year 2024-25. Highlights include:

- Top scorers with percentages up to 96.6%.
- Subject toppers: English (95), Hindi (96), Maths (97), Science (94), Social Science (96), IT (100, achieved by 2 students). This success reflects the hard work of students, teachers, and parents, setting a strong foundation for the 2025-26 year.

CBSE TRAINING PROGRAMS The school actively participates in CBSE capacity-building programs to enhance teaching methodologies. Key training in 2025 includes:

- Experiential Learning: Focused on hands-on learning techniques.
- Active Learning: Emphasized interactive classroom strategies like flipped classroom and Peer learning etc.
- In-house Trainings: Sessions on "Implementing and delivering outstanding lessons, and "Educator's Toolbox: Designing, Managing, and Inspiring the Future Classroom."
- Additional programs: Creative and Critical Thinking, aimed at equipping teachers with strategies to cultivate these skills in students.

Academic Achievements: Podar Sara City emphasizes fostering well-rounded individuals with a strong academic foundation. Interactive learning methods and technology aids enhance the learning experience. The focus on child-centred learning with project-based activities and discovery-based learning encourages active participation.

Our children consistently achieve top academic results. We provide students with an all-round education that prepares them for success in higher education. For the academic year 2025-26, the school continues to aim for excellence, building on previous successes where 80% of students achieved the Podar goal of 70% and above.

Thematic Focus for This Year (Grade IV): A thematic program for students of Std IV is an interdisciplinary approach where the entire curriculum is organized around a central, engaging topic or "theme". Instead of learning subjects in isolation, students explore a single concept, such as "**Maps and Globes, Food**" through multiple academic lenses. All subjects tie back to the main theme. For a "Food" theme, Math might involve calculating recipes, Science explores nutrition, and Social Studies examine regional farming. These programs often feature hands-on projects, group work, and "minds-on" activities that require students to apply their knowledge creatively.

Abacus and Vedic Maths: Abacus and Vedic Maths classes have started from the A.Y. 2025-26 on every Saturday for students of grade I to IX to enhance mathematical skills through innovative and traditional techniques for better performance.

Achievements

- **SOF Exams:** Consistent participation with students achieving zonal excellence in SST SOF and school ranks, demonstrating academic focus and knowledge of current affairs.
- **CBSE Competitions:** Participation in **CBSE Competitions** such as the English and Hindi Reading Challenge, Aryabhatta Ganit Challenge, and Veer Gatha reflects our strong commitment to national-level academic excellence. Students actively engaged in these prestigious platforms, showcasing their talents and subject knowledge. We are proud to share that our budding authors have successfully advanced to the second level, marking a significant achievement and motivating others to aim higher.

Holistic Development & Enrichment Programs

- **Integrated Learning Program:** A well-structured program promoting critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and creativity through engaging themes.
- **Subject-Specific Activities:** Diverse activities like model making, finger puppets, advertisements, interview simulations, and science corner visits enhanced subject understanding.
- **Inter-School Competitions:** Winning the Best Team Spirit Trophy showcases the school's ability to compete effectively with other institutions.
- **Science, Math, and Art Exhibitions:** Provide a platform for students to showcase creativity, collaboration, and innovation.
- **Educational Field Trips:** Students experienced learning beyond the classroom through visits to Kalpataru Baug and Imagica Theme Park. These trips combined fun with meaningful exploration and real-world connections. Such experiences made learning engaging, practical, and memorable.
- **School Magazine (The Qurio Mag):** Provides a platform for students to express their ideas and explore various themes like Lost and Found, Frozen Ends etc. creatively.
- **Handwriting and Creative Writing Competition:** Develops essential writing skills and encourages creative expression. Handwriting and Creative Writing skills were also a part of our internal assessments which helped the students to analyse their mistakes and improve it further.
- **School Elections:** School elections were conducted for different positions like head boy, head girl, cultural secretary, house captains and prefects to inculcate leadership qualities and promote awareness of the democratic system.
- **SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning):** Conducted for Grades VI and IX to assess and improve learning outcomes.
- **Podar Model United Nations (PMUN):** Students got unique platform to explore and find solution for different global issues.
- **Quality Circle Time Workshops:** Held for students and teachers to promote emotional intelligence, self-awareness and to relieve stress.
- **Cyber Crime Safety Session:** Educating students on digital citizenship involves teaching them how to use the internet safely, respectfully, and legally while providing critical resources for help in emergencies. Providing children with immediate access to India's 24-hour, toll-free emergency service for those in need of protection or aid like 1098 (CHILDLINE), Cybercrime Assistance no. 1930 etc.
- **Parents Orientation:** Sessions to align parents with school goals and activities.
- **Fire Drill:** Conducted to ensure preparedness for emergencies.

- **Rise and Run Marathon for Greener Chakan:** Promoted environmental awareness and community involvement.
- **Welfare Sessions:** Programs on puberty awareness for boys and girls, emotional intelligence, and self-awareness.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Principal felicitated with Rabindranath Tagore Education Excellence Award.
- Principal felicitated with Mimansa Awards.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS Sports is a crucial part of a student's growth and help in the development of mental health and physical fitness. Through participation in sports and games, students gain various skills, experience, and confidence that are helpful for developing their personality.

- **Ganeshji Podar Inter School Football Championship – Boys:** The Under-14 boys' football team secured 3rd place, reflecting outstanding dedication, discipline, and teamwork and our students under 14 boys and under 17 girls team were winner at taluka level and qualifies for district level competition.
- **ZP Competitions:** Commendable participation in cricket, football and kho-kho across Under-9 to Under-16 age categories highlighted strong sporting spirit and versatility
- **Taluka-Level Competition:**

Chess competition: Our students bagged 2nd and 5th prize at the taluka level and also secured 2nd prize at the Inter-Podar School Chess Competition, showcasing strategic thinking and excellence.

Karate Competition: At Taluka level our student from Under 17 category won first position and qualified for district level competition.
- **Kickboxing Achievements:** Students from Grade II, Grade IV and Grade VI brought pride to the school by winning gold and bronze medals at state and national levels.
- **Inter-School Music and Dance Competition:** The school bagged 1st prize in music and 3rd prize in dance competition, celebrating creativity and artistic talent.

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION: Podar Sara City recognizes the importance of environmental education and actively fosters a generation of responsible eco-warriors. Here's a glimpse into their efforts:

- **Eco Club:** A dedicated platform where students engage in various environment-focused activities.
- **Cleaning Drives:** Regular cleaning drives instill a sense of community responsibility and promote a clean school environment.
- **Plantation Drives:** Organizing tree-planting drives not only beautifies the school grounds but also educates students about the value of trees and their role in the ecosystem.
- **Water Conservation Drive:** The primary goal of this survey was to identify areas of high water consumption and potential wastage within the school premises. By analysing data from classrooms, washrooms, gardens, we have identified key "hotspots" where simple changes can lead to significant water savings.

These initiatives go beyond one-time events. By integrating environmental awareness into school life, Podar Sara City fosters a culture of sustainability:

- **Curriculum Integration:** Environmental themes can be subtly woven into various subjects, like science projects focusing on renewable resources or art projects promoting conservation.
- **Guest Lectures:** Inviting environmental experts to speak to students broadens their understanding of ecological issues and inspires them to take action and know about national initiative like “**Jal Shakti Abhiyan**”.
- **Field Trips:** Educational trips to nature centres, botanical gardens, or recycling plants provide first hand experiences and spark curiosity about the natural world.

Building a Sustainable Future: Podar Sara City's environmental education efforts empower students to become active participants in safeguarding the planet. Through hands-on activities, knowledge building, and a commitment to eco-friendly practices, the school lays a strong foundation for a sustainable future.

INNOVATIONS Podar Sara City stands out for its commitment to incorporating cutting-edge educational tools. Innovative offerings include:

- **Tinkercad: Designing in 3D (Grades V–VIII)**

Students of Grades V–VIII used Tinkercad to create innovative 3D models through a simple, user-friendly platform. They designed objects from scratch, modified existing designs, and printed their final creations using a 3D printer for real-time visualization like keychain, lamp, windmill and turbines.

A 3D design competition was conducted where students presented their models confidently, enhancing their creativity, technical knowledge, and presentation skills.

- **Robotics Lab** — A well-equipped space where students gain hands-on experience with robotics concepts. It provides access to programmable robots of varying complexity levels, building materials like Lego Mind storms or similar robotics kits, sensors, and actuators that allow robots to interact with their environment.

PTA ACTIVITIES: PTA members help the school in events like Art exhibitions, fairs, community outreach, etc. The PTA provides an "ear" to the issues concerning the parent body at large and takes them up to the parents for satisfactory resolution. It solicits new ideas and suggestions from the parent body to help enhance the overall and all-round education experience, works with PIS for review and implementation of the same, and builds a sense of community at school through increased and sustained parental participation and involvement in school events.