

FOUNDER'S DAY

Honouring the Legacy of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh

A Tribute to the Iron Lady



DDMS (AMS) P. Obul Reddy Public School commemorated the 117th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh, the visionary founder of Andhra Mahila Sabha, eminent freedom fighter, distinguished social reformer, and tireless champion of women's empowerment, with a series of meaningful programmes on 15th July 2026. The celebrations served as a tribute to her extraordinary life and enduring legacy, inspiring students to emulate her ideals of courage, service, compassion, and nation-building.

Pre Primary



The **Pre-Primary Wing** celebrated Founder's Day with immense enthusiasm, gratitude, and joy. The programme commenced with a prayer followed by the ceremonial offering of floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh. Addressing the gathering, Principal **Ms. K. Vinitha** highlighted the founder's inspiring life, her commitment to social service, and the noble values upon which the institution was built. The tiny tots of **LKG** presented an engaging skit depicting significant moments from Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's life, while the **UKG** students captivated the audience with a vibrant ramp walk portraying eminent Indian women whose achievements have brought pride to the nation. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by **Pre-Primary Headmistress Mrs. K. Vijaya Durga**, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the programme



Primary

The Primary Wing organised a special programme to acquaint young learners with the remarkable contributions of the "Iron Lady" to Indian society. The celebration commenced with the ceremonial offering of floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh, invoking an atmosphere of reverence and gratitude.



Students of grades IV and V paid their tribute through a stirring patriotic song celebrating the indomitable spirit of the women leaders of India's freedom movement. Vihaan of Grade IV delivered an eloquent speech highlighting Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's invaluable contributions as a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, the founder of Andhra Mahila Sabha, and the first Chairperson of the Central Social Welfare Board. The programme was further enriched by a vibrant cultural presentation by the students of Grade V, whose graceful dance performance beautifully portrayed the ideals of courage, resilience, and selfless service that Dr. Durgabai embodied.



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pecially curated photographic timeline adorned the bulletin boards, showcasing significant milestones from Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's illustrious life, including her leadership in the freedom movement, pioneering social initiatives, and prestigious honours such as the

Padma Vibhushan and recognition by UNESCO. The visual display offered students an engaging insight into the life of one of India's most inspiring nation-builders.

Addressing the gathering, Headmistress Ms. Sri Vani spoke passionately about Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's commitment to social justice, education, women's empowerment, and self-reliance. She urged students to draw inspiration from the founder's exemplary life service.

Middle and High School

The celebrations extended beyond the Primary Wing with a Special Assembly presented by the students of Grades VI to XII. The assembly featured a moving ode to the Iron Lady, thought-provoking speeches, and a compelling skit that vividly portrayed significant episodes from Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's life, her role in India's freedom struggle, and her relentless efforts towards social reform and the upliftment of women. The performances served as a powerful reminder of the values she cherished and the transformative impact of her visionary leadership.



In her inspiring address, Principal Ms. K. Vinitha fondly recollected the extraordinary life and visionary work of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh, whose lifelong dedication to nation-building, women's empowerment, education, and social justice continues to illuminate the path for generations. She reminded the students that they are privileged to be part of an institution founded on the noble ideals of service, compassion, integrity, and excellence. Urging them to uphold these timeless values in both thought and action, she called upon every student to become a true ambassador of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh's enduring legacy and a worthy representative of the proud institution that bears her vision. She concluded by encouraging



the young learners to lead with empathy, strive for excellence, and contribute meaningfully to society, thereby carrying forward the founder's dream of creating responsible and enlightened citizens.

Later in the day, Chairman Sri S. V. Rao, Secretary Sri E. Narasimha Rao, and Principal Ms. K. Vinitha along with the other faculty members and students, offered floral

tributes to the portrait of the revered founder, honouring her unparalleled contribution to society and reaffirming the institution's commitment to carrying forward her vision of education, empowerment, and service to humanity.

The celebrations concluded leaving students and staff inspired by the timeless ideals of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh. The occasion reaffirmed the school's dedication to preserving the rich legacy of its founder while nurturing socially conscious, compassionate, and responsible citizens committed to building a just and progressive society.

