

SAINIK SCHOOL GHORAKHAL

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The months of July to September 2026 witnessed a vibrant blend of academic, co-curricular, cultural, sporting and NCC activities at Sainik School Ghorakhal. The period reflected the school's continued commitment to holistic development, discipline, leadership, patriotism and excellence.

JULY 2026

Tree Plantation Drive

The NCC Unit of Sainik School Ghorakhal organised a Tree Plantation Drive on 16 July 2026. Fifty NCC cadets planted 25 saplings across the campus, spreading awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of preserving nature.



Safai Abhiyan at Golu Devta Temple

On 21 July 2026, 25 NCC cadets participated in a Safai Abhiyan at Golu Devta Temple, Ghorakhal. The initiative promoted cleanliness, hygiene and community service.

Inter-Class Essay Writing Competition

An Inter-Class Essay Writing Competition for Classes VI to XII was organised by the English Department on 28 July 2026. Cadets showcased creativity, critical thinking and effective written communication.

Inter-House English Debate Competition



The Junior Category Inter-House English Debate Competition was conducted on 21 July in the School Auditorium in the presence of Group Captain Madhu Sengar, Principal. The event provided cadets an opportunity to strengthen their communication, confidence and leadership skills.

Results: Bharat House – First Position; Kush House – Second Position; Luv House – Third Position.

Friendly Football Match

Sainik School Ghorakhal played a friendly football match against Parvati Prema Jagati School, Getia, on 15 July. SSGK registered an impressive 7-1 victory.

NCC Trekking Camp

Four cadets of the Independent Company participated in the NCC Trekking Camp organised by 77 UK NCC Almora at Dwarahat from 21–28 July. The camp included trekking, map reading, obstacle training and leadership activities, fostering endurance, teamwork, discipline and self-confidence.

AUGUST 2026

Motivational Session by an Alumnus

An interactive motivational session was conducted on 3 August 2026 by Col Yogesh Chauhan, alumnus, 2003 Batch. He shared valuable insights from his personal journey and professional experience with the cadets.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

A Parent-Teacher Meeting was organised on 8 August 2026 to discuss the academic progress and overall development of the cadets.

Welcome Programme for Newly Admitted Cadets

A special welcome programme for newly admitted Class VII and IX cadets was organised in the School Ante Room. The programme included a formal welcome by the Principal, introductions, presentations and entertaining performances by senior cadets.



World Elephant Day Activities

The Ecology Club organised a series of awareness activities from 1–8 August 2026 on the occasion of World Elephant Day. The activities included an awareness pledge, an elephant awareness rally and a painting competition, highlighting the importance of elephant conservation.

Independence Day Celebration

Sainik School Ghorakhal celebrated Independence Day with a grand ceremony comprising flag hoisting, a drill competition, an English speech, patriotic performances, dances and the felicitation of employees with Letters of Appreciation.



Visit of Raksha Rajya Mantri

Sainik School Ghorakhal had the honour of hosting the Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Sanjay Seth Ji, on 18 August 2026. The dignitary was received with military honours and visited various school facilities, including the swimming pool, football ground and newly inaugurated Girls' Hostel. The visit included an overview of the school's achievements and academic, co-curricular and training activities, followed by lunch at the Cadets' Mess and a visit to Golu Devta Temple.



Rule Book Revision Visit

A team led by Ms. Girija Shankar Joshi, Senior Master, Sainik Schools Society Rule Book Committee, visited Sainik School Kapurthala from 17-21 August 2026 for the revision of the Society Rule Book.

Inter-School Quiz Competition

A team of four cadets represented Sainik School Ghorakhal at an Inter-School Quiz Competition at Naincy Convent School, Jeolikot, on 23 August. The team, under the guidance of Mr. Arpan Sinha, PGT Biology, secured Second Position.

Guest Lecture by Group Captain Achchyut Kumar

On 24 August 2026, Group Captain Achchyut Kumar delivered an inspiring guest lecture, sharing his rich experience from the Indian Air Force and valuable insights into academics, sports, law, discipline and public communication.



Raksha Bandhan Celebration

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated on 28 August 2026 with a special programme for cadets and staff members. The occasion strengthened the values of brotherhood, affection and mutual respect.

NCC Activities

The NCC Unit conducted several activities during August, including awareness rallies, Tiranga marches, National Flag Hoisting and other training-oriented activities, reinforcing patriotism, discipline and civic responsibility.





Inter-House Recitation and Declamation Competition

The Inter-House Recitation and Declamation Competition was organised on 25 August 2026. Cadets displayed confidence, expression and effective public-speaking skills.

Results: Bharat House – First Position; Kush House – Second Position; Luv House – Third Position.

Inter-House UPSC (NDA) Quiz

An Inter-House UPSC (NDA) Quiz for senior houses was conducted in the School Auditorium on 31 August 2026. The cadets demonstrated their general awareness, knowledge and quick-thinking abilities.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Motivational Lecture by Wing Commander Prashant Yadav

A motivational lecture was organised on 5 September 2026 by Wing Commander Prashant Yadav, an Indian Air Force fighter pilot with extensive flying experience. He shared valuable lessons on discipline, leadership, resilience, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence.

Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Sainik School Ghorakhal on 5 September 2026 with cultural performances, sports activities and the felicitation of academic and administrative staff. The celebration began with a tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A friendly volleyball match and cultural programme featuring a skit and Kumaoni performance added colour to the celebrations.



Inspirational Lecture by Air Marshal Premkumar Krishnaswamy

The school had the privilege of hosting Air Marshal Premkumar Krishnaswamy, VM, VSM, Director General (Weapon Systems), on 11 September 2026. He delivered an inspiring lecture on military leadership and encouraged cadets to develop clarity of thought, sound decision-making, teamwork, resilience, adaptability and a strong sense of duty.

NCC Camp

An NCC camp commenced at Sainik School Ghorakhal on 14 September 2026 with the participation of 175 cadets from junior and senior divisions. The camp focused on military discipline, leadership, teamwork and various aspects of NCC training.



Hindi Pakhwara

Hindi Pakhwara commenced on 14 September 2026 with great enthusiasm. Cadets presented an impressive programme highlighting the development and richness of the Hindi language through shlokas, inspirational stories, folk songs and self-composed poems. Various literary and creative activities were organised to promote interest, creativity and communication skills in Hindi.





Inter-School Cultural Competition

Sainik School Ghorakhal secured the First Runner-Up position in the Inter-School Cultural Competition organised by the Lake City Welfare Club, Nainital, on 15 September 2026. The cadets delivered an impressive performance marked by coordination, confidence, discipline and artistic expression.

Organ Donation Awareness

Sainik School Ghorakhal observed Indian Organ Donation Day by taking a pledge to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and encouraging people to contribute towards saving lives.

National Games Preparation Conference

A meeting was organised regarding the upcoming National Games, with emphasis on comprehensive planning, logistics, scheduling, infrastructure and allocation of responsibilities to ensure smooth coordination and successful conduct of the event.

All India Sainik Schools National Games – Group B

Sainik School Ghorakhal hosted the All India Sainik Schools National Games – Group B from 21–26 September 2026. The event brought together participating teams from Sainik Schools across the country in disciplines including basketball, volleyball, athletics, debate and quiz. The opening ceremony was held on 21 September with great enthusiasm and ceremonial grandeur.

AISSNG Basketball Competition

The basketball competition commenced with an exciting opening encounter between Sainik School Jhansi and Sainik School Ghorakhal. Demonstrating excellent teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship, the Ghorakhal team secured a convincing victory.



Athletics Achievements

Cadet Bhavya Singh won the Junior Girls' Long Jump at AISSNG 2026, while Cadet Erica Rawal secured Gold in the Sub-Junior Long Jump.



All India Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition

The All India Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition was organised at SSGK on 28 September 2026. Cadets displayed excellent oratory skills and confidence.

Results: 1st – Cadet Jatin (SSRW); 2nd – Cadet Lokesh (SSRW); 3rd – Cadet Ashwin Bisht (SSGK).



English Debate Competition

Cadet Kiran Pradhan of Sainik School Jhansi secured the first position, while Cadet Aryan Rawat of SSGK secured the second position. Cadet Abhigyan Upadhyay of Sainik School Jhansi secured the third position.



SSGK Clinches Two Quiz Titles

Sainik School Ghorakhal emerged victorious in both the Junior and Sub-Junior Quiz categories, demonstrating the cadets' strong general awareness, confidence and competitive spirit.



Mid-Term Examination 2026

The Mid-Term Examination 2026 was conducted from 7 September to 16 September 2026 for Classes VI to XII.

UPSC NDA Examination Visit

On 13 September 2026, a team from Sainik School Ghorakhal accompanied 78 cadets to Almora for the UPSC-NDA Examination.

Motivational Lecture on SSB

On 28 September 2026, Group Captain Achchyut Kumar delivered a motivational lecture

on SSB preparation for the Class XII cadets, providing valuable guidance for their future selection and career aspirations.



Closing Ceremony of Hindi Pakhwara

The Hindi Pakhwara Closing Ceremony was held on 30 September 2026 in the presence of Prof. Reetesh Sah, Registrar, Kumaon University, Nainital. Staff members participated in a poem recitation, followed by their felicitation. Cadets who participated in various Hindi Pakhwara activities were also felicitated, and a school memento was presented to the Chief Guest.



IPSC Hockey Achievement

Sainik School Ghorakhal secured the Second Runner-Up position in the All India IPSC Hockey Boys U-17 Tournament, held at LK Singhanian Education Centre, Gotan, Rajasthan, from 29-31 August 2026.

A QUARTER OF ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE

The July–September quarter reflected the vibrant educational environment of Sainik School Ghorakhal. From academic competitions and motivational lectures to NCC training, environmental initiatives, cultural programmes and national-level sporting events, cadets received diverse opportunities to develop their knowledge, confidence, leadership and character.

The successful hosting of the All India Sainik Schools National Games – Group B, achievements in quiz, debate, athletics and hockey, and the active participation of cadets in community-service and patriotic activities stand as testimony to the school's ethos of discipline, determination and excellence.

Sainik School Ghorakhal continues to nurture young minds into confident, disciplined and responsible future leaders.