

Government Model Senior Secondary School in Dhanas, Chandigarh (UT)

This event aimed to promote the use of Khadi, handloom, ODOP (One District One Product), and other local products in alignment with the "Vocal for Local" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" movements. The event was guided and supported by the school's principal, *Mrs. Seema Rani*. The Khadi Mahotsav was organized as a part of the nationwide initiative by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to celebrate and promote indigenous products, especially Khadi and handloom, to strengthen the local economy and foster self-reliance. Several competitions were organized as a part of the Khadi Mahotsav to engage and educate the students about the significance of Khadi and promote local products. These competitions included:

A **quiz competition** was organized under the able guidance of *Ms. Nisha and Ms. Khushboo*. This competition tested the students' knowledge about Khadi, its history, and its importance in the context of India's freedom struggle and sustainable living.

Slogan writing competitions were held across various classes with the guidance of *Ms. Amanpreet and Ms. Ashita*. Students were encouraged to create catchy and impactful slogans to promote Khadi, handloom, ODOP, and local products. As a part of the event, students were encouraged to take a **pledge** to actively promote Khadi, handloom, ODOP, and other locally made products. The pledge aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and commitment towards supporting local artisans and businesses in the spirit of "Vocal for Local" and the nation's vision of an "Atmanirbhar Bharat."

The Khadi Mahotsav observed at the Government Model Senior Secondary School, Dhanas, Chandigarh, was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the school's principal, teachers, and students. The event succeeded in promoting the use of Khadi, handloom, and local products and instilling a sense of pride and responsibility towards supporting local industries. This initiative aligns with the government's vision of self-reliance and promoting local businesses for a stronger and more prosperous India.

