



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL GANDHINAGAR

Academic Session 2026-27

Event Report

**Title: RANGMANCHAM – INTER DPS NATIONAL
THEATRE FESTIVAL**

Date: 29-30 August 2026

Venue: DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GANDHINAGAR

“Theatre gives imagination a voice, transforms perspectives and empowers young minds to express with confidence.”

Delhi Public School, Gandhinagar hosted Rangmancham 2026 – the Inter-DPS National Theatre Festival, under the aegis of The Delhi Public School Society. An online preliminary round saw the enthusiastic participation of 60 DPS schools, culminating in a vibrant two-day national festival with 20 shortlisted schools from across the country at DPS Gandhinagar.

The festival opened on 29 August 2026 amidst artistic installations and evocative décor. The Opening Ceremony was graced by Shri Rajendra Gupta, veteran cinema and stage actor, as the Chief Guest, and Ms Dolly Chanana, Director, The Delhi Public School Society, as the Distinguished Guest, along with Mr Apoorva Goenka, Pro Vice Chairman; Ms Dimple Goenka, Managing Trustee; Ms Anju Singh, Principal; and Mr Rakesh Kumar Bhagat, Headmaster, DPS Gandhinagar. The esteemed jury comprised Mr Mahendra Parmar, Mr Rajit Singh Kanwar and Prince Ali Siddiqui.

The ceremony featured the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, Shloka chanting, Welcome Song, vibrant Gujarati folk dance, a spirited dance presentation by the students of Saransh and a specially curated video presentation. The dignitaries and jury members were felicitated amidst warm applause.

Shri Rajendra Gupta inspired the young artistes with insights from his journey in cinema and theatre, emphasising discipline, observation, authenticity and commitment to craft. Ms Dolly Chanana spoke about nurturing creativity and providing young learners opportunities to discover their voices, while Mr Apoorva Goenka highlighted theatre as a medium for developing communication, imagination, collaboration and self-expression.

The inaugural performances brought the stage alive with ‘Narsimha’, Nukkad Natak and Monologue. Performers were introduced through iconic characters from popular films, creating an engaging bridge between cinema and theatre. The thought-provoking presentations addressed pertinent social concerns and meaningful messages for society, encouraging reflection and responsible citizenship.

Across two days, participating schools presented diverse narratives, powerful performances and distinctive theatrical interpretations, creating a space to explore ideas, emotions and perspectives while learning from one another through the shared language of theatre.

The festival culminated in the Valedictory Ceremony on 30 August 2026, graced by Ms Dolly Chanana, Director, The Delhi Public School Society; Ms Anju Singh, Principal, DPS Gandhinagar; and Mr Rakesh Kumar Bhagat, Headmaster, DPS Gandhinagar.

The host school presented 'Where Stories Come Alive', an evocative dance drama inspired by the legendary tale of the young Chaarankanya, immortalised by Gujarati poet Zaverchand Meghani. Through music, movement and dramatic expression, the timeless tale came alive on stage, showcasing the artistic imagination and theatrical finesse of DPS Gandhinagar.

Ms Dolly Chanana shared her reflections, offering valuable insights drawn from her rich experience and deep association with education, adding meaning to a celebration centred on creativity, expression and the growth of young minds.

The atmosphere reached its crescendo with the much-awaited declaration of results, as the achievements of the participating schools were celebrated amidst eager anticipation and applause. **DPS Mathura Road** emerged as the **Overall Champion** of Rangmancham 2026, earning the coveted title after an exceptional display of theatrical talent and creativity.

As the final curtain fell, Rangmancham 2026 left behind stories, ideas, friendships and experiences, reaffirming theatre's ability to sensitise, inspire and give young minds the confidence to express. For DPS Gandhinagar, hosting this national celebration reflected its commitment to holistic education, creativity and the transformative power of the performing arts.

ON- SITE EVENTS - MONOLOGUE

NAME OF THE SCHOOL	POSITION
DPS NOIDA SEC 30,UP	FIRST
DPS HINJAWADI PUNE	SECOND
DPS MATHURA ROAD	THIRD

ON- SITE EVENTS-NUKKAD NATAK

NAME OF THE SCHOOL	POSITION
DPS MATHURA ROAD	FIRST
DPS R.K PURAM, NEW DELHI	SECOND
DPS HINJAWADI PUNE	THIRD

