

INVESTITURE CEREMONY: EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS

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Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge.

“It is rightly said that leaders are not born; they are made.” Keeping this thought at the heart of its educational philosophy, RK Puram, Sec 8, New Delhi, organised its Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2026–27 on 1 September 2026. The ceremony marked a significant milestone in the school calendar as the newly elected Students’ Council formally assumed their responsibilities.

The Investiture Ceremony is a celebration of leadership, responsibility and service. It provides young students with an opportunity to understand that leadership is not merely about holding a position, but about earning trust, taking initiative and serving others with sincerity and integrity. The ceremony reaffirmed the school’s commitment to nurturing confident, responsible, disciplined and service-oriented individuals.

The ceremony commenced with the ceremonial presentation of badges and sashes to the newly appointed members of the Students’ Council. The badges of responsibility were conferred upon the Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captains, Discipline Captains, CLA representatives, House Captains, Literary Captains and other members of the council by the Principal, Vice-Principal, House Masters and senior teachers. As the young leaders donned their badges and sashes, they embraced the responsibilities entrusted to them and pledged to discharge their duties to the best of their abilities while upholding the rules, values and traditions of the school.

The Head Boy administered the oath of allegiance to the newly appointed Students’ Council. The council members solemnly pledged to serve their school with utmost sincerity, uphold its dignity, led by example and carry out their responsibilities with dedication and commitment.

Adding further depth to the ceremony, the Sports Captain addressed the gathering and shared insights into the roles and responsibilities of the Students’ Council. He highlighted the various activities undertaken by the council and explained how student leaders contribute to maintaining discipline, fostering teamwork and strengthening the school community.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal, Sh. Rabindra Kumar, congratulated the newly appointed student leaders and extended his blessings and best wishes to them. He emphasised that true leadership is not merely about occupying a position of authority, but about having the courage to take initiative, the resilience to overcome challenges, empathy towards others and the humility to serve. He encouraged the council members to set clear priorities, remain focused on their goals and work together as a team. He reminded the students that the newly appointed leaders were the torchbearers of the values and traditions of RK Puram, Sec 8, New Delhi, and urged them to shoulder their responsibilities with commitment, integrity and a strong sense of accountability. He also highlighted the importance of maintaining a balance between academics, co-curricular activities, sports, cultural pursuits and leadership opportunities, noting that such a holistic approach enables students to discover their strengths and develop into confident, capable and well-rounded individuals. Concluding his address, the Principal invited the Head Girl to share her thoughts on the significance of the Students’ Council and the responsibilities entrusted to its members.

The Head Girl emphasised that a successful council is built on mutual respect, cooperation and a shared commitment to the betterment of the school. Her address highlighted the importance of working together with dedication and responsibility to uphold the values and vision of the institution.

The ceremony then moved towards its concluding segment, with the Vice Captain delivering the Vote of Thanks. He expressed his gratitude to the Principal, teachers, dignitaries and students for their support and encouragement in making the ceremony a memorable occasion.

The event concluded on a cheerful note with photographs being taken, capturing the proud and memorable moments of the newly appointed student leaders as they embarked upon their journey of responsibility and service. The Investiture Ceremony concluded on a note of pride and optimism. With renewed confidence and a strong sense of responsibility, the newly appointed student leaders embarked upon their journey of service and leadership. The ceremony beautifully reflected the school’s vision of empowering young minds to become responsible citizens, compassionate leaders and individuals of character and conviction.