

## **Triumphant Waves: FAIPS Swimmers Make History at CBSE National Competition**

The pool lights dimmed, the air electric with anticipation, as the **CBSE National Girls Swimming Competition 2025-26** kicked off, hosted by the esteemed **KIT International School** from September 24th to 27th, 2025. This was no small meet; it was a landmark gathering, drawing over **600 elite swimmers** from a staggering **235 schools** worldwide, a true testament to the competitive spirit thriving across the 27,000 CBSE schools globally.

Amidst this fiercely spirited competition, two rising stars from the **Kuwait Cluster** of CBSE schools etched their names into history. **Dakshaja Dey Upareti** and **Elysha Nathalia D'Cunha** of **FAIPS (DPS)** delivered an unprecedented achievement for Kuwait. Their performance marked the first time the cluster has achieved such distinction at the National level.

Dakshaja, a dedicated athlete from Class 9, dominated the water with breathtaking grace and power, clinching an astounding **four Gold Medals**. Her dedication and sporting excellence proved unbeatable. Not to be outdone, the versatile Elysha, a talented swimmer from Class 5, showcased her grit by securing a brilliant trio: **one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze Medal**.

The victorious contingent, team and medalists alike, returned home to a hero's welcome. They were formally received at the airport by a proud delegation, including **Mr. Ravi Ayanoli**, the Principal of FAIPS(DPS) and Chairman of the Gulf Sahodaya of CBSE Schools, and **Mr. Prashant Vasudev**, the Convenor of the Kuwait Chapter of CBSE Schools. Accompanying them were the FAIPS Physical Education HoD, **Ms. R. Subbulatha**, and the beaming parents.

On behalf of the management, the Principal lauded the young swimmers for their unwavering perseverance and discipline. He emphasized that their stellar performance had brought immense honour not only to FAIPS (DPS) but also to the entire Kuwait chapter of CBSE schools. This spectacular achievement stands as a vivid reflection of FAIPS's foundational commitment to holistic education, proving that outstanding success in extracurricular domains can shine just as brightly as academic excellence.



