

## Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs, India being led by a **DAV Alumnus!**

At the young age of merely 45 years, it is no mean feat to don the cap of the Minister of State both for Finance and Corporate Affairs of the country, which take care of the one-sixth of the total population of the world. Yes, we are referring to none other than Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, the proud alumnus of DAV Dayanand Model School, Jalandhar, Punjab

**B**orn on 24 October, 1974 to Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, the Ex-Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Anurag Thakur's journey so far has just not been impressive, but is an example for the youth to emulate. His list of accomplishments is extensive and a one-page article would actually be insufficient to chronicle them all.

Anurag Thakur is a great lover of sports, especially Cricket, and during his school days at DAV Model School, Jalandhar, he was supported by his teachers due to his passion and keen interest in the game. He was a regular player in Under-16 and Under-19 teams, and in the year 2000, he went on to become the youngest President of Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association(HPCA).

He also played a Ranji match against Jammu & Kashmir in November, 2000. Due to his zest and passion for cricket, he became the Chairman of selectors of HPCA Ranji Trophy cricket team and rose to the rank of Secretary in Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI). Eventually, he went on to become the youngest President of the BCCI for nearly one year.

Apart from cricket, he has held many posts as a Sports Administrator. He has been an Ex-President State Rifle Association and currently, he is serving as the President of Himachal



Pradesh Olympic Association and the President of Himachal Hockey, Himachal Pradesh.

Anurag Thakur is also a very dedicated entrepreneur, who at the tender age of 19 years, started his export business and despite his humble beginnings, he made it big by sheer dint of hard work and vision, before plunging deep into politics.

Having a keen interest in politics too, Anurag Thakur joined the Bhartiya Janata Party and rose to become the President of the All

India Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha. This brave son of India led a march from Kolkata to Srinagar to unfurl the National Flag at Lal Chowk on 26 January, 2011. In the same year, he received the 'Best Young Parliamentarian Award' due to his deep commitment and passion towards serving the country. He soon became the chief whip of the Bhartiya Janta Party in Lok Sabha.

He continues to be a member of Lok Sabha since 2008 and currently, serving his Fourth Term, wherein he became a minister in the Central government serving two ministries as mentioned above. He holds the unique feat of becoming the First serving Member of Parliament to become a regular Commissioned Officer in the Territorial Army as a Lieutenant.

During his recent visit to the DAV Head Office, he shared his success story with the Office Bearers, Teachers, Students and Alumni of DAV.

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