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Karnataka Rajyotsava:



Karnataka Rajyotsava was celebrated on the 1st of November with great cultural pride, vibrancy, and respect for the rich heritage of the state. The event brought together students and teachers in a spirited display of unity and love for Karnataka. We were honoured to welcome Dr. Subramanya N.K, a well-known pro-Kannada activist and the State Campaign Committee President, as the Chief Guest. The celebration began with the dignified hoisting of the Karnataka flag, filling the atmosphere with patriotic fervour. Students and teachers enthusiastically showcased various performances that highlighted the cultural, historical, and linguistic significance of the day.

The cultural programme included expressive dances, moving enactments, thought-provoking skits, and melodious patriotic songs dedicated to Karnataka's legacy. Each performance reflected the pride and devotion of the participants

toward the state's traditions and values. The Chief Guest was visibly impressed by the discipline, creativity, and heartfelt enthusiasm of the performers. He appreciated the school's effort in nurturing Kannada culture among young learners and concluded his address by paying a respectful tribute to Karnataka Maatha, adding a moment of solemn reverence to the joyous celebration.



Workshop on Self-Awareness and Self Defence:



St. Chaminade School organized a two-day workshop titled “A Self-Awareness & Self-Defence Initiative for Girls,” aimed at empowering students with essential skills for personal safety. The workshop was organized at Chaminade School from 9-10 November 2025. The sessions introduced the girls to the importance of staying alert, recognizing risky situations, and understanding how self-defence can protect them from dangers such as eve-teasing, harassment, and molestation. Trainers emphasized that self-defence is not just physical strength but also awareness, confidence, and the ability to react wisely in difficult moments.

The workshop included practical demonstrations and hands-on training, allowing students to practice simple yet effective self-defence techniques under expert guidance. The program received enthusiastic participation, with many students expressing increased confidence and preparedness. Through initiatives like this, St. Chaminade School continues to foster a safe and supportive learning environment, empowering young girls to become strong, aware, and self-reliant individuals.

Children's Day Celebrations at St. Mary's English Medium School:



St. Mary's English Medium School joyfully celebrated Children's Day on 14 November 2025 with great enthusiasm and warmth. The campus was filled with smiles and excitement as students gathered with their friends, teachers, and parents to mark this special day dedicated to the happiness and well-being of every child. The event began with a welcoming address by the Principal, who emphasized the importance of nurturing young minds with love, care, and encouragement.

To make the day memorable for the students, the teachers prepared and performed a variety of engaging programs. Their delightful performances—ranging from dances and songs to short skits—captured the essence of joy and celebration. The children were thrilled to watch their teachers take the stage, creating a beautiful moment of bonding, laughter, and admiration. Parents appreciated the efforts taken by the staff to ensure that the students felt valued and cherished on their special day. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets to all the students, adding a touch of sweetness to an already delightful event. The day will be remembered for the warmth, creativity, and cheerful spirit that filled the school, reinforcing the message that children are the heart of St. Mary's English Medium School.

Bonalu at Jacob Gapp School:



At Jacob Gapp School, we joyfully celebrated Bonalu, honouring the rich cultural traditions of our region. All the children enthusiastically prepared their own Bonalu pots, beautifully decorated with flowers and turmeric. They danced around with great excitement, showcasing their unity, energy, and cultural spirit. After the lively celebration, the children respectfully carried the Bonalu and immersed them in the nearby stream, completing the ritual with devotion and reverence. The event not only brought colour and joy to the campus but also helped our students learn the

value of tradition, togetherness, and gratitude.

Parents-Teachers Meeting

Jacob Gapp School conducted its Parents-Teachers Meeting with the aim of strengthening the partnership between the school and families. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for parents to interact with teachers, understand their child's progress, and discuss academic as well as personal development. Teachers shared detailed feedback on students' performance, classroom behavior, and areas needing improvement. Parents actively participated, raising meaningful questions and appreciating the school's efforts to maintain high academic and disciplinary standards.



Children's Day Celebration at SJCA:



Children's Day was celebrated on 14th November with great vigor, excitement, and heartfelt enthusiasm at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy. The entire school atmosphere was filled with joy as teachers put in remarkable effort to create a memorable day for the students. Demonstrating their affection and dedication, the teachers came forward to perform as children themselves, bringing humour and liveliness to the celebration. Their vibrant dances, humorous skits, animated cartoon acts, melodious songs, and lively music added colour and charm to the event, leaving the students thrilled and deeply appreciative of the love shown by their mentors. Children also enjoyed the games after the children's day celebration.



We were also privileged and honoured to have Mr. Mark from Chaminade College Preparatory School, USA, grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. His presence added a special significance to the celebration, symbolizing the bond and collaboration shared between the two institutions. Mr. Mark addressed the gathering with encouraging words, appreciating the spirit of the students and the

creativity of the staff. The day concluded with cheerful smiles, memorable moments, and a renewed sense of unity, making this Children's Day a truly joyful and inspiring experience for everyone.

Bal-Mela 2025 – Children's Day Celebration by AICUF Youth, XUP



The AICUF youth of XUP joyfully organized a vibrant Children's Day celebration, *Bal-Mela 2025*, on their campus on 16 November 2025 for the children of REDS Patna. A total of 99 children, accompanied by four volunteers, participated wholeheartedly in the event, which was filled with excitement, learning, and laughter.

The organizers engaged the children with a series of fun activities, games, and sports events that encouraged teamwork, creativity, and confidence. The children actively took part in the sports competitions and several of them won prizes, adding to the joy of the day. As a special gesture of love and encouragement, the AICUF youth gifted digital slates to all the children, making the occasion even more memorable.



Bal-Mela 2025 was a beautiful expression of care, solidarity, and youthful enthusiasm, leaving the children inspired and delighted.



On 29 November 2025, a total of 62 children joyfully participated in REDS Patna's recreational activities held on the XUP campus. The session was filled with lively games, learning experiences, and moments of togetherness, creating a cheerful and uplifting atmosphere for all the children involved.

Scout and Guide Training at St. Mary's English Medium School:



On 22 November 2025, St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli, hosted a comprehensive Scout and Guide training session conducted by Peace Scout and Guide, India. The program aimed to instill discipline, teamwork, leadership, and service-mindedness among the students. Through a series of interactive activities, demonstrations, and hands-on learning, students were introduced to the core values and practices of the Scout and Guide movement. The session proved to be both educational and inspiring, encouraging students to develop life skills and a deeper sense of responsibility towards their community.

Chaminade School Student's Excursion to Deepahalli:



Chaminade School organized an exciting excursion to Deepahalli for our Pre-primary students on November 8. The trip offered the young learners a refreshing change from the classroom environment and provided an opportunity to explore the beauty of nature up close. As they walked through the scenic surroundings, the children observed plants, trees, and open spaces with great curiosity and joy.

The outing was filled with moments of discovery, laughter, and learning as the little ones interacted with nature in a safe and engaging setting. Teachers guided them through simple nature-based activities, helping them appreciate the outdoors while developing their observational skills. Overall, the excursion was a delightful experience that left the children energized, happy, and eager for more such adventures.

All-Subject Exhibitions

One of the significant highlights of the academic year was the successful conduct of the All-Subject Exhibitions at Jacob Gapp School. The exhibitions provided an excellent platform for students to demonstrate their academic understanding, creativity, and innovative thinking across various subject areas. Students prepared their exhibits with remarkable dedication, presenting models, experiments, charts, and demonstrations that reflected both conceptual clarity and artistic expression.

Their enthusiasm and involvement contributed greatly to the overall quality of the event. The exhibitions received an overwhelming response from parents, who



expressed deep appreciation for the efforts and progress shown by their children. Their positive feedback reaffirmed the school's commitment to fostering meaningful and experiential learning. Students from neighboring schools were also invited to visit the exhibitions, promoting

collaboration and academic exchange within the local educational community. This event marked an important milestone for the institution, setting a higher benchmark for excellence and reinforcing the steady growth and vision of Jacob Gapp School.

Children's Day celebration at REDS Bengaluru



The event was planned and executed with great care by the REDS Administration and staff. The day began with the arrival of children from various centers, who were brought to the venue by bus and welcomed with a wholesome breakfast. The

celebration was graced by distinguished guests: Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, the Executive Director of REDS, and Mrs. Chamundeshwari, Principal of the Government Middle School, Austin Town. It was also a great honor for REDS Bangalore to welcome Hon. N. A. Haris, Member of the Legislative Assembly (Shanthi Nagar constituency), who delivered an inspiring message on nurturing happiness and building a peaceful society.

The atmosphere was filled with love and joy as the community came together to celebrate the children. The students presented a variety of cultural programs, showcasing their talents and expressing their delight on this special occasion. They were served lunch and received gifts after each performance, adding to their excitement.



A special word of appreciation goes to Bro. Antony Nesam and the dedicated staff of REDS for their hard work, generous spirit, and selfless service that made the day memorable for every child.

Workshop for School Principals at Deepahalli:

The Office of Education of the Region of India organized a three-day workshop for school principals, accompanied by members of the Education Commission, at Deepahalli from 27-29 November 2025. This enriching program was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Francis Assisi D'Almeida, a priest from the Diocese of Mangalore and a syndicate member of the Bangalore University, who carries vast experience in the fields of education, law, minority rights, and related areas. His guidance and expertise provided participants with deep insights and practical knowledge essential for today's educational landscape.



The workshop centered on several significant themes such as minority rights, POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act), proper maintenance of school infrastructure, and the responsibilities entrusted to teachers and principals. The sessions also highlighted the importance of value-based education in shaping responsible and ethical students.

A heartfelt word of thanks goes to Bro. Basant Kujur for his tireless efforts in planning and coordinating the entire workshop. His hard work, dedication, and consistent communication ensured that the three-day program was well-organized, informative, and highly beneficial for all participants.

Human Development Saturday



As part of Jacob Gapp School's commitment to holistic education, Human Development Saturday was conducted with focused sessions for different grade levels. Mrs. Satyavani addressed the higher classes on the theme "Hard Work," emphasizing the importance of perseverance, discipline, and consistent effort in achieving long-term success. Her

session was informative and motivational, encouraging students to cultivate a strong work ethic.

For the lower sections, sessions on “Good Habits” were conducted by Mrs. Nagamani and Mrs. Ramadevi. Their interactive presentations helped young learners understand the value of cleanliness, punctuality, respect, and responsible behaviour in daily life. The programme was well received and contributed significantly to the character formation and personal development of the students.

Four-Day Peace Scouting Training at Prabhat Tara School



Prabhat Tara School successfully hosted a four-day Peace Scouting Training Program, conducted by the Namkum Army Unit, concluding on 16 November 2025. The initiative aimed to nurture discipline, teamwork, leadership skills, and a spirit of peaceful coexistence among the students.

During the training, army personnel led the students through a series of structured activities, including physical drills, group challenges, awareness sessions, and team-building exercises. Each activity was designed to develop confidence, responsibility, and resilience—qualities essential for both effective scouting and responsible citizenship. The program was an enriching and memorable experience, offering students valuable life skills and practical guidance. Prabhat Tara School expresses its sincere gratitude to the Namkum Army for their dedication, support, and commitment to shaping young minds through this meaningful training program.

Prayer Requests

Kindly pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in the process of healing and for their speedy recovery from physical or psychological illness.

- ❖ We continue to pray for Bro. Ashok and Fr. Sebastian Bara for their healing!
- ❖ We wish you a blessed Advent!

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in the Month of December

02 Suman Dungkung *
03 LalitDhanwar
07 Sushil Minj
08 Binod Kerketta
14 Sanjay Ekka
20 Augustus Surin

December 2025

1-5	Young Priest's Workshop at Deepahalli
3	St. Francis Xavier, Patron of India.
6	Mid-Term Evaluation Due to the Regional Office for Aspirants, Pre-Novices, Novices and Temporary Professed
6	Fr. Tim travels to Ranchi
8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10-12	Regional Council Meeting
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	Workshop for Tailoring students at Deepahalli – Conducted by Bro. Basant, Bro. Rayappan and Fr. Santhosh
25	Christmas
26	St. Stephen, the first Martyr
27	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
28-30	Temporary Professed Workshop at Nirmal Deep
28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
30	The Holy Family

A Blessed and Holy
Advent Season



thank you