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Albatrosses are large seabirds found in the Southern Ocean and the North Pacific. Great albatrosses are among the largest flying birds with wingspans up to 2.5-3.5 metres. They are highly efficient in the air, using dynamic soaring and slope soaring to cover great distances without exertion. They are considered a good omen by sailors.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

August was ushered in by heavy showers and an active month filled with energetic and enthusiastic events and programmes strolled by. With the 80th Indian Independence day celebrations as a major highlight, this month was truly an unforgettable one.

We are delighted to present to you the third monthly E-Newsletter of this academic year, 'AUGUST ALBATROSSES 2026-27'. We look forward to the approaching power-packed months of grand events.

SOUTH ZONE HANDBALL CHAMPIONS

In the CBSE South Zone II Handball Championship hosted by Sanjivani International School, Shirdi, and held at Rahata Taluka Sports Complex, from 1st to 5th August 2026, our Under-19 girls team bagged the Gold Medal and got qualified to play in the National level event to be held in Uttar Pradesh. The team members were Manya Holla and Dhanyashree Pingle of X B, Dhathri C., Ruhika Raj and Saanvi B.V. of X E, and Saavani Jain and Vethali D. Pujar of X D. The team was coached by Mr. Girish Kumar R. and Mrs. Bhanumathi K.



FIRST PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The first Parent-Teacher Meeting for classes I-VIII was organised on 8th August 2026. Parents met the class teachers and subject teachers of their wards and discussed their overall academic progress and behaviour.

On the same day, a General Meeting and Interactive session was held for the parents of the students of XI std, presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the gracious presence of the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Coordinator, Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat, and Deputy Coordinator, Ms. Vinutha P, following which the parents met the class mentors and subject teachers of their wards.



GEETHA BHARATHI PRESENTATION

In keeping with the school's annual tradition, 210 of our students from UKG to XI std, trained by Mrs. Vidya S., made a patriotic song presentation in the 13th 'Geetha Bharathi' Independence Day Celebration held at Kuvempu Rangamandira, Shimoga, on 8th August 2026. The theme of the event was 'Tribute to the Nation' and it was organised by the Malnad Open Group, Scouts and Guides, Shimoga.

Our school management, represented by Treasurer of SAFE and JVS, Dr. K. R. Shridhar, Trustee, Sri. H. N. S. Rao, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and the Coordinators, felicitated Naik Deep Chand (Retired Naik from Artillery Service of Indian Army) on this occasion.



SOUTH ZONE TAEKWONDO WINNERS

In the CBSE South Zone Taekwondo Tournament held at Shankar Bharathi Public School, Warora, Maharashtra, Aarohee A. of VII E won a silver medal in the Under-14 (20-22kg) category, and got selected for the national level event. In the Under-14 (21-23kg) category, Jayanth M.S. of VII D won the bronze medal. They were trained by Mr. Dorai C.



80th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The celebration of the 80th Independence day and the Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo was organised in a grand manner in the school campus. It is customary for senior members of the staff to be given an opportunity to hoist the flag on top of the school building every year. This year, Mrs. Deepa S.A. had the privilege of hoisting the flag, following which she addressed the gathering on the special occasion.

The formal function followed in the Satchidananda Sabha Bhavan, attended by students of I-VII std, after the formal flag-hoisting by the Senior Vice Principal of JSSS, Dr. Regy Joseph, who also addressed the gathering about the possibilities ahead for the youth of the nation. The students of the school presented a group song and speeches in Kannada, English and Hindi. The students of SAPUC presented a group song and a speech on Sri Aurobindo. The formal function concluded with a skit presentation by the students of VI C & D sections.

The students of VIII-XII std attended the Independence Day Celebration organised by the Government of Karnataka at the Nehru Stadium, Shimoga. A district-level march-past parade competition was organised, in which our squad of 27 girls from VIII and IX std, led by the group commander Nandini B.E. and placard holder, Arushi K. Gowda, won the second place. They had been trained by Mr. Sudarshan K. They received their trophy and certificate from Shri. S. Madhu Bangarappa, Honourable Minister for School Education and Literacy.



COMMUNITY SERVICE BY STUDENTS OF I-VIII STD

A Community service programme was organised for the students of I-VIII std in the month of August, to instill a sense of selflessness and compassion among the students.

207 students of VIII std, along with 8 teachers, the Environment Minister of the school parliament, Sharadhi N.M. of X E and Shadow Leader to the ministry, Arushi K. Gowda of IX F, visited the Kudli Sri Sharadamba Temple and rendered their services towards cleaning the premises of the Ashrama on 1st August 2026. Sri Sri Sri Vidyabhinava Vidhyaranya Bharathi addressed the students and applauded them for their efforts on this occasion.

209 students of V std, accompanied by 8 teachers, visited Siddhartha Blind School, Bhadravathi, on 4th August 2026, and engaged in community service there. 223 students of VI std, along with 8 teachers, visited Dhamnod Taranga School, Bhadravathi, on the same day and rendered their services. On the same day, 207 students of VII std, accompanied by 8 teachers, visited Jeevana Kirana Vrudhashrama in Agardalli, and rendered their services to the inmates.

261 little ones of I std, accompanied by 10 teachers, visited the Vrudhashrama (Old-age Home) and rendered their services to the inmates on 18th August 2026.

219 students of II std, accompanied by 10 teachers, visited Tayi Mane (Orphanage), on the same day and rendered their services.

233 students of III std, along with 10 teachers, visited the Sharada Andhara Vikasa Kendra on 19th August for community service.

On the same day, the same number of students from IV std, were accompanied by 10 teachers to visit Asha Kirana (Residential School for Mentally Challenged Children) to offer their services.



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY OBSERVANCE

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, National Sports Day was observed on 29th August 2026 in the school campus. Saanvi B.V. of X E spoke about the importance of the day, and students of VI-X std presented a skit and dance performance on the occasion. The Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, spoke about the importance of health and fitness in his presidential address.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR XI-XII STD

A two-day orientation programme was organised for the students of classes XI and XII on 19th and 20th August 2026, in which the resource person, Sri. Giridhar Rewantt, Founder of Focus WildX engaged the students in a meaningful interaction regarding the importance of focus in life, assisted by his team.

Day 1 was exclusively focused on the students of Commerce stream, while students of Science stream attended the second day's session. The topic of the session was 'Where Your Focus Goes, Your Energy Flows'. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and the Coordinator of XI and XII std, Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat graced the occasion with their presence.



CAREER GUIDANCE SESSIONS BY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Three career-guidance sessions were conducted as part of the Hand-holding Programme by the school's Alumni Association (JAAS), for the students of classes XI and XII, in the month of August.

Our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Sunil Kumar K.S., Product Manager and Program Governance Lead, conducted a session on 'Future-ready Careers, Opportunities and the AI Advantage' for the students of XI and XII std of both Science and Commerce streams, on 10th August 2026. He was felicitated by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, as well as by Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath (Trustee) and Mr. Palash Jain, Office-bearer, JAAS. Another esteemed alumnus, Mr. Samiksh V.R., Project Manager, Deeksha Sports Management, conducted a session on 'Insight into a Career in Gaming and E-sports', sharing his experience of representing the nation on international platforms and starting his own passion projects. The session was conducted for the students of XI and XII Commerce on 12th August 2026. He was felicitated by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Mr. Pruthviraj Girimaji (JAAS).

The third session, held on 29th August 2026, was titled, 'Beyond MBBS: Exploring Healthcare Career Paths', with our alumna Ms. Pratiksha Rao, Consulting and Dispensing Optometrist, as the resource person. She was felicitated by the Coordinator, Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat and the office-bearers of JAAS, Mr. Athirath Biluve and Mr. Amarnath.



SSSC BADMINTON CHAMPS

The Inter-school Shuttle Badminton event for 2026-27, under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga, was hosted by Podar International School, Shimoga, at Nehru Indoor Stadium on 8th August 2026. Our Under-14 Girls, Amshu S.R. of VIII A, Samruddhi S. of VI D and Yuktha Atthaje of V E, bagged the gold medal in their category. The Under-14 Boys, Sudhanva V. Sakleshpur of VI E, Yadhunandhana G. of VII C and Thejus Krishna S.H. of VI E, and the Under-17 Boys, Aarav Jain of IX F, Deepak Y. Navale of IX C and Samiksh V. Jain of IX A, won silver medals in their respective events.



The team manager, Mr. Mahaveer Hegde and Physical Education instructors, Mr. Girish Kumar R. and Mr. Purushottam S. accompanied the students.

FOUNDATION DAY 2026

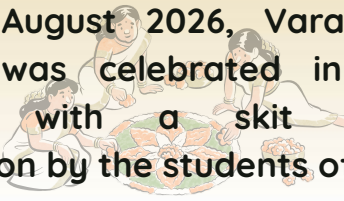
On the occasion of the Foundation Day on 12th August 2026, the three heads of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, along with the Coordinators of all the wings of the school, greeted the Treasurer of SAFE and JVS, Dr. K.R. Sridhar, as a representative of the school management, with floral bouquets as a token of their gratitude and appreciation. The Principal of Sri. Aurobindo PU College, Sri. S.M. Joseph, Vice Principals and staff also greeted and thanked the members of the management for their constant support.



VARAMAHALAKSHMI VRATHAM

CELEBRATION

On 20th August 2026, Varamahalakshmi Vratham was celebrated in the school assembly with a skit and dance presentation by the students of VI E.



ATHLETICS ACHIEVERS

In the CBSE Cluster VIII Athletics Meet 2026-27 held at Federal Public School, Raichur, from 27th to 30th August 2026, our students made us proud by winning several laurels.

Ekalavya of VIII std won the gold medal in the Under-14 Shotput event. Our boys' relay team consisting of Dheeraj G., Mohammed Faisal, Mohammed Affan and Manjunath M. of XII std and Atharv Tirluka of X D won the gold in the 4x100 m event. Mohammed Affan of XII (Sci) also won the silver medal in the 400 m event, while B.M. Vedanth of XII (Com) won silver medals in both the Discus Throw and Shotput events. In the 4x400 m relay event, the boys' team consisting of Manjunath M, Dheeraj G. and Mohammed Affan of XII std and Advik Acharya and Sujan V of X std won the silver medal. Mohammed Faisal of XII (Com) won the bronze in the 100 m race, while Manya Holla of X B won the bronze in the Discus Throw event. Seven of our students, B.M. Vedanth, Manjunath M., Mohammed Faisal, Mohammad Affan, Dheeraj G., Atharv Tirluka and Ekalavya have qualified for the national level event.

Our team won a total of 6 golds, 8 silvers and 2 bronzes in this meet. The entire team of athletes was coached by Mr. Purushottam S. and the team manager was Ms. Bhoomika B.O.



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The National Librarian's Day was observed in all the five Pre-school centres on 12th August 2026.

Onam was celebrated in all the centres on 14th August, by little ones and teachers dressed in traditional attire and decorating the campuses with flower carpets.

Independence Day was celebrated in the five branches of Pre-school by hoisting the tricolour and singing patriotic songs.



Independence Day



Onam



National Librarian's Day

The concluding activity for the theme 'Colours', called 'Tiara Day' was conducted for the little ones of Playgroup on 13th August 2026.

The concluding activity for the students of Nursery was 'Ramp Walk' and it was conducted on 17th August 2026.

For the students of LKG, the concluding activity was 'Little Stars Colour Walk', and it was conducted on 18th August 2026.



The concluding activity of the theme 'Colours', titled 'Colours Carnival' was organised for the students of UKG on 19th August 2026 in all the five centres.



Colours Carnival

Varamahalakshmi Vratham was celebrated in all the five centres of Pre-school on 20th August 2026.



The second Parent-Teacher Meeting for Pre-schools was held on 29th August 2026.



PTM

Eid Milad-un-Nabi was celebrated in all the five centres of Pre-school on 25th August 2026.

Rakshabandhan and National Sports Day were celebrated on 28th August



Eid Milad-un-Nabi



Rakshabandhan & National Sports Day

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