



JUNE JACANAS

2026-27

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TITLE TRIVIA

Jacanas are found in the tropical regions around the world. They are noted for their elongated toes and toenails that allow them to spread out their weight while foraging on floating or semi-emergent aquatic vegetation. This ability to walk on water, gets them the name Jesus bird. They are also among the somewhat rare groups of birds in which females are larger, and males are solely responsible for incubating the eggs and caring for the young. Each variety of Jacanas looks very different from the others.

THE EDITORIAL COLUMN

It's the fresh beginning of a new academic year 2026-27, and Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School started off in its full glory, setting a grand beginning for all the vibrant activities that will unfurl in the school this year.

We are delighted to release the first Monthly E-Newsletter for this year, and the theme on which the newsletters are based is 'Birds'. The title of the E-Newsletter for June 2026 is 'JUNE JACANAS 2026-27'.

We look forward to a highly exuberant year ahead, and are confident to float on the waters of challenges just as the magical Jacanas do.

THE RE-OPENING DAY

Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School re-opened for the academic year 2026-27 for classes I - VIII on 1st June with great enthusiasm and spirit. Students were welcomed into the campus with colourful displays, a cartoon character and 'welcome boards' everywhere.

A formal function was organised where the students were cordially welcomed back into the campus, and a warm reception was organised for the tiny tots of I std.



The function was presided over by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and the new theme for the year, 'Aim for Excellence, Every Day, in Every Way' was released by the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy. The significance of this theme was explained by the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, in the gracious presence of the Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, who introduced the new teaching faculty to the students. The Principal expressed his hope and faith in the ever-growing and flourishing system of the school and wished everyone an exuberant year ahead, in his presidential address.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

The Jnanadeepa School Parliament Elections were held on 3rd June 2026 in two stages. The names of the STAR House Captains and Vice Captains were announced in the morning assembly, followed by the election of Class Representatives in every section of IX, X and XII std.

The Ministerial elections commenced with 38 voters, consisting of 12 selected Captains and Vice Captains, and 26 elected Class Representatives, in the gracious presence of the President of the School Parliament, Principal Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, the School Election Commissioner and Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and the Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

A traditional ballot-box election was held, after interested candidates filed their nominations with the School Election Commissioner, and it was followed by the counting of votes.

7 Ministers were elected for different portfolios : Chinmay H.V.(XII Com) as the Prime Minister, Devaraj H.P.(X B) as the Deputy Prime Minister, Sharadhi N.M.(X E) as the Environment Minister, Dhruthi Ram(X E) as the Cultural Minister, Atharv Tirluka(X D) as the Sports Minister, Angadh Arakere Choudera(IX E) as the Food Minister and Karthik B. Yaraganavi(IX A) as the Transport Minister.

The candidates who received the second highest number of votes in each of the 7 portfolios formed the Shadow Cabinet. Karthik Ramesh Muniyappa(XII Sci) was elected as the Shadow Leader to the Prime Minister, Abhijna Hiremath(X A) to the Deputy Prime Minister, Arushi K. Gowda(IX E) to the Environment Minister, Rishikesh Bhat(X E) to the Cultural Minister, Ahana Prasanna(IX A) to the Sports Minister, Aadya M(IX E) to the Food Minister and Neha D.V.(X D) to the Transport Minister.

The Principal, Senior Vice Principal and Vice Principal wished the winners and the rest of the leaders the best of luck for the year's activities and tasks.



WELCOMING A FRESH BATCH OF XI STD

The academic year 2026-27 commenced for the new batch of XI std for both Science and Commerce Streams, on 4th June 2026.

The direct admittees from our school, as well as freshers from other schools were given a warm formal welcome in a function presided over by Principal Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the gracious presence of Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and Coordinator of XI-XII std Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat.

The teachers were introduced to the students by the Sr. Vice Principal, who also motivated them to aim for excellence. This was followed by an introduction to the educational system and rules followed in the school, and a briefing of the coaching systems available for both the streams. The Principal encouraged the newcomers to explore and utilise the vast infrastructure available in the campus in the best way possible, in his presidential address.

The Vice Principal also expressed her heartfelt wishes to the new batch of students.

The same evening, the senior batch of XII arranged an ice-breaking session for their juniors, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.



ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVANCE

The World Environment Day was observed in the school campus on 5th June 2026, based on the theme, 'Inspired by Nature, by Climate, for our Future'. The formal function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

After the students were introduced to the significance of the day, a group song was presented by the students. This was followed by a PPT presentation and a dance performance, presented by the students of IX std., spreading the message of nature conservation.

414 new entrants from classes I-VIII participated in planting tree saplings along with their teachers and the higher authorities.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL PARLIAMENT , OATH-TAKING OF THE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS, RELEASE OF CCA CALENDARS AND INAUGURATION OF CCA COMPETITIONS

The Investiture Ceremony for the 7 newly elected student ministers of the Jnanadeepa School Parliament and the Oath-taking ceremony for the 12 Captains and Vice Captains of the STAR House Alliance, were held on 12th June 2026, in a function presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde in the august presence of the Chief Guest, Smt. Surekha Muralidhar, Former Deputy Mayor, Shimoga, Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, Secretary, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. All the 19 student leaders presented a parade before the gathering, and their respective Oaths of Office were administered by the President of the School Parliament, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde. The Investiture of the Parliament was officiated by the Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash and the Official ID cards were distributed by the School Election Commissioner, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph.

All the four houses received their flags from the Vice Principal , Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. This was followed by the release of the CCA calendars by Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy. The Chief Guest, Smt. Surekha Muralidhar, Former Deputy Mayor of Shimoga inaugurated CCA competitions for 2026-27 with a drumroll, and addressed the students on the importance of commitment and dedication in leadership roles. The Chairman, Sri. Talavane Prakash wished all the newly elected leaders a very eventful and exciting year ahead, and the Principal in his presidential address, expressed his pride and joy in the shaping up of a new set of capable and committed leaders, who may be the future policymakers of the world.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR XI & XII STD

An orientation programme that includes one introductory session and analytical test, and later two 6-hour long sessions to empower and prepare the students of XI and XII std Science and Commerce streams for a productive and successful future, has been initiated this year. The CEO of Focus WildX, Mr. Giridhar Rewantt conducted the first session on 'Elements of Success' and an analytical test to study the common patterns among the students, on 11th June 2026. Two lengthier sessions will follow in the coming days.



TALENT SEARCH FOR FRESHERS

A Talent Search programme was conducted for all the new entrants of the school on 5th June 2026. 12 participants from classes I-IV and 11 participants from V-VII selected from each section, took part in the programme, presenting energetic and impressive performances of music, dance and drama.



NCC SELECTIONS 2026-27

The selection of the second batch of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School's NCC cadets for the academic year 2026-27 was conducted on 11th June 2026, as per official rules and regulations. Out of the 102 candidates who had registered from the Junior Division and 56 from the Junior Wing, a total of 50 were selected, 25 each from the two categories.

The selection panel consisted of the NCC Instructor, Mr. Rajagopal and NCC P.I. Staff, Mr. Sunny Subbain, in the presence of our NCC Caretaking Officer, Mr. Sudarshan K.



VIRTUAL HANDHOLDING SESSION BY ALUMNUS FOR XI & XII STD

On 13th June 2026, a career guidance online session was conducted for the students of XI and XII std Science stream by our alumnus Mr. Vishakha L.S., who has been pursuing a PhD in Particle Physics from the University in London since 2023. He addressed them on various concepts related to the fundamental building blocks of the universe and also answered their queries.



INAUGURATION OF HOBBY CLASSES

The Hobby Class Programme for classes III to VII for the academic year 2026-27 was inaugurated on 15th June 2026 in a function presided over by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

The instructors of the various hobby classes, Mr. Renukappa for Dramatics, Mr. Dorai C. and Mrs. Ashwini for Taekwondo, Mr. Parameshwar Hegde for Yakshagana, Mr. Keshav Kumar for Bharatanatyam, Mr. Sethuram G. and Mr. Dinesh Singh for Art and Craft and Mrs. Vidya S. for Music, graced the stage along with the dignitaries on this occasion.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON CHILD WELFARE FOR CLASSES VIII-XII

An Orientation Programme was organised by the District Children's Protection Committee and Welfare Department for Women and Children on 18th June 2026, in which about 800 students and teachers of classes VIII to XII participated. Mr. Tajuddin Khan, Child Welfare Commissioner, addressed the students on topics like POCSO Act of 2012, child marriages, substance abuse and cyber security, in the gracious presence of Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Mr. Abhishek, Coordinator of Child Helpline.



CYBER SAFETY PLEDGE

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated a nationwide campaign to strengthen cyber crime awareness and promote cyber hygiene practices among students, teachers and parents. As part of this initiative, the Heritage Club of our school took the initiative of organising a formal function in which all the students and teachers of classes VIII-XII took a Cyber Safety Pledge. The Prime Minister of School Parliament, Chinmay H.V. of XII Com administered the pledge, in the gracious presence of the Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and the co-ordinators of classes VIII-XII.



WORKSHOP ON SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

A workshop on School Bus Safety and Regulatory Compliance was organised by the district authorities with the official participation of the Police Department, Regional Transport Office, and Education Department, on 11th June 2026 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Shimoga. Our Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Assistant Administrative Officer, Mr. Bharath C. participated in this programme that covered topics like school transport safety, driver and conductor compliance, speed and vehicle standards, Supreme Court guidelines on school buses, fee regulations etc.' No need of 'addressed by the Block Education Officer.



NATIONAL READING DAY OBSERVANCE

In view of National Reading Day on 19th June 2026, students of classes I-VIII spent an hour reading books of their choice together with their teachers.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY AND WORLD MUSIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Day of Yoga and the World Music Day were grandly celebrated in the campus on 19th June 2026. The day started with a 'Yoga for Health' rally in which the students of VIII-XII std participated, led by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Chief Guest, Dr. Triveni V. Kalagare, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and all the teachers. The NCC cadets of classes VIII and IX took the lead in the rally. The Yoga instructor, Mrs. Aruna Prakash provided the students with slogans and mantras to be chanted as they participated in the rally. This was followed by a massive yoga display by the students, following the instructions of the yoga coach. The entire event was based on the theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'



The formal function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde in the presence of the other dignitaries. Smt. Triveni V. Kalagare, Head of the Department at Kaya Chikitsa Vibhaga was the Chief Guest. Students of classes VII to IX presented a yoga performance under the guidance of Mrs. Aruna Prakash, while another set of students from classes III to X put up a musical performance under the guidance of Mrs. Vidya S. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the importance of yoga in maintaining excellent health throughout one's life. The Principal, in his presidential address, highlighted the importance of developing such healthy habits right from a young age. After the formal function, the students of classes II-VII were taught a few basic asanas like Vajrasana, Sukhasana, Chinn Mudra and Surya Namaskara, by the Vice Principal.



CAREER GUIDANCE SESSIONS BY ALUMNI FOR XI-XII STD

As part of the hand-holding programme conducted by the Jnanadeepa Alumni Association, the first pair of career guidance sessions for Science and Commerce stream students of XI and XII std were held separately on 20th June 2026. Dr. Sourab Dhananjay, Dermatologist and Jnanadeepa alumnus, conducted a session on 'The Path Towards Being a Doctor' and a few dermatological tips for the students of the Science stream, while Ms. Saniha A., Visual Designer and Jnanadeepa Alumna, conducted a session on 'The Art of Storytelling' and certain tips related to design and graphics for the students of Commerce stream simultaneously. Our Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph felicitated the resource people. The office-bearers of JAAS, Mr. Athirath Biluve, Ms. Animisha Rasthapuramath, Mr. Palash Jain, Mr. Prithviraj Girimaji and Mr. Abhishek B. also attended the sessions and felicitated the resource people on behalf of the association. Students were given the opportunity to interact with the distinguished alumni.



NCC OFFICIAL VISIT AND INSPECTION

An official visit and inspection of the NCC wing by the higher authorities was organised on 19th June 2026, in which Col. Viraj Kamath, Group Commander of NCC Headquarters, Mangalore and Col. Rippon Tripathy, Commanding Officer, 20 Karnataka Battalion NCC, Shimoga, did the honours in the gracious presence of Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The NCC senior cadets received the dignitaries with military honours and the traditional NCC procedure. The visiting officers inspected the parade of second-year cadets alongside the newly enrolled first-year cadets. The NCC office was inspected, and official registers, enrollment files and administrative paperwork were checked. Col. Viraj Kamath interacted closely with the cadets and delivered an inspiring address.

A formal meeting was held with the school authorities, in which topics like strengthening the NCC Unit of the school, future training schedules and institutional support for cadet development were discussed. The NCC caretaker officer of the school, Mr. Sudarshan K. prepared the students for this event.



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The new academic year for all the five branches of Pre-school commenced on 1st June 2026. The campuses came alive to welcome the little ones who flocked in, as giant dolls and a photo booth were arranged to make the day memorable for them.



World Environment Day was celebrated in all the five centres of Pre-schools on 5th June 2026. The tiny tots planted saplings at their homes, while trainee teachers planted saplings in the school premises. A puppet-show was organised on the same theme, and the little ones learnt valuable lessons through it.



The Bunny Tamtola Inauguration was conducted on 12th June 2026 for the students of UKG across the five centres. Ms. Aparna B.H. acted as the chief guest for the Channagiri branch, while Mr. Sethuram G. was the chief guest at the Shimoga centre. In Bhadravathi, Ms. Mary Preeta took on that role, while in Kaimara branch, Deputy Coordinator, Mrs. Deepthi Prafulla acted as the Chief Guest. In the Gurupura centre, the chief guest was Mrs. Kavita Sanjay. Around 190 little ones of UKG participated in this programme. After a Bunny Salute, Bunny Motto and Bunny song, the children presented a dance performance. A painting activity was organised to conclude the event.



National Reading Day was celebrated on 19th June 2026 across the five centres of Pre-school. A special reading session was conducted in which the little ones brought books from home and shared them with their friends. International Yoga Day and World Music Day were celebrated on the same day in the Pre-schools. They actively engaged in exploring various musical instruments and songs, and also performed simple yoga postures and breathing exercises.



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On 22nd June 2026, as part of theme-based activities, all the students of Nursery from the five centres, visited a Vriddhashrama (Old-age Home). They interacted with the elderly residents, distributed fruits and entertained them with songs and dances.



A field trip was organised for the students of UKG from all the five branches on 24th June 2026 to Shimoga Institute of Medical Science College, Shimoga, as part of the theme 'Myself'. They explored the Anatomy Museum and learnt about human body parts.



As part of the 'Myself' theme, students of Nursery from all five centres participated in a Home Visit on 29th June 2026. It helped them to develop a better understanding of themselves and their families.



On 30th June 2026, the little ones of Playgroup from all the centres of Pre-school participated in a colourful Ramp Walk, walking in ethnic attire along with their parents and grandparents.

SSSC LITERARY COMPETITION 2026-27

Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Javalli, organised the Literary Competitions for Senior Category under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, on 27th June 2026 in the school campus. 196 students from 29 different schools of Shimoga district along with 42 accompanying teachers took part in this grand programme. The literary events that were held on this day were English Debate, English Poem Recitation, English Story-telling, English Essay Writing, Kannada Elocution and Painting Competition.

The formal inaugural function was presided over by the Principal of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and Sri. R.S. Suresh, Vice President of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, and Principal of Channamallikarjuna School, Shikaripura, was the Chief Guest. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest in the august presence of Sri. H. N..S. Rao, Trustee, SAFE and JVS, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

Highly reputed and knowledgeable personalities from fields like literature, law, art, theatre, education etc. formed the esteemed judging panel. Dr. H.S. Nagabhushan, Prof. Gowrishankar, Smt. Kamala Lakshmi Devi, Dr. Poornima S.V., Dr. Naveen V., Dr. Sowmya D.V., Sri. Mohammed Najeem M., Smt. Syeda Zahur Fathima, Sri. Chikmatth, Sri. Mohammed Rafi, Dr. Lava G.R. and Dr. Sindhu C.B. were the distinguished judges for the 6 events that were held on this day.

The Valedictory function was presided over by the Principal of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and the Chief Guest was Dr. Sandeep K.S., IT Coordinator of SSSC and Principal of Akshara School, Shimoga. The dignitaries gave away the prizes to the winners. 4 of our students won prizes in the different events. Rishikesh Bhat of X E won the first prize in English Poem Recitation, Adamya S.D. of X D won the first prize in the English Essay Writing Competition, Sharadhi N.M. of X E won the first prize in the English Debate, while Eshan Bhatt of X E won the third place in the same event. The Principal congratulated all the winners and participants for their energetic performances and wished them all the best for the future, in his presidential address.



In the Junior Category event held at PES Public School, Shimoga, Aarna A. Shetty of VII C, won the first place in English Debate.



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