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TITLE TRIVIA

Tourmalines were first discovered by Dutch traders off the West Coast of Italy in the late 1600's or early 1700's. The Chinese have engraved and carved figures with tourmaline for many centuries. It is what is called a 'receptive stone', which means it is soothing, calming, inward, and magnetic, promoting meditation, spirituality, wisdom and mysticism. Tourmaline has been said to be a stone of reconciliation, a stone that fosters compassion and cool-headedness, healing and friendship. It also creates a commitment towards the completion of one's goals .

THE EDITORIAL COLUMN

We are drawing towards the conclusion of yet another thoroughly successful academic year, and we are very proud to note that this has been a year of exceptional achievements and memorable moments. The months of January, February and March, came with their fair share of accolades, events and exam preparations.

We are delighted to announce the eighth and final E-Newsletter of the academic year 2024-25, titled 'TRIMONTHLY TOURMALINES 2024-25', that chronicles the events of January, February and March 2025, on and off the Jnanadeepa School campus.

We shall be back in the coming academic year with another set of colourful and timely E-Newsletters. Till then, happy reading!

JANUARY JOURNAL

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

BGS Central School, Karehalli, Bhadravati, organised Inter-school Athletic Meet 2024-25, under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga, on 4th January 2025, and Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School bagged the Championship with a massive lead by scoring 147 points and 36 medals in total.

Mohammed Affan Ahmed won gold medals in both the 400m and 800m events, while Tejas H. stood first in 100m and 200m events. Tejas also bagged a bronze in the 4x100m relay, along with teammates Gourav S. Bajji, Mohammed Faisal and Dheeraj G. Samanth K.B. stood second in discus throw and third in the shotput event. Shreya V. bagged the silver medal in the 800m race and bronze in the 4x100m relay, along with teammates Pavitra S. Saraswati, Shamita G. and Nishitha R. Pujar. Pavitra also bagged a silver in the 200m race, while Shamita won the bronze in the 100m event. Neha B.Y. won the silver in shotput and bronze in the discus throw event. Vanisha Jain won a silver medal in the 400m race.

Atharv Tirluka won gold medals in both 100m and 200m events, and bagged the silver medal in the 4x100m relay, along with teammates Advik D. Acharya, Laksh Rao Yadav and Risto Gonsalves. Advik also won a silver in the 400m race. Manya S. Holla stood first in discus throw and second in the shotput event. Kavya S. bagged silver medals in the 100m and 200m events, and came second in the 4x100m relay, along with teammates Ahana Prasanna, Ganavi B. S. and Likitha G. Ahana also won a silver in the 400m race.

HOUSE POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

On 10th January 2025, a special event was organised during the morning assembly, where the 7 ministers, 7 Shadow Cabinet Members and 16 House Captains and Vice Captains of this academic year were felicitated and awarded certificates of appreciation.

The Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph announced the total CCA, Sports and Academics points scored by each of the four houses under the STAR Alliance this year. Ruby House was announced as the Overall Winner this year, followed closely by Sapphire House as the Runner-up. The Rolling Trophies were handed over to the House Master, House Mistress and the Captains and Vice Captains of the two houses.

Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy graced the occasion with his presence. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde addressed the students and applauded the great work done by the students in various fields throughout the academic year.

ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK-UP

The Annual Health Check-up for the students of I-XII std was conducted from 6th - 13th January in the school campus by a set of dedicated and service-minded doctors and pediatricians. The Cumulative Health Record of every student is maintained by the institution throughout their education at Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School.

A team of doctors led by Dr. P. Narayan, Director of SAFE and JVS, a team of pediatricians from Sarji Hospital, Shimoga, four nurses and three Marketing Officers visited the school throughout the week to ensure the health check-up of each and every student.

We are extremely grateful for the services of Dr. P. Narayan, Dr. Prashant S.V., Dr. Raksha Rao, Dr. Bharati Devi, Dr. Ramesh, Dr. Vishwanatha, Dr. Gauthamchand, Dr. Vyjayanthi, Dr. Prakash, Dr. Komala, Dr. Shamitha R., Dr. Chaitra, Dr. Subhash and Dr. Rashmi.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

The student editors of IX-XII std who worked on digitally designing the Monthly

E-Newsletters, the Annual E-Magazines and Event E-Newsletters rendered a dedicated service in order to chronicle the events on the campus.

Three exceptional student editors, Abhinav Ravishankar of XII Science, Supreeta T. Bhat of XII Commerce and Shreyas S. Gowda of X C, who have been consistently working in this area were recognised and awarded with a note of appreciation by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde on 4th January 2025.

Four top-scorers of the Amazing and Amusing Assembly Activity, who managed to answer 12 questions out of 13 correctly throughout the academic year, Purab R.of X E, Bhavana M.S. of IX C , Krupal Raj of IX D and Daivik Sagar of IX D, were felicitated with a token of appreciation by Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph on 9th January 2025.

EMPOWERING WELLNESS THROUGH YOGA

On 11th January 2025, a special orientation session was organised for the teachers of all branches of Jnanadeepa Pre-school, at Priyadarshini Samudaya Bhavana, Shimoga. Smt. Ambika Nagabhushan, In-charge of the South Indian wing of Rashtra Sevika Samithi, was the Resource Person and Guest for the day, who interacted with the teachers and enlightened them on the positive influence of yoga on physical and mental wellness. Sri. Gururaj, the Chairman of the venue also graced the occasion with his presence.

SANKRANTHI CELEBRATION

On the occasion of Makara Sankranthi, the students of VI E presented a skit and dance performance during the morning assembly on 13th January 2025.

All the five branches of Pre-school also celebrated Makar Sankranthi on 13th January 2025.

PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is part of the larger movement - 'Exam Warriors' - led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to create a stress-free atmosphere during exams, and to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully.

The students, teachers and the heads of the institution of our school have been actively participating in this programme for many years now. This year, around 340 students and all the teachers from classes IX-XII participated in the Q & A interaction arranged on the online portal and were awarded certificates.

The students of IX std prepared a Collage-Poster to be displayed on the main stage, while students of VIII std participated in a poster-making activity based on the theme.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES WORKSHOP

On the occasion of the Road Safety Measures Week and the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Bharat Scouts and Guides, a one-day workshop on Pravesh for Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls was conducted at Scout Bhavan, Shimoga, on 18th January 2025, in which our students participated.

Scout Kinshuk of VII E and Bulbul Shrushi of II E won the second place in their respective categories of Drawing Competition.
The students also participated in a march past and demonstration on Road Safety held from Scout Bhavan to Ambedkar Bhavan.

ANNUAL FIELD TRIPS

The annual educational field trips for classes I, II, III, IV, V and VII were conducted in the month of January.

The students of classes I and II were taken on their respective annual field trips on 10th January 2025. 190 students of I std and 9 teachers, led by the Coordinator, Mrs. Sindhu Balakrishna, visited Sakkrebailu and Herbal Garden, while 197 students of II std and 10 teachers, led by Mrs. Glancy D'souza, visited Sevalal and Rock Garden.

On 19th January 2025, the students of classes III and IV enjoyed their respective annual field trips. 182 students of III std and 18 teachers led by Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and Coordinator, Mrs. Shamala B.H., visited Mrugavadhe, Sringeri and Kuppalli. 188 students of IV std and 17 teachers headed by Coordinator, Mrs. Sindhu Balakrishna, had a trip to Chitradurga.

The students of classes V and VII embarked on their respective annual field trips on 12th January 2025. 200 students of V std and 13 teachers led by Coordinator, Mr. Shrikant Gosavi, and joined by Chief Coordinator of Pre-schools, Mrs. Roopa D., visited Guli Guli Shankara, Kavaledurga, Devagange, Nagara Fort and Malgudi Museum. 240 students of VII std, accompanied by 14 teachers led by Vice Principal , Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and Coordinator, Mrs. Meenakshi L.G., made a visit to Hosagunda, Heggodu and Vardahalli.

ORIENTATION SESSION ON ADOLESCENCE

A special orientation session was organised for the students of VIII std on 22nd January 2025, on the topic 'Growing Up Right (Nurturing Young Minds - A Journey of Self-discovery), by Ms. Tina Thomas. The session was presided over by Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

The session included a brief analysis of the problems and confusions that adolescents go through, and their respective solutions.

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

As part of Subject Enrichment in English, separate sessions were conducted for the teachers of Pre-school, I-IV std and V-VIII std, on topics like History of the English Alphabet, Common Errors in English and Importance of English Communication, by Ms. Tina Thomas. The Pre-school sessions were held on 11th and 18th of January, the session for Primary school on 16th January and the session for Higher Primary on 17th January 2025.

A Kannada Subject Enrichment cum Training session related to Kannada Literacy, on topics like Importance of the Mother Tongue, LSRW in Kannada Language and Jean Paiget's Developmental Phases, was conducted by Ms. Deepa S.A. on 18th January 2025, for the teachers handling Pre-school classes.

RAMAN AWARD WINNER

Aarna A. Shetty of V D qualified for the National Level Finals of the Raman Young Science Innovator Awards 2024, with her science model of The Gravity Car.
The final round was held at Panchavati, C.V. Raman's family home in Bangalore on 1st-2nd February 2025.

HONOURING THE SKATING PRODIGY

Our little wonder from class I E, Hitha Praveen, was felicitated during the 76th Republic Day Celebration held by Shivamogga District Administration and Shivamogga Zilla Panchayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, at the police ground on 26th January 2025, honouring her achievement in the National Level Skating Competition.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR TRANSPORT STAFF

A special 3-day Orientation Programme based on 'Yogic Mudras and Their Benefits' was conducted by our yoga instructor Mrs. Aruna Prakash from 27th-29th January 2025, for all the drivers, conductors and helpers of the Transport Department.

MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR SERVICE STAFF

A medical check-up camp was arranged for the service staff, including 30 members of the canteen staff, 25 bus drivers and 35 conductors and helpers of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, at the Kalam Bhavan on 22nd January 2025.

Six doctors in total, two each from Internal Medicine Department, Gynaecology Department and Ophthalmology Department along with a Camp Organiser, an ECG operator and three supporting staff members from Subbaiah Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Shivamogga, rendered their services for this camp.

FLOCK LEADERS' TRAINING

Two teachers from our Scouts and Guides team, Mrs. Vidya S. and Mr. Dinesh Singh, attended the Himalaya Woodbadge

6-day Course for Flock Leaders' Training, held in Bangalore from 27th January to 3rd February 2025.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

On 26th January 2025, the 76th Republic Day of India was celebrated grandly in the school campus. It started with the hoisting of the tricolour flag on the main school building by a senior teacher as always. This year, this honour was bestowed upon Mrs. Jayalakshmi Y., Senior Teacher of Mathematics, who also addressed the students about their responsibility as the future citizens.

This was followed by the main function organised in the school ground, where the Chief Guest for the day, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary, SAFE and JVS, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, Principal of SAPUC, Dr. K. Nagaraj, and Vice Principal of SAPUC, Sri. S.M. Joseph, graced the occasion with their esteemed presence. The Indian flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, who also addressed the gathering. Patriotic songs and speeches in English, Kannada and Hindi, were presented by the students of Jnanadeepa School and Sri Aurobindo PU College. The final event of the day was a spectacular Tricolour Flag Drill presented by about 200 students of IV std, under the guidance of Mr. Sudarshan K.

Republic Day was also celebrated in all the five centres of Pre-school. The privilege and honour of flag-hoisting was bestowed this year on Ms. Triveni N. in the Channagiri centre, Ms. Poornima S. in the Shimoga centre, Ms. Shreelatha P. in the Bhadravati branch, Ms. Pushpa H. S. in the Kaimara centre and Mrs. Saritha Harsha in the Gurupura branch.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The CBSE National Science exhibition was held at Amity International School, Gurugram, Haryana from 30th January to 1st February 2025. Our students Pranathi H.G. of IX A and Ashwini N.B. of IX C presented their project 'Waste Wizard - Wonderful Biodegradable Pots' in this exhibition, and they were accompanied by Mrs. Akshatha G.

Pre - School Activities

Based on the Theme, 'Animals', UKG students of all the branches were taken to Lion Safari on 3rd January 2025.

A team of pediatricians from Sarji Hospital, Shimoga, along with nurses and managing directors facilitated the Annual Health Check-up of the tiny tots of all the five centres of Pre-school from 6th-10th January 2025.

The tiny tots of Nursery from all the centres were taken to the nearest cow-sheds on 15th January, to see the functioning of the live-stock breeding system.

The little ones of LKG from all centres were taken on a field trip to nearby Aquariums and Pet shops on 17th January 2025.

An Animal Bash activity was organised for the students of Playgroup on 17th January 2025, where students played the roles of different animals and had fun conversations.

FEBRUARY FILES

TRAINING SESSIONS ON NUMERACY AND TECHNOLOGY

On 1st February 2025, two training sessions were conducted for the teachers of the five branches of Pre-school. The first one was conducted by Mr. Bharath C. and Mrs. Gulzar Banu, based on the use of technology. The second session was handled by Mr. Vasudev Ghate based on Mathematical concepts.

ISSUANCE OF ADMIT CARDS

An auspicious Saraswathi Pooja was organised prior to the issuance of the admit cards to the students of X and XII std, on 6th February 2025. The formal function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, who delivered his presidential address, wishing all the students for the upcoming board exams. Supreeta T. Bhat, Atharva M. Navale, Abhinav Ravishankar, Deepthi Y.C. and Yashodha R. of XII std expressed their feelings and shared their memories of the campus on the occasion. Mr. Lohith M.U., Mrs. Parimala Kulkarni and Mr. Samartha spoke on behalf of the teachers and conveyed their best wishes to the students. Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph urged the students to reach out for high achievements in life, while Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, appreciated the able leadership and good qualities of the senior batch. A memento was presented to each student of the outgoing XII std batch.

After a sumptuous lunch, the students were issued their admit cards.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

A one-day educational excursion was organised for 166 students, accompanied by a team of 15 teachers, led by Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, on 8th February 2025.

The main places visited were Kallathigiri, Kemmangundi, Deviramma Temple and Amruthapura, and on the way Mahatma Gandhi Park and Siri Cafe Garden were also covered. Students thoroughly enjoyed this trip and learnt the historical significance of the places visited.

ORIENTATION SESSION ON TEAM BUILDING

A unique session on the topic 'Team Building' was conducted for the teachers of all five centres of Jnanadeepa Pre-school, by Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph on 8th February 2025, in the main school campus. Teachers engaged in lively activities and thoroughly enjoyed this learning process.

PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA SESSION

On 10th February 2025, the students of IX, X and XI std attended the 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2025, that was live-streamed across schools nationwide. The event was hosted at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and students across the country were addressed by Honourable Prime Minister, Sri. Narendra Modi.

WORLD SCOUT DAY CELEBRATION AND OVERNIGHT CAMP

In view of World Scout Day on 22nd February 2025, a formal function was conducted in Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School campus, with Smt. Purnima S. V., Joint Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Shimoga, as the Chief Guest. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function in the august presence of Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, Director of SAFE and JVS, Dr. P. Narayan, and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

After a speech on the importance of the day, by Ruhika Raj of VIII E, a Rhythm of Nature dance was presented by the Bunnies, a Folk Dance by the Bulbuls, an Action Song by the Cubs and a play presented by the Scouts and Guides. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the importance of Scouts and Guides, and the Principal delivered his presidential address.

An Overnight Camp was organised for the Scouts and Guides students and teachers in the Jnanadeepa School campus from 22nd to 23rd February, in association with the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Shimoga. The inaugural function was presided over by the Treasurer of SAFE and JVS, Dr. K. R. Sridhar, in the august presence of Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.
The dignitaries inaugurated the camp, followed by the presentation of the Annual Report by Mrs. Vidya S. The inaugural address was delivered by Sri. S.G. Anand, District Commissioner of Scouts. The Chief Guests for the occasion, Sri. G. Vijaya Kumar, Public Relation Officer, Sri. H. Shivashankarappa, District Training Commissioner of Scouts, and Sri. Chandrashekharaiah, District Secretary addressed the gathering, followed by the Presidential address delivered by Dr. K. R. Sridhar.
On the same evening, a campfire was arranged by the respective unit heads, followed by dinner and all-faith prayer. A few recreational activities were also conducted.

The next morning started with physical exercises , an all-faith prayer and inspection, the flag ceremony was conducted. All the wings had separate sessions with resource persons, followed by age-specific activities.

After all the events of the day, the Valedictory Ceremony was conducted where the report of the camp was presented by Mr. Manjunath A.C. Several Scouts, Guides, Bulbuls and Cubs shared their experiences, and the Leader of the camp, Sri. Rajesh Avalakki, Secretary of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Shimoga addressed the gathering. The overall rolling trophy was won by Guides this year, and all other certificates were also given away, followed by the presidential address by Dr. Regy Joseph, Sr. Vice Principal of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School.
Thus, this year's memorable Scouts and Guides overnight camp came to an end.

SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On 28th February 2025, National Science Day was observed in the school campus with Dr. K. Nagaraj as the Chief Guest, in the august presence of the Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, and the Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy. The Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function and the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad graced the occasion with their presence.
The importance of the day was explained to the students and the Chief Guest encouraged them to explore the amenities available in the campus for scientific studies. The President of the function also addressed the students on the possibilities hidden around them for such exploration.

As part of the celebrations, a Science exhibition was arranged with around 980 students from I-VII std exhibiting their science models.

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The 5th Parent-Teacher Meeting was held in all the centres of Pre-school from 17th-19th February 2025.

Maha Shivarathri was celebrated in all the centres of Pre-school on 25th February 2025, and the tiny tots were dressed in traditional attire.

Since the monthly theme was 'Food', an activity based on preparing a nutritious fruit salad was conducted for Nursery students of all branches on the same day. LKG students had an activity titled 'Healthy Bites, Happy Tummies', wherein the little ones prepared sprouts salad.

Students of UKG participated in an activity called 'Tastes of India' on 22nd February 2025, and the tiny tots of Playgroup took part in 'Fireless Cooking with Mom' on 28th February 2025.

On the occasion of National Science Day on 28th February 2025, all the Pre-school branches conducted activities related to simple scientific experiments to fascinate and inspire the young minds. Floral tributes were offered to Sri. C.V. Raman.

MARCH MAGAZINE

HEARTFELT GIFT FROM STUDENTS

As part of the Community Service programme, a team from our school visited Santrupti Blind Melodies Institution in Honnalli, on 3rd March 2025, and gifted cooking vessels, chairs , a water purifier and 5 ceiling fans , purchased with the amount collected by our students, in connection with World Kindness Day (Jnanadeepa Handshake Day) .

The team consisted of the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, Mr. Mallikarjuna M.V., Mrs. Umme Rumana, Mrs. Umme Subiya Naz, 4 members of the Student Parliament, Tejas D.G (Prime Minister), Karthik R.M. (Deputy Prime Minister), Shreya V. (Cultural Minister) and Namana M. Patel (Food Minister), two younger students, Aadhya of IV E and Samarth of VII B, and two attenders.

As a teacher representative, our Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and as a student representative, the Prime Minister of the school parliament, Tejas D.G., were felicitated by their institution for the good gesture of the school and the students.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Annual School Committee Meeting was held in the school campus on 22nd March 2025, presided over by the Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, in order to discuss the plans and policies of the institution for the upcoming academic year. The meeting was attended by 12 members including Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Neelakanta Murthy, Treasurer, Dr. K.R. Sridhar, Director, Dr. P. Narayan, Sri. H. N. S. Rao, Principal of SAPUC, Dr. K. Nagaraj, Principal of Jnanadeepa School, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. Dr. Kamala Mahesh, Dr. Nandini B.N. and Dr. Gururaj were the parent representatives in the meeting.

SSSC ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex was held at Jnanadeepa Sr. Secondary School on 6th March 2025. Our Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the event in the august presence of the other distinguished office-bearers of SSSC.

Introductory remarks were made by Smt. Naveena M. Pais, Principal of National Public School, Shimoga. The President of the function presented the core values, vision, mission, rules and regulations of the organisation. Smt. Shobha, Principal of Hongirana School of Excellence, presented a review of SSSC activities. The Sahodaya registration updates were presented by Smt. Latha Robert, Principal of St. Joseph's school, while the financial review was put forth by Smt. Indu G. V., Principal of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

Sri. Sukesh Serigara, Principal of Podar International School made his remarks about the finalising of the Calendar of Events for the upcoming academic year. Updates on the CBSE Capacity Development Programme were presented by Sri. Pradeep Kumar, Principal of Jnana Sagara School, and updates on the latest CBSE circulars were provided by Smt. Priyadarshini N., Principal of Jain Public School. Smt. Shobha, spoke about the Selection of the New Executive Committee and the General Body of SSSC.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

A 4-day Teachers' Orientation Programme was organised for the teachers of IX-XII std from 12th - 15th March 2025, to facilitate the updation and development of their skillset.

On Day 1, the Wellness teacher of the school, Mr. Anthony Paul, addressed the teachers on the topic, 'Issues Faced by Students and How They Can Be Supported'. The session was followed by an interactive session where the teachers shared their experiences and posed a few queries.

On Day 2, the Senior Vice Principal of the school, Dr. Regy Joseph, handled a session on the topic, ' Good to Great as a Team'. He addressed all the issues that hinder good teamwork, and through several thought-provoking videos and quotes, he instilled a set of team values in the participants.

On Day 3, the Principal of KAPMC, Shimoga, Dr. Sandhya Kavery, addressed the teachers on the topic, 'Work-life Balance'. She interacted with the teachers and assessed the various causes of imbalance between personal and professional aspects of life, its symptoms, consequences and solutions.

On Day 4, the Principal of the school, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, handled a session on the topic, 'Feedback and Feedforward', describing the need and purpose of the 360 degree assessment system, and the right way to approach it.

HIGH HONOUR BESTOWED

Adhya of IV E of our school was selected as the sole representative from Shimoga district to receive the Rajya Puraskar Award on behalf of the Bulbuls team, from the Honourable Governor of Karnataka, Sri. Thaawarchand Gehlot, on 17th March 2025.

The event was held at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore, organised by Bharath Scouts and Guides.

PARENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR SUMMER CAMP 2025

The Parents' Orientation Programme for the Jnanadeepa Summer Camp 2025, which is to be held from 1st-26th April 2025, was conducted in several batches in the main school campus, as well as the five centres of Pre-school, simultaneously on 28th March 2025. In the main school campus, parents of students between 10-14 years of age attended the session, while in the Pre-school branches, the age-group covered was 3-9 years. The Coordinators and Joint Coordinators together presented the details of the scheduled activities, requirements, transportation, food facilities etc., before the parents.

PARENTS' MEETINGS AND RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VIII & IX STD

Two sessions of Parents' Meeting were conducted on 29th March 2025, for VIII and IX std students respectively, following which their Annual Exam results were announced. The meetings were presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Consultant in Jagrati EdTech Private Limited, Sri. N.C. Panduranga, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

The policies and rules of the school were presented in detail before the parents, and their support and undertaking were sought to ensure perfect discipline in the campus. The changes that have come about in the CBSE system and the guidelines of NEP were also shared with the students and parents. Class teachers distributed the Final Report Cards to the parents after the formal meetings.

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

'Water Play' activity was organised for all the students of Pre-school on 12th, 13th and 14th March 2025. On 14th March, Holi was also celebrated in all the centres.

As part of the theme, 'My Country', a costume show programme was organised for the tiny tots of LKG in all the branches on 18th March. On the same day, as the conclusion of the theme 'Transportation', all the students of Nursery were taken to nearby road circles, to demonstrate and explain the traffic signals to them. Simultaneously, the little ones of Playgroup participated in the activity titled, 'Little Rider on the Road'.

As part of the last theme of the year 'Our Universe', a short-movie show called 'Solar System', was arranged for the students of UKG as a concluding activity on 14th March 2025.

The sixth and concluding Parent-Teacher Meeting for the students of all the branches of Pre-school, was conducted from 20th to 22nd March 2025.

A Farewell Party for UKG students of all the five centres was organised on the last school day, i.e. 21st March 2025. Special lunch was arranged for the students and staff.

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