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ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26
27TH ANNUAL DAY,
JNANADEEPA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Warm Greetings to esteemed dignitaries, respected parents, dedicated teachers, and my dear students.

It gives me immense joy to stand before you today as we celebrate the 27th Annual Day of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School—an institution that began with a humble dream and a small number of students, yet a great vision at heart. Over the years, that small seed has grown into a vibrant, flourishing centre of learning, illuminating the lives of thousands, true to its name Jnanadeepa—"the light of knowledge."

As we gather here this evening, we not only celebrate the achievements of the past year but also reflect on the journey that has brought us this far. From modest classrooms and limited facilities, we have steadily built an atmosphere of academic excellence, holistic development, and strong value formation. This growth has been possible because of the unwavering support of our management, the trust of our parents, the commitment of our staff, and the enthusiasm of our students.

This year has been particularly remarkable. Our students have excelled in academics, sports, cultural competitions, and various inter-school events. Their accomplishments remind us that when dedication meets opportunity, success naturally follows. I wholeheartedly congratulate all our achievers and encourage every student to continue aiming high.

I would also like to appreciate our teachers who work tirelessly behind the scenes, nurturing every child with patience, care, and professionalism. Your contribution is the backbone of this institution's progress.

To our parents, thank you for your constant support and partnership. Together, we share the noble responsibility of shaping confident, compassionate, and responsible young citizens.

As we enter a new year of learning, let us continue to uphold the values that Jnanadeepa stands for—discipline, integrity, service, and excellence. May we keep growing, keep inspiring, and keep lighting the path for future generations.

Thank you, and I wish you all a wonderful time of celebration.

1. SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The 22nd batch of Class X students produced excellent results in the AISSE-2024 with 100% pass. In this batch of Class X, Dimpu G.S. emerged as the topper with 96.6%. In the All-India Secondary School Examination conducted by CBSE, 216 students appeared and 23 of them scored above 90% and 63 of them scored above 80%.

The 12th batch with 35 students of Class XII, Science stream excelled in the All-India Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination conducted by CBSE, and achieved 96% result, with 8 students scoring above 85%, 25 students above 60% and 2 students above 50%.

The 8th batch of 13 students of Class XII, Commerce stream produced very good results in the All-India Secondary School Certificate Examination conducted by CBSE, with 100% pass. 1

student scored above 85%, 8 students above 60% and 4 students scored above 50% .

The Annual Exam Results of classes I to VII were announced on 9th April 2025, and a formal function was organised to wish the children all the best for the next academic year and to give them valuable suggestions on how to utilise their vacations. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function in the august presence of Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The 100% attendance certificates were given away by the dignitaries to students who had not missed a single day of class throughout the academic year.

The Best Readers' Certificates were announced by Librarian, Mr. Pradeep K.B., and the students who had read the maximum number of books in the academic year were felicitated.

JEE MAINS ACHIEVERS

Two of our students from XII Science, Ankith Rao L.R. and Mohammad Mazin, made us proud by excelling in the JEE Mains with 97.08 and 95.10 percentile respectively.

THE HONOURS CLUB

The induction of the top academic achievers of VI-XI std to the elite club called Honours club, was held on 16 July 2025. Our distinguished alumna and trustee, Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath, CEO, Kottureshwara Hospitals, Shimoga, was the Chief Guest for the day and Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function in the gracious presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. 101 young

achievers who consistently scored 90% and above in every exam in the previous academic year from the various classes were felicitated by the dignitaries on this occasion. The Chief Guest recollected her memories of the campus in her speech, while the Principal reinstated the importance of focused academic pursuit among the younger generation during his presidential address.

2. COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Jnanadeepa has always encouraged students to participate in external competitive exams, giving the opportunity to the students to compete at the national level. The various exams conducted for this year and the number of students who took the examinations are as follows -

- International Drawing Competition -750 students
- HOPE Drawing Contest (Topic: Folk Art from different states) - 198 students
- National Science Olympiad - 198 students
- Unified International English Olympiad - 157 students
- International Math Olympiad - 312 students
- International Computer Science Olympiad - 38 students
- NSTSE - 41 students
- CHRD - 244 students
- International Spelling Bee Competition - 153 students
- Navodaya Kannada Exam - 176 students.
- Mahathma Gandhi Rajbhasha Hindi Prachar Sanstha - 220 students.
- ICSI (Indian Company Secretary Institution) Commerce Olympiad - 20 students.

3. SAFAL
(Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning) EXAMINATION

A special examination organised by CBSE called SAFAL - Structural Assessment For Analysing Learning was conducted for around 187 students of 9th std and 196 students of 6th std from 10th Nov-4th Dec 2025. It is a 90 min and 60 min exam respectively and the students attempted it on the digital platform.

4. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) AND COMPETITIONS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

On 13th June 2025, the Investiture Ceremony of the School Parliament, the Oath-taking of Captains and Vice Captains, the Release of CCA Calendars and the Inauguration of CCA Competitions took place in the school campus. Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Former DC, NVS Ministry of HRD, was the Chief Guest and the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy was the Guest of Honour. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function in the gracious presence of the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Principal administered the Oath of Office to both the Elected Cabinet as well as the Captains and Vice Captains of the STAR house alliance.

The Prime Minister, Bhuvan S. (XII Com), the Cultural Minister, Samhith R. (X D), the Environment Minister, Nischal B.S. (X C), the Sports Minister, Poojith Gowda P.K. (X B), the Food Minister, Nithya Rao (X E) and the Transport Minister, Suraj G.S. (IX E) were the Ministers who formed the Elected Cabinet. The Sr. Captain, Sanjana H.P. (XII Sci), Sr. Vice Captain, Pradyum S.R. (XII Sci), Jr. Captain, Dhanvin T.G. (X A) and Jr. Vice Captain, Manya S. Holla (IX B) were sworn-in as the leaders of Sapphire House. The Sr. Captain, Hiyam Fatima (XII Sci), the Sr. Vice Captain, Vikas U. Palankar (XU Com), the Jr. Captain, Deekshith R. Gowda (X C), and the Jr. Vice Captain, Sanvi B.V. (IX E) took the oath as the leaders of Topaz house. The Sr. Captain, Parnavi D. Lokhande (XII Sci), the Sr. Vice Captain, Manoj Kumar R. (XII Com), the Jr. Captain, Koushal D. Patel (X D) and the Jr. Vice Captain, Kaavya S. (IX C) were sworn-in as the leaders of Agate House. The Sr. Captain, Shivaprasad H.S. (XII Com), the Sr. Vice Captain, Nisarga B.G. (XII Com), the Jr. Captain, Pranitha H.G. (X A) and the Jr. Vice Captain, Yashas H. (IX E) took the oath as the Ruby House representatives.

The Ministers, House Captains and Vice Captains received their respective badges from the Chief Guest. The House Flags were handed over to the House Masters, Mistresses, Captains and Vice Captains of the four houses by the Guest of Honour.

SHADOW CABINET AND SET FORCE LEADERS

The 7 newly elected Shadow Leaders for this year's Shadow Cabinet, took their oath on 18th June 2025 during the school assembly for 9th to 12th Std. The newly appointed leaders are Supreeth C.R. of 12th Science for PM's Ministry, Shreya B.V. of 10th D for the DPM's Ministry, Manvith G.B. of 10th E for the

CM's Ministry, Yashvi Kothari of 10th A for the EM's Ministry, Atharv Tirluka of 9th D for the SM's Ministry, Nehali A.C. of 10th C for the FM's Ministry and Dhruthi Ram J. of 9th E for the TM's Ministry.

20 new Spoken English Task-force leaders, 1 boy and 1 girl representing each of the 10 sections of 9th and 10th std. also swore in on the same occasion. Principal Shrikant M. Hegde administered the oath in the gracious presence of Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and badges were given away to the newly appointed leaders.

The dignitaries also released the CCA Calendars of the Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary wings of the school.

The CCA Competitions were inaugurated by the Chief Guest through a drumroll and he addressed the gathering on the importance of leadership skills. The Principal delivered his presidential address highlighting how young leaders could be moulded at the school level.

The Co-Curricular Activities conducted for various groups are as follows.

CLASSES 1- IV

Group Song, Colouring , Drawing, Paper Cup Craft, Chiming in the Breeze, Tic Tac Toe, Waste to Wow, Floral Carpet, Dumb Bell Dynamo, Ball Toss, ಹಿಡಿ–ನುಡಿ, ಹೊಂದಿಸು–ಬಂಧಿಸು, ನುಡಿ–ಮಜಲು and STAR QUIZ.

CLASSES V-VIII

Group Song, Drawing, Awesome Advert, Notice Board Oasis, ಪ್ರಾಸಪದದ ಗಮ್ಮತ್ತು, ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಬಂಧ ಲೇಖನ, Green Dreams, Grammar Relay, English Essay Writing, STAR Quiz, Treasure Trove of Math,

Geometric Art Adventure, Miniature Science Park, The News Buzz and Book Review.

CLASSES IX- XII

Drawing, Elocution, Essay in English, Elocution in English, Essay in Kannada, Debate in English, Debate in Kannada, STAR Quiz, Math Bingo, Teach to Learn and Ad-Zap.

INAUGURATION OF HOBBY CLASSES

The 'Hobby Classes' for the students of 3rd and 4th Std. for this year was inaugurated on 16th June 2025. The inaugural function was presided over by Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Principal, Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School in the august presence of Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary SAFE and JVS. The various hobbies the students are involved in are Music, Drawing and Craft, Dramatics, Bharatnatyam, Yakshagana and Karate.

TALENT SEARCH

A talent search programme was conducted for all the new entrants from I to VIII std on 6th June 2025, in which students presented music, dance, yoga and acrobatic performances, to showcase their talents for the first time in the school campus.

SCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

LITERARY CLUB

The literary club members from classes IX and X were segregated according to their interest in Literature, Dramatics and Debating. Students were involved in activities like 'Create your own Climax' where they were asked to choose a movie of their choice of any language and change its climax according to their creative ideas and

another activity was 'Skit on Cues' where they had to pick chits that had certain cues of genre, character, situation etc. Using all the cues, they were asked to create a short skit and enact it before the audience.

HEALTH CLUB

On 14th June 2025, the students of Health Club were involved in the activity under the topic 'Fighting Childhood Obesity through a healthy lifestyle' and on 21st June 2025, the members took initiative to prepare badges for Yoga Day and organised Yoga Walk for all the teachers and students of classes IX and X.

ECO CLUB

As a part of greening initiative, the club organised a seed-sowing activity. Students ploughed the land and sowed the seeds of vegetables like chilly, coriander, eggplant, lady's finger, fenugreek etc. to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable practices.

MATH CLUB

There were a number of interesting activities conducted for the members of the Math Club. Square-root Spiral, a geometric model that visually demonstrates the square-roots of natural numbers was prepared by the students. 3D Solid Shapes Model was prepared by students using cardboards. Least Common Multiple model was also prepared by students. Lastly trigonometric angles model was also prepared by the members deriving a hands-on experience.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Club members were involved in three different activities on 14th June 2025. The first activity involved screening videos on

the contributions of renowned female Indian scientists in the field of science. Later the students were divided into three groups and were assigned a topic each. Based on the given topic, the students prepared posters. The last activity for the day was Quick Switch Game. Homonyms were given to the students and they gave information about the topic.

HERITAGE CLUB

The Club intended to make the students aware and proud of the richness of the natural and cultural heritage in their own locality, state and country.

The various activities were undertaken by the heritage club on 2nd Saturday 14th June 2025 were indoor games like chess, hopscotch etc.

The games mostly focused on inculcating the 21st century skills amongst the students i.e., collaboration, communication, critical thinking and problem solving, leadership, coordination etc.

BAG-FREE DAY & CLUB ACTIVITIES

The second Saturday of the month, 14th June 2025, was observed as a Bag-free day for classes IX and X.

In the morning, the President, the Secretary, and the Joint Secretary of each of the 6 clubs, i.e. Eco-club, Science Club, Literary Club, Heritage Club, Mathematics Club and Health Club, were elected by the members.

The students enjoyed recreational activities and discussions related to their respective clubs after lunch. Some indoor and outdoor games, collage preparations, puzzle-solving, drama presentations etc., were conducted to keep the students engaged in their areas of interest.

FOOD & FUN FEST

On the Bag-free Day, 14th June 2025, a special Food Fest was conducted by the X std students as a part of the 'Sectors of Indian Economy' project, under the supervision of the Social Studies Department. Students of each of the five sections prepared special dishes and delicacies, demonstrating the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. There were a few stalls related to fabric, craft and jewellery-making as well. Principal, Sri Shrikant M. Hegde visited the stalls and appreciated the efforts of the students. All the teachers and non-teaching staff also involved themselves in the programme.

Alongside this event, the students of IX were engaged in different sports events and a game of tug-of-war conducted by the Physical Education department.

5. JNANADEEPA PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR 2025-26: JNANADEEPA SUMMER CAMP 2025

The Summer Camp for the little ones of Pre-school commenced and progressed simultaneously. They were divided into three age-groups: 3-5 yrs, 5-7 yrs and 7-9 yrs, and activities related to Music, Dance, Drama, Storytelling, simple experiments Fireless Cooking, Brain Gym, Basic Etiquettes, Recreational and Traditional Games and Best out of Waste were organised for them.

The Annual Summer Camp commenced on 1st April 2025, with an inaugural assembly in which Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad addressed and wished the participants. This camp had been

organised in the main branch for students of three age-groups in the school campus: 9-10 yrs, 10-12 yrs and 12-14 years. The activities conducted included Aerobics and Yoga, activities in the Science Park, Atal Tinkering Lab and Herbal Garden, Recreational, Traditional, Adventure and Team Games, Math Magic and activities related to Music, Art & Craft and Art Integration. A one-day trip was conducted to Agadi Thota on 16th April, Sky Watch and Potluck Party on 24th April and sessions by Resource Persons from 12th to 24th April. The distinguished resource persons were Sports and Fitness Trainer, Mr. Rohan Dcosta, renowned mathematician, Mr. Subramanya Jois, expert in tinkering lab, Mr. Arjun Kumar K.L, model-making master, Mr. Mohammed Rafi, Music Artiste, Mrs. Shanta Shetty, Yoga Guru, Mrs. Aruna Prakash and Math Guru, Mr. M.S. Vinayak.

On 16th April 2025, a picnic to Muddinakoppa Tree Park was organised for the tiny tots of 3-5 years. Similarly, a trip to Fundoos Water Park was organised for the age group of 5-9 yrs on 21st April. The resource persons, Mrs. Sangeetha Sharath (Storytelling) and Mrs. Sindhur Bharath (Food Art) addressed the little ones in the main school campus on 24th April 2025. A Potluck Party and a group photo session were also planned on the same day.

The Summer Camp came to a ceremonious conclusion on 26th April 2025, with a Valedictory Ceremony and a Cultural Programme. Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Trustee and Former DC(NVS), Sri. H. N. S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, graced the stage along with the two distinguished alumni of the school, who served as special guests of the day, Dr. Swaroop Mallesh and Master Tejas D.

G. The report of the camp was presented and certificates were distributed by the dignitaries. The presidential address was delivered by the young camper, Advika. The formal function was followed by a colourful display of cultural events by the campers.

'AKSHARABHYASA' programme was arranged for all the new entrants of Pre-school, as well as the lateral admission students of all centres on 22nd May 2025, in the Sachidananda Sabha Bhavan.

National Reading Day was celebrated in all the centres of Pre-school on 19th June 2025. Little ones actively participated in reading interesting books.

International Yoga Day and World Music Day were observed in all the centres on 20th June 2025. The tiny tots engaged in simple activities related to music and yoga.

Based on the theme 'Myself', the little ones of LKG from Channagiri and Kaimara branches were taken to Jeevan Kirana Vrudhashrama in Agaradahalli on 25th June 2025.

LKG students of the Shimoga, Bhadravathi and Gurupura branches visited Jeevana Sanje Vrudhashrama in Alkola on the same day. The objective was to inculcate values like empathy and social responsibility in the little ones, and they carried fruits with them for the elderly residents of these institutions.

The students of UKG from all the branches visited the Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences on 26th June 2025. The objective was to provide the little ones with a basic idea about the internal parts of the human body with the help of the Department of Anatomy.

On 8th July 2025, the concluding activity of the theme 'Myself' was conducted for the little ones of Playgroup. It was titled 'Family Fashion Fiesta', in which all the family members of the students participated in a ramp walk along with them.

On 11th July 2025, ‘Rainy Day’ was conducted for Playgroup students as part of the same theme.

Another event under the same theme was ‘Snow Day’ conducted for the little ones of Playgroup on 18th July 2025. On the same day, a Theme Trail was conducted as a concluding activity of ‘Seasons’ theme for LKG students of all centres. Parents visited the centres to witness the students’ presentations. ‘Umbrella Day’ activity was conducted on 21st July for Nursery students. On the same day, UKG students went on a field trip to a nearby hill, as part of introducing different landforms to them. On 28th July, Summer Day activity was conducted for the students of Nursery, Red Day activity for the little ones of LKG and Purple Day activity was held for the kids of UKG, based on the theme ‘Colours’. ‘Green Day’ was conducted for LKG students on 29th July, while ‘Orange Day’ was observed on the 31st. The First Parent-Teacher Meeting was successfully conducted on 26th July in all the branches.

As part of the ‘Colours’ theme, ‘Yellow Day’ was conducted for students of Nursery on 1st August in all the centres. On the same day, ‘Red Day’ was observed for the Playgroup children. On 4th August, ‘Brown Day’ was celebrated by LKG students under the title, ‘Red+Yellow+Blue = A Beautiful Brown Hue’. The very next day, ‘Yellow Day’ was observed by the Playgroup students and teachers of all centres. On 6th August, ‘Black and White Day’ was observed in all the centres of Pre-school for the students of LKG. Simultaneously, the little ones of Nursery celebrated ‘Blue Day’.

‘Blue Day’ was celebrated by the students of Playgroup in keeping with the theme ‘Colours’, on 11th August 2025.

Two concluding activities for the ‘Colour’ theme were organised on 13th August, a ‘Gallery Walk’ for the students and parents of UKG and a ‘Tiara Day’ for the little ones of Playgroup.

As a concluding activity of the 'Colours' theme, a Flying Colours Fashion Show was conducted for the little ones of LKG on 11th August, in which they dressed themselves in primary and secondary colours. On the other hand, the tiny tots of Nursery and their parents had a Family Ramp Walk on 12th August, as their concluding activity. National Librarian's Day was celebrated in all the centres on 12th August with books and stories.

Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2025 across all the centres. Children dressed in white, many of them even emulating freedom fighters. The aim was to instill a love for the nation and the spirit of patriotism in the little minds.

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated in all the centres on 14th August 2025. Children dressed in colourful traditional attire, as little Krishnas and Radhas.

Both the VaramahalakshmiVratham and Rakshabandhan festivals were celebrated in all the centres on 7th August 2025.

A Role-play activity featuring vendors and customers, based on the theme 'Market', was conducted for the Nursery students on 2nd September 2025.

As part of the theme 'My Neighbourhood's, the Roleplay of a Teacher was conducted for the little ones of Playgroup on 23rd August.

Gowri Ganesha festival was celebrated in all the centres on 25th August. As part of the 'My Neighbourhood' theme, the little ones of Playgroup were taken on a field trip to a nearby Home Garden on 10th September 2025. They spent time in nature and enjoyed the greenery.

Three festivals, Onam, Teachers' Day and Eid-Milad were celebrated in all the three branches of pre-school on 3rd September 2025.

On 11th September, the students of UKG were taken on a field trip to the nearby Fire Station. The fire officers explained their duties and demonstrated how fire is extinguished using water, chemicals and foam.

Fire safety instructions were also shared with them. On 18th September, the tiny tots of LKG were taken to the nearby Public Library, to teach them about the working of a library and how books are maintained there.

Nursery students of all the five centres were taken to the nearby Vegetable Market on 19th September, to familiarise them with the functioning of the market, the vegetables and fruits sold there and the daily business routine of the vendors. Ayudha Pooja was organised in all the five centres of Pre-school on 1st October 2025.

Lakshmi Pooja and Diwali were celebrated across the five centres of pre-school on 17th October, with colourful attires and bright lamps.

On the occasion of Gandhi and Shastri Jayanthi on 2nd October 2025, floral tributes were offered to the two great Indians, in all the centres.

On 7th October 2025, floral tributes were offered to the great spiritual poet on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanthi at the different centres of Pre-school.

Kannada Rajyothsava Celebrations started in all the five centres of Pre-school. Similarly, Kanakadasa Jayanthi was celebrated on 8th November 2025. The concluding activities under the theme 'Community Helpers' were conducted from 31st October onwards, when the tiny tots of Nursery went on a Tailor Shop Visit. On 4th November, a Role-play was conducted named, 'Pick, Think and Stand - Discovering Community Helpers through Play', for LKG students. On the same day, students of UKG dressed up as the

Community Helpers of their choice. The little ones of Playgroup participated in the 'Drivers' Pride, Jolly Ride' activity on 5th November, by taking a ride in their respective centre's school van.

On 13th November 2025, World Kindness Day and Jnanadeepa Handshake Day were celebrated in all the five centres of pre-school, to inculcate values of compassion and empathy among the children. On the next day, Children's Day was celebrated grandly with several activities planned to keep the little ones engaged and entertained.

As a concluding part of the theme based activity 'Animals', the tiny tots of LKG , visited the pet shops nearest to the respective branches and UKG children of all the branches had a field trip to Lion Safari on 28th Nov 2025. Nursery students visited the cowsheds nearby their respective branches and play group students participated in 'Animal Bash' on 1st December 2025, where they had a 'Ramp Walk' in various animals' costumes.

PRE-SCHOOL SPORTS MEET - 2025-26

The 4th Annual Sports Meet for the Shimoga, Bhadravathi, Channagiri, Kaimara and Gurupura centres of Jnanadeepa Pre-school was held on 26th October 2025 in the Javalli campus. Sri. M. Basavarajappa, Retired AEE, Koppa, and the owner of the Shimoga Pre-school building, was the Chief Guest for the occasion, and the formal function was presided over by Principal Sri. Shrikant M.Hegde. The Honourable Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, Treasurer, Dr. K.R. Sridhar, Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Director of Academics and Trustee, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Principal of SAPUC, Sri. S.M. Joseph, Senior Vice Principal of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and Pre-school Coordinator, Mrs. Roopa D. graced the occasion with their august

presence. 25 NCC cadets of the school escorted the dignitaries to the formal stage.

The official flag-hoisting was performed by the Chief Guest, after which a special parade by the tiny tots of the five Pre-school centres, their teachers and non-teaching staff was conducted. Each branch had a separate theme for the parade. Key Episodes from the Ramayana (Channagiri), Save the Earth (Shimoga), Grandeur of Dussehra (Bhadravathi) Festivals of Uttar Pradesh (Kaimara) and Glory of Mathura (Gurupura).

The Jnanadeepa Jyothi was lit by the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, and the flame was carried by our little roller-skating wonder, Shloka R. Shetty and the teachers of the Physical Education Department. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the importance of outdoor sports events for the little ones of this generation, and also announced the Sports Meet open. Colourful balloons were released into the sky, symbolising the spirit of the day. Special greetings and best wishes were extended by the Honourable Chairman and Treasurer, followed by the presidential address by the Principal applauding the energy, commitment and vigour of the staff and students of our Pre-schools. The day's events commenced after the formal function. Several innovative and unique sporting competitions were conducted for the little ones, like Bunny Race and Banana Chase for Playgroup, Colour Hunt Race and Safe Rider Race for Nursery, Seasons Match-up Race and Hurdle Twist Race for LKG, and Sense Organ Hunt and Spin and Move for UKG.

Four separate stands were arranged for the victory ceremonies to be held simultaneously. Around 725 students and almost 2000 parents attended this meet. All the tiny tots, their parents, staff members and the guests enjoyed the special day to the fullest.

6. ORIENTATION, TRAINING SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS BY ALUMNI

SUBJECT ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

A two-day subject enhancement workshop was conducted by Jagriti Ed Tech Pvt. Ltd., under the leadership of Sri. Panduranga N.C. on 15th and 16th April 2025, in which the students of the pilot class IX A and 5 of their subject teachers participated. The students were prepared for basic skills required in order to excel in their subjects, like reading skills, writing skills, basic calculus etc.

SESSION ON COMPETITIVE EXAM LEARNING TECHNIQUES

A special session was conducted for the students of XI and XII Science on 25th July 2025, by Mr. Girish Kumar, an MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad with more than 9 years' experience in the field of Data Analysis and Financial Consultancy. He addressed the students on 'Board Exams and Competitive Exam Learning Techniques' and also clarified their doubts regarding these topics. The session concluded with a short address by the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, about the importance of acquiring modern skills of learning in order to excel in the present era.

CAREER ORIENTATION SESSION

An orientation programme was organised for the students of X std, by Jagriti Ed Tech Pvt. Ltd., led by Sri. N.C. Panduranga and his daughter Dr. Sandhya P. on 4th April 2025. They guided the students on techniques to identify their aptitude and decide on the career paths they wish to opt for in the future.

SESSION ON SELF-AWARENESS

On 24th June 2025, a special session was conducted by M.Sc. Psychology students from Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial college, for the students of XI Commerce, on topics like Self-awareness, Introduction to Life Skills, Close Inter-personal Relationships and Goal-setting.

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS BY ALUMNI

An interactive session for the students of class XI and XII was organised on 9th June 2025 and our alumnus Mr. Gagan Jain who is pursuing CA addressed the commerce students on the challenges one comes across while pursuing the course and the different levels of examination one has to face before becoming a qualified CA.

A special career guidance session based on the opportunities available in India to pursue a pure science degree, was conducted on 17th June 2025 through the virtual medium by a distinguished alumnus of our school, Mr. Abhishek Hegde, who is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Astrophysics, in the U.S.A. Students of XI and XII std of the Science stream attended this session, in the presence of the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and the subject teachers.

On 18th June 2025 Mr. Mohammed Mazin, our alumnus, qualified in JEE, who studied XI and XII at Jnanadeepa and our alumna Miss. Harshini S.S. who studied at Jnanadeepa from I std to XII std and who got qualified in NEET, were in our campus to address the students of classes XI and XII. They addressed the aspiring students of the present batch on the strategies and study techniques to qualify the JEE and NEET Exams.

A unique session was conducted for the students of XI and XII std by a distinguished alumnus of Sri Aurobindo PU College,

Mr. Sujay S.S., who has been working with the NDA, on 30th June 2025. The Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and the Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad graced the occasion with their presence. He spoke about the process of getting qualified for the NDA, the preparations required, and the challenges one could face. He was felicitated, along with his parents after the session.

On 1st July 2025, a special session was conducted for the students of XI and XII Science, by the distinguished alumnus of the school Mr. Vishakha L.S., who is pursuing his Ph.D. in Particle Physics abroad. He spoke to the students about the different career paths related to Science that they can opt for, in future.

A special career mentoring session was held on 5th August 2025, for the students of XI and XII Science stream, on topics like the professional scope of Architecture, the educational possibilities of the field and the personal experience of challenges faced, by a distinguished alumna of the school, Ms. Vraksha Baliga. She is the key architect behind several massive residential projects, Mangalore Smart City Limited projects, Temple Jeernodhara projects and road re-development projects in and around Mangalore, as she has been working as an architect at PAILANDS Associates for 6 years. She emphasised the role of her Alma mater in moulding her into the successful architect and person she is today.

A distinguished alumna of the school, Ms. Sushma Jain, a dynamic team-builder and established engineer with 7 years of experience in areas like Cloud, Security, Media and Web Technologies, conducted a career-mentoring session for the students of XI and XII Science on 29th August 2025. She has established herself as Team Lead and Technical Support Head at

Whatfix, Bangalore. She addressed the students on the career possibilities and challenges of her field of work.

On 28th October 2025, a virtual interactive career guidance session was conducted by our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Varun H.H. for the students of XI and XII of Science stream. An Electronics and Communication Engineer from the RNS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, he recently completed his Master's degree in Computer Science at Stony Brook University, New York. He provided the students with valuable insights into his areas of academic excellence and work experience.

A career guidance session was held for the students of XI and XII std on 25th November 2025, in which Dr. Anusha D.U., a distinguished alumna of our school addressed the students. After completing her schooling at Jnanadeepa, she pursued MBBS from Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences and is presently a final year MD Psychiatry resident at Sri. Devaraj Urs Medical College, Kolar. She addressed the students on topics like medical service for humanity, scientific temperament, importance of CBSE background, career options, exam planning, preparation for NEET, NCERT foundation for concept clarity, study schedules, medical career etc.

7. VISITS, FIELD TRIPS, EXCURSIONS AND OUTINGS

INDUSTRIAL VISIT FOR COMMERCE STUDENTS

As part of experiential learning, an Industrial Visit was organised for classes XI and XII Commerce stream on 26th July 2025. They visited Amrith Noni (ValYou Products Pvt. Ltd.) situated in Hosahalli, Shimoga, a company that manufactures a range of health

booster products. They also visited Amisol Global Ecoware in Machenahalli, Shimoga, palm-leaf dinnerware that offers a truly green alternative to reduce the use of plastic plates and bowls. The purpose of this visit was to provide first-hand exposure to the possibilities in trade, commerce and entrepreneurship available in the present world. They could also learn about the functioning of such companies. The team consisted of 31 students and two teachers, Ms. Vinutha P. and Mr. Lohith M.U.

INDUSTRIAL VISIT FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS

An educational industrial visit was organised for the students of XI and XII std of Science stream on 26th July 2025. They visited Amulya Shodha in Kallihaalu, Shimoga, a museum that displays art and culture through ancient kitchenware, weaponry, instruments etc., which were studied in detail by the students. They also visited the Karnataka Milk Federation (SHIMUL), Machenahalli, Shimoga, where they learnt about the functioning of the factory and the scientific processes involved in it. 58 students were accompanied by four teachers, Mrs. Nagarathna B. Bhat, Mrs. Pooja Rao, Mr. Dilip C.R. and Mr. Samartha.

EDUCARNIVAL 2025

The students of IX-XII std were taken on a field visit to the Krishi Mela organised by Agricultural University at Navale, Shimoga on 8th November 2025. They were accompanied by their teachers. Students of Eco Club, Science Club, Mathematics Club, Heritage Club, Health Club and Literary Club learnt about the techniques and methods used to cultivate various kinds of crops, vegetables, fruits and flowers. Students visited the gardens and orchards and several farm

products were available for purchase. Students visited the stalls arranged for various kinds of merchandise and also experienced the bounty of nature at its fullest.

INDUSTRIAL VISIT AND EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION FOR COMMERCE STUDENTS

They visited two industries, the Britannia Super Tasty Food company and the Regal Bag Industry. Students learnt in detail about the manufacturing of biscuits and rusk, and the various commercial aspects of the biscuit industry at the first venue. At the Regal Bag Industry, they learnt about different types of bags that are manufactured there and also received bags as gifts. On the second day of the trip, they visited Wonderla and had a wonderful time there with their friends and teachers. The children enjoyed their outing with their friends and teachers, and also learnt valuable information about these well-known places.

ANAVARANA 2025

A one-day Inter-collegiate PU Fest was organised by Edurite College of Management Studies, Shimoga, on 29th November 2025, in which our students of XI std participated. Dikshitha won the first place in Logo Designing, Manyashree R, Arya Baliga B., Athulya A. Chandran and Meghana S. won the first place in Group Dance, Nishka D.S., Deeptha H.P., Deeksha A.,Verene Dsouza and Bhakti won the third place in Short Movie, Charitrya Naik won the third place in Logo Designing, Aaryan Y.A. won the third place in Computer Painting and Chinmay H.V., Mohammed Faisal, Manjunatha M., Mohammed Farhan, Mohammed Tahreem and Karthik R.M. won the third place in Mad-Ads. Our school bagged the overall runner-up trophy.

KAUSHALYA 2025 CHAMPIONS

The state-level Inter-collegiate competitions titled 'Kaushalya 2025' was held on 13th November at NES Advance Institution, JNNCE College, Shimoga. Our students of Science and Commerce streams of both XI and XII std took part in the events and won several prizes. Bhakti and Dikshitha of XI Science won the first place in Think and Draw Competition, while Meghna, Aarya, Manyashree and Athulya of XI Science won the second place in Group Dance. Chinmay H.V. and Mohammad Faisal of XI Commerce and Karthik R.M. of XI Science together won the second place in the Coordination Game. Amongst the 45 colleges that participated, Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School was announced the Overall Champions. Our teachers Mrs. Pooja U. Rao and Mr. Lohith M.U. accompanied the students.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION FOR XII SCIENCE STUDENTS

An educational excursion was organised for the students of XI-XII Science to Bangalore, on 5th and 6th of December 2025. 33 students attended the trip along with XI-XII co-ordinator, Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat, class mentors Mr. Dilip C.R. and Mr. Samartha L., Ms. Tina Thomas and attender Mr. Dileepa N.

The team visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium and Vishveshvarayya Industrial & Technological Museum on the first day and acquired previous knowledge in areas like space research, bioengineering, mathematics, locomotion, machinery etc. On the second day, students spent their time joyfully at Wonderla. They returned by the late night train and reached Shimoga on Sunday morning.

SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION
A TRIP TO THE CITY OF PEARLS

An Educational Excursion to Hyderabad was arranged for the students of VI std from 21st-26th September 2025, in which a team of 101 students were accompanied by 7 teachers, Mrs. Umme Subiya Naaz, Mrs. Priya K.S., Mr. Shrikant Gosavi, Mrs. Vani J.R., Mr. Maria Anthony Solomon, Mrs. Bhanumathi K. and Ms. Shwetha J., under the leadership of the Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

They visited iconic places of historical and cultural importance like the Charminar, the Makka Masjid, the Salar Jung Museum and the State Museum, that provided great insights into the Nizami period of Hyderabad and the royal lifestyle. The team enjoyed at the Snow World too.

The team also visited the Qutub Shahi Tomb and the Golconda Fort that hold immense historical significance. They also spent time with wildlife in the Nehru Zoological Park. They visited the temple constructed entirely in white marble, the Birla Mandir. The final halt of the day was at the Lumbini Garden where the team enjoyed the Laser Light Show.The fourth day was set aside to visit the Ramoji Film City. On the fifth and final day, the entire team had fun at Wonderla in Bangalore.

TOURING THE LAND OF KINGS

An Educational and Cultural Study Tour to Rajasthan was organised for the students of IX std from 20th-28th September 2025. The team consisting of 69 students and accompanied by 4 teachers, Mrs. Jayalakshmi Y, Mrs. Nagaveni T.S., Mrs. Sharmila Mallappa Meeshi and Mr. Mahaveer Hegde, was led by the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph.

The Team reached Bangalore by train and reached Jaipur by

flight. The team visited the Hawa Mahal and the Jantar Mantar, the Jal Mahal,the Birla Mandir, the City Palace and the Amber Fort. The team travelled from Jaipur to Pushkar, and visited the Brahma Temple and Pushkar Lake. The fourth day was about Udaipur exploration, involving a boating experience at Fateh Sagar Lake. On Day 5, the team moved from Udaipur to Jodhpur, a more modern city, where they visited the Umaid Bhavan Palace and the Mehrangarh Fort. On the sixth day, the team travelled from Jodhpur to Jaisalmer and visited the Jaisalmer Fort and Museum. On the seventh day of the tour, desert activities like Camel Ride and Desert Safari were explored. After which the team moved to Mount Abu. On the eight day, the team visited the Brahma Kumaris' Meditation Hall, the Dilwara Temple. After the night's stay at Jaipur, the team travelled back to Bangalore and then back to Shivamogga, on the last day.

A DAY'S OUTING FOR I & II STD

On 11th November 2025, 196 little ones of I std were taken on an educational excursion to Sakkrebailu, accompanied by12 teachers. On the same day, 212 students of II std went to Anjanapura and Sevalal along with 12 teachers.

ONE-DAY OUTING FOR III & IV STD

An educational excursion was organised for the students of III and IV std on 9th November 2025, to Shringeri and Chitradurga respectively. Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and Chief Coordinator of Pre-schools, Mrs. Roopa D also joined the group. A team of 189 students of III std and 20 teachers visited Mrugavadhe, Shringeri, Hariharapura and Kuppalli, while 192 students of IV std and 20 teachers visited Ontikalmatha, Chitradurga Fort, Chandravalli Thota and Murgharajendra Vana

(Rock Garden). The students received a first-hand experience of the natural beauty, historical significance and cultural value of these places.

ONE-DAY OUTING FOR V STD

An educational excursion was organised for the students of V std on 16th November 2025, to Humcha, Ramchandrapura Mutt, Karanagiri temple and Malgudi Museum. A team of 185 students of V std and 10 teachers visited the places.

ONE-DAY OUTING FOR VII STD

An educational excursion was organised for the students of VII std on 11th November 2025, to Kalathigiri, Kemmenagundi, Deviramma Temple and Amruthapura Temple.

ONE-DAY OUTING FOR VIII STD

On 12th October 2025, students of class VIII were taken to Jog Falls, Nippli Falls, Varadhahalli-Sridhara Swamy Ashrama, Hosagunda-Uma Maheshwara Temple and Kanchikallamma Temple.

HONOURS CLUB EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP

An Educational Excursion was organised to Udupi for the 86 members of the Jnanadeepa Honours Club from VII to XI std on 30th November 2025. The team that included 7 teachers and 2 non-teaching staff as well, visited the Manipal Museum of Anatomy and Pathology, the Udupi Krishna Matta and St. Mary's Island. Student achievers of different classes are brought together in the Honours Club with the intention of encouraging collaborative learning, healthy competition and scientific temperament among them.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME

A Community Service Programme was organised for all the students of classes I-IV, accompanied by their teachers, on 30th October 2025. 205 students of I std visited the Jeevana Sanje Vridhashrama (Old-age Home), while 208 students of class II visited the ThayiMane Orphanage. 217 students of III std visited Sharada Andhara Vikasa Kendra (Educational Institution for the Blind) and 196 students of IV std visited Asha Kirana Kendra (Educational Institution for the Differently Abled).

A Community Service Programme was organised for the students of V-VIII std on 5th November 2025, in which each class visited a different institution along with their class teachers, and rendered their services. Students of V std visited the Siddhartha Blind School in Bhadravathi, while VI std students were taken to Puttaraj Gawai Blind School in Shimoga. The VII std students were taken to Good Luck Aaraike Kendra in Shimoga, while the students of VIII std offered Shramadaan at Kudali temple premises. 208 students of V std, 193 of VI std, 191 of VII std and 213 students of VIII std participated in this programme.

GOODWILL GIFT PROGRAMME

As part of the Parents' Day Celebration last month, our students from VIII std had participated in the Calorie Cuisine event and collected a certain amount. That money was utilised for an act of kindness, as we gifted a water filter to the Government Higher Primary School in Bhadrapura on 18th September 2025. The Director of Academics, Shri. H. N. S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, were accompanied by teachers and students of VIII std for this event.

In order to instill a sense of social responsibility in the younger generation, a Community Service Programme was conducted for classes V-VIII on 30th August 2024. The students of V std were taken for a visit to Good Luck Araike Kendra Old-age Home, Shimoga, while students of VI std visited the Music School for the Blind in Shimoga. VII std students had a memorable experience at Sharada Andhara Vikasa Kendra (School for the Blind), Shimoga, while students of VIII std spent quality time at Asha Kirana (Centre for mentally retarded and physically challenged children), Shimoga.

9. SPORTS ACHIEVERS

BADMINTON CHAMPIONS

Sudhanva V. Sakleshpur of V D won the Kuberappa Memorial Cup State Open Badminton Tournament held at Honnali, Davangere district from 12th-13th July 2025. He won two trophies in the Under-11 and Under-13 Boys Singles events and was also awarded a cash prize of Rs.5000. Anagha Patil of V B secured the third place in the Under-11 Girls event.

THE YOUNG YOGIS

The Under-19 Boys South Zone-II Yoga Competitions were organised by Greenfingers Global School, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, from 21st to 25th July 2025. A team of our students consisting Shrujith A. Gowda, Sharabesh A. Kanekal Mutt, Amith Shubhang A.V., Mayank Raj and Deepak M.S. participated in it and stood 5th among 50 teams from South India. They were prepared for this event under the guidance of our

Yoga Instructor Mrs. Aruna Prakash and our P.E. instructor Ms. Shwetha J.

SHUTTLE BADMINTON WINNERS

Podar International School, Shimoga, conducted the Inter-school Shuttle Badminton Competition, under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, on 19th July 2025 in the Indoor Stadium, Shimoga. Our three-member Under -14 Boys Team, consisting of Aarav Jain of VIII F, Sudhanva V. Sakleshpur of V D and Gowtham A. Lingenahalli of IV E, bagged the gold medal in this event. Mr. Mahaveer Hegde, PE Department Head, accompanied as the Team Manager.

KHO-KHO CHAMPIONS

The CBSE Cluster Level Kho-Kho Tournament was held from 7th to 10th August 2025, at Race Concept School, Raichur, and our Under-14 boys team won the silver medal, while the Under-19 girls team bagged the bronze medal. They were coached by our PE instructor Mr. Purushotham S.

ATHLETICS ACHIEVERS

The Inter-school Sports Meet 2025-26 organised by St. Joseph's School, B.G.S. Central School and Sri Sathya Sai Jnanapeeta, under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, was held at the VISL Stadium, Bhadravathi on 17th October 2025. Our students achieved laurels in Athletics, Handball and Kho-kho, and our school emerged as the overall runner-up with a total of 198 points. In the team events, our students bagged the gold in the Under-14 Boys category and the Under -17 Girls and Boys categories of the Handball event. In Kho-kho, the Under-14 Boys and Girls, and the Under-17

Girls bagged silver medals. In the relays, our Under-14 Boys team consisting Atharv Tirluka, Laksh Rao Jadhav, Kishan S.M. and Ankith M.M. won the gold medal, while the girls team consisting Ahana Prasanna, Bhumika D.H. , Bhuvana D.H. and Likhitha G. won the silver medal. In the Under-17 events, the Boys' team consisting Bharatha H. Naik, Manvith G.B., Advik Acharya and Pranav A.R., and the Girls' team consisting Kaavya S., Siri Gowri H.N., Mandara B.G. and Ganavi B.S. won bronze medals. In the individual athletic events, Laksh Rao Jadhav won the gold medal in the 400 m and 600 m races, while Atharv Tirluka won gold medals in the 100 m and 200 m events. Vishal U. Palankar secured a bronze in the Discus Throw event. Bhuvana D.H. won a silver medal in the 600 m race, Ahana Prasanna bagged a silver in the Long Jump event, and Bhumika D.H. and Vethali R. Pujar won bronze medals in the 100 m and Discus Throw events respectively. Bharatha H. Naik won silver medals in the 100 m and 200 m events, while Advik Acharya won the silver in the 400 m event. Kaavya S. won a bronze in the 100 m race, while Lekhana V. won a silver in the 800 m and a bronze in the 400 m events, and Ganavi B.S. won a bronze in the 200 m race. All our students were accompanied by Ms. Muneshwari.

Cluster VIII CBSE Athletics Meet was held at Smt. Parvathamma Shamanur Shivashankarappa English Medium Residential School, Davangere from 27th August to 1st September 2025. Our students won 17 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 7 bronze medals in this Athletics Meet. B.M. Vedanth of XI Commerce won two gold medals, one for discus throw and the other for shotput in the U- 17 category. Atharv Tirluka of IX D won the silver medal in the 100 m race, and bronze in the 200 m event in the U-14 category. Mohammad Affan Ahmed of XI Science won the silver medal in the U-17 400 m event, while

Kishan S.M. of VIII std won the bronze medal in high Jump.

The Girls' relay team, consisting Siri Gowri H.N., Lekhana V, Ahana Prasanna, Bhumika D.H. and Dhanya N., won the bronze in the U- 19 4x400 m event.

The Boys' U-17 relay team consisting Manjunath M., Advik D. Acharya, Dheeraj G., Mohammad Affan Ahmed and Pranav A.R. won the gold in the 4 x 400 m event he Boys' U-14 relay team consisting Ishan S.M., Ankith M.M., Laksh Rao A. Jadhav and Atharv Tirluka, won the gold in the 4x 100 m event.

We won yet another gold in the U-17 4x100 m event, in which Mohammed Faisal, Manjunath M., Mohammad Affan Ahmed, Dheeraj G. and Pranav A.R. participated.

NATIONAL ATHETICS ACHIEVEMENT

Eleven of our athletes had been selected for the National level meet. These achievers were B.M.Vedanth, Mohammed Affan Ahmed, Dheeraj G., Mohammed Faisal, Manjunath M., Pranav A.R., Atharv Tirluka, Advik D., Laksh Rao A. Jadhav, Ankith M.M. and Kishan S.M. Mr. Purushotham, the athletics coach accompanied our students.

TAEKWONDO WINNERS

The CBSE South Zone Taekwondo Tournament was held from 6th to 9th August 2025 at New Times International School, Pune, and three of our students won laurels in different categories. Jayanth M.S. of IV D bagged the first place in the Under-14 category while Paridhi of V D stood second in the same. Gavish Hiremath of IX A came third in the Under-17 category. The students were coached by Mr. Durai D.C. and they were mentored by Mrs. Bhanumati K.

NATIONAL TAEKWONDO WINNERS

The CBSE National Taekwondo Championship 2025 was held at Amneev Vision School, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh from 3rd-7th September. Our students Aarohi A. of VI E won the gold in the Under-20 kg category, while Jayanth M.S. of VI D bagged the bronze in the Under-23 kg category in the U-14 events. Our taekwondo coach Mr. Durai and Mrs. Ashwini Durai had trained the students for this year. Our students posed for a photograph with the Chief Guest, 2016 Rio Olympics Gold Medalist from Jordan, Mr. Ahmad Abu Gaush.

HANDBALL WINNERS

The District level Dasara Sports Meet 2025-26 was held at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga, on 2nd September 2025, and both our boys' and girls' teams won silver medals in the Handball event in their respective categories. The Girls' U-17 team consisted of Manya S. Holla, Sanvi B.V., Vethali R. Pujar, Drushti Y. Raj, Dhatri C., Saavani S. Jain, Chaithanya G. and Ruhika Raj. The Boys' team on the other hand, had Karthik R. Muniyappa, Abhishek M. Rathod, Poojith Gowda P.K., Dhanvin T.G., Samhith R., Sri Ram P.G., Prakul C., Ujwal Gowda and Shivaprasad H.S. in it.The team was trained by our PE instructor Mrs. Bhanumathi K.

Five of our students who represented Shimoga district at the 1st Senior State Level Handball Championship, organised by Handball Association of Karnataka, held at Sri Madhava Vidyalaya, Keregodu, Mandya, on 4th and 5th October 2025, won the second place.

The students who made us proud as a part of the Karnataka team are Manya S. Holla, Sanvi B.V., Chaithanya G. and Saavani S. Jain of IX std., and Drushti Y. Raj of X std. They were coached by Mr. Girish Kumar and Mrs. Bhanumathi K.

NATIONAL LEVEL AEROBICS ACHIEVEMENT

The CBSE National Aerobics Championship 2025 was hosted by Drona Academy, Maharashtra, from 10th to 14th September 2025.

All the three teams from our school participated and won accolades in this championship , making us proud. The Under-11 team consisting Anvitha Prasanna, Pranamya M.K., Varnika A.M., Adhya R.T., Shreya G., Neethu M. Chavan, Vismaya H. and Parnika S.A., won the silver medal. The Under-19 team comprising Aarna K.M., Akanksha Ravishankar, Arushi K. Gowda, Dvitha Dinesh, Nandini B.E., Pranathi, Sthairya K.U. and Tharuna Adithi D. also bagged silver. The Under-14 team, in which Anvitha R.K., Adithi D.B., Adhya Arun, Amshu S.R., Marilyn Manuel, Monal S., Niksha K. and Saandhya S. Acharya participated, won the bronze medal.

All the teams were coached by our Physical Education Instructor and internationally certified aerobics coach, Mr. Sudarshan K., and were also accompanied by team manager and P.E. Instructor, Mrs. Bhanumathi K.

LITTLE SKATING PRODIGY

Hitha Praveen of II E, won a gold and silver medal in the 2nd State Speed Roller Skating Championship Season 3, 2025 held in Bangalore on 7th and 8th June 2025.

In the CBSE South Zone II Roller Skating Championship 2025, organised by Vyasa Vidya Peetham, Palakkad, Kerala, from 22nd to 24th August, Hitha Praveen of II E won the bronze medal. Hitha Praveen of II E made an extraordinary achievement yet again by winning gold in the 1000 m and 500 m categories of the Season Ill Karnataka State Ranking Roller-Skating Championship held in Bangalore on 1st September 2025.

LITTLE BADMINTON CHAMPIONS

Sudhanva V. Sakleshpur of V D won the State-level Junior Badminton tournament in the Under-11 Singles category, held in Davangere on 29th June 2025. Aarav C. Jain of VI F won in the Under-13 category and Anagha Patil of V B won in the Under-11 category respectively.

10. SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS DAY
ANNUAL INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS MEET 2025-26

The 27th Annual Intramural Athletics Meet of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School for this academic year was held in the school campus on 21st and 22nd November 2025. The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by Principal, Sri Shrikant M. Hegde, in the august presence of the Chief Guest for the day, Sri. H.N.S.Rao, Trustee and Director of Academics of SAFE and JVS, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

The proceedings of the formal function were initiated with the inspection of the STAR House march-past squads by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, escorted by the Prime Minister of the school parliament, Bhuvan S. of XII Commerce and two NCC cadets. This was followed by a march-past by the squads of Sapphire, Topaz, Agate and Ruby houses, to the accompaniment of the school band. The hoisting of the school flag by the dignitaries marked a symbolic beginning. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on this occasion, emphasising the importance of sports in a youngster's life, and then officially declared the Sports Meet open. Multi-coloured balloons were released into the skies as per the school tradition, by the dignitaries and the members of the Physical Education department.

The next part of the programme was the lighting of the Jnanadeepa Jyothi, which was initiated by the lighting of the torch by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, and it was then officially handed over to a national-level sports achiever of this year, B.M.Vedanth of XI Commerce, who has shown extraordinary prowess in Shot-put and Discus Throw events. He held the torch aloft and took a round of the field followed by all the National and State Level sports achievers of the academic year, finally culminating in the lighting of the Jnanadeepa Jyothi. The Sports Minister of the School Parliament, Poojith Gowda P.K. of X B, administered the Sports Oath to the Senior and Junior Captains of the STAR houses. The formal function concluded with the presidential address by the Principal, who spoke about the number of opportunities available to the students in the field of sports within and outside the school campus, and how the students can make the best use of them. The events for classes I-IV std were conducted exclusively on the first day as usual, with a new feature added in, which was of multiple victory stands arranged in the campus, for the simultaneous felicitation of the winners. The events for XI-XII std were held only on the second day, while the rest of the students participated in different events on both days. A total of over 84 events were conducted. The Valedictory Ceremony was held in the evening of 22nd November after the successful completion of all the events. Lt. Col. Manik Pathania, Commanding Officer of 20 Karnataka BN NCC, Shivamogga, was the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour was Dr. Nandini B.N., Assistant Professor, Shimoga Institute of Medical Science, and Member of the School Management Committee. Prior to the Valedictory Ceremony, the revealing of the NCC Wing Sign-board outside the school gate was carried out by Lt. Col. Manik Pathania in the presence of the dignitaries and the coordinators of the different wings of the school. The Valedictory Ceremony was presided

over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde in the august presence of Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. S.M. Joseph, Principal, SAPUC, Dr. Regy Joseph, Sr. Vice Principal, JSSS and Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, Vice Principal of JSSS.

Jnanadeepa School expresses sincere appreciation to the entire Sports Department headed by Mr. Mahaveer Hegde.

11. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS BY STUDENTS

The results of the Bhagavad Gita Exam that had been conducted by ISKCON were announced. The District gold medal was secured by Aadhya M. of VII B, who was awarded an electric cycle. Anagha G. of IX E won a gold medal and a smart watch. Saanvi B.V. of VIII E was gifted a T-shirt along with a bronze medal. Nikhil S. of VI C and Yuktha H.O. of VII F won a silver medal and a water bottle each. Harshith Hebbar K.A. of VI E and Hrithvik Hebbar K.A. of VI B won bronze medals along with drinking cups.

SENSATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Our students, Aarna K.M. and Arushi K. Gowda of VIII F, Dhvitha C.D. of X A and Tharuna Adithi D. of IX B, represented the school and India in the Asian Aerobics and Hip-Hop Championship 2025, organised by Asian Sports Aerobics and Fitness Federation (ASAFF) in Dubai, UAE from 29th May, to 1st June 2025.

They made the nation proud by winning the gold in both Sports Aerobics Quads, as well as Duet events, in the U-17 Sports Aerobics Category.

LITERARY COMPETITION WINNERS

The Shimoga Zoo Tiger and Lion Safari, Tyavarekoppa, conducted several literary competitions based on the theme of 'Climate Change and Animal Extinction' in collaboration with PACE P U College, Shimoga on 25th October 2025, in which our students from IX and X std made us proud by winning many accolades and cash prizes. Dhanvin T.G. of X A won the first place in the Kannada Essay Writing competition. Pranathi H.G. of X A and Ashwini N.B. of X C won the first place in Science Model-making, while Shilpitha N. of X C and Anikait B. Bhoopalam of IX E secured the first place in Best out of Waste. First place winners also won a cash prize of Rs.5000 per event. Nehali A.C. of X C won the second place in the Kannada Pick and Speak event, while Ganavi K. of X E and Rishikesh Bhat of IX E won the second place in the PowerPoint presentation based on Climate Change Causes and Remedy. They also won Rs. 3000 cash prize per event.

SELECTED FOR STATE TEAM

Six of our students from VII std were selected for the 17th Handball Federation of India Mini Handball National Championship 2025 for Girls and Boys, held in September 2025. The four students selected for the Karnataka Girls' team were Samanvi S., Abhijna G., Samruddhi N. and lmpana K., and the two students included in the Boys' team were Shravan S. and Sakshar P. Matter. They were coached by our Physical education instructor Mrs. Bhanumathi K.

YOUNG SCIENCE MAVERICKS

The CBSE Regional Science Exhibition 2025-26 was held at Tejas International School, Bagalkot on 10th and 11th November 2025.

In the Junior Category, Aarna A Shetty of VI C and Aniya A of VI D presented their project on 'Ecodent Areca', while in the Senior Category, Karthik Ramesh Muniyappa and Kousthubh Kundur Keshava of XI Science presented a Recreational Mathematical Model about 'Polyhedrons'. Both the duos were qualified for the National level presentation.Ms. Akshatha G. accompanied the students to this event.

EXCEPTIONAL LAUREL: THE YOUNG MOUNTAINEER

Nithya Rao of class X E made our school proud by scaling Mt. Kilimanjaro - the Roof of Africa, the world's tallest single standing mountain. It was a 6-8 day conquest and the highest point, Uhuru Peak, was conquered at 19340 feet/5895 metres above mean sea level at extreme sub-zero temperatures. She showed immense courage during her persistent climb, in spite of blistered toes and frozen hair, and proudly unfurled the Jnanadeepa school flag at the summit. She was accompanied by her mother Dr. Raksha Rao on this expedition.

YOGA WINNER

The Shimoga District Yogasana Sports Championship 2025, conducted by Shimoga District Yogasana Sports Association was held on 20th July 2025 at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga, in which Unnati B. of X C participated in the Traditional Yoga event for 14-18 age-group and won the gold medal.

'ART FOR HEART' WINNERS

Nanjappa Life Care Hospital, Shimoga, conducted an informative session and drawing competition based on the theme 'Art for HEART' on 25th October 2025. Atharvi Raj of VIII A won the

second place and a cash prize of Rs. 1500, while Prerana of VIII E won the third place and Rs. 1000 as cash prize. Members of the Art Department of the school had guided the students and they were accompanied by Mr. Sethuram G.

KANNADA ELOCUTION WINNER

A Taluk-level Kannada Elocution had been organised by the Government of Karnataka on 30th October 2025, at Mount Carmel School, in which Dhruthi Ram J. of IX E had stood first and had been selected for the District-level event. On 4th November 2025, the District-level event was held at PACE international School, Shimoga,on the same topic, 'Chikka Kanasu Kaanuvudu Dodda Aparaadha, Nanna Mahaan Kanasu Nanna Jeevana'. Once again Dhruthi Ram J. made us proud by bagging the first place in this grand event.

THE HINDU INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE FEST & RAMANUJAN SPARK QUEST 2025

The students of our school showcased commendable talent and scientific enthusiasm at The Hindu Inter-School Science Fest & Ramanujan Spark Quest 2025. Their outstanding performances brought laurels to the institution across multiple categories.

In the Ramanujan Spark Quest, several students secured top positions. Yashaswi B T of Class VII B and Vedanth Nayaka B of Class VIII F achieved the second place, each earning a cash prize of Rs.3000. From Class IX, Haripriya of IX B and Shivraja M B of X E secured third place, winning Rs.2000 each. Ullas V Janthikolalu of IX E also bagged second place with a cash award of Rs.3000. Additionally, Bellishree of

VI C and Yashas H of IX E received Consolation Prizes for securing fifth place.

In the Science Model Competition, Aarna A Shetty of VI C and Aniya A of VI D were awarded a consolation prizes for their innovative model presentation.

12. PROGRAMMES UNDER THE AEGIS OF SAHYADRI SAHODAYA SCHOOLS COMPLEX (SSSC) : 2025-26

SSSC INTER-SCHOOL LITERARY COMPETITION 2025-26

The Inter-school Literary Competitions for 2025-26, conducted under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga, held for the Junior Category at PES School, Shimoga and for the Senior Category at National Public School, Shimoga on 28th June 2025, in which sets of 7 students each participated in events like Poem Recitation, Story-telling, Debate and Essay Writing in English, Elocution in Kannada and Painting Competition.

In the Junior Category, Unnathi Prasanna of VI C secured the third place in the Story- telling competition, and in thesenior Category, Nehali A.C. of X C won the first place in Story-telling and Dhruthi Ram J. of IX E bagged the second place in Kannada Elocution.

CULTURAL FEST 2025-26

The Inter-school Cultural Competition 2025-26, organised under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga, was hosted by Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, Javalli, for both the Junior and Senior Categories on 26th July 2025. Three events, Solo Bharatanatyam, Folk Dance and Group Song, were conducted

for both the categories on 6 different stages simultaneously. 24 schools and 720 participants assembled in our campus and presented their colourful performances. The programme began with the Inaugural Ceremony which was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, with Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Director of Academics and Trustee of SAFE and JVS, as the Chief Guest. The inauguration took place in the gracious presence of the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the significance of such cultural programmes, while the Principal of Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School, recollected the origins of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, being the Founder President of the organisation, in his presidential address.

The events were judged by prolific artistes like Vidushi Kum. Samana M.A., Vidushi Smt. Vanitha S., Vidushi Kum. Preethi T. and Vidushi Smt. Chaitra Karthik in the Solo Bharatanatyam event, Dr. Annappa N. Mali Matt, Dr. Mohan Chandragutti, Dr. Shashikumar and Sri. Harsha C.M. in the Folk Dance event, and Vidushi Smt. Ujwala Ravi, Vidwan Sri. Mahendra Ghore, Vidushi Smt. Suma Guruprasad and Vidushi Smt. Vidya Manjunath, in the Group Song event. The Valedictory Function was once again presided over by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, with Sri. Mruthyunjaya Kanitkar, President of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex and Principal of Sri Sathya Sai Jnanapeeta School, as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest expressed his joy in being part of such a mega-event and gave away the prizes to the winners. Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School won the first place in both the Junior and Senior Group Song events, first place in Senior Solo Bharatanatyam (Kaavya S., IX std), first place in Junior Solo

Bharatanatyam (Pavani Kulkarni, VIII std) and second place in the Senior Folk Dance event. With a massive score of 14 points, Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School was declared as the Overall Champion, but being the host school, we handed over the championship to the first runner up, Podar International School, Vidyanagara branch.

CHESS COMPETITION

In the Inter-school Chess Competition, organised under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga, on 19th July 2025, at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Shimoga, our students won the gold in both the Under-14 and Under-17 categories. Advik Upadhyaya of VI E, Mrinalini M.R. of VIII F, Nikhil S. of VII C and Aaradhya Jenya S. of VII E were the members of the Under-14 team, while Moksha T. of VII B, Dhanush M.D. of VIII D, Shreehari M. Gadde of IX D and Sidhant S. of VIII F constituted the Under-17 team. Mrs. Constance Sheila Aimen accompanied our students as a Team Manager.

13. OBSERVANCES AND CELEBRATIONS: AMBEDKAR JAYANTHI

On 14th April 2025, Ambedkar Jayanthi was observed in the campus in the presence of Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Physical education instructors, Mr. Mahaveer Hegde and Mr. Girish Kumar. Floral tributes were offered in the memory of the great architect of the Indian Constitution.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On 5th June 2025, World Environment Day was observed in the campus, on the theme 'Ending Plastic Pollution Globally'.

A team of selected students from Pre-school to VIII std, under the guidance of 10 teachers and a few parents, and under the leadership of Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad, visited Rotary Biodiversity Forest, Gadikoppa, to plant saplings. This programme had been organised by Biodiversity Foundation of Rotary Clubs of Shimoga, and was presided over by the Director of SAFE and JVS, Dr. P. Narayan,in the gracious presence of Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary

On their first day of school, the new entrants of XI std. planted saplings in the school campus, under the leadership of Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph. The tiny tots of I std. who stepped into the campus for the first time also planted little saplings along with new entrants of other classes.

The students of X std. participated in an Eco-walk from the Kalam Bhavan till the Sacchidananda Sabha Bhavan, holding placards based on the theme of Environment Conservation.

A melodious group song by the school choir group and a meaningful skit presented by X std students were performed on the theme of the day. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde delivered the presidential address on the importance of keeping the environment clean.

YOGA AND RAGA DAY

On the occasion of International Yoga Day and World Music Day on 21st June 2025, special programmes were held in the campus to celebrate the magic of yoga and music.

In the early morning, students of IX-XII std engaged in a Yoga

Walk as well as Mass Yoga practice in the open air, under the guidance of our yoga instructor, Mrs. Aruna Prakash.

Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and the Chief Guest for the day, Vaidya Pallavi K.S. from the Adwaitha Ayurveda Chikitsalaya graced the stage with their presence. The Chief Guest addressed the students on the benefits of Yoga in everyday life and the Principal spoke to them about its significance during his Presidential address. This entire programme was organised by the Health Club of the school.

Later that morning, a formal function was organised in the Sacchidananda Sabha Bhavan, where the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad graciously joined the dignitaries on the stage. The significance of both the special occasions was introduced to the students. An impressive display of yoga postures was put up by the students of VI-X std. An excellent musical performance was also presented by the students of VI-X std. The Chief Guest, Vaidya Pallavi K.S. addressed the younger batch of students. The programme concluded with the Presidential address. Extensive yoga practice was conducted across the classes to encourage the new generation to inculcate this healthy habit.

A unique event was introduced this year, where a platform was arranged for the non-teaching staff of the school to showcase their singing abilities.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated grandly on 15th August 2025 in the school campus. The programme started with a 'Tiranga Rally'organised by the Interact Club of the school for the students of IX-XII std, led by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde,

Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. Senior students marched around the school campus, holding tricolour flags and chanting patriotic slogans. This was immediately followed by the flag-hoisting event held in the top floor of the main building. As is customary for the teachers of the school to be given the privilege of hoisting the flag by order of seniority every year, it was the turn of Mrs. Nayana U.D. this year, to do the honours. After the flag-hoisting ceremony, she addressed the gathering on the significance of the day. The members of the Interact Club from IX and X std indulged in a 'Shramadaan Programme' involving the cleaning of the campus, and they were officially handed the gloves by the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph. The main flag-hoisting ceremony was held in front of the Sacchidananda Sabha Bhavan, with Sri. S.M. Joseph, Principal, SAPUC, as the Guest of Honour, who hoisted the flag on this occasion. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M Hegde presided over the function, in the gracious presence of Director of Academics, Sri. H. N. S. Rao, Secretary, Sri. B. L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The formal function resumed in the Sabha Bhavan, and the Guest of Honour addressed the gathering on the great values and ideals left behind by great Indians for us to emulate. Students delivered speeches in Kannada, English and Hindi, and patriotic songs were presented by both the school and college groups. A special presentation on the Indian legacy and future was presented by the students of VI B and VI C. A team of 26 students of VII-X std from our school took part in the Police Parade march-past held at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga, as part of Independence Day Celebrations. The Chief Guest of the function was the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education of Karnataka, Sri. Madhu Bangarappa.

TIRANGA ACTIVITIES

As per the CBSE guidelines, Tiranga board decorations and rangolis were prepared by the students of classes IX and X from the Interact Club.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

National Sports Day was celebrated on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Indian hockey wizard, Major Dhyan Chand, on 29th August 2025. Floral tributes were offered to the great sportsman by Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad on this occasion. The Sports Minister spoke about the significance of the day, and an aerobic performance was presented by the school aerobics team. Dr. Regy Joseph addressed the gathering on the importance of sports in everyday life and health.

SRIKRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

A special Sri Krishna Janmashtami presentation was made by the students of II B, on 14th August 2025 as a part of the assembly activity.

VARAMAHALAKSHMI VRATHA

On 6th August 2025, the little ones of class II E presented a skit and a dance performance in the morning assembly to explain the significance of Varamahalakshmi Vratha.

GANESH CHATURTHI:

In view of Ganesh Chaturthi, a colourful presentation was made by the students of VI E on 25th August 2025 , as a part of assembly activity.

DEEPAVALI

The little ones of II A made a special presentation in the school assembly on 17th October 2025, to celebrate the festive occasion of Deepavali.

HINDI DIVAS

On 12th Sept 2025, Hindi Diwas was observed in the school assembly, with the students of IV-VIII presenting a group song. Asnain Zaara of VIII reciting her own poetic creation and Aleena Kousar of VIII std delivering a speech on the importance of the day.

EID-MILAD

Eid-Milad was celebrated in all the branches of Pre-school on 3rd September 2025. A beautiful presentation on the occasion of Eid- Milad-un-Nabi was made by the little ones of II D on 2nd September 2025.

TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day Celebration was organised by the senior students of X and XII std, under the guidance of the Jnanadeepa Student Parliament on 4th September 2025. The celebrations commenced with the unveiling of a massive 'Wall of Fame', prepared by students using teachers' photographs, by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M .Hegde and Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph. This was followed by the cutting of a cake by the three heads of the institution, and two special cultural presentations by the students of X std. The formal function started at 10 AM, presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the gracious presence of Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy,

Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The dignitaries offered floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and presented roses to all the teachers of the school. The Director of Academics addressed the gathering on the importance of the role of teachers, and the Principal, in his presidential address, recollected how the dedicated service of teachers has contributed to the growth of the institution.

The winners of the 'Teach to Learn' competition were announced. A dance performance and a group song were presented by the students of VI-VIII std.

All the students spent time with their respective class teachers and subject teachers, followed by a game of Musical Chairs for the teachers. The last part of the day's programmes included sporting events like Tug-of-War, Volleyball and Throwball for teachers.

PARENTS' DAY

The 27th Annual Parents' Cultural and Sports Day was organised on 31st August 2025. The theme for this year was Uttar Utsav - Carnival of Culture and Heritage. The whole campus came alive with the colours, sounds and flavours of Uttar Pradesh. The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by Sri. Talavane Prakash, Chairman, SAFE and JVS, and Sri. Chandrashekar D.S., Shanthala Spherocast Pvt. Ltd., Shimoga was the Chief Guest. After a ceremonial welcome, the inauguration of the day's events was carried out in a traditional way, in the gracious presence of Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Principal of SAPUC, Sri. S.M. Joseph, Principal of JSSS, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy

Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Guests of Honour who inaugurated various individual events of the day were Mr. Gururaj K.T., Police Inspector, Tunga Nagar Police Station & Member, SMC, Mrs. Sowmya B.R., Parent, JSSS, Mrs. Meera Nadig, Rotarian, Shimoga, Mrs. Deepthi Joseph, Parent and Professor in Medical and Surgical Nursing, Shimoga, Smt. Kamala Lakshmidevi, Member, SMC, and Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath, Trustee, SAFE and JVS. Around 643 parents and grandparents attended this massive event.

'Calorie Cuisine' was organised by 98 students of VIII std and 48 delicious treats were judged by Mrs. Anisha Satish and Mr. Sanjay. 28 Recreational Games were organised for the parents and grandparents based on Logical Skills, Mathematics and Kinetic Skills by 56 students of VII std. Several competitions were arranged for the parents and grandparents. Bhavageethe competition was held separately for ladies and gents and Shishugeethe competition was conducted for grandparents. These singing events were judged by Mr. H. D. Chandrahas, Mrs. Srivalli Satyanarayana, Mrs. Prathibha Nagaraj, Mr. Chandrashekhar Hingonigere, Mr. Subray Babu Shet and Mrs. Sahana Balaji.

PARENTS' DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

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A Rangoli competition was held for 36 participants and it was judged by Smt. Uma and Smt. Supriya. Fireless Cooking was organised, in which 30 participants took part and it was judged by Smt. Deepika and Smt. Asha M.E. There were outdoor sports events arranged like Cricket and Volleyball for gents, Throwball for ladies and Tug-of-War. There was an exclusive event organised for the Grandparents and a Couples' event which was the concluding competition of the day. The Valedictory Function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, with Sri. Manjunath S.R., DDPI, Shimoga, as the Chief Guest. The occasion was graced by the presence of Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. After the prize distribution to the winners, and the release of the E-Newsletter of the day, the Chief Guest spoke about the uniqueness of the occasion. The Principal delivered his presidential address about the united efforts of all the staff members and students in making such grand events possible on the campus. The day's energetic conclusion came with the cultural extravaganza presented by the parents, where 20 performances of dance, music and drama were presented as a return gift to our teachers and institution.

NUTRITION WEEK

In view of Nutrition Week (1st to 7th September), our students of VI A and D presented a special programme on 2nd September 2025, to spread awareness about the importance of nutrition and health.

GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI

On the occasion of the birth anniversaries of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and the former Prime Minister of India, Sri. Lal Bahadur Shastri, a simple observance was arranged in the school, even amidst the mid-break holidays, where floral tributes were offered to these great heroes of India.

KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA

On the proud occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava on 1st November 2025, a special celebration was organised in the school under the supervision of the teachers of the Kannada department. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function in the august presence of the Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

The significance of the day was introduced to the students and little poets from our school were given the opportunity to recite their poetic creations before the gathering. The Principal in his presidential address motivated the youngsters to learn their mother tongue thoroughly along with the universal language of communication, in order to uphold their golden culture and values. A Kannada Roopaka depicting the importance of Coorg District was presented by the students of IV std., blending dance, drama and music, to commemorate this day.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated in the school on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, on 14th November 2025. The day started with special games and activities conducted for the students of IX-XII std by the class

teachers. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Rajani A. Pai, Chairperson, Manasa Group of Institutions, Shimoga. The formal function was presided over by the Treasurer of SAFE and JVS, Dr. K.R. Sridhar, in the august presence of Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Prime Minister of the Student Parliament, Bhuvan S. of XII Commerce was also present on stage.

The Manuscript Magazine for I-VIII std titled 'Blossoms' and the E-Magazine for IX-XII std titled 'Dazzling Dawn' were released by Sri. H.N.S. Rao. Anavarana-8 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest with a traditional drumroll, following which she addressed the gathering on the importance of moulding children into wholesome individuals. Dr. K.R. Sridhar spoke in his presidential address about the challenges faced by today's generation. There was a music, dance and drama presentation made exclusively by teachers for the entertainment of the students. A Magic Show was organised for the students of I-VIII std, and they also spent time with their respective class teachers, who conducted classroom activities. In the Anavarana-8 programme, a Yakshagana performance was staged for the entertainment of IX XII std students under the guidance of Mr. Parameshwar Hegde. A Bharatanatyam performance was presented by dance students under the guidance of Mr. Keshav Kumar, Mrs. Natyashree and Mr. Chethan C. S. for students of I-IV std. A skit presentation was made by drama students under the guidance of Mr. Renukappa for the entertainment of V-VIII std students.

COMMUNAL HARMONY WEEK

Communal Harmony Week was observed in the school from 19th to 25th November 2025, and several activities were organised in view of this observance. On 19th November, the Communal Harmony Week was inaugurated by Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph in the gracious presence of Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. This was followed by a Group Song on Unity and a speech by Aleena Kousar of VIII E. The Communal Harmony Pledge was administered to his schoolmates by Lithesh of VIII D. On 25th November, students of I-VII std were taught sarvadharma prayer songs, while students of VIII std, along with the dignitaries, participated in the Communal Harmony Rally from the Kalam Bhavan till Sacchidananda Sabha Bhavan. The formal function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the august presence of Trustee and Director of Academics of SAFE and JVS, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. Students of VIII std and all the teachers were dressed in their traditional religious attires to celebrate the occasion. Sri. H.N.S. Rao addressed the students on the importance of communal harmony in a country like India and motivated the students to develop a secular mindset. The Principal administered the Communal Harmony Oath to the entire gathering on this occasion.

KANAKADASA JAYANTHI

The Kanakadasa Jayanthi celebrations were held in the school on 8th November 2025, with the Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph presiding over the function, in the august presence of the Director of Academics and Trustee of SAFE and JVS, Sri H.N.S. Rao and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. A special presentation was made by VIII A & B on this occasion.

CONSTITUTION DAY

26th November 2025 was observed as Constitution Day in the school campus, and the students of IX-XII std took part in a special assembly. The Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph presided over the assembly and led the gathering in reading out the Preamble of the Constitution of India. In his presidential address, he spoke about the significance and uniqueness of the Indian Constitution. Coordinator of classes IX-X std, Mr. Mallikarjuna M.V. and Coordinator of XI-XII std, Mrs. Nagarathna R. Bhat also graced the stage on this occasion.

14. SCOUTS AND GUIDES ACHIEVEMENT

RAJYAPURASKAR ACHIEVERS

Our Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls who qualified in various Rajyapuraskar Testing Camps throughout the last academic year, were felicitated by the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad on 20th June 2025 in the school assembly. 18 Cubs, 22 Bulbuls, 3 Guides and 6 Scouts were honoured with certificates signed by the Governor of Karnataka.

15. NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

This academic year marks a significant milestone for our school with the official establishment of an Army Wing unit under the guidance of the 20 Karnataka Battalion NCC, Shivamogga. This initiative aims to instill discipline, leadership qualities, and a spirit of national service in our students.

FORMATION

Officially ordered by the 20 Karnataka Battalion NCC Shivamogga, the school established a Junior Division (JD) for boys and a Junior Wing (JW) for girls.

On 17th June 2025, a total of 110 students enrolled and 50 got selected for 1st year Cadre.

OFFICIAL UNVEILING CEREMONY

The school's NCC board was officially unveiled in a function held on the school campus on November 22, 2025. The esteemed chief guest, Lieutenant Colonel Manik Pathania, Commanding Officer, 20 Karnataka Battalion NCC, Shivamogga, performed the unveiling and inspected the new NCC office.

TRAINING AND CLASSES

Regular NCC classes are being conducted successfully, with training imparted under the expert guidance of Indian Army staff, providing students with valuable exposure to military discipline and training protocols.

NCC cadets actively participated in various internal and external events throughout the year, demonstrating their commitment and learning valuable lessons: Cadets contributed to the nationwide cleanliness drive initiative.

Cadets provided essential volunteering and organisational support during key school events like, Pre-school Annual Sports Meet, Jnanadeepa Handshake Day and Annual Intramural Athletic Meet. The establishment of the NCC troop has had a profoundly positive impact on school discipline and student development this year.

16. PARENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

PARENTING WORKSHOPS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

As per the CBSE guidelines, a Parenting Workshop was organised for the parents of all the five centres of Pre-school and classes I-V of the school on the theme 'Enhancing Parental Engagement' on 9th August 2025, in four separate sessions. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Aishwarya V.H., Counsellor, Positive Mind Hospital, Shimoga. The topics for the first session meant for parents from Playgroup and Nursery were, 'Early Childhood Development and Habit Formation' and 'Parental Guidance and Emotional Well-being'. For the second group, i.e. the parents of LKG and UKG, the topics of the session were, 'Emotional Intelligence and Positive Discipline' and 'Navigating Early Development and Parental Challenges'. The third session was conducted for the parents of classes I and II and the topics handled were, 'Fostering a Love for Reading and Learning' and 'Positive Discipline and Social Skills'. The final session was conducted for the parents of classes III-V, and the topics dealt with were, 'Developing Problem-solving and Critical Thinking Skills', 'Managing Peer Pressure, Digital Safety and Friendship' and 'Building Digital Resilience and Independence'.

MOTHERS' MEET

The annual Mothers' Meet for the new entrants of the school was held on 12th July 2025, with Dr. P. Narayan, Director of SAFE and JVS and Dr. Priyamvada, Gynaecologist, Unity Hospital, Shimoga, as the Chief Guests. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde

presided over the function in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. Dr. P. Narayan addressed the mothers on the importance of the maintenance of students' Health Cards throughout their term in the school and the Chief Guest spoke about the challenges to be overcome in order to ensure the health and safety of today's generation. 240 mothers of the new entrants participated in this event.

PARENTS' WORKSHOP AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERACTION

A special Orientation Programme for parents on the topic 'Enhancing Parental Engagement: Exam Stress, Open Conversation and Responsible Choices 'was conducted by Dr. Aishwarya V.H., Counsellor, Positive Mind Hospital, Shimoga on 2nd August 2025, in two separate sessions, one for IX- XII std and another for VI-VIII std, in the gracious presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. This was followed by an open forum where the parents interacted with the resource person. The Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph addressed the parents regarding the Academic Plans and Exam Schedules of the school, followed by the presidential address by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, who emphasised the importance of the involvement of parents in the overall development of the children. The first Parent-Teachers' meeting was conducted for classes I-XI on the same day. Parents met

their wards' respective class teachers, subject teachers and mentors and discussed the academic performance and overall development of their children.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERACTION

The first Parent-Teacher meeting was conducted for the students of XII std on 12th July 2025. Parents met the Mentors and subject teachers of both Science and Commerce Streams, in order to discuss the academic progress of their wards.

COUNSELLING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

Various sessions were conducted by our school counsellor and wellness faculty, Mr. Antony Paul. They are as follows:

A session on 'Early Childhood Development' and 'Habit Formation', 'Parental Guidance and Emotional Wellbeing' was conducted for the parents of nursery class.

A session on 'Fostering Love for Reading', Learning Positive Discipline' and Social Skills was conducted for I and II std parents.

A session on 'Developing Problem Solving and Critical Thinking', 'Managing Pressure', 'Digital Safety', 'Friendship Building', 'Digital Resilience and Independence' was conducted for III - V std parents.

A session on 'Understanding Adolescence and Emotional Changes', 'Fostering Independence' and 'Academic Responsibility' was conducted for VI - VIII std parents.

A session on 'Managing Exams Stress', 'Open Conversations and Responsible Choices' was conducted for IX - XI std parents.

17. TEACHERS' TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-school Teachers' Workshop under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex was held at Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School on 12th July 2025. The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, with Ms. Priyadarshini N., Principal, Jain Public School, Shimoga as the Chief Guest, in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the importance of instilling the right values from a very young age and also inaugurated the programme. All the participating teachers were escorted to the registration counters by the little Bunnies of Scouts and Guides, from our Pre-school branches. The Workshop included 4 sessions: 'Integrating Yoga in Foundation Years - NEP 2020 Perspective' conducted by the internationally acclaimed Yoga Instructor, Smt. Ambika Nagabhushan, 'Nurturing Young Minds - Integrating Multiple Intelligence in Pre-schools' conducted by Mrs. Roopa D., Chief Coordinator of Jnanadeepa Pre-schools, 'Understanding Child Development Milestones in the Foundational Years' conducted by Ms. Mamatha P.N., Lecturer, Kamala Nehru Memorial National College for Women, and 'Tiny Tales, Big Impact : Story-telling Techniques' conducted by Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and teachers of Jnanadeepa Pre-schools. The Valedictory Function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, with Sri. Somashekharaiah H.M., Principal of PES Public School and Treasurer of SSSC, as the Chief Guest.

The chief guest addressed the gathering about the significance of imparting the right values to the younger generation, and gave away the certificates in the august presence of Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde highlighted the purpose and significance of such workshops in ensuring quality education at the grassroot level, in his presidential address.

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE (COE) CBSE, TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

A one-day Teachers' Training Programme was conducted by CBSE Centre of Excellence for around 60 of our teachers on 12th April 2025 in the school campus. Sri. Udayakumar A.N., Principal, Podar International School, Udupi and Sri. Mansur Ali A., Senior Coordinator, Podar International School, Udupi, were the resource persons and the topic they dealt with was 'The Use of AI in Classrooms'. Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde presided over the function and Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph oversaw the entire day's programme.

TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

A three-day teachers' training programme was organised by the school for the teachers handling classes I to VIII from 22nd to 24th May 2025.

TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

On the first day, a 'Capacity Building Programme' was conducted by three resource people, Dr. Shwetha K.T., Assistant Professor in Psychology, Ms. Shilpa, Assistant Professor in Psychology, and

Dr. Sandhya Kaveri, Principal of Kateel Ashok Pai College, Shimoga. Topics like 'Identification of Learning Problems in Children', 'Techniques to Handle Learning Disabilities', 'Counselling Techniques for Teachers' etc. were discussed during the day. On the second day, a session on 'Transformative Teaching Habits' was conducted by Sri. Giridhar Rewant, Personality Development Trainer, Touring Kidz and Mentor Quest, Bangalore. On the third day of training, a Capacity Building session on the topic, 'Good to Great as a Team' was conducted by Dr. Regy Joseph, Senior Vice Principal of our school, who is also a CBSE certified CoE and JCI trainer. Several activities and interactive sessions were included in the three-day training programme, aimed at enhancing the abilities and skills of the teachers.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex organised Teachers' Training Workshops in all the subjects at different venues in the month of July. Many of our teachers attended these orientation programmes which were held on 12th July 2025.

The workshop for teachers of Kannada was held at DCMC Public School, N.R. Pura, in which our Coordinator of IX-X std., Mr. Mallikarjuna M.V. handled sessions as a Resource Person. Mrs. Deepa S.A., Mrs. Shwetha T.H. and Mr. Jagadisha H.C. attended this session. The Science Workshop was held at Podar International School, Gopala, in which our teachers Ms. Akshatha G., Mrs. Sheethal D.L. and Mrs. Jency Jacob took part. The workshop for English teachers was held at Aradhana School, Tarikere, in which Mrs. Irudaya Mary Anitha, Mrs. Umme Subiya Naz and Mr. Maria Antony Soloman participated. The Hindi Workshop was conducted at Akshara School, Shimoga, in which

Mrs.Premlatha M.K. and Mrs. Sowmya N.N. took part. The workshop for Mathematics teachers was held at Sri. Channa Mallikarjuna School, Shikaripura in which our teachers Mrs. Shubha K.V., Mrs. Khudsiya Parveen and Mrs. Teena Mathew participated. The Social Science Workshop was conducted at Vasavi Public School, Shimoga, in which Mrs. Radhalakshmi V. Rao, Mrs. Vani J.R. and Mr. Nagaraj Nadig K.G. participated. The workshop based on ICT was held at St. Norbert School, Koppa, in which Mrs. Sowmya B.N. and Ms. Muneshwari O.S. took part. A workshop for Counsellors was organised at Jain Public School, Shimoga, in which Mr. Antony Paul and Mr. Vasudev J. Ghate participated. Our school hosted the workshop for Pre-school teachers.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

Under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, a Training Programme for the Physical Education teachers was organised by Delhi World School, Malligenahalli, Shimoga on 23rd August 2025. Dr. Rohan D'Costa was the Resource Person for this event in the esteemed presence of the Chief Guests, Dr. Sandeep, Principal of Akshara School, who inaugurated the day's programme and Sri. Somashekhar, Principal, PES Public School, who gave away the certificates in the Valedictory Ceremony. All our physical education instructors, Mrs. Bhanumati K., Ms. Shwetha P., Mr. Sudarshan K. and Mr. Purushottam S. participated in it, along with their Department Head, Mr. Mahaveer Hegde.

A two-day training programme on the topic 'The Communication Code: Language Patterns that Activate Minds' was conducted by Focus Wild X on 6th and 7th October 2025. The sessions were handled by the company founder Mr. Giridhar

Rewantt and his team. Around 60 teachers from pre-school to XII std. participated in this interactive and informative session. The workshop was inaugurated and overlooked on both days by Secretary, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Director of Academics, Sri. H. N. S. Rao, the Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph. The event was concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony.

18. CONFERENCE FOR PRINCIPALS

A one-day conference for principals was organised by Orange House Pvt Ltd, under the aegis of Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex on 11th July 2025, at Harsha the Fern Hotel, Shimoga. Ms. Lakshmi Vaikunth, CEO and Founder of Aalamaram Global Learning Academy conducted three sessions on 'Problem-solving with Creative Approach' and Ms. Aishwarya V.H., Counsellor and Certified Life Skills Facilitator, conducted a session on '21st Century Leadership from Control to Collaboration'. Our Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph attended this programme.

A one-day orientation programme for Principals was arranged by Sahyadri Sahodaya Schools Complex, Shimoga , on 13th September 2025. The session was conducted by Dr. Vipin Narayanan, Academician and Resource Person, on the topic 'The Emotional Architecture of School Leadership', and our Principal , Sri. Shrikant M. Hedge, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad participated in it.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL AND 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CBSE SSC

The 1st International and 31st Annual Conference of Sahodaya Schools Complexes was held at Dubai, UAE on the 4th and 5th of November 2025, in which our honourable Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde participated. The theme of the conference was 'Rooted in Wisdom, Rising with Vision - Reimagining Education through NEP 2020'. 800 delegates attended the event, which included renowned speakers from IIT Delhi, NCERT and CBSE Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. Sudha Murthy, Member of Parliament of the Government of India.

19. ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK-UP

The annual medical checkup has long been an integral and regular feature of our Institution's healthcare programme. The Annual Health Check-up for the students of Pre-school to 12th std was conducted from 6th-13th January 2025, 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.

The Annual Health Check-up for the Pre-school was conducted during the second week of December 2025 and for the students from I to XII, the Health Check-up will take place in the month of January 2026.

HPV CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION PROGRAMME

A special HPV Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme was organised on 5th December 2025 at Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School for students from Classes IV to X. The programme was conducted in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club, Shimoga East, under the leadership of its President, Mrs. Veena Suresh.

A dedicated medical team comprising Dr. Shamitha Rangarajan and four trained nurses from Sarji Hospital administered the vaccines with utmost care and professionalism. A total of 355 students were eligible for vaccination. Among them, 279 students from Classes IV to VIII and 76 students from IX and X, received the HPV vaccine.

The programme aimed to create awareness about cervical cancer prevention and ensure early protection for the students. The initiative was appreciated by the management, staff, and parents for its timely organisation and positive impact on students' health and well-being.

20. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

TEACHERS' GET-TOGETHER TRIP

A one-day trip was organised for the teaching staff handling classes Pre-school to XII std by the school management, on 21st May 2025, to Agadi Thota, Shimoga, under the leadership of Principal, Senior Vice Principal and Vice Principal of the school.

GEETA BHARATHI

In keeping with Jnanadeepa tradition, once again a massive singing group of 197 of our students, under the guidance of our music teacher, Mrs. Vidya S., participated in the 'Geetha Bharathi – Thaayi Bharathige Geethegala Aarathi' programme, organised by Malnad Open Group, Shimoga, in association with Bharath Scouts and Guides at Kuvempu Rangamandira on 10th August 2025. This year's Chief Guest was the Retired Sergeant of Indian Air Force Sri. A. Trilok, and singing groups from 10 schools participated. The Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph, Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad attended the programme and felicitated the Chief Guest.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TRANSPORT STAFF

SESSION FOR TRANSPORT STAFF

A meeting was organised for the Private Van drivers of Pre-school on 24th May 2025. They were addressed by Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad and the Transport Department in-charge teachers Mr. Mallikarjuna M.V., Mr. Girish Kumar and Mr. Mahaveer Hegde. On 29th May 2025, a Parents' Orientation Programme was organised for the parents from all the five centres.

On 15th May 2025, the lady non-teaching staff (nannies) of all the five centres were addressed by Principal, Sri Shrikant M. Hegde and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. A meeting was organised for all the Pre-school teachers with the Principal and Vice Principal on 19th May 2025 in the main school campus.

On 8th July 2025, a session was conducted for the drivers and conductors of the school buses by Dr. Anoop Rao, Assistant Professor from Subbaiah Hospital, about 'First Aid during the

Symptoms of Heart Attack and CPR'. The session was organised by Indian Medical Association, Shimoga.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING INAUGURATION

An innovative venture titled, 'Igniting Young Minds: Project-based Learning' was officially launched on 20th November 2025 in the Atal Tinkering Lab, in the august presence of the Chief Guest Sri. Arun K.L., Assistant Professor, JNNCE, Shimoga, the President of the function, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Secretary of SAFE and JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The Chief Guest inaugurated the Project-based Learning Programme and spoke about the importance of such experiential learning for the overall development of students who have natural scientific acumen and temperament. The Principal, in his presidential address, spoke about the ways in which students could explore these possibilities with the help of their teachers and make best use of the facilities available.

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Culture Development Initiative was formally launched under the ATAL Tinkering Lab in collaboration with JNNCE, Shivamogga. The programme is being conducted under the mentorship of Mr. Arunkumar K.L., Assistant Professor, accompanied by his dedicated and expert team. The Staff Co-ordinators are Mr. Vasudev J. Ghate, Mrs. Hemalatha N.A. and Ms. Bhoomika B.O.

This initiative has been introduced with the objective of equipping students with essential skills in project development, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Through systematic guidance, students are trained in ideation, design, experimentation, and

execution of projects across various domains. The training sessions are scheduled every Saturday from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, enabling students to learn consistently and apply their knowledge effectively.

A noteworthy outcome of the programme is that students, after receiving structured training, are now able to plan, design, and prepare projects independently, showcasing improved confidence and innovation skills. The initiative is steadily building a culture of creativity and problem-solving among learners.

Regular weekday schedules and additional training sessions will be communicated tomorrow.

The launch of this initiative marks an important step in fostering a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in the school, preparing students to become future-ready innovators and leaders.

MAS FOUNDATION COURSE GRADUATION DAY

The Graduation Day of the Mathematics and Science Foundation Course (MAS) was held on 28th November 2025. The Foundation Course was introduced in Jnanadeepa School with the intention of building a solid foundation in Science and Mathematics, required for cracking competitive exams, among our students. It was planned in three levels: Level 1 for Class VIII, Level 2 for Class IX and Level 3 for Class X. The Graduation Day Ceremony was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, in the august presence of Trustee and Director of Academics of SAFE and JVS, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. Sri. H.N.S. Rao addressed the gathering on the importance of such special learning ventures and the Principal applauded the efforts of the teachers

and students in his presidential address. A total of 40 students of X std, who have completed all the three levels, were felicitated on this occasion. The student achievers who received cash prizes for topping the batch were Anagha G. (Rs.3000), Dhatri (Rs. 3000) and Shivaraj M.B. (Rs. 2000). Three students toppers of IX std, who have completed two levels, Ullas V. Janthikolalu (Rs.3000), Neeraj P.S. (Rs.2000) and Yashas H. (Rs. 1000) were awarded cash prizes too. All the 40 students of X E and 3 toppers of IX std received their graduation certificates on this occasion.

INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB

The installation of Jnanadeepa Interact Club 2025-26 took place on 30th July 2025, with Rotarian Sri. Anand R. as the Guest of Honour and Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, presiding over the function. This event was conducted in the gracious presence of Rotarian Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Director of Academics, SAFE and JVS, Rotarian Sri. Surya Narayan Udupa, Zonal Interact Chairman, Smt. N.G. Usha, Director of Youth Service, Rotarian Sri. Vishwas Y., Secretary, Rotary Club, Rotarian Sri. Veeranna Huggi, Rotarian Sri. N.V. Bhat, Rotarian Sri. Vijay Kumar, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. The installation of Jnanadeepa Interact Club 2025-26 took place on 30th July 2025, with Rotarian Sri. Anand R. as the Guest of Honour and Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, presiding over the function. This event was conducted in the gracious presence of Rotarian Sri. H.N.S.Rao, Director of Academics, SAFE and JVS, Rotarian Sri. Surya Narayan Udupa, Zonal Interact Chairman, Smt. N.G. Usha, Director of Youth Service, Rotarian Sri. Vishwas Y., Secretary, Rotary Club, Rotarian Sri. Veeranna Huggi, Rotarian

Sri. N.V. Bhat, Rotarian Sri. Vijay Kumar, Senior Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. After the presentation of the Interact Club Report, the Chairman of Interact Committee administered the oath of office to the newly selected Jnanadeepa Interact Club office-bearers. He addressed the gathering on the significance and purpose of the club. The Rotary President addressed the students on the objectives of Rotary and its workings, followed by the presidential address of the day.

The Jnanadeepa Interact Club office-bearers of this academic year are: Dhatri N.H. of X E (President), Amith Shubhang A.V. of X D (Vice President), Milan P.A. of X C (Secretary), Janvi M. of X A (Joint Secretary), Janvi V.L. of X B (Treasurer), Sharadhi N.M. of IX E (Sergeant-at-arms), Shankar M.N. of IX A (Club Service Director), Adamya Dattatreya of IX D (Community and Institution Service Director), Jnatri Bhavishya of IX B (International Service Director) and Harshitha R.S. of IX C (Youth Service Director). There are around 50 student members from IX-X std in the club and the teacher in-charges are Mrs. Radhalakshmi V. Rao, Mrs. Snehal Bhushan Ajrekar and Mr. Pradeep K.B.

HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Under the aegis of Shimoga Zilla Panchayath and McGann Hospital, Shimoga, an awareness programme was organised on topics like blood donation, HIV AIDS awareness etc., for the bus drivers and conductors of the school on 17th September 2025. The session was handled by Ms. Vinutha, Counsellor, McGann Hospital, Shimoga, in the gracious presence of Sr. Vice Principal, Dr. Regy Joseph.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELLING AND WELLNESS

The Department of Counselling and Wellness plays a vital role in fostering the holistic growth of students in our school. Established with the vision of supporting every learner's emotional, social, and psychological well-being, the department provides a safe, confidential, and nurturing environment where students can express themselves freely. Our School Counselling and Wellness Coach Mr. Antony Paul has held personalised counselling sessions for our students throughout the year. He has held sessions administering the questionnaire for checking mental and emotional wellness among students and an interactive session on study skills, time management, career awareness and exploration, digital safety and well being, life skills and personal development for all the students of IX and X.

Sessions on Road Map for competitive exams and Career awareness and exploration were conducted for the students of XI and XII.

JNANADEEPA HANDSHAKE DAY

World Kindness Day on 13th November 2025

On the occasion of World Kindness Day on 13th November 2025, the Jnanadeepa Handshake Day was observed in the school, to inculcate the spirit of kindness within the children. This year, a special initiative was taken by the management, teachers and students to recognise and honour the services of the non-teaching staff of the school on this day. A Kindness Box was taken around the school by the School Cabinet Members, so that both students and teachers could contribute an amount of their choice towards a charitable cause, that has been scheduled for later this year. The formal function was presided over by Principal, Sri. Shrikant M.

Hegde, in the august presence ofthe Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, Secretary, Sri. Neelakanta Murthy, Trustee and Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Principal of SAPUC, Sri. S.M. Joseph, Senior Vice Principal of JSSS, Dr. Regy Joseph and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad.

After the significance of the day and the importance of kindness was shared with the students, a melodious musical performance was presented by a troupe of singers from the Puttaraj Gawai Blind School, Shimoga. They were felicitated and honoured by the dignitaries on this occasion. The Principal spoke in his presidential address about the significance of this unique day and how youngsters can be moulded for a better tomorrow through such values.

Another event was organised in front of the main stage with several group games arranged for the non teaching staff of the school by our dedicated NCC Cadets. A special Gratitude Poster carrying the photographs of over 220 service staff of the school, with messages of gratitude addressed towards them had been prepared and displayed by the School Cabinet members and volunteers of IX-XII std. They had also prepared unique badges for each category of service staff. At the end of the programme, all the service staff were gifted a special hamper as a memento from the management.

JNANADEEPA PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHANNAGIRI, FOUNDATION-LAYING PROGRAMME

The Foundation-laying and Bhoomi Pooja of the upcoming Jnanadeepa Primary School, Channagiri, attached to the Pre-school Centre at Channagiri, took place on 21st August 2025. The Honorary Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Padmabhushan Dr. B.N. Suresh was the Chief Guest of the programme, and the event was

presided over by the President of The General Hostel Trust, Channagiri, Sri. Shivaprakash B. Patel. The proceedings took place in the august presence of the Chairman of SAFE and JVS, Sri. Talavane Prakash, Secretary of the General Hostel Trust, Channagiri, Sri. Krishna Upadhya, Secretary, SAFE and JVS, Sri. Neelakanta Murthy, Joint Secretary, Sri. M.G. Nagabhushan, Treasurer, Dr. K.R. Sridhar, Director of Academics, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Alumna and Trustee, Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath, Principal, Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde and Vice Principal, Smt. Vani Krishnaprasad. All the Coordinators of the different wings of the school also attended this auspicious ceremony.

21. ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY - JNANADEEPA HABBA 2025

The school will celebrate its much awaited 27th Annual School Day over the course of a week from 14th December to 21st December 2025. The event will showcase a series of activities that includes exhibitions, craft carnival, alumni meet, prize distribution and cultural presentations, bringing everyone together. The week-long celebration not only highlights the students' talents but also reinforces the school's commitment to promoting creativity, teamwork and academic excellence.

14th December will be the 'Alumni Day' of JAAS (Jnanadeepa Alumni Association, Shivamogga).

On 15th December, the Interactive Session with the Distinguished Scientist is organised in which Dr. R.V. Nadagouda,

Distinguished Scientist and Associate Director, (Projects) URSC, ISRO, Bangalore, will inaugurate the 27th Annual Day and address the students. On the same day, The Exhibition, Craft Carnival and Startup Street by Commerce students will be inaugurated by Dr. Nadagouda, in the august presence of Sri. Talavane Prakash, Chairman, SAFE & JVS, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary, SAFE and JVS, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Trustee, SAFE & JVS and Sri S.M. Joseph, Principal SAPUC (Ind) College, Javalli.

On 16th December, an interaction with the Distinguished Alumni has been organised in which Ms. Priyanka R., Journalist, Ms. Vraksha Baliga, Architect, and Mr. Sagar Kumar, Writer and Movie Director, will interact with our students. This programme will be presided by Sri. Shrikant M. Hegde, Principal, JSSS, Javalli, in the august presence of Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary, SAFE and JVS and Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath, Jnanadeepa Alumna and Trustee, SAFE.

On 17th December, Sports and CCA Prize Distribution will be held, where the student achievers both in Sports and CCA will be felicitated. The chief guests, Mr. Ganapathi G. Hedge, Retd. Major, Indian Army, Mr. Saneeth Dayanand, International Badminton Player, and Smt. Veena Sundar, Cine Artiste, Bangalore will honour our students.

On 18th December, the meritorious students of the Academic year 2024-25, will be felicitated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ali Sait. CEO, Tech Avante Garde, Bengaluru.

On 19th December the Pre-School Annual Day will be celebrated with great pomp and grandeur and the Chief Guest is Ms. Preethi Shanbhag, HOD of Psychiatry and CEO, Manasa Nursing Home, Shivamogga.

On 20th December, being the first day of the Jnanadeepa Cultural Fest, a colourful Cultural Programme by students will be presented. It will be inaugurated by Sri. Talavane Prakash, Chairman, SAFE & JVS.

On 21st December, the Valedictory Function and Cultural Festival are being celebrated. The Chief Guest Mr. Rudregowda, Former MLC and Industrialist, Shivamogga will grace this occasion and will be presided over by Sri. Talavane Prakash, Chairman, SAFE & JVS, in the august presence of Sri. Dada Kalander H.E, Vice Chairman, Sri. B.L. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary, Sri. M.G. Nagabhushana, Joint Secretary, Sri. Kimmane G. Jayaram, Trustee, Sri. H.N.S. Rao, Trustee and Director (Academics), Sri. Rajesh Shastri, Trustee and Dr. Animisha Rasthapuramath, Trustee.

A week-long Annual Day programme will be concluded with a Colourful Cultural Programme.

I am immensely grateful to the members of the management for their unwavering support, clear vision, guidance and encouragement for our entire Jnanadeepa Family. Your strategic thinking, resourcefulness, and willingness to support new initiatives, allow us to continuously enhance the educational experience for our students. It is because of your leadership that we are able to achieve the best possible outcomes. I would like to personally acknowledge many individuals who have been pillars of strength.

I express my deep sense of gratitude to Sri. Neelakanta Murthy, Secretary, JVS, whose constant encouragement has guided every step of our journey. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Hon. Chairman, JVS and each member of the Board of Trustees for their continued guidance and inspiring leadership in protecting the best interests of the institution.

On this special occasion, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to our faculty members for their tireless efforts in shaping the future of our students. They are the educators, mentors and role models to the students. Their ability to collaborate, adapt and reach the expectation of the management, parents and students does not go unnoticed and their contribution is invaluable.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the cooperation of parents, well-wishers, and all those who support the school in various capacities. Your trust and partnership strengthen our resolve to reach greater heights.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Senior Vice Principal, Vice Principal and the CCA Co-ordinators who have been relentlessly striving towards making this academic year 2025-26 an indelible one.

To our dear students, I offer my warmest thanks for your enthusiasm, sincerity, and achievements. You remain the true purpose of all our efforts, and your growth gives meaning to our mission.

Thank you all for being a part of this exceptionally fruitful year.

Shrikant M. Hegde
Principal,
Jnanadeepa Senior Secondary School,
Javalli