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" Be convinced that God will always give you what is best for you " - Ven. Mary Ward



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MARIA SADAN REGIONAL HOUSE, BANGALORE

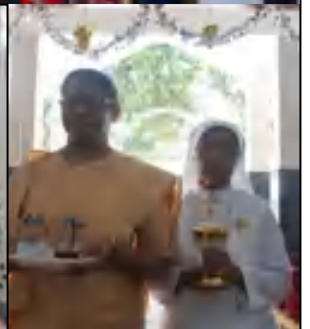
The Maria Sadan community was delighted on the 11th of January, to welcome Sr. Jessy and Amrutha from Pokhara School, accompanied by ten of their teachers, during their return journey from Kerala tour.



Sr. Nelcy participated in the picnic organized by the local CRI for students at Sophia Opportunity School, managed by the Sisters of Notre Dame. It was a rewarding experience to spend half a day with the differently abled children and engage in enjoyable activities with them.



We had a celebration of the **Golden jubilee of Sr. Bernedette** and the **Silver jubilee of Sr. Prasanna**. Fr. Martin Ananth Kumar, the parish priest of St. Mary's Basilica and the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, was the main celebrant. Many priests were present for the concelebration of the Holy Mass. Many religious sisters and brothers from nearby communities and friends added more joy to the event. We are grateful to the Begur and Mittapalli communities for their support, help and cooperation.





We had a lovely community picnic at Pyramid Valley in Kanakapura, Bangalore on February 26th. This extensive area, established by Buddhists, aims to improve mental health and well-being of the people around.

The site includes a meditation centre, a beautiful garden, and ample space for walking and enjoying nature



It was a day of solitude, relaxation, bonding, and enjoyment. On our way back, we had a sumptuous lunch in Shanti Sadan, Begur.



We were privileged to have the jubilee cross in our chapel for a day on 5th of March. We had special time of personal as well as community prayer and reflection. Srs. Feby and Edwina too joined us from Begur community for the same. Some of our neighbours came over to pray before the special cross.

Sr. Nelcy attended a two-day training programme on 13-14 March in Palana Bhavana, Bangalore, organized by the CCBI Commission for volunteers aiding distressed migrant workers.



Sisters Shradha and Nelcy attended the combined meeting of the leadership team and formators of both IBVM and CJ. Brother Philip Pinto, a Christian Brother, was the resource person. He challenged us through his sessions and inspired us to create a formation plan to help women contribute effectively to contemporary society thus bringing transformation in the world.



ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, MULUND

The New Year commenced with a meaningful prayer service, setting the tone for fresh beginnings and new resolutions. As students embraced the spirit of renewal, they soon immersed themselves in their Unit Tests and Preliminary Examinations. Meanwhile, the Primary and Pre-Primary students embarked on their much-anticipated Annual Picnic, enjoying a day filled



with fun and laughter, creating cherished memories to carry forward. Seventy of our students enthusiastically participated in the BMC Mayor's Drawing Competition held at Devi-Dayal Garden, showcasing their creativity and artistic talent.



Mary Ward Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm and excitement, as students creatively re-enacted the life events of Mother Mary Ward, bringing her inspiring journey to life.



Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm as the national flag was unfurled, followed by a heartfelt tribute to the nation through patriotic songs and prayers by students and teachers.

The school band delivered an impressive performance, adding to the patriotic fervour. Meanwhile, the students of the secondary section created stunning Rangoli designs, artistically depicting the spirit of India today.

Farewell: The staff and students bid a heartfelt farewell to the 10th Std. students with a solemn prayer service and an engaging entertainment program. Dressed elegantly in beautiful sarees, the girls walked in with grace, adding vibrancy to the campus. The atmosphere was a blend of joy and nostalgia, making it an emotional yet memorable occasion for all.





The school organized a touching farewell program for **Sr. Anisha**, the manager of the school. The students and teachers expressed their deep appreciation for her simplicity, humility, approachability, and unwavering dedication.

The **Art and Craft Exhibition** was a resounding success, drawing many parents who eagerly visited the school to admire their children's creative exhibits. The students' hard work and artistic talent were evident in every display.

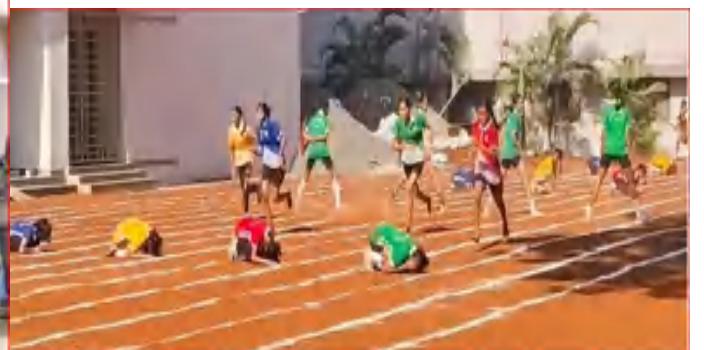


This year, our students were introduced to **Robotics**, and as a result, they showcased innovative models reflecting their learning in the field. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the parents, who were impressed by their creativity and technical skills.



The staff enjoyed a refreshing day of relaxation and fun at **Fountain City Resort**, unwinding and rejuvenating amidst a delightful setting.

Mini sports Day: With the school ground at St. Mary's finally cleared of all building materials, the much-awaited **Mini Sports Day** unfolded with great excitement. Both teachers and students participated with enthusiasm, ensuring a lively and well-organized series of events. A



Thanksgiving Prayer Service was organized before the conclusion of the second term, fostering a spirit of gratitude and reflection. During the event, students were honoured with **certificates, trophies, and scholarships** in recognition of their achievements in various events held throughout the year.





The **Olympiad Exams** were conducted in January for both the Primary and Secondary Sections. A remarkable **43 students** emerged as **gold medallists**, while many others were awarded the **Certificate of Excellence** for their outstanding performance.

The secondary section organized the **Maha Swachata Rally**, where teachers and students marched around the school carrying banners and posters to emphasize the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

To promote a drug-free society, various activities such as awareness seminars and an **Anti-Drug Rally** were organized with the help of the Anti-Drug Squad of Mulund Police Station.



Marathi Rajya Bhasha Gaurav Din was celebrated with a prayer service and chanting of Abhangas.

The primary section had its Annual Inspection, conducted by our BO, Mrs. Bharati Bhavari, along with a team of five Headmistresses. Mrs. Bhavari personally visited each classroom and was highly impressed with

the students' performance.

Women's Day was celebrated with an energetic Zumba session for the primary and secondary girls, highlighting the importance of regular exercise in maintaining good health. Simultaneously, a health awareness session was organized for the girls of Grades 8 and 9, where Dr. Aditi Pandey, one of our esteemed alumni, guided them on crucial aspects of women's health and hygiene



Our students participated in **Mulund Mahotsav**, showcasing their

talent and winning numerous prizes. They brought pride to the school by securing the Championship Trophy in Cricket and the 1st Runner-Up Trophy overall.

This year too our school served as one of the main examination centres, hosting 440 students from different schools for the SSC examination. As the eventful days of activities end, students and teachers are now focused on preparing for the final examination.

ST. MARY'S ICSE SCHOOL, MULUND

After the joyful Christmas holidays school reopened. We celebrated **Pongal** with a heartwarming experience for both students and teachers. It was like a party hall enjoying lunch together.

Mary Ward Week was celebrated with meaningful prayer services, captivating skits, melodious songs, and lively dances, making it a spiritually uplifting experience for all.



Republic Day was commemorated with great patriotic fervor in the presence of parents, students and staff for the first time in front of the new school. There was an impressive drill display performed by Grade 1, 2 & 3.

Kindergarten had their **sports day** which was full of fun and frolic.

The much-awaited **annual day** took place. The programme was breathtaking, colorful and value based. The topic was 'Harvesting Relationship'

Another enjoyable innovative programme organized for KG students was the Pyjama Party, where they enjoyed a day of fun filled with



an environment with moonlit room with sleeping arrangements, movie screen and delicious food dress with night suit. It was a refreshing break from the regular classroom settings.

School displayed the creativity of students and teachers. Parents enjoyed the art along with the live display of AI in the school.

Women's Day was celebrated with gusto by the Decathlon group. A team of sports personals and doctors arrived to give the mothers and our girl children a day of celebration.

Recollecting the footsteps of God in all our endeavors of this year we had a meaningful prayer service.





Upper Kindergarten had graduation day. They were marching to the venue in blue graduation dresses with beautiful hats. They looked gorgeous. The teachers were very emotional to bid farewell to them. We had the final annual exams from 17 – 29 March.

MARY WARD NIWAS, UMRALLA

We celebrated the Institute feast on January 3rd, with the Holy Eucharist and had a fellowship meal with our parish community the Capuchins fathers and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.



During Mary Ward Week, along with special prayer and reflection, we were engaged in various



activities including visiting the sick and addressing their spiritual needs by praying and distributing Holy Communion. We visited the boarding school in Vasai, having 175 students of class 1 to 8 run by the Religious sisters.

We had the Taize prayer in the parish conducted by the youth group. It was indeed an experience of the Divine with meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around us. As a Lenten practice we had Holy Mass in the villages. People came in large numbers and participated with utmost devotion.

This year being the year of hope, we visited many parishes of Mumbai and Vasai Dioceses and participated in the Stations of the Cross. We continue our pastoral ministry in commitment, especially with extra parish activities during the Lenten season.



MARY WARD ILLAM, MITTAPALLI

On 12th January, 23 Salesian fathers from Tirupattur visited our community for their monthly recollection. They acknowledged our hospitality. On 15th we celebrated harvest festival of Pongal along with our supportive staff. On this day we specially honoured our cows by decorating them as they are an integral part of farming. On 23 January, we celebrated Mother Mary Ward's birthday.



Sisters Divya and Kiran from Delhi Province, along with Fr. Vivian from Calcutta Province and Fr. Prabhu Francis from Chennai Province visited us. They came for

vocation promotion activities in nearby areas.



the priest for his blessings on our mission and Mr. Japi for his service.

On 9th March community celebrated Sr. Angeli's and our Parish priest's Rev. Fr. Domenic Raj birthday.

On 17 March Mrs. Manjusha along with her family paid a visit. We enjoyed her generous love. They were happy to visit us.

On 30 Jan was a twin celebration for us, Sr. Mahima's birthday as well as Mother Mary Ward's death anniversary

On 15 February, our parish priest Rev. Fr. Domenic Raj blessed our grotto. We were happy to have the presence of the contractor, Mr. Japi, for the same. Followed by the blessing, we had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration after which Sr. Angeli thanked



MARY WARD SADAN, PUTHENVELIKARA

Our students participated in district-level and state-level competitions and won many prizes.

Career Guidance Session for Grade X students helped them to explore career options, subject choices, and higher education. Experts provided insights, answered queries, and advised students.



Retreat for students: One-day retreat was conducted for Grade X, while a two-day retreat was organized for Grades VIII, IX, and XI. CSSR fathers led the sessions, providing spiritual guidance and counselling to the students.



Staff Picnic: A staff picnic was arranged for the staff to Coorg. All enjoyed the trip and returned refreshed. We had Holy Mass for the students, every month during the academic year. This month, a Thanksgiving Mass for the entire school was prepared by our teaching staff.



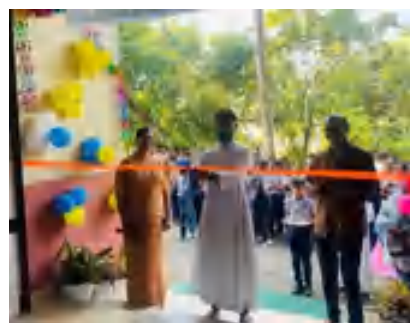
Farewell for Grade X: Grade X had a special prayer service and a cultural

program arranged by Grade IX students. A Holy Mass was also celebrated for them, invoking blessings for them to do their exams well.

Mary Ward Week Celebration: Mary Ward Week was

celebrated with enthusiasm through daily organized assemblies. Each day featured reflections on her life, values, and contributions, inspiring students to follow her legacy.

Republic Day celebration : PTA President Binoj Thomas unfurled the flag with great honour. Tagore House conducted a meaningful prayer service, fostering a spirit of unity and patriotism among students and staff.



An Art and Craft Exhibition and Science Exhibition were conducted in the school. Fr. Noel inaugurated them, and all appreciated the event.

Outreach

Programme: As part of our outreach programme, students



contributed cleaning materials, bakery items, and grains. We visited two centres extending our support to those in need. The experience brought joy and fulfilment to our students, reinforcing the values of compassion and service.

Participation in Panchayat Event: Our school participated in the Panchayat event of garbage free with a procession in the town, proudly presenting our school band. We were also honoured with a certificate for maintaining a clean and eco-friendly campus.



We also were awarded with certificates for the green campus.

Contribution to Cancer Aid Society and Cancer Awareness: Our

school contributed to the Cancer Aid Society and conducted awareness sessions for students on cancer prevention. Through these sessions, students became aware of on early detection, healthy lifestyles, and risk factors.



Participation in Human Chain for Munambam Land Protection:

We joined the human chain organized by the Diocese of Kottapuram to protect Munambam land from the Waqf bill issue where more than 600 families including Christians and Hindus affected with the loss of their land and properties. Standing united with the community, we demonstrated solidarity and social responsibility. The event highlighted collective strength, deep concern, and commitment toward safeguarding the land.

Many of our students participated in DCL scholarship and won prizes. CRI Kottapuram felicitated Sr. Amala on 2nd February on the consecration day her Golden Jubilee.



Pilgrimage: We visited 14 churches, praying the Stations of the Cross. This spiritual journey deepened our faith, reflecting on Christ's passion and sacrifice.



In February, we had the church feast and celebrated the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th with a special Mass and lunch in the church along with the people. Additionally, we continue our daily house visits as part of our mission. **Convocation of Kindergarten:** On the last day of the school, we had convocation ceremony for UKG students. Dr. Binoy Babu, our former student, was the chief guest. PTA president and parents were present.



MARY WARD CONVENT PIZHAKU

We rang in the New Year with great enthusiasm and excitement. We celebrated Congregation feast with a community prayer making it very special and impressive. Special meals and small gifts added to the feast day effect. As students returned to campus to begin the third term, the atmosphere was electric with laughter and cheer, setting the tone for a wonderful new year.



January 4th was a special day at our school as we celebrated Principal's Day! The day began with a meaningful Holy Mass in our community, setting a tone of gratitude and appreciation. Later, Sisters, teachers, and students gathered in the auditorium for a heartfelt prayer service. The celebration was concluded with Sr. Suchita's sister and family joining us in the evening for a small celebration.

We also participated whole heartedly and actively for the parish feast on 4th, 5th and 6th January and our forane church Kadanad for the feast as well.

Many of our students participated in various items of DCL competitions held at De Paul School Thodupuzha. Sr. Deepti and 3 teachers accompanied them. Our students bagged many prizes and certificates. January 8th was a momentous day at our school, marked by two significant events. The morning began with a grand Prize Distribution Ceremony, honouring our DCL scholars. It was a proud moment for all our students as they received medals and certificates, acknowledging their hard work and achievements.

We visited our cook Mrs. Thulasi's house on her son's wedding. We congratulated the couple and presented them with a gift. Our trip to her house was an eye opener for us to understand how difficult it was for her to travel daily to and fro, to reach the convent on time to get breakfast ready.



Our Class X students, after completing their pre-board exams, embarked on a day of prayer and reflection in preparation for their upcoming board exams. Accompanied by Sr. Suchita and Mrs. Roshin Joby, they visited the CSSR Ashram in Manathoor. The day began with a beautiful and devotional Holy Rosary, led by the students themselves, followed by a solemn Holy Mass. Fr. Anthony CSSR delivered a motivational session on the theme "Hardwork and Success," inspiring the students to strive for excellence. During the Eucharistic Adoration, the students were anointed with holy oil, praying for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Their hall tickets and writing materials were also blessed, seeking divine guidance and wisdom. It was a truly enriching and meaningful experience, and everyone appreciated the opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection.



January 23rd was a day of triple celebration at our school, marking Venerable Mother Mary Ward's birthday, our **26th Annual Day**, and an **Art, Craft, and Science Exhibition** showcasing the talents of our teachers and students. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thekkel, our parish priest, graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by our



PTA president and executive members. The event drew a large crowd of

parents and guests to our main auditorium. Our students presented a vibrant program, entertaining the gathering with music, dance, and other performances. We took the opportunity to felicitate our **ICSE toppers** and students who achieved academic excellence in the current year. Following the inaugural function, our principal, Sr. Suchita, declared the exhibition open. Rev. Fr. Joseph and Sr. Seema CJ, our manager, cut the ribbon inaugurating the exhibition. It was a kaleidoscope of colours, showcasing the creativity and talent of our students and teachers. Visitors praised the impressive display, and we congratulated our teachers and students on their outstanding work.

This event marked the beginning of our Mary Ward Week commemoration, a celebration of our school's values and legacy. The entire Mary Ward week was a time of celebration with daily creative assemblies conducted by various classes. On 30th at the end of Mary ward week celebrations, Sr. Deepti gave a message



to the students and teachers, citing 3 examples of how Mary ward week celebrations inspired some of our students, to do value based great things.

We were happy to join Puthenvelikara and Thuruthipuram community on the golden jubilee celebrations of Sr. Berni.



Our school bid a fond farewell to the Class 10 students with a heartfelt program organized by the Class 9 students. The Class 9 students put together a meaningful and inspiring program, centred around the theme "Carry the Light and Be the Light." Sr. Suchita's farewell message echoed the same theme, encouraging the Class 10 students to be a source of light in the world. Each student received a memento with their class photo. The entire program was met with applause and appreciation from everyone present. It was a beautiful way to bid farewell to our beloved Class 10 students.

Srs. Seema and Borgia had the privilege of attending the golden jubilee celebrations of Sister Pushpa DM, a remarkable milestone in her life of service. On the same day, Sr. Suchita enjoyed a wonderful outing with the Sunday school teachers, creating cherished memories with the team.

February 6th marked the beginning of an unforgettable staff tour program. We embarked on an exciting journey to Coorg and Mysore, exploring the breathtaking Golden Temple, the serene Bamboo Forest, the majestic Harangi Dam, the fascinating Mysore Zoo, the historic St. Philomina's Church, and the grand Palace. The tour proved to be a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and rejuvenation, and we returned refreshed and revitalized, ready to tackle new challenges.

We enjoyed a lovely evening at Sr. Biyona's house on 28th February. It was a great chance to spend time with her family, especially the grandparents, and create



cherished memories.

On March 8th, International Women's Day, we embarked on a spiritual outing to Alappuzha, visiting renowned churches like St. Sebastian's Basilica, Arthunkal, Tanki church and Kripasanam. We prayed for special favours and blessings, seeking guidance and protection.

Pastoral Ministry: Our parish community came together to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. This special day was made even more significant as it was also the feast day of our beloved parish priest. We had a grand celebration, filled with joy and devotion. Our community actively participated in the festivities, making it a truly unforgettable experience. As an integral part of our parish community, we actively participate in ward prayers held in the families of our parish. This allows us to foster a sense of unity and spiritual connection with our fellow parishioners. We also make it a



point to attend funerals, not only of our parishioners but also of the relatives of our sisters from various provinces. By doing so, we show our respect, solidarity, and support during times of grief and loss.

Exams: On February 18th, 35 students from our school embarked on their ICSE exams. As a community, we came together to support them through prayer. We took turns praying before the exposed Holy Sacrament, and some parents also joined us in seeking divine guidance and blessings for our students. Meanwhile, the third-term exams for all other classes are currently underway.

Closing of the Academic year: On March 28th, we successfully brought the 2024-2025 academic session to a close. To mark this occasion, we observed a Thanksgiving Day, filled with gratitude and reflection. Our students prepared a beautiful and inspiring prayer service, during which we expressed our heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for guiding us throughout the year. We also took the opportunity to thank each other for our collective efforts and support. With a sense of accomplishment and gratitude, we closed the school for the summer vacation. As we break for the holidays, we look forward to the new academic session, filled with hope, promise, and excitement.

JYOTHIR BHAVAN CONVENT, THURUTHIPURAM

On 5th January Srs. Theresa and Bernadette took part "**Human Chain**" from Munambham beach to Vaipin, to show our solidarity with our brethren who would lose their land and property due to amendment of waqf bill. On 22nd February we celebrated Sr. Bernadette **Golden jubilee** in the parish church with a few of the parishners and with her near and dear ones. Our parish priest Rev. Fr. Joy Srambickal did a lot to make this jubilee a grand one.

On 8th March Srs. Imma and Bernadette was facilitated by Kerala Latin Catholic Women Association of Thuruthipuram parish on the **Women's Day**.



St. Joseph's feast day was celebrated in a grand scale in our parish.





We had high Mass, procession, thereafter festive meal with our parishners. We all went to help in preparation for the meals .

One of the Lenten practices in our place is to visit 14 churches in commemoration of the of the 14 stations of the cross. Srs. Theresa and Bernadette visited 14 churches with the parishners.

SHANTI SADAN, BEGUR

The New Year 2025 began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration by Fr. Giffin, CMI from Christ Academy, on 1st January 2025 thanking the Almighty God for all His blessings upon us in the year 2024 and imploring God's abundance of blessings in the year 2025. On 15th January, Sr. Sanjana along with two of our students left for Kolkata to participate in the JPIC gathering.



Srs. Edwina, Alma and Japa had a treat for their eyes as they visited Lal Bagh for the flower show on 19th January.



We had a grand celebration of Sr. Feby's birthday, with a solemn Thanksgiving Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joy CMI, Christ Academy. We were delighted to have the presence of Sr. Shradha and Nelcy, who joined us for lunch. Fr. Sahay Raj also added joy to the celebration as he came to wish sister. The culmination of the celebration was with exciting games and recreation on 20th January.

Srs. Edwina, Japa and Sanjana attended the nuptial Mass of Mr. Chinnappa's daughter at St. Anthony's Church, Basavnapura on 26th January. Thereafter the whole community joined for lunch at Mylasandara parish on 'Vana Chinnappa Feast'. After lunch Srs. Edwina, Japa and Sanjana visited a few families - Mithun, our class 10 student, our co-workers: Nirmala, Gowramma and Laxmi.

On 2nd February, Sr. Japa went to Delhi to attend a seminar on Safeguarding. All of us along with Rekha, attended the Jubilee celebrations of Srs. Bernie and Prasanna at Maria Sadan. Srs. Japa and Sanjana went for the housewarming of one of our ex-students at Jigini. On their way back home, they also visited a few



families of our students on 23rd February. On 16th March, we had a thanksgiving Eucharist to thank God for the gift of Sr. Sanjana to us, as she celebrated her gift of life. Fr. Thomas CMI from Christ Academy celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Our sisters, Susan, Smita and Biyona from Maria Sadan shared our joy and celebration with their presence. In the evening Srs. Shanti and Smita from Holy Spirit School and Srs. Celine and

Mary from Ardhana Academy came to wish Sr. Sanjana doubling our joy. We had an enjoyable evening with them.

On the feast of St. Joseph, we joined our sisters at Joseph Niwas for the Holy Eucharist and lunch. On 29th and 30th of March, Sr. Edwina attended the Lenten Retreat in the parish conducted by Frs. Ronald D'Cunha and Jacob from Shimoga diocese.



It was a beautiful spiritual experience, praying along with the laity.

Srs. Alma, Japa and Sanjana had an enjoyable campus tour in the buggy at Christ Academy, under the guidance of Frs. Sebi and Thomas.

St. Mary's Convent School: *"Embracing New Beginnings with Hope and Enthusiasm"*

As we welcomed **2025**, our hearts were filled with hope and positive energy, setting the tone for a vibrant year ahead. The school has been buzzing with an array of activities—**cultural events, competitions, exams, and celebrations**—each enriching the lives of our students and fostering their holistic development.

IBVM/CJ JPIC, South Asia – 7th Annual General Meet 2025:

Sr. Sanjana, Ganavi (Class 9), and Keerthana (Class 8) attended 7th AGM held at Loreto Convent, Asansol, West Bengal, on the theme: *"Fostering Inclusivity" from 16th to 18th January*. The event witnessed the participation of schools from India and Nepal, offering a platform for students and teachers to engage in group discussions on gender equality, social issues, and environmental crises. The experience was truly enriching, fostering global perspectives and deeper understanding among the participants.



Sports Day Extravaganza: The much-awaited Sports Day took place on 21st and 22nd January, celebrated separately for Primary and High School students. Sr. Shradha, our Regional Superior and Sr. Alma lit the spirit of sportsmanship on the first day. High School Section was gracefully inaugurated by Sr. Edwina and Sr. Japa. The event showcased thrilling athletic performances, team spirit, and the joy of healthy competition.

Mary Ward Week Celebrations: On 23rd January, we commemorated the **birth anniversary of Mary Ward** with a heartfelt prayer assembly. The week was filled with inspiring activities: *Sayings of Maxims of Mary Ward, Poster Making, Video Reflections*, and a *Quiz on Mary Ward's Life*. Winners were awarded trophies and certificates. **380th Death Anniversary of Mary Ward** was observed with a solemn Holy Mass and prayer assembly.





Republic Day & Principal's Day Celebrations:

Republic Day was celebrated with fervour through a patriotic prayer service and cultural performances.

Principal's Day was celebrated with a creative and innovative program presented by our talented students, showcasing their appreciation for the leadership and guidance.

Women's Day – Honouring the Spirit of Womanhood: On 28th February, we celebrated Women's Day, dedicating the program to all women. Special recognition was given to our teachers and supportive staff for their selfless contributions and inspiring spirit.



Class 10 Farewell – "Aralu" A heartfelt farewell for Class 10 was themed "Aralu", symbolizing new beginnings. Students were honoured with mementos, sashes, and graduation caps. A special prayer was offered by the staff, marking a memorable farewell filled with gratitude and best wishes.

Class Assemblies – Shaping Young Minds:

Theme-based class assemblies like 'Be Grateful Always,' 'Active Participation' 'Community Engagement,' and 'Unity Increases Power' continue

to serve as platforms for nurturing students' values and leadership skills.

Mega Events – AI & Robotics, Art Exhibition, and Food Fest:

This event was a spectacular showcase of creativity and innovation! Students displayed cutting-edge AI & Robotics projects, breathtaking art pieces, and delicious culinary delights. Thousands of parents, friends, and well-wishers joined us to celebrate the future of creativity on 8th March.



Competitions & Achievements: Our students excelled in H&B Federal Bank Quiz Competition – **Zonal Level** and 12th National Level Open Karate Championship **2025**. They secured trophies, medals, and certificates.



Scouts and Guides – A Journey of Discovery:
Praveshika Camp (Level 1):
A 2-day camp organized on our campus with 84 participants, led by the Hindustan Scouts and Guides team of Karnataka.



Activities done were, tent making, basic cooking, knotting, compass usage, and a written test. All participants received scarves, woggles, and certificates. On **5th March**, the students visited **Vidhana Soudha** for an educational experience on governance and legislative processes.



KG Corner – Little Stars Shining Bright:

Makara Sankranti Celebration: Kids showcased traditional attire, participated in storytelling competitions, collage making, and thread painting.

Graduation Day (UKG) was held on 1st March, with 90 graduates honoured with certificates, sashes, and caps. Parents shared in the joy of their children's achievements. Nursery & LKG students showcased heart-warming

programs guided by dedicated teachers.



ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, ALAKODE

We bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Jince Chollampuzha, Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's Church Alakode on 27th January. We had an enjoyable community picnic to Wayanad on 7th February. We take an active part in the weekly ward prayer (BCC).





We have a small prayer group coming to our chapel daily. The senior members of the community join them whenever possible. Sr. Thomasina takes catechism on Sundays in the parish.

News from the school: The school reopened soon after the Christmas vacation. In the month of January, the school was very busy with various activities, including Class 12 practical exams and model exams for Classes 10 and 12.



Another highlight of the month was the celebration of **Mary Ward Week**. Students actively participated in prayer services, which helped them to learn more about Venerable Mary Ward. Through these services, the



students imbibed values such as caring for the elderly and sick, as well as being generous in life etc.

DCL and sports competition prizes were awarded to students. The **Primary Sports Day** was conducted

in January, providing students with an opportunity to participate in various sports activities and win numerous prizes. To take a break from our busy and hectic schedule, our staff went on a one-day **picnic** to Idukki. We explored many beautiful places there, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.





On January 26th, we celebrated Republic Day with a flag-hoisting ceremony at school. Sr. Thomsina had the honour of hoisting the flag, paying tribute to the freedom fighters and their invaluable contributions to our nation.

The school's **Annual Day celebration** took place on February 5th,



with Dr. K.V. Philomina as the Chief Guest. The theme for the event was "Sanskriti." Students from Class 5 and above participated in various programs highlighting Indian culture, respect for elders, and the negative effects of mobile phone usage.

After completing their annual examinations, Class IX students embarked on a delightful two-day trip to Mysore and Bangalore Wonderla. The journey was filled with fun, excitement, and adventure. It proved to be a refreshing experience, giving them a well-deserved break before stepping into the new academic year. Meanwhile, Class XI students had an equally memorable tour to Muunnar, Suryanelli, and Marayoor. The scenic beauty and joyful moments shared during the trip made it an unforgettable experience for all. The tour provided a perfect opportunity to relax, bond with classmates, and create lasting memories.



A farewell event was organized for Class 12 students, with Class 11 students managing the entire program. The event featured cultural

performances and games. Students were given mementos and snacks, making it a memorable occasion.

KG students actively participated in the class prayer assembly, boosting their confidence and stage presence.





Our students and teachers had the opportunity to take part in the "**Pariksha Pe Charcha**" program, organized by the CBSE Board. This online event enabled students to listen to the Honourable Prime Minister's address. Meanwhile, Class 10 and 12 students were engrossed in their Board examinations. March was a busy month with Annual Examinations. Both students and teachers were engaged in exam-related activities.

We also bid farewell to our retiring staff, including five teachers and our dedicated supporting staff member, Mrs. Rohini, who completed 23 years of service at the school. A meaningful and heartfelt farewell ceremony was held in their honour, appreciating their dedication and commitment.



Another significant event in March was the **Graduation Ceremony** for our **UKG** students, where 153 students participated. It was a cherished memory for them, and they looked wonderful in their graduation attire. LKG students put up an impressive performance. The Chief Guest, Parish Priest Fr. Anthony Punnor, emphasized the

important role of parents in a child's life in his inaugural address. As in previous years, students were recognized with various awards, including the Integrity Award, General Proficiency Award, and Best Student Award.



Wishing all our readers Happy Easter !!!