

CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION, MANGALORE

Activities during the year 2024-2025

The Catholic Board of Education is dedicated to fostering holistic development in students and empowering educators through a variety of programs and initiatives during the academic year 2024-2025. The board strives to promote academic excellence, moral values, and the overall well-being of both students and staff. Throughout the year, a series of activities and events will be conducted to enhance teaching skills, promote student engagement, and address social issues affecting the community. These initiatives include educator empowerment programs, health and wellness camps, anti-drug advocacy campaigns, and various workshops aimed at improving classroom practices and student development. Through these activities, the Catholic Board of Education aims to create a nurturing and positive learning environment for both educators and students.

1. The new Secretary Rev. Dr Praveen Leo Lasrado officially took charge as the Secretary of the CBE on May 25, 2024 from the outgoing Secretary Rev. Fr Antony M Shera in the presence of the Vice President, Msgr Maxim Noronha.



2. Jolly Phonics Workshop for Nursery Teachers - April 3 to 5, 2025



Highlights of the workshop:

- Teachers to prepare themselves before entering their classrooms, Lesson plans and teaching aids to be kept ready and to go through the proper pronunciation
- Phonics with actions were taught which will help the child to remember easily
- The method of introducing a sound and its letter – through sound/story/song/action
- How to make learning interested for the children and taking care of the children who require extra care and attention



3. Signing of MOU with the Infosys Springboard

On 30th April 2024, the Catholic Board of Education entered into a contract with Infosys Springboard, a leading digital and life skills learning platform, marking the signing of a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This collaboration marks a pivotal milestone in fostering a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing skill development and creating new career opportunities across the institutions under the Board's umbrella. Through this partnership, both organizations are committed to empowering individuals with the skills needed to excel in today's fast-paced technological environment and helping bridge the skills gap in the global workforce.



4. Seminar Equips Educational Leaders with Crisis Communication Strategy:

The Catholic Board of Education convened a seminar aimed at enhancing the proficiency of institution heads affiliated with the Board. Focused on the theme “**Public Relations and Crisis Management Communication**”, Rev. Dr Sudeep Paul MSFS, Director of the Sandesha Institute provided invaluable insights into crisis management strategies. Emphasis was laid on the cultivation of soft skills in public relations, alongside guidance on crafting effective press releases. 110 heads of institutions participated in the session.



5. Meeting with the newly appointed teachers for the year 2024-2025

An informative meeting was convened for the newly appointed teachers for the academic year 2024-25 at Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, Mangalore. Approximately 70 new employees, including both teaching and non-teaching staff, attended the meeting. The secretary began the session with an opening prayer and welcomed the gathering. After a brief introduction, he distributed the appointment letters along with a copy of the Rulebook. He also explained some of the important rules that all employees are expected to follow under the management.



6. Farewell Fr Antony Michael Shera, the Former Secretary

On 11th June, 2024 a farewell and felicitation programme for Antony M Shera, the former Secretary who served as Secretary from 2018-2024.



7. Teachers' Day Celebration- 2024

Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 3, 2024, to express gratitude to all teachers serving in our institutions, acknowledge retired educators, and recognize the outstanding academic achievements of both institutions and students. The event was presided over by Most Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, the President of the CBE. During the ceremony, 44 retired teaching staff and 12 non-teaching staff members from primary to college level were honored. During the celebration, 31 high schools and two PU colleges that excelled in public examinations, along with six 10th standard students, five PUC students, and fourteen rank holders from both UG and PG levels, were felicitated.





8. Distribution of Leslie Shenoy Scholarship

The first, **Msgr Leslie Shenoy Scholarship Endowment Fund** award ceremony was held on 16th September 2024 at Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi. A total of 76 first-year PUC students from PU Colleges under the CBE were the recipients of this scholarship. On this occasion, an amount of 6,45,000/- was distributed among the students.



9. Anti - Drug advocacy for teachers

An Anti-Drug advocacy camp was organized 11-09-2024 by the Catholic Board of Education in collaboration with Fr. Muller Charitable Hospital, Mangalore, as an initiative of the Anti-Drug Campaign launched by the Mangalore Diocese to combat the growing menace of drug use among youth. The event aimed at empowering teachers and faculty members from Primary and High Schools to become strong advocates against drug use. It emphasized the critical role educators play in identifying early signs of drug use and providing timely intervention. The session also served as a follow-up to the free health check-ups provided for the teachers. Around 60 teachers participated in the camp.



10. Educator Empowerment Program

The Catholic Board of Education organized an Educator Empowerment Program and a Jolly Phonics Seminar on the 12th of November 2024 for 140 Pre-Primary teachers. The seminar featured two insightful sessions:

- **Creative Techniques for a Happy Classroom:** A to Z for Behavioural Management and Story Time made innovative using different techniques by Rashmi Pavan. This session provided innovative strategies for creating a positive and engaging classroom environment, along with comprehensive guidance on managing student behavior effectively.
- **Jolly Phonics** by Prof. Naina J. Sequeira, covering essential topics such as tricky words, blends, lesson plans, and letter formation. This session aimed at enhancing phonics instruction to support literacy development.



11. Free Cancer check up to teachers in Puttur

The CBE also collaborated in organizing cancer screening and awareness camps, as well as free check-ups, in association with leadership, a Jewel Group in Mangalore. Two camps were held on December 1, 2024, and January 16, 2025, in the Puttur, benefiting nearly 150 teachers from our schools.



12. Free health check for the unaided staff

A free health check-up camp was organized on 14-01-2025 for the unaided staff working in aided schools at Father Muller Medical College Hospital, Kankanady. The camp, which benefitted 87 participants, included comprehensive health check-ups and informative awareness sessions conducted by esteemed medical professionals.



Place: Mangalore

Date: 05-04-2025

Rev. Dr Praveen Leo Lasrado

SECRETARY

