

August is a month that reminds us of the sacrifices and struggles of our ancestors who fought with courage and determination for India's freedom. As we celebrated Independence Day, we remembered that the freedom we enjoy today was earned through the dreams, sacrifices, and unwavering spirit of generations before us. Our celebration should, therefore, be not merely a commemoration of the past, but also an opportunity to honour their legacy by nurturing a spirit of unity, responsibility, compassion, and service among our children.

The values enshrined in our Constitution provide the foundation for the India we aspire to build, an India rooted in justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. Through our Independence Day celebrations, we sought to help our children understand that freedom comes with responsibility and that every citizen has a role to play in preserving the democratic and inclusive spirit of our nation. By creating opportunities for children to learn, participate, express themselves, and respect diverse perspectives, we can help them become thoughtful and responsible citizens.

As educationists, our commitment to the freedom struggle and the Constitution finds its true meaning in the well-being of every child. Every child deserves to grow in an environment of safety, dignity, inclusion, learning, and opportunity. As we celebrated our nation's freedom, let us renew our collective commitment to ensuring that our schools remain spaces where children feel valued, heard, protected, and empowered to realise their potential. May the spirit of Independence inspire us to build a future where every child can grow with freedom, hope, and dignity.

Rev Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida

Secretary

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Regional Level Training Programme

Principals of CISCE-Affiliated Schools – 1 August 2026



KRCE organised an enriching Training Programme for Principals of CISCE-affiliated Schools, with Dr. K. N. Tiwari as the Resource Person. Thirty-two principals participated in the programme, which focused on strengthening school

leadership, effective administration, and innovative educational practices. The session offered valuable insights for enhancing institutional quality and promoting progressive, future-ready school management.

Secretary as a Resource Person

Online Seminar on POSH and POC SO for CMC Sisters, Shimoga – 7 August 2026

An online seminar on POC SO and POSH was conducted on 7 August 2026 for the CMC Sisters, Shimoga. The session focused on the key provisions and implications of the POC SO Act and POSH Act, highlighting child protection, prevention of sexual harassment, institutional responsibilities, and the importance of creating safe and respectful environments. Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi served as the resource person and facilitated the session, providing valuable insights and practical guidance on safeguarding measures and their effective implementation. The programme enhanced the participants' awareness and understanding of their responsibilities in promoting safe, respectful, and protective environments within their institutions.

Secretary as a Chief Guest

Independence Day Celebration at St. Antony's School, Bengaluru – 15 August 2026



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida was honoured to be invited as the Chief Guest for the Independence Day celebration at St. Antony's School, Bengaluru, on 15 August 2026. In his inspiring address, he emphasised the values of freedom, equality, unity, and social responsibility. He encouraged the students to value education, become responsible citizens, and contribute meaningfully to the progress and future of the nation.

Meeting of Correspondents and Principals – OCD Fathers, Bengaluru – 22 August 2026

A meeting of the Correspondents and Principals of OCD institutions was held on 22 August 2026 at Carmelite Provincialate, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru, with Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida as the Resource Person.



The meeting provided a valuable platform to review educational matters, share institutional experiences, and discuss key areas for strengthening administration and enhancing the quality of education across OCD institutions.

Parents' Meeting on Children's Growth - St. Joseph Primary School, Hunsur – 24 August 2026



On 24 August 2026, St. Joseph Primary School, Hunsur, organised a parents' meeting on the theme "Together for Our Children's Growth, Success and Well-being." Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, KRCE, served as the Resource Person. The programme highlighted the importance of collaboration between parents and teachers in supporting children's academic progress, personal development, and overall well-being. The session encouraged active parental involvement in the holistic growth and development of students.

Institutional Events



St. Norbert School & P.U. College, Chowhalli, T. Narasipura, Mysuru

St. Norbert School & P.U. College, Chowhalli, T. Narasipura, Mysuru, organised a variety of sports, cultural, and student engagement activities during the academic year. Students actively participated in athletics, games, cultural celebrations, competitions, and house activities, which provided opportunities to display their talents and build team spirit. Special attention was given to discipline, cooperation, and leadership through various school-level events and student responsibilities. These activities contributed to a lively campus atmosphere and encouraged students to participate with enthusiasm and confidence.



St. Ann's High School, Nelamangala

St. Ann's High School, Nelamangala, conducted several academic enrichment and awareness-oriented programmes to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of issues beyond the regular curriculum. Activities such as quizzes, exhibitions, awareness campaigns, educational talks, and subject-based competitions encouraged curiosity, critical thinking, and effective communication. The initiatives also promoted responsible behaviour and social awareness, helping students connect classroom learning with real-life situations.

Notre Dame School, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Hunsur Road, Mysuru

Notre Dame School, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Hunsur Road, Mysuru, gave special emphasis to creative expression, leadership development, and community-oriented activities. Students were encouraged to take part in art and craft activities, literary events, public speaking, service initiatives, and student-led programmes. These experiences helped them develop originality, decision-making abilities, empathy, and a spirit of service. The activities strengthened students' ability to work independently while also contributing positively to the school community.

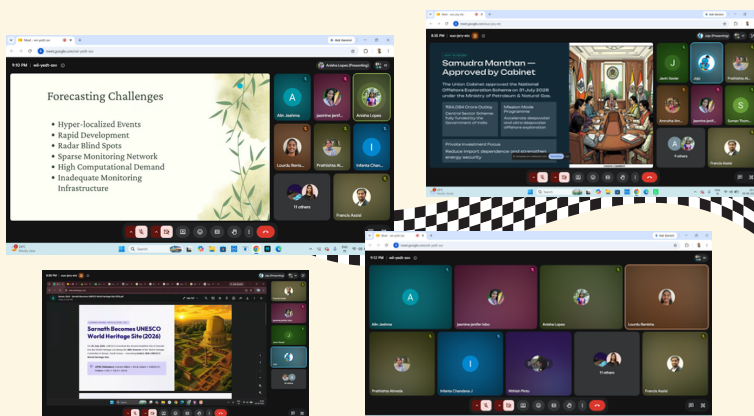


Carmel Central School, Kotekar, India's 80th Independence Day Celebration

Carmel Central School, Kotekar, celebrated India's 80th Independence Day on 15th August 2026 with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The Chief Guest, Mr. Prakash Kumpala, Social Worker and Politician, hoisted the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem. The cultural programme featured a welcome dance and speech, "Values That Build Our Nation," prayer, action song, drill and patriotic dances by the Kindergarten students, along with a mime on "Incredible India - Glimpses of Our Nation," a patriotic dance and group song by the school students. The Chief Guest inspired the students to uphold patriotism, unity, discipline, compassion and responsible citizenship, followed by the distribution of certificates to the winners of various competitions.

Pratibha Foundation

Civil Services Aspirants Sunday Sessions



Pratibha Foundation conducts online sessions every Sunday from 8:30 p.m. onwards for all Civil Services aspirants (22 aspirants). These sessions offer an opportunity for aspirants to present and discuss current affairs and issues related to the UPSC examination, while receiving regular guidance, encouragement, and motivation in their preparation. The initiative seeks to strengthen their academic foundation, help them address academic and practical challenges, develop their analytical and communication skills, and enable them to remain focused, disciplined, and consistent in their journey towards the UPSC Civil Services Examination and other Public Service examinations.

Cases

1.The Rajasthan High Court has quashed charges under Section 305 of the IPC against teachers accused of abetting the suicide of a Class XII student. The Court held that mere reprimand or disciplinary action for poor attendance, inadequate academic performance, or indiscipline would not constitute abetment of suicide in the absence of instigation, intentional aid, or the requisite mens rea. (*Smt. Swarna Kalra & Anr. v. State of Rajasthan & Anr., and connected petitions*)

2.Emphasising the principle of parity between government and aided-school employees, the Karnataka High Court has struck down two State enactments that sought to deny pensionary benefits and additional increments to teaching and non-teaching staff of private aided educational institutions. (*State of Karnataka & Authorities v. Employees of Private Aided Educational Institutions*)

3.The Himachal Pradesh High Court has held that the State cannot continuously utilise the services of teachers engaged in government schools without extending the benefits legally due to them. The Court observed that such conduct amounts to "begaar", which is prohibited by the Constitution. While directing the release of Grant-in-Aid to a Drawing Master who had been serving since 2011, the Court observed that the Government was taking advantage of educated unemployed youth by extracting their services without providing the financial benefits to which they were entitled. (*Babita Jamwal v. State of H.P. & Ors.*)

4.The Supreme Court has held that disclosure of criminal antecedents by an employee after joining service does not automatically warrant dismissal. Before terminating an employee on the ground of suppression of criminal antecedents, the employer must conduct an enquiry to determine whether the suppression was deliberate and record a finding that the employee's continued service would be untenable. (*Shatrughna Yadav v. The Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (F.A.C.T.) & Ors.*)

5.The Meghalaya High Court has declined to grant bail to two teachers accused of sexually assaulting a five-year-old student inside a school washroom. The Court emphasised that allegations of sexual assault against children must be viewed with utmost seriousness, considering their vulnerability and the trauma such acts may cause. Finding that the survivor's statement prima facie disclosed a case of sexual assault, the Court, having regard to the nature and gravity of the allegations, declined to extend leniency at the bail stage. (*Aboni Basumatari v. State of Meghalaya*)

6.The Delhi High Court has emphasised the responsibility of schools to create an environment in which children feel safe to speak about conduct that causes them fear, discomfort, or insecurity. The Court observed that educational institutions must make children aware of their rights and encourage both girls and boys to raise concerns before persons entrusted with their care. (*Netram Kumar v. The State of NCT of Delhi*)

7.The Supreme Court has disposed of a batch of petitions filed by Class XII students from Gulf countries challenging the CBSE's special assessment scheme introduced following the cancellation of Board examinations in the West Asia region amid the prevailing war situation. The Court, however, took on record the CBSE's assurance that steps would be taken to enable the affected students to appear for a fresh examination at the earliest feasible opportunity. (*Adithian Rajmohan Nair & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors.*)

8.The Kerala High Court has clarified that disciplinary proceedings are not necessary for terminating an aided-school teacher who refuses to rejoin duty even after the expiry of sanctioned leave granted to pursue foreign employment. (*St. Joseph's Boys Higher Secondary School v. The State of Kerala & Ors.*)

9.The Supreme Court has agreed to consider a Public Interest Litigation challenging the constitutional validity of Sections 1(4) and 1(5) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, which exclude certain minority and religious educational institutions from the Act's applicability. Section 1(4) makes the application of the RTE Act subject to the rights of minorities guaranteed under Article 30 of the Constitution, while Section 1(5) excludes Madrasas, Vedic Pathshalas, and educational institutions primarily imparting religious instruction. (*Pyare Zia Khan v. Union of India & Ors., W.P. (Civil) No. 924/2026*)

10. The Allahabad High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of a newspaper report highlighting the plight of more than 200 "Gen Alpha" students in Chandupur village, Hamirpur District, Uttar Pradesh. The students, accompanied by their parents, had walked nearly five kilometres to protest before the District Magistrate against the absence of a road connecting their village to the school. The Court took note of a Dainik Jagran report published on August 12, 2026, regarding the protest. (*In Re: Road to School, Hamirpur v. State of U.P. & Ors.*)

11. The Allahabad High Court has observed that adverse findings in police verification concerning school-vehicle drivers raise serious concerns, given their direct bearing on the safety of minor children. The Court was also apprised of a suggestion from members of the Bar that, wherever feasible, women could be engaged as school-van drivers as an additional measure to safeguard children. (*Gomti River Bank Residents Thru. Secy. Mr. Girdhar Gopal v. State of U.P. Through Prin. Secy. Housing and Urban Dev. & Ors.*)

Circulars

- 3 August 2026: Revision of the Designations of the Public Information Officer, Assistant Public Information Officer, and Appellate Authority for the Branches under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Director (Administration), Office of the Commissioner, Department of School Education.
- 6 August 2026, Publication of Details of Fees Prescribed by Private Unaided Schools
- 7 August 2026: Revised - Publication of the Prescribed Fee Structure for Private Unaided School

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