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## KRCE-PRATHIBHA BULLETIN

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**"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."**

**— Aristotle**

### Secretary's Message

As we come to the close of September, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Management, Staff, and Students of all the educational institutions for your dedication and commitment throughout the month.

September has been a particularly hectic month, with the Mid-Term Examinations taking place alongside various academic, co-curricular, and other school activities. Despite the busy schedule and multiple responsibilities, I believe everyone was successful, and the school's activities progressed smoothly and meaningfully.

I place on record my heartfelt appreciation to the Management for its continued efforts in guiding the staff and students, to the teaching and non-teaching staff for their tireless efforts and commitment towards school activities, and to all the students for their sincere participation and hard work in all the activities of the school.

The successful completion of the various activities and examinations reflects the collective effort of the entire school community. I pray and encourage all the stakeholders of the institution to continue to work together with the same spirit of cooperation, responsibility, and enthusiasm in the months ahead.

The Dasara holidays are also a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with your family, refresh yourselves, and enjoy the festive spirit. At the same time, make the holidays meaningful and fruitful by reading, pursuing your interests, learning something new, and maintaining a healthy routine. May this Dasara bring joy, peace, and renewed energy to all of you.

Wishing you a happy, safe, and fruitful Dasara holiday.



**REV. DR. FRANCIS ASSISI ALMEIDA**  
Secretary, KRCE & Prathibha Foundation

## KRCBC & KRPPIC MEETING



22.09.2026: The KRCBC & KRPPIC Meeting was held on 22 September 2026 at the Subhodhana Regional Pastoral Centre, Bengaluru, during which the KRCE Activity Report was presented by the KRCE Secretary,

Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida. On the occasion, the KRCE Society Profile Book was formally released by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore and President of KRCE, and Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Mysore and Vice Chairman of KRCE.



## Government Meetings:Karnataka Minority Vision Group – First Meeting



The first meeting of the Karnataka Minority Vision Group, constituted by the Directorate of Minorities, Government of Karnataka, was held on 30 September 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru.

Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, KRCE, attended the meeting as an Education Expert. The meeting focused on discussing measures and strategies for the improvement and strengthening of minority education in Karnataka. Members shared their views and suggestions on various educational matters and initiatives.



## KRCE Secretary as a Resource Person

### Pallottine Seminary, Goa

A series of educational sessions was conducted for the Philosophy students of Pallottine Seminary, Assagao, Goa, from 31 August to 5 September, covering the Constitution of India, Rights of Minorities, Safeguarding Policies, and relevant legal provisions. The sessions focused on constitutional values, Articles 29 and 30, child protection, the POCSO Act, and safeguarding measures. The programme enhanced the students' awareness of constitutional principles, minority rights, human dignity, civic responsibility, and safeguarding.



## Mysore Diocesan Education Society, Mysore



KRCE Secretary, Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, served as the Resource Person for an enriching Open Session and Training Programme organised by the Mysuru Diocese Education Secretary for State Syllabus

**Principals/Heads of Institutions in the Mysuru Diocese on 12 September 2026. The programme was attended by 163 Principals/HMs and focused on strengthening leadership, promoting academic excellence, and enhancing effective educational practices.**



## **St. Michael's Convent School, Karwar**



**St. Michael's Convent School, Karwar, organized a one-day Teacher Training Programme on "Understanding Adolescents" on 19 September 2026. Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, KRCE, served as the Resource Person.**

**The programme focused on helping teachers understand the physical, emotional, social, and behavioural needs of adolescents. The session provided practical insights into effective communication, guidance, and support, enabling teachers to respond sensitively to the challenges faced by adolescents and foster a positive and supportive school environment.**



## **Institutional Activities**

### **St. Mary's Convent School, Mandya**

**Preparations for the academic year 2026–27 began with staff meetings, assignment of responsibilities, and professional development. The school reopened on 25 May 2026, followed by academic assessments and various co-curricular activities.**



**YOGA DAY**

**Students and staff participated in yoga activities promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and healthy living**

**Student leaders were entrusted with responsibilities and encouraged to develop leadership, discipline, and a spirit of service.**



**Investiture Ceremony**

### **Orientation Programme**



**Students received guidance on school values, discipline, responsibilities, and positive behaviour.**

**Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation to teachers through special programmes and cultural activities.**



**Teachers' Day**



The school celebrated the occasion with flag hoisting, patriotic songs, speeches, and cultural programmes.

## Sacred Heart School, JADKAL



The school organized awareness activities, tree planting, and cleanliness drives to promote environmental protection.

The celebration included flag hoisting, patriotic songs, cultural programmes, and student presentations.



Students and staff participated in cleanliness and hygiene activities, promoting a clean and healthy environment.



Students expressed their gratitude to teachers through cultural programmes and special presentations, appreciating their contribution to students' growth.



## Carmel School, Kotekar

**1. National Sports Day – 1 September 2026:** Carmel Central School celebrated National Sports Day with prayer, welcome dance, Zumba, a tribute to Major Dhyan Chand, a skit, and cultural performances. Chief Guest Mr. Roshan Ferrao, Body Builder and Powerlifter, addressed the students and encouraged them to value fitness, discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

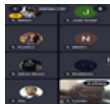
**2. Hindi Diwas – 11 September 2026:** The school celebrated Hindi Diwas with prayer, cultural performances, Hindi dances, and a skit highlighting the importance of the Hindi language and its cultural heritage. Ms. Shruti S. Bhat, HOD of Hindi, Sharada Vidyalaya, Mangaluru, addressed the gathering and encouraged students to appreciate and preserve the language.

**3. Grandparents' Day – 11 September 2026:** Grandparents' Day was celebrated with prayer, dances, a skit, games, and student performances honouring the love and wisdom of grandparents. Dr. Supriya Amanna, Associate Professor, Yenepoya Dental College, shared valuable guidance on dental health and oral hygiene. The celebration concluded with prizes and certificates for the grandparents.

**4. Student Orientation Programme – 18 September 2026:** The school organized a Student Orientation Programme on "Prepare • Focus • Grow • Excel" to promote discipline, positive habits, responsible behaviour, and academic excellence. The interactive sessions encouraged students to reflect on their goals, develop consistency, and recognize their self-worth and purpose.

## Pratibha Foundation

An online session was conducted by Pratibha Foundation on 20 September 2026 from 8:30 p.m. onwards, during which students presented their weekly updates and engaged in discussions on current affairs and other relevant issues related to their UPSC coaching and preparation.



## Secretary as a Syndicate Member [Govt. Nominee] Dr Manmohan Singh Bangalore City University

### First Year UG and PG Induction Programme – 17 September 2026

Dr. Manmohan Singh City University conducted the First Year UG and PG Induction Programme on 17 September 2026, welcoming newly admitted students and introducing them to the university's vision, academic framework, facilities, and student support services.



Faculty members and university officials encouraged students to pursue academic excellence, ethical values, personal growth, and active participation in co-curricular activities, helping them begin their university journey with confidence and purpose.



### Academic Programme – 26 September 2026



Dr. Manmohan Singh – Bengaluru City University conducted a programme on 26 September 2026 at Jnana Jyothi Central Campus, Palace Road, Bengaluru. The event brought together students and faculty for meaningful academic interaction and learning.

The programme promoted knowledge, professional growth, student engagement, and academic excellence through interactive sessions and discussions, supporting the university's commitment to holistic student development.



### Legal Update

1.The Patna High Court has held that a writ petition is maintainable against a private unaided school in matters relating to the expulsion of a student, as an educational institution performs a public function in imparting education. The Court observed that while discipline is essential in educational institutions, schools must also recognise that children are in the formative stages of their lives. Where misconduct is capable of correction, a reformatory and corrective approach should ordinarily be preferred to expulsion. (Satyam v. State of Bihar and Ors.)

2.The Madras High Court has held that Malayalam is a minority language in Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the minority status of a college established to protect the interests of the Malayalam-speaking minority in the State would not be affected merely because it is administered by members of the Nair community, which is a majority community in Kerala. (S. Srinivasan Menon v. The Government of Tamil Nadu and Others)

3.The Allahabad High Court has clarified that private schools in Uttar Pradesh affiliated with the CBSE or CISCE are not exempt from the provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009. The Act, read with Article 21A of the Constitution, guarantees the right to education to children between 6 and 14 years of age. The Court directed the State Government to provide five-year, school-wise data relating to admissions under the RTE Act, including details of children whose admissions were denied or not implemented and complaints concerning the demand for capitation fees or the use of prohibited screening procedures. (St. John'S School, Babhanauti, Pachwal v. State of U.P. and 2 Others)

4.The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed that the name or any other identifying particulars of a Child in Conflict with Law (CCL) must not be disclosed in any judicial order, judgment, or other publicly accessible judicial record. The Court held that the protection provided under Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, extends to judicial proceedings, even though the provision does not expressly refer to a "Court" or "Judge." ([Name Withheld] v. State of Haryana and Another)

5.The Punjab and Haryana High Court declined to reduce the sentence of a school bus driver convicted of rash and negligent driving after the bus overturned, injuring several school children, teachers, and the conductor. The Court emphasised that a school bus driver owes a "higher duty" of care and must exercise particular caution and responsibility while transporting children. (Manpreet Singh v. State of Punjab)

6.The Supreme Court upheld the authority of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and its Executive Committee to call for annual Performance Appraisal Reports (PARs) from Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs). (The National Council for Teacher Education v. Association of NCTE Approved Colleges Trust and Ors.)

7.The Supreme Court quashed proceedings under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), against a school teacher accused of aggravated sexual-assault under Section 10. The Court held that although the teacher's act of administering corporal punishment was inappropriate and insensitive, the conduct did not disclose the sexual intent necessary to constitute the alleged offence. The Court further observed that an eventual acquittal would be "wholly inadequate" to undo the damage caused by the prosecution and the resulting stigma attached to the teacher. (Bhaskar Paul v. State of West Bengal, 2026 LiveLaw (SC) 927)

8.The Supreme Court directed CBSE to extend to Class VI students the same relaxation granted to Class VII regarding the newly introduced third-language requirement. The Court noted that mid-year policy changes should not surprise families, with the Chief Justice of India clarifying: "There will be no pass/failure. There will only be an appearance certificate." (Yashica Bhandari Jain and Others v. Union of India and Others, W.P. (C) No. 694/2026)

9.The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has held that a female Senior Resident/Tutor is entitled to full pay and allowances during maternity leave. The entitlement also extends to the corresponding extension of the residency period necessitated by the maternity leave. (Dr. Surbhi Sharma v. UT of J&K & Ors.)

10.The Allahabad High Court has held that, in a departmental enquiry, the initial burden lies on the management to establish the charges and the foundational facts supporting them. A delinquent employee cannot be called upon to disprove allegations that have not first been established by the management.

**(Mangnoo Jha v. Punjab National Bank through Chairmanum-Managing Director)**

11.The Bombay High Court granted bail to a senior citizen conducting private tuition classes who had been booked under Sections 4, 8, 10 and 18 of the POCSO Act. The Court observed that an Instagram chat relied upon by the prosecution could not, by itself, constitute sufficient material to deny bail, particularly as the chat did not expressly disclose the alleged offence or specify its time, place, or nature. (Sunil Sundar Gandhi v. State of Maharashtra, Bail Application No. 3066 of 2026)

12.The Delhi High Court has held that an offence under the POCSO Act cannot be brought to an end through a compromise between the accused and the child victim or her family. (Anand Singh Rawat v. The State and Another & Anr.)

13.The Kerala High Court quashed criminal proceedings against a male teacher who had been accused of outraging the modesty of a female student by allegedly beating her palm in the classroom. The Court held that the teacher lacked the requisite intention to outrage the student's modesty, observing that the act was intended merely to wake her in a classroom where other students were present. (Raja Varier v. State of Kerala and Anr.)

14.The Andhra Pradesh High Court quashed the rejection of approval for the appointment of an Attender in a Christian minority school. The Court held that the reservation roster did not apply to the appointment because the appointee belonged to the same minority-community as the institution. (M. Rajasekhar v. State of Andhra Pradesh & Others)

## **Government Circulars**

### **Higher & Secondary Education**

**21.09.2026 : First and Renewal Recognition of Private Aided and Unaided Schools under the Karnataka Education Act & RTE Rules, 2012**

### **Higher Education Circulars**

**11.09.2026 : Granting of Various Academic Levels to Assistant/Associate Professors, Librarians and Physical Education Directors of Private Aided Degree Colleges and Government First Grade Colleges under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) Rules**



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