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## Editorial



The New Year 2017 brought new hopes. All of us welcomed it joyfully making fresh resolutions and well-founded goals. There was onward, upward and forward look in everything that we envisaged. There was optimism in our perceptions and renewed vigour in our footsteps. Confidence marked our undertakings. For all this, we gazed above and sought the blessings of God Almighty. The blessings came in torrents without fail.

The first three months are gone by and have become yesterdays. These months have never been the same. It has been a journey mixed with joys and sorrows, delights and torments, excitements and bewilderments; all the same, we never stopped walking. Dear teachers and students you have made beautiful things happen in the Bethany Educational Society. You have gone where we dared not go and done what seemed impossible. Dear teachers, you have built living monuments in classrooms and made shine many stars. You have laboured tirelessly to prepare your wards to face exams and have raised your heads high when it was dark and dull. Yes, to begin something is rather easy; to keep it going is tough and make it going higher is tougher still. You have kept the flame burning. I thank you for your commitment to the mission in hand and loyalty shown to BES family.

In our world of today, which seems to be breathing out more and more, hate, divisiveness, exclusiveness, racism, prejudice, and every form of intolerance, we desperately need teachers who perceive education beyond what eye can see and mind can grasp. We need students who can cross the narrow domestic walls and build bridges that last. We need parents who can transcend their selfish ambitions and teach their children the art of living nobly on this planet. We need educationists who can frame the curriculum of education as per the signs of the times, education that brings light to overcome darkness, hope to overcome despair, love to overcome hatred, life to erase the shadow of death and peace to overcome division. We need a society that can envisage education as forming of head, heart and hands, shaping of lives through values and virtues, moulding of characters through role models and non-violent communication and a fashioning of vision through far-sighted alertness.

In this pursuit, new way of thinking and new mode of doing is inevitable. What I say perfectly blends with what our former President Prof Abdul Kalam said, "My message especially to young people, is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent, to travel the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed. These are great qualities towards which they must work at." Going the same way Jean Piaget says, "The principle goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive and discoverers, who can be critical and verify, and not accept, everything they are offered."

If education is understood this way, then we need to redefine it for our context. Shall we envision education as invisible grace motivating students to move from earthly to heavenly, mortality to immortality and temporal to eternal? A paradigm shift is needed then to realize the purpose of education – life in fullness! Let's begin today...

**Sr Mariette BS**  
Secretary, BES Mangalore

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## Founder arrives on Annual Day



On 20 January 2017, Bethany Hr Pry School, Panglai, Puttur celebrated its 12th Annual Day. On that special day the Bust of the Servant of God, R F C Mascarenhas was installed in the school premises. Rev Sr Mariette BS, Secretary,

Bethany Educational Society ® Mangalore inaugurated and Rev. Fr Joseph Martis, Rector of St Joseph's Inter diocesan Seminary Jeppu, Mangalore blessed it and invoked God's blessings on the Congregation, Bethany institutions, parents, staff and students. It was followed by a colourful and delightful programme by the students. Sr Marie Lyta the Correspondent, Sr Loyoline the Superior, Sr Lavita the Headmistress and Mr Arun Kumar Rai the PTA Vice President were on the dais.

The Bust of our Founder has become a special attraction to students. His smiling face and benign presence is a blessing to the tiny tots in the campus!

**Sr Lavita BS, Headmistress**  
**Bethany Hr Pry School, Panglai, Puttur**

## Sports Stars on the National and International Map

2016-17 was a successful year for Bethany Convent School, Kolkhe Panvel. The school opened the academic year with good news of 100% results in the SSC Board Exams for the year 2015-16. One good news followed the other. Six students – Vinit Gharat, Umesh Waghmare, Vishal Naik, Mayur Katkari, Pranav and Ajay from class VI and VIII participated in the International open langadi tournament on 21 and 22 January 2017 in Nepal as part of the Indian team. They emerged as Champions defeating teams from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Korea, Bangladesh and even the home team, Nepal. Vinit Gharat, received a trophy as the best player.

Harshad Patil as captain of the Indian langadi team in the year 2016 brought individual trophy to the school and this year, serving as the coach to the students, he brought home victorious students. A grand welcome was arranged with



lezim (a traditional Maharashtrian culture) to the shining stars. Bethany Convent School is proud of them and their unparalleled achievements.

**Sr Judith, Headmistress**  
**Bethany Convent School, Kolkhe, Panvel**

## Free Bicycle Distribution



On 17 January 2017 free bicycles were distributed to 53 students of VIII Std at Madeleine HS, Mulki by MLA, Mr Abhaya Chandra Jain. Speaking on this occasion he said, "Success is possible only through education. Poverty should not be an obstacle for Education. The students should make use of Government facilities to excel in the education." Sr Vidya, the Headmistress, welcomed the gathering, Mr Madhukar Nayak proposed vote of thanks. Mr Puttubava, the member of Nagar Panchayath was also present on the occasion.

**Sr Vidya BS, Headmistress**  
**Madeleine High School, Mulki**



## Voters Day Celebration



The Election Commission of India (ECI) celebrated the 7th National Voters' Day (NVD) on 25 January, 2017 across the country on the theme - Empowering young and future events to enhance participation of citizens in the electoral process.

The said event was celebrated on the same day at Presentation Girls' High School, Dharwad with the objective of preparing young girls towards electoral participation. Shri R.V. Katti, Tahsildar of Dharwad organized the entire programme in the school campus. Shri Mahesh Kajargi, Assistant Commissioner of Dharwad was the Chief Guest. It was inaugurated by Shri. Ibrahim Maigor In-Charge District Commissioner of Dharwad and graced by Shri S. M. Hudedmani the BEO of Dharwad city.

The students spoke on the occasion and expressed their joy of becoming part of electoral process. They took oath to participate in the voting process and cast their valuable votes when time comes. The programme was presided over by Sr Sally BS, the Headmistress of Presentation Girls' High School, Dharwad.

**Sr Sally BS, Headmistress  
Presentation Girls High School, Dharwad**

## Skater takes the Lead

Tehdil Pannu, student of class X made the school proud by winning 3 Gold Medals in National School Games. Her invincible victory was also proved by her winning 1 silver and 1 bronze in the 54th roller skating championship organised by the Roller Skating Federation of India. It was held in Bangalore from 18 to 24 January 2017. She is qualified now for the Indian Team Trails. The credit goes to her supportive family, Mr Harshveer Sekhon under whom she is practicing now and to her efficient coaches, Mr Dhaliwal, Mr Bhag Singh and Mr Nagi.



## Proud Chess Winner



Mumukshu Mittal of VIII-C did the school proud by winning first prize under 19 Chess Competition at the National Level. He also won second prize in the Ludhiana District Open Chess Championship held in Ludhiana and fourth prize in the open category held at Jalandhar from 26 to 29 January, 2017. Kudos to our rising star!

**Sr Reshmi BS, Principal  
Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana**

## Well Done Sir!

Mr Lancy Sequiera PE Teacher of Rosa Mystica High School, Kinnikambla was awarded as the 'Best Konkani Teacher' by Maand Sobhan (Karnataka Sahithya Academy) in memory of Late Jessy Castelino at a Konkani Training Programme held at Bishop's House, Mangalore on 24 February 2017. He was honoured by Most. Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza the Bishop of Mangalore along with Rev. Mgr Denis Moras the Vicar General of the Diocese, Fr William Menezes the PRO, Mr Roy Castelino, the President of Konkani Sahithya Academy, Mr Eric Ozario and Mr Louis Pinto of Maand Sobhan and Mr Devadas Pai, the Registrar of Konkani Academy.



Mr Lancy Sequiera taught Konkani as the third language in the High School for the past 7 years and has prepared 57 students so far for SSLC Examination. Congratulations!

**Sr Lisa BS, Headmistress  
Rosa Mystica High School, Kinnikambla**





A colourful rainbow was formed in the campus of St Mary's Kutta on 20 December 2016 as they celebrated their annual day. The colourful celebration began with prayer dance. Mrs Leelavathi V.P the President of Kutta Grama Panchayat, Mr Palvin Poonacha, Taluk Panchayath member, Rev. Dr Fr Lourd Prasad the Parish Priest of Nirmala Mathe Church, Kutta, Mr H.K. Pandu the Block Educational Officer, Mr C.N Diwakar, the Circle Inspector of

Kutta were the chief guests. Mrs Leelavathi in her presidential address appreciated the school and its impact on the society and called on the parents to guide their children rightly. The chief guests appreciated the contribution of Bethany Sisters in helping the students to achieve their goals. Sr Margaret, the Headmistress presented the annual report of the school listing the achievements and awards won by the students.

Awesome performance by the students of each class highlighting the theme was a feast to the eyes of the audience who responded with a thunderous applause. Dance with wonderful formation depicting the culture of different States, Mime and Swatch Bharath show won appreciative smiles from the audience. Indeed an opportunity for our students to bloom forth in fullness.

**Sr Margaret Pannakar, Headmistress  
St Mary's School, Kutta**

### ಕುಮಾರಿ ಚಂದನಾ ಆರ್. ಇವರ ಬಂಗಾರದ ಪದಕದ ಸಾಧನೆ

ದಿನಾಂಕ 3-01-2017 ರಿಂದ 06-01-2017 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ಕೂಲ್ ಗೇಮ್ಸ್ ಫೆಡರೇಷನ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ (S.G.F.I) ವತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಮಟ್ಟದ 17 ವರ್ಷ ವಯೋಮಿತಿಯ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಬಾಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಡ್ಮಿಂಟನ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯು ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ ತಿರುಚನಾಪಲ್ಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಪಂದ್ಯಾವಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವೆ ಮರಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿ ಕುಮಾರಿ ಚಂದನಾ ಆರ್. ಇವರು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಗಳಿಸುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಂಗಾರದ ಪದಕಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕೇರಳದ ಇರಾಕುಲಂನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದ ಸಬ್ ಜೂನಿಯರ್ ಬಾಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಡ್ಮಿಂಟನ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೃತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ವಾಲಿಬಾಲ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಡ್ಮಿಂಟನ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿ 2014-15 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 14 ವರ್ಷ ವಯೋಮಿತಿಯ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ವಾಲಿಬಾಲ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಗಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಇವರ ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ತಾಲೂಕು ಗಣರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ ಸನ್ಮಾನ



ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರಿಕಾಂಬಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿರಸಿ ತಾಲೂಕು ಗಣ್ಯರು ಹಾಗೂ ನಾಗರಿಕರ ಸಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಸನ್ಮಾನಿಸಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

**Sr Sujatha BS  
Ave Maria HS, Sirsi**

### Joy of Sharing



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did it to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The staff and the Guides' students of St Joseph's High School, Kankanady were excited to share their joy and love with the inmates of Mother Theresa Home, Falnir. They were overwhelmed to interact with the inmates and also to hand over the sweets and sanitary items collected in the school. A ray of joy and smile dawned on their faces as our students performed cultural programme to entertain them.

**Mrs Reena Priya Saldanha  
St Joseph's HS, Kankanady**





The Kannada Medium school started in 1988 under the leadership of Sr Sylvine the then Superior General needed a new look. Recognizing the need of a separate building, Sr Trina the Superior of St Joseph's Convent and Sr Lydia the Headmistress Kannada Medium School, under the guidance of Sr Wilberta the then Superior General and Sr Lilitta the Provincial Superior laid the foundation stone.

Amidst many hurdles, Sr Flossy the Superior under the direction of Sr Rose Celine, the present Superior General and Sr Bonita, the Provincial Superior succeeded in constructing a beautiful temple for learning. Thus the dream for a new building came true on 26 January 2017.

The day was colourful and filled with joy with the arrival of the sisters from St Joseph's Convent and Dornahalli Convents. The teachers of three institutions along with students and guests made it all the more colourful. Sr Bonita the President of the programme inaugurated the new building. Sr Susan the Assistant Provincial

Superior unveiled the plaque. Thereafter Fr Antony Swamy the parish priest of the Divine Mercy Church K.R. Nagar blessed it.

The cultural programme came to a close with the hymn to St Joseph, the patron saint of the school. Mr Adithya the Architect and Mr Romeo the Contractor were honoured by the President. Sr Mary Divya the Headmistress gratefully thanked all those involved in the construction of the building and others who helped in one way or other. It was followed by a short programme by the Kannada medium students to mark the day.



We owe our gratitude to our beloved Founder through whose intercession the works of the new building came to a successful end.

**Sr Lydia BS, Headmistress  
St Joseph's Kan. School, K. R. Nagar**

### Onward March to Serve



It was a solemn occasion as the day began with the investiture ceremony of the newly appointed House Council Members for the session 2017-18. It was a spectacular show as the students marched smartly and took the oath in the presence of the Principal, Sr Reshmi and the entire school.

The students of class VIII put up a lively show to mark the occasion of 26 January in the morning hours. This was followed by the farewell function for the students of XII. It was an occasion of mixed feelings as the Principal Sr Reshmi addressed the outgoing batch.

**Sr Reshmi BS, Principal  
Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana**





Students of today are the visionaries and torch bearers of tomorrow. The new Cabinet at St Theresa's School, Bendur, Mangaluru firmly believes that every duty is holy and devotion to duty is the highest form of worship to God. With this attitude the new leaders joyfully took over the mantle of responsibility from the old Cabinet for the year 2017-18. The presence of their parents made a better impact on the minds of the young ones who were resolute to fulfill their duties to the best of their capacity. It was also a time of appreciating and expressing gratitude for

the wonderful service rendered by the old Cabinet during the year 2016-17.

Investiture ceremony was followed by farewell to the class X students. Students performed colourful dances and skits to convey message to



the outgoing students. The students of class IX conducted various games and added colour to the day's event.

**Sr Premitha BS, Principal  
St Theresa's School, Bendur, Mangalore**

### Value Integration Day



After a meticulous planning, Sr Celine the Correspondent, Sr Kavitha, the Headmistress of the Bethany Convent HS and Sr Lucy Clare the Headmistress of the Shishu Vihar Hr Pry School organized Value Integration Day on 14 and 15 March 2017. Rev. Fr Cyril Lobo from Bidar and Rev. Fr Vincent from Kalaburgi, Secretary of the Education Board, Diocese of Gulberga were the resource persons.

On 14th Rev. Fr Cyril took an open session to the students of Primary and High School based on 'Need for Values in life'. He was almost dancing, singing and speaking with rhythm. The students were attuned to his words, to his spirit combined

with authentic God experience. He took session for VII std students motivating them to face life courageously. The afternoon session was for all teachers on "Life is worth living".

On 15th Fr Vincent spoke on the renewal of a society based on values. The students responded well. Fr George Lobo took up session for X std students on career guidance and tips for a happy living. In the afternoon the session was to the staff on the theme, "Experience the spirit filled



life and live your life in fullness. Share life and celebrate life."

The teachers and students expressed their gratitude to the heads of the institutions for organizing a soul lifting programme.

**Sr Kavitha BS, Headmistress  
Bethany High School, Chittapur**





Oneness amongst men, the advancement of unity in diversity - this has been the core religion of India - Rabindranath Tagore

School – which is a building block of society makes efforts to spread feelings of goodwill, acceptance, oneness and love among the people of various communities. Celebration of Sadbhawna day on 5 November 2016 was one such step taken by Stella Maris Convent Sen. Sec. School to harmoniously bring together four religions on one platform. On that day the atmosphere in the school premises was charged with the feeling of solidarity, peace and love for the nation.

The main attraction of the grand event was the tableau based on the journey of Mother Teresa right from childhood to the canonization by Pope Francis in Vatican. The tableau exhibited outstanding talents of the Stellites when they portrayed on every step of the ladder her virtuous life which led to her Sainthood. The audience was entranced by the scenes put up by the students.

It was a remarkable profusion of religions when the eminent personalities of four religions were invited on the dais to share their views on secularism and goodwill. The speakers were well known from Sultanpur District - Fr John Lobo, Parish priest of Sultanpur, a doctor, a lawyer, and a professor. They all emphasized on national integration and called on the students to adopt homogenous human outlook towards different castes, races and religions and to work towards national integrity. Sr Irene the Principal expressed her gratitude to these personalities by honouring them with mementos.



Two group songs based on unity, peace and harmony filled the atmosphere with the melodious voices of the singers. The colourful dresses and wonderful orchestra played by the students made everyone feel proud. The programme got concluded with the presentation of dance by a large number of students. It was a symbol of national integrity which showcased beautiful blend of different dance forms of many States. Those who witnessed the programme were fascinated by the exuberant display of synchronization, rhythm and expression on the stage. Sadbhawna not only imparted a strong message to the society at large, but also spoke volumes of the goodwill generated among the whole team which worked under the able guidance of our Principal Sr. Irene. It proved the saying, "Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision".

**Mrs Preeti Srivastava**  
**Stella Maris Convent Sr Sec School, Sultanpur**

### Enhancing Scientific Temper



With an endeavour to promote scientific temper among budding young students, St Theresa's School, Bendur organized a Science Exhibition in

the School Campus on 7th January 2017.

The students of Class VIII displayed their various working models. The exhibits by different groups on various topics were related to Green Energy, Innovation in Transport, Communication, Agriculture, Technology, Bio- Diversity, Community Health, Environment etc.

Parents and students who witnessed the exhibits appreciated the hard work of the students. The teachers Mrs Sangeetha, Sr Sunitha and Mr Pramod offered timely guidance to the students in their pursuit.

**Sr Premitha BS, Principal**  
**St Theresa's School, Bendur, Mangaluru**





## Founder fondly Remembered



56<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of the Servant of God RFC Mascarenhas was celebrated at Our Lady of Miracles School, Annai Nagar on 23 December 2016 with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration officiated by Rev. Fr Aloysius, the Rector of Minor Seminary of Jamshedpur diocese. He, in his homily appreciated the presence of Bethany Sisters in the parish through whose services the coastal children get the benefit. He lauded the sisters for walking on the footsteps of their Founder in loving the poor and the marginalized. Through Power Point presentation, the growth and development of Bethany was highlighted.

## Dengue Awareness Rally

On 6 January 2017 Our Lady of Miracles School, Annai Nagar conducted Dengue Awareness Rally in and around the town, repeating the slogans - "Stop Dengue" "Good Bye Dengue" "Bye Malaria" "Keep your surroundings clean and dry" etc. Rally was inaugurated by Mr Jayakumar the Health Officer of Nagercoil. He in his inaugural address spoke on the importance of keeping ones surrounding clean and leading disciplinary life. "If we are not living a disciplined life and follow the nature's rule, we can never be healthy in life" he said.



## Pongal Celebration



Our Lady of Miracles School, Annai Nagar celebrated Pongal, the State festival of Tamil Nadu in the school on 13 January 2017. This celebration marked a day of thanksgiving for the year's harvest. Rev Fr Babu the Parish Priest was the chief guest of the day. Children presented special dances like Kummiattam and Karakattam, and shared their views on Pongal. They prepared special food in the school to mark the occasion. It was indeed a day of fellowship.

**Sr Alphonsa BS, Headmistress**  
**Our Lady of Miracles, Annai Nagar**

## Compassion in Action

Teachers can light up many lamps with their compassionate heart - with this inspiration the teaching and non-teaching staff planned for a day of compassion in action at 'Mercy Home' for women and Sneha Jyothi for men at Heggala in a remote village in Virajpet, Kodagu District situated 34 Kilometres away from St Antony's school, Ponnampet, South Coorg. The students of the school also participated in this campaign and volunteered to contribute rice, soap, towels, eggs, meat etc. to be shared with the inmates.

The teachers had an opportunity to interact with the inmates and to listen to their heart-breaking stories, pains, lonely moments, sorrows and grievances. Truly they established a bond with



them springing from a sense of solidarity. The encounter got ended with a prayer of blessing on all inmates. The staff was happy for such an opportunity in their life.

**Sr Tina BS, Headmistress**  
**St Antony's School, Ponnampet**





Most Rev Mathias Fernandes, Bishop of Mysuru invited the Bethany Sisters to Ponnampet to engage in the ministry of education to the children of the locality. Mother Gemma, the then Superior General, Mother Macrina, her predecessor and Sr Verena, the Procurator General accompanied the pioneers, Sr Eliza, Sr Clita, Sr Prabha, Sr Elize D 'Souza and Sr Jessy Leena to Ponnampet on 21 May 1979.



The school started functioning from 22 May 1979 onwards in the Church building until the new building was ready. The Bishop blessed and laid the foundation stone for the convent building on 30 August 1979. Mr C. P. Kushalappa, owner of Rice Mill Ponnampet laid the foundation stone for the construction of the school building on 13 June 1980, the feast of St Antony the patron saint of the institutions in the campus.

The convent building was blessed on 28 January 1981 by Most Rev Mathias Fernandes, The then Bishop of and was inaugurated by Mother Sylvine, the then Superior General. Sr Ann Teresa and Sr Noreen, the General Councillors also graced the occasion.

St Antony's school is a blessing to the people of Kodagu. In the initial years, it attracted many children as it was known for discipline, values and special attention to slow learners. Over the years, this school has scaled heights under the leadership of Srs Prabha, Gloria, Prudentia,



Juliana Lucy, Archana, Susan, Evlin, Renita, Smitha, and Sr Canute. The school established itself to be the best school in South Kodagu as the years rolled by.

A new school building was raised to accommodate the increasing strength. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Jayaraj, the parish priest of St Antony's church. The school office and veranda were well furnished. Interlock was laid in front of the school building to facilitate the students for the assembly even during rainy season. A well-equipped laboratory, library, sports room, computer lab, staff room and a spacious playground are availed to students by the dynamic headmistress Sr Tina.



The children of the school are smart and intelligent. Their participation in co-curricular activities and sports continues till date. Hockey the national game is a proud game of Kodagu. The students of St Antony's school have reached the national level in hockey match several times. Umpteen times the school has won at Taluk, District and State Level in Table Tennis, Kho-Kho, Volley-Ball, Basket Ball, Athletics, Throw-Ball and Badminton. A well facilitated basketball court has helped the players to participate at the National level.



In addition, the school has excelled in quiz competition, Prathiba Karanji and has come up to District level. Activities such as clay modelling, flower arrangement, flower decoration, mono-act, pick and speak and elocution competition





are conducted in the school. Interesting days like the youth day, women's day, vanamahostava, Science day are celebrated. Festivals are also celebrated to bring out cultural awareness and 'we feeling' among the students. Karate and Dance classes are started on request of parents. Catechism and Moral science is taught in the school. A special 'Eden Garden' is availed for Kinder Garten children consisting of shady trees, colourful flower plants and toys. It helps the children to grow physically and intellectually. Vast play ground with big school building on the main road side is really an attraction to the onlookers. School cabinet takes active part in maintaining school discipline and planning programmes.



Orientation programmes for teachers at the start of every academic year is a regular feature. Retreats motivate the teachers to live BES core-values in their day-to-day life. Seminars for parents, students and teachers remind them of their duties and responsibilities towards each other.

"I am secure to send my child to St Antony's school" says one of the parents. This opinion proves that St Antony's school provides security to all inmates. Punctuality, discipline, truthfulness and commitment by the staff are acclaimed by the people of the town. Many blooming buds who have entered the portals of St

Antony's have blossomed into beautiful flowers.



Sr Tina, the Superior and Headmistress and the staff of the school join hands to brave the challenges under the guidance of Bethany Management. During her tenure, the school has seen a spacious auditorium with well-equipped green room and a new convent building. The strength in the school has increased from 500 to 700 within two years.

In the year 2017 (August) a new convent building was blessed by Rt Rev Thomas Vazapilly the Bishop of Mysuru and was inaugurated by Sr Lilitta, Provincial Superior. In this convent there are six members. Sr Tina is the Superior and Sr Melvina, Sr Gratina, Sr Amy, Sr Arogya and Sr Bhakthi



Prabhaare are the members who actively involve themselves in pastoral and educational apostolate and spread God's love everywhere.

**Sr Tina BS, Headmistress**  
**St Antony's Convent School, Ponnampet**





Fr Founder R.F.C Mascarenhas, a man of vision and farsightedness, started St Margaret Mary School in Bendur in the year 1921, in the very same place where St Theresa's School stands today. About two decades ago when excellence began to be the hallmark of education in Mangalore, the growing populous especially the Christian community, dreamed of more facilities for Christian education. Besides, Mangalore was marching to be a hub of education and had to accommodate the exodus on account of Gulf War.



'St Theresa's School' started in the year 1996 in answer to the need of the people looking for opportunities for education to their children, in a school affiliated to the Central Board, falls under the category envisaged by our Founder. Catering to the requirements of the displaced students and others was a felt need of the time. Fr J. P. Tauro, the then Parish Priest of St. Sebastian Church, Bendur who perceived this need, suggested to Sr Agnella, the then Superior General of the Congregation to open an English Medium School to meet the pressing demands of the people. The Platinum Jubilee celebration of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany marked the evolutionary process of the birth of St Theresa's ICSE School in 1996. Sr Agnella BS the then Superior General as well as the President of Bethany Educational Society, with the able assistance of Sr Ann Teresa, the then Secretary of the Society and the Council of Management, planted St Theresa's School in the place hallowed by the sacred memories of St Margaret Mary's School, Bendur, Mangalore. The Bethany Educational Society which is always a step ahead of time decided to take up this project in its own birth place, Bendur. Thus St Theresa's ICSE School saw the light of the day, on 17 June 1996. The school was

then officially affiliated to ICSE Board on 7 April 2002. With much difficulty the institution got the affiliation and the Bethany Sisters worked for it restlessly. It is now a full fledged school recognized by the ICSE Board.



We gratefully recall the dynamic leadership of Sr Jyoti, Sr Wilberta, Sr Joy, Sr Rose Celine and Sr Mariette, the past and present Secretaries of BES, Sr Theresine, Sr Lillis, Sr Juliana Monis, Sr Rose Celine and Sr Mariette, the Correspondents, and Sr Shilpa, Sr Joylet, Sr Alvina, Sr Rose Margaret and Sr Mable as Principals. At present Sr Premitha, the Principal and the Parent-Teachers' Association are playing a vital role in supporting the Management in the all round development of the students.

What began as a 'little acorn' 21 years ago, with the handful of toddlers, and hardly a premise to call 'A School', is today a 'Mighty Oak' sending out through its portal young boys and girls



blooming and spreading their fragrance, excelling in every field they venture into. The school has 52 well qualified experienced and erudite teachers, 20 efficient non teaching members and 1573 students on roll. Among the Bethany Sisters Sr Premitha, Sr Shanthi, Sr Manisha and Sr Sunitha are serving in the





teaching faculty and Sr Joseph Mary as supervisor in the clerical office. The Staff with their deep commitment for the welfare of the students have contributed their very best in the fulfillment of the vision, goal and core values of Bethany Educational Society.

The school that started in the year 1996 in right earnest has sent 12 batches of students for ICSE exams from March 2005 to 2016 obtaining 100% results. In addition, the school provides God experience to students through prayer services, ret



reat, religious celebration, yoga, meditation, service to the poor and inter religious prayer. It conducts personality development programmes to augment character development based on Bethany Core Values. Observation of national festivals, cultural feasts, various orientation programmes, inter school competitions and inter-house activities in view of developing communion and team spirit are same of the major attractions of this institution.

St Theresa opens up creative options and alternatives. It recognizes the unlimited possibilities for positive interaction, growth and development through hobby classes that involve



students in Western and Eastern Dance, art, music, karate, sports, games etc. From the very inception, Theresians have formed Alumni Association which has continued to remain bonded with their Alma Mater to seek ways and means to support her educational endeavours.

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Theresa's School has prestigiously flourished and grown sheltering, nesting and nurturing numerous students from different corners of Mangalore and elsewhere and has attained an impressive growth in all aspects of education, be it in academic excellence or in winning laurels in sports or in co-curricular activities. Theresians



have become enlightened citizens of our society, grown in scientific temper and are contributing to peace and harmony of our society. In the process of growth, St Theresa's had challenges as well as glorious moments. While thanking God for all momentous experiences of bygone years, Theresians are called upon to forge ahead with zest to 'bloom forth in love for love'.

**Sr Premitha, Principal  
St Theresa's School, Bendur**





### ***Congratulations to Badminton Champion!***

Lakshay Sharma of VI-C was awarded the Winner's Trophy in the boys' doubles event (u-13) in the sub junior national ranking Badminton Championship conducted by Tamil Nadu Badminton Association and Coimbatore Badminton Association from 24 to 29 January 2017. All the best to rise higher!

### ***Well Done Shining Stars!***

Ashanya (IX-A) and Angad Manroy (IX-E) were selected for the Republic Day Camp 2017 held in D.G. NCC Camp, New Delhi. They were among 113 cadets selected out of 2000 to represent Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh Directorate. Ashanya was declared as the best cadet (junior division) at the national Level and was awarded by the Prime Minister's Batons with a cash prize of ₹10,000/-



### ***Feather on the Cap of Sacred Hearts***



Ms Jaspreet Ahluwalia who had gone to Mumbai for the National Level competition for the use of Smart Boards won fourth position, a trophy and a cash prize of ₹15000/-. She also received a special appreciation mention for the way she presented the matter. Hats off to the teacher!

**Sr Reshmi BS, Principal  
Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana**

### ***Arise and Shine forth - Bethany Champions***

A day's programme was organized at Bethany Convent, Bambolim, Goa for the Bethany Champions of three schools - St Sebastian's High School Loliem, Bethany Convent High School, Sao Jose de Areal, Salcette and Bethany Convent School, Panvel. It was a beautiful occasion for 62 Bethany Champions to exchange views and broaden their perspectives.

The programme began with prayer. The lit candles symbolized bringing light into their lives and in the lives of others in the years to come. Fr Kenneth Teles, Director of Goa Diocesan Family Service Centre focused on problems that youth face especially of getting hooked by the mass media. Fr Peter Fernandes enlightened their minds for 'ACTS' i.e. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Sr Tressilla BS called on them to assume leadership whenever opportunities crop up. Fr Clifford Cardoza, the assistant Parish Priest of Santa Cruz Parish



celebrated the Eucharist. He encouraged the youngsters to shine forth like stars in the night.

Mime, actions songs, and cultural activities kept the students active and lively. Synthesis was presented based on the sessions. The students expressed their gratitude to Sr Assumpta BS the Provincial Superior for organizing this event.

**Sr Jennifer  
Coordinator of Bethany Champions, Goa**



### ***Social Service Week***

Social Service Week was observed in the school from 9th to 14th January. The students pooled together their pocket money and also contributed toiletries. It was distributed to the inmates of Ashram at Alfred Old Age Home, Ikkeri, Sagar.

**Sr Priyalatha BS, Headmistress, St Joseph's HS, Mankale, Sagar**



## A Day with God and Self



On 22 February 2017 the students of X Std of St Martha's High School Mudigere had a day with God in prayer. At the threshold of annual exams, this kind of a day was most welcoming. It was a day of relaxation, a day of interiorisation and a day of knowing God, self and others.

Rev. Frs Sunil, Anil and John Bosco were the Mentors. At first Fr Sunil spoke on the Seven Wonders of the World through video clippings and enumerated the capacity to see, hear, touch, taste, feel, laugh and love.

On 2 March 2017 the students of class VIII and IX had their turn. The day was guided by Rev Fr William Pereira and Br Melwin Kiran. Through video clippings, songs and games, the day was beautiful, educative and informative.

The heart touching video was of "Drama Juniors." It brought home to us of the love of our parents and our responsibility towards them in their illness and old age.

Thanks to our Headmistress for organizing this programme.

**The Students  
St Martha's HS, Mudigere**

## Inauguration of Solar Power Plant Project

The Solar Power Plant Project was inaugurated at St Joseph's Hr Pry School, Kankanady on 18 February by Mr Oscar Fernandes - Member of Indian National Congress, Mr Ivan D'Souza - Chief Whip Government of Karnataka and Sr Lillis BS the Vice President of Bethany Educational Society, Mangalore. St Joseph Hr Pry School, Kankanady was one among the 50 schools to receive the Solar Power unit.

Mr Ivan D'Souza in his speech said that Mangalore City is tentatively selected as one of the 100 smart cities proposed by the Government of India. He added that the Ministry of Natural and Renewable Energy (MNRE) provides full support and co-operation. The Government of India and Karnataka encourage the installation of a solar unit and avails 15% subsidy on the total investment.



Mr Oscar Fernandes handed over the agreement to Sr Lillis and assured full support and co-operation in implementing this project successfully.

Sr Lillis, expressed her appreciation to Mr Ivan. Acknowledging his contribution, she said that he is a beacon light to the poor in the society. She also thanked Mr Oscar for his gracious presence and blessings.

Students performed welcome dance and a skit on Solar Energy. Mr Harinath the Mayor, Mr Naveen D' Souza the Corporator, Sr Veena Aranha, the Pry School Headmistress, Sr Roshni Monteiro, the High School Headmistress, Sr Leena Pereira, the Correspondent, and other dignitaries were present on the dais.

**Sr Roshni Monteiro BS, Headmistress  
St Joseph's HS, Kankanady, Mangalore**







## God Experience Day



In the spiritual journey of our students, the first core value is God Experience. To make it available to our students Sr Jeevan arranged a day's Retreat to all the students of Jyothi English Medium High School from VI to IX Std and the Catholic students of Kannada Medium High School. Rev. Fr Ronald Pais SJ and Brother Pradeep SJ joined hands to give this unique God experience. They guided, interacted and elicited good response from the students.

The retreat full of personal experiences, examples, stories, songs, Power Point and a dynamic work-shop focussed on the values of life, methods to cope with exam fear, putting on positive attitude towards oneself and others. It was experiential, innovative and enriching too. The Catholic students were given an opportunity to have spiritual healing through Confession. The students participated in the Eucharistic celebration with due preparation, praying for various intentions. It was indeed a spiritual day with blessings.

On 11 February 2017 Rev Fr Eugene Lobo, the Secretary of KRCE guided the retreat of the staff for a day. He led the group into the presence of God. He emphasized on the importance of God in one's life, sense of gratitude to God, cosmos and neighbour through Power Point presentation. Sri Kulandairaj expressed words of thanks to Rev Fr Eugene and to Sr Jeevan for organizing this spiritual feast.

**Sr Jeevan BS, Headmistress  
Jyothi Eng Med HS, Bangalore**

## Scholarship Beneficiaries' Day

Scholarship Beneficiaries' Day was organized on 30 January 2017 pm at Bethany Provincialate, Vamanjoor under the leadership of Sr Cecilia Mendonca BS the Provincial Superior and Corporate Manager of Mangalore Province. 62 beneficiaries attended the same.

At the outset, the Provincial Superior said that each person is unique. She exhorted the students to cultivate values in life, show respect to parents, teachers etc. She further said that they have an obligation to study hard and scale high in life. She also reminded them of their responsibility to educate poor students in the future when they are well placed in life.

Thereafter Sr Sybil the Treasurer of BES Sub-Committee, Vamanjoor presented a few glimpses of Bethany's birth, vision, goal and core values through the Power-Point and facilitated group discussion. Two students shared their experiences and thanked the donors.

Sr Dimpna BS, a member of St Raymond's



Convent compered the programme and Ms Anitha student of Little Flower High School proposed vote of thanks for the organizers. At the end, refreshments were served for all. With grateful hearts, everyone returned home.

**Sr Sybil BS, Treasurer  
Province BES Sub-Committee**



## An experience of Renewal

Two days orientation programme for students, parents and staff of St Mary's Primary and High School, Kutta was arranged on 10 and 11 January 2017. Rev. Fr Pius D'Souza from Shimoga diocese was invited as the resource person.

The orientation programme for the parents was the initial session. He advised them to walk with their wards and play their role well in shaping the lives of their children.

The afternoon session was devoted to the staff. "Teaching is not a profession but a vocation" was the watch word of the day. Through various activities like leaf arrangement, putting the knot without using fingers, he brought home to the teachers the lesson of the uniqueness of their students and their colleagues. He also spoke of the qualities of an effective teacher.

On the second day the students of the school were motivated on the theme - "Education for fullness of life". The session began with the



enactment of the story of a candle by the students. Through group activities and enactment, the students were motivated to live BES core values.

**Sr Rita Zita Alva & Ms Suneha Khanam M.S**  
**St Mary's Pry and HS, Kutta**

## ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ



ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಾದ ಪೂಜ್ಯಗುರು R.F.C ಯವರ ನೆಚ್ಚಿನ ತಾಣವಾದ ರೋಸಾ ಮಿಸ್ಟಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲಾ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ ಭ. ಪ್ರಶಾಂತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿಯರ ಸಹಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಲಭಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಸಹಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೆಟ್ಟು ಪೋಷಿಸಿದ ಫಲಭರಿತ ಪಪ್ಪಾಯಿ ಗಿಡಗಳು, ಬಳ್ಳಿ ತುಂಬಿದ ತೊಂಡೆಕಾಯಿಗಳು, ಚಪ್ಪರ ಸುತ್ತಿದ ಬಸಳೆ, ಮರ ತುಂಬಾ ದೀವಿ ಹಲಸು, ಹುಳಿಯಾದರೂ ರುಚಿಯಾದ ಜುಂಬಿಲಿಕಾಯಿ, ಸ್ವಾದಿಷ್ಟವಾದ ಬಾಳೆಗೊನೆ, ಪರಿಮಳಯುಕ್ತ ಕರಿಬೇವು ಇವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹೆಚ್ಚಹಸುರಾಗಿ ಸಮೃದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ತನ್ನತ್ತ ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಮುಖ್ಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ ಭಗಿನಿ ಪ್ರಶಾಂತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ತ್ಯಾಗ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶ್ರಮದ ಫಲವೇ ಶಾಲಾ ಹಸಿರು ತೋಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವರಿಂದ ಪ್ರೇರಿತರಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದಲ್ಲ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯ ಗಿಡ ನೆಟ್ಟು ಪೋಷಿಸಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದೇ ಬೆಳೆದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನವಲ್ಲವೇ?

**Sr Prashanthi BS, Headmistress**  
**Rosa Mystica Hr Pry School, Kinnikambala**

## Hats off to our Champion

The Tribune organized a scrapbook making competition from 19 December 2016 to 4 February 2017 for students from V to X. 32 articles were given in the newspaper over this span, out of which 28 articles were to be put in a scrapbook in a creative way. The competition was among the students from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and the Tricity. Mehar K. Bhatia of class X of Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana was declared first and received LG - 32 inch LED as a prize. The prize distribution was held at Law Auditorium, Punjab University, Chandigarh. Kudos!

**Sr Reshmi BS, Principal**  
**Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana**





## Exhibition cum Annual Day Celebration of the Pearl Year



The Pearl Year Exhibition cum School Annual gathering of Bethany Convent High School Salcete, Goa and the Sao Jose de Areal School Complex was held on 22 February 2017 in the school premises.

At the outset the guests were welcomed by the school Band by performing the traditional aarthi. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr Gajanan Bhat (Director, Directorate of Education, Government of Goa) in the presence of Sr Assumpta BS, Provincial Superior and Vice President of Bethany Education Society, Goa, Mr Yeshwant Valaulikar ADEI Salcete, Sr Paula BS the Deputy Secretary, Sr Noel BS the Manager, Sr Dr Tressilla Pinto BS, the Headmistress, Mr Agnelo Fernandes, the P.T.A Vice President, Mr Carmo Rodrigues the Art teacher and other dignitaries in the school hall. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr Richard Pinheiro and Asst- Parish Priest Fr Jason Vaz were special invitees.



Exhibits in Art/Craft, Science, Mathematics, Sports, Social Science, Music, Value Education, Computers prepared by the students of Bethany schools and other five schools of the Complex were displayed.

The formal programme included Bethany Anthem, Lighting the Diya, garlanding the Bust

of Fr Founder, prayer dance, welcome dance and the welcome address by the Headmistress. The school Complex magazine was released by the Chief Guest who also gave away the Complex prizes.

During the felicitation ceremony, the school management honoured Mast. Suraj Choudhary and Ms Safira Monteiro of Std IX along with their parents for their outstanding achievement in the field of Art. Mr Carmo Rodrigues the Art teacher was felicitated with a Shawl and a Memento by the Chief Guest for his dedicated services. Master Clive Fernandes along with other S.S.C.E students of the 2015-16 batch were awarded scholarships for their excellent performance in the Board Exams held in March 2016. Mrs Elizabeth, Miss Norah Albuquerque, Mrs Esperanca Sequeira, Sr Dr Tressilla Pinto were felicitated for their unique contribution.

Mr Gajanan Bhat, the Chief Guest in his speech congratulated Mr Carmo Rodrigues, for his excellent work in the field of art and for inspiring, motivating and guiding the students to win laurels for the School at the State, National and International level. He also congratulated the school for providing a platform to enhance the



various talents of the students and the Complex Schools too. further the appreciated the students for excelling in academics and co-curricular activities. He advised the parents to encourage their children to attend school regularly and pursue higher studies with good morals. He assured that the Government would provide them with appropriate financial assistance if needed.

The programme got concluded with vote of thanks by Mrs Sandhya Dessai. A cultural programme was staged by the students. The colourful costumes added glamour and beauty to the function. The ex-students of the school expressed their sentiments of love and gratitude towards their Alma Mater.

**Sr Tressilla Pinto BS, Headmistress  
Bethany Convent HS, Salcete, Goa**





## *We Miss you – We Pray for you*



**Adiba Zubaida**

*Date of Death:* 08.01.2017  
Gulabi Girls' High School,  
Jayamahall, Bangalore  
VIII Std  
*Cause of death:* Road accident



**Mahammad Shameez**

*Date of Death:* 20.01.2017  
Bethany Pre-Pry School,  
Puttur, Karnataka  
UKG  
*Cause of death:* Ill health



**Manjula Ramakrishna**

*Date of Death:* 23.01.2017  
Shishuvihar Hr Pry School,  
Chittapur, Karnataka  
II A Std  
*Cause of death:* Ill health



**Ms Amrita Dutta**

*Date of Death:* 02.01.2017  
Mary Mount School,  
Aizawl, Mizoram  
Assistant Teacher  
*Cause of death:* Heart attack



**Mrs Elizabeth Sakri**

*Date of Death:* 28.02.2017  
Presentation Convent  
Hr Pry School, Dharwad, Karnataka  
Assistant Teacher  
*Cause of death:* Ill health



**Mrs Gladis Albuquerque**

*Date of Death:* 28.02.2017  
Bethany Eng. Med. Hr Pry School,  
Kinnikambla, Karnataka  
Peon  
*Cause of death:* Ill health



**Shri Mohan Ji**

*Date of Death:* 29.01.2017  
Stella Maris Convent School,  
Sultanpur, U.P.  
Peon  
*Cause of death:* Ill health





## ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ



ಲಿಟ್ಲೆ ಫ್ಲವರ್ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ ಇದರ 75ನೇ ವರ್ಷಾಚರಣೆ ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ 8, 9, 10 ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 2016 ರಂದು ಬಹಳ ವಿಜೃಂಭಣೆಯಿಂದ ನೆರವೇರಿತು. ದಿನಾಂಕ 08.12.2016ರ ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ ಕೊಸೆಸಾಂವ್ ಅಮ್ಮನವರ ಚರ್ಚನಲ್ಲಿ ವಂ. ಫಾ. ವಿನೆಂಟ್ ಮೊಂತೇರೋ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ನಿರ್ವಿಘ್ನತೆಗಾಗಿ ದಿವ್ಯ ಬಲಿಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ನೆರವೇರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಬಲಿ ಪೂಜೆಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಗುರುಗಳಾದ ವಂದನೀಯ ಫಾ. ವಿನೆಂಟ್ ಮೊಂತೇರೋ ತಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ “ಲಿಟ್ಲೆ ಫ್ಲವರ್ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ 75 ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಸಂದವು. ದೇವರ ಸೇವಕ ಆರ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮಸ್ಕರೇನ್ವಸರು ಅಂದು ಈ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ ಶಾಲೆ ಇದೀಗ ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಆಚರಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದೊಂದು ವಿಸ್ಮಯ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ ಈ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವು ಸಾವಿರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಯರು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಪಡೆದು ದೇಶ ವಿದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಸರಿಸಿ ಕೀರ್ತಿವಂತರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ ಎಂಬ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶವು ವಿವಿಧ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸಾಧನೆಗೈದು ಭಾರತದ ಭೂಪಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಎದ್ದು ಕಾಣುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಇಂತಹ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿ ಅಂದು ಆಗದಿರುತ್ತಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿಯ ಇಂದಿನ ಈ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ” ಎಂದು ಉದ್ಗರಿಸಿದರು.

ದಿನಾಂಕ 09-12-2016ರಂದು ಧ್ವಜಾರೋಹಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರತಿಭಾ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ ಸಮಾರಂಭವನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಯಿತು. ಲಿಟ್ಲೆ ಫ್ಲವರ್ ಶಾಲಾ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 9.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಂದನೀಯ ಭಗಿನಿ ಮಾರಿಯೋಲಾ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಇವರಿಂದ ಧ್ವಜಾರೋಹಣಗೈದ ಬಳಿಕ ಶಾಲಾ ಸಭಾ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಸೇರಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜೇತರಾದವರಿಗೆ ಬಹುಮಾನವನ್ನಿತ್ತು ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿಯ ಕೊಡುಗೈದಾನಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ದೀಪಕ್ ರೋಡ್ರಿಗಸ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಫೆಡ್ರಿಕ್ ಲೋಬೋ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖಾವತಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಆರ್. ಜಗದೀಶ ನಾವಡಾರವರು ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರೋಪ ಸಮಾರಂಭ: ದಿನಾಂಕ 10.12.2016 ಶನಿವಾರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಿರಿಪುಷ್ಪ ಸಂತ ತೆರೇಜರ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಪುಷ್ಪನಮನ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ, ವಾದ್ಯಘೋಷದೊಂದಿಗೆ 75 ಪೂರ್ಣ ಕುಂಬಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶಾಲಾ

ಮೈದಾನದವರೆಗೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ಗಣ್ಯರನ್ನು ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರೆತರಲಾಯಿತು. ‘ಹೋಲಿ ಫ್ಯಾಮಿಲಿ’ ಬಜ್ಜೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಯರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗೀತೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಬಳಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸಭಾಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯನ್ನು ಬೆಥನಿ ಮಹಾಮಾತೆ ವಂ. ಭಗಿನಿ ರೋಸ್ ಸೆಲಿನ್ ಶೋಭಿಸಿದರು. ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ ಚರ್ಚನ ಧರ್ಮಗುರುಗಳಾದ ವಂ.ಫಾ. ವಿನೆಂಟ್ ಮೊಂತೇರೊರವರು ಆಶೀರ್ವಚನವಿತ್ತರು. ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಮಹಾಮಾತೆ ವಂ.ಭ. ಲಿಲ್ಲಿಸ್, ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜರ್ ವಂ.ಭ. ಸಿಸಿಲಿಯಾ, ಬೆಥನಿ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪ್ರೊ. ಎಡ್ಮಂಡ್ ಫ್ರಾಂಕ್, ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಶಾಸಕರು, ಹಳೆವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಗಣ್ಯರು ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ ಹಳೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮೈನಾ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಐರಿನ್ ರೆಬೆಲ್ಲೊ, ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಸನಾವುಲ್ಲ ಅಸಾದಿ ಅವರು ಈ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅತ್ಯಮೂಲ್ಯ ಅನುಭವವನ್ನು ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕೊಂಡಾಡಿದರು. “ಬೆಥನಿ ಭಗಿನಿಯರೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ, ಅವರೊಂದಿಗಿನ ಒಡನಾಟ, ಜಾತಿ ಬೇದ ವಿಲ್ಲದ ಪ್ರೀತಿ, ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಬಡತನವಿದ್ದರೂ ನಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಪರಿ, ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆ ದೊರೆತ ನಾಯಕತ್ವದ ಗುಣ ಇಂದು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಉತ್ತುಂಗಕ್ಕೇರಿಸಿದೆ.” ಎಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಯನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು.



ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯೋಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯಿನಿಯರಾಗಿ ದುಡಿದ ಭಗಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಶಾಲಾ ಸಂಚಾಲಕರಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದ ಭಗಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ಸನ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ U.P.S.C ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ವಿಜೇತ ಶಾಲಾ ಹಳೆವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಮಿಶಲ್ ಕ್ಲೇನಿ ಡಿ ಕೋಸ್ತಾ ಹಾಗೂ ಉದಾರ ಹಸ್ತದ ನೆರವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ಮಹನೀಯರನ್ನು ಸನ್ಮಾನಿಸಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ‘ಕಿರಿಪುಷ್ಪ’ ಸ್ಮರಣ ಸಂಚಿಕೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ, ಶ್ರೀ ಹಿಲರಿ ಮಸ್ಕರೇನ್ವಸ್ ರಚಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಬೆಥನಿ 5 ಶಾಲೆಗಳ 250ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ನೃತ್ಯ ನಾಟಕಾಭಿನಯದ “ಅಮೃತ” ನೃತ್ಯ ನಾಟಕ ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವದ ಮೆರುಗನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿತು. ಅಪಾರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೆರೆದ ಜನಸಮೂಹ ನಿಜಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದು ವಿಸ್ಮಯವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಹೀಗೆ ಅಮೃತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಒಂದು ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಮೂಡಿಬಂದಿತು.

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