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Provincial's Message

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

(Jeremiah 29:11)

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings of love and peace from St. Xavier's Provincial House, Rajkot! As we stand at the threshold of a New Year, we pause with gratitude to look back on the journey we have travelled and with hope to look forward to the path that lies ahead. The beginning of a New Year offers us a sacred moment—a moment to thank God for His abiding presence, to entrust our unfinished stories to His mercy, and to renew our faith in His unfailing providence.

The New Year invites us to deepen our awareness of Emmanuel—God who continues to walk with us through changing times, personal struggles, pastoral challenges, and unexpected turns in our ministry. The same God who entered human history in humility remains close to us today, guiding us not through power or control, but through love, patience, and faithful accompaniment.

As religious priests, the New Year is more than a change of date; it is a call to renewal and conversion. It gently invites us to rediscover the freshness of our vocation, the simplicity of our commitment, and the joy of belonging totally to God and His people. Like Mary and Joseph, we may not always fully understand

God's plans, yet we are called to trust, to listen attentively, and to move forward in faith, confidently that His ways lead to life and fullness.

We enter this New Year carrying both hopes and concerns, strengths and limitations, joys and silent burdens. We long for peace—not only in the world around us, but also within our own hearts: peace in our relationships, ministries, emotions, ambitions, and inner struggles. Christ, the Prince of Peace, assures us that true peace is not the absence of difficulties, but the presence of God who walks with us through them.

May this New Year be a time of renewed faith, deeper fraternity, and rekindled pastoral zeal. May it strengthen our sense of communion, heal what is wounded, and inspire us to serve with greater compassion, humility, and courage. Let us step into the days ahead with trust, knowing that God goes before us, walks beside us, and remains faithful to His promise. With prayerful best wishes for a New Year filled with God's grace, hope, joy, and peace.

Yours lovingly in Christ,
Fr. Binoy Elavunkal CMI
Provincial



WELCOME TO THE FRATERNITY OF PRIESTHOOD



Congratulations

Dear Fr. Don Menachery CMI

Rev. Fr. Don Menachery CMI was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on 27th December 2025 at Sacred Heart Provincial House, Kalamassery, by Bishop Jose Chittooprambil CMI, Bishop of Rajkot. His First Holy Mass was celebrated at St. George Basilica, Angamaly, his home parish, on 28th December, 2025.



NEWS UPDATES

Silver Jubilee Celebrations & Snehamilan



St. Xavier's Province joyfully celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Jose Pattathil and the Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession of Fr. Joby Mylickal, Fr. Jojo Thalikaasthanam, Fr. Mathews Vallomkunnel, and Fr. Jose Karakunnel on 16th August, 2025. The occasion was made more meaningful with the Snehamilan, a gathering of CMI Fathers and all the sisters serving in CMI institutions.



The celebration commenced with a solemn Jubilee Mass, with Fr. Jose Pattathil as the main celebrant and the fellow jubilarians concelebrating. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a felicitation ceremony honouring the jubilarians for their twenty-five years of dedicated priestly ministry and religious life, and a fellowship meal.

The afternoon featured separate meetings for priests and sisters, interspersed with entertaining games organized by Fr. Siju Padayattil. The day's festivities concluded with tea at 4:00 PM.



CMI Year of Education



The department of Education organised a Workshop on 'Social Emotional Learning' (SEL) at Saint Paul's school, Rajkot and St. Xavier's School, Shinai for the teachers of all of our Educational Institutions. The seminar was organised in the month of September (20,21 & 28) as part of the celebration of 'The CMI Year of Education'.



The session was expertly facilitated by Ms. Elsie Thomas, a distinguished Educational Trainer from Bengaluru. 145 teachers from across the CMI schools benefitted from the sessions. Teachers gained valuable insights into fostering emotional intelligence, building supportive classroom environments, and implementing effective SEL strategies.



Through interactive activities and discussions, they explored techniques to nurture students' self-awareness, empathy, and relationship skills.

A Sacred Pause: Annual Retreat for Priests



The Department of Pastoral Ministry organized the annual retreat from October 15-21, preached by Fr. Cletus John SDB, a Salesian priest from Mumbai.



The week-long retreat provided a valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection. Thirty-five members of the province actively participated in this enriching experience, engaging in prayer, reflection, and community sharing.

Educator's Meet at Prior General House

In connection with the Year of Education, Fr. Prior General convened a significant meeting of priests engaged in educational ministry from October 26-28. Eighteen members from St. Xavier's Province, Rajkot attended this important gathering. Participants engaged in vibrant discussions with Fr. Prior General and his team, examining the past achievements, current challenges, and future vision for each educational institution within the province.



The meeting fostered meaningful dialogue and strategic planning for educational apostolate.

Fr. Provincial's Visit to the Brazil Mission



Fr. Provincial made his canonical visit to the fathers serving in the Brazil Mission. En route to Brazil, he met Fr. George Muttathottil and His Eminence Cardinal Antoine Kambanda, Archbishop of Kigali, Rwanda.



Fr. Jose Pattathil is serving as Assistant Parish Priest in the Diocese of Teixeira de Freitas, along with a CMI priest from Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha, ministering in the main parish and nine substations. Fr. Provincial visited the parishes where Fr. Jose serves and also joined his jubilee celebration. The people deeply appreciate their pastoral service, and Fr. Jose is steadily gaining proficiency in Portuguese.

Fr. Joby Virippamattathil and Fr. Tomy Pothanapara serve in the Diocese of Santarém (Amazon), ministering in two parishes. Fr. Joby is the Superior of the CMI Mission in Brazil. Both Fathers are acquiring good command of Portuguese, enabling effective pastoral ministry.



The faithful and the Bishop express their gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated service of CMI Fathers.

Visit to Darsana Philosophate, Wardha



Fr. Provincial visited Darsana Philosophate in Wardha on February 5-6, 2025, meeting with our brothers pursuing philosophical studies and Fr. Wilson Vettumanickal during his visit.

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A Journey of Discernment:



On the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8th September, 2024, Bro. Ashwin Benny and Bro. Christopher Kullu officially commenced their novitiate at Chavaradham Novitiate, Budhini. The solemn ceremony was presided over by Rev. Fr. Binoy Elavunkal, Provincial of Rajkot and the provincial of Chanda province concelebrated. We pray for God's abundant blessings on these brothers as they embark on this transformative stage of their spiritual and religious formation.

Acts of Compassion: Winter Relief:



The Department of Social Work demonstrated compassion by distributing 240 blankets and woollen garments to people living on the streets, providing essential relief during the cold winter months. This initiative, valued at twenty-three thousand rupees, brought warmth to the marginalized in our community. We extend our appreciation to Fr. Jose Mangalamkunnel for his generous outreach and unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

First Profession of Bro. George Puthoor

Bro. George Puthoor Made his First profession and received religious habit on December 8, 2025 following the completion of his canonical novitiate at Vinayalaya Mission Novitiate, Bhanpuri. The joyous occasion was graced by the presence of his parents, Fr. Provincial, Fr. Wilson Vettumanickal, Fr. George Urulianickal.



We congratulate Bro. George and pray for his continued growth in the religious life.

Renewing the Flame of Consecrated Life



Bros. Jibin Manjalil, Abi Therakam, and Alpha Elavunkal joyfully renewed their temporary vows on December 8, 2025, during a solemn Eucharistic celebration at Navjyoti Training Centre, Dhroliya. Fr. Jose Mangalamkunel, Vicar Provincial, officiated the ceremony. We rejoice with them and pray for their continued fidelity as they journey forward in religious life.

NEWS FROM CENTRES

JAMNAGAR : St. Xavier's School

Navratri Celebration



Our school burst into colour during Navratri celebrations! Students wore traditional attire and danced energetically to Garba and Dandiya Raas, honouring our cultural heritage and commemorating the victory of good over evil in this joyful festive gathering.

Diwali Celebration



Diwali was celebrated with great fervour in our school with various completions & programmes. Students made beautiful diyas, rangoli, and participated in a variety of cultural events creating a warm and festive atmosphere.

Children's Day Celebration



Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm as a tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary. The school staff performed various cultural activities for the students, creating a memorable and festive atmosphere. The celebration honored Nehru's legacy while bringing happiness to the children through engaging performances.

St. Xavier's Day - School Patron's Day



Our school celebrated St. Xavier's Day with great devotion, honoring the life and legacy of St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint. Students actively participated in various cultural and literary activities, including cultural performances and a quiz competition. The celebration was a meaningful tribute that brought the school community together in faith and fellowship.



A Journey of Civilization



"A Journey of Civilization" was the theme of this year's student project, where students embarked on a fascinating exploration of human civilization from ancient times to the present day. Through research, creativity, and collaboration, they uncovered the achievements, innovations, and cultural practices of various civilizations, highlighting their contributions to our modern world. The project showcases significant milestones, discoveries, and legacies that have shaped human history, offering insights into the past, present, and future of our collective journey.



The event was inaugurated by Dr. Richard Remedies, Principal of SVET College, Jamnagar, marking a memorable beginning to this educational endeavor.

JAMNAGAR : St. Francis School

Teachers' Day Celebration



Teachers' Day celebration was organised by the Eco club at the school auditorium in the morning on September 06. Senior students presented an engaging skit honouring the dedication of educators, while all teachers were called to the dais and felicitated with flowers and personalized

thank you cards. The celebration continued under Olympiad Club that arranged a special segment for the teaching and non-teaching staff. Entertainment included various games for all staff members and a skit performed by talented teachers.



The celebration concluded with a delightful lunch, followed by the principal presenting gifts to each teacher, making it a truly memorable occasion recognizing their invaluable contributions to the school community.

National Science Seminar and Karate Championship Awards

On September 11 outstanding achievers of National Science Seminar and Karate Championship were felicitated by school during the morning assembly. Arya Talati of Class VIII B secured second rank at the district level National Science Seminar 2025 held at MD Mehta Science Centre, Dhrol, themed "Quantum Age: Potential and Challenges." She received a certificate and memento alongside in-charge teachers Mr. Smita Kashiv and Ms. Payal.



Kavya Mange from Class VI clinched first rank at the Battle Beast Clash tournament in Rajkot, later earning the Best Student Award from Lions Karate Club and medals at Gujarat Karate Championship



2025. Het Abhay Mehta, a first-grader, won multiple medals at national championships in Ahmedabad and Mumbai, securing his spot in Bhutan's international tournament.

Karate Championship Recognition

Yuvraj Sharma from Class XI A brought laurels to the school by securing first rank at the Gujarat State Level Under 19 tournaments during the 5th International Shotokan Karate Foundation India 2025 held in Jamnagar on September 7, 2025. He was honoured with a gold medal and certificate for his outstanding performance.



Jasleen Masih from Class VII D demonstrated extraordinary skill at the fifth Inter School Gujarat State Karate Championship held at Jamnagar on the same date, earning two gold medals and a certificate for her remarkable achievements in the competition.



Cleanliness Drive Initiative

A successful cleanliness drive was organized by the NCC cadets, Scouts, and Guides of our school on September 18, 2025. The initiative was led by second officers Mital Shah, Ms. Rukshar, and Ms. Raksha under the guidance of our principal.



The community service event received an encouraging response from the public, making it a meaningful and impactful endeavour in promoting environmental awareness and civic responsibility.

Swachhata Pakhwada Quiz Competition

As part of the Swachhata Pakhwada initiative, a quiz competition was organized for NCC cadets on September 19, 2025.



The event aimed at raising awareness about cleanliness, hygiene, and community service among participants. Rather than conventional prizes, cadets gained valuable knowledge and insights, making the experience genuinely enriching. The competition successfully promoted teamwork, critical thinking, and a deeper appreciation of the importance of cleanliness in daily life, fulfilling the objectives of the Swachhata campaign.

Navratri Celebration for Senior Students



The school campus came alive with vibrant colours and traditional fervour as students celebrated Navratri on September 19, 2025. The evening showcased a spectacular display of traditional attire and cultural heritage as students revealed in various garba styles. The best performers were crowned as the Prince and Princess of the day.

Navratri Celebration for Junior Students



The festive spirit continued as students from Nursery to Class IV celebrated Navratri on September 20, 2025. Parents of nursery and kindergarten students were specially invited to witness the joyous occasion.

The young performers showcased their enthusiasm and talent, with the best among them being honoured as the Prince and Princess of the day.

Diwali Celebration



The Yellow House orchestrated a vibrant and culturally rich Diwali celebration on October 15. Vice Principal Fr. Jijo delivered a meaningful message highlighting the significance and values of Diwali.



Teachers participated enthusiastically in a Rangoli making competition, showcasing their artistic creativity. The celebration was a resounding, reflecting school's vibrant spirit and demonstrating the remarkable talent and teamwork of students and faculty alike.

Children's Day Celebration



The school organized a heartwarming Children's Day celebration at the auditorium with separate sessions for different age groups. For Classes VII to XII, the program ran from 8:00 to 9:00 am, beginning with a graceful prayer dance performed by teachers that set a joyful tone. Students and teachers collaborated to present a thought-

provoking skit, followed by a meaningful speech from a teacher emphasizing the significance of Children's Day. Principal Rev. Fr. Saji shared inspiring words celebrating the spirit of childhood, and the program concluded with an energetic dance performance by NCC students.



For Classes LKG to VI, held from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, teachers from Nursery to Class IV performed for their young students. The celebration featured a prayer song, an entertaining skit, a comedy dance, a lively comedy group dance, and concluded with a melodious group song. To add sweetness to the special day, chocolates were distributed to all students, spreading joy and smiles throughout the campus.

Cricket Tournament Recognition

Krishnapalsinh Jadeja of Class XII C participated in the 69th Inter School State Level Cricket Tournament organized by the Sports Authority of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, and his outstanding performance earned him selection for the national level cricket tournament.



During the morning assembly he was felicitated for his exceptional achievement in cricket. He was honoured with a certificate recognizing his remarkable sporting prowess and dedication to the game.

Career Guidance Seminar

A comprehensive career guidance program was conducted on November 24, 2025, to enlighten students about the diverse career opportunities available to commerce students. The informative seminar was led by Dr. Amar Vijay Gandhi and Mr. Jaydeep Dabhi from Darshan University, Rajkot.



The session provided valuable insights into various career paths, helping students make informed decisions about their future professional endeavours.

Kala Bharti Awards

Students Heer Jadav from Class 4A and Mudrika Barvadiya from Class 6C participated in the Kala Bharti Child Art Development Program and received the Kala Gaurav Award for their exceptional artistic talents. In-charge



teacher Ms. Pratixa Joshi was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for her guidance and dedication to nurturing young artists. The principal was bestowed with the Kala Vibhushan Award, recognizing his support and contribution to promoting art education in the school.

Patron's Day Celebration



A vibrant celebration of St. Francis Day was organised in the school. The event featured diverse cultural performances including a prayer dance, a skit, mime, a Goan dance by the boys,



and a mesmerizing fusion dance by the girls. The principal addressed the gathering drawing meaningful connections between St. Francis Xavier's vision and contemporary student life. He encouraged students to view their talents and abilities not merely as means to personal success or profit, but as instruments for charity and service to society, inspiring them to embrace the values of compassion and selflessness.

Annual Sports Day



The annual sports day was organized on December 6, 2025, with Manager Fr. Cyriac as the chief guest. The event commenced with Fr. Cyriac hoisting the flag, officially marking the beginning of the exciting competitions.



The program featured a spectacular house-wise parade by participating students followed by sports and athletic events.



MUNDRA : St. Xavier's School

State Level Police Band Competitions



Our school bands excelled at the state-level Police Band Competition held on October 16th. The Girls' Band claimed First Prize, while the Boys' Band secured Third Position with their impressive and captivating performances. Heartiest



congratulations to all the dedicated team members and to Nivedita Ma'am, the Band In-charge, for their unwavering commitment, hard work, and outstanding achievement that brought glory to our school.

Silver Jubilee Celebration: 25 Years of Educational Excellence

The year 2025 marked a historic milestone as our school celebrated 25 years of dedicated service in education. A grand Silver Jubilee celebration was organized on November 30, 2025, in the school grounds to commemorate this remarkable journey.



Established in 2000 with a modest beginning, St. Xavier's School has evolved into a vibrant institution renowned for academic excellence and holistic development. Over the past quarter-century, the school has achieved significant milestones in sports, cultural activities, and community service.

The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by distinguished guests, followed by an inspiring AI video presentation showcasing the school's achievements and honouring former administrators, including principals, vice principals, and managers.



Rev. Fr. Binoy CMI, the chief guest, delivered a heartfelt message appreciating the tireless efforts of the principal and staff. The staff secretary warmly welcomed the dignitaries, while Mrs. Shabana, Head of the Cultural Committee, expressed gratitude for everyone's presence and continued support.



Taluka Level Success



Our students demonstrated exceptional talent at the Taluka Level Competition organized by the School Game Federation of India on August 6th. The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation and fierce competition among young athletes.



In the Under-14 category, two boys clinched First Prize while one girl secured Second Prize. In the Under-17 category, one girl earned Second Position. Their outstanding performance reflects dedication, strategic thinking, and rigorous training. We commend our students for their achievements and appreciate the invaluable support and coaching provided by our teachers, which enabled them to excel.

Athletic Excellence:

Our students showcased remarkable talent at various athletic events held on August 22nd. In the girls' category, Devi Priya dominated the 3000-meter race, securing First Position with exceptional speed and endurance. Her outstanding performance earned her selection for the State level.



In the boys' category, Karan claimed Second Position in the 1500-meter race and advanced to State level competition.



Additionally, our Under-14 girls' basketball team performed brilliantly, securing Third Position at the Gujarat SGFI Basketball Tournament held in Patan. Congratulations to all athletes for their dedication and achievements!

Cultural Competitions



A vibrant series of cultural competitions enlivened our school from August to November, highlighting students' creativity, confidence, and diverse talents. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from all four houses – Blue, Green, Red, and Yellow – creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and camaraderie.



Students excelled in solo song and dance performances, captivating audiences with melodious voices, energetic choreography, and expressive movements. Their passion, voice control, and graceful stage presence earned appreciation from all. These competitions successfully provided a platform for students to discover and showcase their artistic abilities.

Fancy Dress and Notice Board Competitions

The Fancy Dress competition brought immense excitement as students transformed into freedom fighters, community helpers, mythological characters, and heroes. Their creativity and confidence made the event truly memorable.



In the House-wise Notice Board Decoration competition, Blue, Green, Red, and Yellow houses showcased their artistic talents by beautifully decorating boards based on monthly themes including Diwali and St. Xavier's Day, displaying remarkable teamwork and innovation.

Rangoli Competition



The corridors came alive with stunning rangoli patterns. Participants used bright colours, flowers and traditional motifs to create impressive designs. The competition added festive beauty to the campus.

Naval Wing Cadets Bring Pride and Honour

Cadet Kriti Singh has earned the prestigious title of Best Cadet in the Naval Wing, standing out among over 300 students. Her remarkable achievement reflects exceptional discipline, unwavering dedication, and an admirable spirit of service, making the school immensely proud.



Additionally, Cadet Lakshmi Sharma represented our school with distinction at the RCTC Camp held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. We congratulate both cadets for their outstanding performance and commitment to excellence in their respective endeavours.



Outstanding Achievement in National Competition

Dhanush of Std. 12-B secured First Position in the speech competition at the All-India National Trekking Camp held at UP-Trek, competing against 510 cadets nationwide. His exceptional oratory skills brought immense pride to the school. Heartiest congratulations to Dhanush and CTO Saumya Ma'am for this remarkable achievement.



State Level participants:

Karan Gadhvi & Shivang Trivedi were selected to State level under -17 Boys Basketball. Aditya Prajapati selected for State level in under-14 boys Basketball.



In under 14(Girls) team – Payal, Jenisha, Rolley, Reshma were selected for State level Basketball representing the Kutch District.

NCC Cadets Excel at Regional Competition

Our students showcased remarkable talent at the Regional Science Centre, Bhuj during National Science Day celebrations. Savaliya Mirva secured Second Position in the Drawing Competition, while Kriti Singh earned Second Position in the Extempore Competition.

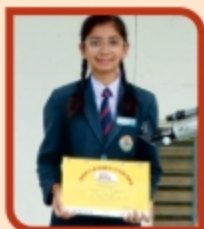




On Gandhi Jayanti, our Navy and Army NCC cadets demonstrated exemplary civic responsibility by organizing a Mega Sanitation Drive in collaboration with HAPBCO company members from Mundra, honouring Gandhiji's vision of cleanliness and community service.

International Year of Quantum Science & Technology:

Daali Palan secured 1st position in the Kutch District on the occasion of the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.



Stem Quiz competition: Vaidehi Senghani received consolation prize for showing commendable talents in the event.

St. Xavier's Mundra Achieves CBSE Affiliation

St. Xavier's Public School, Mundra, proudly announces its CBSE affiliation with Registration No. 430632. Warmest congratulations to Rev. Fr. Jino Valiyaparambil-Manager, Rev. Fr. James Katteth - Director, and the dedicated staff whose commitment and hard work brought this vision to fruition.



This achievement strengthens our mission to deliver excellence in education and opens new opportunities for our students.

RAJKOT : Saint Paul's School, Rajkot Sci-Blast 3.0 Fest-The Winning Edge!



Two teams of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot were selected to present their working models at the Sci-Blast 3.0 Fest organized by St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad on 5th and 6th December, 2025. The team comprising Vishva Chovatiya, Jash Gardharia and Kayaan Balchandani from Grade 9 secured the third position in this prestigious event. The school also participated in the General Quiz held during the event.

Pauline shines at CISCE Debate Nationals Selection Round - Bagging the Top Honours!



Harishree Karia (Grade 9) of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot was adjudged the 'Best Speaker' at the Frank Antony Memorial All India Inter-school Debate Competition 2025-26 (Nationals Selection Round) organized by CISCE and hosted by Pawar Public School, Chandivali, Mumbai on 18th August 2025.

Entrepreneurship Startup Program (ESP)- Powering the dream of Viksit Bharat



Saint Paul's School, Rajkot organized an eight-day Entrepreneurship Startup Program (ESP) for the students of Grades 5 to 9 from 3rd to 11th December, 2025 in association with Think Startup. The programme was designed to nurture entrepreneurial skills, problem-solving abilities and innovative thinking among the students through interactive and activity-based sessions and providing them with an early exposure to startup concepts.

Saint Paul's School MUN

Global Dialogue for a Shared Future



Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, successfully hosted the 9th edition of its Model United Nations (MUN) Conference for the students of Grades 7 to 12 on 28th and 29th November 2025 in association with SkillSphere Education.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was Mr. Charles Moras, Principal of Sarvodaya International School (CBSE), Rajkot, and a well-known Motivational Speaker and Teachers' Trainer. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. James, Principal of Saint Paul's School and Ms. Deepti Kalyan from SkillSphere Education.



The Conference witnessed the participation of 160 students from SNK School (CISCE, IB, and IGCSE Boards), The Northstar School, Greenwood School and the host school. Delegates were assigned to various committees including UN Women, the World Trade Organization (WTO), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Environment Programme

(UNEP), the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), and the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). The

overarching theme for the conference was 'Shaping the Future Together – From Earth to Outer Space.' The delegates presented their stances on the agenda topics. The efforts of the organizing committee, volunteers and participants were acknowledged during the valedictory ceremony. Outstanding delegates were awarded merit certificates by the principal.



Mercado 2025-Empowering Young Entrepreneurs, Fostering Social Impact



MERCADO, a three-day social entrepreneurship initiative cum trade fair was organized by the Commerce and Humanities students of Grades 11 and 12 from 5th to 7th September, 2025 at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot. Chief Guest, Dr. Thankachan, Principal, Christ Institute of Management, Rajkot inaugurated the trade fair.



Displaying true grit and resilience despite heavy rainfall in the city, a shopping bazaar with stalls was set up by the students offering a wide range of products. Fashion Shows were presented by the tiny tots of Primary School during the event. The trade fair saw a footfall of more than 4000 visitors. The entire proceeds from the event were donated to Philip Care AIDS Centre in Kutch- as a gesture of the school's commitment to community service.

Inter-class Sports Day- The Battle for Supremacy



Exciting Football and Basketball Matches (Finals) were held for the students of Grades 6 to 8 on 29th November, 2025 as part of their Inter-class Sports Day Celebration at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot. Rev. Fr. Francis CMI, Director, Nav Vidhan Rural English School, Vinchhiya gave away the trophies and medals to the winners.

Annual Pauline's Day-Grades 1 and 2 Demonstrating Creativity and Confidence



The students of Grade 1 brought the story of Little Red Riding Hood to life during their Annual Pauline's Day cum Showcasing held on 4th October, 2025. The tiny tots displayed their creativity and confidence as they shared the learning experiences of their subjects with the parents.



During the showcasing held on 14th October, 2025, the students of Grade 2 students took it a step further by explaining the elements of the story, leaving everyone in awe. The event encouraged speaking skills, innovation and parent-child bonding!

79th Independence Day-Showcasing the Spirit of India



Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour and enthusiasm. The school campus was adorned with tricolor decorations and flowers, radiating the colours of the festival. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, hoisted the Tiranga, which was followed by the National Anthem. A cultural extravaganza presented by Grades 5, 7 and 10 showcased India's journey through soulful patriotic songs, vibrant dances and a captivating dance drama, 'Spirit of India'.



The students and staff also paid tribute to the martyrs at the Amar Jawan Jyoti replica, created for the occasion, as a mark of reverence and gratitude to the nation's heroes.

Teachers' Day - Saluting the Gurus

The students of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, honoured their teachers with a heart warming celebration, featuring a special assembly, gratitude messages and a cultural programme with songs, dances and a skit.



The teachers took the CISCE pledge, reaffirming their commitment to holistic education and nation-building. The day also saw students participating in a Short Poetry Writing Competition organized by CISCE.

Children's Day- Celebrating Childhood



Children's Day was dedicated to the students of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot with a special assembly that included entertaining performances by the teachers. One of the highlights of the day was a fun-filled outing for the students of Grade 1 to Atal Sarovar, where they enjoyed a picnic and created wonderful memories with friends and teachers.

Navratri and Diwali Celebration-Basking in the Festive Cheer!



Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, lit up with vibrant colours as the students and teachers celebrated Navratri and Diwali in style! The Garba Utsav featured traditional garba, dandiya, and class-wise dance performances on live music, with the best dressed and best performers being felicitated.



A dance performance based on Ramayana marked the Dussehra festival. Rangoli designs by the students and staff added to the festive cheer, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India.

Build Your Own Career- Exploring Career Pathways!



Build Your Dream Career- a series of enriching sessions were conducted on 27th and 28th November, 2025 at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot for the students of Grades 8 to 10. The Resource Person Mr. Suryakumar Prakasam, Founder Director- Ganit Genie Pvt. Ltd. provided

valuable practical tips to the students on exploring their passions, interests, strengths and aligning them with emerging career opportunities.

Training Programmes for Teachers - Upskilling Educators



Saint Paul's School, Rajkot conducted Training Programme for teachers on 16th and 17th September, 2025 by Mr. Anansh Prasad from SkillSphere Education which included sessions on positive reinforcement, parent communication, creative thinking, inclusion, social-emotional skills support and teacher well-being. Teachers from St Mary's School, Rajkot, Nav Vidhan English School, Vinchhiya, St. Xavier's School, Shinai, St. Xavier's School, Jamnagar and St. Paul's School, Rajkot participated.



In the month of September to November, engaging sessions were conducted by the team from The Learners' Confluence (TLC). Dr. Senthil Kumaran, Chief Confluencer helped the teachers identify, understand and handle bullying in schools. A workshop on Differentiated Learning and Reading Skills was conducted by Ms. Chitra Uthaya, whereas Ms. Geetha Krishnan conducted a workshop on Assessment, Students' Portfolio and Reading-Language and Comprehension.

Fun-filled Evenings and Night Out at School: Creating Unforgettable Memories

The months of November and December were packed with excitement at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot as the students from LKG and HKG, had a fun-filled evening with games and sports while the Grade 2 students enjoyed a creative pottery session besides these activities.



The students of Grade 3 had a thrilling night-out with friends, engaging in adventure activities, sports and bonding over delicious food!

Field Trips- Experiential Learning

As part of their holistic learning experience, Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, organized a series of enriching field trips for students in November and December 2025, providing them opportunities to explore, discover, and learn beyond the classroom.



A visit to the Regional Science Centre provided the Grade 4 students with a fun and interactive learning experience, sparking their curiosity and interest in STEM subjects.

As part of their Life Skills Club, the students of Grades 3 to 5 participated in an Etiquette Workshop at Season's Hotel, honing their grooming and social skills.



At Dikra nu Ghar Old Age Home, the students of Grade 9 spent quality time with the elderly, sharing laughter and creating cherished memories, whereas at Sneh Nirzar, a school for mentally retarded children, they engaged with the children, promoting empathy, understanding, and inclusiveness. The Grade 10 students visited the Gandhi Museum, gaining insights into the life of Mahatma Gandhi.



RAJKOT : Saint Mary's School

Drawing Competition at Regional Science Centre



On 20th August, 2025, students of Saint Mary's School enthusiastically participated in a Drawing Competition organized at the Regional Science Centre, Rajkot as part of the National Space Day 2025 celebrations. The young artists expressed their creativity by depicting the wonders of space, planets, and future explorations through their artwork. The event proved to be both inspiring and enriching for our young learners.

Teachers' Day: A Celebration of Gratitude and Respect



Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and heartfelt gratitude at Saint Mary's School. Students honoured their mentors through vibrant cultural programmes, inspiring speeches, and meaningful tokens of appreciation.



Adding a special touch, students dressed as teachers, conducted classes and managed administrative duties, experiencing firsthand the dedication required in teaching. Their creativity and commitment shone brightly as they emulated their beloved mentors, highlighting the invaluable role teachers play in shaping young minds and society's future.

Parenting Session: Nurturing Children with Care and Understanding



Saint Mary's School organized an insightful parenting seminar for parents of Standards 3 and 4 on September 20, 2025, expertly guided by Mr. Umesh Vala.

The interactive session addressed common parenting challenges and provided practical strategies for handling children's behavioural and emotional issues effectively.



Parents gained valuable insights into positive parenting techniques, communication skills, and age-appropriate guidance methods. The seminar fostered meaningful discussions, empowering parents to nurture their children with greater confidence, patience, and understanding.

Career Counselling: Guiding Students Toward a Brighter Future



Saint Mary's School organized comprehensive career guidance sessions for High School students in September 2025.

On September 13th, Dr. Nilesh Gambhva, Academic Director, Darsan University and Prof. Bhavin Vegada enlightened Science stream students about diverse opportunities in higher education and emerging fields.



On September 20th, Mr. Amar Gandhi, Assistant Professor at Darshan University, provided valuable insights to Commerce students on selecting suitable career paths. These interactive sessions offered students clarity, practical advice, and inspiration, empowering them with the knowledge and confidence needed to make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

Empowering Every Learner: Workshop on Slow Learners

Our dedicated teachers participated in an enriching workshop on Slow Learners on 15th September. The session was expertly facilitated by Mr. Anansh Prasad, an educational trainer from Mumbai, who equipped our educators with innovative teaching strategies, personalized learning techniques, and effective intervention methods.



This professional development initiative reflects our commitment to inclusive education, ensuring every child receives the support they need to succeed academically.

Navratri Celebration



Our school commemorated Navratri with great enthusiasm on 27th September 2025, honouring the festival that celebrates Goddess Durga's triumph over evil. The morning celebration radiated vibrant energy as students proudly displayed their cultural heritage through resplendent traditional attire.



Special awards were presented in categories including Prince, Princess, Best-Dressed Boy, and Best-Dressed Girl. The celebration beautifully embodied the joyful and colourful spirit of Navratri, fostering cultural appreciation and unity within our school community while paying tribute to this auspicious occasion.

Diwali Celebration



Our school joyfully celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, filling the premises with warmth and festive cheer. The celebration brought together students, teachers, and staff in a vibrant showcase of tradition, creativity, and togetherness.



A captivating cultural programme highlighted the significance of this auspicious festival, while the Rangoli Competition allowed students to display their artistic talents through clourful and intricate designs. The event beautifully embodied the spirit of Diwali, spreading joy and unity throughout our school community.

A Fond Farewell



Our school bid a warm and emotional farewell to Ms. Jackeline and Ms. Susana on 15th October, celebrating their exceptional dedication and lasting impact. The felicitation ceremony brought together students, colleagues, and staff who shared heartfelt tributes, recalling memorable moments and significant achievements of these remarkable teachers.



Both educators were honoured with deep gratitude for their years of selfless service and commitment to excellence. Their passion for education has shaped countless young minds, fostering not only academic growth but also character development and lifelong values. As they transition to new endeavours, the precious bonds they created and the inspiration they provided will forever remain treasured in our school's legacy.

Friendship Day Celebration



As part of the house-wise events, the Blue House students of the Primary Section enthusiastically organized the International Friendship Day celebration. The event was filled with vibrant performances and heartfelt messages highlighting the value of friendship.



The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. Sebastian, who served as the judge and appreciated the students' efforts. The celebration beautifully fostered bonding, teamwork, and the spirit of togetherness among students.



International Education Day



On September 4, 2025, Saint Mary's School organized a vibrant cultural event to mark International Education Day, honouring the spirit of learning and the transformative power of knowledge.



The Yellow House students delivered an inspiring performance highlighting the importance of education in shaping lives and communities. Through their creative presentation, they emphasized that education is the fundamental key to empowerment, progress, and building a prosperous future for society.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science



On September 13, 2025, Saint Mary's School celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science with inspiring programmes by the Green House. The event honoured the brilliance and determination of pioneering women scientists who have shaped scientific innovation.



Through engaging presentations and activities, students discovered remarkable achievements of female leaders in STEM fields, emphasizing the vital importance of empowering young girls to confidently pursue their aspirations in science and technology.

Community Care: Charity Week



The Marian Service Wing (MSW) observed Charity Week from December 1-6 to foster kindness and support families facing food insecurity and financial hardships. Students, parents, and staff contributed generously, collecting non-perishable items including rice, wheat flour, jowar, bajra, slippers, woollen clothes, and blankets, alongside monetary donations.



These essential supplies were distributed to families in Rajkot's slum areas, demonstrating the school community's commitment to compassion and social responsibility. This thoughtful initiative provided essential support to those in need and reinforced the value of compassion and community care in the hearts of students.

Saint Mary's Day Celebration



Saint Mary's School, Rajkot joyfully celebrated its Patroness Day on December 8th, honouring the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration featured vibrant cultural programmes and inspiring narratives highlighting the virtues and qualities of Mother Mary. Students and staff came together in reverence and festivity, making the day a memorable tribute to the heavenly patroness.

Christmas Celebration



The school celebrated Christmas on December 18th with joyful festivities.



The celebration featured various programs, including a beautiful enactment of the birth narrative of Jesus, filling the day with the spirit of love, hope, and togetherness among students and staff.

Navrang: Annual Exhibition – Celebration of Vibrancy and Diversity



The school's annual exhibition, *Navrang-2025*, was held on December 20-21, showcasing nine diverse subjects: Science, Mathematics, Social Science, Literature, Trade, Music, Art, Computer, and Psychology. The event provided students with an excellent platform to express their creativity and demonstrate their learning through engaging displays and interactive presentations.



Dr. Sumit Mukesh Vyas, Project Director of Regional Science Centre – Rajkot, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Fr. Binoy Elavunkal CMI, Provincial, was the Guest of Honour. Parents and alumni visited in large numbers, exploring the various stalls and encouraging students with their presence and appreciation.



Navrang truly lived up to its name, celebrating the vibrancy and diversity of knowledge while fostering a spirit of innovation and collaboration among students.

VINCHHIYA

Navratri Celebration - Communal Harmony Through Festival



The school campus came alive with vibrant energy as students celebrated Navratri on September 27, 2025 with traditional Garbha. The atmosphere was filled with twirling clourful chaniyas, glittering attire, and rhythmic dhol beats. This celebration beautifully showcased our commitment to communal harmony and cultural preservation, bringing together students in a joyous expression of tradition.

Diwali Festivities Rangoli and Diya Decoration



On October 15, 2025, Students demonstrated their artistic flair through mesmerizing rangoli designs and traditional diya decoration. The creative displays illuminated our school with festive spirit, showcasing the talent and cultural awareness of our young learners. This hands-on activity helped students connect with their heritage while developing their artistic skills in a meaningful way.

Children's Day Celebration

An innovative and heartfelt Children's Day celebration featured energetic performances by our dedicated educators, bringing smiles to every student's face.



The management and staff of Nav Vidhan School sponsored delicious snacks for all students, making the day truly special. This role reversal allowed teachers to express their appreciation while students enjoyed being celebrated and entertained.

Academic Excellence Recognition

Nav Vidhan School proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements of students who excelled in the First Term Examinations. Additionally, we honoured our district-level athletes who brought laurels to the school through their exceptional sporting abilities.



This recognition ceremony motivated all students to strive for excellence in both academics and athletics.

Annual Sports Day Spectacular



A memorable day in Nav Vidhan School's history unfolded with a spectacular Annual Sports Day organized on December 6, 2025 with great enthusiasm and grandeur. Students participated in various competitive events, displaying remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork, and athletic prowess. The event was marked by energetic performances, fierce competition, and the spirit of healthy rivalry among participants.

District Level Champions



Nav Vidhan School's sports teams achieved remarkable success by winning district-level championships in both football and basketball. These victories reflect the dedication of our athletes and the excellent coaching provided at our institution. Our champions have made the entire school community proud through their outstanding performance and exemplary teamwork on the field.

VISITORS



**Batchmates of
Fr. Jose Pattathil (Jubilarians)**



**Brother and Family of
Fr. Vincent Kallamby**



**Brothers of
Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil**



**Relatives of
Fr. Tomy Ekkan**



**Vakkachan, Nephew
of Fr. John Marius**



**Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel CMI
from Kottayam**



**Fr. Shaiji and sisters from
Vadgam station of Gandhinagar Diocese**

OBITUARY

K.J. ANTONY KAIPANPLACKAL

K.J. Antony Kaipanplackal (85), beloved maternal uncle of Rev. Fr. Joseph Karikattu CMI, was called to eternal reward on 17 August, 2025. The funeral was held on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, at Chenkal, Vazhoor, Ponkunnam.



MR. O.F. JOSEPH (PAPPACHAN) OZHACKAL

Mr. O.F. Joseph (Pappachan) Ozhackal (101), beloved father of Rev. Fr. Francis Ozhackal CMI was called to his eternal reward on 19th October, 2025. The funeral service was held on Monday, 20th October, 2025, at his home in Labbakkada (Kattappana), followed by the concluding funeral services at St Lourde Matha Church, Labbakkada (Kattappana).

TWINKLE MATHEWS

Twinkle Mathew (50), beloved niece of Rev. Fr. George Vadakel CMI, was called to his eternal reward on 20th August, 2025. The funeral service was held on 22 August, 2025, at St John's Catholic Church, Vadakara, Koothattukulam.



Let us Pray for the Repose of the Souls !

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY-01, 2026
Neighbours' gathering at Provincial House.

JANUARY-06, 2026
Supporting Staff's gathering at Provincial House.

PROVINCIAL'S DIARY

JANUARY 04 :

- ➔ Major superiors meeting at Chavara Hills, Kakkanad
- ➔ Felicitation of the Newly Ordained Priest at Rajkot Bhavan, Aluva

JANUARY 05 :

- ➔ Return to Rajkot

JANUARY 20&21 :

- ➔ To Samnavya, Bhopal-Inauguration of New Theologate.

JANUARY 22 :

- ➔ Return to Rajkot

GLIMPSES OF SNEHAMILAN & JUBILEE CELEBRATION





Merry Christmas

And

Happy New Year

The greatest gift was given in Bethlehem that holy night.

May Christ's love surround us this Christmas and

His presence bring us peace, hope, and everlasting joy.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and
welcome the New Year, may His blessings guide our path ahead.

May 2026 bring renewed faith, abundant grace,
and countless opportunities to grow in love and service.

Wishing You a Blessed Christmas and a Grace-filled New Year.



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