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From the Principal's Desk

A Reflection on Our Successful Year

As we wrap up another remarkable year at Loyola, it is with immense pride and joy that we highlight some of our most successful initiatives and achievements during the last two months.

Externship Programme

This year, our Externship Programme for Grade Eleven students was a resounding success. Over 200 students participated in it and gained invaluable insights and experiences at 34 different centres. This programme provided our students with a glimpse into their future careers, the work culture, and the importance of socialization in a professional environment. We owe this success to the dedicated efforts of LOBA members, who organized the programme under the exemplary leadership of Dr Suresh K. Aravind. The active involvement of PTA

executive members further ensured the smooth execution of the programme. Special mention must be made of Ms. Sarah Koshy, the staff in charge, whose commendable job was pivotal in the programme's success. A big thank you to all the centre heads who made all arrangements for our students to have great learning experiences.

Summer Training Camp

Despite the summer holidays, Loyola campus was abuzz with activity, thanks to the vibrant Summer Training Camp. Students participated in a variety of training sessions, including swimming, various games, crafts, robotics, and karate. These activities not only kept the students engaged but also provided them with opportunities to learn new skills and enhance their existing ones.

Academic Achievements

Our academic results this year were stellar, with students excelling in the CBSE, ICSE, and ISC exams. Our boys performed exceptionally well, bringing laurels to the school. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication. A big thank you to our teachers and parents, whose support and guidance were instrumental in these achievements.

Looking Forward

As we prepare to welcome the new academic year, we are excited about the many surprises and new opportunities awaiting our students. The school is ready to receive both new and returning students with open arms, ensuring a vibrant and dynamic learning environment.

Let us all make this new year great by taking new resolutions and striving to embody the spirit of Loyola First. Remember, "Do your maximus" and always keep the spirit of MAGIS in mind.

Together, let us continue to achieve greatness and make Loyola a beacon of excellence.

Principal

SCHOOL TOPPERS IN BOARD EXAMINATIONS

ICSE (CLASS X)



Niketh Jan S. H.



Kishan Sivadas



Muralikrishna Ashok

ISC (CLASS XII)



ABHINAV CHANDRASEKHAR



GEORGE THOMAS SAJI



KEVIN SALINS

CBSE CLASS X







Alan Jopaul



Siddaarth M. R.

CBSE CLASS XII SCIENCE



DEVANANDAN N. B.



ADITHYA K.



ATHARY U. MENON

CBSE CLASS XII COMMERCE



AADHITHYAN K. A.



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LEARNING BY SHARING



A faculty interaction programme was conducted on 18 April 2024 at Loyola School, Mukundara, in which six of our teachers participated. During this day-long collaborative session, we shared best practices, exchanged ideas, and explored ways to enhance the teaching-learning process, especially STEAM-based learning. The focus remained on creating a student-centred and effective classroom environment.

After the introductory meeting that featured the address of Manager Fr K.J. Thomas, the teachers of the host school were divided into three groups with two of us leading each group. The kindergarten group was led by Mrs Sandhya George and Mrs Siji Abraham, the junior school group was led by Mrs Mini Aravindakshan and Mrs Seena Varughese and the middle school and high school groups were led by Mrs Josmy Thomas and Mrs Mary Titus Mathew. Topics like technology integration, creating inclusive classrooms, techniques used for greater assimilation of content, encouraging critical thinking methods,



out-of-box strategies, module preparation, and assessment techniques were discussed and a lesson was demonstrated incorporating the innovative methods. The kindergarten section had a very active session of

games and activities that could help them think while having fun. The post-lunch session included the exchange of feedback and the concluding meeting in which Principal Ms Seema C.V. and Vice Principal Ms Geetha S. addressed the group.

The warm reception we got at Mukundara and the enthusiasm of our counterparts there remain unforgettable. We are also much obliged to our Principal Fr Salvin Augustine for making this interactive session possible.

Mary Titus Mathew

MEET OUR ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH



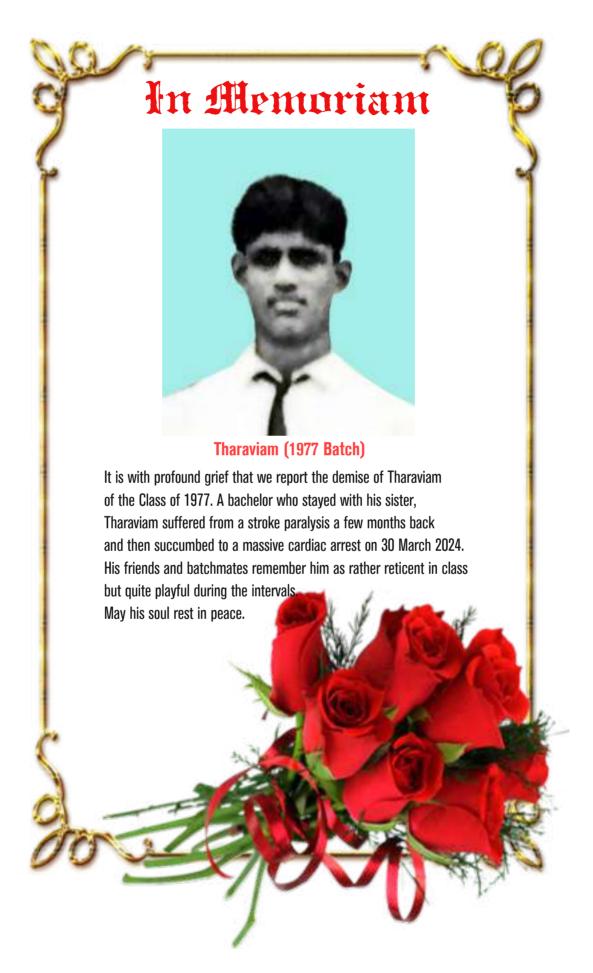
Jiby John Kattakayam

Jiby John Kattakayam of the 1998 ISC batch has been a journalist for the past 15 years. It took him a few years to find his forte, though.

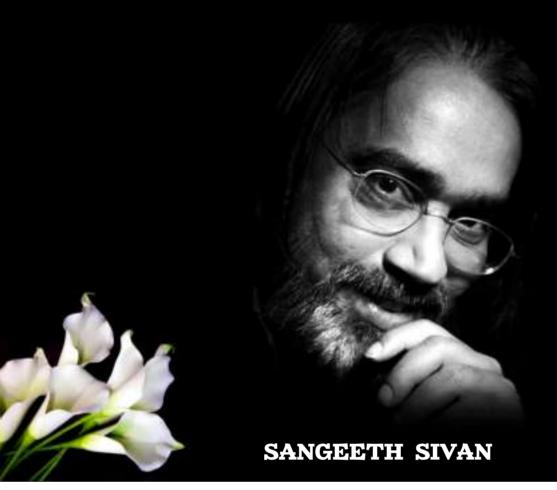
Along with most of his Loyola batchmates, Jiby opted for Engineering which was neither his passion nor his strong suit. With an MS in Computer Science from the University of Southern California, he worked in the US for three years till he felt that he was not cut out for a life in front of a computer at technology firms, and returned to India. Having done a PG Diploma course at Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, he joined The Hindu at Kozhikode as staff reporter in 2009 and got transferred to New Delhi next year. There, he reported on everything from slums to labour issues to political rallies and courtrooms covering the 1984 anti-Sikh riots trials and various terrorism cases, and big scandals like the 2G spectrum and Commonwealth Games cases. Covering the Nirbhaya case trial was one of his last assignments as a reporter. In 2013 he joined the Mumbai-based newspaper, DNA, as editorial writer. In 2017, he joined the Times of India team of leader writers. Together at DNA and TOI where he worked till early 2023, he wrote around 2,500 editorials on a broad spectrum of topics. As you now, the editorial is the view of the newspaper and the writer remains anonymous.

Jiby is currently the Opinion Editor of the financial news website, Moneycontrol.com.

Incidentally, the only article Jiby wrote during his school days, 'Efficiency, India's Deficiency', was published in *The Loyolite 1994-95* and his latest article for our in-house publication, 'Humour in Black and White', was printed in our 2021 *Diamond Jubilee Souvenir*.



An Memoriam



Sangeeth Sivan, popular filmmaker, screenwriter, and cinematographer, passed away in Mumbai on 8 May 2024.

Sangeeth directed over 20 films the most famous of which are *Vyooham*, *Yodha*, *Daddy*, *Gandharvam*, and *Nirnayam* in Malayalam and *Kya Kool Hain Hum* and *Apna Sapna Money Money* in Hindi. His 1993 film *Johnny* won the State award for the best children's film.

Sangeeth belongs to the Loyola ISC batch of 1975 and is the sibling of two other Loyolites, the national awardwinning cinematographer-director Santosh Sivan and the celebrated filmmaker Sanjeev Sivan. During his Loyola days, Sangeeth was a star cricketer who represented Kerala State Schools.

Loyola fraternity's deepest condolences to his family and loved ones: his wife Jayashree, daughter Sajana, and son Shantanu.

LOYOLITES IN THE LIMELIGHT



SANTOSH SIVAN

conferred with

PIERRE ANGÉNIEUX TRIBUTE at CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Santosh Sivan became the first Asian to be conferred with the prestigious Pierre Angénieux Tribute, at the 77th Cannes Film Festival on 24 May 2024. He has been active in the film industry ever since he made his debut in 1986. In his four-decade association with the industry, he completed 55 feature films and 50 documentaries and has won 21 international awards, 12 National Film Awards, six Filmfare Awards, four Kerala State Film Awards, and three Tamil Nadu State Film Awards. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014 for his contributions to Indian cinema. A Loyolite of the Class of 1976, Santosh Sivan won the first Loyola Global Leadership Award, instituted by LOBA in 2015. He was one of the resource persons at the very first career guidance webinar hosted by LOBA EXPLORE. Those interested in listening to his words may click on SESSION 1 given on page 20. What The Hindu says about Santosh might be of special interest to Loyolites: "At 60, Sivan is a masterful raconteur, his stories chiselled and refined through years of reflection and narration. He has meticulously catalogued his art — every image and film now pinned to a memory. He traces the roots of Asoka (2001), an epic period drama starring Shah Rukh Khan, back to a post-lunch class in school when his teacher narrated the story of the Kalinga emperor to keep the class from sliding into a siesta. "We were disappointed at Asoka's decision to abstain from war," he recalls. "But the teacher said: 'One day, you would stop throwing stones at the stray dogs on the way home, and then you would understand why he did what he did.' I just couldn't forget what he said."

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Nomination for BEST ACTOR at 49th

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



Sidhanshu Sanjeev Sivan, IX BI

Aptly did Parvana put it in *Indian Express*: "Inheriting a career is one thing, and inheriting the passion for a career is another. The Sivan family is known more for the latter." The grandson of award-winning lensman and filmmaker Sivan, whose sons late Sangeeth, Santosh, and Sanjeev are acclaimed for their contribution to the film industry, Sidhanshu Sanjeev Sivan is the third-generation 'star' from the family. The protagonist of *Ozhuki Ozhuki Ozhuki* (*Quiet Flows the Dead*), Sidhanshu is nominated for Best Actor at 49th Toronto International Film Festival.

"What his future awaits we don't know. But as of today he is happy playing the roles coming his way, basking in the glory of the same. He is a proud Loyolite like his father, uncles, cousins and siblings. Wishing him only the best and hope in the coming years he will make us all proud and also the name of our school flying high" says Deepti Pillay Sivan, Sanjeev's wife, actor-filmmaker, and the producer of Ozhuki Ozhuki Ozhuki.

[Click here, or on the photograph above, to watch the news coverage]

BEST TEACHER AWARDEE Dr Simon George



Dr Simon George, Loyolite of the Class of 1986, won the 2023 Award for the Best Teacher in the Faculty of Medicine. He received the honour from Dr Mohanan Kunnummal, Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS). Dr Simon is CAP Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Govt. Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, and RMO of Govt. Eye Hospital.



Jacob J. Puthenveettil (Loyola ISC batch of 2018), secured 246th Rank in the Civil Service Examination. He is the son of Dr Elizabeth and Kerala Infotech General Manager Mr Jacob Puthenveettil, and the nephew of retired DGP Dr Alexander Jacob.



Roshan Suresh (V B)
won the Third Prize in the first NSPL
Crosscourt Open Squash Championship 2024
held at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



Ananthakrishnan L (X A) won the Second Prize at Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan National Camp held at IISER, Bhopal







Vasudevan Mahesh (VII B1), Evan Philip Mathew (IV C) and Gautam Renjith (IV C) qualified to take part in the International STOGO FEST held at Middlesex University and Knowledge Park, Dubai





Arnav Gupta (VIII A1) and Akshit V of VIII A1 clinched the First Prize in Brainspire: The Innovation Challenge jointly organized by Marian Engineering College and Christ Nagar Higher Secondary School, Trivandrum.





Neerad R. (IV B)

won the First Prize in Light Music and Western Solo and the Second Prize in Malayalam Recitation at the All Kerala Music Competition, Kutty Singer, organized by Paadashala at the Nishagandhi Open Stage on 18th May. Neerad was also one of the seven finalists chosen from 1500 participants to perform in front of the Malikapuram movie crew and received special mention from the music director. All finalists are promised roles in the movie's soundtrack.



Abhiraj A (X A1) Third Prize in Folk Song category of Kutty Singer.

EXTERNSHIP AND CAREER GUIDANCE

LOYOLA'S PATH TO PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Ms Sarah Koshy

LOBA EXPLORE followed up the these career guidance sessions of 2022 with Externship Programmes in providing participants with practical exposure and hands-on experience in their chosen fields, thereby enhancing their overall career development journey.

"In the midst of dreams and aspirations lies the transformative power of guidance and practical experience."

In the pursuit of fostering holistic career development, LOBA EXPLORE took a commendable initiative to conduct ten comprehensive career guidance sessions covering a diverse array of fields over the years. These sessions encompassed areas such as Music, Movies, Fashion, Medicine, Dentistry, Healthcare, Advertising, Communication, Journalism, PR, Digital Media, Armed Forces, Indian Police Service, Defence Research Organization, Engineering & Technology, Data Science, Al, Machine Learning, Gaming, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Visual storytelling, Civil Services, Entrepreneurship, Management & Consulting, Finance, CA, and Investment Banking. Through these initiatives, LOBA EXPLORE aimed at providing invaluable insights and guidance to aspiring professionals, equipping them with the knowledge and resources needed to embark on successful career paths in their chosen fields.

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The dynamic landscape of today's professional world makes the transition from academia to the workforce daunting. Theoretical knowledge gained in classrooms often needs practical reinforcement to flourish into meaningful careers. This is where externship programmes emerge as guiding beacons, illuminating the path for aspiring professionals. Through structured curricula, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, these programmes play a pivotal role in

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Externships provide participants with a structured curriculum that serves as a roadmap for their professional journey. This curriculum integrates theoretical

concepts with practical applications, fostering a holistic understanding of the field. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Externship programmes wield this weapon by empowering participants with knowledge that transcends textbooks, preparing them to tackle real-world challenges with confidence and competence.

Central to the essence of externship programmes is the concept of mentorship. Participants are paired with experienced professionals who serve as guides, confidants, and sources of inspiration. As Maya Angelou famously remarked, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Mentors in externship

programmes not only impart wisdom but also instil a sense of belonging and encouragement, nurturing the next generation of leaders with empathy and understanding.

In the labyrinth of existence, where each step we take is a choice and each choice a journey, the guest for purpose and fulfilment often intertwines with the pursuit of professional excellence. Like celestial bodies navigating the vast expanse of the universe, individuals seek guidance to chart their courses

> amidst the cosmic dance of dreams and aspirations. Within the sacred grounds of Loyola School, this journey finds resonance in the Externship programme, where the guiding stars of wisdom, experience, and

opportunity converge to illuminate the path towards self-discovery and growth.

The Externship Core team, comprising the two Principals Fr Salvin Augustine and Fr Roy Alex, Dr Suresh K. Aravind, Mrs Sarah Koshy, alongside the esteemed representatives of LOBA EXPLORE (Jacob Mathan, Kurian Abraham, Sanjay Vijayakumar, Hari Gangadharan and Philippose Mathew), and the PTA (S. Rakhesh Kumar, Dr Anju Deepak) fervently crafted this year's Externship programme. This dynamic team was dedicated to curating an enriching experience that transcended conventional boundaries and fostered profound learning and personal growth among the participants.

Job shadowing constitutes a cornerstone of externship programmes, offering participants a front-row seat to the

intricacies of the professional world. Through observation and immersion, they witness the synergy between theory and practice, gaining invaluable insights into the nuances of their chosen field. Confucius once said, "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." Externship programmes embody this philosophy, facilitating experiential learning that leaves a lasting impression on the participants' minds and hearts.

Hands-on projects serve as catalysts for experiential learning in externship programmes, allowing participants to apply theoretical knowledge to realworld scenarios. These projects foster creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork, equipping participants with the tools they need to navigate the complexities of their chosen profession.

The commencement of the Loyola School Externship 2024 in association with LOBA EXPLORE and the PTA was marked by an engaging orientation session, setting the stage for the transformative journey ahead. It was led by Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr Roy Alex SJ, esteemed members of LOBA and the PTA, Dr Suresh K. Aravind, Jacob Mathan, Abhilash Javapal, Hari Gangadharan and S. Rakhesh Kumar. Parents and student participants were welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm as they embarked on this immersive learning experience. Through insightful presentations and interactive discussions, the key objectives and expectations of the programme were outlined, laying a solid foundation for the weeks to come. The orientation session not only provided a roadmap for the participants and parents and but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and excitement, igniting a passion for learning and exploration.

The participation of esteemed organizations in the programme from 1 to 12 April highlighted the vast spectrum of opportunities available to our student participants. The involvement of leading engineering, architecture, and technology firms such as InApp. UST, IBS, Terrific Minds, Kennedy IQ, Travancore Analytics, Precision Max, Thoughtline, Aten Inc. Softnotions, and Jacob Engineering Works, to renowned healthcare institutions like Ananthapuri Hospital, Yana Women's Hospital and Fertility Care, Gitanjali Eye and ENT Hospital, Neyyar Medicity, NIMS Hospital, Lords Hospital, Dr. Unni's Agastyaa Heritage Ayurvedic Hospital, Sree Dhanwantary Vaidyasala Ayurveda Hospital, Bluespring Dental, Kamala Dental Clinic, NCSCDA (National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled), and Pallium India spanning specialties including General Medicine, Ayurveda, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Fertility, Allopathy, Palliative care, and Rehabilitative care ensured the participants invaluable exposure.

Moreover, partnerships with entities like Kerala Police and Hindustan Latex Lifecare Limited ensured a comprehensive understanding of cyber-crime and healthcare. Collaborations with financial organizations including Capstocks Financials Ltd, Suresh Kumar Associates, Gopal and Anil Associates (CA), and Indian Bank provided insights into finance solutions. Additionally, alliance with Hotel Dimora let the students gain insight into the hospitality sector.

Further, engagements with media, advertising, and legal firms such as Kerala Kaumudi, Stark Communications, Nambiar Associates (Law), and Shyam Sekhar Associates offered invaluable exposure to cutting-edge media research and legal expertise. This rich array of partnerships not only provided participants with hands-on experience but also fostered a spirit of collaboration and innovation, laying the groundwork for future success in their respective fields.

Externships provide participants with networking opportunities that extend far beyond the confines of traditional classrooms. Through interactions with professionals, the alumni, and industry leaders, the participants expand their horizons, forging connections that pave the way for future collaborations and career advancements. In the words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Externships foster a sense of community and collaboration, empowering the participants to become catalysts for positive change in their respective fields.

Externships offer workshops that equip the participants with essential skills for success in the workforce. From resume writing to interviewing skills, these workshops help them to present themselves confidently and competently in professional settings. As Eleanor Roosevelt aptly noted, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Externship programmes nurture the participants' dreams by equipping them with the tools and confidence they need to turn those dreams into reality.

In conclusion, externship programmes serve as incubators for talent, nurturing the leaders of tomorrow with knowledge, mentorship, and hands-on experiences.

By integrating theory with practice, fostering mentorship relationships, and providing networking opportunities, these programmes empower the participants to embark on meaningful and fulfilling careers. As Helen Keller famously said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Externship programmes embody the spirit of collaboration and cooperation. uniting participants, mentors, and professionals in a shared journey towards excellence.

As the curtains drew to a close on the Externship programme, there was a palpable sense of fulfilment and achievement among all involved. The culmination ceremony not only marked the end of a transformative journey but also served as a moment of reflection and gratitude.

As company coordinators were felicitated by Frs Salvin Augustine SJ, Roy Alex SJ and Dr Suresh K. Aravind for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the programme, fond memories of shared experiences and invaluable lessons learned came flooding back.

Amidst the applause and appreciation, anecdotes from the programme were shared; each one encapsulated the essence of collaboration, perseverance, and growth of our scions. From the exhilarating moments of problem-solving in real-world scenarios to the bonds forged over shared challenges, every memory painted a vivid picture of the Externship Programme's impact. Despite the initial hurdles, their collective determination and innovative approach led to a successful outcome, leaving an indelible mark on everyone involved. The lasting bonds and memories will be cherished for years to come.



HYPERLINKS TO LOBA EXPLORE CAREER GUIDANCE SESSIONS

LOBA

EXPLORE

CAREER GUIDANCE AND MENTORING PROGRAMME

(TO WATCH THE PROGRAMME, CLICK ON THE SESSIONS OF YOUR CHOICE)

SESSION 1

Music, Movies, Entertainment, and Fashion Design

SESSION 2

Medicine, Dentistry, and Healthcare

SESSION 3

Advertising, Communication, Journalism, PR, and Digital Media

SESSION 4

Indian Police Service, Defence Research, and Armed Forces

SESSION 5

Engineering and Technology

Session 6

IT, Data Science, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence

SESSION 7

Play, Learn, Earn: Gaming, Ar/Vr, Visual Story Telling

SESSION 8

Civil Services

SESSION 9

Entrepreneurship

SESSION 10

Why an MBA? A career in Management & Consulting

Session 11

Introduction to the world of Finance

SESSION 12

Introduction to Law

Those of you reading the print version of LENS may make a note of the following URL to watch the ten youtube videos of the Career Guidance Sessions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su-BYi1nEjc&list=PL6c8Pvcljn6KBTGn4tvVsm3rOS0WGK7Wr

Gallery of Loyola Externship 2024

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Aten Inc



Bluespring Dental



Capstock Financials



Gitanjali Eye & ENT Hospital



Dr Unni's Agastyaa Heritage Ayurvedic Hospital



Gopal & Anil Associates (CA)



Hindustan Lifecare Limited









InApp



Indian Bank



Jacob Engineering Works



Livingworld Architects



Kamala Dental Clinic



Kerala Police Drone Forensic Lab



Lords Hospital



Nambiar Associates



Kennedys iQ Kerala Kaumudi



NCSCDA (National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled)



Neyyar Medicity



Shyam Sekhar Law Associates



NIMS Hospital



Pallium India



Precision Max



UST



Yana Women's Hospital & Fertility Centre



Travancore Analytics



Terrific Minds



Suresh Kumar Associates



Softnotions



Stark Communications



Sree Dhanwantary Vaidyasala Ayurveda Hospital



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Summer Camp

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Summer vacations are always a time for fun and making lasting memories. Our school embraced this spirit by organizing a fantastic Summer Camp, held from April 8 to May 8, 2024. With around 400 enthusiastic students participating, the camp was a vibrant hub of activity and talent.

The event kicked off with an inspiring inauguration by our esteemed chief guest, S. Rajiv, a former national water polo gold medallist and chairman of the Technical Committee of the Swimming Federation of India. We also had the presence of our principals, Fr. Salvin Augustine S.J. and Fr. Roy Alex S.J., along with our PTA President, Mr. Rakesh.

The camp was packed with a wide range of activities designed to cater to diverse interests. Cricket enthusiasts received topnotch coaching led by Mr. Aaron George, an India A team cricket video analyst, from Rovers Sports Academy. Chess students were guided by Premier Chess Academy, and budding roboticists explored new technologies with Acadevo Research Labs. Our very own Bindhulekha Ma'am led the Arts and Crafts sessions. The camp offered special training in basketball by the Trivandrum District Basketball Association. Training in swimming was led by Mr. Manoj G.R., a district sports council member and PADI Scuba diver. The football camp was led by Mr. Aji A.S., former Kerala youth team coach. Karate sessions were conducted by Mr. Shaji Joseph, a 2nd Dan Black Belt, Japan. Mr. Umesh U., Mr. Rajesh T. G and Mr. Anu G.S. of the Physical Education Department ensured smooth coordination of all sports activities.

In every sense, the summer camp was a tremendous success. It provided an enriching break from the academic routine, fostering personal growth and fun in equal measure. Students left with newfound skills, treasured memories, and a deeper connection to their peers.





















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