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Our Inspiration - Our Guide  
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# SRI PRAKASH YOUNG SMILES



SURGING AHEAD WITH MILES OF SMILES

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebrations

Vice Admiral  
Sri Kudaravalli  
Srinivas

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### SRI PRAKASH VIDYANIKETAN

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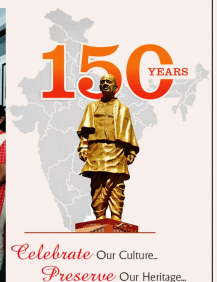
Education is not merely the pursuit of academic excellence but a journey of discovery, growth and character building. At Sri Prakash, every experience is thoughtfully designed to meet our vision to nurture joyful learning for holistic growth, empowering students to evolve into confident and responsible individuals. One of the most remarkable highlights was the inauguration of 150 artworks of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, created by our talented students to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary. This unique exhibition brought together artistic expressions inspired by the ideals of unity, leadership, courage and national integra-

tion that Sardar Patel stood for. Through paintings, sketches, creative installations and student-led interpretations, the exhibition aimed to connect younger generations with the values and vision that helped shape modern India. This proud initiative was inaugurated by Smt. Sailaja Kiron, Managing Director - Margadarsi Chit Fund Pvt.Ltd. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Smt Sailaja Kiron garu for graciously launching this memorable exhibition. My heartfelt thanks to Prof. V. Ramesh, renowned artist, and Dr. Madala Srinivasu, Director, Agata Energy & Infrastructure Limited, for gracing the Occasion. Our Kids' Day - of the kids, for

the kids, and with the kids was celebrated with great enthusiasm, proudly reflecting the confidence, creativity, and collaborative spirit of our Pre-Primary kids. We were deeply honoured by the presence of Ms. Geeta Ramanujam, Renowned storyteller of India, who mesmerised the audience with her captivating narration. My sincere thanks to Dr. E. Peda Veeraju Garu Eminent Gastroenterologist for enlightening everyone with valuable health tips. I also express my gratitude to Dr. Anuradha Nidra, Eminent Neurologist & Sri Vankayala Sanyasiraju, Founder Bhagyasri Ram Jewellers for their august presence.

## Our Country.. Our Children.. Our Culture ..!

Exhibition Inaugurated by, Smt. Sailaja Kiron, Managing Director, Margadarsi



SARDAR  
VALLABHBHAI PATEL  
150 ART WORKS  
BY PRAKASHITES

Marking 150 years of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Sri Prakash Art Club showcased 150 inspiring art works by Prakashites, appreciated by Mrs. Sailaja Kiron, Director, Margadarsi Chit Fund Pvt. Ltd., Prof. V. Ramesh, Fine arts, AU, and Dr. M. Srinivasu, Director, Agata Energy & Infrastructure Limited who commended the students' creativity and dedication.

Our AROMA - Annual Day celebration became a vibrant platform where talents blossomed, teamwork thrived, and every child experienced the joy of self-expression. Beyond the performances, what truly enriched was the opportunity for our students to interact with eminent personalities from diverse fields. These inspiring interactions broadened their horizons, ignited aspirations and reinforced the belief that great heights can be achieved

through resilient determination and integrity. We were privileged to have Vice Admiral Sri Kudaravalli Srinivas, Director General Naval Projects, Vizag, grace our Annual Day and inspire the gathering. My gratitude to a proud former parent who continues to inspire our students through his leadership and vision Sri Maddi Srinivasa Rao, National Independent Director, MMTC and Chairman of CG State Beverages, for his esteemed presence. Special thanks to Sri O. Naresh Kumar, Founder & CEO of Symbiosys Technologies, for his motivating address and Dr. Krishna Prasad, COO - Apollo Hospitals, Vizag, for his gracious presence and encouragement. We firmly believe that "Great men were children one day, and children can be great men someday." Our proud alumni, Major Kavitha Vasupalli, VSM, & Mr. Chandra Mouli Tippala, CEO Red Magazine exemplifies this belief, whose presence at our Annual Day made the day truly inspiring and memorable. Major Kavitha Vasupalli became the first woman to complete the remarkable 1040 km rafting expedition on the Brahmaputra River - interacted with our students and shared her inspiring journey of courage, perseverance, and unwavering determination. Her extraordinary achievements have brought immense pride to our institution and continue to motivate our young learners to dream big and strive fearlessly. I also extend special gratitude to Sri M. S. N. Raju, renowned philanthropist and industrialist, for his inspiring message during the Youth Day celebrations. I sincerely thank Sri. P. R. Daroz and Mrs. Deepali Daroz; Prof. Rama Mohana Rao Kotagiri, Australia Sri. G. Somsekar, CI; Sri A. Dasaradhi, CI (Traffic); Sri Tirumala Rao, CI, Bheemunipatnam, Sri Sourav Majumdar, Scientist 'F' at DRDO, NSTL; Sri. A. V. L. Jagannadha Rao, Retired Deputy Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;



It's Kids Day  
of the Kids  
for the Kids  
and  
with the Kids...



and Ms. Jyoti Pandey for interacting and motivating our students. Our children have once again made us proud by excelling in various competitions - be it academics, art, music, sports, or other co-curricular arenas. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, the dedicated guidance of our teachers, and the unwavering support of parents. I extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual who contributed to our success - our teachers, students, parents, and well-wishers. Your commitment and encouragement have made every initiative meaningful and every achievement possible. Together, we continue our journey of shaping our prakashites to be confident, compassionate and capable individuals.



**Shri Saurav Majumdar, Scientist 'F', DRDO, NSTL**

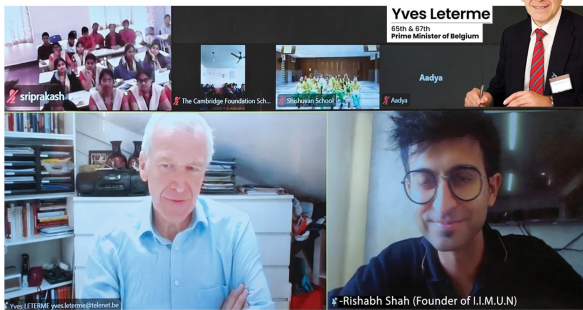


Distribution of Hibiscus plants to initiate Nurturing Nature for the Safe Future

**Global Leadership Session: H.E. Yves Leterme**

Prakashites joined an inspiring online session hosted by I.I.M.U.N., featuring a conversation between founder Mr. Rishabh Shah and the former Prime Minister of Belgium, H.E. Yves Leterme. The event focused on how young leaders can move from the classroom to the global stage. Mr. H.E. Yves Leterme shared stories from his time in office, emphasizing that leadership is about listening, cooper-

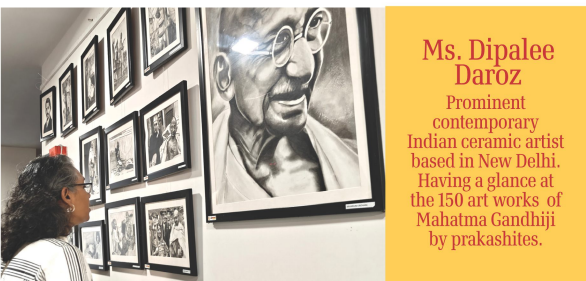
ation, and staying true to one's values. Mr. Rishabh Shah encouraged students to take active roles in their communities today rather than waiting for tomorrow. The session was a powerful reminder that today's students are the next generation of world leaders. It left everyone feeling motivated to look beyond borders and work together for a better future.



**Rigveda Pandit, Sree Ganeshan**



**Sri. P.R. Daroz**  
Renowned Indian ceramic artist and sculptor exploring the 125 Portraits of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose By Prakashites



**Ms. Dipalee Daroz**  
Prominent contemporary Indian ceramic artist based in New Delhi. Having a glance at the 150 art works of Mahatma Gandhiji by prakashites.



**Chasing the Rapids: Major Kavitha Vasupalli**



Our school recently hosted a truly special seminar as we welcomed back one of our own, alumna Major Kavitha Vasupalli. It was a proud moment for the students to interact with a former student who has gone on to achieve great heights in the Indian Army and the world of adventure. Major Vasupalli captivated the audience with stories of her daring rafting expedition across the mighty Brahmaputra River. She described the intense grit and teamwork required to navigate one of the world's most dangerous and turbulent rivers, using the wild rapids as a metaphor for the obstacles life throws our way. Her message to the students was deeply personal and powerful: never give up, stay resilient, and always have the courage to follow your dreams. Seeing a successful alumna share such incredible experiences left the student body feel motivated and empowered. Major Vasupalli's journey from our school hallways to the rapids of the Brahmaputra served as a reminder that with determination, any goal is within reach. It was a memorable day that inspired everyone to chase their passions with confidence and pride.

**Story Telling Session by Mrs. Jyoti Pandey**



Ms. Jyoti Pandey, an ardent educationist, practicing psychologist, transformational storyteller, and certified happiness and mindfulness coach, conducted an inspiring storytelling session for students of Grades 5 and 6. Through the powerful story of "A Soldier Who Never Died," she beautifully conveyed

the spirit of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering love for the nation. Her engaging narration not only captivated the young audience but also instilled deep patriotic values and respect for the armed forces in their hearts.

**Capacity Building Programme on Value Education**



The teachers participated in an enriching Capacity Building Programme focused on Value Education led by eminent resource persons Sri Samir Kumar Pandey, Principal of Delhi Public School, and Mrs. Vedula Suseela, Principal of Green City English Medium School. The seminar provided practical strategies for integrating core human values into daily teaching. Through interactive discussions,

role-plays, and an introduction to the NCERT framework, educators explored how to make abstract concepts like honesty, empathy, and discipline relatable for students. This successful session empowered our teachers with new tools to go beyond academics, ensuring a holistic environment that nurtures both the intellect and the character of every learner.

**Seminar by Sri A.T.B. BOSE for Math teachers**

The session by Sri Bose was both enlightening and engaging. He began by speaking about the Ramanujan Museum and Math Education Centre and emphasized that Zero (0) signifies the absence of quantity, not "nothing." He revisited key mathematical terms such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division,

and suggested using the term "number ray" instead of number line. He also demonstrated innovative methods like teaching integers with arrows and using an integer board game with x and y axes. Introducing the term "juxtaposing" in algebraic identities, he encouraged precise mathematical language.



CONGRATULATIONS

ALL INDIA 2<sup>nd</sup> RANK



Prakashite Ch. Hasini & Prakashite Mohammed Abdul Basith



Winners of the 15<sup>th</sup> Statistics Olympiad 2025 awarded a cash prize of

**Rs.25,000/-**

for their outstanding performance.

SPORTS

(Skating)



63<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP  
Rushil Bendi



1 GOLD



2 SILVER



2 BRONZE

SPORTS

(Rifle Shooting)



Ch.V.S.Lokjeeth  
**GOLD MEDAL**  
IN SGFI UNDER 14 BOYS  
**STATE LEVEL**  
10 M PEEP SIGHT

SPORTS

(Table Tennis)



Aryanjali Santoshi  
**Inter District**  
**GOLD MEDAL & TROPHY**

CHESS

District Level



WINNER	RANK	Photo
K.P.Prajna Varshini	1	
P.Krishna Varenya	2	
Shiven Kanakala	2	

BADMINTON



District Level

WINNER	RANK	Photo
Mogga Akshara	1	
R.Devesh	2	

**EduConnectIn**  
Best School Award 2025-26

Excellence in Education



This is to certify that Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan

conferred as Best School in

Visakhapatnam City (Andhra Pradesh)

out of 1,256 schools

Nilesh Babna  
Founder, EduConnectIn

CULTURAL ARTS

(Painting)

STATE  
**1<sup>st</sup>**



A.Chaitanya Teja

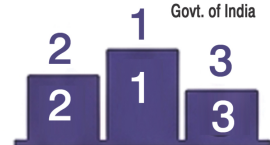
Award of Recognition  
**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LAUREATE SOUTH INDIA**  
SRI PRAKASH VIDYANIKETAN  
Visakhapatnam

for sustained academic distinction through exceptional results and a highly Systemised approach to learning excellence



LITERACY

(Essay Writing)  
Customs & Central Excise  
Govt. of India



K.Hasini



Priyanshi Singh



K.Sravya Geethika

SLOKA COMPETITION - WINNERS

SUB - JUNIORS & JUNIORS



SENIORS



L.P.Maha Iaxmi Naidu



P.Nithya Sree



Kagitha Hanvika Priya



B.Haneesh



L.Hansith Krishna



R.Najshada Sree



Kalivarapu Sathvika



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Lasritha Yadvi



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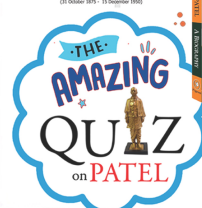
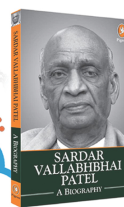


Bariki Ram Charan Raj



B.Gnapika

INTER SCHOOL QUIZ



R.Vaarahi



Anand Sri Mitra



S.Anwasha



B.Rithwik



K.Sravya Geethika



K.Joshitha

Our Country.. Our Children.. Our Culture ..!



SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL

150

ART WORKS BY PRAKASHITES

150 YEARS



Celebrate Our Culture.. Preserve Our Heritage..

Art with a Vision: Honouring the Iron Man of India

Our school corridors were transformed into a vibrant gallery of history and inspiration as our budding artists presented a magnificent art exhibition honoring the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. As the "Iron Man of India," Patel's commitment to a unified nation served as the soul of this creative showcase, which successfully merged historical awareness with artistic excellence.

Eighty one talented prakashites, ranging from ages 9 to 16, brought India's heritage to life through 150 remarkable art-works. Using mediums such as charcoal, watercolor, and acrylic, these young creators captured significant milestones of Sardar Patel's life with meticulous detail. The inauguration was graced by eminent personalities, including Prof. V. Ramesh, Dr. Madala Srinivasu, and Smt. Sailaja Kiron, M.D Margadasi Chit Fund Pvt Ltd. whose presence provided immense encouragement to our budding artists.

Prof. V. Ramesh spoke on the power of fearless creativity, while Dr. Madala Srinivasu urged students to maintain the courage to try, even in the face of failure. In a stirring keynote address, Chief Guest Smt. Sailaja Kiron called upon the youth to be torchbearers of integrity and empathy.

She emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship and the timeless values of Matru devo Bhava and Pitru devo Bhava, reminding everyone that moral values are the true crown of success.

The event also featured a book-reading quiz based on Sardar Patel's biography, with winners receiving cash prizes for their dedication to history.

Ms. Sailaja Kiron was deeply impressed and overwhelmed with joy and gratitude when the children sang a heartfelt song dedicated to her on this special occasion. The innocence and sincerity in their voices made the moment truly touching and memorable for everyone present.

Director Chitturi Vasu Prakash concluded the celebration by congratulating the participants and felicitating the guests. This exhibition stood as a powerful tribute, inspiring the entire school community to reflect on the enduring legacy of a great leader while celebrating the limitless potential of our young creators. This has envisioned not merely as an artistic display but as an educational and inspirational platform that celebrates the nation building through creativity. The drawings of 150 art works was a true tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the values he upheld throughout his life. Through their creativity, the students paid homage to his vision, courage and dedication to the Nation.

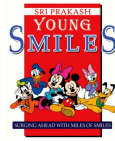
**Mrs. Sailaja Kiron**  
Managing Director  
Margadarsi Chit Fund Pvt. Ltd.

Listening to students singing during the art exhibition organised on the life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan.

your words,  
Your words become  
your actions,  
your actions become  
your words







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Proud Alumna Major Kavitha Vasupalli VSM



Sri Maddi Srinivasa Rao Chairman, Chhattisgarh state Beverages Corporation & National Independent Director, MMTTC



Vice Admiral Sri Kudaravalli Srinivas, Director General Naval Projects, Vizag



Sri Oruganti Naresh Kumar Founder & CEO Symbiosys Technologies



Dr. Krishna Prasad Chief Operating Officer (COO), Apollo Hospitals, Vizag



Sri Prakash students showcase talent The Hindu Bureau VISAKHAPATNAM... It was enticed by the presence of alumna Major Dr. Kavitha Vasupalli, the first woman to complete a remarkable 1040 km rafting expedition on the fish-mapsutra River. Sharing her experiences, she motivated the students to achieve bigger goals. National Independent Director MMTTC, Sri Srinivasa Rao, Director General, Naval Projects, Vice-Admiral Kudaravalli Srinivas, Founder and CEO Symbiosys Technologies, Oruganti Naresh Kumar and others attended as chief guests.



Swagatham

We hosted our annual flagship event, AROMA 2025, a celebration overflowing with inspiration and talent that perfectly captured the spirit of our school. The evening commenced with a soulful prayer and an energizing performance by the School Musical Band. The ceremonial stage was graced by a distinguished panel of guests, including Alumna Major Kavitha Vasupalli, VSM; Dr. Krishna Prasad, COO of Apollo Hospitals; Maddi Srinivasa Rao, Mr. O. Naresh Kumar, CEO of Symbiosys Technologies; and Vice Admiral K. Srinivas, DGNP, VSP.



Harmony of Body and Soul



A call to save our earth

Following the Annual Report and insightful guest addresses, the release of our publication "Young Smiles" and the Prize Distribution ceremony honored the stellar achievements of our students. The conventional segment concluded with a thoughtful address by our Director, Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash, and a melodic Thank You song. As the stars emerged, the spotlight shifted to a vibrant Cultural Programme. From the grace of "Nriya Sangam" and the spiritual depth of "Yogam" to the environmental call of the "Dhak Dhak" drama, every performance resonated with purpose. Historical and social narratives came to life through "The Iron Man of India" living canvas and the empowering "Nari Shakti". The energy remained high with the rhythmic "Western Reloaded," the folk traditions of "Rajasthan Ki Kathputli," and the divine "Krishna". The night reached its crescendo with a hopeful "New Year" celebration, concluding with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem that left us all with a sense of pride and a fresh start for the year ahead. The highlight of the evening was commemorating 150 years of Vande Mataram by soulful rendition of the song while holding the Indian tricolour by 150 students filling the moment with pride, unity & patriotic fervour.



The iron man of India - A Living Canvas



Power of Womanhood

Celebrating and Commemorating 150 Glorious years of Vande Mataram - A timeless symbol of patriotism & National Pride



Sitaare Zameen Par





Rajasthan ki Katputli



S. Mokshitha & Manisha Jain  
National Recognition - PRAYAAS, NCERT, New Delhi



Grace of the National Bird



Eternal Love of Brindavan



Priyanshi Singh  
Best in Academics



B.Gnapika  
Best All Rounder



Rythm Reloaded



Welcoming the New Year



V.Bhavani,  
Best Out Going - Class X



G.Suhaan  
National Finalist  
Toyota Dream Car Contest



Natya Sangham



Proud Alumnus, Mr. Chandu Tippala,  
CMD, Red Magazine



Rushil Bendi  
Gold Medal - 20th Asian  
Roller Skating  
Championship

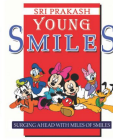


P.Durga Pranathi  
National Finalist Toyota  
Dream Car Contest



Ch.Hasini  
Best in Academics &  
Best Out going - Class X





### Champions of the Field: Sports Week 2025

We celebrated a high-octane Sports Week from November 18 to 22, 2025. Following weeks of careful preparation by our Physical Education Department, captains, and volunteers, the campus came alive with a variety of events. Students showcased their versatility across track events, indoor games like chess and table tennis, and a wide array of team sports including cricket, basketball, and kho-kho. The excitement culminated on December 22 with the grand Sports Day

and it was graced by guests Professor Ramamohanarao Kotagiri and Shri G. Somasekhar, CI. Ten championship teams and individual winners from across all school levels were honoured with medals by our guests Professor Ramamohanarao Kotagiri and Shri G. Somasekhar, CI during the closing ceremony. The event was a resounding success that celebrated not just athletic skill, but the enduring values of discipline and teamwork.



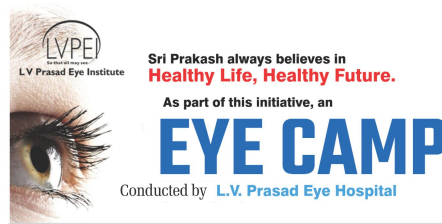
**SPORTS DAY**

### CHEMUN XIX - Innovation in the Digital Age



From November 7th to 9th, 2025, our students participated in CHEMUN XIX at the American International School of Chennai. Joining 700 delegates from across the country, they focused on the

theme "Innovation in the Digital Age," debating how technology can be used to build a fairer world. Our students represented the school in various committees like APO, GA2, GA3, GA4, and DISEC, where they worked hard to draft resolutions and solve global challenges. The experience was both educational and exciting for everyone involved. The students gained immense confidence in public speaking, while successfully passing important resolutions. They enhanced the vital skills of deep research and empathetic listening by proving that the next generation is ready to lead with both heart and high-tech insight. Beyond the debates, it was a journey of their personal and professional growth. They mastered the art of diplomacy and grew into more thoughtful global citizens.



Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan believes that learning and celebrations go hand in hand, especially when it comes to building a strong bond between parents, children, and the school community. Embracing this spirit, a delightful Cake Mixing Program was organized for the Kindergarten parents at the elegant Fortune Inn, marking the beginning of the

festive season with warmth, joy, and togetherness. As parents stirred the mixture together, laughter and lively conversations filled the room. The act of mixing became a joyful bonding experience, allowing parents to interact, share stories, and enjoy a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere. The program offered a refreshing break from daily routines and strengthened relationships within the Sri Prakash family. As the program concluded, the carefully mixed ingredients were packed and set aside, ready to mature into delicious festive cakes at home. Parents left with smiling faces, cherished memories, and a deeper connection to the Sri Prakash community.

### Vasanth Panchami

Students celebrated Vasanth Panchami, a festival marking the beginning of spring. The day started with a special puja to

Goddess Saraswathi, seeking blessings for wisdom and knowledge. It was a beautiful moment of devotion and learning.



### NCC Training

Our school has embarked on a historic journey with the commencement of this year's National Cadet Corps (NCC) training sessions in school, proudly welcoming girls into the wing for the first time as they march toward a future defined by "Unity and Discipline. The rigorous training regimen balances physical endurance through intensive drills with mental agili-

ty gained in specialized classroom sessions. Cadets are honing their posture on the parade ground while mastering technical skills like map reading and the foundational NCC Organisation subject. These sessions are designed to cultivate leadership and responsibility, empowering both our boys and girls to serve as the disciplined future leaders of our nation.



## Literary Elegance: English Day 2025

The celebration of English Day inspired Prakashites to embrace the language as a vital medium for global communication and creative artistry. The event showcased a diverse range of activities, including polite and kind gestures and quiz competitions that significantly sharpened students' linguistic abilities. Students

breathed new life into language while presenting the importance of the English language through PPT. These festivities concluded with students gaining a profound appreciation for literature and the newfound confidence to project their unique voices on a world stage.



## Voices of Tomorrow : National Youth Parliament 2025

The National Youth Parliament provided a transformative platform for Prakashites to immerse themselves in the intricate dynamics of Indian democracy. In a remarkable replication of the Lok Sabha, our young leaders stepped into the roles of Parliamentarians with passion and precision. The session was marked by intense debates on critical national issues, such as sustainable development and digital literacy. Through the structured discipline of the

Question Hour and the spirited presentation of bills, students showcased sharp analytical skills and a sophisticated grasp of legislative procedures. This mock assembly served as a powerful catalyst for building public speaking confidence and instilling a strong sense of civic duty. By articulating diverse perspectives with professional diplomacy, our students proved they are far more than mere observers of democracy; they are its future guardians.



**Infosys Prize 2025**  
Prize Ceremony  
**Intellectual Aura**  
at the Infosys Prize 2025  
Ceremony

Sri Narayana Murthy,  
Founder, Infosys,  
Nobel laureate  
Prof Randy Schekman

Shri K. Dinesh,  
Co-founder, Infosys



Prof. Sushant  
Sachdeva, University  
of Toronto

Shri Shibulal,  
Co-founder, Infosys

Prof. Karthish Manthiram, California  
Institute of Technology, Caltech; Sri  
Arumugam Ram Manthiram, Austin

Prof. Nikhil Agarwal,  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology (MIT)



Dr. Sabyasachi  
Mukherjee, TIFR,  
Mumbai,

Prof. Ashok Misra, Former  
Director, IIT & Ms. Rashmi Misra

Ms. Ranjani Sehgal,  
Boston

Dr. Anjana  
Badrinarayanan,  
NCBS, Bengaluru

## National Youth Day Celebrations

We celebrated National Youth Day with great reverence and enthusiasm, commemorating the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The programme was graced by Sri M. Satyanarayana Raju, a renowned philanthropist and industrialist. The celebration began with garlanding of Swami Vivekananda's statue and unveiling his portrait, which was beautifully illuminated through a stunning LED luminous art created by Prakashites, adding a unique and captivating touch to the occasion. In his inspir-

ing address, Sri M. Satyanarayana Raju spoke about human consciousness, character building, and self-realisation, urging students to overcome ignorance and manifest their inner divinity through righteous action. The campus wore a spiritual and patriotic look as students, dressed in Swamiji's attire, paid rich homage to the great philosopher, reflecting deep respect and admiration for his ideals and values adding significance to the occasion



**Sri M. S. N. Raju,**  
Renowned Philanthropist & industrialist

**NATIONAL YOUTH DAY**

## Spreading Smiles: The Great Kindness Challenge

Embracing the belief that no act of goodness is ever wasted, Prakashites from Classes VI to XII recently participated in The Great Kindness Challenge 2026. This proactive initiative moved beyond theory to foster a school culture built on respect, unity, and empathy. The journey began with a special assembly and a collective "Kindness Pledge," where students committed to daily acts of service. From filling "Kindness Jars" and thanking our dedicated support staff to environmental efforts like

beach cleaning and Eco-Kindness Day, our students proved that compassion has no boundaries. By fostering inclusion through the "Buddy Bench" and reaching out to community elders, the challenge significantly boosted campus morale and strengthened peer bonds. This successful program has left a lasting legacy of social responsibility, proving that our Prakashites are truly committed to making the world a better place.



**Great Kindness Challenge**

### Interaction with Sri A.V.L.Jagannadha Rao

Sri. A.V.L.Jaganadha Rao addressed Class 10 students on effective exam preparation, highlighting that examinations build experience, strengthen concepts, and improve strategy. He advised students to focus

on scoring areas, revise important topics based on weightage, practise previous question papers, and learn from mistakes. Emphasizing daily study, written practice, regular revision, and self-confidence, he encouraged students to stay disciplined and avoid comparison with others.



### Christmas Celebrations

The spirit of Christmas filled the campus of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan with joy and excitement as the school celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm for Pre-Primary and Primary students. The celebrations began with a cheerful Balloon Parade, followed by lively dance performances to popular carols like "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Feliz Navidad," and "Jingle Bells." A colourful Fancy Dress Show added charm, with children dressed as Santa Claus, angels, Christmas trees, and reindeers.

The Primary celebration featured festive anchoring, melodious carols, and the much-awaited arrival of Santa Claus with Rudolph, spreading laughter and cheer. Students dressed as Santa, Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and the Three Kings beautifully conveyed the values of love, kindness, and sharing. The festivities concluded with a delightful food fest, making the celebrations a perfect blend of joy, music, and togetherness.



### Sankranti Celebrations

Sri Prakash Vidya Niketan celebrated Sankranti with great enthusiasm and cultural splendor. The campus came alive with vibrant decorations, traditional music, and joyful participation by students and parents. The programme featured Burra Katha, BhogiMantalu, Goda Devi Kalyanam, folk performances, and an All-States Dance highlighting India's unity in diversity. The highlight of the program was where students beautifully explained how the harvest festival is celebrated in different states of India by dressing in traditional costumes. Representing Assam, students spoke about Magh Bihu with gratitude to nature. From Tamil Nadu, Pongal was explained with the importance of sun wor-

ship and sharing the harvest. Students dressed as people from Andhra Pradesh explained Bhogi, Sankranti and Kanuma, highlighting traditions like Bhogimantalu and Rangoli. The celebration concluded with Punjab's Lohri, where students described bonfires, bhanga, and the joy of harvest. The programme helped students understand India's unity in diversity and the importance of farmers and nature. Traditional activities such as BommalaKoluva, Bhogi Pallu, and the Sankranti Food Fest added colour and flavour to the celebrations. The event beautifully reflected gratitude for a bountiful harvest and reinforced cultural values, togetherness, and respect for Indian traditions.

### Road Safety Awareness Session

A Road Safety Awareness Session was jointly conducted by the Regional Transport Office (RTO) and Young Indians for 108 students of Classes IV and V on 8th January 2026 at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan (TPT Branch), as part of National Road Safety Month (1st-31st January). RTO officials explained traffic signals, basic road safety rules, pedestrian safety, and public transport guidelines in a simple and engaging

manner. The Young Indians team interacted with students, encouraging them to act as "Chota Cops" and responsible citizens. Students were also given a road safety report card to observe and note traffic rule violations. The session was informative and impactful, fostering awareness and responsibility among young learners.



Prakashites had a wonderful interaction with **Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan,**

a renowned children's author, poet, editor, and voice-over talent, at the Vizag Literary Fest.





Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan celebrated Kids' Day on 8th November at the VUDA Children's Arena, Visakhapatnam, with great joy and enthusiasm. The programme commenced with an engaging welcome address, followed by the warm reception of the esteemed guests-Sri Vankayala Sanyasiraju, Founder of Bhagyasri Ram

Jewellers, Dr. Anuradha Nidra, Consultant Neurophysician; Dr. E. Peda Veerraju, Eminent Gastroenterologist; and Smt. Geeta Ramanujan, Eminent Storyteller. The guests inspired the audience with their motivating speeches, and Smt. Geeta Ramanujan's storytelling session was truly extraordinary, leaving everyone spellbound. The

Convocation Ceremony of Kindergarten children also commenced with pride and dignity, and the programme concluded on a joyful and memorable note. The celebration also featured a well-curated craft exhibition where students showcased beautiful eco-friendly craft items, which drew great appreciation from the guests and visi-

tors for their creativity and environmental awareness. The event was enriched with vibrant cultural performances such as Welcome Dance, Classical Dance, Western Dance, Peacock Dance, and Krishna Dance, highlighting the talent and enthusiasm of the students.

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# Kindergarten Graduates

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**Dr.E. Peda Veerraju**  
Eminent Gastroenterologist

**Sri Vankayala Sanyasiraju**  
Founder: Bhagyasri Ram Jewellers

**Smt. Geeta Ramanujam**  
Renowned storyteller of India



## Remembering a Legend The First Indian Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, OBE - A Symbol of valour & Patriotism

**Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa** was not just a soldier; he was a visionary who laid the foundation for the modern Indian Army. Born on January 28, 1899, in Kodagu (Coorg), Karnataka, Cariappa rose through the ranks to become a symbol of Indian pride and resilience. His leadership during the 1947 Indo-Pak War, his role in the partition of the British Indian Army, and his commitment to an apolitical military shaped India's defense forces in their formative years. For Indian readers, his story is a reminder of the values that define our nation: discipline, unity, and selfless service.

**Early Life :** The Roots of a Legend Kodandera Madappa Cariappa was born into a Kodava family in Shanivarsanthe, Kodagu, a region renowned for its martial traditions. The second of six children, Cariappa grew up in a close-knit household where his father, Madappa, served as a revenue official in the British colonial administration. Known as "Chimma" to his relatives, young Cariappa was spirited and inquisitive, with a love for sports like hockey and tennis. His early education at Central High School in Madikeri shaped his disciplined outlook, while his English teachers instilled British values of decorum and duty qualities that would define his military career.

In 1917, Cariappa enrolled at Presidency College in Madras (now Chennai), where his passion for serving the nation took root. Inspired by stories of World War I veterans, he seized the opportunity to join the British Indian Army when recruitment opened for Indian officers. Out of 70 applicants, Cariappa was among the 42 selected for the first batch of King's Commissioned Indian Officers (KCIOS) at Daly Cadet College, Indore. Graduating seventh in his class in 1919, he embarked on a journey that would forever change India's military landscape.

**Career Highlights :** A Trailblazer in Uniform Cariappa's military career, spanning nearly three decades, is a testament to his grit and leadership. Commissioned as a temporary first lieutenant in 1919, he initially served with the 2/88 Carnatic Infantry before settling with the 1/7 Rajputs, which became his permanent regiment. His early postings took him to Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) and Afghanistan, where he honed his skills in guerrilla warfare and earned the nickname "Kipper" from a British officer's wife.

During World War II, Cariappa's leadership shone. He served in Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Burma, earning a Mention in Despatches as Deputy Assistant and Quartermaster General of the 10th Indian Division. In 1942, he made history as the first Indian to command a battalion, the 7th Rajput Machine Gun Battalion, stabilizing it through rigorous training and administration. By 1945, promoted to brigadier, he commanded the Bannu Frontier Brigade in Waziristan, where his diplomatic approach to local tribes earned praise from Jawaharlal Nehru. The 1947 partition posed one of Cariappa's toughest challenges. Tasked with dividing the British Indian Army between India and Pakistan, he ensured a fair and orderly process despite communal tensions. His leadership during the 1947-48 Indo-Pak War was pivotal, as he orchestrated operations like Kipper, Easy, and Bison to reclaim strategic areas

such as Naushera, Zojila, and Kargil. On January 15, 1949, Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief, succeeding General Sir Roy Bucher a milestone celebrated annually as Army Day. After retiring in 1953, Cariappa served as India's High Commissioner to Australia

Pakistani tribal militias, securing key territories like Dras and Kargil. Cariappa's emphasis on discipline and professionalism transformed the army into a cohesive, nationalist force, free from colonial legacies. Beyond the battlefield, Cariappa's advocacy for an apolitical military set a precedent that remains a cornerstone of India's democracy. He famously stated, "A soldier is above politics and should not believe in caste or creed," a principle that guided his leadership and inspired generations. His diplomatic tenure in Australia further highlighted his global influence, as he challenged racial prejudices and promoted India's image abroad.

**Awards and Recognition :** Honoring a Hero Cariappa's exemplary service earned him numerous accolades.

During World War II, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his role in the Burma campaign. In 1949, U.S. President Harry S. Truman conferred the Order of the Chief Commander of the Legion of Merit, recognizing his contributions to Indo-U.S. relations, the first such honor for an Indian general. On April 28, 1986, the Government of India bestowed upon him the five-star rank of Field Marshal, a rare distinction shared only with Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. This honor, presented at Rashtrapati Bhavan, celebrated Cariappa's lifelong service. In 1995, India Post issued a commemorative stamp in his

honor, immortalizing his legacy. Despite calls for the Bharat Ratna, including from General Bipin Rawat, Cariappa's contributions remain unparalleled, even without India's highest civilian award.

**Personal Values and Legacy :**

A Soldier's Heart Cariappa's life was defined by integrity, humility, and patriotism. His refusal to seek special treatment for his son, Squadron Leader K.C. Cariappa, during the 1965 Indo-Pak War exemplifies his principles. When Pakistan's General Ayub Khan offered to release his son, a prisoner of war, Cariappa replied, "He is my son no longer. He is the child of this country, a soldier fighting for his motherland like a true patriot." This act of impartiality underscored his belief that every soldier was equal. A devout follower of Sathya Sai Baba and Sivananda Saraswati, Cariappa's spiritual side complemented his disciplined persona. His daily ritual of saluting photographs of his parents and a statue of the unknown Indian soldier reflected his reverence for family and duty. His legacy endures through institutions like the Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle in Mysuru and the continued relevance of his apolitical military ethos. Cariappa's contributions to ex-servicemen's welfare, through the IESL and the Directorate of Resettlement, highlight his lifelong commitment to soldiers. His vision of a self-reliant, inclusive, and disciplined army continues to inspire India's armed forces, making him a timeless icon.

and New Zealand until 1956, advocating for ex-servicemen's welfare and challenging Australia's restrictive immigration policies. His post-retirement contributions included founding the Indian Ex-Servicemen's League (IESL) in 1964, cementing his commitment to veterans.

**Iconic Contributions :** Shaping the Indian Army this tribute to Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa would be incomplete without highlighting his transformative contributions to the Indian Army. His tenure as Commander-in-Chief was marked by efforts to modernize and unify the military. Cariappa established two iconic units: the Guards Brigade (1949, now the Brigade of the Guards) and the Parachute Regiment (1952), both of which broke caste and class barriers to foster inclusivity. His leadership during the 1947-48 Indo-Pak War showcased strategic brilliance. Under his command, Indian forces defended Jammu and Kashmir against



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