



SACRED HEART CONVENT SCHOOL, NALIMBI

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Introduction

“Maybe there is a road ahead of it, maybe there is a new world down the road, walking forth is the only plight, because we didn't come this far to come this far only.”

With these inspiring words, I, on behalf of Sacred Heart Convent School, Nalimbi, extend my warm greetings to each one of you. It is with great pride and immense joy that I present the Annual Report for the academic year 2024–25.

The Annual Report is not merely a record of events; it is the living story of our school — the milestones achieved, the challenges overcome, the lessons learned, and the aspirations nurtured. It is a reflection of our commitment to excellence, the dedication of our teachers, the enthusiastic participation of our students, and the unwavering support of our parents.

Since its humble beginning with just 60 students, our institution has steadily grown into a vibrant community of around 400 learners, guided by a team of dedicated staff. The academic year 2024–25 has been especially significant, as it marked the historic moment of sending forth our first-ever Class X batch, the pioneers of our school's journey towards academic legacy.

This report will walk you through the highlights of the past year in academics, cultural life, co-curricular activities, sports, training programmes, and holistic growth initiatives, each contributing to the shaping of our students as confident, compassionate, and capable young citizens.

Academic Excellence

The academic year 2024–25 began on 5th June 2024 with a solemn prayer service invoking God's blessings, followed by a warm welcome programme for our students. From the very outset, emphasis was laid not only on academic progress but also on ensuring the overall well-being of learners.

To maintain academic rigor, the year was systematically divided into four periodic assessments (40 marks each) and two terminal examinations (80 marks each). This well-structured evaluation pattern enabled continuous learning and fair assessment of students' progress.

A special focus was directed towards the first outgoing batch of Class X students. Teachers invested extra time in conducting revision sessions, mock examinations, and practice tests to strengthen their preparation for the board examinations. Their dedication and perseverance have set a strong foundation for future batches to follow.

Regular Parent–Teacher Meetings (PTMs) acted as a bridge between the school and families, ensuring transparency and shared responsibility in shaping the growth of each child.

Scholarships and Recognitions:

Venerable Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil Memorial Scholarship was conferred upon the overall school topper.

Prof. Prakash Uttam Sansare Scholarship was awarded to the Mathematics topper.

Competitive Examinations: Students actively took part in SOF Olympiads, Maharashtra State Scholarship Examinations (PSS & PUP), and the Elementary and Intermediate State Drawing Exams. We take immense pride in announcing that 100% of our Grade VII & VIII students cleared the Elementary Drawing Exam with flying colours, proving their creative potential.

This year, as we stand at the threshold of sending forth our first batch of Class X students, it is a historic and emotional milestone — one that symbolizes both accomplishment and a promise of greater achievements to come.

Workshops and Training Programmes

At Sacred Heart, we firmly believe that education is not just about textbooks, but about lifelong learning and continuous professional growth.

Teacher Development Programmes:

To keep our teachers motivated and updated, a series of workshops were conducted: NEP Orientation by Rev. Sr. Bincy Therese (1st June 2024).

The Vocation of a Teacher by Sr. Therese, former Principal of SHCS Nashik.

Mindset & Growth Workshop by Mr. Antony Augusthy and Mrs. Agnes Antony (9th Nov 2024).

Smart Board Training by Mr. Nishant Mahindrakar (22nd July 2024).

Student Enrichment Programmes: Study Skills & Exam Preparation Workshop (Std. VIII–X) by Mr. Antony & Mrs. Agnes Antony.

Career Counselling Session by our school counsellor, Fr. Jinto, guiding students to choose their future paths wisely.

These programmes empowered both teachers and students to adapt to modern educational demands with clarity and confidence.

Counselling and Well-Being Initiatives

True education is about nurturing both mind and heart. Recognizing this, our school prioritized student well-being through:

Individual Counselling: Conducted by Fr. Jinto, offering emotional and academic guidance.

Meditation Practices: Short sessions conducted twice a week helped students improve concentration, reduce stress, and enhance emotional stability.

Scouts & Guides Programme: Introduced for Classes VI–IX, under the guidance of Mr. Jeevan Matke (ADC Scouter, Thane). The investiture ceremony held on 22nd September 2023 was a proud moment, as our students pledged themselves to discipline, leadership, and service.

Cultural Celebrations & Club Activities

The cultural vibrancy of Sacred Heart Convent School has always been a source of pride. This year, under the theme “Be a Ray of Hope”, we celebrated a variety of festivals, national days, and special occasions that instilled values of unity, compassion, and creativity.

Major Celebrations included:

World Yoga Day, Independence Day, World Tribal Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Teachers' Day, Hindi Diwas, World Students' Day, Children's Day, Christmas, Republic Day, and our very own Foundation Day.

Each celebration was marked with skits, songs, dances, competitions, and creative displays, reminding students of their rich cultural heritage and civic responsibilities.

Club Activities:

Our clubs provided a platform for talent development and skill-building:

Art Club – greeting card and poster-making.

Literary Club – essay writing, debates, elocution.

Maths Club – mathematical art and symmetry competitions.

Health Club – chess competitions promoting logical thinking.

Heritage Club – recitation of the Preamble, instilling constitutional values.

Indian Literacy Club – street plays on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Competitions and Exhibitions

Competitions served as a medium for channeling creativity and instilling confidence. Students participated in essay writing, story writing, elocution (English, Hindi, Marathi), poster-making, lantern-making, solo singing, handwriting contests, and Spell Bee.

The highlight was the Annual Art & Science Exhibition, where students displayed models, working projects, and artistic creations, which were widely appreciated by parents and visitors alike.

A special poetry writing competition was conducted on Waste Management and Elimination of Single-Use Plastic on 21st September 2024, sensitizing students towards environmental sustainability.

Sports Achievements

Sports and physical fitness form an integral part of holistic education at Sacred Heart.

Intra-School Competitions: Students actively participated in 100m, 200m, 400m races, relays, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus throw, tug-of-war, skipping, and fun races. The coveted Best Sports House Trophy was proudly won by [Insert House Name].

Inter-School and District Level Achievements:

At the Sahodaya Sports Meet (2023–24), our students secured positions in athletics including 100m, long jump, and shot put, placing our school among the Top 5 Schools.

At the District Sports Organization (DSO) Meet, our students made us proud:

Gold Medals:

Taekwondo – Ishanvi Sharma (Std VII)

Karate – Aith Umashankar (Std VII)

200m Run – Anjali Rajawat (Std X)

Silver Medal:

Yoga – Sherley Bandi (Std VII)

Sports Coaching Initiatives: Professional training was provided in Football, Yoga, Skating, and Athletics, ensuring skill development and fitness enhancement.

Conclusion

The academic year 2024–25 has been a year of new beginnings, proud achievements, and unforgettable milestones. Each student, teacher, and parent has contributed to weaving this year's story into a beautiful tapestry of learning and growth.

This year holds a special place in the history of our institution as we send forth our first-ever Class X batch — pioneers who will always be remembered as the trailblazers of Sacred Heart Convent School. They leave behind a legacy of dedication, perseverance, and success for future generations to emulate.

As we step forward, we are guided by the conviction that “Excellence is not a destination but a continuous journey.” With God's grace, the commitment of our teachers, the encouragement of parents, and the zeal of our students, Sacred Heart Convent School will continue to rise higher, staying true to its vision of shaping hearts, minds, and futures.

