

GOOD NEWS WELFARE SOCIETY

Kalghatagi

News Report for the Month May – July

Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatagi, is a well-known name in this area, dedicated to nurturing young minds through all round education, discipline, and moral values. Since its establishment, the Institutions has been striving to provide quality education and create a positive environment where students can grow intellectually, socially, culturally, and spiritually.

The institution believes that education is not limited only to textbooks and examinations, but it is also a process of building character, confidence, leadership, and responsibility among students. The college gives equal importance to academics, sports, cultural activities, and personality development so that students become capable and responsible citizens of society.

Good News Independent Arts & Commerce P U College:

The Good News Independent Arts & Commerce P U College management, Principal, and teaching staff work together with dedication and commitment for the welfare and progress of every student. The teachers guide students not only in studies but also motivate them to face life with confidence, discipline, and determination. Regular academic



activities, competitions, seminars, sports events, and cultural programs are conducted to encourage students to discover and develop their talents and skills. The college has created a friendly and disciplined atmosphere where students feel encouraged to learn and participate actively in various activities.

Students of the institution have brought laurels to the college through their achievements in academics, sports, and cultural competitions at Taluk, District, State, and National levels.

With the vision of excellence and holistic development, Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College continue its journey of empowering students with knowledge, values, and opportunities for a bright future.

Academic Achievements 2025-26

The performance of the previous year (2025-26) brought great pride to the institution. In the II PUC Board Examination, the college secured an overall pass percentage of 91.35%, with several students achieving distinction and centum marks in various subjects. The Commerce stream recorded an outstanding overall pass percentage of 98.45%, while the Arts stream achieved 85.62%. Among the top achievers in Commerce, Rekha K Bendigeri secured 587/600 (97.83%) and emerged as the college topper, followed by Rukmini S Hugar with 582/600 (97%). In Arts, Danavva S Shindhe secured the first rank with 561/600 (93.50%), followed by Sangeeta B Badiger with 558/600 (93%).

The college also witnessed excellent performance among I PU students. In the Arts stream, Abhinaya Sutagatti secured 596/600 (99.33%), while in Commerce, Raksha Chevandi secured 559/600 (93.16%), bringing honor to the institution through their hard work and dedication.



Apart from academics, the students of the college actively participated in various sports and cultural activities at different levels. Our students represented the institution in State and National sports competitions, showcasing their talent, dedication, and team spirit. In the field of cultural activities, students participated enthusiastically in various competitions and programs up to the Divisional Level, earning appreciation and recognition for the college.

With these inspiring achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities, the college steps into the academic year 2026-27 with renewed enthusiasm and determination to achieve even greater success and uphold the values of excellence, discipline, and service.

College Reopening 25th June 2026

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi, reopened for the academic year 2026-27 on 25th June 2026 with great enthusiasm.



The students were warmly welcomed by the Principal and staff members. The achievements of the previous academic year in academics, sports, and cultural activities were appreciated during the

program. Students were encouraged to maintain discipline, work hard, and actively participate in all activities throughout the year.

First Staff Meeting June 25th 2026

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi

The first staff meeting for the academic year 2026-27 was held on 25th June 2026 at 3:00 PM in the college premises. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Varghese K J, the Secretary of the institution, and attended by the Principal and all the staff members.



During the meeting, Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu K J congratulated the Principal and staff for the excellent academic performance and good results achieved in the previous academic year. He appreciated the sincere efforts and dedication of the teaching staff in bringing honour to the institution.

He emphasized the importance of commitment, discipline, and responsibility among both students and staff members for the smooth functioning and progress of the college. He also instructed the teachers to give special attention to weaker students and help them improve their academic performance through proper guidance and support.

The Secretary stressed the importance of completing the syllabus by December and maintaining regular attendance of students throughout the academic year. He encouraged the staff members to work together with dedication and unity for the betterment of the institution.

Finally, Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu K J conveyed his best wishes to the Principal, teaching staff, and students for a successful and fruitful academic year 2026-27.

DDPU Meeting 29th June 2026



A DDPU meeting for all the PU College Principals and staff members of Kalghatagi Taluk was held on 29th June 2026 at 3:00 PM at J.E. PU College, Kalghatagi.

The Principal and staff members of Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College actively participated in the meeting. The DDPU

addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of seriousness and dedication in teaching. Special importance was given to maintaining daily attendance, building a good bonding with students, and ensuring proper guidance for their academic growth and welfare.

The DDPU also instructed all colleges to complete the syllabus by the end of November

and to conduct regular academic activities effectively. Various other important points related to discipline, academic improvement, and the overall development of students were discussed during the meeting. The meeting concluded successfully with valuable guidance and encouragement for all the teaching staff members to work sincerely for the better future of students.

Inaugural Function of the Academic Year 2026-27

The inaugural function of the academic year 2026-27 was held on 6th June 2026 at Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi. The program also included the welcoming ceremony for the I PU students, birthday celebration of Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu K J, and farewell to Br. Arulandam.



The program started at 11:30 AM and was organized by the Cultural Committee. The introductory part of the program was presented by the Principal. Students from both Arts and Commerce streams shared their opinions and experiences about the college and expressed their happiness and gratitude towards the institution, teachers, and management.



Dr.M.D. Horakeri, Principal of the Degree College, was the chief guest for the occasion. In his address, he spoke about the importance of responsibility, discipline, and commitment in student life and inspired the students with his valuable thoughts and guidance.

Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu K J addressed the gathering, warmly welcomed the students, and wished them success and happiness for the new academic year and new beginning. The students were encouraged to work hard and make good use of the opportunities provided by the institution.



The program concluded with the singing of "Glory to Montfort." Later, a meal was arranged for all the students, staff, and guests.

The entire function was conducted successfully in a joyful and meaningful atmosphere.

Inter-House Sports Matches

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi, started the Inter-House Sports Matches on 9th June 2026 at 12:00 PM with great enthusiasm and excitement among the students. The competition was organized among the three houses of the college namely Good News House, Montfort House, and Gabriel House. The main purpose of conducting the inter-house matches was to bring out the talents, skills, and sportsmanship of the students and to select deserving players for the Taluk Level Sports competitions.



Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu inaugurated the sports activities and officially gave a start to the matches. In his address, he encouraged the students to participate actively, maintain discipline, and develop team spirit through sports activities. He also wished all the participants success and motivated them to perform their best.

Staff members were also placed in each house to Organize guide, encourage, and support the students during the competitions. Students enthusiastically participated in various games and events, making the program lively and competitive.

The inter-house matches created confidence, unity, leadership qualities, and sportsmanship among the students. The program was successfully conducted with the support and cooperation of the management, staff members, and students.



On June 19, 2026, a special lecture programme on dangers of drug abuse and the importance

It was organized in our college in association with the NSS unit. The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy and disciplined life.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of the Principal, lecturers, and NSS volunteers. During the programme, the speakers explained the physical, mental, social, and economic consequences of addiction and advised students to stay away from harmful substances. They also highlighted the role of youth in building a drug-free society and encouraged students to spread awareness among their friends and community.



The Principal addressed the gathering and motivated the students to focus on education, moral values, and personal development. The lecturers also guided the students by sharing valuable thoughts and preventive measures against substance abuse. The programme concluded with an awareness pledge taken by the students to support the eradication of narcotic substances and promote a healthy society.

Vanamahotsava Programme on 24/06/2026, launched at Good News PU and Degree College

Kalaghatagi: A Vanamahotsava programme was inaugurated at Good News PU College. On this occasion, awareness was created among students about environmental protection and the importance of planting trees.

Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Deepak Joseph SMM spoke about the need to conserve nature and maintain ecological balance. He emphasized that trees are essential for human life as they provide oxygen, reduce pollution, and help maintain a healthy environment. He also advised students to develop love and responsibility towards nature and encouraged them to actively participate in environmental activities and contribute towards building a greener society.

The college Secretary Rev. Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu, Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder, NSS Coordinator Mr. Jaffer



Bhavanavar, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students were present during the programme. As part of the event, saplings were planted in the college campus, and students were encouraged to protect and nurture the environment for future generations.

Personality Development Programme Conducted at the College on 24/06/2026,

Personality Development Programme was organized at the college to guide and motivate students towards personal growth and self-improvement.

The Chief Guest, Father Deepak Joseph, delivered an informative and inspiring lecture. In his address, he spoke about the importance of education, discipline, confidence, communication skills, and character building in student life.



The programme was presided over by Brother Varghese. Principal Mrs. Naveena Radder and the staff members of the college also participated in the programme. The programme was conducted successfully and proved to be highly beneficial and motivating for the students.



Building a Drug-Free Society is the Vision of Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project

Kalaghatagi: An awareness programme on drug abuse and addiction-free living was organized on 30/06/2026 at Good News PU College, JJ0088 Kalaghatagi, in collaboration with Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project under the Swasthya Sankalpa initiative.



The programme aimed at creating awareness among students about the harmful effects of narcotic substances and the importance of building a healthy and addiction-free society. The awareness session was

conducted online and students actively participated in the programme.

The programme was graced by Rev. Brother Varghese K.J., Secretary of Good News Institution, Rev. Brother Praveen, Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder, NSS Programme Officer Jafar Bhavanavar, Mr. Suresh Maralingannavar, retired Principal, and History Lecturer Mr. Shivappa Jigaluru from Misarikoti Pre-University College. The dignitaries addressed the students and highlighted the dangers of drug addiction and the responsibility of youth in creating a healthy society.

Mr. Santosh Hoogar and Mr. Manjunath from Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project Unit, Kalaghatagi, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college, were present and made the programme successful.

Vanamahotsava, sapling of plants was held on 8/07/2026 at Good News PU College, Kalaghatagi



As part of the "Green Karnataka, Green Environment" initiative, Good News Pre-University College, Kalaghatagi organized a Vanamahotsava Programme on the college campus today. During the programme, around 50 fruit-bearing saplings of different varieties were planted to promote environmental conservation and create awareness about the importance of

protecting nature.

The programme was inaugurated by the institution's Secretary, Rev. Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu K. J., in the presence of Rev. Br. Praveen, Principal Mrs. Naveena Reddir, and NSS Programme Officer Mr. Zafer Bavannavar. The dignitaries encouraged students to take responsibility for protecting the environment and emphasized the importance of planting and nurturing trees for a greener and healthier future. The programme concluded with enthusiastic participation from the staff and students, reaffirming the college's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Welcome Programme of Provincial, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos, Bangalore and Staff Meeting Date: 16 July 2026



A grand welcome programme was organized at 11:00 a.m. at Good News Independent PU College, Kalaghatagi, to welcome our beloved Provincial, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos, Bangalore.

The programme was graced by Rev. Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu, Secretary of Good News Welfare Society, Rev. Br. Praveen, Mr. Horakeri, Principal of Good News First Grade Arts and Commerce Degree College, Mrs. Naveena Redder, Principal of Good News Independent PU College, Sr. Savari, In-charge of Grahini Training Centre, the staff members of Good News PU College, Good News Degree College, Montfort Play School, Grahini Training Centre, and the students.



The programme began with a melodious prayer song presented by the PU College students, followed by a graceful prayer dance performed by the students of the

Grahini Training Centre, creating a prayerful and joyful atmosphere.



As a mark of love and respect, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos was warmly felicitated. In his inspiring address, he highlighted the importance of quality education, discipline, hard work, commitment, and

personal transformation. He encouraged students to pursue excellence through dedication and perseverance and urged the staff to continue nurturing young minds with sincerity and compassion. His inspiring words left a lasting impression on everyone present.

The welcome programme was successfully organized by the Cultural Committee and concluded with a vote of thanks.

Later in the day, at 3:00 p.m., a staff meeting was held for the staff members of the Good News Welfare Society. During the meeting, the staff warmly felicitated Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos on his visit and also honored Rev. Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu, Secretary, in recognition of his dedicated and constant service to the Good News Welfare Society.

Addressing the gathering, Rev.Bro.Jenny Kuriakosspoke about the noble role of teachers in shaping the lives, character, and future of students. He encouraged the faculty to uphold the values of commitment, responsibility, and excellence in their profession. He also appreciated the commendable performance of the institution in the PU Board Examination Results and conveyed his best wishes for even greater success in the years ahead.



The day concluded with a renewed sense of commitment and enthusiasm among the staff and students to uphold the vision and mission of

the Good News Welfare Society through quality education and dedicated service.

Good News Welfare Society's Arts & Commerce First Grade College:

The Preparatory Examination for all students was conducted successfully in our college from 21 May 2026 to 30 May 2026. The examination was organized to help students prepare effectively for the Karnataka University Semester Examinations. It provided an opportunity for students to assess their academic performance, identify areas for improvement, and gain confidence before the final examinations. The examinations were conducted smoothly under the supervision of the faculty members, ensuring a disciplined and fair examination environment. The preparatory examination played a significant role in enhancing students' readiness for the semester examinations.



The Annual Day and Farewell Day of Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalagatagi was celebrated with great enthusiasm and dignity. The programme was organized in the presence of distinguished guests, faculty members, students, and well-wishers.

The event was graced Prof. S. V. Vastrada, Principal of G.C. College, Ankola, as the Chief Guests. The programme was presided over by Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu., Secretary of Good News Welfare Society. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, Principal of the College, Rev. Sr. Savari, Head of Om Maria Grihini Training Centre, and Smt. Naveena Radder, Principal of the PU College.

The celebration featured cultural performances, the recognition of students' achievements, and a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing students. The dignitaries



addressed the gathering and encouraged the students to pursue excellence, uphold moral values, and contribute positively to society. The programme concluded successfully with a vote of thanks, leaving cherished memories for everyone present.



B.Com & B.A Final Year Project and Viva-Voce Examination

The Project Presentation and Viva-Voce Examination for the Final Year B.Com students was successfully conducted on 25th May 2026 at Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalagatagi. The examination provided students with an opportunity to present their project work and demonstrate their



knowledge, analytical skills, and practical understanding of their chosen topics.

The evaluation was conducted smoothly under the guidance of the External Examiner, Smt. Dr. Anupama Gadad,

GFGC, Dastikoppa, Kalghatagi. The programme was organized under the leadership of Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, Principal, whose encouragement ensured the successful conduct of the examination.

The faculty members coordinated the proceedings efficiently, and all final-year B.Com students actively participated in the project presentation and viva-voce. The examination concluded successfully, reflecting the students' academic preparation and practical learning throughout the course.

The Karnataka University Semester Examinations commenced on 11th June 2026 and were successfully conducted until 7th July 2026 at Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalagatagi, an approved Examination Centre of Karnataka University, Dharwad.

The examinations were held in a peaceful, disciplined, and well-organized manner under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, and the supervision of the Chief Superintendent, Dr. I.M. Makkubai from Anjuman College of Arts & Commerce First Grade College, Dharwad, with the support of the invigilators, and non-teaching staff. All necessary arrangements were made to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the examinations.

Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalagatagi reopened on 20th July 2026 for the new academic year with great enthusiasm and excitement. The campus warmly welcomed both newly admitted first-year students and returning students.

The programme began with a warm welcome by the Principal, Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, who addressed the students and encouraged them to make the best use of the opportunities available for their academic and personal growth. Faculty members introduced the college's academic programmes, rules, and student support services to help the newcomers adapt to the college environment.

The reopening marked the beginning of a new academic journey filled with learning, discipline, and holistic development. The day concluded on a positive note, with students expressing enthusiasm and confidence for the new academic year.

Maria Prasanna Mahila Mandal Grihini Training Centre:

The Grihini Training Centre Project is an initiative of the Montfort Brothers dedicated to the holistic development of adolescent girls from economically disadvantaged and socially marginalized families. The centre offers residential training in life skills, vocational skills, basic education, and value formation, empowering girls to become self-reliant and socially responsible.

Village Visit and Outreach

Between March and May 2026, the Montfort Sisters and staff of Grihini Training Centre planned visit the villages for admission purpose, 11 villages over five days. Meeting directly with students and their families helped us understand their living conditions and identify practical ways to support prospective Grihini students.



We found that educational backgrounds varied widely: most girls had completed at least 10th standard, some had finished PUC, some had discontinued PUC, and a few had studied only up to 8th standard. However, a significant number of girls were unwilling to join the training despite outreach efforts.

Reopening of Grihini Training Centre:

On 3rd June 2026, Maria Prasanna Mahila Mandal Grihini Training Centre reopened with 17 trainees. The new batch began their training with great enthusiasm and hope. The reopening marked the beginning of another year of empowering women through skill development and self-reliance. We wish all the trainees a successful and fruitful training journey.



Inauguration of Grihini Program, 22 – 7-2026

The 48th Batch of the Grihini Program was inaugurated at 10:30 a.m. in the presence of Bro. Varghese J. Koonammavu., Bro. Praveen, Rev. Sr. Nirmala, Mrs. Naveena Radder (Principal, PU College), and Mrs. Mahadevi Badigar (P U College Lecturer), along with first-year PUC students and play school children. The programme began with a Prayer Dance, Welcome Song, and the welcome address by Mrs. Sulochana. Rev. Bro. Varghese encouraged the students to develop their skills, become responsible citizens, and build a bright future. Mrs. Naveena motivated the students through inspiring success stories, emphasizing the value of hard work and perseverance. Mrs. Mahadevi Badigar encouraged the students to make good use of their time and learn sincerely, assuring them of the Sisters' guidance. The play school children entertained the gathering with an action dance. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Tr. Rekha, while Tr. Sulochana served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Seminar by Fr. Deepak SMM for the Grihini students on 26th June 2026.

Fr. Deepak SMM emphasized the dignity and value of every human life, reminding the students that each person is God's precious creation. He encouraged them to face life's challenges with faith, develop self-confidence through responsibility and hard work, and trust in the power of prayer. He urged the students to dream big, set meaningful goals, and strive to become responsible and useful members of society. Stressing the importance of discipline and wise use of time, he encouraged them to make every moment count in shaping a bright and successful future.

Fr. Deepak SMM insisted that these programs help students build practical life skills and personal growth. After that, Father Deepak began his talk with the words, "Everyone can be a winner." He highlighted the importance of living a happy life in the family and society. He encouraged the students to know "Who am I?" and to live with purpose and values.

Banking Awareness Class by Bank of Baroda Manager

A banking systems awareness class was conducted by the Manager of Bank of Baroda.

He explained all banking procedures and how to use banking services. The Grihini students were very interested. They actively asked questions, and the Manager patiently answered all their doubts.

Benefits for the students:

1. They learned about savings accounts, loans, and government schemes.
2. They understood how to use ATMs, online banking, and UPI safely.
3. They gained financial knowledge that will help them in their future.



Fr. Devasya Ofm cap has been conduction English classes ,

motivation session and fulfilled weekends with songs, significantly enhancing the girl's language proficiency, personal confidence and overall well-being.



Mother General Visited the Grihini Training centre:

The Grihini Training Centre was honoured to welcome **Rev. Sr. Rani Kurian**, Mother General of the Daughters of Wisdom, France; **Rev. Sr. Antonella**, General Councillor, France; and **Rev. Sr. Dorish Mary Maria John**, Provincial Superior of the Daughters of Wisdom, India. They were warmly received by the students, sisters, lecturers, and staff through a colourful welcome programme. The dignitaries interacted with the students, appreciated their talents and learning environment, and inspired them to pursue their dreams with confidence, discipline, faith, and a spirit of service. The occasion was graced by **Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu**., Secretary of Good News Welfare Society; **Rev. Bro. Praveen**, Treasurer of Good News Welfare Society; **Rev. Sr. Savari**, Superior of Gnanadeep Community; along with the Sisters, lecturers, and students. The visit was a memorable and grace-filled occasion that encouraged the students and strengthened the institution's mission of empowering young women through education.



Report on the Visit of Bro. Jenny Kuriakose to Grihini Training Centre

The Grihini Training Centre was privileged to welcome **Bro. Jenny Kuriakose**, Superior of the Bangalore Province and Chairman of Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatagi, on his official visit. The trainees presented a vibrant cultural programme in the P.U. College Auditorium to extend a warm welcome. Appreciating their talents and confidence, Bro. Jenny commended the Centre for its efforts in empowering women through skill development and education. He encouraged the trainees to continue learning with dedication, confidence, and commitment to build a bright future and contribute meaningfully to society.

PARENTS MEETING

Date: 24 July 2026

A Parents' Meeting was held on **24 July 2026** to strengthen the partnership between parents, teachers, management, and students. The programme began with a Prayer Dance, Welcome Address by Mrs. Rekha, and a Welcome Song. The meeting was graced by **Most Bro.Varghese J. Koonammavu**, Secretary, Good News Welfare Society; **Most Rev. Bro. Praveen**, Treasurer, Good News Welfare Society & Principal, Montfort School; **Sr. Savari DW**; **Dr. Mahesh Horakeri**, Principal, Degree College; and **Mrs. Naveena**, Principal, PU College. Most Rev. Bro. Verghese inaugurated the programme and emphasized the importance of girls' education, urging parents to support their daughters in completing the nine-month training programme. He also informed them that Basic English and Computer Classes would be offered along with vocational training and appreciated the students for their discipline and sincerity. Mrs. Sulachana



explained the centre's activities and regulations, followed by cultural programmes and students' experience sharing. Dr. Mahesh Horakeri and Mrs. Naveena motivated the parents and students, while teachers explained the school guidelines. The meeting concluded with an open interaction, the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Sulachana, and parents assuring their continued support for the students' growth.

Bro.Varghese J Koonammavu (SG)