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REFLECTION, GRATITUDE AND RENEWED COMMITMENT

Dear Secretaries of Educational Societies, Heads of Institutions, Esteemed Teaching Staff, and Dear Students,

As we come to the end of October, let us take a moment to reflect with gratitude on the experiences, achievements, and challenges of the past month.

Dear Secretaries and Heads of Institutions, your vision, leadership, and dedication continue to guide your educational institutions towards excellence. May your commitment to quality education, discipline, teamwork, and human values inspire everyone to work together for the growth and development of the institutions.

Dear Teachers, your dedication, patience, and encouragement play an invaluable role in shaping young minds and building responsible citizens. Thank you for your selfless service and commitment to the noble mission of education.

Dear Students, continue to learn with enthusiasm, work with determination, and face challenges with courage. Remember that every experience offers an opportunity to grow, and every sincere effort brings you closer to your goals. Let us all continue to create an educational environment where knowledge, discipline, compassion, and mutual respect flourish.

As we bid farewell to October and prepare to welcome November, let us carry forward the lessons learned, cherish our achievements, and approach the coming month with renewed energy, hope, and determination. May we remain united in our mission, committed to excellence, and dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of our students and society. May God bless all our educational societies, institutions, administrators, teachers, students, and their families with good health, happiness, wisdom, and success.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed end to October and a November filled with new opportunities, meaningful achievements, and abundant God's grace.



REV. DR. FRANCIS ASSISI ALMEIDA

Secretary, KRCE & Pratibha Foundation

SECRETARY AS A RESOURCE PERSON

Ryshivana, Mangaluru

9 October 2026: Symposium on "Administration at a Glance!"



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, KRCE, served as Resource Person at the national-level administrative training session for educational administrators during the six-day symposium held at Ryshivana, Mangaluru. He highlighted the legal provisions affecting education in India.



Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University, Bengaluru

10 October 2026 : ELEVATE Leadership Intensive Programme



Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University organised the ELEVATE Leadership Intensive Programme, featuring a session by Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida on "Legal Essentials for Institutional Leaders." The session provided practical legal insights for effective institutional administration.

12 October 2026 UPSC and Public Service Examination Motivation Session, Bhadravathi Diocese



Bhadravathi Diocese organised a motivational session for 42 Catholic students from Classes VII to XI. Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, KRCE, served as the Resource Person, encouraging students to prepare for competitive examinations and aspire to careers in public service.



KARNATAKA MINORITY EDUCATION VISION GROUP

The Second Meeting of the Karnataka Minority Education Vision Group was held on 17 October 2026 at Azad Bhavan, Bengaluru. Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Education (KRCE), participated in the meeting. The discussions focused on key educational priorities,





institutional development, and strategic initiatives to strengthen access to quality education and promote inclusive educational opportunities for minority communities across Karnataka .

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL, KOTEKAR

Carmel Central School, Kotekar, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October 2026 with a prayer service, floral tribute, and Shramadan cleanliness drive, highlighting Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth, peace, non-violence, and simplicity. Principal Sr. Pramila D'Souza A.C. and Vice Principal Sr. Anitha D'Souza A.C. graced the occasion.

On 6 October 2026, the school organised a Teachers' Orientation Programme on Activity-Based Learning for Kindergarten to Grade 4, facilitated by Mrs. Daakshayini. The session equipped teachers with practical strategies to promote student-centred learning, creativity, collaboration, and active classroom participation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, ANEKAL



St. Joseph's School, Anekal, organised various activities, including a Teachers' Orientation Programme, Investiture Ceremony, International Yoga Day, and World Environment Day. These initiatives promoted teachers' professional growth, student leadership, health, environmental awareness, and holistic development.

ST. MARY'S ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, LAILA



St. Mary's English Medium School, Laila, celebrated the 80th Independence Day on 15 August 2026 with flag hoisting by retired Army officer Mr. Vikram J. N., followed by patriotic activities and a march-past. On the same day, the school felicitated SSLC toppers Master Chirag Nayak and Master V. Tanush Rai, who scored 622/625 marks, securing fourth place in the state.

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 3 September 2026 with floral tributes to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, student speeches, and cultural programmes honouring teachers and their contribution to education.

ST. CHARLES ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, KAMMANAHALLI



St. Charles English High School, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru, organised various activities, including the Investiture Ceremony, Environment Day, Independence Day, and Teachers' Day. Students showcased their talents through competitions such as Elocution, Spell Bee, Mental Maths, Rangoli, and Fancy Dress. A Traffic Awareness Programme was also conducted to promote road safety.

Notre Dame School and PU College, Mysuru

Notre Dame School and PU College, Mysuru, conducted various activities during the academic year. Nasha Mukt Divas was observed on 1 October 2026 to raise awareness about drug abuse and peer pressure, concluding with an anti-drug pledge. On 3 September 2026, the school hosted the CISCE National Poetry Writing Competition under the theme "The Nation Begins in a Classroom." Teachers' Day was celebrated with cultural performances, songs, speeches and fun activities, expressing gratitude to teachers for their dedicated service.



Katherine Public School



Katherine Public School believes in holistic education that nurtures knowledge, values, talents, leadership, and social responsibility. During the academic year 2026–27, various academic, cultural, sports, and co-curricular activities were organised to enhance students' skills and overall development through the collective efforts of the management, teachers, students, and parents.

St. Ann's School ICSE & ISC Begur

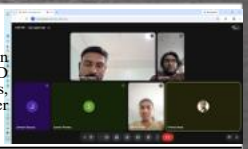
St. Ann's School ICSE & ISC provided students with opportunities to participate in various competitions, celebrations, and enrichment programmes during the academic year 2026–27. These activities promoted confidence, discipline, creativity, and teamwork, while encouraging students to discover and develop their individual talents.





PRATIBHA FOUNDATION

5 October 2026 - Online Student Evaluation at JDAX Academy, Chennai



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, Pratibha Foundation, conducted an online evaluation session for Civil Services aspirants undergoing coaching at JD Academy of Excellence (JDAX), Chennai. The session reviewed their progress, assessed their preparation, and provided guidance on areas requiring further attention ahead of the upcoming Civil Services Examination.

11 October 2026 - Online UPSC Preparation and Current Affairs Session



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, Pratibha Foundation, conducted an online session for 22 Civil Services aspirants pursuing coaching at various academies, beginning at 8:30 p.m. The session focused on UPSC Preliminary Examination preparation, current affairs, and strengthening general awareness, equipping the aspirants with greater confidence and a focused approach towards their Civil Services goal.

18 October 2026 - Online UPSC Preparation and Current Affairs Session



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Secretary, Pratibha Foundation, conducted an online session from 8:30 p.m. onwards for 22 Civil Services aspirants pursuing coaching at various academies. The session focused on UPSC Preliminary Examination preparation, current affairs, and general awareness, motivating the aspirants to strengthen their knowledge and pursue their Civil Services goals with confidence.

SECRETARY AS A SYNDICATE MEMBER (GOVT. NOMINEE)
DR MANMOHAN SINGH BANGALORE CITY UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University solemnly observed Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October 2026. The programme was graced by the presence of Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, a distinguished member of the University. The celebration highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's enduring values of truth, harmony, and non-violence, inspiring students and faculty to embrace these principles in their academic and personal lives.





Participation in Ramaiah College Meeting



Rev. Dr. Francis Assisi Almeida, Syndicate Member of Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University and Government Nominee, participated in the meeting held at Ramaiah Arts, Science and Commerce College, Bengaluru, on 7 October 2026.

LEGAL UPDATES

1. The Supreme Court criticised the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for its indifferent response to a matter concerning the implementation of the 25% quota for economically weaker students in private schools (Dinesh Biwaji Ashtikar vs State of Maharashtra).

2. The Madras High Court held that minority institutions under Article 30 have the right to fill already-sanctioned vacant teaching posts without prior approval, subject to qualifications and procedural rules, and approval for grant-in-aid cannot be denied arbitrarily (State of Tamil Nadu & Ors. v. The Secretary, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous)

3. The Bombay High Court has dismissed a petition filed by Jai Hind Sindhu Education Trust seeking exemption from property tax, holding that an educational institution must establish for every financial year that its buildings and lands are solely occupied and used for a public charitable purpose. The Court held that merely running an educational institution, or being a linguistic minority institution, does not by itself entitle a

Trust to exemption under Section 132 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act, 1949 (Jai Hind Sindhu Education Trust v. State of Maharashtra).

4. The Supreme Court has recently held that being displaced from one's family is a universal problem faced by employees, and that a Government servant cannot claim an inter-district transfer, as a matter of right on that ground. The Court held so while setting aside an Allahabad High Court order that had prima facie found contempt in the rejection of a female teacher's inter-district transfer request, observing that there was no contempt in the order rejecting her request, and that the reasons for rejection were fully justified (Pratap Singh Baghel v. Akanksha Shukla)

5. The Kerala High Court recently quashed the criminal case initiated against a teacher, who was accused of offences under the Juvenile Justice Act and the Indian Penal Code for pulling the hand of her student and causing injury to her. The Court noted that the teacher did not have any mala fide intention and only wanted to maintain discipline in the classroom since the complainant student was running around (Jolly John v. State of Kerala and Anr.).

6. The Orissa High Court has held that teachers cannot be prosecuted for merely maintaining discipline and reprimanding a student against intoxication, which in turn drove the student to take his own life by way of suicide, without having any criminal intent. The Court observed, "A regular warning lacks the criminal intent. If a student is overly sensitive or sentimental, a teacher cannot be blamed for a tragic outcome that an ordinary person could not anticipate from a basic routine discipline. Having said that, since the petitioners are the faculty members and warden of the school in question, having had no direct involvement in the death of the deceased, they cannot be held in any way responsible for having abetted his suicidal death."(Surendranath Mishra & Ors. v. State of Odisha)

7. The Supreme Court has directed that children be taught about their bodies, the difference between safe and unsafe touch, and the significance of consent from the primary stage, as part of age-appropriate sex education and digital safety curriculum. The Court further directed schools and educational institutions to display child-protection helplines in every classroom, hostel, library and computer laboratory, and to train teachers and other staff to recognise grooming, abuse and online harassment and respond appropriately when a child discloses an incident. The Court has also directed the Union and State Governments to conduct sustained public awareness campaigns on child sexual abuse and exploitation, and establish mechanisms to provide free counselling, psychological support and therapy to victims for as long as necessary (Just Rights for Children Alliance & Anr. v. S. Harish & Ors.).

8. The Karnataka High Court held that employees of private aided educational institutions cannot claim monetary benefits from the State for the non-grant period. It was held by the Division Bench that the liability to pay salary during the non-grant period continues to rest upon the management of the concerned institution. It was further held that the employees shall not be entitled to claim arrears of salary or any other monetary benefits from the State for the period preceding the admission of the post to grant-in-aid (State of Karnataka & Ors. v. Yogesh K & Anr.).

9. The Allahabad High Court has directed the verification of the educational qualifications and appointment documents of all teachers posted in the state's basic schools teaching students of Classes I to VIII. The Court issued this direction after it was apprised that a large number of teachers in the State had obtained employment based on forged documents or by using another person's documents (Kusumlata vs. State of U.P. and 2 Others).

10. The Rajasthan High Court has directed the State to grant 180 days of maternity leave to a teacher who joined a new school after childbirth, along with her salary and all consequential benefits. The Court was hearing a petition seeking directions to the State authorities to grant the petitioner maternity leave under Rule 103 of the Rajasthan Service Rules, 1951 (Pooja Yadav v. State of Rajasthan & Ors).

11. The Rajasthan High Court has held that the nature of employment, whether regular, casual or contractual, cannot by itself be treated as a conclusive ground for denying maternity benefits to a woman employee, where other applicable statutory conditions are fulfilled. In this regard, any contractual condition contrary to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 shall be overridden by the Act (Smt. Shivangi Khandelwal v. State of Rajasthan & Anr).

Government Circulars

Higher & Secondary Education

01.10.2026 – Permission to Open Additional Sections in Private Unaided Schools for the Academic Year 2026–27
08.10.2026 – Circular and User Manual for Registration of New Students for the 2027 Second PUC Examination-I.
16.10.2026 – Circular Regarding the Mandatory Celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava for the Academic Year 2026–27

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