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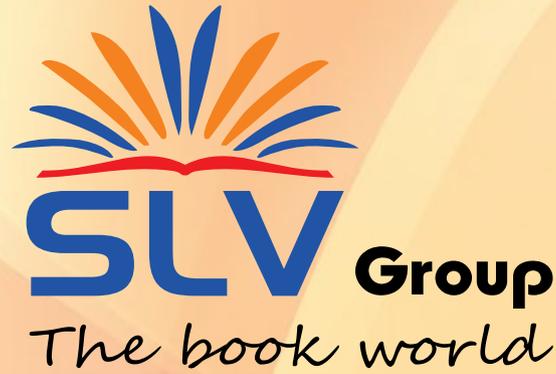
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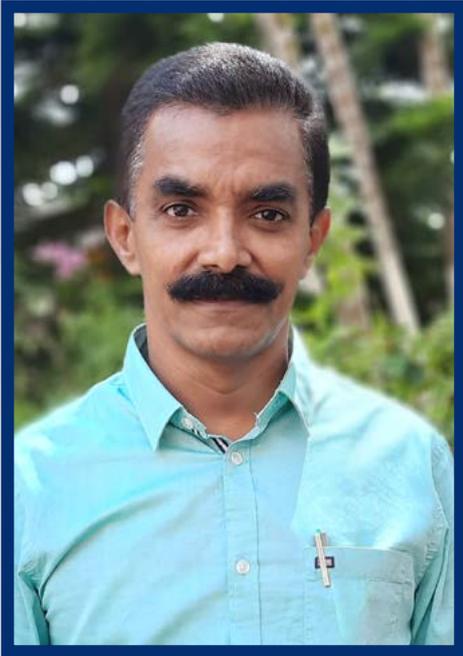
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## Foreword

*“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”*

*– Joshua J Marine*

2020/twenty twenty, not cricket but the year gone by, that would be described with many superlatives albeit negatives, are behind us. It taught us many new lessons. The body count of the pandemic Covid 19 is still growing, isolating us from our dear and near, separating teachers and students. We went virtual, schools reopened but the smile of both the teacher and the taught hid behind the mask. What an uncertain year!

A great sigh of relief as we are slowly limping back to normal. Let us believe 2021 will bring us joy and togetherness, reunion of teachers and their children. Let us bury 2020 but not the lessons learnt. Through this harrowing year COPSIANS learned a new way of life. 1st June 2020 onwards our institution successfully handheld the entire community of teachers and their children, parents, support staff and guided them safely even though the journey was a disturbing experience. COPS showed the world that nothing can cow down its fighting spirit in pursuit of excellence.

Thus, we are with this edition of COPSIANS in a new avatar. We appreciate the indomitable spirit of our editorial board. They have packed a punch, page after page and the reader will be engrossed till the last page, we are sure.

Thank you.

**Dr. Benny Kuriakose**

Principal  
Coorg Public School



## A Communion Of The Brave And The Beauty



Kodagu , a place of land owning agriculturists with martial customs is surrounded by lush green coffee estates, scenic mountains , the flowing river Kaveri and cascading waterfalls. It is a beautiful window , which showcases the nature in its entire splendour. Amidst this beauty is situated the Coorg Public School, a Temple of Learning which always promises to groom its students by giving its best.

The five visionaries of Kodagu Academy for

Education and Culture built Coorg Public School on the strong edifice to always be a beacon of light to protect the unique culture of Kodagu. It celebrates the Kodava festivals like Kailpovad - a festival of arms, Kaveri Sankramana - a festival where river Kaveri is worshipped and Puthari- the harvest festival, besides all National Festivals and Religious Festivals of our country and also caters to the Academic requirements of the people of Kodagu.



**X Std. A**



**X Std. B**



**X Std. C**



## II PU Science



## II PU Commerce

*An Excellent Academic Front-ICSE & PUC Board*  
*Examination Results 2019-2020*

## A Coruscating Kaleidoscope of Results

Coorg Public School and Pre-University College have set a bench mark in the field of education ensuring high calibre of academics for its students. This is once again proved by the excellent results achieved in the X and II PUC Board Examinations.

### ICSE Board Examination Results 2019-2020



**Mst. Rayaan Somaiah**

**99 %**

**District Topper**

**Unique Distinction of Grade 1**

**100 in English P 2, 100 in Geography, 100 in Mathematics,  
100 in Biology, 100 in Computer Applications**



**Ms. M P Vaishnavi**

**99 %**

**District Topper**

**Unique Distinction of Grade 1**

**100 in English P 2, 100 in History, 100 in Geography, 100 in  
Biology, 100 in Computer Applications**



**Mst. P M Ganapathy**  
98.4 %

Unique Distinction of Grade 1  
100 in Hindi, 100 in History  
100 in Geography  
100 in Mathematics  
100 in Biology  
100 in Computer Applications



**Ms. Dechamma M D**  
97.4 %

Unique Distinction of Grade 1  
100 in History  
100 in Computer Applications



**Mst. M M Shishul Aiyappa**  
97 %

Unique Distinction of Grade 1



**Mst. Yash Nagaraj Shettenvar**  
96.8 %

Unique Distinction of Grade 1  
100 in English P 2  
100 in Computer Applications



**Mst. Tarun H S**  
96.4 %

100 in English P 2,  
100 in History  
100 in Geography  
100 in Chemistry  
100 in Biology  
100 in Computer Applications



**Mst. Tushar S Bevinamarad**  
95.8 %

Unique Distinction of Grade 1



**Ms. Arohi Khurana**  
95.8 %



**Ms. S Shivani Machaiah**  
95.6



**Mst. D Deepak Raj**  
95.4 %  
100 in History



**Ms. Thanmayee M K**  
95.2%

Unique Distinction of Grade 1  
100 in English P 2



**Mst. G N Dhanussh**  
95.2 %

100 in History

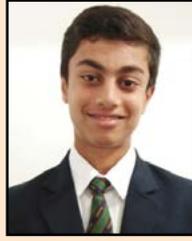


**Mst. Aiyappa T B**  
Unique Distinction of Grade 1

100 in English P 2



**Mst. Aayush M D**  
**Unique Distinction of Grade 1**



**Mst. Desh Bopaya M B**  
**Unique Distinction of Grade 1**



**Mst. Pratheek S**  
**100 in English P 2**



**Ms. Thangamma M K**  
**100 in English P 2**



**Ms. Athmica Kishore K**  
**100 in History**



**Ms. Dimple Ganiga P**  
**100 in History**



**Mst. Kaif Afsar Sait**  
**100 in History**



**Mst. Mohith A Gowda**  
**100 in History**



<b>Students scoring 100 in various subjects</b>	
<b>English Paper 2</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Hindi</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>History &amp; Civics</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Biology</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Computers</b>	<b>06</b>

Eleven students have achieved the unique distinction of scoring Grade 1 [90% and above] in all the subjects.

## II PUC Board Examination Results 2019-2020



**Ms. Veeha Bojamma**

**96.50%**

**EBAC – 99.75 %**

**Topper in Commerce**

**College Topper**

**100 in Economics, Business Studies & Accountancy**



**Ms. Sanya Dechamma**

**93.83%**

**PCMC – 96.25 %**

**Topper in Science Stream**

## Centum Achievers



**Mst. Samahitha Angadi  
Mahadevappa  
100 in Biology**



**Ms. Yashitha  
Caveramma B P  
100 in Business Studies**



**Ms. Shreya Bojamma B M  
100 in Business Studies**



**Ms. K Maanya Aiyappa  
100 in Business Studies**



**Ms. K Ridhi Nanjappa  
100 in Business Studies**



**Mst. M B Dhyan Bopanna  
100 in Business Studies**

# A SNAP SHOT OF **22** YEARS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

ICSE (Std. X)			
Number of Students			
Year	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1998-99	14	14	100%
1999-00	31	31	100%
2000-01	37	37	100%
2001-02	42	42	100%
2002-03	37	37	100%
2003-04	46	46	100%
2004-05	48	48	100%
2005-06	48	48	100%
2006-07	47	47	100%
2007-08	44	44	100%
2008-09	46	46	100%
2009-10	69	69	100%
2010-11	78	78	100%
2011-12	79	79	100%
2012-13	90	90	100%
2013-14	92	92	100%
2014-15	71	71	100%
2015-16	85	85	100%
2016-17	86	86	100%
2017-18	81	81	100%
2018-19	78	78	100%
2019-20	85	85	100%

II PUC (Std. XII)			
Number of Students			
Year	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1998-99	---	---	---
1999-00	29	29	100%
2000-01	24	24	100%
2001-02	43	43	100%
2002-03	47	47	100%
2003-04	48	48	100%
2004-05	43	43	100%
2005-06	49	46	94%
2006-07	74	71	96%
2007-08	69	69	100%
2008-09	59	59	100%
2009-10	74	74	100%
2010-11	90	90	100%
2011-12	90	90	100%
2012-13	89	88	99%
2013-14	75	74	99%
2014-15	90	87	97%
2015-16	73	72	99%
2016-17	59	55	94%
2017-18	66	58	88%
2018-19	63	59	94%
2019-20	56	56	100%

ICSE (X Std.) 2020		II PUC 2020	
<i>Appeared</i>	- 85	<i>Appeared</i>	-56
<i>Distinction</i>	- 80	<i>Distinction</i>	-21
<i>First Class</i>	- 05	<i>First Class</i>	-34
		<i>Second Class</i>	-01



## *Orientation for staff Constituting Team Work*

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”  
– Warren Bennis

The teaching staff of Coorg Public School reported in two batches on 22nd and 23rd May, 2021. The first batch reported on 22nd May, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. and the second batch on 23rd May, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was chaired by the Principal, Dr. Benny Kuriakose who instilled courage in teachers and motivated them to start the journey of educating the students adopting modern technology due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Speaking to the teachers, Dr. Benny Kuriakose said that the teachers had to be more pro-active and adapt to the present world as face-to-face interaction in the classroom was not possible. He also suggested to the teachers to take technical assistance and begin with the academic activities.

An Orientation session was held on 8th June, 2021 for the teaching and non-teaching staff of Coorg Public School. The session was chaired by the President, Mr. M. M. Thimmaiah who infused motivation and determination in the staff to face the testing time which each one was going through. The wise words of Mr. M. M. Thimmaiah boosted the spirits and encouraged everyone to work with zeal during the period of uncertainty. He also promised to render all support to the teaching and non-teaching staff in carrying out their duties well. Ms. Krithima invoked the blessings of the Almighty, Ms. Vineet welcomed the gathering and compered the event and Ms. Rinku Sudesh proposed the vote of thanks.



# AN ICE-BREAKING SHOW BY THE FRESHERS





A colourful Freshers' Day programme was held on 13th February, 2021 which was arranged under the auspices of the seniors who did their best to make the event a grand success. The purpose of the Freshers' Day was to make every new student feel connected as an integral part of the COPS family thereby creating everlasting relationships with one another. Jovial smiles and high spirits expressed welcome notes for the new students.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the Principal, Dr. Benny Kuriakose who in his address welcomed the students through his motivational speech. Pulsating ambience, flashing lights, a heart-touching mime, foot-tapping music and dance set the mood of the event. The excitement augmented to a joyful height as performances graced the stage. Joy and happiness could be seen amongst the students who embraced the family of COPS.

INDIA REMEMBERS  
**अमर जवान**

## **MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVED AT COPS**

“Let us all be brave enough to die the death of a martyr, but let no one lust for martyrdom.”

– Mahatma Gandhiji

‘Martyrs’ Day’ or ‘Shaheed Diwas’ which is observed every year across the country to mark the death anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, was observed in our school on 30th January, 2021. Mahatma Gandhi profoundly known as the torch bearer of India’s struggle for freedom was also revered by everyone for his non-violent approach against the British Raj.

The whole school observed two minutes silence in the memory of the martyred freedom fighters paying respect to those who gave up their lives in the fight for India’s Independence.

The Head Boy of the School, Mst. K.G. Bishen Bopaiah spoke about the significance of the day. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest Dr. Benny Kuriakose spoke about the day’s prominence and valued the actions of the 'Mahatma' who preached and practised what he taught. The campus echoed with mesmerizing bhajans.



# COPS at the forefront

Coorg Public School has carved a niche in the excellence of education. It has made remarkable progress in all fields with persistent hard work and enthusiasm. The School has proved again its Motto- 'In Pursuit of Excellence' by ascending to the 3rd position from last year's 4th position as the Best Co-ed Day Cum Boarding School in Karnataka. COPS also bagged the 29th position rising 10 levels up from last year at the All India Level as per the Education World India School Rankings 2020 -21.



## Act of Social Responsibility

On 11th August, 2020, the staff and students of COPS voluntarily came forward to participate in the Wall Painting which portrayed the significance of maintaining cleanliness with the caption - "Mera Gaon, Meri Zimmedari". The paintings depicted happy village scenes highlighting the importance of using toilets, segregating dry and wet waste, avoiding the use of plastics and regular cleaning of streets and open areas. Slogans and messages educating the people regarding sanitation and personal hygiene in villages were also painted alongside the pictures.

# Children's Day Celebrations Go Virtual

Children's Day which marks the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. From dance shows to musical treat, a plethora of activities was showcased to the students in the form of a video which was uploaded on the YouTube. Though the physical presence of the students was not felt, the teachers left no stone unturned in entertaining the students.



Onam, the traditional festival of Kerala was celebrated on 31st August, 2020 with much enthusiasm. The beauty of any festival lies in the secularity where everyone celebrates it with equal joy and verve. Intricately decorated Pookalam, a huge spread of the tasty Onasadya, and exotic Thiruvathirakali dance were some of the most remarkable features of Onam Celebrations. Students derived the message of oneness and brotherhood that this festival signifies. The video of the celebration was uploaded on YouTube.



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

## At COPS



Mrs. Jean George  
President of Karnataka ICSE  
Schools' Association, Principal, M.  
G School of Excellence

To ingrain the leadership qualities amongst the students and to give them a feeling of being an integral part of the school administration, Coorg Public School organised Investiture Ceremony on 5th December, 2020.

Mrs. Jean George, President of Karnataka ICSE Schools' Association, Principal, M. G School of Excellence was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. The esteemed Chief Guest addressing the new leaders said that leadership is not about badges, titles, possessions or accomplishments; on the other hand, it is about responsibility, accountability and actions. It is about how one leads the team, makes difference, touches the lives of others and the memories he leaves behind in the hearts of the people. She also added that leadership is not doing big things, but small things that pave way for a big future.

Mr. M.M Thimmaiah, the President of the School Trust presided over the function. The School Principal Dr.Benny Kuriakose congratulated the newly appointed council members for their preparedness to take up responsibilities entrusted to them. He motivated the young minds with his valuable advice and inspirational words. On this momentous day responsibilities and duties were bestowed to the deserving young leaders of the school to lead the school with their confidence, commitment and competence. The Principal administered the oath to the members of the Student Council making them conscious of their duties. The programme was live streamed by the school for the benefit of all the students, parents and well-wishers.



# Yoga

– A Healing Therapy –



The International Yoga Day was observed at Coorg Public School with great enthusiasm with the theme 'Yoga for Health, Yoga at Home'. A video demonstrating various asanas was shared with the students which emphasized the importance of yoga in one's life. Many yoga exercises were performed such as Surya Namaskar followed by a series of Pranayama. The teachers in charge of Scouts and Guides along with the students performed various asanas and enlightened everyone regarding the importance of yoga.

## COMBATING PANDEMIC ABIDE COVID RULES



The buzz when children came to school after the long break was very inviting to the teachers. The much-awaited day finally arrived when the students were back at school with their smiling faces. Never to forget the responsibility, all the staff underwent COVID test on 29th and 30th of December and the solace was that all the staff were tested negative.

Dealing with the outbreak, COPS took all the necessary measures in safeguarding the well-being of the students. All SOP measures were strictly practised and it was the order of the day. COPS thus proved that 'Prevention is Better than Cure'!



# NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

*“Talk to yourself once in a day otherwise you may miss meeting an excellent person in this world.”- Swami Vivekananda.*



Cops observed the glorious day commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, a great patriot who made the world look up to India with pride! National Youth Day was celebrated at COPS on 12th January 2021. Ms Sameeksha of II PUC spoke about the importance of the day. An essay competition on “Role of the Youth in Modern India” was conducted for the students of II PUC.



## PREPARE TO BE DEVOTED TO **YOUR LAND**

NCC Cadre Camp was held at Cauvery College, Gonikoppal. Our cadets attended the camp. Col. Chethan Dimon and Lt. Col. B.S Bedi visited the camp. Cadets underwent weapon training, drill, map reading etc during the camp. Around 175 cadets from Cauvery College, Gonikoppal and Virajapet and Coorg Public School participated in the camp.

# A LEADER

Always Leads by

# Example

Dr Benny Kuriakose , Principal , Coorg Public School and Pre-University College participated in a weekly programme for all educators - 2nd live episode of 'Thursday Talkies' with Prof. Mithil Krish, Chairman, Career Competency Development.

This programme was sponsored by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam, School of Engineering. Dr Benny Kuriakose took up an interesting session helping the teachers in creating a positive impact on their lives by using 3 C's (connection, creation and communication). The live programme was aired between 4 pm and 5 pm.

## Update..... Be Oriented..... Stay Smart

Online classes were definitely a challenge for the teachers , but the teachers always attain the impossible. COPS came out with flying colours during the online classes. Teaching and learning is a stream that flows crystal clear. COPS successfully sparkled during online classes. Tests and exams, took its shape and the evaluation went on well. Google classroom platform was effectively used.

## Disconnect to Reconnect



***“A happy family is but an earlier heaven” -George Bernard Shaw***

On account of the 'World Children's Day', Parent Circle launched a programme to connect with their children by disconnecting from their gadgets. Coorg Public School joined this campaign and encouraged the parents to take a pledge # Gadget Free Hour on 20th November 2020. The concept of the nationwide programme was to switch off all the gadgets and stimulate the family members to spend quality time with each other. This helped the parents and children to forego their gadgets for at least an hour from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm enabling them to 'Disconnect 2 Reconnect to cherish the best family time'.

# 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at COPS

“ The Greatest Glory of free- born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.- William Havard”

Amidst Covid 19 Pandemic, COPS commemorated the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to make India independent by celebrating the 74th Independence Day with great zeal and patriotism on 15th August 2020. Being a residential school, COPS took all the precautions to ensure safety of the staff and inmates at COPS. The students of the resident staff put up a fabulous show. The Chief Guest of the day, Dr Benny Kuriakose, the Principal, hoisted the National Flag and spoke about the significance of the day. This programme was aired in the school's YouTube channel.



## RED LETTER DAY RECALLED WITH A FEELING OF INTENSE PATRIOTISM

“The highest patriotism is not a blind acceptance of official policy, but a love of one’s country deep enough to call her to a higher plain.”

COPS experienced the reverberating excitement of students after ten months of solitude under the shadow of Covid -19. India being the largest democratic country in the world celebrated its 72nd Republic Day on 26th January 2021 to honour the date on which the Constitution of India came to effect with a Democratic Government System. Our Principal and Chief Guest Dr Benny Kuriakose addressed the gathering stressing on further development of our country. Our teacher Mrs. Shwetha Ganapathy briefed the students about the importance of the day. This was the first programme which was celebrated with our students after the closure of school due to the pandemic. This programme was aired in the media for the benefit of those whose could not attend the function.





With the sound of Jingle bells in the air and to build harmony amongst ourselves Coorg Public School celebrated Christmas. Following all the protocols, Christmas was celebrated at school with carols, skits and the programme was aired on the You tube. Though the students were miles apart, they were able to view the celebration through the COPS Media. Our Principal gave a thoughtful message wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# In the Making of a **LITTLE GRAND MASTER**



“You have to be enthusiastic enough to do what is required for achieving your dreams and goals.” Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible with talent is genius.”

Mst Dhyan N, a wonder boy of Class I has won accolades in Chess. This whiz kid has all the talent to become another Grandmaster of India. The talented young boy has participated in several Chess Tournaments and has bagged many prizes. He has secured First Position in All India Open Online Blitz Chess Tournament 2020 U-7 category. He has also secured the First position thrice in LAHS Gwalior International Online Chess Championship which was conducted at different times. He has bagged the Second Position and Third position in the Chess Tournament conducted by LAHS. He was conferred with LAHS International Chess Award in September 2020. A special prize was awarded to Dhyan N by Marth Annaiah Chess World 1978- International Online Swiss Chess Tournament for securing 200th position among 2000 participants. He has acquired certificates for participating in several Chess Competitions like NIE Open E Chess Championship 2020 in LICHESS platform and 368th LAHS Gwalior International Vishwanathan Anand Online Blitz Chess Championship. The family of COPS wishes this child prodigy much more success in the days to come.

## REMEMBERING THE MAHATMA



*‘The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.’ -Mahatma Gandhi.*

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated virtually with immense respect and reverence to Bapuji on 2nd October, 2020. Residential students on the campus rendered Bhajans and melodious group songs. Mst. Dhanush dressed up as Gandhiji, transformed the celebration into reality. Ms. Lochana Suraj enlightened everybody with her speech on the significance of Gandhi Jayanti. The Principal, Dr. Benny Kuriakose, in his message, conveyed Gandhiji's aims to educate everybody and emphasized on National Education Policy. On this day Scouts and Guides in-charge teacher, Ms. Pushpa Ashok, distributed free masks for the under privileged children and people in Madikeri.

Fit  
India

School Week

‘Exercises not only change your body, it changes your mind, your attitude and your mood’.

'Fit India School Week' is a nationwide movement in India to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including various physical activities and sports in their daily lives. This programme was launched by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Sri. Narendra Modi. In this regard, our School observed 'Fit India School Week' from 21.12.2020 to 26.12.2020. A video which covered all the fitness exercises and outdoor activities by the COPS students was uploaded. It was very successful in making the students fit and active during the pandemic. The Principal emphasized on the need to build immunity through exercises and physical activities.



## Reminiscing the Unification of Karnataka

‘Remember the golden heritage of our state and feel proud to be a part of Karnataka’.

With freedom in mind, strength in words, purity in our blood, pride in our souls, zeal in our hearts, Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated at COPS with great fervour. Videos of cultural activities performed by students were aired. They included dances, monoacts and songs depicting the rich culture and heritage of our state. Speaking about the significance of the day, the Principal saluted the spirit of the people of Karnataka.





## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

'A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instill a love of learning.'

5th September, the birth anniversary of our Former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great academician and Indian philosopher, was celebrated in a unique way amidst the pandemic. Residential COPS students performed mesmerizing cultural activities and speeches on Kalamanch for the teachers, by following the protocols. Teachers participated with great zeal on this occasion. The Principal, in his message, spoke about this noble profession. On this occasion wishes by the students poured in through the videos and many conveyed their wishes by sending handmade beautiful cards.

## GLORY ACCUMULATED

It was a proud moment for COPS when the NCC Officer Captain B. M. Ganesh received the Chief Minister's Award for his altruistic services in NCC at 19 Karnataka Battalion Headquarters, Madikeri on 7th December, 2020. To add another feather in his cap, World Human Rights Protection Commission felicitated Mr. Ganesh by conferring Honorary Doctorate for his service for the society in the field of NCC on 29th November, 2020 in New Delhi.



## *Honing the Skills of*

## **COMMUNICATION**



**Communication – the human connection – is the key to personal and career success. -Paul. J. Meyer**

On 5th March 2021, PUC students had a great opportunity to attend a session by Dr. Biddanda Chengappa on the importance of writing and communication skills. Dr. Chengappa, who is teaching International Relations and Strategic Studies at the Christ University, enlightened the students on preparing for an interview. Being an expert in the field of writing, Dr. Chengappa also stressed on the significance of current affairs, thereby motivating the students to read newspapers. Since the present education system has varied options, he advised students to find out details about the different streams available and then make the right choice.

## **Prioritizing Emotional and Moral Support to Children**

Child abuse and neglect offend the basic values of our country. It is a heinous and personally damaging crime. Therefore, it is incumbent on the schools to treat such matters with utmost seriousness. We have a responsibility to provide safe growing environment for the children to ensure their social and personal development.

Child Protection Committee is a requirement from the Education Department and every school should consist of a team of members that aims to protect and prevent a child from any emotional and physical abuse within the school premises or off the school premises. The Child Protection Committee members at COPS met on 20th March, 2021, comprising the Principal Dr. Benny Kuriakose, the Counsellor, Ms. Manavi Muthamma and other staff members who spoke in favour of educating the adolescents pertaining to unhealthy situations and circumstances. It was discussed to initiate greater investments in programmes that have been proven to stop these abuses before it occurs.





## Students' Day Out

A picnic where nature gave a breath taking display of beauty amidst the green coffee estates, misty hills, green landscapes and the majesty of lush green fields when the sunlight seemed to be dancing between the blades of green grass is a perfect get away for students from their regular classroom activities.



'Hidden Creek Homestay' provided a cosy picnic spot for Standard VI, VII and X students along with their teachers on 21st March, 28th March and 17th April respectively.



The school bus reverberated with voices of children shouting and singing all the way towards the destination. Refreshing themselves with the light snacks and juice, that were served children rushed to explore the place.



A small trek through the coffee plantations made them explore and admire the alluring beauty and nature's bounty. The trek helped them to observe different types of plants and birds around them. They enjoyed the sumptuous Chinese menu served for lunch and returned to school with renewed zeal and vigour.





# 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of **Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar** Celebrated at COPS

Babasaheb Ambedkar was a great leader who stood for equality all his life and was the person responsible for the treatment of every Indian citizen equal in the eyes of law. His birth anniversary was celebrated with immense pride at COPS on 14th April, 2021 which is celebrated as 'Equality Day' in India to honour his contributions and services to the country.

Addressing the students and teachers, the Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Benny Kuriakose said that Ambedkar was an ardent advocate of human rights and his struggle to bring the deprived sections of the society into the main stream will be an example for every generation. He also added by saying that the Indian Constitution being the lengthiest Written Constitution proved to be the best compared to any other Constitution in the world. Given the Covid 19 surge, the school kept the celebrations a low-key affair. The programme was live streamed on our You Tube channel.



# Graduation Day Celebrated at COPS

COPS celebrated its 25th Graduation Ceremony for the CII PUC Students on 7th April, 2021. The aura was filled with a blend of emotions and befitting messages from the acclaimed dignitaries.

As per the tradition, the School Flag and the Mace were handed over to the Principal, Dr. Benny Kuriakose by the Head Boy and the Head Girl respectively, thereby laying down the office of the Prefectorial Board for the year 2020-2021. The Principal then administered the pledge to the graduates who promised to abide by the values assimilated in the institution.

The graduands were inspired by the words of the eminent Chief Guest, Col.Chethan Dhiman, Commanding Officer, 19th N.C.C Karnataka Battalion, Madikeri. In his thought-provoking message to the graduands, he told them to make their own story by utilizing the time available. He also urged to choose their way and move towards the destination with staunch focus in them. He persuaded the graduands to join the Indian Armed Forces.

Addressing the gathering, the President of the School Trust, Mr. M.M. Thimmaiah appreciated the successful adaptation to the technology by the teachers. He also expressed his concern for the students who missed the co-curricular activities due to the prevailing pandemic.

The lighting of the candles and the farewell song marked the significant end to the solemn occasion. Following the SOPs prescribed by the Government, Coorg Public School successfully aired the programme live on the You Tube channel which was appreciated by a large number of viewers.



Col.Chethan Dhiman  
Commanding Officer  
19th N.C.C Karnataka  
Battalion, Madikeri



“Cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct, they are matters of education, and like most great things, you must cultivate a taste for them.” – Benjamin Disraeli.

# GANDHAGI MUKT BHARAT & GREEN THE SCHOOL INITIATIVE by COPS



The Behaviour Change Campaign Programme – Gandhagi Mukta Bharat initiated by the Central Government which aimed at reaffirming commitment towards building a cleaner and healthier future was inaugurated by the members of Gandhagi Mukta Bharat Committee at COPS on 8th August, 2020. Coorg Public School took a lead role in the successful implementation of this initiative.

The cleanliness drive began with the students, teachers, parents, representatives and the public, collecting the used plastics and thrown bottles on either side of the roads. The programme aimed at the collection of single used plastics and segregation of those by the village heads/ the representatives.

COPS adopted Athur village and pledged to maintain cleanliness in the village and educate

the people on the same.

As a part of this programme, the members of the Gandhagi Mukta Bharat Committee along with the other staff and students participated in ‘Shramdaan’ across Athur village. A plot of land near National Academy School was chosen where tree plantation drive was carried out. Many fruit plants and herbal plants were planted during this drive.

On 27th January, 2021, the Gandhagi Mukta Committee brainstormed with the students, teachers, parents and the public in general about the Indian Green Building Council. The Committee demonstrated the simple method of Green Composting at the school's backyard using PVC Pipes to produce organic manure which can be easily executed by students at their homes.

## GRATITUDE

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”

Coorg Public School, an epitome of knowledge, completes 25 fruitful years of meticulous service in providing quality education and capped many glorious accomplishments in all domains of education. At this juncture, I wish to extend my indebtedness to all associated with COPS in general and to the Management in particular.

The unflinching support of the Trustees of KAEC has commissioned the school in reaching greater heights. The fact that the school being ranked as the 3rd Best Co-ed Boarding School in Karnataka and 29th best Boarding School in India by the Education World Ranking has enriched the pride of this esteemed institution. Besides being awarded the Best ICSE School in India, COPS has also been adjudged one of the best schools by the British Council.

I express my deep gratitude to the parents who have exhibited collegiality throughout. The alumni who have achieved accolades, laurels and honour and those who are achieving at present prove the mettle of the school and the formative education imparted.

My sincere thanks to the members of the medical team for providing timely assistance and ensuring health and safety of the children. A special thanks to

the committed and dedicated doctors, Dr. A. D. Belliappa, Dr. C. M. Bishan, Dr. T. S. Poonacha, Dr. K. K. Shivappa, Dr. Amrit Nanaiah, Dr. Greeshma Ponnappa, Dr. Yathiraj, Dr. M. G. Ponnappa, Dr. Suraj Uthappa, Dr. Chandrashekar, Dr. Sunil Muddaiah, Dr. Prashanth, Dr. K. M. Bopanna and Dr. Ashik Chengappa.

I also appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the staff members during the testing time of this Pandemic in carrying out the process of education with the support of the modern technology without any glitches. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of them.

I shall always be thankful to all the members of the community and to the dedicated team of Forest officials, Police officials, Education officials, Panchayat Members, Media and Press for their constant help and support.

I once again thank all the stakeholders and well – wishers who have in one way or the other contributed to the welfare and growth of this institution.

COPS possesses a vision that is characterized by the willingness to work hard, a desire for excellence and a belief in action and responsibility towards the society. And this great vision has helped the institution embark success in each endeavour. We have achieved a lot, and still have more to achieve. The journey continues.....

**Principal**

*Best compliments to*

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## *Golden Memories*



We left footprints on the sand,  
Happily got drenched in the rain,  
We etched our names on trees,  
Our hearts told us we would always be free.

We chased the light of the dying sun,  
And frolicked in the playground,  
Proudly counting the number of scars and bruises  
Living life to the fullest.

But soon we were growing older,  
And time became so precious,  
We became so consumed in our lives,  
Of young kids we grew jealous.

We wished we could go back to the younger days,  
When life was not so serious,  
When all we did was have fun,  
And everything was so calm.

But there is no going back,  
For we cannot turn back the clock,  
We must move on,  
And learn to get on with our lives.

So all we can do is remember  
And cherish those golden memories;  
And understand that we at least had a chance,  
To live a life so beautiful and blessed.

**Likitha Kaveramma**

**X A**

## *Reaching Out for The Stars*



Have you ever wondered what it would be like living in the outer space? Is there a possibility? Space is considered to be of fundamental importance to an understanding of the physical universe which we are all a part of. Space is the boundless 3D extent in which objects and events have relative positions and directions.

We live on a planet called Earth that is a part of our solar system. But where is our solar system? It's a small part of our Milky Way Galaxy, and our Galaxy is just one of the millions. In the observable universe there are an estimated 2 trillion [2,000,000,000,000] galaxies and the International Space Station [ISS] is the largest ever crewed object in space. Several spacecrafts have also visited all the known planets in our solar system. Fascinating isn't it? Human space exploration helps to address fundamental questions about our place in the universe and history of our solar system. The Big Bang theory says it all. Addressing the challenges related to human space exploration, we expand technology, create new industries and help to foster a peaceful connection with other nations.

Another fascinating thought is "TIME TRAVEL". Yes, time travel is indeed a real thing. But it's not quite what you've probably seen in the movies. Under certain conditions, it is possible to experience time passing at a different rate. Although humans cannot hop into a time machine and go back in time, we do know that clocks on airplanes and satellites travel at different speeds compared to those on earth. Astronauts like the ones on ISS are moving so quickly that they are also aging a bit more slowly than the rest of us. Due to a principle of physics, known as time dilation, after a 6-month stint on the ISS, the returning astronauts are just a tiny bit younger than the rest of us. "I don't think

the human race will survive after a 1000 years, unless we spread into space. There are too many accidents that can befall life on a single planet. But I'm an optimist and we will reach out for the stars."

**Bojamma A.P.**

**I PUC**

### *Books : Food for the Soul*



There is something about reading that fills my heart with joy. It is probably the thought of completely immersing myself in the book, making myself a character who wasn't originally a part of the story, tagging along with the main character on all quests and adventures.

When I was seven, my mother was cleaning out her bookshelf and I decided to browse through the books. Flipping through those worn out, coffee-stained pages, some of which had flowers that my mother had kept to dry but forgot about them later on; was a feeling that I couldn't explain. To this day, I still get the same indescribable feeling when I open a book. The earthy smell of books fascinates me and at the same time calms me down.

A reader lives a thousand lives searching for treasure in a forbidden forest, riding on a Pegasus through an enchanted garden, slaying dragons, going on expeditions, fighting off burglars, saving the loved ones from death's evil clutches- a reader experiences it all a million times over.

We run through mazes, swim against the deadly currents of rivers, tiptoe through thorny forests, sail across piranha infested waters, walk under the scorching heat of the sun through dry deserts, jump off planes, step into a war – zone unarmed, paddle and do so much more from the comfort of our homes.

Reading, for many is an escape from reality while

for some it is the thrill and experience that they gain. For some it pumps adrenaline through their veins and for some it increases their levels of dopamine. Reading can just be an endless amount of happiness.

It is so easy to get lost in a book, that many readers sometimes have trouble differentiating between the real world and the fantasy world. That is the power of a book and the best part is that I wouldn't have it any other way.

**Vridhhi Devaiah**

**X-A**

### *Dream or Reality*



I was returning from my music class one late evening when I heard a door close behind me. I had barely left my class where I was practising alone. There seemed to be no one else all that while. I was about to dismiss the sound to the work of the wind, but there was something tingling me. It was a very uneasy feeling. I felt a force move me, and before I knew, I was at the door and my hand on the handle. I let out a sigh and turned the handle.

It was pitch dark inside. I entered through the door into a large corridor, and switched on the lights. I called out loud, "Is anybody there?" No response. I called out again, but this time there was a sound, "click, click". As a violinist myself, the sound was unmistakably of a violin case opening. It came from across the corridor. That's where the auditorium was. I walked towards it, on tiptoe, careful not to make any noise. I stood there expecting more sound, with 100 on speed dial, in case something bad were to happen.

A high note was played. It was so smoothly played, as if the violin strings were made of silk. There was no wavering in the note. No doubt, it was a seasoned professional playing it. Then there was silence again.

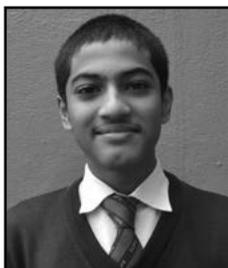
Not able to contain myself, I opened the auditorium door. I could see a dark figure on the opposite end standing with the violin against the neck. I squinted, trying to recognize that person. There was an air of familiarity, but I failed to recognize her. Before I could think any further, the musician started playing. It was a song, I think. It carried a note of sadness with it. A shiver ran down my spine. I had goosebumps. The composition was impeccable, as if the God of music himself had created it. Actually, it was better than that. It was a perfect symphony, of highs and lows. I felt elevated. It was as if the boundary between the earth and heaven had merged. I could not feel any of my senses, not even my own body. It was like my soul floating in the eternal music. It was nirvana. It was bliss.

The music stopped abruptly, and I felt like I had fallen from the sky. My body was numb, I could not move. I could not comprehend anything. I was blank. Then I felt something on my face. I had been flowing tears. Then it hit me. The musician! There was no one in my sight, as though the musician had disappeared, like an apparition come and go. I felt a buzz in my hand. My phone was ringing. It was my friend. I answered the call. "Where are you?" I said I was at the auditorium. He said, "You remember Anjali? The lead violinist of our band. She passed away just now. Meet me soon!" and hung up.

**Amoghavarsha H.V.**

**X B**

*Long Live Mankind*



A silent cry of jubilation escaped Alfred Tucker's mouth. His years of relentless hard work had finally given fruit. He straightened his soiled lab coat and summoned his assistant Reese loudly, "Arrange a press conference immediately. It's time to announce my final masterpiece to the world." Reese nodded

obediently. He instructed Reese to clear the lab and destroy the evidence. Slipping a small glass vial into his coat pocket, he shut the door to his untidy lab.

His nerves started tingling. His throat went dry, and his head started throbbing. His neck started to itch with a grunt of satisfaction. He hurled the used syringe into the depths of the Thames and went on a long walk through the crowded streets of London.

It was an overcast Saturday evening and as the Big Ben chimed seven, the press conference began. Reese went up to the dais and introduced Mr. Tucker to the jam-packed audience. "As you all know, Mr. Tucker is the best genetic engineer the world has seen. His brilliance is unmatched. Mr. Tucker has been working for years and has finally found a cure to the biggest problem we face today." The audience was intrigued.

Right on cue, Tucker came up on the stage. He had become a shadow of his former vibrant self. "Ladies and gentlemen, today you are going to change the world!" he announced in a booming voice. A murmur replied through the anticipating audience. Scratching his neck, he continued, "It is my personal opinion that advances in genetic engineering would be far more helpful to mankind if they were not used to cure disease... but rather create it." The audience were aghast.

He took a moment to compose himself. "Consider this. It took thousands of years for man to reach a billion people, then it took only a hundred years to reach two billion and after that a mere fifty years to reach four billion in the 1970s. Now we stand at 7.8 billion. For a sustainable future, the ideal population is found to be four billion! Unless a catastrophic event drastically reduces the population, we are doomed!" A horrified female reporter in the front stood up and asked, "Now that we are already at 7.8 billion, don't you think it is already a bit too late?" Tucker gave a manic smile. "Is it?" he asked.

Without any warning, Tucker suddenly collapsed to the floor. He was coughing blood and there was an ugly purple sore on his neck. "Long Live Mankind," he sputtered before falling down motionless - dead.

Slowly the reporter's nerves started tingling. Her

throat went dry and her head started throbbing. Her neck began to itch.....

**Shree Hari BP**  
**X A**

### *Your Way*



At the end of the day, it's how you value things  
Don't think of what you could have done  
Gradually try to attain peace of mind  
And think of what you really want.

Life is no less than a battle you fight  
It teaches you what's wrong and what's right  
It might show you things you have never seen  
And might take you to places you have already been.

Try to understand the people around you  
All of them have their own view  
It can be something you may not like  
But do not think that you're always right.

People might have something to say  
Be brave and learn to follow your way  
When time comes, always learn to trust yourself  
Nevertheless, your subconscious is your true self.

**ARYAN RAJAT**  
**I PUC EBAC**

### *Amidst Corona*



Little did we know  
That the world would be

Dictated by a micro speck  
Life changed drastically  
The poor became poorer  
The rich felt the pinch of the poor  
Common cold and fever disappeared  
For the fear of being tested positive  
The queues in malls and theatres vanished  
But appeared in front of grocery shops  
And termed it panic-shopping  
People realised you can survive  
With basic needs  
Provided you wake up for a tomorrow  
Luxury weddings became a dream  
Simple marriages was a reality  
A deceased's farewell  
Was a simple affair  
A good bye only by the near  
And dear ones  
Ironically each suspected the other  
The eyes spoke ' You are positive. I am negative,  
So please do keep away'.  
Somewhere relations patched up  
Thinking there may not be a tomorrow  
But there are instances  
Where relations strained too  
Because keeping others away  
They assumed they are safe.  
The virus found no difference  
Between a bourgeoisie  
And a proletariat  
Its target was an unmasked  
But feared a sanitized  
However, it dreaded a vaccinated.  
We are courageous  
Let us combat unitedly  
And bring an END to this.  
Stay Home  
Stay Safe.

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