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St. Anthony of Padua, born in 1195 to a wealthy Portuguese family, initially sought a worldly life with a strong education. However, God's plan led him to enter the Augustinian Abbey of St. Vincent, where he studied Scripture and Latin classics. After becoming a priest, Anthony was drawn to the simple Gospel lifestyle of the Franciscans. In 1220, upon hearing of the martyrdom of five Franciscans in Morocco, he decided to follow their example.

As a Franciscan, Anthony became a renowned preacher, praised as the "Jewel case of the Bible" at the Papal court. He died on June 13, 1231, at the age of 36. Upon his death, it is said that children cried in the streets, and the bells of churches rang on their own, honoring

him. He became the "quickest" saint in Catholic history, known as a "Miracle Worker for his intercession in times of need.

May St. Anthony's intercession inspire us, and may God bless our institution.

information "We are living in an driven society which bombards us indiscriminately with data, all treated as being equal importance, and which leads to remarkable superficiality in the area of moral discernment. In response, we need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values"

- Pope Francis

Director's Note



**Dear Students, Faculty, Staff,
and Well-Wishers,**

It gives me immense joy to be part of the family of St Anthony's College, a family known for its spirit of learning, togetherness and service. Even within the short time I have been here, I see the commitment and dedication, energy and the values the institution stands for.

I am pleased to note the activities of our college in July and August of this academic year 2025-2026. These months have been vibrant, filled with learning, growth, and a spirit of collaboration. Together we are building an environment that not only fosters academic excellence but also encourages personal growth and moral integrity.

I take this opportunity to thank the Principal, Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, the faculty, staff, students, parents, and the extended college community for their dedication and support in making these months fruitful. Let us inspire and encourage one another, and continue to work together to foster academic excellence, character formation, and social responsibility.

**With gratitude and best wishes,
Rev. Fr. Charles Furtado,
Director
St Anthony's Institutions**

Principal's Note



As we begin the academic year 2025–2026, I am filled with a sense of excitement and optimism for the journey ahead. This new semester brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and collaboration, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to uphold the values and vision of St. Anthony's College.

Our focus remains on the holistic development of our students. Beyond academic excellence, we

aim to nurture compassion, integrity, and responsibility — qualities that equip our young people not only for professional success but also to become thoughtful, conscientious members of society.

I would like to sincerely thank our faculty, staff, students, and parents for your trust and dedication. It is your collective effort, enthusiasm, and commitment that make St. Anthony's College a truly inspiring place to learn and grow. A special appreciation goes to the Newsletter Team for their creativity and hard work in capturing our stories and achievements, helping us stay connected as a community.

As we step into this new academic year, let us embrace every opportunity to learn, collaborate, and serve. Together, we will make 2025–2026 a year of achievement, inspiration, and shared success.

Warm regards,
Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza
Principal
St. Anthony's College

Editorial Note



Welcome to The Anthonian Chronicle!

As we embark on a new semester, we are thrilled to reconnect with our vibrant Anthonian community and share the exciting journey that lies ahead. In this edition, we bring you a mix of updates, inspiring stories, and insightful perspectives — thoughtfully curated to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Dr. Charles Furtado, Director of St. Anthony's Institutions, and Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, Principal, for their unwavering guidance and visionary leadership. Their dedication continues to nurture the dynamic

spirit of our college, shaping a community we are proud to be part of.

A special thanks goes to our Newsletter Team, comprising our committed teaching, non-teaching, and supporting staff, for their relentless efforts in bringing this publication to life. We also deeply appreciate our Newsletter Designers, whose creativity ensures that each edition is as engaging visually as it is in content.

As we begin this semester, we look forward to sharing meaningful stories, updates, and initiatives with you. Your support, feedback, and ideas are always welcome, as they help us make The Anthonian Chronicle a richer and more vibrant platform for all.

Warm regards,
Prof. Balkhis
Editor-in-Chief
HOD, Dept. of BCA
St. Anthony's College

NCC Trekking



The NCC Unit of St. Anthony's College, in collaboration with 3 KAR BN, organized a one-day trekking and field training programme at Mandargiri Hill, Tumkur, on 6th July 2025. The event aimed to promote physical fitness, environmental awareness, discipline, and outdoor learning among the cadets.

The team began their journey from the college at 7:30 AM, reaching the scenic Mandargiri Hill, where they were served breakfast before beginning the trek. The climb provided both an adventurous experience and an opportunity to appreciate the natural surroundings, instilling a sense of responsibility towards the environment and teamwork among cadets.

As part of the training, two practical sessions were conducted by NCC trainers. The first focused on map reading, where cadets learned to interpret topographic maps and use a compass effectively. The second was

on judging distance, with field demonstrations that taught methods of estimating distances—an essential skill for military and outdoor activities.

Following the trek and training, cadets were provided with refreshments, fruits, and a wholesome lunch. The return journey commenced in the afternoon, and the group safely reached the college by 5:00 PM.

The trekking expedition proved to be a blend of physical exercise, practical learning, and adventure. It helped cadets build endurance, confidence, and discipline, while also fostering team spirit and enthusiasm.



Orientation Programme 2025-2026



The Orientation Programme for the academic year 2025–2026 was held on July 11, 2025, in the Seminar Hall of St. Anthony's College. Organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the event marked the beginning of the academic journey for 153 freshers, including 90 from Commerce, 27 from Management, and 36 from Computer Applications. The programme began at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer song and the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment.

The event was graced by Rev. Dr. Fr. Charles Furtado, Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, Principal of the College, and Rev. Fr. Roshan Rosario. The college extended a warm welcome to the students, introducing them to its vision, mission, and core values. The Heads of Departments provided an overview of the State Education Policy (SEP) syllabus for B.Com, BBA, and BCA courses, as well as details of the university examination system. This session gave

students clarity on their academic path and set expectations for the years ahead.

Faculty members were also introduced to the students, briefly sharing their expertise and encouraging them to approach their studies with sincerity and dedication. The highlight of the programme was the Principal's address, where Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza inspired the students to pursue their goals with determination, maintain a positive outlook, and uphold the values that define the ethos of St. Anthony's College.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, followed by the National Anthem. Overall, the Orientation Programme successfully created an atmosphere of motivation and belonging, laying a strong foundation for the students as they embark on their educational journey at St. Anthony's College.



CA Orientation Programme



The CA Orientation Programme titled "Step into the World of Chartered Accountancy" was held on July 12, 2025, at the Seminar Hall of St. Anthony's College. Organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the session aimed to provide valuable insights into the professional journey of Chartered Accountancy. A total of 116 students participated in the event, including 90 from B.Com and 26 from BBA. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Mohammed Tazeer, IQAC Coordinator, and was graced by the presence of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza.

The session commenced with a formal welcome address by Prof. Tazeer, who introduced the guest speaker and highlighted the objective of the orientation. The Principal, in his address, encouraged students to explore professional career paths such as Chartered Accountancy, emphasizing its value in shaping successful careers in commerce and management.

The resource person for the programme was Ms. Tejaswini Sastry, Branch Head and Senior Counsellor at KSA Advait, Bengaluru. With her vast experience in finance, audit, and training, she delivered an informative and inspiring talk on the structure of the Chartered Accountancy course. She explained in detail the progression from the Foundation level to the Intermediate and Final stages, including eligibility criteria, registration procedures, and exam patterns. Ms. Sastry also shared preparation strategies and clarified common doubts and misconceptions, making the session highly interactive.

The students actively engaged throughout the presentation and expressed keen interest in pursuing CA as a career. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. Tazeer, who expressed gratitude to the resource person for her valuable guidance and to the students for their enthusiastic participation.



Anti-Ragging Orientation 2025-2026



On 12th July 2025, at 9:00 AM, an orientation program on Anti-Ragging was conducted for the incoming batch of 2025 at PACA BENE Hall. The program witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 150 students from various streams including BBA, B.Com, and BCA.

The orientation aimed to sensitize students about the serious consequences of ragging and to familiarize them with the institutional mechanisms in place to prevent it. The session commenced with an introduction to the Anti-Ragging Cell, its objectives, and the members who are responsible for ensuring a safe and respectful campus environment. The program highlighted the physical, psychological, and emotional impact of ragging on victims, reinforcing the message that ragging is a serious offense that invites strict action.

Students were also informed about the institution's previous year initiatives and successful efforts

in maintaining a ragging-free campus, which served as both motivation and a warning against any form of misconduct. The Anti-Ragging Affidavit was explained in detail, emphasizing its importance as part of academic compliance. All students were guided to fill out the affidavit forms to formally acknowledge their commitment to a safe and respectful campus culture.

To further support students, the helpline numbers and official email IDs for reporting ragging incidents were shared during the session. The program concluded with an emphatic slogan, "SAY NO TO RAGGING," leaving a strong impression on all participants. The orientation successfully instilled awareness, responsibility, and vigilance among the freshers, ensuring that they understand the significance of maintaining a ragging-free educational environment.



SWAYAM NPTEL Courses



An orientation session on NPTEL Courses – SWAYAM was organized at Pace Bene Hall, St. Anthony's College, on July 14, 2025, at 12:15 p.m. The session was conducted by Mrs. Chandrika, Head of the Department of Management, with the objective of familiarizing students with the opportunities offered through online certification courses available on the SWAYAM platform.

NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) is a joint initiative of seven IITs and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), providing quality course content in engineering, science, and allied disciplines. SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) is a Government of India programme designed to ensure access, equity, and quality in education, bringing high-quality learning resources to students across the nation.

During the orientation, students were

introduced to the wide range of NPTEL online courses, the registration process, course structure, and the benefits of participation. Mrs. Chandrika emphasized how these courses offer learners the opportunity to gain knowledge from India's premier institutions, strengthen academic and professional skills, and bridge the digital divide by providing equal opportunities for all.

The programme concluded with an encouraging message urging students to actively enroll in SWAYAM-NPTEL courses, make use of this government initiative, enhance their knowledge base, develop additional skills, and prepare themselves effectively for future academic and career opportunities.



Personality Development Programme



The Counselling Cell of St. Anthony's College organized a combined session on Personality Development and Mental Well-Being on 17th July 2025 at Pace Bene Hall. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Molly D'Souza and attended by first-year students of B.Com, BBA, and BCA streams. The session aimed to enhance students' self-awareness, confidence, communication, time management, and overall mental well-being while equipping them with essential soft skills for academic and professional success.

The session began with a prayer song, welcome speech by Prof. Chandrika, and the introduction of the guests, Mrs. Arathi S, Soft Skills Trainer, NLP Practitioner, and Counsellor, and Fr. Anil D'Costa, Principal of St. Anthony's Global (ICSE) School, with expertise in counselling and psychotherapy. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, Principal, who emphasized the importance of personality

development and mental health for holistic growth.

Mrs. Arathi engaged students in interactive activities on time management, self-branding, confidence building, and effective communication, encouraging reflection on strengths, weaknesses, and goal-setting. Fr. Anil explained core concepts of psychology and mental well-being, highlighting common issues such as stress, depression, phobias, and manic states, and demonstrated practical coping strategies, including breathing exercises, meditation, relaxation techniques, and lifestyle practices. The session included live examples, case studies, and role-plays to help students apply these concepts in real-life situations.

The event concluded with the felicitation of the resource persons, and the session fostered self-awareness, resilience, and essential life skills among students.



Placement Training



The Placement Cell of St. Anthony's College, in collaboration with Magic Bus, organized a Career Guidance Programme on "Placement Training for AI and Employability Skills" from 18th to 25th July 2025 at the Computer Lab and Lecture Hall. The programme aimed to prepare final-year students with the technical and soft skills required for careers in Artificial Intelligence while enhancing their overall employability.

The sessions began with a brief inaugural gathering, where the organizers welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the training. Representatives from Magic Bus were introduced, and the importance of integrating AI-related knowledge with communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills was emphasized.

Over the course of eight days, the training combined technical learning with employability modules.

Students were guided through the fundamentals of AI, industry applications, and problem-solving approaches, alongside interactive workshops on communication, interview preparation, resume building, and workplace etiquette. The sessions were designed to be hands-on, encouraging active student participation, group discussions, and mock interview exercises.

The programme concluded with reflections from participants, who expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to bridge academic knowledge with practical career skills. A vote of thanks was delivered by the Placement Cell Coordinator, acknowledging the collaboration with Magic Bus and the enthusiastic involvement of students.

Overall, the training programme proved to be an enriching experience, equipping students with both AI knowledge and employability skills, thereby enhancing their readiness for future career opportunities.



Parents Teachers Meeting



The Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for the academic year 2025-26 was conducted at St. Anthony's College, on 19th July 2025, aiming to foster effective communication between faculty and parents and to discuss students' academic progress and overall development.

The program commenced with a warm welcome by Prof. Molly D'Souza, followed by the dignified lighting of the lamp ceremony, symbolizing a purposeful beginning. The event was graced by Principal Joy D'Souza, Prof. Mohammed Tazeer (HOD of Commerce), Prof. Chandrika (HOD of Management), Prof. Balkhis (HOD of BCA), and all teaching staff members.

In his keynote address, Principal Joy D'Souza shared the institution's recent achievements, highlighting the college's NAAC B++ accreditation and AICTE approval, marking significant milestones in academic excellence and institutional growth. He also emphasized the importance of 75%

minimum attendance, punctuality, discipline, and campus safety, including mandatory helmet use for students on two-wheelers. Additionally, he encouraged students to actively participate in college cells, committees, and extracurricular activities, and urged parents to support their wards and stay in regular contact with mentors.

Following the common session, parents met with class mentors for individual discussions regarding academic performance, behavior, and suggestions for improvement.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Manjula (HOD of Kannada) and the National Anthem, reflecting a successful and constructive session. The PTM strengthened collaboration between parents and the institution, reaffirming a shared commitment to the academic success and overall well-being of students.



Counselling Session



The Counselling Cell of St. Anthony's College organized a counselling session on July 19, 2025, at Pace Bene Hall for the first-year students of B.Com, BBA, and BCA streams. Coordinated by Prof. Molly D'Souza, the programme began with a prayer song, welcome address, and the introduction of the guest, Fr. Anil D'Costa, an educationist and counsellor with rich academic and administrative experience. Currently pursuing his Ph.D. in History at Christ University, Bangalore, he also serves as Principal of St. Anthony's Global (ICSE) School, Kengeri.

In his talk, Fr. Anil emphasized the importance of mental health in shaping thoughts, emotions, behaviour, and overall well-being. He explained the role of counselling in offering early support, problem-solving strategies, and reducing stigma around seeking professional help. Students were introduced to psychological concerns such as stress, depression, and phobias, and learned

when professional intervention becomes necessary.

The interactive session included case examples, role-plays, and demonstrations of coping techniques like breathing exercises, yoga, mindfulness, and positive affirmations. Fr. Anil also highlighted qualities of an effective counsellor, such as empathy, confidentiality, and cultural sensitivity, while encouraging students to build resilience and adopt healthy lifestyle practices.

Students participated enthusiastically, gaining awareness and practical tools to manage stress. The session proved highly beneficial, equipping them with coping skills for academic and personal challenges.



Health and Hygiene Awareness Session



The Women's Cell of St. Anthony's College organized a Health and Hygiene Awareness Session on July 21, 2025, at 1:25 p.m. in the Seminar Hall. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Balkhis, Women's Cell Coordinator, and was attended by 100 female students. The session was led by Prof. Molly D'Souza, a respected faculty member and advocate for women's health education, who addressed the vital aspects of menstrual health and hygiene.

The objective of the session was to educate students about the importance of maintaining personal hygiene, especially during menstruation. Prof. Molly spoke about common challenges faced by young women, addressing misconceptions and breaking myths that often surround menstrual health. She offered practical guidance on choosing the right sanitary products, maintaining cleanliness, and ensuring proper disposal of used sanitary pads. Her talk emphasized the need for

confidence, comfort, and openness during menstruation, encouraging students to break the silence and stigma attached to the subject.

Prof. Balkhis also highlighted the initiatives of the Women's Cell in supporting students' overall well-being and in creating safe spaces for discussions on sensitive issues. The students engaged actively throughout the session, asking questions, sharing their thoughts, and making the interaction meaningful and relatable.

The session concluded with a powerful message on the importance of self-care, hygiene, and awareness as essential components of confidence and holistic well-being. The event was both informative and empowering, leaving a lasting positive impact on the participants.



Kargil Vijay Diwas



St. Anthony's College, in association with the 3 Karnataka Battalion NCC, commemorated Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2025, with a solemn and patriotic programme held at Pace Bene Hall. The event began at 10:30 a.m. and witnessed the participation of 175 students, including NCC cadets, volunteers, and faculty members.

The programme opened with a respectful tribute to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the Kargil War of 1999. A short video presentation was screened, capturing the valor, courage, and dedication of the Indian Armed Forces, which evoked a deep sense of pride and patriotism among the audience.

This was followed by an address on the significance of Kargil Vijay Diwas, where the speaker highlighted the values of leadership, service, and commitment to the nation. The importance of remembering the sacrifices of our soldiers was emphasized, inspiring the younger

generation to uphold the ideals of courage, discipline, and responsibility in their personal and professional lives.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks and the singing of the National Anthem, as the entire gathering stood united in honor of the martyrs. The programme left a strong emotional impact, fostering a spirit of gratitude and national pride among all attendees.



Talent Hunt



The Cultural Committee of St. Anthony's College organized the Talent Hunt Programme for the first-year students of B.Com, BBA, and BCA on July 28, 2025, at Pace Bene Hall. Coordinated by Prof. Diwakar and Prof. Shruthi B, the event aimed to welcome the freshers into the vibrant cultural environment of the college and to provide them with a platform to display their skills, creativity, and confidence.

A total of 24 students participated with great enthusiasm, presenting diverse talents including dancing, singing, drawing, ramp walk, and speech. Each performance reflected the individuality of the students and their eagerness to explore their abilities. The colorful dances, melodious songs, expressive artwork, graceful ramp walks, and powerful speeches created a lively atmosphere that kept the audience engaged and entertained throughout the programme.

The event was judged by a distinguished panel comprising Fr. Vijesh Loyed, Prof. Chandrika, and Prof. J. Albert. After witnessing impressive performances across categories, the judges had the difficult task of selecting the winners. Saraswathi from I B.Com (A Section) was crowned Miss Fresher, while Harsha S from I BCA was declared Mr. Fresher. Both winners stood out for their confidence, charm, and talent, making them fitting representatives of the new batch.

The Talent Hunt was not only a competition but also an ice-breaking session that helped first-year students bond with one another and feel a sense of belonging within the college community. The audience responded enthusiastically, cheering for their peers and celebrating their success. The event concluded with hearty applause for all participants and gratitude extended to the Cultural Committee for organizing such an engaging programme.



Freshers Day



St. Anthony's College celebrated Fresher's Day on July 31, 2025, to extend a warm and vibrant welcome to the new batch of students. The programme aimed at easing the transition into college life while helping freshers feel comfortable, included, and inspired as they embarked on this new journey.

The celebration began with a warm address by the senior students, highlighting the theme "Welcome to College Life: New beginnings, new friends, new memories!" The lively programme featured fun activities, cultural performances, music, and interactive games that showcased the talents of both seniors and juniors. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, laughter, and enthusiasm as freshers enthusiastically participated, making the event more memorable.

Seniors took special care to create a friendly and welcoming environment, ensuring that the juniors felt at home.

They shared words of encouragement and motivated their juniors to make the most of their college years. The event also fostered bonding between seniors and juniors, laying the foundation for lasting friendships and a spirit of cooperation.

The highlight of the day was the cultural segment, where students displayed their creativity and energy through dance, singing, and skits, which were met with great applause. Games and interactive sessions added fun and joy to the occasion, bringing smiles to every face.

The programme concluded with cheers, laughter, and a vote of thanks, leaving the freshers with cherished memories of their first official day on campus. Fresher's Day 2025 was truly a celebration of new beginnings, excitement, and togetherness.



Tree Plantation Programme



The NSS Unit of St. Anthony's College participated in the Milestone Green Sunday Tree Plantation Programme on 3rd August 2025, organized by Adamya Chetana, Smt. Girija Shastri Memorial Trust at the Uttari Shankara Matha Premises, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore. The initiative aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and raising awareness on the importance of greenery in urban spaces.

The programme began with an introduction to the objectives of the drive, after which NSS volunteers of the college actively joined in planting saplings across the premises. The students worked with enthusiasm and commitment, contributing to the mission of creating a cleaner and healthier environment.

The activity served as a hands-on learning experience in environmental conservation, allowing students to understand the significance of

afforestation and their role as responsible citizens. The volunteers expressed a sense of pride in being part of such a noble cause and pledged to continue supporting green initiatives.

In addition to tree planting, the students interacted with environmentalists and community members, gaining valuable insights into sustainable practices and the need for collective efforts in addressing ecological challenges.

The event concluded with words of encouragement from the organizers, who appreciated the participation of NSS volunteers. Overall, the tree plantation programme was a meaningful and inspiring experience, instilling in the students a spirit of responsibility towards protecting nature.



Faculty Development Programme



The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled “Bridging Learning Outcomes with Academic Excellence: CO, PO & PSO Workshop” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Anthony’s College on 09-08-2025 at St. Anthony’s College, Dubasi Palya. Coordinated by Prof. Mohammed Tazeer, IQAC Coordinator, the programme saw the participation of 20 faculty members and aimed to enhance understanding of Outcome-Based Education (OBE), focusing on the design, mapping, and attainment of Course Outcomes (COs), Program Outcomes (POs), and Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs).

The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. Shruthi, who highlighted the objectives and stressed the importance of aligning teaching with measurable learning outcomes. Prof. Renuka C introduced the resource person, Prof. Parveez Ulla, Assistant Professor at Christ Academy for Advanced Studies,

emphasizing his expertise in curriculum design, OBE frameworks, and accreditation processes.

During the technical session, Prof. Parveez Ulla explained how OBE aligns education with industry needs and employability. Participants learned to design measurable COs, POs, and PSOs, map them effectively, and calculate attainment levels using student performance data. Practical demonstrations using Excel ensured clarity and applicability, and faculty actively engaged in discussions throughout the session.

The feedback session conducted by Prof. Tazeer appreciated the practical relevance of the workshop. Certificates were distributed, and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Chandrika, acknowledging the management, IQAC, organizing committee, resource person, and participants.



Raksha Bandhan



The Cultural Committee of St. Anthony's College organized a Rakshabandhan celebration for the students of B.Com, BBA, and BCA on August 11, 2025, at Pace Bene Hall. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Diwakar and Prof. Shruthi B, and witnessed the active participation of 15 students.

This year's celebration carried a unique theme of "Go Green", where students crafted handmade, eco-friendly rakhis. The creative initiative highlighted both sustainability and tradition, as participants showcased their artistic skills while spreading awareness about protecting the environment.

The celebration began with the Rakhi Making activity, where students designed rakhis using natural and biodegradable materials. This was followed by the Rakhi Tying Ceremony, conducted in a traditional manner, symbolizing the sacred bond between brothers and sisters. Esteemed judges observed the event

and appreciated the creativity, innovation, and environmental consciousness displayed by the students.

Adding an engaging twist to the programme, a Role Reversal Debate was held on the topic "Who is better – Brother or Sister?" The debate brought laughter, wit, and thoughtful arguments, allowing students to display their communication and reasoning skills while celebrating siblinghood in a fun way.

The Rakshabandhan celebration was a perfect blend of culture, creativity, and sustainability. It not only strengthened the traditional bond between siblings but also promoted eco-friendly practices. The event concluded on a joyful note, leaving behind fond memories for both students and faculty.



NSS Inauguration Day



The NSS Inauguration Day was celebrated at St. Anthony's College on 14th August 2025 with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by Dr. Ramesh H. Kittur, NSS Coordinator, Bangalore University, as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by an introduction of the Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, Dr. Kittur highlighted the significance of NSS in nurturing socially responsible youth. He encouraged volunteers to dedicate themselves to the NSS motto, "Not Me But You," emphasizing selfless service, empathy, and community involvement.

The Annual Report of the NSS Unit was presented, showcasing the achievements of the previous year in areas such as health initiatives, environmental awareness, and social outreach programs. The report reflected the commitment and active participation of students in various

projects that contributed meaningfully to society.

A significant highlight of the inauguration was the NSS Oath-Taking Ceremony, where volunteers pledged to uphold the principles of service, discipline, and unity. The program concluded with a tree sapling plantation drive within the college premises, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and a commitment to environmental protection.

The inauguration was a memorable and motivating occasion, inspiring students to actively participate in NSS initiatives and contribute positively to society. It set the tone for a year filled with community service, leadership development, and social responsibility, reinforcing the college's vision of nurturing compassionate and responsible citizens.



79th Independence Day



St. Anthony's College celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on August 15, 2025, at the campus. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sugun Daniel Coelho, Reliability Engineer and Regional PRO GTR, Ministry of Defence, DRDO, along with Rev. Dr. Fr. Charles Furtado, Director, Rev. Fr. Roshan Rosario, Assistant Director, and Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, Principal.

The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, which filled the gathering with pride and unity. The Chief Guest, in his inspiring address, reminded students of the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the responsibility of youth in safeguarding the nation. The Principal also emphasized the importance of Independence Day in nurturing patriotism, discipline, and responsibility among the younger generation.

Students added vibrance to the day through cultural performances including patriotic songs, dances, and a skit that portrayed the struggle for freedom and celebrated unity in diversity. The performances reflected the creativity and enthusiasm of the students and were warmly received by the audience.

The programme concluded with the singing of Vande Mataram and refreshments. The Independence Day celebration at St. Anthony's College was a grand success, leaving students and faculty inspired with renewed determination to contribute to the progress of the nation.



79th Independence Day



The NCC Unit of St. Anthony's College celebrated the 79th Independence Day on August 15, 2025, with discipline and patriotic fervor. The programme was guided by ANO Ms. Deepa M and was attended by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, along with faculty, senior cadets, and students. The event highlighted the values of unity, service, and national pride that NCC strives to instill in its cadets.

The highlight of the celebration was the special drill presentation by the NCC cadets, which showcased precision, coordination, and teamwork. Every movement reflected their hours of dedicated practice and unwavering commitment. Alongside the drill, the cadets also prepared creative artwork in front of the flag post, a heartfelt tribute that symbolized their patriotism and discipline. Their efforts conveyed respect for the nation and the sacrifices of its freedom fighters.

The cadets also took charge of maintaining discipline throughout the programme, ensuring smooth conduct of the event with responsibility and sincerity. Their confident presence and teamwork stood as an example of leadership in action. The participation of senior NCC batches added further inspiration, reminding the younger cadets of the legacy they carry forward.

Following the celebration, the cadets gathered with their ANO for refreshments and an informal interaction. This moment of bonding strengthened camaraderie within the unit and provided an opportunity for reflection and encouragement. The cadets expressed their pride in being part of such a meaningful occasion and their determination to uphold the values of the Corps.



79th Independence Day



The NSS Unit of St. Anthony's College actively contributed to the Independence Day celebration on August 15, 2025. A total of 100 volunteers participated with great enthusiasm, assisting in organizing and conducting the programme with discipline and dedication.

NSS volunteers presented cultural performances including patriotic songs, dances, and a powerful skit titled "Unsung Heroes of Indian Independence," which was highly appreciated for its message. They also took a formal oath of service, pledging to dedicate themselves to the welfare of society and uphold the dignity of the nation. This reinforced the values of unity, equality, and responsibility among the volunteers.

Adding to the pride, a group of selected NSS volunteers represented the college at the Independence Day celebrations at Bangalore University, Jnana Bharathi Campus. They actively

participated in the cultural programmes and the parade alongside volunteers from various institutions, gaining valuable exposure to teamwork, discipline, and leadership.

The participation of the NSS Unit in both the college and university-level programmes reflected the true spirit of its motto "Not Me, But You," and inspired volunteers to take up community service with renewed energy and dedication.

The celebration was not only a tribute to the nation but also a platform for the volunteers to grow in confidence, responsibility, and social awareness. It motivated them to continue their journey of service with a greater sense of pride and purpose.



NCC Inauguration & Rank Ceremony



The NCC Inauguration and Rank Ceremony titled **Roots & Wings** was held with dignity and enthusiasm at St. Anthony's College, Bengaluru, on 18th August 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Seminar Hall. Organized in association with the 3 Karnataka Battalion NCC, the event marked a proud milestone for the college's NCC Unit.

The programme began with a prayer song by the college choir, followed by the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge, discipline, and unity. The Chief Guest was Subedar Major Kumaraswamy B.K., accompanied by Rev. Dr. Fr. Charles Furtado (Director), Rev. Fr. Anil D'Costa (Counselor), Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza (Principal), and Lt. Deepa M (ANO), whose presence added grace and inspiration to the occasion.

In their addresses, the dignitaries highlighted NCC's role in shaping disciplined, confident, and responsible citizens. They emphasized values of leadership, civic responsibility, and

national service, urging cadets to extend their commitment beyond campus life.

The highlight of the event was the Rank Presentation, where cadets were honored for their dedication and discipline. Ranks were conferred on: SUO Soumya Alagawadi, JUO Bibi Ayesha, SGT Arun Kumar, CPL Agnes Consaca Bojaxhili R, CPL Robin Pris R, LCPL Deepika, LCPL Ganavi J, and LCPL Rohini A V. This proud moment embodied the theme **Roots & Wings** — anchoring cadets in values while empowering them with leadership.

In his keynote address, Subedar Major Kumaraswamy B.K. praised the institution's efforts in nurturing service-oriented youth and reminded cadets of their role as ambassadors of discipline, unity, and integrity.



Commerce Forum Inauguration



The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized the Commerce Forum Inauguration 2025 on 20th August 2025 at St. Anthony's College, Dubasi Palya. The event, themed "Commerce in the AI Era: Unlocking Careers, Creating Leaders", aimed to connect classroom learning with industry practices, enhance leadership skills, and provide exposure to emerging trends in commerce. The program saw participation from 360 students.

The inauguration commenced with a traditional dance performance by students, followed by a welcome address by Ms. Varshini (5th Semester B.Com). The lighting of the lamp was conducted by Dr. M. Madhu (Professor & HOD, Management, HKBK Degree College, Bangalore) and Rev. Fr. Anil D'Costa, Counsellor, St. Anthony's College. Dr. Madhu, introduced by Ms. Yashaswini, Commerce Forum Coordinator, was recognized for her academic contributions, professional

achievements, and awards for teaching excellence.

In her session on "Commerce in the AI Era", Dr. Madhu highlighted AI's role in finance, marketing, HR, business analytics, and auditing. She discussed career opportunities in FinTech, AI-powered tools, e-commerce, and data-driven marketing, along with challenges like ethical issues, job displacement, and skill gaps. She emphasized the need for data literacy, AI proficiency, adaptability, and leadership, illustrating points with case studies from Amazon, Goldman Sachs, and Infosys.

The event successfully inspired students to explore AI-driven commerce opportunities, stressing continuous upskilling, adaptability, and leadership, marking a strong beginning for the forum's activities in the academic year 2025–26.



Debate Competition



The Chanakya Club of the BBA Department at St. Anthony's College organized a Debate Competition to promote critical thinking, self-confidence, and effective communication among students. The event, coordinated by Prof. Shamili Maria and Prof. Shruthi B, under the guidance of Prof. Chandrika (HOD), was held at Pace Bene Hall on 21st August 2025 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

The competition was conducted in two phases – Preliminary Round and Final Round – and attracted enthusiastic participation from students across various departments.

Preliminary Round:

The preliminary round took place on 19th August 2025, with 45 teams of two members each. Every team was allotted 3+1 minutes to present their arguments. The judging criteria included the strength of arguments, supporting evidence, teamwork, and overall presentation. After a highly

competitive session, 10 teams qualified for the finals.

Final Round:

The final round on 21st August 2025 witnessed the 10 finalist teams displaying exceptional debating skills. Participants presented well-structured arguments supported by facts, real-life examples, and logical reasoning. The rebuttal sessions were especially engaging, highlighting quick thinking and strong presence of mind.

The performances were evaluated by Rev. Fr. Anil D'Costa (Counsellor, St. Anthony's College) and Prof. Molly D'Souza. The winners were:

- 1st Prize: Prity and Ayesha
- 2nd Prize: Sanika and Stephia
- 3rd Prize: Deepthi and Bhuvan

The debate competition provided students with a platform to enhance communication skills, build confidence, and foster intellectual growth.



Anti-Drug and Awareness Session



The Women Cell of St. Anthony's College, in collaboration with the Anti-Ragging Cell and NSS Unit, organized an awareness program on Anti-Drug, Anti-Sexual Harassment, and Anti-Ragging on 23rd August 2025. The session was held at the college campus and witnessed the active participation of 200 students. The program was coordinated by Prof. Balkhis (Women Cell), Prof. Chandrika (Anti-Ragging Cell), and Prof. Bharathi and Prof. Renuka (NSS Unit), with Mr. Eswara B. Vonnur, PSI, Kengeri Police Station, as the resource person. The session was also graced by Rev. Fr. Joy D'Souza, Principal, and faculty members.

The session began with an emphasis on Anti-Ragging and Anti-Sexual Harassment, highlighting the importance of approaching faculty or the principal for support in case of difficulties. Special attention was given to girl students, encouraging confidence, awareness, and timely reporting of stalking, harassment, or

blackmailing incidents.

In the Anti-Drug awareness segment, students were educated on the dangers of substance abuse, especially in hostels and PG accommodations. The legal consequences and preventive measures were discussed, supplemented with real-life examples to underline the severity of drug misuse.

The program also covered Legal Awareness, Safety Measures, and Cybersecurity Concerns, including cyber harassment, face-masking, and online threats. Students were informed about legal provisions for victims and practical ways to protect themselves in risky situations.

The interactive session encouraged students to ask questions about UPSC/KPSC exams, government schemes, and balancing studies with social challenges, providing practical solutions to everyday issues.





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