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Principal's message

Light Shines When Shared

Christmas is a beautiful reminder that light shines brightest when shared. As we celebrate this joyous season at De Paul College, we are invited to embrace the spirit of hope, peace and goodwill that Christmas brings to the world. It encourages us to look beyond ourselves, to recognize the dignity of every person, and to become instruments of compassion and understanding in our community. This season also calls us to gratitude—gratitude for our students who continue to inspire us, for our staff who dedicate themselves generously, and for our families and well-wishers who support our education mission. May this festive time strengthen our bonds, renew our purpose, and motivate us to carry the Depaulian values of service and love into the New Year 2026.

I wish each member of the De Paul College family a blessed Christmas and New Year filled with joy, harmony and God's abundant grace.

The Governing Council of De Paul College convened on **12th November, 2025** to review the institution's progress and deliberate on strategic plans for the future. The meeting was presided over by **Rev. Dr. Anil Thomas CM**, President of the College and Provincial Superior of the South Indian Congregation of the Mission. During the session, **Rev. Dr. Baiju Antony CM**, Principal, De Paul College, presented the comprehensive report of the previous academic year along with the Institutional Development Plan. His presentation highlighted key accomplishments, ongoing initiatives and proposed strategies aimed at strengthening academic excellence and institutional growth.

The meeting witnessed the presence of esteemed members including:

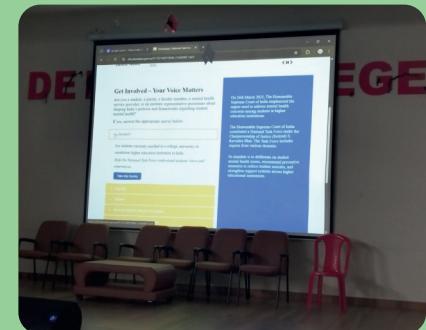
- **Rev. Fr. Anish Xavier CM**, Principal, DPIRS
- **Rev. Fr. Santoy Kurian CM**, Campus Superior and Financial Administrator
- **Rev. Dr. Shijo Antony CM**, Vice Principal, De Paul College
- **Rev. Fr. Jayaraj CM**, Director of Boarding
- **Dr. Licy K G**, Vice Principal – Academics
- **Mr. Joshy P J**, IQAC Coordinator
- **Dr. Rangappa K S**, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore
- **Prof. Nagaraju**, Syndicate Member, Mandya University
- **Dr. Augustine A C**
- **Prof. Joseph Mathew**
- **Adv. Gerald Castellino**, Legal Advisor, De Paul College

The Governing Council engaged in a detailed evaluation of the college's performance across academic, administrative and developmental dimensions. Valuable suggestions and recommendations were offered to enhance institutional effectiveness, strengthen student support systems and guide the future growth of the college.

The meeting concluded with a strong reaffirmation of the council's commitment to fostering excellence and advancing the mission and vision of De Paul College.

National Task Force Survey

The NSS Unit of the college organized an informative session on 13th November, 2025 to support the mental health initiative undertaken by the National Task Force (NTF). Recognizing the crucial role played by NTF in addressing the mental well-being of students in higher education institutions, the programme aimed to encourage both students and faculty to actively participate in the nationwide survey. The session was coordinated and hosted by Asst. Prof. Ganesh Rajapure, who briefed the participants on the objectives of the survey, its significance and the impact such data can have on shaping mental health policies and support systems within educational institutions. He emphasized the importance of honest participation to help NTF gather accurate insights to improve student wellness across the country.



College Governing Council Meeting



We Help Mandya



The NSS Unit of the college, in association with the IQAC, organized an insightful awareness programme titled "We Help Mandya" in the Conference Hall on 3rd November, 2025. The session featured Ms. Rani Chandrashekhar as the guest speaker, whose inspiring address centred on the importance of helping others and fostering a culture of compassion in society. Ms. Rani highlighted how small acts of kindness can create meaningful change, and encouraged students to actively participate in community service initiatives. She also shared real-life examples that demonstrated the impact of collective efforts in supporting those in need. The programme motivated the participants to reflect on their social responsibility and reaffirmed the college's commitment to nurturing socially conscious and empathetic individuals.

Tribute to a Great Soul – Saalu Marada Thimmakka



The Youth Red Cross Unit of the college, in association with the IQAC, organized a special tribute session on 18th November, 2025 to honour the extraordinary contributions of Saalu Marada Thimmakka, the renowned environmentalist celebrated for her remarkable tree-planting initiatives. The event was held in the college conference hall and brought together students, faculty, and environmental enthusiasts to reflect on her inspiring legacy.

The session highlighted Thimmakka's lifelong dedication to environmental conservation, particularly her planting and nurturing of hundreds of banyan trees—a contribution that earned her national and international recognition. Speakers at the event emphasized the values of commitment, sustainability, and selfless service embodied by Thimmakka, encouraging students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

A Proud Achievement



De Paul College celebrated a moment of pride as Dr. Licy K G, Vice Principal (Academics), was officially deputed as the Director, Centre for Women Studies and Research, Mandy University. This prestigious appointment stands as a testament to her academic excellence, leadership qualities, and dedicated service to the field of education.



Eye Check-up Camp

The NSS Unit of De Paul College organized a free eye check-up camp on 27th November, 2025 in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Darshan Eye Hospital. The initiative aimed to promote eye health and early detection of vision-related issues students and faculty members. A team of qualified ophthalmologists and technicians from the hospital conducted comprehensive eye examinations, including vision tests, refraction checks, and screening for common eye conditions.

Parikalpanam



The November edition of **Parikalpanam**, the monthly creative forum of De Paul College, was conducted on **19th November, 2025** in conjunction with the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations. The combined event added vibrancy to the day, bringing together cultural pride and creative expression on a single platform. All routine segments of Parikalpanam were carried out with enthusiastic participation from students. Integrating Parikalpanam with the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations enriched the

programme, as several participants incorporated themes related to Karnataka's culture, heritage, and linguistic identity. The event thus became a meaningful blend of creativity and cultural appreciation. The programme concluded with appreciation for the participants and organizers, reaffirming the institution's commitment to promoting artistic platforms and nurturing creative potential among students.

De Paul Research Centre Inauguration



The De Paul Research Centre was formally inaugurated on 16th November, 2025 by Prof. Shivachithappa, Vice Chancellor of Mandy University in

the presence of Prof. Nagaraju. The event marked a significant milestone in the institution's commitment to fostering a strong research culture and advancing academic excellence.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by the Principal, College Core Team members, Research Guides, and Research Scholars, who gathered to witness the launch of this dedicated hub for scholarly activity. In his address, Prof. Shivachitheppa highlighted the importance of research in higher education and commended the college for taking a proactive step towards promoting innovation, inquiry, and knowledge creation.



Kannada Rajyotsava



De Paul College celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with great enthusiasm on 19th November, 2025, honouring the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of Karnataka. The event brought together students, faculty, and

staff in a spirited display of pride and respect for the state's traditions. The celebration was graced by Dr. Zamir Ahamed as the Chief Guest. In his insightful address, Dr. Ahamed spoke about the historical significance of Kannada Rajyotsava, the evolution of Kannada language and the responsibility of the youth in preserving and promoting Karnataka's cultural identity. The programme featured vibrant cultural performances, including traditional dances showcasing Karnataka's diverse artistic heritage. Students actively participated, adding colour and energy to the celebration.



Constitution Day



De Paul College solemnly observed Constitution Day on 26 November 2025, commemorating the adoption of the Indian Constitution and

honouring its core values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. The programme began with Rev. Dr. Baiju Antony CM, Principal, reading aloud the Preamble of the Constitution. Students joined in by repeating the Preamble after him, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the principles enshrined in the nation's founding document. This collective recitation created a strong sense of unity and constitutional awareness among the participants.



Following this, Rev. Dr. Shijo Antony CM, Vice Principal, administered the Constitutional Pledge, urging students to abide by the duties of responsible citizenship and to contribute positively to society. The observance served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of constitutional values in everyday life and reinforced the college's dedication to nurturing informed, responsible and ethically conscious citizens.