

CELEBRATIONS 2024 - 2025



Drug Awareness Day

The Anti-Drug Club of St. Ignatius College of Education commemorated *Drug Awareness Day* on **26th June 2024** at the De Meester Conference Hall. A special **pledge-taking ceremony** was organized to raise awareness about the consequences of drug abuse.

The event was graced by **Dr. A. Jeya Sudha**, Vice Principal and Assistant Professor of History, and **Mrs. J. Rawoofi Nisha**, Assistant Professor of Education. A total of **98 B.Ed. student teachers** actively took part in the pledge-taking event. **Ms. Joy Clara**, a student teacher, led the pledge and encouraged her peers to commit to a drug-free life.

The initiative provided insights into the harmful effects of drug abuse and reinforced the students' resolve to maintain a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. It also strengthened the sense of community support and responsibility among faculty and students.



International Day of Yoga

The Physical and Health Club of St. Ignatius College of Education organized the final round of the **Yogasana Competition** on 4th July 2024 to commemorate the *International Day of Yoga*.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from **22 student teachers**, who showcased their yoga skills and dedication. After the final round, **six exceptional students** were selected as winners.

The competition served as a platform to promote physical and mental well-being, unity, and cultural appreciation. It encouraged students to embrace yoga as a means of stress relief, fitness, and holistic development.





National Librarians Day

The Readers Club of St. Ignatius College of Education celebrated **National Librarians Day** on **12th August 2024** to honour the vital contributions of librarians in promoting literacy and intellectual development.

The event featured **Dr. S. Mahadevan**, Head and Associate Professor of Tamil, Sadakathullah Appa College, as the **Chief Guest**, who delivered an insightful address on the transformative role of libraries in education and society. He emphasized the need to utilize library resources to their full potential and highlighted the importance of libraries in fostering reading habits and intellectual growth.

The celebration also included reflections on the legacy of **Dr. S. R. Ranganathan**, the Father of Library Science, and inspired the audience to value libraries as centres of learning.



78th Independence Day Celebration

The Department of Education and Extracurricular Activities Committee of St. Ignatius College of Education organized the 78th Independence Day Celebration on 14th August 2024 with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm.

Dr. S. Chellappa, National Best Teacher Awardee, served as the Chief Guest and delivered an inspiring speech on the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the importance of civic responsibility.

Students presented cultural performances, including songs, dances, and speeches, reflecting national pride. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem, reinforcing values of unity and patriotism.

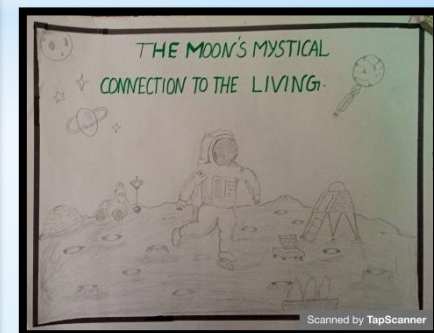
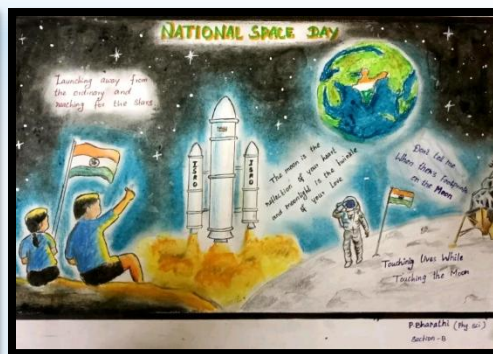


National Space Day

A **poster-making competition** was conducted on **24th August 2024** to commemorate *National Space Day*, aiming to spark creativity and awareness about space science.

Organized by the **Youth Red Cross Committee** in collaboration with the **Bosonia Club**, the competition encouraged students to express their understanding of space through art on the theme "*Touching lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga.*"

The event promoted scientific curiosity and allowed students to showcase their talent while exploring the role of space technology in everyday life.





National Sports Day

St. Ignatius College of Education celebrated **National Sports Day** on **29th August 2024** to honour Major Dhyan Chand and promote the role of sports in nation-building.

Various competitions like **50m Run**, **12 Minutes Run**, **Shot Put**, **Rope Skipping**, and more were conducted. **Ms. A. Priscilla Valan Assumptio**, M.Ed. Scholar, served as the **resource person** and spoke on *“Empowering Women through Fitness”*, highlighting the importance of physical fitness.

The event encouraged students to engage in sports and raised awareness about the value of physical activity.





The Nellai Day

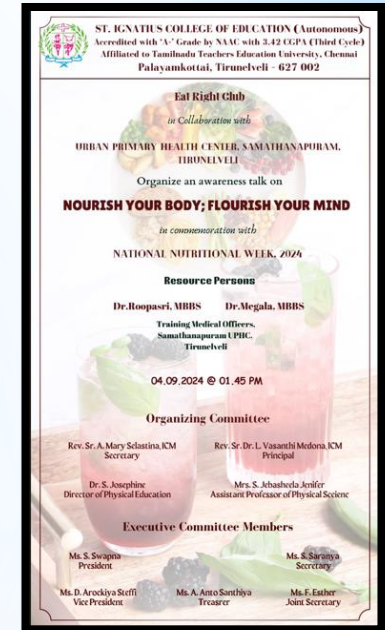
The **Nellai Day** celebration was held on **30th August 2024** to promote pride in Tirunelveli's rich cultural heritage.

Organized by the **Student Welfare Committee** in collaboration with the **Rotary Club** and **Nellai Life**, the event featured competitions and an exhibition titled "*Glory of Nellai*", which highlighted the region's historical and cultural significance.

The programme saw active participation from students and staff, and successfully deepened appreciation for local heritage while encouraging creativity and community spirit.

National Nutritional Week

The Eat Right Club of St. Ignatius College of Education organized an awareness talk on "Nourish Your Body; Flourish Your Mind" on 4th September 2024, focusing on the importance of proper nutrition for mental and physical well-being. Doctors from the Urban Primary Health Centre, Tirunelveli, served as resource persons, addressing issues such as anemia, vitamin deficiencies, and malnutrition. The session provided practical insights on balanced diets and how nutrition supports cognitive function and emotional health. The talk empowered student teachers with essential knowledge to make healthier food choices.

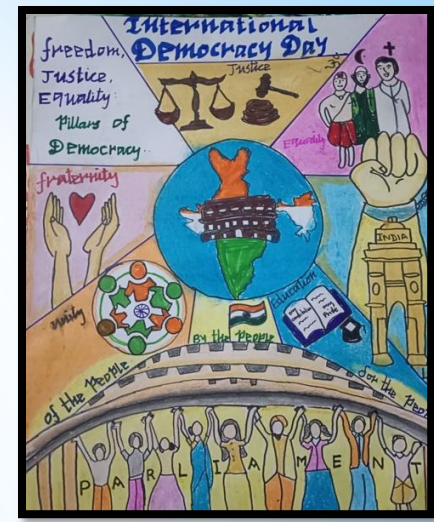
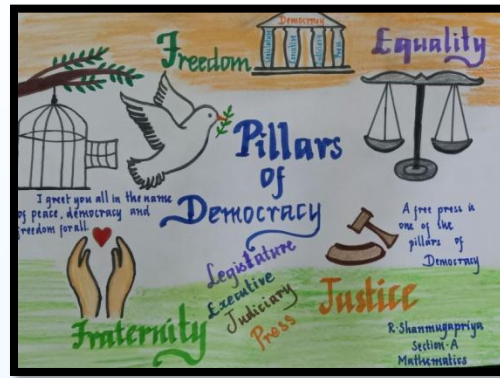


Teachers' Day

St. Ignatius College of Education celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2024 with the theme "*Celebrate Your Calling.*"

Organized by the Staff Council and IQAC, the event brought together academic and administrative staff to reflect on their teaching journey. The celebration created a spirit of gratitude and unity, highlighting the lasting impact of teachers on students and the institution as a whole.





Democracy Day



A Poster Making Contest themed "Freedom, Justice, Equality: Pillars of Democracy" was held on 15th September 2024 to commemorate Democracy Day. The event aimed to provide a virtual platform for student teachers to express their understanding of democratic values. Conducted through Google Classroom, it saw enthusiastic participation from various departments. Students were given a week to prepare, and a total of 15 unique poster entries were submitted. The entries were judged based on creativity, originality, relevance, and visual impact. The contest successfully promoted awareness of core democratic principles in a virtual academic setting.

Social Justice Day

On 16th September 2024, a Pledge Taking Ceremony was conducted to mark Social Justice Day and commemorate the birth anniversary of E.V.R. Periyar. Organized by the Youth Red Cross Committee, the event aimed to instill values of equality, fairness, and inclusivity among prospective teachers. A faculty member from the Tamil Department led the pledge, which students took enthusiastically, reaffirming their commitment to social justice in both personal and professional spheres. The ceremony honored Periyar's legacy and underscored the institution's dedication to developing socially responsible educators.





Mother Foundress Legacy Day

The Interfaith Wing organized **Mother Foundress Legacy Day** on 10th October 2024 to honor the life and contributions of the Mother Foundress. The event began with a prayer song, followed by talks from invited speakers who shared insights into the Foundress's foundational role and virtues such as humility, faith, and dedication to service. Students presented various cultural performances, including dance, tableau, and a musical piece depicting her life. The program concluded with the college anthem, celebrating a shared sense of pride and unity, and reaffirming the values instilled by the Foundress.



Diwali Celebration

On 30th October 2024, the Extra-Curricular Activities Committee organized a vibrant Diwali Celebration to promote inclusivity and cultural appreciation. The event began with a prayer song and ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by an inspiring address on the significance of Diwali by the Principal. She emphasized unity, kindness, wisdom, and the triumph of light over darkness. First-year student teachers presented cultural performances reflecting Diwali's deeper values—community, gratitude, and resilience. The celebration created a joyful and meaningful space for sharing talents and strengthening the sense of togetherness.





Children's Day

On 14th November 2024, Children's Day was joyfully celebrated in collaboration with Loyola Convent Nursery & Primary School. The event was organized by the Extension Service and Extra-Curricular Committees to provide a fun and educational experience for young learners. Prospective teachers facilitated a series of hands-on, activity-based sessions including puzzles, games, and interactive challenges that promoted curiosity and critical thinking. The event not only delighted the children but also offered valuable teaching practice for student teachers, reinforcing the importance of play-based learning in early childhood education.

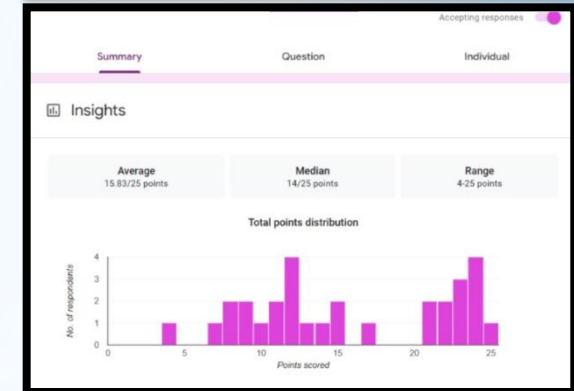


National Constitution Day

On 26th November 2024, the National Constitution Day was observed at St. Ignatius College of Education in collaboration with Vaan Muhil Trust, Tirunelveli. The event aimed to raise awareness among student teachers about constitutional values such as justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. It featured expert talks by legal professionals and social activists who highlighted the relevance of constitutional principles in contemporary society. The sessions included interactive discussions, helping participants deepen their understanding of democracy and inclusivity. The event encouraged future educators to uphold constitutional ideals in their teaching practice.

World Aids Day

On 2nd December 2024, the Red Ribbon Club organized an E-Quiz titled *"Fight AIDS, Fight Stigma - Empowering Lives Through Awareness"*. The event aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, reduce stigma, and promote empathy and education through a virtual quiz conducted via Google Forms. Student teachers actively participated, and winners were recognized for their performance. Beyond competition, the initiative helped foster a supportive environment for people living with HIV/AIDS, making it a meaningful effort toward combating ignorance and promoting inclusion through knowledge and empathy.



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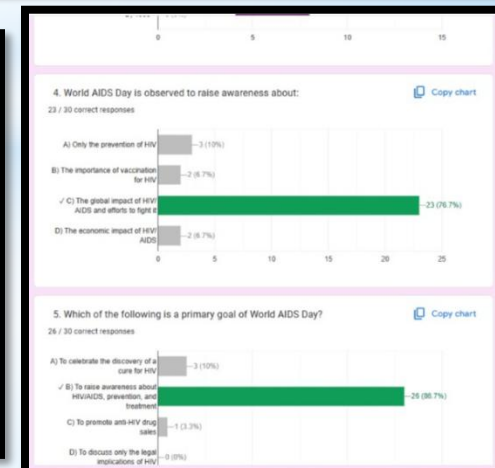
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CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

The Interfaith Christmas Celebration was held on 20th December 2024, organized by the Interfaith Wing and Extra-Curricular Activities Committee to promote love, peace, and unity. The program began with a prayer song and blessings, followed by a welcome address from the Principal. The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Kingsley from St. Xavier's College, delivered an inspiring message on the spirit of Christmas as a time for love, compassion, and selflessness. The event featured vibrant cultural performances by B.Ed and M.Ed students, creating a festive and reflective atmosphere that encouraged goodwill and shared values.



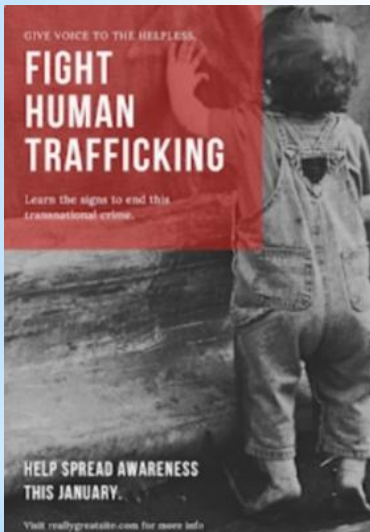


NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

On 2nd January 2025, the Interfaith Wing organized “*New Beginning: Towards A New Horizon*” to mark the start of a new year with reflection and hope. Staff and students gathered as one community to express gratitude for the past year’s blessings and to seek divine strength for the journey ahead. The session included prayers and motivating speeches that emphasized perseverance, faith, and collective effort. The program encouraged participants to approach the new year with renewed determination and a spirit of excellence.

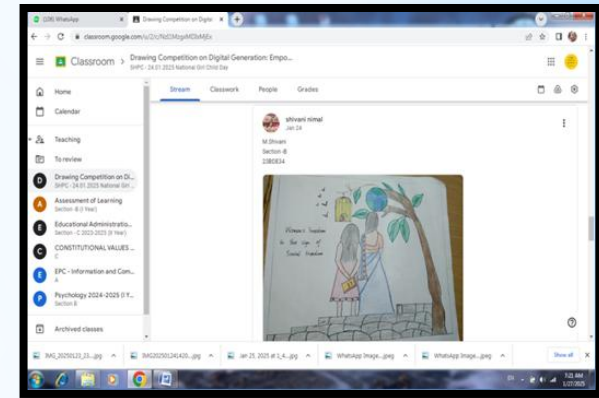
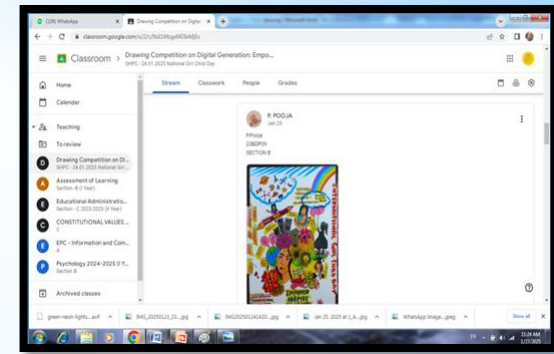
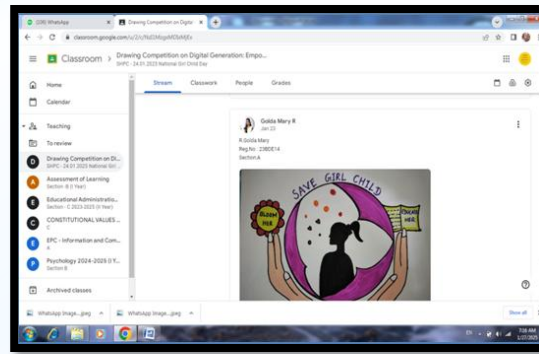
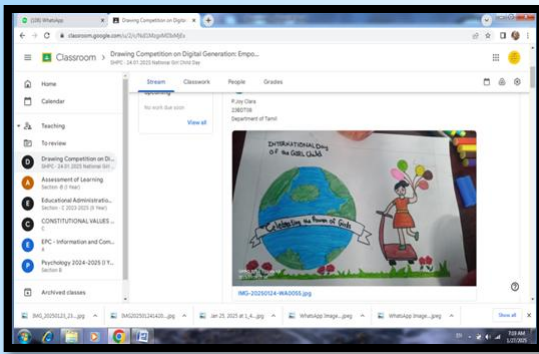


National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.



On 11th January 2025, the Red Ribbon Club organized a *Tech Art Collage – Art Against Exploitation* competition to mark National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The event aimed to raise awareness about human trafficking through creative expression. Students created collages to communicate powerful messages, inspire action, and foster empathy. The competition also served as a platform to amplify survivor voices and encourage community dialogue on solutions. Prize-winning entries were recognized for their impactful presentation and message. Overall, the initiative combined creativity with advocacy for a vital social cause.





National Girl Child Day

To observe National Girl Child Day, the Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee organized a drawing competition on 24th January 2025 for second-year B.Ed. students on the theme “Digital Generation: Empowering Girls, Empowering Future.” The event aimed to showcase how digital tools empower girls through education, entrepreneurship, and innovation. 12 students participated, and the best artworks were selected by judges. P. Pooja won first place, and Annal Esther Jeba Rani secured second. The event was guided by faculty members and saw enthusiastic and creative participation from the students.

Mother Tongue Day

To mark International Mother Language Day, the Agathiyar Tamil Literary Association and the Readers Club of St. Ignatius College of Education organized various Tamil competitions such as elocution, essay writing, verse writing, and drawing on 17th February 2024. The event aimed to promote linguistic diversity and cultural pride. Both first and second-year B.Ed. students enthusiastically participated in the competitions.



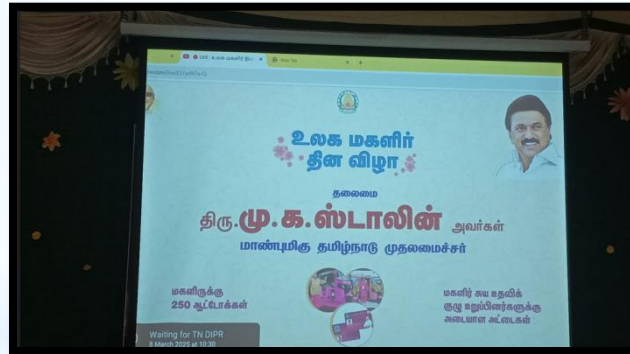


Mother Language Day

To mark International Mother Language Day, the Agathiyar Tamil Literary Association and Readers Club of St. Ignatius College of Education organized a ****debate**** on the theme ****“Is Tamil Thriving or Declining in the Global Arena?”**** on ****21st February 2025****. The event began with a prayer song and featured teams presenting both sides of the topic. Prizes were also awarded to winners of competitions (like drawing, elocution, essay, and verse writing) held earlier on ****17th February 2025****. Both first- and second-year B.Ed. students actively participated in the events, celebrating the significance of their mother tongue.

International Women's Day

On 8th March 2025, St. Ignatius College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, celebrated International Women's Day through a live-streamed address by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The program focused on women's empowerment, gender equality, and government welfare schemes. It featured inspiring stories from successful women achievers, cultural performances, and a live interaction with beneficiaries of welfare schemes. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony honoring outstanding women. Both faculty and student teachers participated enthusiastically, making it a memorable and empowering event.





International Women's Day

To mark International Women's Day, the Department of Physical Education of St. Ignatius College of Education organized a marathon run on 8th March 2025. The event aimed to promote gender equality, celebrate the role of women, and raise awareness about women's empowerment and rights. Ten students from the college participated in the run, which started and ended at the VOC Ground, Palayamkottai. The participants completed the distance with enthusiasm, spreading a message of unity, physical well-being, and inclusivity.



International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day, the Extension Service Committee and Extra Curricular Committee of St. Ignatius College of Education, in collaboration with St. Xavier's College of Education, organized an awareness rally on 8th March 2025. The rally aimed to promote respect, unity, and gender equality under the theme "Respect Women: Respect Humanity." It was inaugurated by Adv. Arockia Mary, Member of the Juvenile Justice Board. The rally passed through key city roads, with students and staff actively participating while carrying placards and banners. The event highlighted the importance of women's rights, dignity, and empowerment.



World Poetry Day

To celebrate World Poetry Day, the Tamil Department of St. Ignatius College of Education organized an event on 21st March 2025 with the theme “கவிஞர்களைப் போற்றுவோம்” (Let us Honour the Poets). The program aimed to promote poetry reading, writing, and appreciation among student teachers. The event featured poetry recitation, creation, and discussion highlighting the emotional, intellectual, and cultural impact of poetry. Students actively participated, expressing deep insights through their poems. The event was coordinated by faculty members and served as a meaningful platform to encourage literary creativity.





Pi-Day

The **Department of Mathematics** at St. Ignatius College of Education celebrated **Pi-Day** on **13th and 14th March 2025** with the aim of promoting mathematical appreciation through creativity and interactive activities. Events included **Recitation, Craft Making, Elocution, and Cooking-based Design Challenge**. Students demonstrated the value of π through memory recitals, crafts, speeches, and food designs. Winners were recognized in each category, and the celebration effectively engaged students in exploring the aesthetic and practical aspects of mathematics in a joyful, hands-on manner.





World Storytelling Day

On 20th March 2025, the Sr. Lily Pushpam Library & Readers Club celebrated World Storytelling Day with a session titled “Echoes of Imagination: Celebrating the Art of Storytelling.” The event aimed to nurture creativity, empathy, and communication among first-year student teachers. It began with a talk by Dr. P. Johncy Rose, Librarian, who highlighted storytelling techniques. Students then shared unique stories—from folk tales to modern fables—using expressive voice and body language. The session enriched participants and captivated the audience with imaginative narratives.

National Sparrow Day

On 20th March 2025, the Nature Lovers Association conducted the Sparrow Tales: Scrapbook Preparation Competition to raise awareness on sparrow protection and biodiversity conservation. Under the guidance of faculty and organizing secretaries, students created handmade scrapbooks showcasing illustrations, facts, and eco-friendly ideas. The event enhanced environmental responsibility, artistic expression, and teamwork. Winning entries were displayed in an eco-exhibition, inspiring students to take simple conservation actions like setting up bird feeders. The program effectively combined creativity with ecological learning, deepening students' commitment to wildlife conservation.

