

Editorial

At the close of the academic year, we are very happy to have travelled a year full of dynamic activities by and for our children. There are a lot of people who have supported us in our travel with our children. We are grateful to them. The support that we received from our well wishers, staff and parents gives us energy to work more hard and go ahead. The enthusiasm of our children while participating in various activities is worth mentioning. This year we have started many new activities for our children which has helped them to develop their skills especially employment skills. Our aim is to make them employable so that they can become earning members. We thank each one of you for your supporting hands and request you to continue this support so that we are able to continue the work that Fr. Felix initiated at CIMR.

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DCMR Students enjoy outing

The students of DCMR made an outing on 27 March to Captain Lakshmi Park at Kanakakunnu. They spent time and enjoyed at the inclusive park there. They actively participated in various activities at the park according to the instruction of their teachers.



Annual Day Celebrations

DCMR celebrated annual function on 12th March with various cultural activities. The students were very enthusiastic to present their talents on the stage and it was awesome. Thiruvananthapuram District Social Welfare officer Shri. Pradeep P was the chief guest of the programme. He congratulated the children for their enthusiastic performances. The teachers taught variety programmes and the students enjoyed performing on the stage. It was noted that within a short period of time the students prepared the artistic performance in a good manner. The teacher trainees also presented a beautiful dance on the stage which the students enjoyed. Fr. Thomas C. T presided over the function. Sr. Elise Mary welcomed the guests, Mrs. Vanajakumari the School Principal presented the annual report and Mrs. Biji Suresh proposed the vote of thanks.



Similarly annual function was conducted at Asha Kendram on 24 March 2026. The students presented beautiful cultural programmes as taught by their teachers. Dr. Rathi Menon, a retired professor and literary critic was the chief guest of the programme. She appreciated the performance of the students and congratulated the teachers for their hard work. Shri. Krishnakumar, the Ward Councilor was also present as the special guest. He was well aware of the functioning of the school and he promised all possible help in the future. Fr. Thomas C. T presided over the function. Mrs. Stibech D'cruz presented the annual report of the school. The leadership and participation of the PTA was commendable.



Teacher Trainees make study visit to Chennai

The teacher trainees of CIMR made a study visit to Chennai during 23 to 27 March. Under the leadership of Sr. Elise Mary the course coordinator, the staff and trainees visited several educational centers in Chennai. As part of their training our teacher trainees (16 trainees and 3 staff members) visited Chennai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disability Centre at Poonamalli. They spent half a day to see different facilities and methods developed for the visually challenged people. They visited also the Braille book printing facility.

Next they visited NIEPMD (National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities), here they provide early identification to vocational training to multiple handicapped persons. All the training are given to the children along with their parents and its seems to be an important thing. They also visited a special school run by CIMR old student and staff Mr. Jacob Manalel. School is called Divine Home. There they are using 3Cs method and special sports techniques developed for special children. This was also a very useful visit. In-between they visited some historical places like Santhome Church, Marina Beach, Mahabalipuram and the longest reptile zoo with different kinds of crocodiles and snakes.

All the visits helped the trainees to increase their knowledge and this will help them to serve the special children in a better way.



Skill Development Programme for Teachers

CIMR organized a three days skill development programme for all teachers working at Trivandrum on 28th February to 2nd March 2026. The objectives of this training programme were to enhance the skills of the teachers to train the children in making art and craft materials using various fibers and waste materials. Master craftsman Mr. Chandradas P. G from Alappuzha was the main resource person. He explained to the participants that the materials available in our neighborhood and that we throw away can be used to make useful and beautiful materials.

The resource person taught the participants to prepare the raw materials like dried water hyacinth stem, banana trunk fiber, coconut palm leaves etc. they were also taught to extract fiber from different materials. During the training programme the participants were taught to make different materials like bowls and baskets of different dimensions and size, table mats, garlands, different artistic materials etc. After the training, the teachers are now practicing and teaching the students to make different artistic materials which will help them develop their skills.

