

# *Theophilian Trailblazers*

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# Activities

## Rangoli Making Activity

September 12, 2024

The pre-primary students participated in a vibrant rangoli-making activity, transforming their classrooms and corridors into a canvas of colours.

The event, aimed at developing fine and gross motor skills while encouraging creativity and a deeper understanding of shapes and colours found the students enthusiastically engage in making a variety of patterns with their peers. Using a range of bright hues, the young students created beautiful rangoli designs.

The activity engaged their artistic side and also enhanced their coordination and spatial awareness.



## Eco-friendly Idol Making Activity

September 13, 2024

Students of grades 1 to 9 participated in an idol-making activity organised on the school premises. The event was designed to encourage creativity and appreciation for culture while promoting respect for the environment and sustainability.

Using eco-friendly materials, students crafted beautiful idols of Lord Ganesha. The activity gave the students a chance to express their artistic talents and, at the same time, raise awareness about the importance of using sustainable practices during festivals.





# Competitions

## **'Manthan' – Interschool Debate Competition** September 2, 2024

Anvesha Rai and Nandinee Choudhary proudly represented the school at the 'Manthan', an interschool debate competition, hosted by Pawar Public School.

Competing against participants from various schools across Pune, they showcased their eloquence, critical thinking, and debating skills, earning the appreciation of the judges and the audience.

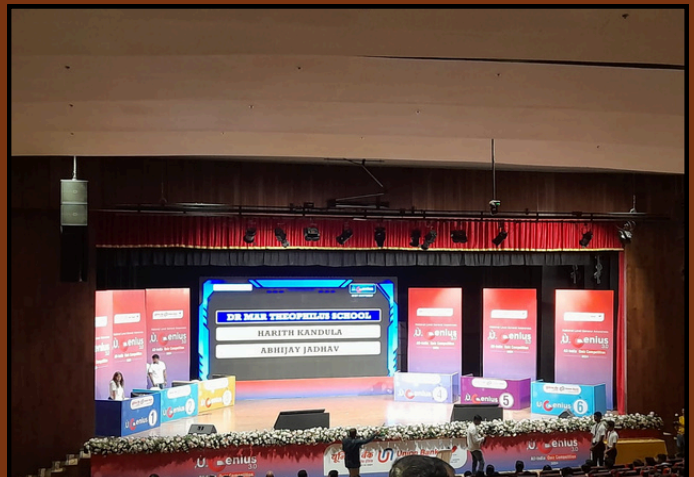


## **Interschool Quiz on Banking** September 13, 2024

Six students from the school participated in an interschool quiz on banking concepts, organised by Union Bank of India at Elpro Mall, Chinchwad, Pune.

The quiz aimed to enhance financial literacy among students by improving their understanding of key banking concepts.

Abhijay Jadhav and Harith Kandula excelled in the competition, successfully qualifying for the final round.



# Competitions

## Marathi Song Competition September 9, 2024

Students from grades 1 and 2 showcased their talent in a Marathi Song Competition. The event featured shortlisted students who sang Marathi songs, accompanied by actions.

Judges evaluated the participants based on various criteria, including presentation skills, sense of rhythm, and overall engagement with the audience.



## Hindi Poetry Competition September 13, 2024

The students of Pre-primary participated in a Hindi Poetry Competition held at the Mar Coorilos Hall. The event aimed to boost the students' confidence, presentation skills, and appreciation for poetry.

After a preliminary round on September 4, shortlisted candidates advanced to the final competition. The judges assessed the students based on their oratory skills, presentation, and overall confidence. The competition provided a platform for the students to develop their public speaking abilities while fostering a love for Hindi literature.





# Competitions

## I Term Examinations

September 16 - October 4, 2024

Students from all grades undertook their I Term Examinations, marking their second written assessment of the academic year.

The exams were meant to evaluate students' knowledge and understanding across all subjects.



## Elementary and Intermediate Grade Exam

September 25, 27, 2024

The Elementary and Intermediate Grade Exams, conducted by the Directorate of Art, Government of Maharashtra, were held on September 25 and 27, 2024, respectively. These exams provided a platform for students to be assessed for their artistic skills and creativity.

A total of 26 students from grades 7 and 10 participated in the Elementary exam, while 22 students from grades 8 to 10 attempted the Intermediate exam.





# Events and Celebrations

## Teachers' Day Celebration September 5 and 25, 2024

Students across all grades gathered to express their heartfelt appreciation to the teaching staff on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Students gifted the teachers beautiful flowers and heartfelt messages symbolising their love and gratitude.

The celebration also included a well-curated programme by students from pre-primary, as well as grades 5, 9, and 10. The programme included speeches of appreciation, lively choreographed dances, and skits that entertained and honoured the teachers.





# Events and Celebrations

## Teachers' Day Celebration (continued.....)

Later in the day, the teachers enjoyed some quality time together, sharing scrumptious snacks and creating fond memories.

On September 25, 2024, the staff of the school gathered for a delightful lunch at Absolute Barbeque in Viman Nagar to celebrate the spirit of Teachers' Day.





# Events and Celebrations

## Maharashtra: A Cultural Extravaganza September 10, 2024

Students presented a vibrant programme at the Papal Seminary in Ramwadi, introducing the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra to a congregation of priests from the Syrian Orthodox churches.

The event opened with the prayer song, *Aadi Vandan Deva Tula*, soulfully rendered by the school choir. Selected students from various grades performed a wide array of traditional dance forms, showcasing the state's diverse cultural heritage.

The programme began with the Palki procession, Dindi dance, and Ganesh Vandana, followed by Nashik's energetic Lazim dance, accompanied by the stirring beats of the Nashik Dhol, and the lively Bohada dance. A fusion of Bharatanatyam, Kathak, and Odissi brought to life the splendour of Aurangabad's Ellora and Ajanta Festivals.





# Events and Celebrations

## Maharashtra: A Cultural Extravaganza (continued...)

Kolhapur's historical significance was honoured with a grand entry of Shivaji Maharaj, followed by a Lavani performance. Nagpur's Gond dance and Mumbai's spirited Koli dance, along with a Bollywood number, further enthralled the audience.

The event concluded with the school anthem and a heartfelt note of gratitude to the bishops and priests.





# Events and Celebrations

## Onam Celebration September 23, 2024

The school premises came alive with the festivities of Onam, celebrated by the staff. The event was organised to honour this significant cultural festival, fostering a sense of unity and joy among the team.

The celebration featured traditional Onam songs, games, and a Thiruvathira performance that showcased the rich cultural heritage of Kerala. An elaborate Onam feast delighted everyone's taste buds, giving the staff an opportunity to bond over good times.





# Events and Celebrations

## Patron's Day Programme September 28, 2024

the school commemorated Patron's Day with a Holy Mass followed by a short programme held in the Mar Coorilos Hall. The event paid tribute to the late Archbishop His Grace Philipose Mar Theophilus, the school's beloved Patron.

Students from grades 4, 7, and 8 organised the programme, which featured a short documentary highlighting the late Archbishop's remarkable contributions to the community. A skit titled 'Dreams to Destiny', was staged by the students of grades 7 and 8 dramatising the story of Joseph.





# Events and Celebrations

## Patron's Day Programme (continued...)

Additionally, choreographed performances dedicated to His Grace showcased the students' gratitude and reverence.

The programme ended with the President of the school, His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos awarding certificates of merit, appreciating the hard work of the ICSE 2024 batch toppers in individual subjects.





# Events and Celebrations

## Floral Tribute

September 30, 2024

The staff and the students of all the grades paid homage to the Patron of the School, the late lamented Archbishop, Dr. Philipose Mar Theophilus. Fostering a sense of unity and gratitude among the school community, the students and staff together offered red roses to the portrait of the Patron. The ceremony also included readings from the Bible and the teachers' and students' choirs singing hymns.





# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## Parent-Teacher Association Meeting

September 6, 2024

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) convened in the conference hall of the school, under the leadership of the Principal. The meeting's primary focus was to address the necessary changes to be implemented in accordance with the directives of the Education Department regarding student safety.

During the session, the members deliberated on the measures required to enhance safety protocols within the school, ensuring a secure and supportive environment for all students. Various suggestions and options were put forward to create a space conducive to both learning and personal well-being.



## Transport Committee Meeting

September 6, 2024

The Transport Committee gathered in the conference hall, chaired by the Principal, to address critical concerns regarding the safety of students during their daily commutes. The meeting was called in response to the directives issued by the Education Department, emphasising the need for enhanced safety measures for students travelling to and from school.

The committee engaged in discussions about the different modes of transport used by students and analysed practical steps to ensure their safety during commuting, as well as at the pick-up and drop-off points.



# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops

## Seminar on 'Cultivating Responsible Freedom' September 30, 2024

A seminar titled 'Cultivating Responsible Freedom' was conducted by His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos for students of grades 9 and 10, followed by a session for the teachers.

Through relatable examples, engaging activities, and captivating anecdotes, His Grace encouraged students to embrace responsibility, respect, and thoughtfulness in their actions. He emphasised the importance of staying focused on their goals to pave the way for a better future.

In the subsequent session for teachers, he acknowledged the challenges faced by educators who juggle multiple roles and responsibilities. His Grace inspired them to cultivate a positive and nurturing perspective, helping them to navigate their challenges without compromising their physical and emotional well-being.





# Sports

## CISCE National Karate Championship

The CISCE National Karate Championship took place at Blue Bells School in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, from September 12 to 14, 2024. A total of 12 students from the school participated in the event.

The team secured four medals: Om Mane clinched a gold medal, Trishla Singh earned a silver medal, and both Aditi Borude and Anushka Mishra were awarded bronze medals.

The school's Karate coach, Mr. Amit Thakur was selected as a coach representing the girls of Maharashtra for the CISCE National Karate Championship.





## CISCE National Skating Championship

The CISCE National Skating Championship, hosted by Hiranandani Foundation School, Thane, took place at Ameya Classic Club, Virar, Mumbai, from September 29 to October 2, 2024.

Tanishka Karanjkar, represented the school and delivered an outstanding performance, securing one Silver and one Gold medal.

Tanishka also earned her a coveted selection for the SGFI (School Games Federation of India).

The school's PE teacher, Ms. Lalita Kamthe was selected as a coach representing the girls team of Maharashtra for the CISCE National Skating Championship.





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