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Inauguration of Dr P C Thomas Initiative Trust

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness."

- Dalai Lama



Mr N Ram and Mrs Mariam Ram honouring Dr P C Thomas and Mrs Elsamma Thomas by presenting shawls

Dr P C Thomas Initiative Trust was inaugurated at Good Shepherd International School on Friday, 24 August 2018. The Trust, a not-for-profit organization, was constituted with the objective of diversifying a number of activities connected with school education and to spread awareness on a system-based good education to the children in the Nilgiris.

Mr N Ram, Chairman, The Hindu Publishing Group and former Editor-in-Chief of THE HINDU newspaper, was the chief guest on the occasion. The chief guest lit the lamp, unveiled the plaque and inaugurated the Trust. **Mr V Selvaraj, IAS (Retd)**, Founder Trustee, delivered the welcome address. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Mr N Ram said that he was honoured and very pleased to accept the invitation of the trustees to participate in the launch of the



Arrival of the chief guest



Mr V Selvaraj, IAS (Retd), delivering the welcome address



Mr N Ram, Mrs Mariam Ram, Dr P C Thomas, Mrs Elsamma Thomas and the trustees seated on the dais



Dr Thomas and Mrs Thomas presenting flower bouquets to Mr N Ram and Mrs Mariam Ram



Mrs Mariam Ram lighting the lamp

Dr P C Thomas Initiative Trust. *“Drawing inspiration from an educationist and visionary of exceptional distinction and achievement, this not-for-profit initiative promises to make a significant contribution to raising standards in education in the whole region,”* Mr Ram said. **Mrs Mariam Ram, Mr R Ganapathi, and Mr Vijay Prabhu** felicitated Dr Thomas on the occasion. Dr Thomas promptly responded and thanked all for their support. The chief guest also honoured



Mr N Ram unveiling the plaque



Mr N Ram speaks at the Dr P C Thomas Initiative Trust inauguration



Mr Vijay Prabhu felicitates Dr Thomas on the occasion



Dr P C Thomas addressing the audience



Mr N Ram and Mrs Mariam Ram presenting plaques to Dr Thomas and Mrs Thomas



Expression of Gratitude by Mr K S Sripathi, IAS (Retd)

Dr P C Thomas and **Mrs Elsamma Thomas** by draping the ceremonial shawls over their shoulders. **Mr K S Sripathi, IAS (Retd)**, Managing Trustee, delivered his appreciation and Expression of Gratitude.

Eminent individuals like **M N Venkatachaliah**, former Chief Justice of India, **Dr M S Swaminathan**, eminent agriculture scientist, and **Dr M R Srinivasan**, former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, are patrons of the Trust.



A view of the audience in the auditorium during the Dr P C Thomas Initiative Trust inauguration

EducationWorld India School Rankings 2018-2019: Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, ranked No.2 International Residential School in India



Good Shepherd International School – Palada Campus

EducationWorld in association with C fore, Delhi has concluded its annual **EducationWorld** India School Rankings 2018 - 2019 survey.

According to **EducationWorld** India School Rankings 2018-2019, Good Shepherd International School is ranked No.1 International Residential School in Ooty and Tamil Nadu, and No. 2 International Residential School in India. The school is ranked India's No.1 in the parameters of Safety and Hygiene.

Congratulations!

From the Visitors' Book...



Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM

"It is indeed a matter of pride to be addressing the students of an elite school.

GSIS has created a special place for itself in the world of learning and building the future leadership of not only India but also several countries. The academic activities, cultural inculcation and environment made available is laudable.

Our compliments to Dr P C Thomas, his team and staff who are relentlessly striving to develop the children.

Best wishes for the growth of GSIS in every sphere."

Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM

Commandant, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington



Colonel (Retd) Ajai Shukla

"It was an absolute delight to be a part of the school's Model United Nations and address such a bright and inquiring audience. The school itself and the children who study in it are remarkable. I enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks."

- Colonel (Retd) Ajai Shukla,

Commentator on strategic affairs and defence,

Business Standard



Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM, seen along with the Principal Dr P C Thomas, Senior Vice President Mrs Elsamma Thomas and Members of the Academic Council. Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM, visited the school on Thursday, 13 September 2018.

Model United Nations held at GSIS



Arrival of the chief guest



The chief guest, Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM, seated along with the Principal and the Senior Vice President



Flag presentation ceremony



Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia delivering the welcome address

A Model United Nations was held at Good Shepherd International School from 13 to 15 September 2018. The 11th Edition of **Good Shepherd Model United Nations** was organized by the school which saw some of the most exemplary agendas for deliberations, with their motto being *'Recognizing and Countering Devolution of Mankind.'*

On 13 September 2018, a new chapter in the annals of Good Shepherd Model United Nations unfolded before a strong assembly of student- delegates, teachers and special guests including the **Chief Guest, Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM** and his gracious wife, **Mrs Balvinder Kaur**. The Chief Guest was escorted into the auditorium by the Senior Vice Principal (Academics), **Mrs Sheila Alexander** and the Senior Vice Principal (Administration), **Brigadier(Retd) Suresh Kumar** while the bugle call played to signal his arrival.

There was a flag presentation from the SCC boys of the middle school once everyone had taken their seats. **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia** of grade 12 gave the welcome address passionately as he demonstrated that simulation exercises such as the Model United Nations give young minds a platform to have their voices heard about issues tipping the balance of the world. He explained the rationale behind the theme of this year's MUN *'Recognising and Countering Devolution of Mankind.'* Lt Gen Amrik Singh's keynote speech was edifying, was riveting and spoken in a register that made complex global conflicts so accessible for the young students in the audience. There was a musical interlude led by the school band, followed by an address by **Ms Shikha Kurian** who donned the persona of the **Deputy Secretary-General** of GSMUN, 2018. There were eight speeches presented by the Heads and Co-Heads of the different committees. The committees were as follows: GA- 1 Disarmament and International Security, GA-2 Economic and Financial, GA-3 Social, Humanitarian and Cultural, GA-4 Special Political and Decolonization, UN Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Environmental Commission and Security Council. **Ms Khushi Gupta** of grade 12 gave the expression of gratitude and the invitees applauded the labour undertaken by the various entities that she mentioned in her speech since the opening ceremony proceeded with clockwork precision.



The chief guest, Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM, addressing the audience



A view of the Model General Assembly meeting



Colonel Ajai Shukla (Retd), chief guest of the closing ceremony, seen along with the Senior Vice President, Vice President and the Senior Vice Principals



Colonel Ajai Shukla (Retd) being escorted to the auditorium



Welcome Address by Ms Yashvi Vadalia



Master Sriniketh Krishnan, Secretary General of GSMUN, addressing the audience



Colonel Ajai Shukla (Retd) speaking to the delegates



Expression of gratitude by Master Shanmuganathan S



A view of the delegates and the special invitees

On the 15th of September 2018, Good Shepherd Model United Nations for the year 2018 came to a close at the Palada campus. The Chief Guest was **Colonel Ajai Shukla (Retd)** who is a commentator on strategic affairs and defense matters for the Business Standard, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and other prestigious dailies. **Ms Yashvi Vadalía** of grade 12 initiated the ceremony with her powerful speech dealing with the potency of MUN to alleviate the current state of affairs and the fact that the theatre of war has changed. The event saw **Master Sriniketh Krishnan** of grade 11 presiding as **Secretary General** of GSMUN 2018. He sounded eloquent as he methodically explained how MUN sessions progressed during those three days. All the student speakers spoke with gravitas in their voice and it was a pleasure to be a part of the assembly. Colonel Ajai Shukla took the dais and everyone in the assembly listened to him with rapt attention as he spoke about the allure of journalism as a profession. He invited our students to become journalists of tomorrow if they were serious about nullifying the issues that were troubling our society today. The expression of gratitude was delivered by **Master Shanmuganathan S** of grade 12, which was promptly followed by the closing declaration of GSMUN 2018. The students sang the school anthem and the evening came to a close.

The press team conducted press conferences, interviewed the student delegates and reported the daily events and unbiased information to the public.

“The United Nations, whose membership comprises almost all the states in the world, is founded on the principle of the equal worth of every human being.”

- Kofi Annan

Ooty Literary Festival 2018: Students attend workshop on creative writing



Mr N Ram, Chairman of THE HINDU Publishing Group, posing a question to Mr Patrick French, a British writer and academician



Sameera Khan, Shanta Gokhale and Paro Anand in conversation with Indu Mallah



Our students and teachers along with author Paro Anand after the workshop



Arnob Saha receiving certificate from Paro Anand

Teachers of Good Shepherd International School attended the **Ooty Literary Festival 2018** that was held from 14 to 15 September 2018 at the heritage building of the Nilgiri Library. The 160-year-old Nilgiri Library, one of the oldest and finest public libraries in India, with a chequered history, still stands tall.

An essay writing competition entitled *Diversity of Nilgiris: Reflection of India* was organized as part of the Ooty Literary Festival. The winners of the competition were **Sriniketh Krishnan, Joseph Parel and Arnob Saha**. The winners, along with a few budding writers, were invited to attend a workshop on creative writing that was held on 15 September 2018.

The Workshop was led by author **Paro Anand**, who writes for young adults and children. She is the author of many books, including plays, short stories and novels. She has conducted creative writing workshops for children all over India. Students of various schools from the Nilgiris attended the workshop, which was conducted at the Breeks Memorial Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School. She read to the students from her novels such as *Like Smoke, Weed, Wingless* and *No Guns at my Son's Funeral*. The author took questions from students about the process of writing and her inspiration. She also spoke to students about the importance of literature and stories to understand humanity better and to make a difference in the world today.

Hindi Diwas Celebrated at GSIS

"Hindi is the soul of Indian culture."

- Kamlapati Tripathi



Mr Rakesh Kabra, Accounts teacher at GSIS, lighting the lamp



The Head Boy, Prabhraj Singh Bhatia, speaking on the occasion

A country that does not take pride in its national language can never progress. Hindi is the soul of Indian culture. As aptly said by the first President of India, **Dr Rajendra Prasad**, *"Hindi has always been such a language that it never boycotted any word only because it's of foreign origin."* And to celebrate this great language, we celebrate **Hindi Diwas** on 14 September. It was on 14 September 1949 that the Hindi language, written in Devnagari script, was adopted and approved as an official language of the Republic of India by the Constituent Assembly. We celebrated the event in Good Shepherd International School on 10th of September 2018.

We started the celebration with a prayer song which was followed by diverse and ethnic programmes like dances, speeches, dramatics and recitation. Our chief guest was **Mr Rakesh Kabra** of the Commerce Department, who is a person fascinated by the national language and likes to participate in such events. The programme was inaugurated by the lighting of a lamp by the Chief Guest and by other special invitees. **Master Aman Goyal** of Grade 8 delivered the welcome speech.

Students of Grade 8 presented a captivating patriotic song that conveyed our cultural values. This was followed by a spectacular dance performance by the Grade 9 girls. The Head Boy, **Prabhraj Singh Bhatia**, also delivered a speech on the significance of Hindi Diwas to inform the students about the reason for the celebration. The tiny tots of Fernhill campus came up with interesting recitations and dance events which were greatly enjoyed by the audience. To recollect the great deeds of our national leaders, the FM I students came up with an enchanting play centered on patriotism. The Grade 9 students also performed a street play based on the topic, 'Cleanliness is Godliness.' The students of Grade 12 also presented a dance. Our teachers also encouraged the students by singing melodious songs and by reciting *shayaris* to convey meaningful life skills. The Director of Activities, **Mr Ajith P Jacob**, also delivered a speech and tried to convince students about the significance of Hindi language.

The Chief Guest addressed the audience and pointed out to the students the importance of nationalism and imbibing language skills. The evening's programme and festivity was emceed by **Master Kritish Tekriwal, Master Aditya Sharma and Ms Muskaan Kanoi** of IB II. The programme concluded with the expression of gratitude by **Master Pratyaksh Deepak Saraf** of Grade 8.

The *Hindi Diwas* celebration was a great success and a great occasion to make students understand the objectives and importance of the Hindi language. I would like to conclude with the words of **Sumitranandan Pant**, an Indian poet of Hindi language known for romanticism in his poems which were inspired by nature, people and the beauty within. He said, "Hindi is the simplest source of expression of our Nation."

- Ms Reejula Agarwal, IXA



Junior students of the Fernhill Campus performing an action song



Middle School students singing a patriotic song



A dance performance of Grade 9 girls



Students presenting a skit



Students of Grade 12 dancing



Expression of Gratitude by Master Pratyaksh Deepak Saraf

Results of Board Examinations 2018

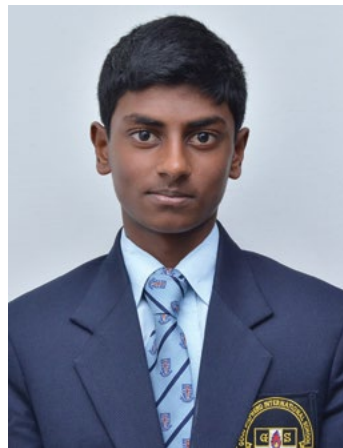
We are happy and feel honoured to present a brief report of the results of the Board Examinations for the academic year 2017-18.

Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination – March 2018 [Grade X, ICSE]

The ICSE examinations were held in the school from 26 February to 26 March 2018. Of the 38 students who appeared for the examination from Good Shepherd International School in the academic year 2017 – 2018, **34 secured distinction and 4 were awarded first class. The topper scored 95%**. The school registered a centum pass percentage this year as well, the students securing either Distinction or First Class.



R R Varshitha



M Nawinkrishna

The topper is from the science stream and she **scored 95%**. **Ms R R Varshitha** and **Master M Nawinkrishna** topped in the Science and Commerce streams respectively. **Ms R R Varshitha** scored 95% and **Master M Nawinkrishna** scored 76.8%.

Master Sarthak Sanjay Bindal scored centum(100%) in **Mathematics**. Six students – **Master V P Laksith**, **Master Manan Dilipbhai Patel**, **Master Mudit Arukia**, **Master Raunak chowdhary**, **Ms R R Varshitha** and **Ms Shanmitha** achieved centum in **Computer Applications**.

International General Certificate of Secondary Education - May/June 2018 [Grade X, IGCSE]

The **International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)** examinations were conducted at GSIS from 22 February (March series) to 12 June 2018(June series). A total of **89** candidates of GSIS appeared for the examinations. The results are very good as most of our students have done exceptionally well.

We are happy that our students have achieved good results in the IGCSE examinations held this year. There are some very impressive performances. The performance of **Sriniketh Krishnan** was brilliant. He **excelled in all the nine subjects with 9A* grades and achieved the top rank in the school**. The information given below outlines the overall results:

Total number of students : 89
Distinctions : 37
Merit : 44
Pass : 7



Sriniketh Krishnan



Prerna Baid

Sriniketh Krishnan was the topper in the Science stream of IGCSE achieving the highest grade in all his nine subjects - a remarkable effort and achievement driven by the power of passion and perseverance. He scored 94.2%. **Prerna Baid** was the topper in the Commerce stream of IGCSE achieving [8A* & 1A]; 93%. Our students secured 134A*s, 223As, 196Bs, 157Cs, 52Ds, 24Es, 8Fs & 6Gs. 45% of all Grades achieved are A*s & As.

We are all extremely proud of the IGCSE results. **Congratulations to all!**

Indian School Certificate Examination – March 2018 [Grades XI & XII, ISC]

The **Indian School Certificate (ISC)** examinations started on 7 February and ended on 2 April 2018. CISCE has declared the result of the Examination.

30 students from GSIS appeared for the ISC examinations. **19** students secured **distinction** and **8** were awarded **first class**. **6 students scored 90% or above**. The school once again achieved cent percent pass.



Anushka Sarawgi



Himanshi Naredi

School Topper (Science stream) : **Anushka Sarawgi (97.2%)**

School Topper (Commerce stream) : **Himanshi Naredi (95.2%)**

The highlights of this year's ISC results is that two students (**Sahaaj Singh Chawla** and **Satyam Bhimsaria**) scored cent percent (100%) in Computer Science and one student (**Anushka Sarawgi**) scored cent percent (100%) in Chemistry.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – May 2018 [Grades XI & XII, IB]

In May 2018, a total of **56** students of GSIS enrolled for the two-year course. 50 candidates appeared for the IBDP and 6 candidates appeared for the IB Diploma Course.



Ishaan Vinod Dulhani



K R Amuktha

Overview of the results:

Diploma Awarded : 42 candidates

Diploma Course Awarded : 14 candidates

Average Diploma score of GSIS students : 33 points

Highest Diploma score awarded to a GSIS candidate : 43 points

Average grade of GSIS students who passed the diploma : 5.19

Joint School Toppers:

- **Ishaan Vinod Dulhani [43 points]; five 7s & one 6**
- **K R Amuktha [43 points]; four 7s & two 6s**

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Examination – April 2018 [taken in Grade VIII]



Shreyaan Jain

75 students appeared for the **Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint examination** held in the school from 16 April to 18 April 2018. The tests were conducted in English Papers 1 & 2, Mathematics Papers 1 & 2 and Science Papers 1 & 2.

Shreyaan Jain secured the **first position** scoring the highest possible **perfect score of 18 points**. **Shreyaan Jain achieved the highest possible score of 6 points each in English, Mathematics and Science**.

The highlights of the overall scores of our students in English, Mathematics and Science are shown below:

Overall scores	English	Mathematics	Science
6 out of 6	1	17	13
5 out of 6	5	18	28
4 out of 6	17	16	23

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Tests – April 2018 [Grade VI]



Pranav Krishna Alapati

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Tests for students of Grade VI were held in GSIS on 16, 17 & 18 April 2018. 31 students of Grade 6 from the junior Fernhill Campus appeared for the tests held in the Examination Hall at the Palada Campus.

Pranav Krishna Alapati topped the batch of students with a maximum possible score of **18 points**. He scored the maximum of **6 points each in English, Mathematics and Science**. An excellent performance. Well done!

The highlights of the overall scores of our students in English, Mathematics and Science are shown below:

Overall scores	English	Mathematics	Science
6 out of 6	1	12	14
5 out of 6	2	8	5
4 out of 6	14	3	6

Trinity College London(TCL) Music Examinations 2018

Our students appeared in the music examinations across nine levels from Initial to Grade 8.

TCL Practical Music Examinations - April 2018

89 students were registered for the Practical Music Examinations in April 2018. **35** students achieved **Distinction**, **39** secured **Merit** and **11** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

TCL Theory of Music Examinations - May 2018

333 GSIS students appeared for the TCL Theory Examinations in May 2018. **141** students achieved **Distinction**, **90** secured **Merit** and **72** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

We congratulate our students for their good results in all the examinations. Keep up this hard work and strive for excellence. **Well done!**

Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Scholarship is given in GSIS to appreciate and encourage students on their commendable academic performance. The award is given to selected students throughout their enrolment in Grade XI & XII in Good Shepherd International School. Students who top the ICSE and IGCSE Board examinations and decide to continue in Grade XI & XII in Good Shepherd International School are awarded '**Scholarship for Academic Excellence.**' The scholarship is given for their proven academic ability and achievement. This is an educational recognition given to meritorious students who have achieved excellent results in the Board Examinations held during the academic year 2017 – 2018.



*R R Varshitha
(ICSE - Science)*



*Raj Nipul Dadhania
(ICSE - Science)*



*V P Laksith
(ICSE - Science)*



*Sriniketh Krishnan
(IGCSE - Science)*



Prerna Baid
(IGCSE - Commerce)



Namith Anil
(IGCSE – Science)



Gayatri Dinesan
(IGCSE – Science)



Mohammed Shamak Bin Masum
(IGCSE - Commerce)

These scholarships are awarded to our students by the **Good Shepherd International School** and the **Trust of the Old Shepherds' Association (OSA)**. The following two tables show the details of the scholarships awarded by **Good Shepherd International School** and the **Trust of the Old Shepherds' Association** for the academic year 2017 – 2018:

ICSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship	
			GSIS	Trust of OSA
R R Varshitha	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 95%	2 lakhs	2 lakhs
Raj Nipul Dadhania	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 91.8%	2 lakhs	1.5 lakhs
V P Laksith	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 91.2%	-	1 lakh
Total			4 lakhs	4.5 lakhs

IGCSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship	
			GSIS	Trust of OSA
Sriniketh Krishnan	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 9A*; 94.2%	2 lakhs	2 lakhs
Prerna Baid	IGCSE (Commerce)	Distinction 8A* & 1A; 93%	2 lakhs	1.5 lakhs
Namith Anil	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 7A* & 2A; 90.3%	2 lakhs	1 lakh
Gayatri Dinesan	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 5A*, 3A & 1B; 88.2%	-	1 lakh
Mohammed Shamak BinMasum	IGCSE (Commerce)	Distinction 3A* & 6A; 86.1%	-	1 lakh
Total			6 lakhs	6.5 lakhs

Congratulations!

ELSAMMA THOMAS GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS – 2018

Students of Grade 12 whose names are mentioned below are the recipients of the **Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals 2018**:

- Topper of the ISC Science Group : **Ms Anushka Sarawgi** (Distinction, 97.2%)
 Topper of the ISC Commerce Group : **Ms Himanshi Naredi** (Distinction, 95.2%)
 Joint Toppers of the IB Diploma Programme : **Master Ishaan Vinod Dulhani** [43 points; five 7s & one 6]
 &
Ms K R Amuktha [43 points; four 7s & two 6s]

Equestrian Competition held at DSSC, Wellington



Our equestrian team along with the other participants at the Wellington Gymkhana Club Ground



Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia performing Show Jumping



Our Mounted Gymnastics team along with the instructor



Master Kasidit Khajornsakchai during the Mounted Gymnastics event



GSIS Equestrian Team along with the instructors

The **Mounted Gymkhana** of Defence Services Staff College was held on Saturday, 07 April 2018 at Wellington Gymkhana Club Ground. Lt Gen Amrik Singh, AVSM, SM, Commandant, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, was the chief guest on the occasion. Our students took part in the Show Jumping and Mounted Gymnastics events. Our equestrian

team of **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia** (IB-2D), **Master Kasidit Khajornsakchai** (IB-2C), **Master Abraham Anil** (IB-1C), **Master Paraj Jignesh Shah** (IB-1C) and **Master Manav Sushil Thadani** (IB-2C) participated in the Show Jumping event. **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia, Master Kasidit Khajornsakchai, Master Paraj Jignesh Shah** and **Master Manav Sushil Thadani** displayed their skills in Mounted Gymnastics.

The competitions were organized to test the overall abilities of the horses and the skills of the riders. **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia** made the school proud by securing third position in Show Jumping. Our students displayed their acrobatic skills and acumen while astride their horses, displaying the synchrony between the rider and his horse during the Mounted Gymnastics event. The team comprising **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia, Master Kasidit Khajornsakchai, Master Paraj Jignesh Shah** and **Master Manav Sushil Thadani** secured second place in Mounted Gymnastics team event. The chief guest, Lt Gen Amrik Singh, presented the prizes to the winners of the equestrian competition. **Well done!**

Cricket News...



Master Mayank Ahalani, IB-1D, represented the Nilgiris District Cricket Association under-19 team, which participated in the Inter-District Cricket Tournament conducted by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA). The Cricket Tournament was held at Theni from 24th to 26th of August 2018.

Master Mayank Ahalani

Tamil Nadu State Inter School Shooting Championship 2018



The shooting team representing GSIS

The **Tamil Nadu State Inter School Shooting Championship** for boys and girls was held at Mission Academy of Shooting Sports, Anna Nagar, Chennai, under the aegis of Tamil Nadu State Shooting Association from 18 August to 22 August 2018. Ten boys and six girls of GSIS participated in the championship. The results of the competition are given below:

S. No.	Name of student	Class	Age	Event	Performance
1	Heer Chirag Solanki	8B	U-14	10m Air Rifle	Gold*
					Silver**
2	Nabeeha Mahanta	FM-4B	U-16 U-18	10m Air Rifle	Bronze*
					Bronze**
3	Laisha Gulia	8B	U-14 Girls	10m Air Rifle	Silver**
					Bronze*
4	Heer Bharatbhai Hapani	8B	U-14 Girls	10m Air Rifle Team	Gold*
	Heer Chirag Solanki	8B			Gold **
	Laisha Gulia	8B			
5	Nabeeha Mahanta	FM-4B	U-16 & U-18 Girls	10m Air Rifle Team	Gold*
	Harina Ashish Amin	IB-IA			Gold **
	Mangalam Karuppiyah	9A			
6	Arman Jain	FM-4C	U-16 & U-18 Boys	10m Air Rifle Team	Bronze**
	Shaun Rupin Rajasekar	FM-3C			Silver**
	Harshit Deepak Shah	FM-4E			Bronze*
7	Chavanvit Cheaphaisanjaroen	FM-4D	U-18 Boys	10m Air Rifle Team	Bronze**
	Daiwik Locherla Satisha	FM-3B			
	Snehit V G Swamy	FM-3B			
8	Pranav Lalit Gandhi	9B	U-16 Boys	10m Air Pistol Team	Bronze*
	Devanand Karthikeyan	FM-2A			
	Shubh Amit Patel	FM-4D			

* NRAI (National Rifle Association of India) category

** ISSF(International Shooting Sport Federation) category

Congratulations!

American Universities Fair held at GSIS



Admissions Officers from US Universities at GSIS



Our students seeking information from the Admissions Officers

KIC Univ Assist led by **Mr Ganesh Kohli** organized an **American Universities Fair** of twelve US universities in the auditorium at Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, on Sunday, 2 September 2018. As part of an all-India tour, their Admissions Officers also visited Good Shepherd International School.

Institutions in the US clearly recognise the wealth of talent in India and they are eager to have these students at their colleges and universities. They are committed to help Indian students in their journey to pursue higher education in the United States. Information sessions were held to help students make informed choices about their higher education

options in the US. Students were seeking information on university education in the US. The Admissions Officers addressed the students of Grades 11 and 12 and they offered a range of academic programmes at undergraduate and graduate levels. The students were spoken to on the changing trends of university education. They also distributed their brochures to the students.



Students attending the American Universities Fair

Admissions Officers representing the following Universities visited the school:

- California State University, Northridge
- Full Sail University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- North Carolina State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- The University of Alabama
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Connecticut
- The University of Iowa
- University of Kentucky
- University of New Hampshire.

At the Universities Fair that was organized, students individually met the Admissions Officers to explore studying in Universities in the US. Students interacted directly with officials of US Universities and they received details of various programmes and admission criteria. They had their doubts cleared on university education while they got vital information on admissions, courses available, hostel facilities, fee structure and the visa process. It was a very interactive and enlightening session and the students were very thankful to the school for this exposure.

Joint Installation Ceremony of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs, Ootacamund

The new team of office-bearers of the Interact Club of Good Shepherd International School and Rotaract Club of Good Shepherd Finishing School were invested with their Badge of Office for the academic year 2018-2019 on Monday, 27 August 2018. The ceremony was held at the Palada Campus auditorium during which the baton of responsibility was handed over to the new office-bearers. The Chief Guest for the event was **Dr Meenakshi Venkataraman**, President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West.

The ceremony began with a procession of the dignitaries and the office-bearers of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs into the auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Rtn. Meenakshi Venkataraman. The meeting began with a prayer by **Ms Aditi Arjun Naik** of GSFS. **Rtn. Dr V Balasubramanian**, Secretary, Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, welcomed the gathering. **Ms S Rooshni** of GSIS presented a report on the activities of the Interact Club and **Ms Bhakti M Patel** of GSFS presented a report on the activities of the Rotaract Club. The Chief Guest, **Dr Meenakshi Venkataraman** addressed the gathering. The new Interact and Rotaract Presidents were introduced to the audience. The new office-bearers were



New Office-Bearers of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs for the year 2018 - 2019



Rtn. President, Dr Meenakshi Venkataraman, addressing the gathering



A partial view of the audience

soon installed. The Chief Guest presented the Collar, the Badge and the Gavel to the new Presidents of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs. The new Interact and Rotaract Presidents also addressed the congregation. Dignitaries and invitees of Rotary Club of Nilgiris West were also felicitated on the occasion.

Students of Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 are members of the Interact Club. The following students of GSIS are the new office-bearers of the Interact Club:

- President : Vignesh Balasubramaniam, IB-1D
- Vice President : Avinash Yarlagadda, IB-1D
- Secretary : Abinaya R, 1B-1A
- Treasurer : Aastha Dinesh Dulhani, IB-1A
- Directors : Bhaanavi Haresh Mirpuri, IB-1A [Community Service]
 Diyansha Magesh, IX- A [Community Service]
 Bhaavan Agrawal, IB-1C [Vocational Service]
 Pranav Lalit Gandhi, IB-1D [Club Service]
 Chadava Tarun Reddy, IX-B [International Service]
 Jeffin Varghese Thomas, FM-3B [International Service]

All the 41 girls of the 9 months' batch of GSFS are members of the Rotaract Club. The following students of GSFS (9 months' batch) are the new office-bearers of the Rotaract Club:

President : Mahalakshmi
Vice President : Minal Jain
Secretary : Bhakti M Patel
Treasurer : Jyotsna Jain
Directors : Ms Iram Abdullah (Community Service)
Ms Nimisha Agarwal (Vocational Service)
Ms Bhakti D Patel (Club Service)
Ms Mihika Deshlahra (International Service)

Both the Interact Club and the Rotaract Club are actively involved with social service and community improvement. They carry out charitable projects and awareness programmes in the Nilgiris district and build connections in the community and around the world. We are confident that the Interactors and the Rotaractors will gain increased knowledge and understanding of the community, national, and world affairs and successfully take up these opportunities to serve society.

Teachers' Day Celebrated at GSIS

"Teaching is the greatest act of optimism."

- Colleen Wilcox



A grand reception to the teachers on their entry to the auditorium



Sriniketh Krishnan welcoming the teachers



Skit by students

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning," a famous quote by an American politician, **Brad Henry**, summarizes everything about the guiding force of our lives.



Megha Elizebeth Stephen, Fatima Dechawaleekul and Panisra Sakulsacha singing the song, 'A Thousand Years'



Veena recital by Adisri Preeti Devaraj



Girls presenting a skit



Boys singing

5th September is a red-letter day in our history which marks the birth anniversary of **Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, a great philosopher and statesman and the second President of India. This day is observed as **Teachers' Day** in India. He believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country." Teachers' Day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers, to honour them for their special contributions in moulding the lives of the children of our country, preparing them for the world, for the future.

In GSIS, Teachers' day is celebrated to pay rich tribute to the teachers, as all the students from all sections present wonderful programmes to give their teachers a gift of their gratitude. This year too, like in all the previous years, the children presented a beautiful programme to entertain the teaching community. The teachers were given a grand welcome in the school auditorium by the young hosts, our students.

The evening programme commenced with a brilliant speech delivered by **Master Sriniketh Krishnan** eulogising the teachers for their dedication, sincerity and tireless commitment in their responsibilities towards facilitating the students in their pursuit of holistic education. This was followed by a poem by **Pranav Alawadhi** on 'Teachers.' Grade 7 boys presented a hilarious skit replicating a classroom scenario bringing out the teacher-student relationship.

There was unusual excitement in the school as students recited poems, sang songs and danced. The girls of Grades 7, 8 and 9 presented invigorating dances based on popular numbers. The musical presentations comprised **Veena** recital by **Adisri Preeti Devaraj**, *Counting Stars* by the band *Transcendence*, a couple of Hindi songs sung melodiously by **Rishika Basak** and **Adisri Preeti Devaraj**, followed by the lilting *A Thousand Years* from the movie *Twilight* sung by **Panisra Sakulsacha**, **Megha Elizebeth Stephen** and **Fatima Dechawaleekul**. There was a breathtaking hand mime presentation based on the soul-stirring song *You raise me up*. Skits were presented by Grade 10 boys and Grade 11 boys and girls, followed by a song by the band *Annihilation*, the vocalist being **Teerapat Sripiboonpanich**. The melodious voices of **Rachel Nangrime Nengminja Sangma** and **Gayatri Madan Lund** rendered the song, *Don't Dream It's Over*.



Dance performance of girls



A fine dance performance



Performance of the band led by Teerapat Sripiboonpanich



Rendition of the song, 'Don't Dream It's Over', by Rachel Nangrime Nengminja Sangma and Gayatri Madan Lund



Yashvi Navneetbhai Vadalia expressing gratitude

The last presentation was a video presentation by Grade 12 students showing the changes in the methodologies of learning from 2008 to 2018. **Yashvi Navneetbhai Vadalia**, The Head Girl, presented the vote of thanks bringing the curtains down on the eventful day. It was a happy moment for the teachers, a moment to cherish and reflect upon in future!

GOOD SHEPHERD FINISHING SCHOOL

Ballroom Dance Workshop

"Dance less in motion and more in spirit; awaken the dreamer within."

- Shah Asad Rizvi



3 months' batch of girls performing cha-cha-chá



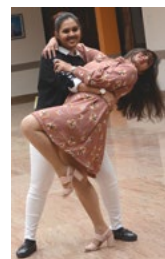
9 months' batch of girls performing jive



3 months' batch: Winners in jive



Bhakti D Patel and Jasreet Kaur Bhatia performing jive



Sneha Patel & Soumya Pastaria



Nirja Mehul Patel & Dhara Patel



Aditi Arjun Naik & Samyukta V

The 3 months' batch of Good Shepherd Finishing School had a 2-day ballroom dance workshop for *jive* and *cha-cha-chá* dance styles from 11 August to 12 August 2018. The *Jive* is one of the international ballroom dance forms. The *jive* is a dance style that originated in the United States from African-Americans in the early 1930s. It is a lively and uninhibited variation of the *Jitterbug*, a form of swing dance. The *cha-cha-chá*, is a dance of Cuban origin. It is danced to the music of the same name introduced by Cuban composer and violinist **Enrique Jorrin** in the early 1950s.

A competition in *jive* dance form was organised at the end of the workshop. Winners of the *jive* dance forms were Ms Shivanjali Hooda, Ms Koyal Jain, Ms Mamidipaka Haneesha, Ms Aishwarya, Ms Srinithi, Ms Manisha Surana, Ms Shruti Jain and Ms. Shraadha Pacheriwal.

The 9 months' batch of Good Shepherd Finishing School had a 3-day ballroom dance workshop from 8 August to 10 August 2018. A dance competition was organised for them at the end of the three-day workshop. The competition was conducted amongst the girls in two dance forms, *jive* and *cha-cha-chá*. Winners of the *jive* dance form were Ms Bhakti D Patel, Ms Jasreet Kaur Bhatia, Ms Nirja Mehul Patel, Ms Dhara Patel, Ms Sneha Patel and Ms Soumya Pastaria. Winners of the *cha-cha-chá* dance form were Ms Samyukta V, Ms Bhakti D Patel, and Ms Aditi Arjun Naik.

The workshop was conducted by **Mr Prithvi**, a dance Director and Choreographer from Bangalore. The dancers were very poised and graceful in the way they expressed themselves. The workshop helped the girls become more self-confident, poised, cordial and sociable.

"Live like you'll die tomorrow, work like you don't need the money, and dance like nobody's watching."

- Bob Fosse