

ANNUAL REPORT OF MARY NILAYAM SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025–2026

Introduction

“Education is the light that turns possibility into purpose.”

Education shapes the way we think, grow, and understand the world. Mary Nilayam Senior Secondary School, founded by Mother Veronica of the Apostolic Carmel Congregation, continues her mission of guiding young minds with values, wisdom, and dedication. For generations, the school has stood as a place where character and intellect are nurtured with equal care.

Our Vision & Mission

“A clear vision builds direction; a strong mission gives meaning.”

Our vision is to form students who are spiritually grounded, academically competent, and socially committed.

We aim to empower every learner to explore their abilities, think creatively, act responsibly, and uphold values that strengthen society. Through quality education and holistic growth, the school prepares students to meet the challenges of an evolving world with courage and confidence.

Our Spirit

“A school becomes a home when hearts grow there.”

Mary Nilayam is not just a campus—it is a space where students discover who they are and who they can become.

It is a community that inspires excellence, compassion, discipline, and unity.

It is where the Mary Nilayam fraternity learn to lead with humility and serve with purpose.

With heartfelt honour, we present the Annual Report for the academic year 2025–2026.

A Symphony of New Beginnings: Academic Year 2K25–2K26

“Every new beginning carries the quiet melody of hope.”

As we step into this new academic year, we welcome fresh dreams, renewed curiosity, and inspiring opportunities. Together, we move forward with purpose, creating a harmonious path of learning, growth, and achievement.

PRAVESHANOTSAV: Step Into Learning, Step Into Light – June 2

“The first light of a new journey stays in our hearts forever.”

The new academic year at Mary Nilayam Senior Secondary School, Pongummoodu began with a lamp-lighting ceremony led by Mother Superior Sister Seena, Principal Sister Maria Ancy, and Vice Principal Sister Remya. Students presented vibrant programmes, and the faculty warmly welcomed all learners. The Principal also introduced and greeted the new staff members, marking a hopeful start to the year.

Graceful Beginning: A Day of Blessing – June 3

“A touch of blessing turns every new path into a journey of grace.”

We are honoured to welcome our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Libertine, to our school on June 3 for a special blessing ceremony. His presence brings warmth, guidance, and divine grace as we step into the new academic year. This moment marks a prayerful start, seeking strength, peace, and protection for every student, teacher, and endeavours in the year ahead.

Legacy of Love: Mother Veronica’s Commemoration

“A life of service and love leaves a legacy that inspires generations.”

Titular Feast Celebration

The Titular Feast was celebrated on 12th September 2025 with a solemn Holy Mass conducted by Fr. Jijo Jose Cheruvikal in the school chapel. The event was attended by all teachers and Catholic students, creating a spiritually enriching experience for everyone.

Carmel Treasure Retreat

The Carmel Treasure Retreat was conducted with the guidance of Sr. Maria Lena and Sr. Divya from Calicut, who led two sessions. Additionally, two sessions were conducted by Mr. Antony and Ms. Soumya from the faculty, offering students a reflective and inspiring experience.

Trailblazers of Triumph: Academic Excellence 2025 – MERIT DAY, JULY 5

“Every milestone reached is a promise of greater heights ahead.”

The Academic Excellence Day was held on 5 July 2025. The event was graced by the Guest of Honour, Sri. K. S. Sabarinadhan, Former MLA, INC Aruvikkara. The school proudly honoured its high achievers. In Class X, Ankitha M. Kiran secured FULL A1 and emerged as the class topper. In Class XII, Sania Raj topped the batch and scored a centum in Computer Science, reflecting her exceptional dedication. The celebration highlighted the hard work and brilliance of our students.

Leaves of Life: Honouring Nature's Gifts – June 5

“Every leaf is a reminder that caring for nature is caring for life itself.”

The theme of caring for nature was highlighted through a meaningful celebration. Mr. Firosh AS, Assistant Soil Chemist, District Soil Testing Lab, Parottukonam, inaugurated the event by planting the sapling. Our Herbal Garden added

significance to the day, and students presented creative programmes that made the occasion memorable.

Unlocking Worlds Through Words – Reading Day 2025

“Reading turns ordinary moments into extraordinary journeys.”

In honour of P. N. Panicker Reading Day, the school held a meaningful celebration featuring a skit, an English choral recitation, and a presentation of O. N. V. Kurup’s “Amma” by Grade IX A. Shri Karyavattom Sreekandan Nair Sir graced the event as Chief Guest and encouraged students to nurture strong reading habits. As part of Reading Week on 17 June 2025, activities such as Storytelling (Classes III–IV), Speed Reading with Retell (Classes VIII–IX), and the Expressive Reading Challenge and Book Talk Blitz (Classes V, VI, VIII) were conducted. A Spell Bee Contest was also organised on 27 October 2025.

Celebrating Spirit and Strength Throughout the Year

“A school thrives where learning, culture, and talents grow together.”

The school observed key days such as

Anti Drug Day

On 26 June 2025, the school observed Anti-Drug Day with the motto “Say ‘No’ to Drugs and ‘Yes’ to Life.” Anna Maria Manoj of Class XII presented a short seminar, and Sir Praveen P. V. from the Police (Traffic) Training College led an awareness session for Classes VI to XII, urging students to stay drug-free.

Hiroshima Day

Hiroshima Day was observed on 6th August 2025 and was inaugurated by the Sub Inspector of Sreekaryam Police Station. The ceremony began with the release of a white dove, symbolising peace. A rally was also organised, where the guest lit the torch that led the procession.

Independence Day

Independence Day was celebrated on 14th August 2025 with Shri Johnson Joseph, Nalanchira Ward Councillor, as the Chief Guest. Class VIII B presented a

programme on India's freedom struggle from 1498 to 1947, an Independence Day quiz was conducted on 11th August 2025, and a fancy dress competition for Standards I and II was also held on the same day.

National Space Day

National Space Day was observed on 14th August 2025, during which a painting competition was conducted. The winners were awarded certificates from ISRO, making the event both exciting and inspiring for the students.

Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated on 27th August 2025 with great enthusiasm, with Radhakrishnan Kunnumpuram, a renowned Malayalam poet and playwright, as the Chief Guest, featuring a mega Thiruvathira, stage programmes, and competitions like Malayali Manka and Malayali Sreeman with active student participation. As part of the celebrations, the teaching and non-teaching staff along with principal celebrated Onam at Karunya Cancer Center, Ulloor, on 2nd September 2025, arranged an Onam Sadhya for the inmates using staff funds and mite box collections, and also served food near the Medical College.

Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day was celebrated on 12th September 2025. A Holy Mass, conducted by Fr. Jijo Jose Cheruvikal, was attended by all teachers along with Catholic students. The student cabinet prepared special programmes to honour the teachers.

Kerala Piravi

Kerala Piravi was celebrated on 3rd November 2025, with Class VII A presenting vibrant and enthusiastic programmes that showcased their creativity and talents, making the celebration memorable.

Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated on 14th November 2025, with teachers presenting entertaining programmes for the students. Sweets were given to all.

Sports Day

Sports Day was held on 31st October 2025, highlighting the promotion of health and well-being. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Perzcy Andrews, Director of Business & Operations, Blitzs Sports Tech and Wattsun Football Academy. Students from all houses participated energetically in the various events.

A variety of sports-related co-curricular activities were organized to engage and inspire students.

Kho- Kho Tournament

The school conducted an inter-class Kho-Kho tournament, in which students from different classes competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The winners of the tournament were awarded prizes in recognition of their skill and teamwork.

Football & Basketball coaching

Football and Basketball coaching is given to the learners every week with the guidance of expert coaches. These sessions help students develop their skills, improve teamwork, and build physical fitness, fostering both discipline and a love for sports.

Wednesday Activities

Every Wednesday, learners get engaged in enriching activities like Kalari, Karate, Skating, Keyboard, and more, nurturing skills beyond the classroom.

Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders: Student Council Election & Investiture Ceremony 2025

“Leadership begins when young minds step forward with purpose and vision.”

On 3rd July 2025, students from Classes 5 to 12 cast their votes through the Electronic Voting System along with the teaching and support staff, electing Akhil G. S. as Head Boy, Aleena Jacob as Head Girl, P. Sidharth and Adhithi Nishi for Sports, Manasa M. R. for Discipline, Aarcha Chandran for Arts, Kailas Nath G. S. for Education, Govind J. for Sanitation, and Sai Sivaa V. for Social Service. The

Investiture Ceremony held on 18th July 2025 was graced by Mr. Shibu L., Excise Commissioner, Trivandrum, as the Chief Guest. During the event, the newly elected cabinet members took their oath and received their badges, marking the beginning of their leadership journey.

Nurturing Scholastic Talent

“Examinations may test knowledge, but true learning builds the future.”

School-level scholarship examinations provide students with a valuable opportunity to showcase their academic abilities. Designed to assess knowledge and aptitude across various subjects, these tests encourage excellence and healthy competition. During the academic year, students participated in the Orchard India Scholarship, NASO Olympiad, PCM Scholarship Exam, DCL National IQ Olympiad, and Silver Zone Olympiad examinations.

Splash of Imagination

“Every colour tells a story, and every child is an artist.”

The Deepika Colouring Competition was conducted on 8th August 2025 for students of Std. 1 to 8. The participants showcased their creativity, making it a joyful and colourful experience for all.

Celebrating Young Creative Minds

“When creativity is encouraged, talent finds its true colours.”

Rangotsav Celebration and the Kalabharathi National-Level Art Contests provided students from Classes 1 to 12 with inspiring platforms to express their creativity and artistic skills, nurturing imagination and talent through vibrant competitions held in July and October.

Guiding Lights: Strengthening Minds Through Awareness Sessions

“Knowledge empowers choices; awareness shapes futures.”

Training sessions were organised for parents, teachers, and students to promote awareness and growth. Joykutty Sir conducted the session for parents, while students of Classes 6, 7, and 8 attended an adolescence-awareness class facilitated

by a reputed publication. As part of Anti-Drug Day, Sr. Praveen P. V. Nair from the Police Training College delivered a powerful session on the harmful effects of drug abuse, inspiring students to choose a healthy and drug-free life.

Samvada 2025: Illuminating Young Minds on Legal Rights

Five students—Aleena Jacob, Vrindha P. Nair, Hrithika I. K , Aneesh S., and Roshith N. S.—along with Ms. Parvathy, attended the ‘Samvada’ Legal Awareness Conference organised by NALSA and KELSA on 21st June 2025 at Tagore Theatre. The event, inaugurated by the Honourable Chief Justice of Kerala, highlighted legal rights, welfare schemes, and the importance of free legal aid. A short play helped students understand the available legal services, and certificates were distributed to participants.

Enhancing Teaching Excellence Through Cordova & NLP

A productive teacher orientation session was held on Cordova and NLP (Natural Language Processing), led by Mr. Jeyesh, Chief Mentor of JAY’S ACADEMY. The session provided educators with practical insights on using AI-driven learning tools and language technologies in the classroom, helping them strengthen digital teaching methods and improve interactive learning.

Hearts in Action: Spreading Joy Through Service

“Compassion is the kindness we choose, even when no one is watching.”

Our school upheld the spirit of social responsibility through meaningful outreach programmes. Students and staff celebrated Onam at Karunya and participated in Oru Podhi Choru, distributing essential items to various centres. Sr. Joykutty, NLP Trainer, along with Sr. Ancy, Mr. Kunjumon, Ms. Divya, and the students of Class 11, led a food-distribution drive at the Medical College. Offerings collected for the Titular Feast were also shared with charity centres such as Akashaparavakal,

Nirmala, Karunya Vishrantibhavan, and Boys Town, Manvila, reflecting our motto, Helping Hands, Healing Hearts.

Rising Stars: Celebrating Remarkable Achievements

“Excellence is the result of hard work, passion, and perseverance.”

Our students have brought great pride to the school. Hrithik Krishna P. G. of Class VIII B secured third place in the Second International Rifle Shooting Championship in Thailand. Jeevan Jayaraj of Class XII won gold and silver in individual events and bronze in the group event at the 24th Kerala State Wushu Sports Competition, and has qualified for the nationals. Akshaya of Class VI B excelled at the Interschool Aquatic Championship at Loyola School, winning 1st prize in the 50 m Breaststroke and 200 m Individual Medley, and 2nd prize in the 50 m Butterfly.

Conclusion

“Achievements are remembered, but the joy, learning, and memories we create today last a lifetime.”

The Annual Day 2K25–2K26 at Mary Nilayam Senior Secondary School, Pongummoodu was a grand celebration of talent, creativity, and achievement. The event reflected the school’s unwavering commitment to excellence, holistic development, and nurturing future leaders. Under the visionary guidance of the management and the dedicated efforts of our teachers, students showcased their remarkable skills through vibrant performances, thoughtful presentations, and engaging programmes. Every act radiated energy, passion, and the core values that Mary Nilayam instills in its learners, making the celebration truly memorable. The seamless organization, colourful displays, and electrifying enthusiasm left everyone inspired and proud.