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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Investiture Ceremony

On July 3, 2024, CMRPU Byrathi held its first Investiture ceremony. Following a rigorous process of nomination and election, the student council members, brimming with talent and enthusiasm, were selected. They took an oath and assumed the crucial responsibility of making decisions on behalf of their peers.

Head Boy	<b>Agnel John</b>
Head Girl	<b>Smrithil Mary Shibu</b>
Vice Head Boy	<b>Sharan Ranjith</b>
Vice Head Girl	<b>Siddra Nadeem</b>
Cultural Secretary	<b>Arav A Raghoji</b>
Sports Captain	<b>Chrison Manoj</b>



## Sports Activities

Sports empower students with essential life skills, including discipline, teamwork, and adaptability. Camaraderie within sports teams fosters a sense of belonging and emotional resilience.

**Interhouse Carrom match was held on 18 Jul 24:** After the semifinals between Jal and Vayu and Bhoomi Vs Agni , the final match was held between Jal and Agni. Samrat and Umme Haani from Jal House won the match against from Agni House as 2-0

**Inter House Cricket match was held on 27Jul 24:** A 5 over match was played between the teams for semifinals, 3rd and 4th place and the final match. The semi finals were played between Jal vs Vayu and Agni Vs Bhoomi. Jal won by 16 runs. Agni won the second semi final by Agni7 runs. Vayu and Bhoomi played for the 3rd place, Bhoomi won by 3 wickets. The Finals were played between Jal and Agni, the match was tied and the teams played a super over, finally after the fights, friends turning foes and back to friendship and other heated moments on the field, Jal won by 7 wickets. The final scores were Jal - 41/2 and Agni 37/5.







## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### Student Clubs

Ever wondered what makes our student clubs so awesome? It's not just about meetings and activities—it's about the friendships, creativity, and excitement that come with every club! This past month has been a whirlwind of excitement and discovery as students dove into the club activities! From the budding scientists in our science club crafting innovative solutions to real-world problems, to the aspiring artists in the Choir Club recreating masterpieces, each day was a new adventure. And who could forget the Environmental Club's impactful initiatives, as they worked on projects to make our college a greener place? Every activity was a chance for students to explore their passions and learn new skills.



## Investiture Ceremony

Our Investiture Ceremony at CMR NPUC was a truly remarkable event filled with pride, inspiration, and celebration. As we honored our new student leaders, we witnessed a powerful display of commitment and enthusiasm. The ceremony kicked off with an inspiring opening speech, emphasizing the importance of leadership and teamwork. The auditorium was buzzing with excitement as our incoming leaders took their places and prepared for their big moment. From the proud smiles of our new leaders to the enthusiastic applause from the audience, these images capture the essence of the day.







## College and Career Guidance Initiatives

In July, the College and Career Guidance (CCG) department organized several key programs and activities designed to support our students' academic and career aspirations. Here's a summary of the month's initiatives:

**Monthly Student Sessions:** The focus for our students in the month of July was on Job Shadowing. Students were introduced to the concept of job shadowing, where they gained insights into various professions by observing professionals in their workplace. These sessions were aimed at providing students with a real-world understanding of different career paths, helping them make informed decisions about their futures.

**General Check-Ins Across All Campuses:** Regular check-ins were conducted across all campuses to ensure that students are on track with their academic and career planning. These check-ins provided an opportunity for students to discuss their goals, seek guidance, and address any concerns they might have regarding their college and career preparations.

**Webinar - Study in Australia:** A highly informative webinar on studying in Australia was held, offering students and parents valuable insights into the academic opportunities available in Australian universities. The session covered various aspects such as admission processes, courses offered, scholarships, and the overall student experience in Australia.

These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive support and guidance to our students, helping them navigate their academic journeys and prepare for successful careers. The CCG department will continue to offer a range of activities and resources to ensure our students are well-equipped to achieve their aspirations.



## Wellbeing Initiatives

Student Check-ins for PU students are progressing positively, serving as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and break the stigma surrounding mental health, while providing a supportive platform for open discussions. Additionally, a wellbeing session on "Health and Routine", was conducted across campuses, emphasizing holistic health by addressing physical, emotional, and social well-being. These initiatives are fostering a more inclusive and informed environment, encouraging students to engage in conversations about their mental health and overall wellness.







## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We had a series of Professional Development sessions throughout the month with various teams. We began the month with a training session for school coordinators. All our Pre-University educators attended the Learning Area Touchpoint sessions. Apart from this, our educators who have enrolled in special programs attended a virtual session on Mindfulness and Wellness.

The Ekya culture that we advocate does not stop with teachers and students. The PDI team is committed to fostering a learning culture among all our stakeholders. In line with this idea, we had a session on Social Contract for our Head Office employees.



## STUDENT EDGE

### Building Brighter Futures: The CMR Byrathi Experience

After the hectic life of tenth grade, before walking the steps of CMR, I thought another life filled with tensions and deadlines awaited me. However, CMR showed me that education can be much better than that. CMR had only recently opened a new branch in Byrathi in 2023 and had a relatively small population, yet it operated exceptionally well and did not fall short of its expectations. Even with a smaller population, the college functioned smoothly and felt complete.

We began with just 11 students and have since grown enormously to over 50 students, and as a result of this expansion, our campus is far more active than it was at the start. Our principal, Mrs. Preeti Singh Nirmale, has provided us with many possibilities and has made sure that each of us is doing our utmost efficiently, helping us grow our knowledge, helping us prepare for the real world, and providing us with the most valuable advice when she speaks with us.

We were directed by friendly and open-minded teachers who not only taught us from our textbooks but also assisted us by teaching us real-world problems and topics that would be relevant once we graduated. We've had so many sessions on our well-being and career guidance that have been quite beneficial, and we're learning new things with each one.

We have a great counselor who conducted a one-on-one session with us all, and I am confident that it has benefited many people who have been struggling by giving them opportunities to study themselves from within and help them mentally.

Our career guidance has also helped us immensely by teaching us how to focus on our soft skills, train ourselves for what the job market is looking for, and investigate areas in which we would like to further our career, as well as lead us through the process of choosing institutions.

One of the many activities that struck out to me was job shadowing, which was a fantastic experience to be able to shadow a specific individual in their chosen field for an entire day to understand how the actual work life is and the realities of it.

It helps us realize what we want to accomplish in the future and the type of work atmosphere in which we would be most comfortable.

At CMR, we've implemented significant changes this academic year, including establishing a student council and houses. We kicked off with an inter-house carrom competition and plan to host many more events, focusing on giving each student their moment to shine and boosting their confidence. Our clubs, such as MUN, music, art and crafts, and technovation (in collaboration with Ekya), see active participation, and I am confident these activities will be beneficial.

We aim to engage in various activities and competitions and hope to represent and excel. My experience at CMR has been amazing, shaping me into who I am today. I hope future students have similar enriching experiences.



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## TEACHER BLOG

### Balancing Firmness and Empathy: Effective Strategies for Classroom Management

Being a strict teacher doesn't mean lacking kindness or empathy. In fact, it's possible to maintain discipline while still fostering a positive learning environment. After reading an article in Times of India about - "Strict Teachers or Friendly Mentors- What do Indian students need?", I have penned down some of my effective strategies for balancing strictness and kindness:

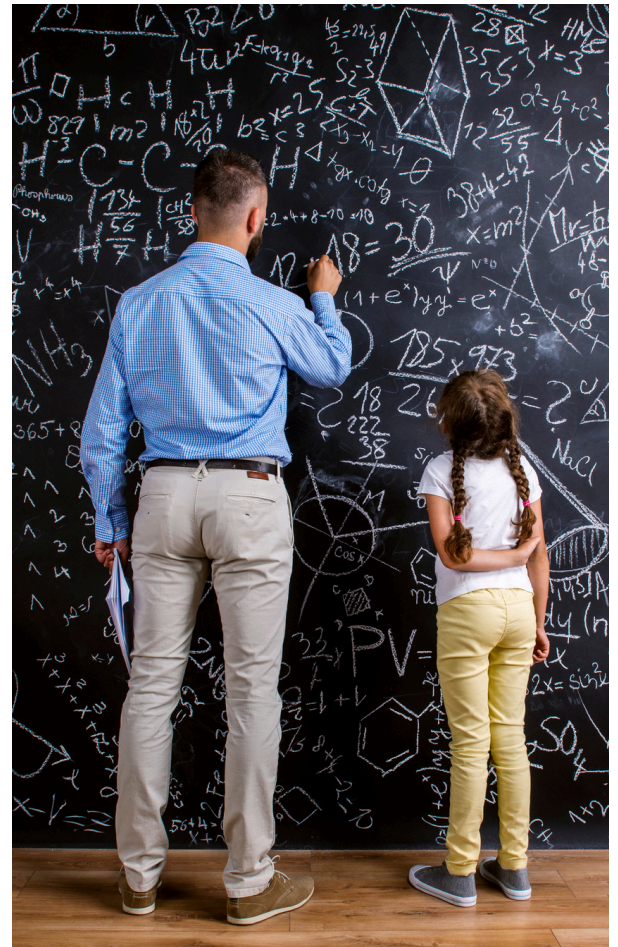
**Set Clear Expectations:** Establish rules and boundaries early on. Clearly communicate behavioral and academic expectations to students. When expectations are transparent, it reduces misbehavior and helps students stay motivated.

**Consistent Enforcement:** Apply rules uniformly to ensure fairness. Address misbehavior promptly and consistently. Reinforce consequences for actions, maintaining discipline without being offensive.

**Empathy and Compassion:** Demonstrate understanding and compassion. Encourage acts of kindness among students. Modeling kindness sets the tone for respectful interactions.

**Pushing Limits:** Challenge students academically. Set higher goals to inspire excellence. Encourage them beyond their comfort zones, fostering continuous improvement and confidence.

I always try not to forget that being strict doesn't mean sacrificing empathy. Balancing firmness with understanding creates a healthy classroom environment for my students. I also want to affirm our PDI team for setting the "Social Contract" in every work environment.



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