



CONCERNS UNIVERSE FOUNDATION

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Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this newsletter .

We started 2026 with a focus on CSR engagement activities. The good work we have been doing over the past 25 years is enabled by the financial support we receive from Corporates, Charitable Trusts and individual donors. We encourage their active participation in our programs. It gives our students an opportunity to meet with future employers and industry leaders and simultaneously gives our donors an opportunity to meet & engage with the beneficiaries.

On March 24th, Google India's CSR team visited us and conducted an insightful " Introduction to AI" session which generated a lot of interest among our students. Their team did a fantastic job of enlightening our students on how future jobs & opportunities are going to rely on AI knowledge and skills. They encouraged our students to constantly up-skill & be educated in future technology .

We were fortunate to have the Rotary Club of Bangalore conduct a session for the students of our child development centres. They brought focus to the importance of story telling, which is especially relevant in today's world of low attention span and children's preoccupation with digital devices. It was a delight to see our children enjoy this session and take part so animatedly.

At Concerns, we realise our greatest strength & resource are our teachers & staff.

To benefit them, as well as our Community College students we organised a financial literacy program with a focus on learning to manage money & also safeguard oneself from online fraud. It was appreciated & beneficial to all.

We hope you enjoy the stories of our Alumni both of whom are first generation learners. The financial independence they are now enjoying is a testament to our unceasing efforts & commitment to better the lives of people in our community.

Happy Reading!

Sagarika Ghosal



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



CREATIVE LEARNING

A variety of activities were conducted based on the Key Foundation curriculum. These included fine and gross motor activities for physical development, cognitive activities to improve thinking and learning skills, and social-emotional sessions to build confidence and good behaviour. All activities were simple, engaging, and contributed to the holistic development of children.



STORYTELLING SESSION BY ROTARY CLUB OF BANGALORE "THE DOUGHNUT KING"

On 19th March 2026, the Rotary Club of Bangalore conducted a storytelling session on "The Doughnut King" by Dr. Kalyani. The session was interactive and captivating, encouraging students to listen, imagine, and express their thoughts. Through the story, students learned important values of courage and kindness. This activity helped in improving their English comprehension.



PAPER TO FASHION A CREATIVE CELEBRATION

Children enthusiastically participated in a creative Newspaper Dress Competition. Using recycled newspapers, they designed unique and imaginative outfits, showcasing their creativity and awareness of recycling. Parents supported the activity by helping their children create newspaper costumes, boosting their confidence as they proudly presented their creations. Prizes were distributed for the best costumes, making the event even more exciting and memorable for children & parents alike.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

ACTIVITIES

MAKARA SHANKRANTHI CELEBRATION

On 14 January 2026, children across all our centers celebrated Makara Shankranti with great joy and enthusiasm. Traditional sweets were shared, and festive activities such as pot painting, rangoli, sugar cane stalks decoration were organized to build cultural awareness. The celebration created a joyful environment and strengthened bonding among children and staff.



SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION

On 13 March 2026, Sports Day was celebrated with great excitement in all three centers. Children actively participated in various games that promoted physical fitness and teamwork. Parents were also actively involved in the sports events, encouraging and cheering their children. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and a joyful group photo session.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Each of our three child development centres conduct a parent teacher meeting once a month. The teachers reinforce the importance of reducing prolonged mobile usage and attentively listening to their children during family time at home. This further strengthens the home and school teaching.



NIOS COACHING

To improve understanding, build confidence, and ensure better performance through regular classes and practical application



ACADEMIC FOCUS

NIOS classes aim at strengthening students academic foundation and ensure consistent learning, along with regular tests and assessments. Teachers provide individual attention and mentoring to help students understand key concepts and overcome difficulties. This comprehensive approach significantly improved students' confidence, participation, and overall engagement in the classroom.



TMA SUBMISSION AND REVISION EXAM

Tutor Marked Assignments were uploaded on the NIOS portal. Five sample question papers were provided to prepare for the up coming exams.

From 18th to 27th February 2026, revision exams were conducted for both theory and practical subjects. These efforts helped students prepare well and gain confidence for their exams.



PRACTICAL EXAMS & RECORD SUBMISSION

In March 2026, students completed NIOS practical examinations in Home Science, Data Entry Operations, and Mass Communication. All students submitted their practical record books successfully to the Personal Contact Program centres. The marks earned in their practical exams contribute significantly towards their final exam grade.



NIOS COACHING

GOOGLE INDIA CSR TEAM CONDUCTED A SESSION ON INTRODUCTION TO AI



CSR INITIATIVE

On 24th March 2026, an interactive session was conducted by the Google India CSR team, with 114 students actively participating with great enthusiasm. The session introduced the basics of Artificial Intelligence, its real-life uses, and its importance in today's digital world. Students were also introduced to Google Gemini and were taught how to prompt optimally for the best results. The session was engaging and informative, helping to expand their knowledge and encouraging them to explore future opportunities in AI and technology. The interactive activities and real-life examples made the session more interesting and easy to understand. Students showed curiosity by asking questions and actively taking part in the discussion.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

On 3rd March 2026, Adhyan Charitable Trust filmed a documentary on Concerns beneficiaries, where our students shared their testimonies.

Our current students and alumni were interviewed about their learning experience at Concerns Universe Foundation and the employment they were able to secure because of it.





NIOS COACHING

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRY COLLABORATION



HEALTH & WELL-BEING SESSION COGNITIVE YOGI

On 26th February 2026, a mental health awareness session was conducted by Mr. Shobith Raj. Students learned the importance of yoga and meditation for physical and mental well-being. The session encouraged healthy lifestyle practices.



FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

On 29 January 2026, a financial literacy session was conducted by Mr. Renjith Mathew for our students and staff. The session focused on basic financial literacy, including budgeting, saving, and responsible money management. Participants were also introduced to banking services, digital transactions, and safe financial practices. The session was interactive and helped enhance awareness about cyber fraud and ways to protect ourselves, benefiting both students and staff.



SESSION ON INSURANCE & SAVINGS

A session was conducted on the benefits of health insurance for students. The session explained the importance of insurance and financial protection in managing unexpected risks. Students learned how insurance safeguards families during medical emergencies, accidents, and other financial crises by reducing sudden expenses. It also highlighted the importance of savings, financial planning, and long-term security.



CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



ORIENTATION SESSION

we have a new intake of students for January- June batch of Tailoring and Basic Computer Applications. New students were welcomed through an engaging orientation program on 12th January 2026. They were introduced to the NSDC course structure and informed about the value of this skill certification.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

ECCE students took part in co-curricular activities, internships, and exposure visits, gaining hands-on teaching experience. Support was provided through internship opportunities at the local schools. Record work and teaching aid preparation helped improve their skills and job readiness.



SELF EMPLOYED TAILOR

The students actively took part in both theory and practical sessions. The training included measurements, fabric cutting, making paper patterns, stitching simple garments, basic embroidery, and maintaining sewing machines. Through regular practice, they improve their tailoring skills.



BASIC COMPUTER APPLICATION WITH TALLY

The course introduced computer fundamentals such as hardware, software, and operating systems, along with MS Office tools like Word, Excel, and Power Point. Students were taught to use the internet, email communication, and safe online practices. Students learned basic Tally and to prepare an account statement based on financial data.



CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



TEACHING AIDS

On 6 March 2026, ECCE students visited a Montessori teaching aids store in Jayanagar as part of their practical learning experience. During the visit, students explored a wide range of educational materials designed for early childhood development, including sensory, cognitive, and activity-based learning tools. They gained insights into how these materials support different stages of child development and enhance interactive learning in classrooms.



NSDC EXAM FOR TAILORING & BEAUTICIAN STUDENTS

On 5 February 2026, the Tailoring and Beautician students appeared for the NSDC certification examination, marking a significant milestone in their skill development journey. The exam assessed both theoretical knowledge and practical competencies acquired during the training period.



REGULAR ASSESSMENT

To assess our Community College students theory and practical knowledge, we conduct monthly tests. This helps us to identify areas for improvement. By maintaining a frequent testing schedule, we ensure every trainee meets industry standards and is prepared for the workplace.



CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Students participated in Waves 2.0 at St. Joseph's Community College



CONCERNS ALUMNI SHARING EXPERIENCE AT WAVES 2.0 – CELEBRATING WOMEN

Concerns Community College alumni students were invited to St. Joseph's Community College for Waves 2.0, an inter-college competition where many colleges participated. The event focused on the theme of women's empowerment, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents and express meaningful social messages. Alumni were given the opportunity to share their personal journeys, experiences, and achievements after completing their courses, inspiring current students. In recognition of their impactful testimonies and contributions, the alumni were honored and awarded, making the event both motivational and celebratory.



STUDENTS SHOWCASING TALENT

Students actively participated in Rangoli and Dance competitions, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. Conveying meaningful messages through artistic expression and coordinated dance presentations. Their efforts were rewarded with prizes, highlighting their talent, creativity, and commitment to excellence.



STAFF WELFARE



FIRE FIGHTING SAFETY TRAINING & INSPECTION BY BANASWADI FIRE DEPARTMENT

On February 12, 2026, District officials and inspectors from the Banaswadi Fire Station visited CUF to verify the building's fire safety compliance. This inspection ensured that our infrastructure meets all official safety standards to provide a secure environment for everyone.

All students underwent fire safety training to gain practical skills in hazard identification and emergency response. They practiced using fire extinguishers and safety equipment, ensuring they can act decisively to stay safe during an emergency.



On March 5 and 6, 2026, the coordinator and two staff members completed advanced Fire Fighter Training at the R.K. Mundkur Fire and Safety Department in Bannerghatta. This specialized hands-on training has significantly strengthened our team's ability to manage fire-related emergencies effectively.

A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF NSDC CERTIFICATION ON BENEFICIARIES



The Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE), Chennai, a coordinating agency for Community Colleges in India, conducted a Research Study on the "Impact of the NSDC Certification on Community College Beneficiaries (2020–2025)". The study examined the tangible benefits of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Programme in improving students job placements and livelihood opportunities. Mrs. Gnana Chitra and Mrs. Ivy Prime Rose of Concerns served as external experts on the Research Study Team.



SUCCESS STORIES

ASSISTANT BEAUTY THERAPIST- KALAI SELVI



Kalaiselvi, a 30-year-old BA graduate and mother of two, was at home taking care of her children. Through a referral from alumni student, she joined the Assistant Beauty Therapist course at Concerns Community College with a strong desire to support her family. Despite managing household responsibilities, she remained punctual, enthusiastic, and committed to learn, successfully completing the course with NSDC certification.

Today, she works as a beautician, providing doorstep services within her community and earning around ₹12,000 per month. She now feels respected within her family and empowered to independently handle clients and deliver services. Kalaiselvi's journey reflects determination and highlights how skill training can transform lives by building confidence achieving financial independence.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION - NANDHINI



Nandini, a 31-year-old mother of three from Cox Town, Bangalore, was working for a very low income. Determined to create a better future for her family by upgrading her skills.

She enrolled in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) course at Concerns Community College. Balancing work, childcare, and studies was challenging, and her journey became even more difficult when she faced a serious health issue that required surgery. Despite these hardships, Nandini never gave up. After her surgery, with encouragement by the faculty team, she continued the course and successfully completed the ECCE course.

Today, she works as a Primary School Teacher, earns ₹13,000 per month, and feels happy, confident, and respected within her family and society. Overcoming many difficulties, she completed her course and now feels truly empowered.



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CONCERNS TEAM