CHOWGULE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Quarterly Newsletter

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026

Key Highlights of the Quarter

1. The Society starts a new school — Chowgule International School

CES has started Chowgule International School (CIS), which began its inaugural academic year and secured IB Primary Years Programme Candidate status at the outset. With CIS, the Society is moving into the K-12 space for IB and Cambridge education, and the school has begun its path toward IB World School authorisation.

CHOWGULE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

2. College research earns a Q1 international publication and a national supercomputing grant

Dr. Ashish M. Desai (Physics) published in the Q1-ranked *European Physical Journal A* and co-authored a further paper with three undergraduate students, and was awarded three months of compute time on the PARAM Rudra system at C-DAC Bengaluru under the National Supercomputing Mission — competitive access to national research infrastructure.

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3. Postgraduate students win the State Idea Pitch with a GTDC pilot recommendation

Ashlean Fernandes and Ciena Oliveira (M.A. Geography) took first place in the state-level Idea Pitch at the Goa Yuva Tourism Meet 2026, winning a ₹25,000 prize and a recommendation to the Goa Tourism Development Corporation for pilot consideration, presented by the Minister for Tourism.

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4. Secondary students earn national and state recognition in academics and the arts

At the Whiz National Olympiad, Mitali Mahesh Madgaonkar placed 11th nationally in handwriting and Vidyota Suraj Kamat 15th in drawing. Mitali also won first place at both Zilla and State level in the Gomantak All Goa Drawing Competition.

ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE (SECONDARY)

5. The College deepens its international academic partnerships

The College signed a research and exchange MoU with Dongguk University, Seoul, and activated it within weeks through a research forum, and hosted a public lecture by Prof. Amélia Polónia of the University of Porto. Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant was also recognised as a Distinguished Speaker at a global earth-science and climate-change summit in London.

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6. A primary pupil sweeps external art competitions

Amyra of PY2A won multiple external drawing competitions, including first prizes from the Sarvajanik Ganesh Utsav Committee, Vasco and other local bodies — a standout individual achievement at the primary level.

ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE (PRIMARY)

Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Margao

Graduation Day 2026

The College held its Graduation Day for the graduating class of 2025–26 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. Shri Bhushan Savaikar, Director of Higher Education, Government of Goa, and Dr. Ajit Parulekar, Director of the Goa Institute of Management, were the guests, with CES President Shri Aditya J. Chowgule, Secretary Cdr. Parijat Sinha (Retd.) and Administrator Dr. C. U. Rivonker in attendance.



Graduation Day 2026 at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao.

Faculty achievement and research

Dr. Amisha Rajesh Pednekar (Botany) was awarded her PhD from Goa University for work on arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi in Goa's wild and cultivated tubers. Dr. Ashish M. Desai (Physics) secured a Q1 international publication and a national supercomputing allocation (see highlights), while Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant was recognised as a Distinguished Speaker at the 5th Global Summit on Advances in Earth Science and Climate Change in London and contributed a module to the national SWAYAM MOOC "Geography of India." Ms. Alka Gawas (Hindi) was one of only five of thirty-four research scholars to receive the Best Poster award at the Goa Research Scholars Meet 2026.



Prof. (Dr.) Nandkumar Sawant recognised at the global earth-science summit in London.

Student achievement and innovation

Beyond the state Idea Pitch win, Ms. Beebi Hajara (T.Y. B.Sc. Zoology) was selected for the Asian Science Camp 2026 at the University of Hong Kong, joining around 300 students from 28 countries and co-developing a sustainability solution for ocean dead zones. Students advanced to the national finale of the Google Developer Groups "Bit N Build '26" hackathon, won the campus "Innovate for Impact" competition feeding into Smart India Hackathon 2026, and Mr. Ganesh Tamulkar (Geology) took double gold in the 800 m and 1500 m at the 57th Goa State Athletics Championship. Mr. Vijay Vishnu Velip cleared the UGC-NET with an 89.20 percentile.



Ashlean Fernandes and Ciena Oliveira receive the first-place Idea Pitch award from the Minister for Tourism.

Partnerships and strategic engagement

The College expanded its institutional network with new MoUs: an international research and exchange agreement with Dongguk University, Seoul (activated within weeks through a research forum); a national agreement with Karnatak University, Dharwad; an industry agreement with Haztech Innovation LLP covering AI, software development and internships; and an environmental research partnership with the Arannya Environment Research Organisation. It also hosted an international public lecture by Prof. Amélia Polónia (University of Porto) and a talk by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. The Department of Geography convened a State-Level Conference on international migration from Goa, and the IQAC guided faculty on mapping the curriculum to Indian Knowledge Systems and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

St. Joseph's Institute (Primary)

Student achievement

Amyra of PY2A won several external drawing competitions across the quarter (see highlights). In sport, a Pre-Primary team finished Runners-Up at the Independence Day Football Tournament organised by Ace Soccer Academy, with Shlok Harijan (EY3) named Best Striker, and Sreyansh (3A) placed third among 56 participants in the under-9 category at an inter-school chess tournament.



Amyra (PY2A) with one of her winning drawing-competition certificates.



The Pre-Primary football team, Runners-Up at the Independence Day tournament.

Strengthening the IB programme

All educators completed a two-day "Building Your IB Programme" workshop led by an IB Educator Network (IBEN) workshop leader, deepening the school's capacity in inquiry-based learning, assessment and the programme of inquiry. The PYP Coordinator and a homeroom teacher also represented the school at the South Asian IB Schools Association (SAIBSA) Conclave in Ooty, travelling alongside educators from the Society's new Chowgule International School — an early instance of cross-institution collaboration within CES.

Sustainability as a standing practice

Following training with the Mineral Foundation of Goa, the school adopted four-way waste segregation across the campus — an operational practice rather than a one-off event — and student delegates led peer-awareness sessions. Learners and parents also joined the Municipal Council's Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive, including a beach clean-up at Baina and a recyclables collection drive run with an NGO partner.

St. Joseph's Institute (Secondary)

Academic and arts achievements

Beyond the national Whiz Olympiad ranks, Mitali Mahesh Madgaonkar won first place at both Zilla and State level in the Gomantak All Goa Drawing Competition (a ₹3,500 prize), with Vaishnavi Ramesh Pujari also placing. Competing against twelve schools at the JCI Rainbow Inter-School Competition, the school was declared Overall Third Runners-Up and retained its first place in "Ad Mad." Students also represented "Team Macbeth" at the "Bard by the Mandovi" Shakespeare Festival hosted by the Society's own Parvatibai Chowgule College, taking first place in poster painting and further podium finishes.



The school receives its award at the JCI Rainbow Inter-School Competition.



A student is recognised at the "Bard by the Mandovi" Shakespeare Festival.

Sustainability and civic initiatives

The Eco Club ran a "Reuse, Recycle & Upcycle" textile drive that collected 136 kg of textiles, handed over to an environmental solutions company for reuse and recycling. For World Tourism Day, the school took up a Government of Goa Department of Tourism initiative on using AI to redesign tourism, running poster and essay competitions on the theme — aligning student work with a current government and technology agenda.

Sport and exposure

At the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs cluster meets, the Girls' Under-17 team won first place in table tennis, among several other podium finishes across table tennis, chess, badminton and karate. Classes IX visited the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research for an interactive session with a polar scientist on climate change and India's Antarctic research stations.

Chowgule International School

A new CES school

The Society's newest school began its inaugural academic year and, at launch, secured IB Primary Years Programme Candidate status — the formal first step toward IB World School authorisation. In its first year CIS spans the Early Years (EY1–EY3) through Grade 8, and is being built out toward a full K-12 school. Through CIS, the Society is moving into the K-12 space for IB and Cambridge education.



The Chowgule International School community at the start of its inaugural year.

Building the IB foundation

In its first term the school invested heavily in authorisation-readiness. A CIS delegation attended the South Asian IB Schools Association Conclave in Ooty, and all staff completed a two-day workshop on the IB Standards and Practices, programme of inquiry and assessment, led by an IB Field Representative. Several professional-development sessions were run jointly with St. Joseph's Institute, pooling expertise across the Society's two IB schools.

Student leadership in the first term

On International Literacy Day, Grade 8 learners independently planned and led literacy sessions for the Early Years and Primary classes, taking on the role of educators for the day. The school also held its first Learner-Parent-Educator Meeting, establishing its home-school partnership model from the outset.



A Grade 8 learner leads a reading session on International Literacy Day.