

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK
NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, RAJAJINAGAR
AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25**



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Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our warm greetings to all the members of our NPS family. As we near the end of another busy, fulfilling and productive academic year at NPS Rajajinagar, we take this opportunity to share details of our school journey of the year 2024-25. We would also like to share important dates and schedules with you for the coming academic year.

School Achievements:

Our students and teachers have excelled in all their endeavours - academic and co-scholastic – and done the school proud. We thank all the parents for their active involvement and encouraging support for the initiatives undertaken by the school during this academic year.

We strongly believe that to make education a nurturing and wholesome experience for the child, parent participation is a vital aspect. It ensures an empathetic and collaborative environment, conducive to better learning.

Professional Skill Building

NPS has its in-house TISB Training Academy (TTA), which works towards the professional development of our Senior Leadership Team, Middle Leaders and Teachers. It is the initiative of our Vice Chairperson, Dr Bindu Hari, to enhance and upskill our school team, keeping us ahead in teaching practices, classroom management and professionalism at the workplace. The team has continued their service this year too, offering in-person and online courses that have greatly benefitted the teachers from Early Years to Senior School.

Sporting Spirit

‘Esprit de Corps’, another initiative in sports and the outdoors by Dr Bindu Hari, has enjoyed wonderful success in its second year running, bringing a happy spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The enthusiastic participation of students and teachers in a variety of sports from all our NPS Group of Institutions and NAFL, fosters a rare, collective spirit that binds our teams together.

We stand by the NPS motto to ‘Reach Out, Reach High and Reach Beyond’ and inspire our students to maximize their academic, creative, social and emotional skills. It gives me great pleasure to bring to you this year's most noteworthy accomplishments of NPS Rajajinagar, and of our students.

1. Major Students' Achievements & Accolades

The following are some of the most admirable academic and extracurricular accomplishments:

Students of Grades 10 and 12 Batch of 2023-24 again brought honour to their school with their outstanding academic performance in the board exams.

- *Grade 10 - School toppers are – Anirudh S (98.8%), Sachi Jain and Shiv Mehra (98.4%), Avani Gad (98.2%).*
- *Grade 12 - School toppers are – Anika U Bhat and Sidhanth Prabhu R (96.8%), Aditya Sridhar (96.6%) and Anisha R (96.2%) from the Science stream*

and Dhruvi Kedilaya (93%), V Nimal (92.4%) and Saranathan Srinivasan R (90.8%) from the Commerce stream.

- **Anika U Bhat** of Grade 12 was awarded the LT. Col. Ajit Bhandarkar Memorial Award for the best academic and co-curricular performance for the academic year 2023-24.
- **T K Karthik** of Grade 11 was awarded the first Lt. Col. Ajit Bhandarkar (SC) Leadership Award, for his work ethics, sportsmanship and academic performance for the academic year 2023-24.

2. Batch of 2023 - 24: Placements in Prestigious Universities in India and Abroad

FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES	
Sujan Arvind Bangre	University of Buffalo, New York- Computer Science Engineering received Scholarship \$3740000
Anisha R	University of California San Diego, Computer Science Engineering
Yash Aanand	University of Waterloo, Honours Computer Science received Scholarship \$20000
Parth K Dubal	Purdue University, Indianapolis
IIT/IIM	
V Nimal	Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Rohtak, Integrated Programme in Management (BBA + MBA)
BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	
Siddhanth Patil	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani- Goa - Electronics and Communication
Vaasudev Vinay Vaidya	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Computer Science
Kaustubh Ghate	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Goa, MSc Biological Sciences
Hananeel Ephraim Mandam	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Hyderabad, Mechanical Engineering
Laaksh Mahesh Chikodi	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Goa, BE Chemical Engineering
Manisha Mathew	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Hyderabad, BPharma
Anirudh M	Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani - Hyderabad, Computer Science Engineering
Chehak Srivastava	National Institute of Fashion Technology
DESIGN COURSES	
Ishna Hemant Savadatti	National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad - Bachelor of Design
Nidhi K Iyer	Srishti Manipal Institute of Art Design and Technology - Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication.
Kavya Srivastava	BITS Design School, Mumbai
MEDICINE	
Nishanth Vishwanath S	KIMS, Bangalore
Dhyan Kutagulla	KIMS, Bangalore
Jeevith R	KIMS, Bangalore
Kirthi Rao	MAHE, Mangalore
Gagan Kiran	J S S Medical College, Mysore
Allum Pratheek	Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore
Riddhi Chimkode	Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore
Disha Harshadeep	Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore
Srisowmya V	Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore
Srividya Bettari	YENEPOYA Medical College

N Aravindh Somu	Sapthagiri NPS University
LAW	
Dhruthi Kedilaya	NLSIU, Bangalore (All India Rank - 82 & Karnataka Rank - 4)
Raghav Rathi	Jindal Gobal Law College, Haryana
Harshvardhan K Raj	Jindal Gobal Law College, Haryana

Our students have also taken admission in other prominent Engineering and Medical Colleges, M S Ramaiah, PES and Manipal Universities.

The IIT JEE Mains Merit List for 2024-25 has also been announced. We proudly share the stupendous results of our students who have scored 90th percentile and above.

Name	Percentile
DEVANK M KARKIHALLI	99.86
RISHI K	99.71
SAMBARTA SANYAL	99.08
NAVNEET SAI MURALI	98.95
DHRUVA ANAND	98.87
ADIT MADHAV MADGULA	98.36
JANHAVI ARAVIND	97.60
SHUBHAJIT NAIR	97.48
ANUSHKA RAJENDRA SHINDE	97.48
NAMISH G SHETTY	96.98
PRATHAM G BHAT	96.35
SAMHITA SRIVATSA GORUR	95.25
SUMEDH RAO	94.95
G K TEJHASWINI	94.74
MITHUN GANESH S	94.42
AADHYA MOHAN	93.20
AMOGH KULKARNI	90.68

School Prefects 2024-25

Each year, two students from grade 12 receive the highest honour, which stands for leadership, bravery, and extreme diligence of being chosen as the school representatives - the student prefects, who serve as the face of the grade. For the academic year 2024-25, **Sumedh Rao and Manjari Acharya of Grade 12** were elected as the student prefects.

3. Major Competitions

CCIR – Cambridge Future Scholar Program

Sumedh Rao, Gr 12 has been selected to the **Cambridge Centre for International Research's Cambridge Future Scholar Program**. He has been offered a position at **Dr Benoit Legat's The Applications of Mathematical Optimisation: Mixed -Integer Linear Programming** research course this year. He has also been selected and awarded the **CCIR STEM Scholarship** that is awarded to student researchers that exhibit great passion and academic interest in their fields.

APID Scholar

Over the past three years, **Sumedh Rao, Grade 12** has written eight AP (Advanced Placement) exams in various STEM subjects and Humanities. He was performed exceedingly well in these exams, scoring a 5/5 grade in all the subjects. As a result, he has received the AP International Diploma (APID) Award from the College Board, USA. The award recognises students who demonstrate proficiency across a range of subjects with a global perspective.

Sumedh Rao has the distinction of scoring 1600/1600 in the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)!

Youth Udyami - Entrepreneurship event by IIM Bangalore

A team of two students participated in the Youth Udyami Entrepreneurship Event at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore, **Chavi Ramesh Bhojani of 12C and Prithviraj J Shah of 12C**. The team was selected among the top 50 from a pool of 300 entries across India, demonstrating their exceptional work and innovative ideas.

Techkriti Open School Championship

Sambarta Sanyal, Gr 12 (Pool C) has won 1st place in Techkriti Open School Championship, held at IIT-Kanpur. **Sushil S Prabhu, Gr 9C** won 2nd rank, **Shivani R P, Gr 9C** won 14th and **Animesh Gupta, Gr 9B** won 22nd rank in Pool B.

4. Major School Events 2024-25

Student Leadership Training

Student Leadership Training for the elected school council members was conducted at NFL-North campus to train students to assume leadership roles with a spirit of morality and integrity.

Senior Graduation Ceremony

It was time to bid farewell to the graduating class of 2025. The young men and women, adorned in formal wear complemented by their graduation gowns and sashes, exuded an air of scholarliness. Guest of Honour, **Dr Ravi Manjithaya**, Professor and Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, presented the Graduation Address.

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony

A vibrant affair, marked by ceremonial traditions and heartfelt speeches were the hallmark of the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony, 2025. Our little KG scholars received their certificates amidst cheers, accompanied by a melodious song adding to the celebratory atmosphere.

R-NPSMUN '24

Amidst an atmosphere brimming with anticipation and enthusiasm, the 8th edition of R-NPS Model United Nations '24 commenced. There were over 100 students who participated in this edition of the intraschool MUN which comprised 4 diverse committees – IPC, Lok Sabha, UNSC and HJCC with intense and exciting agendas. It provided an enriching platform for students to delve into a variety of global and historical issues through dynamic role-play and debate. R-NPSMUN 2024 reflected the depth of student engagement and the quality of discourse on a variety of issues.

TIMELAPSE

August 22nd and 23rd were days of hustle and excitement at NPS Rajajinagar as students of Grades 11 and 12 hosted Timelapse – an interschool electronics and computer fest. Students from NPS Koramangala, NPS HSR, NPS INR, NPSi Mysore, NAFL-B, and NAFL North were invited to participate in various tech-centric events, bringing their skills to the forefront in exciting challenges.

Scholastic Internship Program

In a bid to impart practical knowledge and real-world experience, Scholastic Book Company organised an internship program for our students. The competitive internship program focused on promotion, marketing, stall design, and merchandising. The following students of grade 10 successfully completed the internship during the last week of August 2024: Akshat Jain, Jahnvi Budihal, Jai Jain, Maitreya Sridhar, Sharanya Mangalpadi, Pragya S Ganna, Riya Shah, Anurag Samptur, Vipaasana Sridhar, Arya G, Adeeb Aftab Tamboli, Atharva Hansal Shah, Neel Nagesh, Paaritosh L.

Academic Showcases

In a world where the pace of life often leaves us with little time to truly understand what our students are learning, one event stands out as a venture of transparency and educational celebration. The Academic Showcase provided a platform for students to share their remarkable learning experiences with parents, teachers and the community.

DH- NiE Theatre Workshop

As a part of Newspaper in Education, Deccan Herald conducted a fun-filled theatre workshop called Spotlight. Tarun Sai of Grade 8D and Tanav Gururaj of Grade 10A, NPS Rajajinagar took part in this creative event, designed to guide budding artists in the path of performing arts. The workshop shed insight into essential skills required for potential theatre artists. Students got hands-on experience with key techniques like voice modulation, eye contact, empathy, gestures, body language, and movement. Led by Mr. Pranav Vishwanathan, an actor from the renowned Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA)—founded by Sir Paul McCartney—the workshop was both inspiring and enlightening.

A visit to CERN, Switzerland

This journey, offered to students of Gr 11 (2023-24), offered an exceptional opportunity to delve into cutting-edge physics research and gain insights from distinguished physicists such as Daniel Denegri, Piotr Trawczyk, and Manjit Dosanjh. Their lectures provided invaluable knowledge about the latest advancements in particle physics, making it an inspiring experience for students keen on science. This immersive educational experience at CERN is designed to spark curiosity and deepen understanding of complex scientific concepts.

The itinerary included a visit to Chamonix, where students explored the stunning natural beauty of the French Alps. A highlight of this portion of the trip was a guided tour of an ice cave, allowing students to experience the breathtaking frozen landscapes and learn about glaciology. This excursion not only offered a memorable adventure but also enriched students' understanding of natural sciences. The scenic beauty and unique geological formations in Chamonix serve as a captivating contrast to the high-tech environment of CERN.

Additionally, students had the chance to explore the vibrant city of Geneva, known for its rich cultural heritage and international significance. The visit to Geneva, combined with the underground exploration of the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, provided a comprehensive educational experience that bridged theoretical knowledge with real-world application. This trip inspired students by showing them the intersection of science, culture, and exploration, making it an unforgettable experience that broadened their perspectives and ignited a passion for learning.

School Picnics

Students of all grades had a day away from the classroom, a day full of laughter, travel, food, fun and togetherness. There were a variety of team building activities bringing joy to both the enthusiastic students and their ever-sporting teachers.

5. Faculty Professional Development

Digital Suraksha Program

A training program for all staff members was held to help maintain digital security especially for social media accounts. This training was conducted by Ms Sumithra L who had attended the workshop organised by META earlier. All staff members got a hands-on experience by logging into their Instagram accounts and exploring security features.

Adolescence Education Program

An adolescence education program was conducted by CBSE on campus to equip teachers with skills on understanding the psychology of adolescents and strategies to handle any adversity that may arise. This workshop was attended by the pastoral coaches, the school counsellors and few other staff members.

Classroom Magic

An online workshop was conducted by MItran Global for all staff members on creating happy classrooms in the school environment.

Understanding Learning difficulties in Children

The Madras Dyslexia Association conducted a workshop for early years' teachers on identifying learning disabilities in young children with emphasis on Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and hyperactivity. The workshop also focussed on inclusion strategies.

Trinity College London - Training and Assessments

This year the school has initiated the Trinity learning programs for children of all ages. The faculty members of the English Department, theatre and kindergarten were trained by the Trinity representatives. The training for students ranged from Young Performers certificate to Speech and Drama to English Language Communication, culminating in assessments administered by the Trinity evaluators from London.

6. Summer Vacation and dates of reopening

With reference to the dates for our summer vacation, kindly note the schedule below.

Grade	Last Working Day
KG & Grades 1 to 4	27.03.2025
Grades 5 to 8	28.03.2025
New Grade 10	09.04.2025
New Grade 12	09.04.2025
Montessori	28.03.2025

Kindly note the detailed schedule of re-opening of school, after the summer vacation.

Grade	Re-opening Date
Grades 1 to 8	04.06.2025
Grades 9 to 12	26.05.2025
KG 1	05.06.2025
KG 2	06.06.2025
Montessori (Freshers)	12.06.2025
Montessori (Juniors and Seniors)	05.06.2025

(These dates are subject to change based on Government notifications at that time.)

Books Issue:

On the request of the parents, the school has made arrangement for the availability of books and materials from different agencies at school. These will be distributed to the students, to avoid any academic delay. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books will be notified to you separately.

Application for Transfer Certificate:

We have a lot of applications, both from India and overseas, for admission to NPS Rajajinagar. It would be appreciated if parents who plan to withdraw their wards from the school for the next academic year could inform us of the same, **latest by 28th February 2025**. Kindly access "Annexure F" application form under the "Resources" section from the school website and submit it to the school bursary without delay.

[Application for Transfer Certificate](#)

School Fees:

As school policy, we do not collect any donations or capitation fee. National Public School is a private self-financing institution, and an annual fee increase of 7.5% to 10% is effective to offset all the increasing expenditure.

We are sure that parents are aware that an escalation in the fee is due to various components like staff salary, government increase in property taxes, increased water and electricity charges, infrastructure maintenance and material expenditure, laboratory, computers and AMCs upkeep, etc.

The Annual Fees for the academic year 2025-26 may please be remitted **from 20th March 2025 to 1st April 2025**, through our Acadamis parent portal. It will be presumed that students who do not remit the fees by the due date will not be continuing in the school for the next academic year.

Plans for Academic Year 2025-2026:

We look forward to the next academic year and its exciting growth plans. We will build new opportunities for our students, keeping in mind transformations envisaged in the future of the job industry. We continue to promote critical thinking and research through Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning Tasks, etc. We will also guide and encourage our Senior School students to undertake courses through MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) and obtain Tech Certifications in areas like data analysis (e.g., Google Analytics), digital marketing, etc., to give them an edge for college admissions and open doors to higher learning opportunities.

We hope our students use all the support and guidance provided to excel in every way. We wish you and your wards a wonderful summer vacation!

Warm regards

DR K P GOPALKRISHNA
Chairman, NPS Group of Institutions, NAFL and TISB
