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**From STEM to STEAM:
The Future of Multidisciplinary Learning**

At Hari Sri Vidya Nidhi, education goes beyond textbooks and exams—it is about awakening creativity, imagination, and holistic development.

On 6th December 2025, our Art and Craft Exhibition was a vibrant celebration of these values, showcasing the incredible talents and dedication of our students.

In the global conversation about education, STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—has long been heralded as essential. Yet, educators are now championing STEAM, where the 'A' stands for Art and Craft, as the true key to transformative learning. Art is far more than an optional subject; it is fundamental to how we think, innovate, and solve problems. By engaging in art, students learn to view the world from fresh, imaginative angles and develop critical skills that reach well beyond the classroom.

More importantly, art and craft offer profound mental and emotional benefits. When students immerse themselves in painting, drawing, or crafting, their brains release neurochemicals like dopamine and serotonin—nature's own mood enhancers—that reduce stress and anxiety, promoting calm and happiness. These activities create a safe space for expressing complex emotions that might be difficult to verbalize, acting as a therapeutic outlet that builds resilience and boosts self-confidence.

At our school, learning without art feels incomplete. This exhibition brought that vision to life, featuring not only stunning artworks and crafts but also captivating science experiments, cutting-edge robotics, insightful social science projects, working models, and colourful posters—demonstrating the true spirit of STEAM.

What makes STEAM education so powerful is its emphasis on collaboration, communication, and hands-on exploration. Students discover how different disciplines interconnect and apply in real life, enhancing their understanding through multisensory, multidisciplinary experiences that make learning exciting and deeply meaningful.

The exhibition shone especially bright because every piece on display was created by our students themselves—born from their own hands, ideas, and passion. As John Ruskin beautifully said, "Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart go together." Witnessing the harmony of these elements in every project was truly inspiring.

On that day, we celebrated more than just beautiful outcomes—we honoured the entire journey of curiosity, effort, joy, and even mistakes that foster true learning and growth. This event was a shining example of how STEAM education nurtures well-rounded individuals equipped to face the future with creative confidence and emotional strength.



The Executive Committee President, Mr. T.G. Chandrakumar, Treasurer Mr. Ranju Jayaprakash and the CEO, Adv. P.N. Unnirajan IPS curiously spinning the wheel in the art and craft exhibition

ART, CRAFT & SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Art and Craft Exhibition was held on Saturday, 6th December, 2025. All the art works and craft projects were showcased on this day. The students created mind-blowing projects on various topics including Robotics, Science, English idioms and more. The students took effort in each and every detail of the project turning this year's Art and Craft Exhibition into a win! The science projects were humming with curiosity featuring both working and still models of the students. Students created fun games and activities to give the whole exhibition a twist. The art and craft corner reflected both traditional and modern art.

-Nakshatra K. Abith, VIII D



The Principal Ms. Preetha Venugopal and Vice Principals, Ms. Neena Harishankar and Ms. Bindu K.S. visiting the Art & Craft Exhibition



Teachers and children viewing the artworks in the Art Department along with the art teachers, Mr. Prasad K., and Ms. Purnnima V.



Adv. P.N. Unnirajan IPS, the CEO of the school, inspecting different artworks of the children in the art department

Mrs. Deepti Menon

Executive Director



December is always a month filled with festivity and good cheer. This year was no different as Hari Sri celebrated Christmas along with the Art and Craft Exhibition early in the month. As is the custom, our teachers and children visited various institutions as part of The Joy of Giving, an annual programme where we donate necessary items like stationery, grocery items and cosmetics along with delicacies embodying the Christmas spirit.

The LP section came out with 'Chrysalis', its At Home programme, which was well received by the parents and onlookers. Class V and VII enjoyed their one day trips to the Milma factory and Thanima Farm Villa.

However, Hari Sri was saddened at the passing of Ms. Geetha Laxman, the nightingale of our school, who had trained our children for over thirty years with dedication. She will be missed.

As 2025 moves into 2026, may the New year bring joy, peace and fulfillment to all!

Happy New Year!



Class IA



Class IB



Class IC



Class ID



Class IIA



Class IIB



Class IIC



Class IID



Class IIIA



Class IIIB



Class IIIC



Class IIID



Class IVA



Class IVB



Class IVC



Class IVD

'ARTIVITY' BY THE U.P. SECTION



Class VA



Class VB



Class VC



Class VD



Class VIA



Class VIB



Class VIC



Class VID



Class VIIA



Class VIIB



Class VIIC



Class VIID



COMPUTER LAB



ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION BY THE PLUS TWO SECTION





BOOK RELEASE



12th December marked another milestone for our dear Deepti Ma'am as she presented her next book 'Unforgettable Classic Stories' for the world to see. The book was first introduced by Bindu Sudheesan Miss and afterwards officially released by Nalini Miss. Later, Deepti Ma'am spoke about her journey as an author and read a small part from the book to us. She then handed it over to Preetha Miss to be kept in the school library.

Another book was also released in the same day. This was 'Navarasam' the book about Nalini Chandran written by Ms. Umadevi A.G., the former Malayalam teacher of Hari Sri Vidya Nidhi School. 'Navarasam' was written about Nalini Miss and gives an emotional and funny insight into the life of our Founder. The book was introduced by Soumini Miss and officially released by Deepti Ma'am.

The excitement was not over as the Music Club did a special musical performance as a belated birthday present for Deepti Ma'am. They performed her favourite song 'Can't Help Falling in Love' by Elvis Presley. The day ended with a final vote of thanks by Deepti Ma'am.

-Saathika Anoop, 9D



Ms. Bindu Sudheesan



Ms. Soumini K.P.



Ms. Deepa T.R.



Varun V. Iyer, XI Com.



Interact Club Installation Ceremony



Selected School Club Members along with the Rotary Club Authorities



The Interact Club Installation Ceremony was conducted with great dignity and enthusiasm.

The programme began with the announcement inviting the School Principal Mrs. Preetha Venugopal, the Executive Director, Ms. Deepti Menon, Rotary Club President Rtn. Santhosh T.P, Rotary Club Secretary Rtn. Jayanthi Nair, Interact President Aditi Surendran, Interact Secretary Ann Eapen, and Faculty Advisor Mrs. Anooa Ramesh to the dais. Rtn. Santhosh T.P. was ceremonially collared, after which the meeting was called to order and the prayer was offered by Angelina K. Biju and Ann Eapen.

Mrs. Preetha Venugopal delivered the welcome address, followed by the installation of the Interact Club President Aditi Surendran and the handing over of the Charter Certificate. The Interact Secretary Ann Eapen, office bearers, and members were then installed. The newly installed Interact President Aditi Surendran delivered the acceptance speech, expressing gratitude and outlining goals for the year.

Felicitation speeches were given by Rtn. Jayanthi Nair, Rotary Club Secretary, and Mrs. Deepti Menon, Interact Club Advisor. The Chief Guest Address by Rtn. Santhosh T.P. inspired the students to uphold the values of service and leadership. Rtn. Col. Nair and Rtn. Jimmy were also present at the event.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Ann Eapen. The event was efficiently compered by Nandana K. Renjith and Ruhi Elia Joseph.

-Ruhi Elia Joseph, XI Hum.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HARI SRI

Christmas is the ultimate season of festivities and decoration- the Christmas tree, crib and the euphoric sense of joy and love. Outside the Principal's office, we had a magnificent Christmas tree, that we students like to joke, rivals the Eiffel Tower.

Accompanying it was a crib, small yet heartwarming; it did not just set the scene of Jesus' birth, but also provided a sense of homeliness and daintiness. Additionally, to further reinforce the festive spirit, there were two carols performed in the assembly by the school choir.

-Prarthana G.S., IXD



'The Joy of Sharing is the greatest joy'

Mother Theresa

Hari Sri School children regularly prove this quote in their day to day life. Here we can see some activities of the joy of sharing and caring.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES BY XI COMMERCE

On 18th December 2025, the students of Class XI Commerce visited AMHA (Association for Mentally Handicapped Adults) Autism Centre, Olarikkara, Thrissur.

Dr. Bhanumathi, who manages the centre, shared her personal journey of having three brothers with autism, and spoke about the challenges faced by people with intellectual disabilities, which was very informative. As part of the visit, the students donated various items such as food grains and soap. These items were handed over to the Centre to help with daily needs.

The Commerce students performed songs and dances, and the adults at the Centre enthusiastically joined in by sharing their talents. A cake was cut to celebrate Christmas, which added happiness to the event. The students also got an opportunity to interact and talk with the people at the Centre. It was a heart-warming experience that helped the students understand the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Overall, the visit was a meaningful and memorable one for all the students of Class XI Commerce.

--Aditi Surendran, XI Com. and Prarthana G.S., IXD



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES BY XI HUMANITIES



As part of a meaningful social outreach programme, the Plus One students along with their teachers visited Swasraya Special School. The visit turned out to be a deeply enriching and heart-warming experience for everyone involved.

During the visit, the students and teachers got the opportunity to interact with people of different age groups at the school. They mingled freely with them, sang songs, played games, and shared moments filled with joy and laughter. These interactions created a warm, friendly, and inclusive atmosphere.

The students and teachers also contributed to the institution by donating money, reflecting their compassion, generosity, and sense of social responsibility. The act of giving was done with genuine care and concern.

What made the visit truly memorable was the happiness it brought to everyone present.

Both students and teachers enjoyed the experience immensely and learned valuable lessons about empathy, acceptance, and the joy of human connection. Many felt a sense of reluctance to leave, as the time spent at the school filled their hearts with peace and happiness.

Overall, the visit to Swasraya Special School was a soul-satisfying experience that left a lasting impression on both students and teachers, reminding them of the importance of kindness, inclusion and togetherness.

-Ruhi Elia Joseph, XI Humanities

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES - XI SCIENCE

The visit and activities conducted by the students of XI Science at the specially abled elderly people's institute was an emotionally touching and unforgettable experience. The time spent with the elderly residents, through singing, dancing, and a short drama, filled the environment with warmth, laughter, and genuine happiness. The residents participated wholeheartedly, and the smiles on their faces reflected the joy and comfort they felt during the interactions. For the students, this visit was not just an activity but a moment of deep connection, compassion, and understanding, leaving a lasting impact on their hearts. The experience strengthened values of empathy, respect, and social responsibility, and it was truly rewarding to see how a few shared moments could bring so much happiness. The visit left everyone with a sense of fulfillment and a strong desire to return and spend more meaningful time with them in the future.

--Aarush Nair and Tejal K.S., XI Sci.



Children of Class XI Science listening the Asha Bhavan members, Padukkad

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES - HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

8th grade: The halls of Grace Home in Kottakkad were filled with youthful energy and melodious voices as the 8th-grade student representatives spent their afternoon connecting with the elders. As a toast to Merry Christmas, the students gifted the elders with essential items and treats. It was truly a heartwarming and invaluable visit. The elders sang mesmerizing songs, and the sound of their laughter echoed throughout Grace Home.

Student Representatives:

8A: Nithya Vinod & Seann Joseph

8B: Vedika A. Menon & Suryanarayanan R.

8C: Adhiti Abhiman & Sreeram Sajeev

8D: Nakshatra K. Abith & Viswajith K.V.

9th grade: They say, "Christmas is the season of giving"; Hari Sri, however, put those words into good action. As children, we often find ourselves constrained to the superficiality of celebrations --- expensive gifts, opulent decorations and grand delicacies. Yet, for the less fortunate, even an additional notebook could bring an irreplaceable smile onto their faces. To truly celebrate the wonderful occasion of Christmas, our benevolent school decided to help out the residents of the girls home and orphanage, Seva Sadanam, Thrissur. All students made it their priority to put in considerable efforts; we pitched in a wide range of amenities - from sanitary products and stationery to food items and love.

Through this commendable initiative, we were able to not only put those residents in a better position but also learn an invaluable lesson: the joy of sharing surpasses all others! Two students from each section also visited this institution with 47 girls below the age of 18 and 12 above the age of 18.

We would like to thank the Principal, Vice Principal, Executive Director and the teachers who accompanied us --- High School Section Head Ms. Vinodini N., Ms. Iby Elizabeth, Ms. Anooa Ramesh, Ms. Soumini K.P., Ms. Kavitha Kochumon, and Ms. Hema Letish.

Moreover, to further reinforce the festive spirit, there were two carols performed in the assembly by the school choir; in that instance, each of us truly felt the absence of our beloved Geetha Miss, the inestimably precious Nightingale of Hari Sri.

-Nakshatra K. Abith, 8-D & Prarthana G.S., 9-D



The grocery items distributed for the inmates at the Old Age Home



The children and teachers along with the inmates and authorities



The Class VIII representatives at the Grace Home, Kottakkad



Children and teachers were interacting with the inmates at the Grace Home, Kottakkad

Some countries celebrate Christmas with noise; Iceland celebrates it with books

Shared from the internet by Ms. Lakshmi Mohandas, U.P. Section teacher

In Iceland, Christmas does not rush in with loud celebrations or overflowing excess. It arrives softly, wrapped in pages. On Christmas Eve, families exchange books and then do something almost unheard of in the modern world --- they sit down and read. This tradition is known as Jólábókafloð, or the Christmas Book Flood, and it turns the holiday into a quiet act of shared stillness.

The custom took root during World War II, when imported goods were scarce and luxuries were limited. Paper, however, was available, and books were affordable. Publishers began releasing most of their titles just before Christmas, and gifting books slowly became a national habit. What began as necessity grew into culture. Over time, the act of giving a book came to mean something deeper than a present --- it meant offering time, attention, and a story to live inside.

Even today, the tradition continues almost unchanged. On Christmas Eve, Icelandic homes grow calm. Lights are softened. Pages turn. Hot chocolate

or tea is poured. There is no pressure to perform joy --- only an agreement that this night belongs to reading. In a world that often confuses celebration with noise, Iceland chooses silence, stories, and the long companionship of books.

Additional Fun & Fascinating Facts

- ★ Most Icelandic books are published in the final months of the year, specifically for Christmas gifting.
- ★ Iceland has one of the highest literacy rates in the world, with a strong belief that reading is part of daily life, not an academic chore.
- ★ Roughly 1 in 10 Icelanders will publish a book in their lifetime --- an extraordinary figure for such a small population.
- ★ On Christmas Eve, reading often continues late into the night, making it one of the quietest evenings of the year.
- ★ The tradition is so beloved that many Icelanders say Christmas would feel incomplete without a book.



Chrysalis
From the Cocoon to Creativity

'AT HOME' BY THE L.P. SECTION

The LP 'At Home' celebrations commenced with great enthusiasm and excitement on the 20th of December. This year, the L.P 'AT Home', titled Chrysalis beautifully reflected growth and creativity. The programme began with a soulful prayer. A warm welcome was extended to all the dignitaries and spectators by the LP Section Head Mrs. Praseetha Rajiv. The programme was further enriched by an inspiring address delivered by our respected Principal, Mrs. Preetha Venugopal.

The cultural performances started off with a vibrant and colourful welcome dance. The tiny tots of class one then presented the lively Clown dance with their colourful costumes. It was followed by the Group Song by Class II which was a melodious performance that reflected teamwork and harmony. Then came a vibrant Cheer dance where the children displayed great coordination and spirit. The next item was the English Recitation which showcased the children's language skills, confidence and clear pronunciation.

The stage then came alive with the lively Cowboy dance which added a touch of excitement and fun. Adding a modern touch to the programme, one of the most engaging items was the English skit which conveyed a meaningful message in a simple and humorous manner.

This was complemented by a graceful Ribbon dance where colourful ribbons moved in perfect rhythm and music.

The musical flow continued with melodious Group Songs by the L.P. Choir which further added to the musical delight of the programme. The next item was the Innovative skit encouraging creativity and awareness.

The programme concluded with the Action Song and Western dance which had bagged second prize at the ASISC Culturals for Category 2.

The LP 'At Home' was a wonderful showcase of talent, hard work and creativity, leaving the audience inspired and entertained.

-Ms. Sreeja Prasad, Co-curricular in-charge, L.P. Section



Muralidhara Koutuvam - Welcome Dance participants



Group Song by Class II



Scenes from the Welcome Dance



Emcee: Adithya Anoop Konay
and Advaita Rajesh



Vote of thanks: Sriram Sarat



Prayer:
Adam Tinto Poomkulam, Dhruv Menon, Veditha A.B. and Devaj Midhun



Clown Dance



Cheer Dance



English Recitation



Cow Boy Dance



Scenes from the English Skit - Antenna to Alexa



Ribbon Dance



Various scenes from the inovative Item - Prabodh



Scenes from Innovative Item



Western Dance



English Skit



Group Song by Class IV



Action Song presented in ASISC Cultural Fest



The team behind the show

Speech by the Section Head:
Ms. Praseetha RajeevSpeech by the Principal
Ms. Preetha Venugopal

The audience

FOREVER
in our hearts



GEETHA LAXMAN

With grateful hearts,
we remember our beloved
Geetha Miss,
the Music Teacher
who nurtured young voices
with care and devotion.

We convey our heartfelt
condolences and pray
to the Almighty

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

The Hari Sri Family

Thrilling experiences such as sky cycling at great heights tested our courage, while the zipline ride gave us an exhilarating rush. We also had the delightful opportunity to pet farm animals like dogs, cats, and rabbits, and learn about reptiles such as iguanas and snakes, making it an educational experience as well.

The boating session allowed us to paddle peacefully across calm waters, followed by a fascinating glass bridge walk, where butterflies fluttered around us, leaving us in awe of nature's beauty. The fish spa, where tiny fish nibbled gently at our feet, was a unique and amusing experience. A horse carriage ride and interaction with various farm animals further added to the charm of the visit.

The highlight for many was the water-based activities, especially the rain dance, where music, artificial showers, and joyful dancing came together to create unforgettable moments. The mud pool was another favourite, where we laughed freely, feeling like carefree children enjoying nature at its best.

The excursion was not only fun but also educational. We learned about rain gauges (hydro-gauges), UV ray farming, oyster mushroom cultivation, and witnessed the art of pottery making, which connected learning with real-life experiences.

The excursion to Thanima Farm was truly an experience to cherish, reminding us that learning beyond the classroom can be both joyful and enriching.

--Estelle Susan Daison, VIIC

On 26th November, the Class V students visited the MILMA Factory at Ramavarmapuram as part of an educational excursion. Four divisions travelled in four buses, accompanied by eight teachers. The group reached the factory before 11 a.m., where they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Anilkumar from MILMA, who co-ordinated the visit.

The students were divided into small batches and guided through the various stages of milk production, from collection and processing to packaging and distribution. To maintain proper hygiene, everyone was required to wear disposable caps before entering the production area. The visit provided the students with a clear and engaging understanding of how milk reaches consumers in a safe, systematic, and hygienic manner.

The children thoroughly enjoyed purchasing various Milma products and happily sharing and savouring them together. By lunch time, they returned to school with cheerful memories and enriched learning experiences.

In retrospect, the day holds a deeper significance, as it was the last picnic our beloved music teacher, Geetha Miss, shared with us. This quiet memory is now cherished with gratitude and gentle remembrance.

--Ms. Lakshmi Mohandas, English teacher, U.P. Section



TRIP TO THANIMA FARM VILLA - CLASS VII

With sleepy eyes but hearts brimming with anticipation, the students of Grade VII assembled at school at 7:00 a.m. on the 17th of December, eagerly awaiting their excursion to Thanima Farm, Palakkad. By 7:30 a.m., we boarded the bus, and the journey itself soon turned into a celebration.

At around 11:30 a.m., we reached Thanima Farm and were welcomed by lush greenery, the earthy scent of petrichor, the sweet chirping of birds, and the warm smiles of our enthusiastic guides. The refreshing atmosphere instantly filled us with excitement for the day ahead.

The farm offered a wide range of adventurous and recreational activities, both land-based and water-based.

EXCURSION TO MINI OOTY, MALAPPURAM - CLASS VI

The students of class VI went on a one day excursion to Mini Ooty, on 22nd December, 2025. We reached the place around 11:00 a.m. and were welcomed by the cool climate and beautiful surroundings. One of the most thrilling experiences was walking across the glass bridge which was breathtaking! We also got a wonderful chance to watch and touch different birds and even feed them. With proper supervision, we were allowed to hold iguanas and even have snakes placed on our shoulders which was both exciting and memorable. The fish spa was relaxing and watching porcupines added to our curiosity.

The park area was filled with fun and laughter. We played on the trampoline, enjoyed the balloon slide and explored various attractions. The horror house gave us both chills and laughter, while the 16D show was everyone's favourite! The mirror maze left us confused and amused at the same time...

After a thrilling day of fun and activities we departed at 5:00 pm. The excursion was both educational and entertaining and filled our hearts with wonderful memories!

-Rose Jones, VIA

