

Theme: Pedagogical Leadership for Enhancing Student Learning Competencies

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Moments & Milestones

Introduction

Savio Higher Secondary School Devagiri, a co-educational, aided institution in Kozhikode, Kerala, was founded by CMI fathers, followers of Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara. Guided by the motto '*Pro Deo Et Patria*'—"For God and for the Nation," it welcomes students from all backgrounds. The school emphasizes pedagogical leadership, fostering a student-centered environment to enhance learning, ensure academic success, and promote holistic development. Savio nurtures students into responsible, compassionate individuals, embodying excellence in education and character.

Infrastructure and Innovation

Our school, a chalk-free campus, features interactive boards in every classroom, enabling innovative teaching like live streaming of events such as India's satellite launches. Students excel in technology, with the Little Kites team conducting a seamless digital school election. Additionally, a group of talented students showcased their coding expertise by designing innovative computer games, proudly displayed at the Game Mela event, which also raised funds for charity.

Partnerships and Collaborations

At Savio, we build valuable partnerships by exposing students to diverse professions through visits to esteemed institutions like IIM Kozhikode, the Planetarium, MVR Cancer Centre, Kozhikode Cyber Park, and St Joseph's College Digital Library Devagiri. These experiences provide hands-on insights into various fields.

Notably, Mr. Justin Simon, our faculty member and bronze medalist at NCC OTA Kamptee, initiated the NCC Naval Unit last year, offering our students inspiring leadership and enhanced opportunities for growth. The unit conducted a Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Program, equipping young cadets with essential life-saving skills to handle critical emergencies. Moreover, the unit commemorated National Unity Day with a pledge-taking ceremony and a Unity Run, fostering the spirit of togetherness and honoring the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Iron Man.

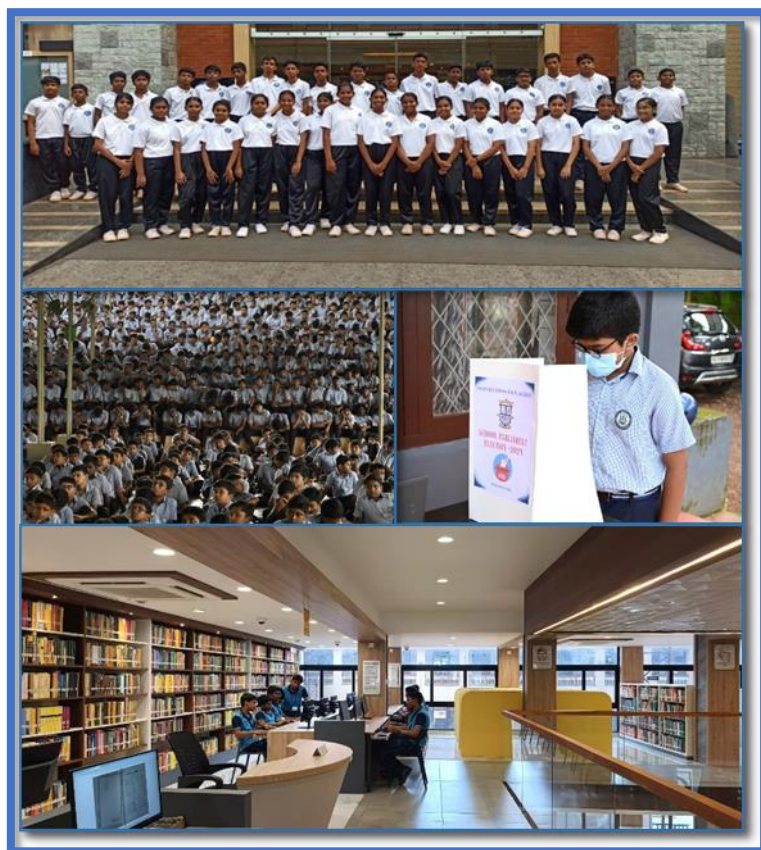
Enhancing Teaching and Learning Experience

Our faculty members excel in creating engaging learning experiences. This year, six of them won awards in district and state-level teaching aid competitions organized by the Kerala Education Department. To further enrich the learning environment, some of our faculty pursue higher studies and PhD research, enhancing their expertise and fostering innovative teaching methods. Additionally, professional robotics training has equipped our students with cutting-edge skills, keeping them updated in the rapidly advancing

world of artificial intelligence.

PTA

Our PTA serves as the backbone of the school. Through regular home visits, our faculty ensures zero dropouts, fostering academic continuity. Counselling sessions address adolescent concerns and promote emotional well-being. The PTA also plays an active role in school initiatives, from organizing food distribution during interschool competitions to hosting celebrations. The Savio Little Kites team has also organized cyber safety classes for parents and digital literacy sessions for grandparents, enhancing community engagement and online security awareness.



Inclusive Education

Our inclusive education program ensures dedicated support for differently-abled students, with specially appointed teachers guiding them. Members of "Little Kites" also take the initiative to provide IT training to their differently-abled peers and bring joy to bedridden students through interactive games.

Sureeli Hindi

The Sureeli Hindi program enhances Hindi language proficiency among students. This initiative has yielded excellent results, with our SSLC students consistently achieving top grades in Hindi language.

Brains Trust

To bridge the learning gap caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our NSS volunteers selflessly supported Upper Primary students by improving their academic skills during recess. Building on this initiative, selected 7th graders now dedicate their free time to assist 5th graders with one-on-one mentoring.

Moreover, Savio Jagratha Samithi and Souhrida Club conducted sessions for our students addressing topics like the adolescent brain, life skills, relationship challenges, screen time, drug abuse, and the POCSO Act. These sessions, led by experts and peers, foster awareness, leadership, and open discussions.



After Plus Two: What's Next?

To help our students plan their future, under the guidance of Career Guidance Cell, Savio alumni shared personal experiences and career insights in interactive sessions. These discussions explored various career paths, providing valuable guidance for informed decision-making.

Compassionate Savians

In tune with our motto '*Pro Deo Et Patria*', community welfare is at the heart of everything we do. Our NSS volunteers organized "Jiva Dyuti," Kerala's largest blood donation camp, with 331 donors—a remarkable effort recognized by the International Blood Donors Forum. To promote a plastic-free environment, our volunteers distributed cloth bags to

over 1,000 households, encouraging sustainable practices. A five-day digital literacy camp at Anganwadis helped 750 individuals bridge the digital divide. Our students also frequently visit Aashakiran School for differently-abled children and Shanthibhavan Psychosocial Rehabilitation Centre, offering care and companionship. We extended our love to the senior citizens by honoring the residents of the 'Tharavad : Day home' at our campus. As part of our Children's Day celebration, we organized "Funtopia," a charity fundraiser, to support families in need within our community. Furthermore, Our Student Police Cadets, our Scouts, Guides, and NSS volunteers distributed noon meals to cancer patients at Calicut Medical College, embodying compassion and kindness.

Sports & Arts

Our school nurtures artistic and creative talents through "Splash," a cultural event with 100% student participation. We also prioritize students' physical well-being through diverse sports events, securing the overall championship at the sub-district level this year. Many of our students proudly represented Kerala in the national school games for athletics, volleyball and gymnastics. In addition, some of our students have developed self-defense skills through training in martial arts like Wushu and Taekwondo.



Conclusion

In conclusion, we take immense pride in our commitment to excellence, and we are honored to be part of the Savio legacy, where every student's journey is one of growth, leadership, and success. "Learning today, leading tomorrow," embodies our mission to nurture not just outstanding students but exceptional individuals who leave a lasting impact on the world.

At Savio, education transcends academics—we shape character, foster compassion, and equip our students with the skills they need to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you.