



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Honourable Chief Guest of the day Ms Parvathy Gopakumar I A S, Asst Collector, Ernakulam, Sri M Sankar, Executive Director of BPCL KR. Sri. George Thomas, Chairman of C R School and CGM HR of BPCL KR, Members of the School Board, School Coordinator Dinesh Sir, PTA President Nagaraj Sir, Members of the PTA Executive, Parents, Teachers, Children and all well-wishers present here today. A warm good evening to all.

It is with great pleasure that I present the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Cochin Refineries School for the academic year 2024-25. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements, progress, and the significant milestones we have reached over the past year. This exciting journey of CRS has been marked by numerous accomplishments, the highlights of which I am privileged to share with you here.

The results of the school in the SSCE and SSE is an indicator of the academic excellence that the school maintains. Once again, CRS achieved 100% results in Grade X and XII examinations.

Out of the 116 students who appeared for the Class 12 SSCE examinations, 109 students scored distinction and more than 61 students scored above 90% marks. 29 students secured A1 grade in all subjects which is a new all-time record for our school. Master Lithun Krishna B topped the Science Stream with 98.2%. Master. Devakrishna K A topped the Commerce stream with 98.4% and Kumari Devika C S and Kumari Shreya Anil topped the Humanities stream securing 98%.

Out of the 77 students who appeared for the class 10 SSE examinations 67 students secured distinction and 31 students scored above 90%. Kumari Tessa Ranjith was the school topper securing 98.8%. The CBSE toppers of CRS were felicitated by the Kochi Sahodaya at the event "Merit Evening 2025 " at Bhavans Adarsha Vidyalaya on 13/06/2025

Let us acknowledge the hard work of these young achievers and congratulate their parents and teachers who have contributed to their success.

The academic year was filled with activities, and achievements that made unforgettable memories for everyone involved. The major events for the year included.



BAY FEST 2024: marked the official commencement of the new academic year 2024- '25. The event was a joyous occasion with a variety of programmes that brought students, teachers and parents in celebration together.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY was commemorated on June 5<sup>th</sup> . The programme commenced with a pledge highlighting the significance of the day and the theme of the year 2024, "Our Land. Our Future. We are Generation Restoration." Young Environmentalist, Ms. Veda Murali was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

PRE KG INAUGURATION AND K G REOPENING: The first batch of PRE KG children stepped into the campus on 6 June 2024, Thursday marking a new chapter in the history of CRS. It was a much-awaited day. Children were welcomed by the senior students who dressed up as different cartoon characters.

STARS OF CRS a program to honour the top scorers of CRS for the 2024 SSCE and SSE was organised by the Student Council 2023–2024 on June 14, 2024. The PTA presented the mementoes and certificates of merit to the toppers, which consisted of cash prizes.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY The 58th investiture ceremony was conducted on 28 June. The newly elected student council members of the secondary section and the selected members of the primary section were sworn in. The principal administered the oath of office. The chief guest of the day was Commodore Simon Mathai, N M, Group commander of NCC. Proficiency prize winners of classes I-VIII and the students of class XII who secured all A1 after re-evaluation were honoured by the chief guest.

The 58th Foundation day of the school was held on 11th August at 5 pm. The Chief guest of the day was Hon Justice A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar ( High Court of Kerala) The School Captain Praneel Vinod, welcomed the gathering. Principal Vinumoan K Mathew presented the Annual Report highlighting the academic and extracurricular achievements of students. The School Magazine was released by the School Board Chairman Mr George Thomas and the first copy was handed over to the Chief Guest. Awards were presented to the students by the Chief guest for their outstanding accomplishments in curricular and co-curricular activities. The other Board members Mr. Sathyan, Mr. Suresh Thomas, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Theo Rajan also distributed the prizes to the young achievers. The formal function came to a close with the Vote of thanks proposed by Janaki Prasad, School Captain. This was followed by the cultural events. Students from various grades performed an array of dances, musical renditions and theatrical acts. The function was a resounding success showcasing the dedication and hard work of the students and the staff.



Our Canvas”, an exhibition of the paintings of our students were displayed near the entrance to the B Block on 11 August ,offering a visual treat of the creative strokes based on diverse themes.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY** The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with a heartfelt event featuring patriotic presentations, cultural showcases, a striking NCC pyramid, and thoughtful coordination by Agni House.

Onam was observed on 12th September 2024 through a modest celebration that began with a moving video on the Wayanad landslide, followed by the Principal’s heartfelt call to support its survivors.Despite the scaled-down nature, the celebration was enriched by vibrant performances including skits, dances, and traditional Onapattu. Staff members Vinitha Santosh and Alice George, set to retire, were warmly honoured with a ‘ponnada’, adding a personal touch to the occasion. The programme beautifully reflected the spirit of Onam – anchored in unity, empathy, and shared joy.

Teachers’ Day was celebrated on 5th September with a warm and memorable programme coordinated by Class 12. Teachers were greeted with enthusiastic welcome , followed by lively performances and interactive games. In a special segment, the Principal recognised contributions to the 2024 SSE and SSCE exams, and service awards were presented to long-serving teaching and non-teaching staff.

The Cultural Fest *Jyothis 2024* was held on 6th and 7th September, showcasing exceptional performances by the vibrant young Refinians. Events were organised both class-wise (for Classes 1 and 2) and category-wise, offering a diverse cultural spread. The fest began with an inaugural lamp-lighting ceremony led by Chief Guest Shri Santhosh Varma. The celebration concluded with a prize distribution ceremony recognizing winners with certificates and trophies. Enthusiasm, creativity, and healthy competition marked the fest as a resounding success. Prithvi House was declared the overall champion.

The Integrity Club of Cochin Refineries School observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 (IMAAAN 24) from October 28 to November 3, celebrating the theme “Culture of Integrity for Nation’s Prosperity.” A vibrant set of intra-school competitions held on October 30 –including poster designing, storytelling, Hindi elocution, and anecdote narration –encouraged students to reflect on ethics and integrity in everyday life. In November, students also engaged in poster designing, cartooning, extempore, and slogan writing, adding creativity and civic awareness to the week-long observance.



On November 14th, the Kindergarten section celebrated Children's Day with a heartwarming showcase of talent and creativity. The UKG students opened the program with a graceful welcome dance, setting the tone for a vibrant thematic performance by the KG students. Dressed in colorful costumes and supported by expressive props, the young performers brought to life the splendor of nature through engaging storytelling and visual flair.

The Kindergarten Cultural Fest 'Wings' was inaugurated by the Principal on July 29th, marking the beginning of a delightful celebration. The little ones of KG participated with zest in a variety of events, showcasing their budding talents and boundless enthusiasm. The fest culminated on October 11th, leaving behind a trail of cherished memories and joyous moments.

The CBSE Kochi Sahodaya School Complex Kalotsav was conducted at CRS from 14th to 16th October 2024, drawing over 3000 students from 42 CBSE schools across Ernakulam. This vibrant annual cultural celebration provided a platform for students to exhibit their talents across a diverse array of art competitions. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Smt. Muthumani Somasundaram, a renowned cine artist, and attended by distinguished dignitaries, including Mr. Vinumoan K Mathew (Principal, CRS & President, Kochi Sahodaya), Ms. Pratibha V (Principal, Chinmaya Vidyalaya Vaduthala & Secretary, Kochi Sahodaya), Ms. Rakhi Prince (Principal, Sree Naraya Vidyapeetom & Vice President, Kochi Sahodaya), and Ms. Parvathy E (Principal, Bhavans Vidya Mandir & Treasurer, Kochi Sahodaya), along with other guests. ToCH Public School clinched the Overall Championship Trophy, while Rajagiri Christu Jayanthi Public School was awarded the Runners-Up Trophy. CRS secured the Runners-Up titles in Category 1 and Category 2, affirming its strong participation in the fest. The three-day event concluded with a valedictory function, where winners were honoured for their artistic achievements and spirited involvement.

The 58th Annual Sports Day at Cochin Refineries School was held on November 22 and 23, 2024, at the CRS Oval Ground, Jwalagiri. The event was inaugurated by Sri. George Thomas, the School Board Chairperson and CGM HR BPCL, who is also a celebrated international badminton player and Arjuna Awardee. The torch was ceremoniously lit by Principal Vinumoan K Mathew, symbolizing the commencement of the sporting events. The meet concluded on a high note with Prithvi House clinching the Overall Championship Trophy, earning a remarkable 241 points.

HAATS OFF CRS—an event under the banner of *HAATS (Honouring Alumni Association Treading Success)*—was held at Cochin Refineries School to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of distinguished alumni who have made noteworthy contributions to society. The occasion was made truly memorable with the presence of Mr. Grant Wilcox, Mr. Bala Padmakumar, and Ms. Amy Wilcox.



Davis, esteemed members of CRS's inaugural batch from the year the school was founded in 1966. The event was organized by the Student Council of CRS.

The Christmas celebration at CRS brought the year to a joyful close, blending festive spirit with acts of generosity and vibrant student participation. The highlight was the *Be a Santa* drive, where students collected essentials for inmates of Abhayabhavan Koovappady, reflecting the season's message of compassion. Cultural performances, including soulful carol singing and Margamkali, added richness to the day, which also honoured retiring staff members Ms. Vinitha Santosh and Ms. Alice George. The Christmas Gala featured age-specific competitions such as colouring, crafts, cooking, and card making, showcasing creativity and enthusiastic involvement across all grades.

On 18th January 2025, Cochin Refineries School hosted two key academic events under the banner of GYAN – both fostering innovation and intellectual spirit. The Smart Math Design interschool competition, held in memory of former Mathematics Head *PVV Nambudiri*, saw participation from 30 teams across Ernakulam, with top honours going to Assisi Vidyaniketan Public School, Amrita Vidyalayam, and Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir. Parallely, the Annual Science Exhibition - GYAN 2025 showcased working models by 172 student teams from Classes 3 to 9 and Class 11. Inaugurated by Mr. Premy Varghese, CMD of Z Crossing Solutions Pvt. Ltd., the exhibition celebrated scientific creativity and curiosity, with prizes awarded to the top teams from each class. Both events highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing analytical thinking and scientific inquiry.

The Republic Day celebrations, led by Sagar House, featured a flag hoisting by Principal Mr. Vinumoan K Mathew and a blend of cultural performances highlighting constitutional values and anti-corruption themes, including a skit, patriotic song, tableau, and mime.

The Explora Camp for Grade 5, held on 31 January 2025, offered a dynamic blend of fun and learning through games, theatre, crafts, and culinary activities. Inaugurated by Vice Principal Premlatha Shaji and other dignitaries, the camp highlighted teamwork and creativity. A special felicitation honored teacher Vinitha Santosh, the pioneer of Explora Camp, while the top three teams were awarded for their vibrant participation.

Karma Camp for Class VIII, held on 8 February, offered a vibrant blend of fun and experiential learning aimed at students' holistic development. The event was enriched by the contributions of SMRITHI members, who served as resource persons and guided the activities with insight and energy.

Cochin Refineries School hosted the State-Level Inauguration of Sugatholsavam, commemorating the 90th birth anniversary of poet Sugathakumari.



The event was inaugurated by Hon. Minister Sri. Suresh Gopi and presided over by Sri. M Sankar, with several prominent dignitaries in attendance. A symbolic tree planting ceremony launched *Sugathavanam*, a Miyawaki Forest on campus, honouring the poet's environmental legacy.

On January 29, 2025, Cochin Refineries School bid farewell to retiring staff members Ms. Vinitha Santosh and Ms. Alice George in a warm ceremony organized by the Student Council. The Vice Principal and Primary HOD presented mementos, while a PTA representative handed over gift cards. Students honoured their mentors with a hand-doodled violin and portrait. Felicitations were offered by retired Principal Ms. Sujatha K.B. and alumna Ms. Margaret Antony, adding heartfelt tributes to a memorable send-off.

The farewell ceremony for Class XII students was thoughtfully coordinated by the Class XI cohort, showcasing their heartfelt efforts and camaraderie. Through carefully planned activities and tributes, the juniors created a warm send-off that celebrated the seniors' journey and legacy at Cochin Refineries School.

Cochin Refineries School launched the Yi-Thalir Leadership Team under the CII's Young Indians initiative, empowering students to lead value-driven campaigns focused on sustainability, citizenship, and safety. Highlights include a successful E-Waste Drive (₹4,000 raised for the Reach-Out Initiative) and the launch of an Honesty Shop (₹41,000 donated to Wayanad landslide victims). CRS clinched the Overall Championship at the Thalir Innovation Fest 2024, excelling in design thinking and scientific innovation and the Best Teacher Coordinator. Road safety efforts featured a "Chota Cop" session for juniors and a poster competition engaging participants. Together, these initiatives reflect the school's commitment to nurturing socially conscious, proactive learners.

Cochin Refineries School hosted the Ernakulam District Mini Throwball Championship for boys and girls on December 21 and 22, 2024, in collaboration with the Kerala Throwball Association and Kerala State Sports Council. The event was inaugurated by Principal Mr. Vinumoan K. Mathew and witnessed spirited performances throughout.

The school also conducted a Summer Coaching Camp from April 3 to 30, 2024, offering training in Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Throwball. Led by expert coaches and CRS PE faculty, the camp focused on fitness, skill development, and match experience, nurturing emerging talent across disciplines.



SCHOOL REACHOUT - CRS demonstrated strong community commitment through two impactful outreach initiatives. In response to the Wayanad landslides, students and staff raised ₹1,00,000 via projects like Snehamrithum, Honesty Shop, and eco-recycling, supporting Govt. VHSS Vellarmala. The donation was personally delivered by a school delegation, highlighting empathy in action. Additionally, Class 12 students and Thalur members organized a festive visit to Bethlehem Abhayabhavan, distributing essential items and embodying the spirit of giving. These efforts reflect the school's dedication to compassion, service, and civic responsibility.

Cochin Refineries School achieved notable milestones during 2024-25, beginning with its selection as the pilot institution for the *Smart Success Initiative*, empowering students with financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills through workshops and a business plan competition. The school was also nationally recognized as an Eco-Conscious School in a prestigious competition led by the Ministry of Education, NITI Aayog, Oppo, and AICTE.

On November 30, CRS students participated in Kerala's Largest Youth Summit, gaining insights into leadership and innovation. Further reinforcing its commitment to holistic development, CRS was honoured as Best Thalur School 2024-25, earning accolades for initiatives in sustainability, social awareness, and student leadership under the *Young Indians Thalur* program.

In addition to regular class assemblies, special assemblies were thoughtfully organized to mark significant occasions and reinforce core values. These included:

- Singing assemblies
- Yoga day / music day
- Special assembly against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking
- Hindi Diwas
- World Environment Day
- Reading Week & Literary Week
- Gandhi Jayanthi
- CCA Assemblies
- Martyr's Day
- Kerala Piravi
- Constitution Day
- Kargil Vijay Diwas
- National Mathematics day
- Vigilance awareness week

These events served as valuable platforms for nurturing students' public speaking abilities, boosting their self-confidence, and celebrating their distinctive talents.



The school promotes holistic development through a vibrant co-curricular program—including Karate, music, dance, and theatre—that nurtures creativity, confidence, and interpersonal skills. Regular class assemblies further enrich students' growth, fostering well-rounded individuals prepared for life beyond academics.

*RADIANCE*, the school's official newsletter, was issued twice during the year—capturing key updates, noteworthy events, and vibrant snapshots from across the CRS community.

Army and Air Force NCC units fostered discipline, leadership, and civic responsibility through camps, assemblies, and social initiatives. Cadets contributed to environmental efforts, supported community projects, and played key roles in school events like CBSE Kalotsav. Notable individual achievements underscored the program's excellence and commitment to national pride.

Cochin Refineries School consistently promotes academic excellence through extensive student participation in Olympiads across all subjects with many earning top regional and national rankings. CRS introduced the free LogIQids International Mental Aptitude Development Program, with 300 students reaching the finals and several earning top-10 international ranks, showcasing its focus on critical thinking and 21st-century skills.

Cochin Refineries School actively supports a range of competitive examinations initiated by the Government of India and the CBSE, cultivating academic rigor and student readiness

CRS fosters holistic growth by offering diverse clubs and student-led initiatives that build skills, encourage creativity, and strengthen community engagement.

Our Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) spearheaded a dynamic year of innovation, earning the Best ATL School award for three consecutive months and national recognition for eco-consciousness under NITI Aayog's initiative. Students showcased remarkable achievements—including winning the Thair Innovative Fest and excelling at the Maverick Innovation Challenge, with invitations to international platforms. Collaborative efforts included workshops with Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology on IoT and 3D printing, along with engaging science exhibitions and star-gazing sessions that sparked curiosity and technical exploration. ATL-based Mechatronics classes empowered primary learners with hands-on experiences in circuits and mechanics, while a dedicated teacher workshop enhanced staff proficiency in emerging technologies. The highlight, Robo REFI, a student-built magazine delivery robot, symbolized the school's blend of creativity and applied learning.



Cochin Refineries School students enthusiastically took part in a wide spectrum of interschool competitions conducted by neighbouring institutions and organizations, securing accolades and bringing pride to the school. The volume of achievements is so extensive that a detailed list will be shared separately via class groups and featured in the school magazine *Refinian*.

In addition, CRS earned recognition at the CBSE Kalotsav at the Sahodaya and State-level events, reflecting the school's vibrant culture of excellence and active participation.

Cochin Refineries School has consistently led the way in fostering a dynamic sports culture. Students actively participated in a wide range of competitive events at the State, District, and Interschool levels, across disciplines such as Throwball, Baseball, Softball, Athletics, Chess, Taekwondo, Badminton, Soccer, and Cricket. Their commendable performances brought home multiple accolades, showcasing both skill and team spirit.

The school organized a wide range of orientation and educational sessions focused on student engagement, academic enrichment, and personal well-being. From career planning and cybersecurity to drone technology and design thinking, students gained valuable insights through expert-led workshops and hands-on experiences. Collaborations with organizations like Gen Next Education and BPCL Kochi Refinery further enhanced the relevance of these future-focused initiatives.

CRS showcased its commitment to professional development by ensuring each educator completed over 25 hours of training focused on modern pedagogy and technology. Faculty engaged in CBSE Capacity Building Programmes, internal workshops on digital tools and NEP themes, and actively participated in regional and national educational forums – underscoring the school's dedication to excellence and progressive teaching.

The year saw notable institutional progress with Principal Mr. Vinumoan K Mathew appointed President of the Kochi Sahodaya Schools Complex and nominated to the executive committee of the Confederation of Sahodaya Schools Complexes. The team comprising Principal Mr. Vinumoan Mathew, Vice Principal Ms. Premlata Shaji, Ms. Srividya R, Mr. Suresh Kumar C, and Ms. Preethi Rajeev successfully completed the CBSE COE Trivandrum's Training of Trainers Certification, equipping themselves to lead capacity-building initiatives. They have been conducting CBP (Capacity Building Programme) sessions across Kerala since long, contributing meaningfully to teacher development and curriculum advancement throughout the region. Ms. Premlata Shaji was also selected to join Kerala's five-member CBSE e-content development team. Educational outreach included sessions on Artificial Intelligence by Ms. Merin T Elias, and a workshop on digitalising enrollment by Mr. Stanley Arun at 22(K) BN Eloor.



The Principal was a resource person at a national-level educational conclave in Bangalore, while Ms. Preethi Rajeev was chosen as CBSE Resource Person for Mental Health and Wellness. Mr. Suresh Kumar C was honored with the Professional Excellence Award 2024 for Best Business Studies Teacher by the Kerala Commerce Forum.

Teachers were honoured with Excellence Awards for the academic year 2023–24 in two categories – those whose students achieved perfect scores and those with over 50% of their class securing top grades. The awards reflected consistent academic impact across both senior and secondary levels.

Additionally, long-serving faculty members were recognised with Service Awards, celebrating milestones ranging from 15 to 30 years of dedicated contribution to the institution's growth and ethos.

It was a proud year of professional advancement, with many of our teachers earning awards and accolades from esteemed organisations in recognition of their commitment to continuous learning. Heartfelt congratulations to each of my colleagues for their unwavering pursuit of growth and excellence in education.

The CRS Alumni community continues to play a pivotal role in preserving the school's legacy and fostering student advancement, making a lasting impact through their active engagement and support.

Under the leadership of Sri. Nagaraj, the Parent Teacher Association has played a vital role in driving the success of various school initiatives throughout the academic year. Two General Body meetings were convened, complemented by regular parent-teacher interactions that provided a platform to discuss the holistic progress of students across domains.

As we close the academic year 2024-25, I extend sincere appreciation to our School Board, PTA, parents, staff, students, and well-wishers whose collective dedication made the year truly remarkable. The unwavering support and collaboration of every CRS stakeholder have played a pivotal role in all our achievements. With pride, we continue to uphold our guiding Vision and Values – "That they be refined and radiate" – as we work toward making a meaningful difference within and beyond our school community.

Looking ahead to a new academic year filled with promise, CRS is set to launch forward-thinking initiatives and enriching developments. We warmly welcome our parent community to be active partners in this transformative journey, as we strive together to shape a brighter and more empowered future for our students.

Thank You!