

A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN- KARUNANJALI, TALEGAON

Inspired by the words, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy” (Matthew 5:7), the Sisters dedicate themselves to serve with gratitude, kindness, and unwavering compassion. Its mission is to empower children with intellectual disabilities by offering them opportunities to learn, grow, and live with dignity, hope, and confidence.



We experience a genuine family bond, filled with moments of happiness and joy, as we work together in unity. As St. Paul reminds us, “*Bear one another’s burdens,*” we live as brothers and sisters in Christ, supporting and strengthening one another. Community life has become a source of joy, nurtured through sisterly affection and the oneness of hearts. At the same time, we recognize areas where we can grow further. Members have thoughtfully emphasized that corrections should be given directly to the person concerned, rather than passed through third parties. Equally important is the courage to communicate openly: when concerns arise, we are called to bring them directly to the person involved and clarify the matter, instead of holding on to resentment or anger.

Through this spirit of openness, trust, and mutual care, our community life continues to flourish, reflecting the joy of living in Christ’s communion.

Mission and Ministry

Our mission is to share the compassionate love of God, so that the work of His hands may be treasured, upheld, and His image restored in every person.

It fills us with immense joy to celebrate 14 years since the inception of *Karunanjali*. What began as a humble initiative has grown into a faithful service to the poor and marginalized, especially by extending mercy and care to the mentally challenged. We recognize our role as one of encouragement and support—walking with them in their journey of development, sustaining hope, and nurturing compassion.

ACTIVITIES and Functions of the year 2025- 2026

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Karunanjali School for Differently Abled Children. The programme was conducted by our own teachers, who guided the students through various yoga exercises and yogasanas suitable for their abilities and needs. The students participated with great enthusiasm, energy, and excitement. They

carefully followed the instructions given by the teachers and actively performed different stretching and breathing exercises that contribute to physical fitness, mental relaxation, and overall well-being.



The Tree Plantation Programme was organized and celebrated at Karunanjali Special School. The students and teaching staff enthusiastically participated in planting a variety of saplings within the school campus. The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of protecting the environment and preserving nature. The teachers explained to the students the value of trees, their benefits to human life, and the importance of caring for plants. Students actively took part in watering and planting the saplings and showed great joy and interest throughout the activity. The programme encouraged the children to develop a sense of responsibility and love towards nature and the environment.



Karunanjali Special School joyfully celebrated its Foundation Day. The programme began with a prayer service thanking God for His blessings and guidance throughout the years. Students, Sisters, teachers, staff members, and well-wishers gathered together to celebrate the growth and achievements of the institution.

Guru Purnima was celebrated to honour and express gratitude towards teachers and guides who play an important role in shaping the lives of students. The students participated in the celebration with great respect and enthusiasm. Special prayers, songs, and small cultural programmes were organized by the children to appreciate their teachers. The celebration highlighted the importance of teachers in guiding students towards knowledge, discipline, and values. The programme created a joyful atmosphere of love, gratitude, and respect within the school community.

The Feast of St. Ann was celebrated with devotion and joy at Karunanjali Special School. The celebration began with a prayer service seeking the blessings and guidance of St. Ann, the patroness and inspiration of the congregation.



The students and staff actively participated in the celebration through prayer, singing, and cultural activities. The feast day brought everyone together in a spirit of unity, faith, and thanksgiving. The programme also helped the children understand the values of love, care, kindness, and service inspired by St. Ann.



A red-letter day arose for all of us as we were indeed very happy and joyful to welcome our Mother General, Sr. Francesca Sarcia, and our Vicar General, Sr. Anitha Lobo, to our Karunanjali School. Their visit was a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone.

Mother General lovingly called our children “little angels,” which filled every heart with happiness and affection. The children welcomed them in the traditional Marathi way with great respect and joy. They also presented a beautiful cultural programme that brought much happiness to our honoured guests.

Mother General appreciated each sister and teacher for their keen interest, dedication, and loving service in carrying out our mission towards the children. Their visit encouraged and inspired us to continue our work with greater commitment, compassion, and enthusiasm.



The festival of Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with great joy at Karunanjali School for Mentally Challenged Students. All the girls tied rakhi threads to the boys and celebrated the beautiful bond of love and protection. The rakhis were creatively made by the girls of Karunanjali School, showcasing their artistic talents and various creative ideas in designing the rakhis.



While celebrating this auspicious occasion, we sisters and a few students visited our benefactors and tied rakhi to them as a symbol of love, gratitude, and respect. The festival was celebrated successfully with great joy, happiness, and heartfelt wishes.



On the occasion of 15th August, Independence Day, we at Karunanjali School for the Mentally Challenged invited our Guest of Honour, Mr. Jagdish from Talegaon, our benefactor, along with his family members.

Our Guest of Honour, Mr. Jagdish, hoisted the tricolour flag together with Sr. Jaya and Sr. Olivia. Everyone proudly sang the National Anthem and expressed the joy of our freedom. Thereafter, the students performed a cultural programme with great enthusiasm and patriotism. Mr. Jagdish delivered a meaningful speech inspiring all present. Teachers, students, and parents celebrated Independence Day by showing respect towards our Indian Flag and singing the National Anthem, “Jana Gana Mana.”



We celebrated Dahi Handi, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. The children dressed up beautifully as Krishna and Radha, adding colour and joy to the celebration. The teachers explained the importance of the festival and its spiritual meaning. Thereafter, the celebrations continued with enthusiasm and happiness. The children enjoyed the programme to the fullest and made the occasion lively and memorable.



As part of an eco-friendly initiative, the children of our school visited the Abhikant Foundation on Varade Road, to learn and prepare Ganesh Murti using natural mud. The visit helped the children understand the importance of protecting the environment by promoting eco-friendly Ganesh idols instead of plaster-of-Polish idols.

The children enthusiastically participated in the activity and enjoyed moulding the clay into beautiful Ganesh idols. It was a joyful and creative learning experience for them. The programme also encouraged environmental awareness, creativity, and appreciation for our cultural traditions.



Teachers day was celebrated on 5th of September in Karunanjali school of Mentally challenged students. On this special occasion Teachers was welcomed in school by students and sisters with lots of respect & happiness. Everyone prayed to god for blessing . Students performed prayer dance and drama act. On that occasion everyone present their celebrated teachers day with cake cutting program. Some games was arranged by school for teachers entertainment.

Diwali is the festival of lights, joy, and happiness. The pre-Diwali period is a special time when everyone prepares and decorates their homes and surroundings. In the same way, the students of Karunanjali School enthusiastically began cleaning and decorating the school for the celebration. The students beautifully decorated the entire school and classrooms with various decorative materials such as Diwali lanterns, greeting cards, floral patterns, and colourful diyas. They also decorated pots with different creative designs and artistic patterns. The children actively participated in all the activities with great excitement and creativity.

Various Diwali products prepared by the sisters, teachers, and students were displayed and sold in different schools. These activities encouraged the students to develop their creativity, teamwork, and confidence while spreading the festive spirit of Diwali.



Dussehra was celebrated in our school with great enthusiasm and joy. The children came dressed in colourful Garba dresses, adding beauty and festivity to the celebration. They actively participated in the programme with excitement and happiness.

On this special occasion, Kanya Pujan was also observed to show love, care, and respect towards the girl child. The children learned the importance of respecting and valuing girls in society. Teachers explained the significance of the festival of Dussehra and the message of victory of good over evil.



Diwali was celebrated enthusiastically in our school with great joy and happiness. The teachers explained the importance of Diwali and its spiritual message. The students performed skits and dances highlighting the significance of the festival, which spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair. The children participated actively in the celebration, spreading joy and festive spirit throughout the school. The programme was colourful, meaningful, and enjoyed by everyone present.

After the cultural programme, we conducted a seminar for the parents to create awareness about their children's disabilities and to help them understand how to accept and cope with the challenges in a positive way. The resource person for the seminar was Mrs. Nayana Dolas, a special educator with wide experience and deep knowledge of children with special needs. She conducted an informative and inspiring session for the parents, guiding them with practical advice, encouragement, and support.

The seminar was very beneficial and helped the parents gain a better understanding of their children and their needs.



Children are the future of our nation. Children's Day marks the birth anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter and the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru. This special day is celebrated to honour children and to encourage their happiness, growth, and well-being.

Children's Day was celebrated in our school in a joyful and befitting manner. The day was filled with fun, excitement, and cheerful activities for the children. Members of the Rotary Club Youth visited our school and conducted various art and craft activities, along with games for the children. The students actively participated in all the activities with great enthusiasm and happiness. The celebration brought smiles to their faces and created a joyful atmosphere throughout the school. It was truly a memorable and enjoyable day for all the children.



It was a great opportunity for our children to participate in the Annual Day celebration of Mount St. Ann School. The children performed dances on both days of the programme with great enthusiasm and confidence. The event provided them with a

wonderful platform to showcase their talents, abilities, and self-confidence before a large audience. Their performances were appreciated by everyone present and brought great joy and encouragement to the children, teachers, and parents alike.

The World Disability Day is celebrated annually on the 3rd December. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect.



On 9th December 2025 there were dance and drama competition conducted by “Sasibaba Sevadham trust” in Khanha Phata, Pune. They performed dance there.

As part of an outreach programme, students from Mount St. High School visited our school for an hour. Their visit brought great joy and excitement to our children.

During their visit, the students conducted various games, dances, and other interactive activities, creating a cheerful and friendly atmosphere. Our children actively participated in all the activities and enjoyed spending time with them.

As a token of their generosity and love, the students also contributed some useful items for our children. Their thoughtful gesture and kind-hearted interaction made the visit meaningful and memorable for everyone



Christmas brings cheer, love, and joy, and we celebrated it with great fervour at our school, spreading the beautiful message of love and happiness among our children. The entire school was filled with festive spirit and excitement.

Our little angels danced joyfully to cheerful Christmas tunes and made the celebration lively and memorable. We had also invited the parents of our students to join us for this lovely programme and to celebrate together the spirit of love, peace, and joy.



The Secret Santa happily danced with the children and distributed sweets and gifts to all, bringing smiles and happiness to every child. The celebration created a warm and joyful atmosphere for everyone present.

An outing was organized to B. K. Birla School as we were invited for their Foundation Day celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed the programme, which included various games, fun activities, and delightful dance performances. They enthusiastically participated in the celebrations and had a memorable time with their friends and teachers. The children also received tokens of love and appreciation from the school, which brought smiles to their faces and made the day even more special. The outing provided our little ones with an opportunity to learn, interact, and enjoy a joyful day filled with fun and happiness.



Our children participated in a girls' cricket tournament organized by Kamayani Institution in Pune. The girls had a practice tournament where they got an opportunity to showcase their skills and teamwork. They played very well and participated with great enthusiasm and confidence.

The children were honoured with T-shirts and caps as a token of encouragement and appreciation. It was the first tournament experience for our the children, making it a memorable and exciting event for them. The experience helped them build confidence, sportsmanship, and team spirit while enjoying a wonderful day of learning and fun.



The 77th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2025 in the school premises. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity and brotherhood. The event commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Sr. Jaya Macwan the school Principal. The school echoed with patriotic fervor as the children danced to the tunes of patriotism, sang patriotic songs. It was an event with memories worth cherishing.



A four-day carnival celebration was organized by Zilla Parishad Pune for special educators and children at Milkha Stadium in Pune. Our teachers enthusiastically participated in the first two days of the carnival with different themes and activities, making the event lively and enjoyable.

The remaining two days were planned for our children to participate and enjoy the celebrations. However, due to the sudden demise of Maharashtra's Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Ajit Pawar, the carnival was cancelled. Although the event could not continue as planned, the experience of participation during the initial days was memorable and meaningful for both the teachers and children.

Again, it was a great opportunity for our children to participate in a marathon race held in Pune along with three of our teachers. It was the first time that our children took part in a marathon, and they participated with great excitement, enthusiasm, and confidence.

The event gave them a wonderful experience of sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination. Our children successfully completed the marathon and were appreciated for their participation. They received medals and T-shirts, which made them feel proud and encouraged. The marathon became a memorable and inspiring experience for both the children and teachers.



Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit in our school. The children came dressed in traditional Maratha attire, looking vibrant and confident as brave Maratha warriors. The celebration helped the children learn about the life, courage, leadership, and values of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The programme included speeches, songs, and cultural activities dedicated to the great Maratha king. The children enthusiastically participated in the celebration and enjoyed dressing up in traditional costumes. The event inspired our little ones to respect and remember the rich history and culture of Maharashtra.



Saint Gadge Maharaj Jayanti was celebrated in our school with great respect and enthusiasm. On this occasion, our co-workers were honoured and appreciated for their dedicated work and valuable contribution to the school.

The students actively participated in cleaning the school premises as a part of the celebration and learned the importance of cleanliness and social responsibility. The teachers explained to the children the value of respecting every kind of work and the dignity of labour. The celebration helped the students understand the teachings and values of Saint Gadge Maharaj, inspiring them to develop respect for all individuals and their work.



On 5th March, the children of Karunanjali enjoyed a wonderful trip to the resort “Jal by the Bay.” It was an amazing and memorable day for everyone. The children had great fun exploring the beautiful surroundings and spending quality time with their friends and teachers. The swimming pool added a refreshing touch to the day, and everyone had a joyful time splashing and playing in the water.

The children sang songs, danced together, and filled the atmosphere with happiness and excitement. The picnic was a perfect opportunity for the students to relax, enjoy themselves, and create beautiful memories with their classmates and teachers.



A dental check-up camp was conducted at Karunanjali School by the doctors from General Hospital, Talegaon. The doctors carefully examined the students, especially the mentally challenged children, and checked their overall dental health.

The doctors interacted warmly with the students and asked how they were feeling and whether they had any pain or health-related problems. They also spoke with the sisters and teachers to inquire about the health and well-being of each student. During the visit, the doctors guided the children on the importance of oral hygiene. They demonstrated the correct way to brush teeth and explained how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. The camp was very informative and beneficial for both the students and staff.

On 10th March, our school teacher Mrs. Sukeshani Bhoshale was honoured with the *Best Teacher Award* from Talegaon by the “Kranti Jyoti” Foundation. It was a great proud moment for our school. Her dedication, hard work, and sincere efforts towards the education and development of the children have been truly appreciated and

recognized. We congratulate her on this wonderful achievement and wish her continued success in the future.



On 13th March, our school received the Certificate of “*Disha Abhiyan*”. Among 435 schools, only 27 schools were awarded, and our school was one of them. It is truly a proud moment for all of us to be recognized for our efforts and dedication. This achievement has encouraged us to continue working hard for the betterment of our children and the school community.

The Karunanjali community, once an extension of St. Ann’s Convent in Talegaon, has now blossomed into a recognized juridical community within the Diocese of Pune, following the approval of the Superior General and her council. This recognition is not merely a milestone, but a seed planted for the future—a beginning filled with promise and grace. Our mission is like tending a garden: we nurture what has been entrusted to us, knowing that growth takes time and patience. We are aware that we cannot accomplish everything, yet we believe that doing our part faithfully and wholeheartedly is enough. Each effort, however small, contributes to a larger vision that extends beyond us.

We embrace the truth that we are workers, not master builders. Our role is to serve with faith, to sow seeds of hope, and to trust that the fruits will ripen in God’s time. The outcome may remain unseen by us, but we rest in the assurance that our labor is part of something greater—a future shaped by grace and guided by divine providence.

This is only the beginning, a moment of new possibility. With humility and trust, we step forward, confident that the Karunanjali community is being woven into the larger tapestry of God’s work in the world.