

# The Inventure Advantage

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## ACUMO Finathon 2025: Inventure Students Shine on a National Stage



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ACUMO Finathon 2025 is a prestigious national-level finance and business competition organised in association with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore). Designed to nurture financial literacy, entrepreneurial thinking, and strategic decision-making, the competition brought together some of the brightest young minds from schools across the country.



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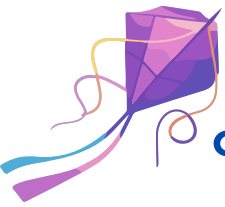
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Reaching the Grand Finale at IIM Bangalore is a remarkable achievement and a testament to our students' growing confidence, competence, and curiosity in finance and business. We congratulate all participants for their effort and applaud our finalists for making Inventure proud on a national platform.





## Celebrating Festivals with Joy, Learning, and Giving – Little Hands, Big Hearts

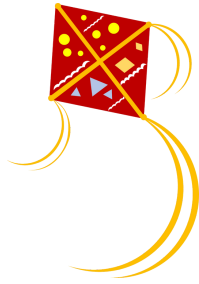
Our Kindergarten K2 children from the **Sarjapur Campus** celebrated Makar Sankranti alongside the wonderful children of **Kodathi School**, transforming the day into a meaningful experience of sharing, learning, and joy.

The children came together to create colourful torans, immersed themselves in cheerful craft activities, and delighted in sharing festive treats such as peanuts and warm pongal, truly embracing the spirit of the harvest festival. The celebration soared higher as little hands held kite strings aloft, filling the air with laughter, excitement, and festive cheer.

Adding deeper meaning to the day was a heartfelt gesture by our K2 learners, who **donated books to the Kodathi School** library—a gentle yet powerful lesson that festivals are not only about celebration, but also about kindness, gratitude, and giving back to the community.

The day was filled with smiles, new friendships, cultural learning, and moments that will be cherished for a long time. It offered our young learners a beautiful opportunity to experience the joy of festivals while imbibing the values of sharing, caring, and belonging to a larger community.

A celebration where little hearts learned big values.





## stArt 2026: Spreading Hope Through Colours and Compassion

stArt was a student-led inter-school art initiative conceived and organised by the students of NPS Koramangala bringing together creativity and compassion for a meaningful cause. The event aimed to raise funds for **Karunashraya**, a palliative care home for terminally ill cancer patients, while also highlighting the healing power of art.

Research by *ArtWorks for Cancer* has shown that exposure to visual arts can uplift spirits, reduce stress, ease anxiety for families, and even contribute positively to patient well-being. Inspired by this belief, the stArt team envisioned filling the halls of Karunashraya with vibrant, positive artwork created by caring young citizens.

As Kurchi Mitra, the mind behind the initiative, shared:

*"We thought the halls of Karunashraya could be made even livelier for the patients by hanging artwork imbued with positive messages, created by caring citizens. Since it is a palliative care home, we believed this tangible support in the form of paintings would boost morale and beautify their surroundings."*

Following the success of last year's edition, which raised **₹70,000** through registrations and a student-led bake sale, **stArt 2026** was conducted once again, continuing this inspiring legacy of joy, colour, and kindness.

Students from **Inventure Academy's Whitefield - Sarjapur and Yeshwanthpur Campuses** enthusiastically participated in the event, contributing their creativity and compassion to the cause. The competition was held at NPS Koramangala, with students engaging across three age-based categories and thought-provoking themes that encouraged self-expression, cultural appreciation, and visions for a better future.



Participants brought their ideas to life using a variety of artistic media, and their work was judged by accomplished artists. In addition to the art competition, a bake sale organised by students of Grades 6 to 8 at NPS Koramangala added to the fundraising efforts, with all proceeds directed towards Karunashraya.

The entire amount raised through registration fees and the bake sale was donated to Karunashraya, reinforcing the message that art can be a powerful medium for empathy and social impact. The event stood as a meaningful learning experience for our students, who witnessed firsthand how creativity, when combined with compassion, can make a real difference.

Through colours and care, our students were proud to be part of an initiative that spread hope, dignity, and joy.



## Walking Through Bengaluru's Past to Understand Its Future

### Problem Statement

*You are a wildlife conservationist studying a peri-urban green space on the outskirts of Bengaluru that is undergoing rapid land-use change due to urban expansion. The area is increasingly affected by housing encroachment, garbage dumping, habitat fragmentation, and human-induced fires. Your task is to investigate how these human activities impact local ecosystems and biodiversity, using evidence related to land-use patterns, urban growth, and environmental change. Based on your findings, propose three clear, evidence-based strategies that could help reduce these impacts and contribute to a more sustainable future for Bengaluru.*

To deepen their understanding of this real-world challenge, **Grade 8 Geography PBL students** from the Sarjapur campus visited the **Bangalore Design Centre** as part of a field trip aligned to their project-based learning. The visit offered an engaging and interactive exploration of how changes in land use and rapid urban expansion have shaped present-day Bengaluru, alongside insights into the city's historical evolution.

The speakers traced Bengaluru's transformation over time, explaining how the fall of Tipu Sultan's capital at Srirangapatna led the British to shift their cantonment to Bengaluru—largely due to health concerns and the region's favourable climate.

This historical decision played a significant role in influencing the city's growth and spatial development.

A key highlight for students was the large map projected on the ground, which they could literally "walk on." This immersive experience helped them observe spatial changes over time and better understand the factors that have shaped Bengaluru's urban landscape.

Overall, the field trip enriched students' understanding of the problem statement, strengthened their ability to connect historical context with present-day environmental challenges, and provided a strong foundation for proposing thoughtful, sustainable solutions.



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