Dear Parents,

'AAKAR 2025' is a series of cultural events being held for the students of SH CMI Kindergarten to express their unique and innate talents at a young age. The events are divided into two categories off-stage and on-stage and the list is given below. Students can participate in all events. Select the events in which your child wants to participate and enter it in the relevant page of the school handbook. The off- stage events of both LKG and UKG will commence on Monday, 14th July 2025.

As you all know, getting rid of stage fear is the first step toward gaining confidence. Help your child by giving proper training at home and give them an opportunity to showcase their talents. There will be prelims for all on-stage events, except dance (solo).

- The prelims of the Aakar on-stage events commence on 25th July, Friday.
- Off stage events of LKG & UKG commence on 14th July, Monday.
- The Finals of on stage events of LKG & UKG will commence on 20th August.
- Solo dance will be conducted on 23rd August, Saturday.

	Category I - LKG		Category II - UKG
	Off-Stage Events		Off-Stage Events
1	Colouring with crayons - compulsory	1	Colouring with crayons - compulsory
2	Memory Game - compulsory	2	Drawing and Colouring- compulsory
3	Clay Modelling	3	Pencil drawing - compulsory
4	Origami (Paper Folding)	4	Memory Game - compulsory
		5	Collage - compulsory
		6	Clay Modelling
	On-Stage Events	7	Origami (Paper Folding)
			On-Stage Events
1	Action Song- Malayalam	1	Action Song- Malayalam
2	Action Song- English	2	Action Song- English
3	Story telling- English	3	Story telling- Malayalam
4	Singing (solo)- Malayalam	4	Story telling- English
5	Dance (solo)	5	Singing (solo)- Malayalam
		6	Singing (solo)- English
		7	Elocution – Malayalam
		8	Elocution – English
		9	Show & tell
		10	Dance (solo)

- ➤ It is compulsory for both LKG & UKG students to participate in Colouring with crayons and Memory Game.
- ➢ It is compulsory for all UKG students to participate in Pencil drawing, Drawing & Colouring and Collage.

OFF-STAGE EVENTS

1. Colouring with crayons (LKG &UKG), Time:1 hour

- An outline picture will be given.
- Crayons will be provided.

Criteria - Neatness, shading & composition, colour concept

2. Memory Game (LKG &UKG) Time: 30 minutes

- Pictures/images will be projected on the Projector Screen for 1 minute.
- Children will be given a worksheet with the images shown on the Projector.
- Participant will have to circle only the images shown.
- Participant who circles all the pictures with no errors will be declared the winner.

3. Pencil drawing (UKG) Time: 1 hour - Topic: "Nature"

 Participant should bring the pencil and eraser from home according to the picture they draw.

Criteria – Clarity of theme, Creativity and Neatness.

4. Drawing and Colouring (UKG) Time: 1 hour

- The Crayons and a drawing paper of size 35cm × 28cm (¼ of a chart paper) will be provided.
- Any picture can be drawn and coloured.

Criteria - Creativity, neatness, even strokes and colour concept

5. Collage (UKG) Time: 1 hour

- An outline picture and coloured paper strips will be provided
- Neatness
- Completion
- Overall impression

Criteria – Neatness, completion, colour concept and overall impression

6. Clay modelling (LKG &UKG) Time: 45 minutes (200 gm. each colour)

- Participant can make only one object using any two coloured clay (play dough).
- Participants should bring the clay from home according to the object they plan to make.
- Use of accessories or extra objects will not be permitted.

Criteria - Neatness, perfection, creativity, imagination, colour concept.

7. Origami (Paper Folding – LKG & UKG), Time: 30 minutes

- Origami paper (size: 15cm x 15cm) will be provided.
- Participant can make only **one object** using any single coloured paper.
- Use of accessories are not allowed.
- Drawing on the paper will not be permitted

Criteria - Neatness, creativity, number of folds.

ON-STAGE EVENTS

- 1. Action Song-Malayalam & English (LKG & UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any action song (outside of the syllabus) can be selected.
 - Props are strictly not allowed.

Criteria - Actions, expression, pronunciation, rhythm

- 2. Story telling-Malayalam (UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any story with a moral can be selected.

Criteria - Pronunciation, fluency, expression, voice modulation, action

- 3. Story telling-English (LKG & UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any story with a moral can be selected.

Criteria - Pronunciation, fluency, expression, voice modulation, action

- 4. Singing-English (UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any English song other than nursery rhymes can be sung.

Criteria-Pronunciation, melody, rhythm & clarity

- 5. Singing- Malayalam (LKG & UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any Malayalam song from film/album (other than nursery rhymes) can be sung.

Criteria - Pronunciation, melody, rhythm & clarity

- 6. Elocution-English(UKG) Topic What I want to be; Time: 3 minutes Criteria for Elocution – Content, fluency, pronunciation, presentation & voice modulation
- 7. Elocution-Malayalam (UKG) Topic- "Arivu Shakthiyanu" "അറിവ് ശക്തിയാണ്"; Time: 3minutes

Criteria for Elocution – Content, fluency, pronunciation, presentation & voice modulation

- 8. Show and Tell (UKG), Time: 3 minutes
 - Any handheld object can be used to express their ideas.
 - No standing props or backdrop allowed.

Criteria - Pronunciation, clarity, fluency, content, overall presentation

- 9. Dance solo (LKG & UKG), Time: 3 to 5 minutes
 - There will be no separate competitions for boys and girls.
 - Dance should be based on film music from any Indian language with appropriate costume. Make up is be permitted.
 - Decency and decorum shall be maintained in the dress and steps performed.
 - Stage settings are not permitted.
 - Hand props are permitted, if required.

Criteria – Costume, rhythm, choreography, overall presentation