



# The SMC Voice

St. Mary's Convent Inter College

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## Vision and Voice

The last month of the year, 2025, ended on a positive note. The month of December, as observed, is generally filled with warmth, kindness and a clear aim of instilling love, compassion and respect amongst the students of St. Mary's Convent Inter College. A balance between academic growth and personal growth is struck as the scheduled Unit Assessments are aligned with some learning enhancing activities. This December too, both students and teachers worked enthusiastically to bring the year to a successful end. The icing on the cake was the Christmas cheer and activities of pageants and carols as the students participated whole heartedly with an infectious fervor which warmed the hearts of all. As we step into a new year, we said our goodbye to Reverend Sister Damascena CJ, who set off on the journey of eternal life on the 30th of January, 2026, at 10:40 p.m. This loss caused a huge wound to the hearts of the members of the SMC family. We also said our goodbyes to the batch of 2025-26. Though the month experienced a lot of sorrow, a small bit of joy was celebrated as we celebrated the Mary Ward week.

As we step into the new year, we would like to thank our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, and Our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita for their constant support and encouragement which helped us to venture into a successful publication of the E-Bulletin. Their faith and belief in our work pushed us to work harder and be better in every step we take not only as the team of 'Voice of SMC', but also as individuals. We would also like to thank Ma'am Sharmila Deb for always helping us and making sure that the E-bulletin is the finest version of itself, leaving no space for mistakes. Her guidance means the world to us and we cannot put our gratitude into words. We sincerely thank them for the chance that they have given us to showcase, explore and perfect our talents.

Yours Sincerely,  
Aayona Dwivedi &  
Seejal Malang

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*"YOU DON'T FIND YOUR PATH—YOU BUILD IT WITH EVERY SMALL DECISION."*

# EVENTS Of the Month

DECEMBER 2025-JANUARY 2026

## ***JPIC visit to NGO Robin Hood Army:***

On the 14th of December, 2025, the students and teachers of JPIC group, along with our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, made a visit to a school run by the NGO 'Robin Hood Army'. The purpose of the visit was to help and spread joy amongst the unprivileged children, through distribution of stationery items. The aim was to impart values of kindness, sharing and social responsibility among the students encourages them not only to become the finest version of themselves academically, but also as conscientious and members of the society. The stationery items including notebooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, pens and chocolates, were distributed to 37 students of the school. The JPIC members were accorded a warm welcome upon their arrival. They started their visit with a melodious prayer song and a brief interactive session with the students of the school under the umbrella of NGO Robin Hood Army. This session increased the intensity of warmth and comfort between the attendees. The place reverberated with laughter, smiles and positivity. As the environment radiated with rejoice, the visit concluded with the JPIC members' hearts being filled with compassion and kindness, as the children they visited bid them a good bye with a smiles.



*"GROWTH OFTEN FEELS LIKE LOSING PARTS OF YOURSELF YOU'VE  
OUTGROWN."*

## *Excursion to Allahabad Fort:*

With hearts filled with excitement and bags full of tasty edibles, the students of class 5 set on their journey to the Allahabad Fort and Minto Park for an excursion, on the 15th of December, 2025. This trip was truly an event where history met enjoyment, and was aimed at making the students familiar with their city's history. At the Allahabad Fort, they learned about the Ashoka Pillar, which was history in history and which captivated the attention of the young, curious minds of the students. The teachers had also come prepared for any questions that were raised, and briefed the students on the importance of monuments. Thereafter, the students were taken to the Minto Park, where the cool breeze and calm environment created a comfortable environment for the students where they felt free to run around and play. Once they were tired, they spread their blankets and sat down with their friends and laid the food brought by them from home. It was truly a sight to behold. The day concluded with tired bodies, but hearts full of memories that these young students will cherish forever. The picnic would not have been possible without our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, taking the initiative. We offer our sincere gratitude towards our Reverend Sisters for organising the picnic and exposing the students to the beautiful history that our city holds.



## *Ashadeep School Picnic:*

On the 15th of December, 2025, the students of Ashadeep Junior High School were taken to the Elephant Park for a picnic. The air was filled with overflowing joy and laughter, making the park even more vibrant. Students were seen running around, going down the slides and jumping on the trampolines. They were accompanied by the teachers, who kept a watchful eye on them and made sure no one got hurt or wandered away too far. Teachers joined the students in games as well. Thereafter, the students, once exhausted from all the playing around and running, sat down with their friends, hands filled with snacks and ate the edibles brought from home. The day concluded with the students arriving back at school. The students were grateful towards Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, Reverend Sister Namita CJ and Reverend Sister Joesita CJ for providing them with such an experience that brought a smile on their faces and filled hearts with memories that will last them their entire lives.



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*“NOT EVERY DELAY IS DENIAL; SOMETIMES IT’S PREPARATION IN DISGUISE.”*

# Christmas Celebration:

'Christmas is for everyone because God sent His Son for all of us'.

The activities heralding the onset of the Christmas Season started with the students of Ashadeep Junior High School presenting a Christmas Show in the presence of all the Reverend Sisters. The programme began with a prayer, filling the environment with a spiritual essence. Followed by this were dances, songs and a cinematic theatre-like presentation of the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the event, meaningful dance performances were held, conveying the message of love, peace and brotherhood associated with the birth of Jesus Christ. The joy and happiness associated with the Christmas season continued as on the 19th of December, classes 2C, 2D and 2E conducted the Christmas Assembly with great joy and a festive spirit. The Assembly began with a dance themed "Mary Did You Know", to depict the purity of Mother Mary. Thereafter, a prayer service including a prayer dance took place, invoking God's blessings upon the gathering of young students. Following this, the students presented the Nativity scenes, bringing alive the birth of Jesus and Christ and reminding all, the importance of humility and kindness. The young students created a festive environment by decorating a Christmas tree while explaining the meaning and importance of each ornament. Participants then went ahead and performed a Christmas Qawwali filling the air with joy and enthusiasm. The Qawwali was the creative highlight of the day and thereafter, a melodious carol was sung. Reverend Sister Martha addressed the gathering and encouraged the students to celebrate Christmas by spreading love and joy amongst their friends, family and others also. The day concluded with a Surprise Santa dance, where Santa brought a present for everyone. On the 20th of December, 2025, the senior students gathered in the Assembly field, to watch the Christmas programme. The event conducted under the expert guidance and constant support of our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita CJ, started with a prayer invoking the blessings of God on all. The theme of the programme was the Nativity Play, which portrayed the story of the birth of Jesus Christ with accuracy and highlighted the importance of the humility that we should carry in our hearts and actions. A vibrant dance performance was then presented, making the audience pulsate with enthusiasm and excitement. At the end, a Santa appeared, where Santa threw candies to the audience. These Christmas celebrations filled with joy, making them feel exuberant and excited and taught us the importance of love and humility for the true spirit of Christmas lies in a heart willing to give!



*"YOUR FUTURE IS SHAPED MORE BY YOUR HABITS THAN YOUR HOPES."*

# *Annual Athletic Sports Day:*

Sports is often said to reveal character as well as build it. Knowing the importance of physical development, our school celebrated its 159th Annual Athletic Meet on December 13, 2025. Special guests for the event included Rev. Sr. Sumita CJ, the Manager, alongside our Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy CJ; Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Namita CJ; and the Reverend Sisters. Rev. Sr. Sumita formally declared the Annual Athletic Meet open by invoking God's blessings upon all. The Games Captain, Anamika Chakraborty, and the Games Vice Captain, Nimisha Gupta, led the athletes to the Oath Taking Ceremony, setting the tone for a healthy, disciplined, and fair competition. The Athletic Meet featured a variety of events across four categories, involving students from different divisions—Division A, B, C, and D. These students enthusiastically participated in track and field events such as the 100m, 200m, 400m races, and relay races. Following the athletic events, students from classes 3, 4, and 5 engaged in exciting recreational games. They left the field adorned with colourful props, with smiles on their faces. The highlight of the event was the much-anticipated tug-of-war match between the Blue House and the Yellow House. The field was a vibrant tapestry of colours and energy as House moderators, captains, and vice-captains surrounded the participants, offering unwavering support and motivation. Despite a fierce competition, the Yellow House emerged victorious, clinching the coveted trophy for the tug-of-war. The Prize Distribution ceremony commenced with the awarding of prizes to the winners of the pre-determined events, including the 400m race, hurdles, throw ball, and javelin throw. National-level athletes and participants from various sports events were also honoured for their exceptional performances throughout the year. Notably, the Yellow House secured the trophies for both the Inter-House Cultural and Literary Events for the session 2025-2026, earning them the title of the Winning House of the day. The Red House secured the Runners-Up Trophy, followed by Green House as the second runner-up. The ceremony concluded with the final assembly, and an inspiring address by our Reverend Principal followed by a vote-of-thanks by the Vice Head Girl and the School Anthem. The event stood as a testament to teamwork, discipline, and the everlasting St. Marian Pride, making it a truly memorable and triumphant day for the SMCIC family.



*"YOU DON'T RISE TO GOALS—YOU RISE TO YOUR SYSTEMS."*

## *Class Picnic of Class 3 and 4:*

On 15th of December, 2025 the students of Classes 3 and 4 spent their day in the Chandra Shekhar Azad park, popularly known as the Company Garden. The outing provided a refreshing break from their routine and was filled with laughter and joy as the children spent their day surrounded by their friends amidst nature. During the educational visit, the students also saw the statue of Chandra Shekhar Azad, as the teachers shared insights into his life and sacrifices. The picnic turned out to be a joyful and memorable experience for all.



## *The Last Bell: The Thanksgiving Assembly:*

Every beautiful journey must reach its final page, As the academic session came to an end, Class XII expressed gratitude towards their Alma Mater, to the Respected sisters and teachers who have helped them to be who they are today. The Thanksgiving Assembly, themed "The Last Bell," was a meaningful presentation by the students of Class XII, marking the completion of their journey at St. Marys Convent Inter College. A bell was beautifully portrayed, depicting a silent witness to their growth, discipline, learning and the countless memories they shared within the school walls. The assembly commenced by seeking the blessings of the Almighty, followed by a skit, a heartfelt Hindi poem, and inspiring addresses where the students expressed gratitude to the Sisters, teachers, supportive staff and friends who were their guiding light throughout their school life. Their theme conveyed a powerful message which proclaimed that the last bell is not just an end, but a transition to new beginnings filled with hope and responsibilities.



*"STRENGTH IS STAYING KIND IN A WORLD THAT REWARDS HARDNESS."*

## Visit to the Lepers' Colony:

The 17th of December, 2025, saw the students of class 7, setting out on a journey to the Lepers' Colon, at Karela Bagh, Prayagraj. They were warmly welcomed at the premises by the occupant of the colony. The visit began with a short entertainment session organised by the students of SMC comprising of songs, A Nativity Play and some speeches. Soon after, conversations started between the students and the residents to bring about warm and interesting interactions. The residents of the Leprosy Home were also ready with a lively show, making the day truly memorable. The students then offered essential items like groceries, first-aid kits, pulses and flour as a token of solidarity. The visit was organised by our Reverend Principal and Vice Principal, with the aim of promoting compassion, kindness and selflessness amongst the students.



## USM Activity:

"Winter Smiles" was the name of the activity initiated by the USM, was successfully conducted on the grounds of our school. As a part of the initiative, members of the USM and even non-member students willingly agreed to volunteer and collect a small amount of money, which was thereafter used in the purchase of essential articles for the school's supportive staff members. The items were then presented lovingly to them by the members of the USM to them during the morning assembly as a token of respect. These items had been lovingly and thoughtfully selected and were gracefully accepted with warm smiles and hearts filled with gratitude. This activity organised with the aim of inculcating empathy and responsibility amongst the students and it ended in a huge success as those values got imbibed by many. We would like to thank our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita CJ, for introducing this activity and helping the students become the finest versions of themselves.



*"CONSISTENCY BEATS MOTIVATION EVERY SINGLE TIME."*

# Alumnae Meet 2025:

The St. Mary's Convent Alumnae Association organized the Annual Alumnae Meet 2025 on 19th December 2025 within the school premises for all ex-students. The meet, held every year, provided a wonderful opportunity for alumnae to reconnect with their alma mater. Joy and nostalgia were evident on the faces of the ex-students as they eagerly greeted their teachers and Reverend Sisters after many years. The Golden and Silver Jubilarians—alumnae who had completed 50 years and 25 years respectively were honoured with special gifts, in recognition of their enduring bond with the institution. The teachers and Sisters were also felicitated for their immense contribution to shaping the lives of their students. The highlight of the event was the enthusiastic participation of the alumnae in various games, their enjoyment of High Tea and their lively moments on the dance floor. The SMC Alumnae Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Sr. Lissy (Principal), Rev. Sr. Namita (Vice Principal), Rev. Sr. Sumita (Manager), and Rev. Sr. Sheela for their able guidance and leadership. Sincere thanks were also extended to the teachers—Mrs. Bajpai, Mrs. Arti Kakkar, Ms. Neera Gupta, Mrs. Prabha Agarwal, Mrs. Roma Shukla, Mrs. Chanchal Srivastava, Mrs. Madhu Sharma, and Mrs. Namita Verma—for their unwavering support at every step in organizing the event.



*"SOMETIMES THE LESSON IS THE BLESSING."*

# *Birthday Celebration of Reverend Sister Sumita, Reverend Sister Namita and Reverend Sister Sheela:*

With an atmosphere full of joy and gratitude, the morning of 12 January, 2026, started with a memorable birthday celebration for our Reverend Sister Sumita, Reverend Sister Namita, and Reverend Sister Sheela, who have consistently been instrumental in guiding the school towards greater heights. The ceremony started with student representatives offering bouquets and cards to the celebrant sisters, as a token of love and respect. A beautiful assembly was organised by the students of class 11A. The entire program centred around the theme "Pillars of Strength, Beacons of Lights." Students performed dances, songs which all revolved around a skit, based on a classroom scene. It brought out the importance of our Sisters and how without them, the school would not be as vibrant as it is. They not only help ensure the smooth functioning of the daily activities but also teach values and morals which help us become better people. The celebration concluded with Reverend Sister Namita acknowledging the collective efforts of the class 11 students and their teachers calling it mesmerising and memorable as well.



*"THE HARDEST CHOICES USUALLY LEAD TO THE STRONGEST OUTCOMES."*

## *Prayer Service for Rev. Sr. Damanscena CJ:*

The entire SMC Family gathered to condole the death of Reverend Sr. Damanscena CJ, Reverend Sisters, teachers and students expressed deep regrets and profound grief on the sad demise of Sister Damanscena CJ whose soul had left for her heavenly abode on 23rd January, 2026 at 10:40 p.m.



## *Republic Day '26:*

As proud Indians, we celebrated our 77th Republic day in glory and pride on the 26th January, 2026. The class of 10 D solemnly organised the celebration of this day for the senior classes of St. Mary's Convent Inter College. It was indeed a day of reflected Patriotism, remembrance and constitutional values. The programme commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Honourable Chief Guest and former teacher, Mrs Shashi Tressler, in the gracious presence of our Manager, Rev. Sr. Sumita, Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy, Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Namita, Rev. Sr. Josita, and other Reverend Sisters, followed by the National Anthem, which instilled a deep sense of national pride among all present. A reverent prayer was said to honour the departed soul of Late Reverend Sister Damascena CJ. These moment reflected not only on national pride, but our spiritual level of connection with souls we've lost, but had made contributions to the nation. Thereafter, sacred readings from the holy scriptures along with a creative skit were performed on the open stage. The skit highlighted the enduring relevance of justice, liberty, equity and fraternity, the four pillars of our Constitution. Following this, a number of vibrant patriotic dances were performed that rejuvenated the patriotic spirits embedded in the students. The day ended as The Honourable Chief Guest, Mrs. Shashi Tressler, encouraged students to uphold constitutional values and practise responsible citizenship. While the senior side vibrated with patriotism and pride for our nation, the junior side did not stay behind. Prepared by the class of 2-A, the students performed beautiful dances, songs and a skit that educated the young students about the importance of the Constitution, on the stage. Even the young hearts holding the truest meaning of patriotism, joined in to celebrate enthusiastically. The Chief Guest shared a heartfelt message and encouraged the students to uphold the values of the Constitution and become responsible citizens of India.



*"EFFORT COMPOUNDS EVEN WHEN RESULTS DON'T SHOW IMMEDIATELY."*

## *Non-fire cooking for the Ashadeep Junior High Students:*

On the 27th of January, 2026, a non-fire cooking competition was held for the students of Ashadeep Junior High students. The students brought cut-up vegetables from home and were directed to cook food that did not involve fire. The creative and efficient students made interesting food items like sandwiches, salad, burgers. After enough time was provided to the participants, the esteemed judges walked to the tables where the food items were placed and marked the students on the basis of presentation and taste. This activity aimed at teaching students basic life skills and keeping their safety in mind while doing so. A huge thank you to our Headmistress, Reverend Sister Josita, our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, for organising this activity.



## *A Visit to Divya Jyoti Niketan:*

On the 30th of January, 2026, the students of class 8B went on a visit to the Divya Jyoti Niketan, a school for the visually challenged children. The aim of the visit was to spread joy and the knowledge of Venerable Mary Ward's life and as a tribute on her death anniversary. The students, accompanied by their teachers, were warmly welcomed by the students of Divya Jyoti Niketan by singing a melodious song, creating a warm atmosphere. The interaction soon began as the students of Divya Jyoti Niketan showed their visitors how they read, write and study, using the Braille. This highlighted the importance of inclusive study and true learning that extends the boundaries of textbooks. This taught our students to look beyond differences and foster the values of empathy, gratitude and mutual respect. We deeply appreciate the efforts made by our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, for wanting to teach the students these values.



*"SUCCESS IS BUILT QUIETLY LONG BEFORE IT IS SEEN LOUDLY."*

## *Death Anniversary of Mother Mary Ward and Mahatma Gandhi:*

On the 30th of January, 2026, a special assembly was organised in the remembrance of two of the greatest personalities we've heard of: Our Foundress, Venerable Mary Ward and the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The program began with throwing light on the life of Mary Ward, which was filled with devotion and selfless sacrifices. The focus remained strongly on how the goal of Mother Mary Ward's life was to empower women and to push them to do greater things for themselves and the society that they live in. Gandhiji was remembered for his contribution to the nation. A floral tribute was offered by the management and the staff of the school to these two great personalities. Thereafter, a skit was performed that portrayed the life story and struggles faced by Mary Ward. This program included a prayer, dances and hymns. Following this, the students were then led to the Lower Concert Hall where an Art exhibition was organised as a tribute to Venerable Mother Mary Ward and Mahatma Gandhi. Multiple portraits and other artwork pieces were displayed there. These works of art were made by students from classes 6 to 12, and each were a masterpiece. Many exhibits were hyper-realistic and quite awe-striking. The occasion was graced by the Manager, Reverend Sister Sumita, Our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, Our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita and the Sisters of the Convent, teachers and students who joined in on this celebration of life depicted through colours of creativity.



*"DISCIPLINE IS CHOOSING WHAT YOU WANT MOST OVER WHAT YOU WANT NOW."*

# *Farewell for Batch of 2025-2026:*

As we step closer towards the new academic year, we blossom with new expectations and goals, but the inevitable goodbyes also loom over us. The students of Class 11 made sure to hold back their tears as much as they could, while throwing a farewell programme for the Batch of 2025-26, themed "Dreamcatchers of Hope". This was bidding an emotional goodbye to the students of Class 12, who were graduating from the school after thirteen years. The event began with scripture readings and dances that depicted each religion, followed by a prayer invoking God's blessings upon the audience. Thereafter, a vibrant 'Theme Reveal', was presented on stage, where a dreamcatcher was actually placed on the stage and the rest of the program revolved around it. A skit was presented, which was humorous yet meaningful with characters of some different dimensions such as Shakespearean characters like Portia, the three witches from Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, everyone's favourite Hermoine Granger from Harry Potter and to everybody's joy Munna Bhai MBBS with his companion, Circuit came onto the stage. Through enactment of roles, they gave the students important messages and values that they should carry onward as they step into the real world tied a thread on the dreamcatcher, each character on stage supposedly prepared by the real scientist, Dr. Virus and his assistant. The programme concluded with vibrant dances and a song composed by the choir members. Following the cultural programme, the Manager, Reverend Sister Sumita; the Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy; and the Vice-Principal, Reverend Sister Namita felicitated the outgoing students with mementos, as tokens of remembrance, encouraging them to cherish their journey at SMC and carry its values into the wider world. The outgoing batch then had an Evening-stay where they interacted with each other and their teachers. The beautiful moments were captured as memories, through the lens, by the e-care team. As darkness set in, drawing the curtain over the occasion, each student held a candle in hand as they moved out of their Alma matter, and placed them all around the temple of learning that nurtured their journey from early childhood till the threshold of adulthood.



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*"PEACE IS NOT FOUND IN SILENCE, BUT IN ACCEPTANCE."*

# Congregation of Jesus (CJ)

The Sisters of the CONGREGATION OF JESUS (CJ) formerly known as the CONGREGATION of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (I.B.M.V.) run several schools and colleges in India and other parts of the world. The Institute was founded in 1609, by Mary Ward, a valiant English Lady, to cater for the education of girls, with special emphasis on moral and spiritual formation, in response to the needs of the times. The CJ Schools and Colleges strive to prepare students to be responsible, mature with integrated personalities. CJ Education aims at developing in students an awareness of God's love, care and concern, through which they may find meaning in life and hope for the future. They seek to form thoroughly educated women who, motivated by genuine love and a spirit of service, are alive to the needs of the times. Along with secular knowledge, the sisters strive to form in students a right conscience in their relations to God and their fellow-men, with a thirst for truth, a sense of social justice, genuine concern for others and obedience to lawful authority