



The SMC Voice

St. Mary's Convent Inter College

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Vision and Voice

As the academic year of 2025-26 came to an end, the SMC Voice also completed its one full year of publishing! This achievement was only possible because of the active support and encouragement of our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, who have enabled us to excel in our respective fields.

The last two months were filled with sorrowful, inevitable goodbyes, painful farewells, but also a hope to accept and to bloom and blossom in a way that opens doors leading to new beginnings.

We bid an unfortunate goodbye to Reverend Sister Celine CJ, who was a big part of our lives, who left for her Heavenly Abode on the 15th of March. We also bade a fond farewell to Ma'am Zeba, Ma'am Haroon and Ma'am Dolly Dutt, who helped shape many of the lives and personal traits we have in us today and Shri Hira Ji, whose contribution towards a clean upkeep of our school campus, will forever be remembered. Though these farewells saddened our hearts, we also witnessed many new beginnings, which came as a hope and message, that every end helps us grow stronger.

Some of these events that took place are the Report Card Distribution and a Prayer Service, that marked the new beginning of another Academic Session, another chance at learning and making mistakes, in order to learn from them.

As we mark an end to this academic year, we would like to thank the Almighty for giving us this life to learn new things. We would also like to thank our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita and the School Management, for giving us this enriching platform to learn new things everyday as we grow and move forward towards our future with skills and lessons learnt for a lifetime.

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EVENTS Of the Month

FEBRUARY- MARCH 2026

Headmistress Reverend Sister Martha's Birthday Celebration 2026:

On the 3rd of February, 2026, classes 1 and 2 celebrated gracefully the birthday of our Reverend Headmistress, Sister Martha CJ. The program was indeed beautiful, and it touched the hearts of many, and most importantly, the heart of Reverend Sister Martha. The event commenced with an introduction of Sister Martha, where it was mentioned how she is a guiding light who leads the institution with wisdom, discipline and compassion. She has been a huge inspiration not only for the students, but also for teachers, coworkers and all those around her. She pushes the students to grow in knowledge, values and to excel in life.

The celebration started with a Prayer Dance, followed by a Prayer, invoking blessings upon Reverend Sister Martha, for good health, joy and peace. The participants also brought out various symbols of appreciation, each representing the remarkable values held by our HeadMistress. Teachers also took part, expressing their gratitude through a Birthday song as the students presented a dance performance. The event concluded with a thank you message, given by students, teachers and the support staff.



"A STRONG MIND IS BUILT IN THE HOURS NOBODY CLAPS FOR."

Mary Ward- A visionary with a Spirit of Revolution

The 'Friends of Mary Ward' Meet, a Training of Trainers' programme, was held on the 6th of February, 2026, at St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Prayagraj. It was a 3-day training program with participants from various institutions. This training programme was meant to be a meaningful event to imbue the participants with values and beliefs of Mother Mary Ward, and to show how FMW stands not only as an association, but as a movement that aims to connect simplicity of everyday life with nurturing virtues of Our Foundress, in both personal as well as vocal paths.

Our Principal and the Province Coordinator, FMW, Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, offered a warm welcome to Reverend Sister Shweta CJ, Province Superior, our manager, Reverend Sister Sumita CJ, our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita CJ, and other Reverend Sisters and all the participating members, with scarves carrying the motto, representing of a beautiful symbol of unity and shared commitment. They were also presented with bouquets and saplings symbolising gratitude, growth and the promise of new beginnings.

The programme began with a luminous Prayer Service led by Reverend Sister Namita CJ which invoked God's blessings for the success of the program and upon the gathering. This was followed by a ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolising wisdom and the start of a journey.

The subsequent days progressed in a spiritually harmonious manner, beginning with songs of prayers, which calmed one's mind and heart and evaluations through introspections at the end of each day, helping the members to express gratitude for all the knowledge gained during the process of learning. On the second day, an enlightening session was held by Reverend Sister Jane CJ, an ardent educationist and a devout follower of Mother Mary Ward, who enlightened everyone about the spirituality of Mother Mary Ward's life and her attentiveness towards listening to God's command. This spiritual experience was further enriched by another enlivening session by Reverend Sister Namita CJ, where she taught how salt has the potential to heal, and how to use it to enrich others' lives through everyday activities. Another interesting session on 'Conflict Resolution' was conducted by Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, where the participants learned how to maintain peace in their surroundings with the help of the 'Five Peace Steps' and 'Mary Ward's Conflict Response Model'.

These amazing sessions led by Reverend Sister Lissy CJ, Reverend Sister Namita CJ and Reverend Sister Jane CJ were extremely rich in both content and depth. The participants were moved to thoughtful reflection about themselves and how to put whatever learnt, into action with great purpose and enthusiasm and they felt confident to do so. The words spoken were more than just instructions; they had a major impact that reminded all present, about God's will and the purpose, for which each one of them has been created, to live in this world.

Some joyous and lively moments of learning through recreational and team building activities, were conducted by Reverend Sister Vinaya CJ, Reverend Sister Josita CJ, Reverend Sister Rose CJ, and Reverend Sister Ruby CJ. Through these activities, everyone found joy by laughing, building strong relationships, and being energised for the final days ahead. Throughout the programme, Reverend Sister Sumita CJ provided constant professional and moral support to ensure that all details were attended to with every activity was running smoothly. Group members from SMC-Prayagraj, SMCIC-Kanpur, SMCIC-Lucknow, SMCIC-Sagar and MGAV-Kanaudhi experienced this three-day journey of growth together, enriching their minds, renewing their spirits and getting inspired to live by the Fulfilled Mission of Wonder, Truth and Justice. The programme closed with many expressions of gratitude with presentation of mementos and certificates to each member of the congregation and a lovely and festive Farewell Luncheon.



"GROWTH OFTEN SOUNDS LESS LIKE APPLAUSE AND MORE LIKE UNCOMFORTABLE SILENCE."

Picnic Day- Class 11

On the 7th of February, 2026, the students of class 11 set out on a journey to the Ambika Palace in Pratapgarh, where a picnic awaited them. The excursion that began in the morning, concluded by 5:30 p.m. The enthusiastic students were accompanied by their teachers.

The location was serene and peaceful, but it was soon filled with laughter and chatter. The students set up a picnic mat near the fountain which seemed to act as the "tourist" attraction of the place. They played card games, board games and chatted with their friends.

The students not only strengthened their bond with their friends, but they also seemed to strengthen it with their teachers, sharing laughter and conversations. Inside the place, the hall was filled with music, as the students danced to the beat. Teachers also organised activities for the students such as the Musical Chair and many more.

The students were also provided with meals, set in a buffet-like set up. With stomachs full and hearts holding memories, they went back to school for dispersal, marking the end of the picnic for class 11.



Picnic in Planters' Bunglow, Prayagraj- Class 9

On the 9th of February, 2026, students of class 9 went on an excursion to a historic site of our city, the Planters' Bungalow, Prayagraj. Students filled the buses with not only themselves, but also with excitement, which seemed to be oozing out.

Since the Planters' Bungalow has stood tall since the days of British reign, the picnic offered the students a glimpse into the colonial architecture and lifestyle. The excursion was organised for two purposes: relaxation, and historical knowledge. Students learned about the colonial rule in their city and how important it is to preserve history, for future knowledge. So, while they danced, laughed and participated, they also got first-hand knowledge of Prayagraj's past. Food arrangements were made in a way that students were treated with breakfast, snacks and a filling lunch.

By the time the students left the Bungalow, they had formed a bond on a deeper level with their teachers and amongst themselves and also with a lot more knowledge about their city.



"CONSISTENCY IS THE QUIET PROMISE YOU MAKE TO YOUR FUTURE SELF EVERY SINGLE DAY."

Plantation by class 3

On the 12th of February, 2026, the students of class 3 decided to act responsibly towards nature, with one thought as their inspiration: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now."

The young students planted saplings with their little hands across the school premises to promote environmental awareness, as a part of their SUPW Community Service activity. The activity aimed to promote a valuable lesson on environmental importance and the importance of trees, which help sustain life on Earth. It also instilled love, care and responsibility, in their hearts for Mother Nature, which has sheltered us and helped us survive for so long and will continue to do so.



School Picnic for Class 6

Organised by our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, the school management, and teachers, the students of class 6 were taken on a picnic to the Company Garden (Azad Park) and also a visit to the Allahabad Museum which is in the same premises. The students were accompanied by their teachers to ensure their safety and discipline.

The students brought home-cooked food. With hearts pumping with excitement, the students were taken to the park in buses, which was filled with chatter. On reaching the park, the children were seen playing with their friends, running around and sharing food. They were encouraged to have fun, but maintain discipline as well as see to the cleanliness of their surroundings. After a while, they were taken to the museum, where they got educated about historical artefacts and exhibits that enhanced their interest and knowledge.

To sum up, it can be said that the trip was an infusion of knowledge and relaxation which filled the hearts and minds of students with memories and insightful understanding about past history.



"SOME JOURNEYS BEGIN WITH COURAGE; THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES BEGIN WITH HONESTY."

Class 8 School Picnic

The day was bright, and so were the smiles on the faces of the students of class 8, who waited excitedly to board the school bus, so that they could set off on their journey to reach their picnic location. The ride to the picnic venue, the Planters' Bungalow, was full of laughter, songs and lots and lots of talking.

The greenness of the Planters' Bungalow welcomed and surrounded the buses that arrived, and no one else was more excited to take in the fresh air, than the students themselves. The place which otherwise seemed peaceful, however, got transformed into a lively chaos. The children danced to the music, played with their friends and walked around the big compound which stretched for what seemed like miles. Ducks were seen swimming in a big pond, horses were present in the stables, and the students excitedly and in awe, looked at all the animals present there. As the sun dipped, the students were ushered to the bus by the teachers as they set back onto the journey to the school.

Their hearts, though sad as the picnic was coming to an end, were also filled with the memories that they were going to hold close, forever.



JPIC Members visit to Dhanraj Old Age Home

The JPIC members organised a visit to the Dhanraj Old Age Home in Prayagraj, as a part of their outreach activity on the 16th of February, 2026, where Reverend Sister Namita was accompanied by the teachers. Her presence, which was infused with grace, added warmth and purpose to the visit.

The visit was organised with the purpose of spending meaningful time with the elderly, get a glimpse into their life, extending care and support to them, and giving them the required provisions. The residents welcomed the members with love and warmth, and it was truly motivating to see how they helped and cared for each other, like a family.



"YOUR POTENTIAL IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW QUICKLY YOU BLOOM, BUT BY HOW DEEPLY YOU GROW."

Staff Picnic

On the 17th of February, 2026, the teachers, accompanied by our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita and Reverend Sisters set out for a day of relaxation. On the bus ride to the location, the teachers were seen chatting, laughing and talking to the Sisters. Their smiles never left their faces.

Their picnic took place at the Planters' Bungalow, where the teachers were seen holding a mic as they took turns to sing songs, share stories or simply share their experiences on various topics. Sister Namita also took the mic, and by the end of her turn, all were seen clapping. Teachers chatted with each other, explored the property and also went near the lake, which seemed to be the attraction of the property.

It was a well deserved break for the teachers and also the Reverend Sisters, as the day was filled with laughter and melodious songs. The day ended on a very positive note, and left the teachers feeling relaxed.



Class Picnic- Class 7

On the 18th of February, 2026, the students of class 7, accompanied by their class teachers were treated to a picnic at the Parle-G factory, for both knowledge and relaxation purposes. It was a very exciting trip, which promised tons of fun and learning experiences.

The students as well as the teachers had the opportunity to learn about the manufacturing process of biscuit and also about the history of this well-known company, Parle-G.

After the tour of the factory, the students sat around with their friends and began eating the home-cooked food they'd brought from home. They also danced to their favourite songs and engaged themselves into activities organised by their teachers.

The day ended, and the students brought home empty tiffins, aching feet, yet hearts filled with memories they'd hold close and remember for the rest of their lives.



"PEOPLE ADMIRE SUCCESS, BUT CHARACTER IS BUILT IN THE CHAPTERS NOBODY READS."

Celebrating Womanhood with Gratitude: Happy Women's Day!

On the 7th of March, 2026, the male staff generously prepared for the Women's Day Celebration, where every female staff was offered appreciation and respect for all the work that they do and keep the institution up and running. The male teachers prepared customised speeches, a beautiful presentation and words that truly touched the hearts of the female faculty members. They acknowledged the grace, dedication and strength which every woman carries, and how it helps shape the youth of the generation. They acknowledged the versatile role that they play as a daughter, sister, mother and teacher and how it helps not only their family, but also the students who go forward to be the leaders and well-wishers of tomorrow, become who they are.

The programme concluded with Reverend Sister Lissy, acknowledging the efforts taken by the male teachers to organise a beautiful event for the teachers and for the appreciation they deserve.



Prayer Service For Reverend Sister Celine CJ

With deep sorrow, the school bid goodbye to our beloved Reverend Sister Celine CJ, who was called to her eternal abode on the 15th of March, 2026 at 1:15 a.m. She was a woman of deep faith, gentle strength and unwavering commitment. She was a very loved person, who played many roles in people's lives, but above all, she impacted every person she met. She truly left behind a legacy of kindness, wisdom and quiet courage which indicates that bravery doesn't need to be loud.

Rev. Sr. Celine, CJ, had spent 58 years of her life in the service of the church, which showed her love, compassion and true dedication to God, which helped her guide people onto the right path. She wholeheartedly dedicated her life and provided service to the Church and to the noble ministry of education.

Her final journey was marked by a solemn prayer service presided over by Reverend Father Louis Mascarenhas, where the Community gathered in prayerful remembrance. It was a sacred moment of reflection and thanksgiving, as all present expressed their gratitude for the gift of her life and prayed for the eternal repose of her soul. May the soul of Rev. Sr. Celine CJ rest in eternal peace, and may her inspiring example encourage us to walk steadfastly in faith, charity, and hope.



*"THE STRONGEST GLOW COMES FROM PEOPLE WHO LEARNED HOW TO SHINE IN
DARK SEASONS."*

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

As the academic session for classes 1 and 2 came to a successful end, the school was drowning in the waves of celebration. The Thanksgiving Prayer Service highlighted the year and how it bloomed of learning, growth and joyful active participation from the young students. The students were awarded with certificates for their academic achievements to acknowledge their efforts and to encourage them to continue this spirit in their future endeavours also.

This occasion was also used as a chance to bid farewell to Ma'am Zeba, who had served the institution for 15 continuous years, with wholehearted service and helped shape the young minds of countless students. She will be remembered and deeply missed by all the students whose lives she has impacted.

The event ended with hopes and prayers that the students and Ma'am Zeba have a fruitful and beautiful future journey.



Report Card and Certificate Distribution Day

On the bright and auspicious morning of 30th March, 2026, the campus of St. Mary's Convent College turned into a celebratory ground, which echoed with applauds of appreciation.

The programme commenced with a short prayer, followed by distribution of Certificates of Merit. Our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita and our Coordinator, Ma'am Dolly Dutt, felicitated the students for their academic excellence with hopes of encouraging them to keep up the good work and effort, which has helped them reach the place they stand on, today.

Followed by this, the Council Members as well as the Traffic Pilots were awarded for their leadership qualities and their active contribution throughout the year on various events and programmes, ensuring the discipline of the school and fulfilling what their duty asked of them. As representatives of our school, they fulfilled their responsibilities beautifully, which called for appreciation.

Thereafter, the budding artists of our school were also awarded for their efforts and talent that they showcased in all the exhibitions that had taken place throughout the academic session 2025-26. Many of the students also excelled in their abilities and reached the level of a National Art Competition and they deserved the recognition for the hard work that they had done, throughout the year.

The programme came to an end as our Principal expressed her gratitude to the students for being an inspiration to the others, to excel in life, and also acknowledged the contribution of the teachers, Sisters and office-staff who helped tirelessly in guiding the students. Without their active encouragement, guidance and support, none of this would have been possible.



*"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO KEEP SHOWING UP AFTER MOTIVATION
DISAPPEARS."*

Farewell to our Respected Coworker Shri Hira Ji

On the 31st of March, 2026, the SMC family bid farewell to our respected coworker, Shri Hira Ji, who dedicated 32 years of his life to our school and provided his service with sincerity, kindness and commitment.

To honour him, our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy gracefully acknowledged his contribution in making the school what it is today. The Assembly was very thoughtfully organised, consisting of the moments he shared with the school. In order to express their gratitude, the teachers also prepared and performed a group song for Shri Hira Ji, which made him as well as the people present, quite emotional.

His contribution and work is deeply admired and appreciated by the school and his service will be missed.



Concluding Program of Hobby Classes

On the 31st March, 2026, an Assembly was held to showcase the new activities that the students had learnt during the course of the Hobby Classes, that had taken place from 17th March to 30th March, 2026.

These classes offered the students a platform to be explore more hobbies and grow and excel in whichever hobby they found their interest in. To display what they had learnt during the time, this program was held.

The performance was filled with vibrant dances, melodious songs and an exhibition of AI as well as handmade art, which reflected dedication, hard work and time invested by the students, in these activities. The program aimed at boosting the participants' confidence in the skills they had learnt, in order to help them grow. Thereafter, our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, gave an inspiring speech on the importance of learning new activities to help grow in life and also expressed her gratitude towards the participant students and teachers, who worked tirelessly in order to help these students learn something new and to the parents for their constant encouragement and support.



"THE PERSON YOU BECOME IS SHAPED MORE BY YOUR HABITS THAN YOUR HIGHLIGHTS."

Maxims of Venerable Mary Ward

1. **Act not out of fear, but solely from love, because we are called by God to a vocation of Love.**
2. **Be convinced that God will always give you what is best for you.**
3. **Be Seekers of Truth and Doers of Justice.**
4. **Lord, let that be possible to me by your grace which seems impossible to me by nature.**
5. **Women in time to come will do much.**
6. **God is the source of all good, and all good comes from Him.**
7. **Be such as we appear and appear such as we are.**
8. **Be diligent and faithful in your care of the sick. Remain with them and carefully assist them.**
9. **If people give you trouble, meet them with friendly words, for you will soften both yourself and them.**
10. **We can do nothing, but God can do all.**