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PROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAMME

In October
The Province had a Renewal Programme
On Charism, Vows and Community Life.
Which was directed by
Fr. George Alwyn Vaz SJ



PROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAM AT ST. MARY'S NAINITAL
(18TH & 19TH OCTOBER 2025)



PROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAM AT JESU BHAWAN, DELHI
(21ST & 22ND OCTOBER 2025)



PROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAM AT SFC JHANSI
(25TH & 26TH OCTOBER 2025)

NEWS FROM COMMUNITIES

JESU BHAWAN

We attended the Ecumenical Celebration of Jubilee 2025 at St. Columbus' School Hall, where dignitaries from various churches as well as government officials gathered. The event featured three insightful presentations: **Council of Nicea** by Dr. Fr. Stanley Jaykumar SDB who discussed the History, Theology and Ecclesial Relevance of the Council of Nicea and the Nicene Creed, emphasizing their role 'as a compass of unity'; **Christians in Nation Building** by Dr. Fr. Malekandathil, a professor emeritus from Jawaharlal Nehru University, who highlighted the contributions of Christians to India's development; **The True Meaning of Religion** by Students from Vidya Jyoti College of Theology who through a thought-provoking presentation- "Dharm Khya hei?" - combining dance, drama, and digital technology explored the essence of religion. The Attorney General of India, a Jesuit alumnus, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Sisters Marisha and Mariella anticipated their **feast day celebrations** on September 7th at Jesu Bhawan. The Shahbad Jesuits were our special guests. On the 8th, celebrations at St. Xavier's parish included Rosary at the Grotto and Mass. One of our parishioners generously sponsored a simple yet delightful meal for everyone.

Srs. Renata and Mariella attended the **parish feast of Resurrection Church** whose patron Saint is Padre Pio. The celebration followed the traditional Syrian Church customs, with a solemn High Mass and a peaceful hour-long

procession. The procession carried many statues of saints accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the 'Chenda melam'. The parishioners generously served a delicious meal to all attendees. It was inspiring to witness the grand procession through Delhi's streets, a testament to the community's devotion and organizational skills.

We also joined the Franciscan Brothers close-by for their **celebration of Francis of Assisi's feast**. This year the prayer service included the 'Tansitus', (passing over), a re-enactment of Francis' final hours and storytelling, celebrating his journey from this life to his embrace of 'Sister Death' especially in context of the 800 anniversary of the 'Canticle of Creatures'.

During these two months, our **Provincial Sr. Deepa** was on the move almost constantly. She visited a few communities, attended the renewal programme in three locations and spent a considerable amount of time with Sr. Adelaide as she prepared herself to return to God, though she couldn't be with her when she passed away.

As is often the case, we had a number of visitors. It was wonderful having Sr. Lucy here for a few days. A **rare visitor** was Merlin, the niece of late Sr. Rosalia (Bangalore Region) who frequents Delhi as Senior Manager at Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy - a young woman in her mid-thirties but an advisor to the government of India. She, along with her mother came to visit Sr. Renata her aunt..

Our tertians spent a few days with us. They attended three days of classes at Vidya Jyoti as day scholars. Subsequently, they were at

Shantidham, a home for the mentally challenged run by the Sisters of the Destitute (SD Sisters) in our neighborhood, where they gained valuable experience and insights over 10 days. After that, they returned to Jesu Bhawan and then proceeded to Nainital."

MARIA WARD BHAWAN, MAYUR VIHAR

Moments of Celebration: The months of September and October were filled with joy and thanksgiving as we celebrated God's



goodness in our lives. We had many happy occasions to come together —

Teachers' Day, the Parish Feast, Sr. Alka's Birthday, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Weddings in the Parish, the Annual Day of Classes KG & I and Diwali. Each celebration reminded us of God's love and the beauty of community life.

Family Visits & Prayer Meetings: We reached out with love and compassion to the sick and elderly in our parish, as well as to a student who is undergoing treatment for cancer. These visits were moments of grace, allowing us to share in their struggles and bring comfort through prayer. We also

continued to take part in the BCE family prayer meetings, which help us stay



spiritually connected and involved in the lives of our parishioners.

We also made use of the opportunity to greet the Archbishop on his birthday. We thank God for His countless blessings, for the guidance of our leaders, and for every person who contributes to our life and mission.

It was a joyful highlight to join the Annual Day celebration at our school in Jhajjar — Hearty Congratulations to the entire community for the wonderful programme!

We were blessed by short visits from Srs. Anupa, Manjusha, Rayna, and Merlin — their presence was truly refreshing. While Sr. Anjali visited her mother, Sr. Deepti visited Sr. Adelaide who was critically ill.

Mission in Action: October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, was prayerfully observed

by our Catholic students and teachers, who came together daily to pray the rosary.

Our students made us proud by winning several inter-school competitions and bringing laurels to our school! They actively participated in various club activities and contests held in the school and also completed their mid-term exams.

Meetings and Gatherings: September began with our Management Committee Meeting, setting the tone for teamwork and planning. Sr. Deepti attended the AINACS Meeting held in Goa and came back refreshed and enriched to continue her mission of leading the school.

We took part in another important event - the Jubilee celebration of the consecrated persons organized by the archdiocese – a momentous occasion to honour God's faithfulness and the vibrant journey of blessed persons. There was a big gathering of priests and religious from the archdiocese of Delhi and the NCR.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S RUDRAPUR

Rainy Beginnings and Media Awareness: September began with two rainy-day holidays declared by the District Magistrate. The community came together in the evenings for an **online webinar on the Right Use of Media**, learning how to use technology responsibly and meaningfully. **Teachers' Day Celebration** was held on Sept.4th, with Class VII students taking the lead in a thought-provoking assembly. Through a medley of dances, songs, and games, they expressed heartfelt gratitude to



their teachers, invoking God's blessings upon them. The teachers were showered with tokens of love and treated to a delicious meal prepared in their honour.

On 8th September, the parish celebrated **the Nativity and Girl Child Day** with a special Mass offered for all the girls, followed by games and fun activities. The school celebration of Maria Jayanti and Girl Child Day took place on Monday, led by the JPIC students, who presented a special assembly to honour girls. The event featured a Nukkad Natak on Human Trafficking, along with lively songs and dances that spread a strong message of dignity and equality.



Mary Ward Compass Activity: As part of the COIN action plan, students from Classes VII-X attended an interactive session on **Responsible Media Use**, led by Mr. Prashant Kumar, IT teacher from St. Mary's School, Rudrapur. Through a well-crafted PowerPoint presentation, he shared practical

examples and guidelines for navigating social media.

The **First Term Examinations** were held from 13th to 29th September.

On 26th September, the community warmly **welcomed Sr. Kanula and the Tertians**, who were on their way to Puranpur for village exposure. The following day, students watched the CBSE-recommended motivational movie **“Chalo Jeete Hain,”** which inspired them to live with purpose and compassion.

The Kathgodam Deanery celebrated the **Jubilee of Consecrated Women** on September 28th at Suchetna. Srs. Anita, Vinita, and Rayna joined the celebrations which included a Rosary, Holy Hour, and fun games, culminating in a special meal served on banana leaves. On 29th September, the **Feast of the Holy Archangels** was celebrated at Bana Church. Sr. Anita joined the Fathers and Sisters from Rudrapur Parish for the occasion and had the joy of meeting several former students and their parents.

The month concluded with a special assembly on September 30th, paying **tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri**. Students participated in 'shramdaan', essay writing, and painting activities, honouring the values of simplicity, service, and truth.

Sr. Rayna attended the AINACS conference in Goa from 8th – 10th October. Srs. Anita and Rayna attended Sr. Adelaide's funeral, offering prayers and gratitude for her life of faith and service.

On 13th October, the community joined the St. Ann's Sisters for **the Family Rosary**. On 16th October, they, along with the Fathers, joined us **at our house for the Rosary**, followed by a fellowship meal that strengthened bonds of unity and love.

Sr. Anita made her annual retreat with the Jeolikote Community from October 18th to 26th. The community then joyfully **welcomed Srs. Shalini and Assunta** on October 27th for a brief visit, bringing a warm and grace-filled conclusion to the month

On 31st October, Srs. Anita and Rayna, along with 11 teachers, went on an **educational tour to Amritsar** and returned on 2nd November. **The Golden Temple's** serene and prayerful atmosphere offered deep spiritual peace, while the **visit to Jallianwala Bagh** served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifice of the 120 people massacred there. The evening parade at the **Wagah Border** filled everyone's hearts with a profound sense of patriotism and pride.

The months of September and October were filled with moments of gratitude, faith, and togetherness. From learning and celebrations to prayer and renewal, every event strengthened the spirit of unity and joy within our community.

ST. MARY'S JHAJJAR

Celebrations: The Teacher's Day celebration was affected by continuous rain, but the teachers still managed to have a quiet celebration at school, enjoying a few games

and a delicious lunch. In our small quasi-parish, Mother Mary's birthday was celebrated in a meaningful way with a rosary prayer, flower offerings, and the celebration of the Eucharist. The Harvest festival Onam was celebrated with great enthusiasm, and our auditor, Mr. Kashyap from Bombay, enjoyed the details of the celebration.

Sr. Damian's Feast was celebrated in a simple way in school and the community. The MSFS community of fathers celebrated their Founder's Day, and we joined in the celebration. Dussehra and Diwali festivals were celebrated with great zest, including a special assembly organized by students and teachers, followed by a lunch hosted by the teachers for the staff.

Tributes and Condolences: We mourned the loss of our dear Sr. Esther, Sr. Adelaide, and Sr. Prerita, who passed away within a span of two months. We remembered their committed and exemplary lives and prayed for their souls. We were also shocked to hear about the accident of our sisters at Fatehpur and prayed for their speedy recovery.

Meetings and Events: Sr. Joseline attended the annual conference of the All-India Association of Catholic Schools (AINACS) in Goa. A Jubilee Mass was organized by the Delhi Archdiocese, which Sr. Joseline and Sr. Sudeepti attended.

School Annual Day: It was a grand event, with students from nursery to Class eleven staging a programme on the theme of forgiveness, "Barkamena". The concerted effort of students, teachers, and Principal Sr. Joseline made it a success. Our sisters from

Delhi area, MSFS and SDB fathers and a few sisters from nearby places joined us and boosted our morale.



ST. MARY'S NAINITAL

Ramnee Day Celebrations: We celebrated Ramnee Day on September 8th with great enthusiasm. Shri Satyander Singh Negi, ADM Nainital was the Chief Guest. We were delighted to welcome participants from 9 other schools. A total of 242 students showcased their talents, and our school won the trophy.

The last days of Sr. Adelaide: Sr. Adelaide's health declined, and was hospitalised in Chandan Hospital on 23rd Sept.. Following a sudden deterioration, Fr. Francis administered the Anointing of the Sick on the 28th. A brain clot was diagnosed, and she was admitted in the ICU for 9 days. During this period, the community prayed fervently for her recovery especially, the Rosary. It was very thoughtful of Sr. Deepa to stay with her in hospital for a few days providing dedicated care; also, some of her nephews and nieces. After medical evaluation, Sr. Adelaide was discharged and

she returned to the convent, where she was joyful in the company of her sisters. Sr. Adelaide passed away on the 11th Oct. surrounded by her community. Her funeral was held on the 12th, attended by several CJ sisters, members of other religious congregations, students, teachers, and 9 of her family members. Rt. Rev. Ignatius D' Souza, Bishop of Bareilly, was main celebrant of the Mass joined by 8 priests.

October Events: The tertians left for Delhi on 11 th for their next experiment. We celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on October 2nd. After the special assembly the students and staff joined the tree plantation drive arranged by the district administration. Our students participated in various competitions, winning many medals and trophies. Our students and staff participated in the pink rally and the street play organised to give awareness about the breast cancer.

Sr Manjusha attended The AINACS conference and returned on time to be with Sr. Adelaide on her last journey. Our students put up an Art and Astro Patshala exhibition for their parents and well-wishers. All appreciated the talents of their daughters. The same day after their PTM all the boarders went home to celebrate Diwali. So the sisters were free for the renewal programme.

Other Updates: Sr. Coletta is not well. Sr. Evelyn CJ her niece from Kanpur spent a few days with her. Several ex-students stop by, bringing joy to our community. The month of October concluded with a grand rally honouring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. We wish you all abundance of blessings through Mother Mary's intercession.

MARIA BHAWAN MAURANIPUR (HOSPITAL COMMUNITY)

Joyful Celebrations: The months of September and October were filled with moments of joy and togetherness in our community. We began September with the birthday celebration of Sr. Julita, followed by a colourful Onam celebration on September 5th. Soon after, we rejoiced in the birthday of our parish priest, Fr. Vincent, thanking God for his life and ministry.

In October, we celebrated Diwali with our co-workers, sharing the spirit of light, joy, and unity.

On October 28th, we all attended the solemn Holy Mass at the shrine of St.Jude, joining the diocesan community in thanksgiving and prayer.

Spiritual Growth and Formation: On September 1st, we attended a Cloud Meeting led by Fr. Babu, OFM, on the theme "Guiding and Guarding in the Use of Social Media." The session helped us reflect on responsible and value-based digital engagement.

During these months, Sr. Gladys went to Pune for her Jubilee preparation, while Sr. Pushpita attended her annual retreat in Lucknow.

Participation and Achievements: Many of our sisters actively participated in the 2025 Logos Bible Quiz. We are proud to share that Srs. Shanti and Juliana qualified for the second round. Their enthusiasm and commitment to the Word of God were truly inspiring.

Cluster community meeting: On the 9th of September, the four communities in the diocese of Jhansi came together for a cluster community meeting, to plan and organize the upcoming Merger Celebration in our diocese.

Tribute to Our Loved Ones: We were deeply saddened by the passing away of Sr. Adelaide. Sr. Julita went to Nainital to take part in her final journey and to bid her farewell. We also mourn the loss of Sr. Prerita. Srs. Julita and Pushpita represented our province at her funeral in Patna. Their lives of faith and dedication continue to inspire us. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

We conclude thanking the Lord for His blessings during these two months — for the opportunities to celebrate, learn, and grow together in faith and community spirit. May His grace continue to guide and strengthen us in our mission.

ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT JEOLIKOTE

Celebrations: Our school celebrated Teachers' Day on September 4th, despite the rainy holidays. The students put up a remarkable programme, expressing their heartfelt gratitude for the teachers' dedication and service. The celebration concluded with a lunch hosted by the management.

Our Jeolikote parish participated in the Deanery-level Bible Fest held in Kathgodam. Our parishioners actively engaged in various events, winning several prizes.

The community celebrated the feast days of Sr. Pratibha on September 8th and Sr. Tessa on October 1st, offering prayers for their well-being. Sr. Camilla and Sr. Crispina attended the feast day celebration at St. Theresa's Church in Kathgodam.

The community attended the funeral of Sr. Adelaide and prayed for her. Under the guidance of Fr. Marshal Felix SJ of Patna Province, the community embarked



on the annual retreat, joined by some of our CJ sisters from various communities. Together, we reflected on our journey, navigating the river of life towards our spiritual destination.

School Events

Some students from Classes 9-12 represented our school at Sanskriti 2025, held at St. Mary's Convent, Nainital. Accompanied by Srs. Laura and Seema, along with some of our teachers, the students actively participated in various events. Our head girl, Ruchi Jeena, secured second prize in the Sanskriti General Knowledge Online Quiz.

On September 20th, a few of our teachers, along with Sr. Maria, attended a half-day orientation programme at St. Mary's, Nainital. The same resource persons, Mr. Shekar and Ms. Amisha, conducted a similar

session for our Jeolikote students. And Mr. Mathew and Ms. Bernadette from Delhi gave a value-based talk to our students, emphasizing the importance of faith in God.

An inter-school sports competition was held on our school grounds, where 45 students participated in various events. Many of them excelled and were selected for the block level competition at Bhimtal, with some progressing to the district level. The school organized a Science and Art Exhibition on October 17th. After which there was a short short Diwali break, from October 18th to 28th.

Delighted to meet

On September 17th, we were delighted to welcome Sr. Deepa, our Provincial, to our school. A brief welcome programme was organized, bringing together students and teachers. Following her meeting with the school community, Sr. Deepa departed for Nainital. Srs. Mariella and Marisha visited Sr. Adelaide and made a convenient stopover with us for a night on their return journey to Delhi.

ST. JOSEPH'S PURANPUR

Parish

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, our parish community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady after nine days of prayer and spiritual preparation. The novena days were marked by devotion, reflection, and a deep sense of unity among our parishioners.

As October unfolded—the Month of the Holy Rosary—our parish families continued to gather in prayer, coming together each day to

honour Our Lady and to strengthen our bonds of faith and love. United in prayer we experienced a new grace of being one family in Christ, guided always by the loving intercession of Mary, our mother.

Community

We also had a pilgrimage to the Church of Our Lady in Bazpur, a grace-filled journey that strengthened our faith and brought us closer to our Blessed Mother. During this time, we also had the opportunity to visit some of the religious communities, sharing



moments of companionship.

A special blessing during the month of October was the presence of our tertians, who joined us for their pastoral ministry and for five days of class on Vatican II documents by Sr. Remya. Their joyful service enriched our community life, especially through their visits and stay with the Catholic families in our parish, fostering a beautiful spirit of compassion.

School

Our school proudly hosted the Annual Athletic Meet with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The event began with a march past, where students from four houses marched with pride and energy. Students from all classes actively participated in various track and field events, including

running races, relay, and long jump. Winners were awarded medals and certificates, while all participants were commended for their outstanding efforts.

ST. FRANCIS' CONVENT, JHANSI

Teachers' day: Teachers' day was celebrated with unmatched joy and enthusiasm. To celebrate this auspicious day, a prayer service was organized, followed by an entertainment programme which was a blend of dances, skits, poems, songs etc. – an apt tribute to the teachers for their loving and dedicated service and support to the students and Management.

Friends of Mary Ward: On 8th Sept. thirty four members of the staff fraternity reaffirmed their commitment to the Friends of Mary Ward Association, SFC, embracing the values of freedom, justice and sincerity as inspired by Venerable Mary Ward ..

District Olympic Meet: On 10th Sept, our girls returned jubilantly holding the runners up Trophy after taking part in the *DOM*. Congratulations to the participant!.

Confused about career? : A University Fair (Career Fair) was organized in our school on 11th Sept. for the senior students. This gave the students an opportunity to meet representatives from 16 top Universities in India and gather firsthand information about the courses each one offers, the job opportunities and the aptitudes required. The girls were overjoyed to have such an opportunity and returned home with the feeling they have achieved something.

Catholic Teachers' seminar: Our Catholic Teachers attended an impactful seminar on 'Transformational Teacher' organized by the Diocese of Jhansi on 20th, in CKC Academy. The seminar fostered an environment of faith, reflection and dialogue emphasizing the deeper purpose of the teaching profession. The sessions focused on 'Teachers as witnesses of hope', whose teaching would go beyond curriculum teaching and shaping the lives of children, inculcating values in them and guiding the students to pursue their aspirations with courage and determination.

Love in Action: Sept. 23rd Mary Ward Remembrance Day was observed by sharing, caring and uplifting through prayer, and empowerment by the FMW members of SFC. Each teacher brought an extra tiffin to distribute to the underprivileged and had the privilege of serving slum dwellers with their mite.

SFMUN: The St. Francis Model United Nations made a stellar debut from Sept. 28 – 3rd Oct. It was an initiative of the Media Club, batch of 2025 and the dedicated team of teachers led by the Principal Sr. Merlin. The passionate delegate showcased



exceptional research, public speaking and diplomacy skills, making it an enriching experience for all. This resounding success sets a strong precedent, paving the way for future generations to follow in their footsteps.

October a month of celebrations: Dussehra, feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Diwali and the feast of St. Jude.

Vishwa Shanti Sarv Dharm Samelan: The



school auditorium was transformed into a holy spot of global harmony on Oct. 3rd, for the grand event the Vishwa Shanti Sarv Dharm Samelan. The purpose of the programme was to impress upon the students to become active agents in fostering peace, tolerance and empathy throughout the world. The highlight of the programme was the address of the esteemed Dharm Gurus, representing various religions. Each spiritual leader, with humility and conviction reaffirmed the common thread running through all faiths, that, “Inner Peace is the precursor to world peace. The Vishwa Shanti Sarv Dharm Samelan was more than an event, it was evidence to SFCs commitment to raising not just students, but compassionate global citizens who

understand that “Peace is the only religion we must follow collectively.”

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: Our school commemorated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our Patron saint on 4th October. The atmosphere was infused with reverence and happiness as students united to celebrate the life and teaching of this cherished saint. The programme began with a devotional prayer song to evoke God’s blessings and set a serene tone for the celebration. This was followed by an impactful skit that beautifully depicted the journey of St. Francis. The performance highlighted how true spiritual growth comes through overcoming the seven major sins, showing how Francis fought against them through faith, humility and selflessness. It also portrayed his unconditional love for the poor, his care for animals and his deep respect for nature. The highlight of the day was the release of our school magazine, SFC- ian ECHO. The celebration continued with the distribution of ice cream among the students bringing smiles to every face. The day concluded with fun and creative competitions including Table Scape Decoration, Caption writing and flower arrangement. In the evening, we had a solemn concelebrated Mass presided over by our Bishop Rev. Wilfred Moras. Our sisters from Nirmala and Mauranipur convents and priests and religious of nearby Institutions joined the celebration which was followed by a fellowship meal.

A welcome change: A maiden drive to Chiragaon mission station by our new vehicle – Tempo Traveler was a thrilling and joyful experience for the community. We had a grand time with PSA sisters there and returned home refreshed and rejuvenated.

International Girl Child Day: was celebrated to create awareness of the girls' rights and the unique challenges that every child faces. The students elucidated the challenges that girls around the world face and highlighted the need to empower girls / women.

The World Students' Day: To mark the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam, the former President of India, the World Students' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 15 th October. The assembly began with a prayer followed by a speech on Dr. Kalam's life, achievements and his immense contribution to education and science. Through a skit the students highlighted his humility, vision and ability to inspire and encouraged the gathering to imbibe the values of Dr. Kalam especially his simplicity, hard work and perseverance.

The JPIC Corner:

Season of creation: This year the theme of 'the Season of Creation' is 'Peace with Creation' inspired by the Biblical passage Is. 32: 14 – 18. It was celebrated with a winsome assembly on 23 rd Sept. inspiring



the students to cultivate love for nature and peace and compassion in their hearts influencing others by creating a positive

impact. It encouraged the students to commit themselves to the cause of peace and justice.

Manthan: The members of the JPIC Club organized a powerful and inspiring Street Play (Nukhad Natak) titled Manthan on the theme "Peace and Women Empowerment" at Elite Chauraha, Civil Lines, Jhansi, where a large public gathering witnessed it. The students actively participated in the play bringing the message to life through songs, skits, speeches and rap performance. The girls delivered strong speeches depicting the devastating effects of war and the urgent need to nurture peace and harmony. They also showed how women are often treated unequally, how they struggle and suffer through various challenges and how society must come together to support, respect and uplift them. The presence and encouragement of the crowd motivated the girls to continue working towards creating a more just, peaceful and compassionate world.

An Ode to St. Jude: Pilgrims from far and near flocked to the shrine of St. Jude from 19



th to 28 th October invoking him to intercede for them. One can see the pilgrims throughout the day lost in prayer... attending the divine services such as celebration of the Eucharist, praying the Novena and healing sessions. The feast day celebration came to

an end with a solemn procession and Benediction.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT MAURANIPUR

September Highlights: The month of September began with a Holy Mass offered for Sr. Julita's birthday intentions. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast together in the hospital community. Since September 5th was a holiday, the school celebrated Teacher's Day a day early. The teachers were appreciated by gifting them with a music system and a delightful lunch. That day we joined the hospital community for the Holy Eucharist and savoured a sumptuous Onam dinner. Srs. Reena and Jyotika attended a CRI meeting in Jhansi on September 7th.

The birth of our Blessed Mother Mary was celebrated with devotion. We prayed the Rosary in the evening, followed by Holy Mass. A representative from the Brahma Kumaris addressed our Class 12 students, emphasizing the importance of values and cleanliness.



Our students displayed their talent with a patriotic dance performance at the local Jal Vihar Mela, a traditional festival, which

earned appreciation from all. We also congratulated Mr. Vinod Modi, our Chemistry lecturer, who was honoured in Delhi by Yuwa Khel Mantralya.

On September 27th, Fr. Vincent, the school manager, celebrated his birthday. The school marked the occasion with a grand dinner. Our parishioners also came together to celebrate his special day the following day. Sr. Lucy went to Delhi Jesu Bhawan to spend two weeks there and then to proceed to Nainital for the Renewal programme and her annual retreat in Jeolikote.

October Highlights: Gandhi Jayanti was



observed on October 2nd, by paying respects to the Father of the Nation with floral tributes. Throughout the month, students intermittently participated in cleanliness drives. On October 7th, Sr. Reena returned refreshed and rejuvenated after attending her annual retreat.

The school hosted an Art, Craft, and Science exhibition titled "Cosmic Canvas." The chief guest, Ms. Sweta Sahoo, SDM of

Mauranipur Tehsil who is an alumnus of Mariampur School, Kanpur, along with the guest of honour, Bishop Rev. Wilfred Moras, addressed the students, praising their hard work and motivating them to excel. During



the event, Awasya Gautam, a Class 12 student and 5th rank holder in Jhansi District for the year 2024-2025, was honoured. Besides, Surayansh, the topper of Class 10, and five students who scored 100% in Mathematics were also felicitated. Tragically, on October 22nd, Neha Patel, a Class 11 student, passed away due to an abdominal disorder.

During this time, Sr. Geetika from Silchar visited us for two days, intending to attend the St. Jude feast. Unfortunately, she had a small accident and bruised both knees, forcing her to cancel her plans and rest. We concluded our devotion to the Holy Rosary on the 31st with a special gathering in our chapel. The sisters from the hospital community and our parish priest joined us for the Rosary. Sr. Jyotika led us in prayer.

Together the community read the book, **‘Consecrated Life in the Digital Age’** and has made some good resolutions for ourselves.

NIRMALA CONVENT JHANSI

Celebrating Faith and Excellence

As customary we commenced the Novena of Our Lady on 1st September, in preparation for her Birthday on 8th September. Some of our community members attended the daily Novena at the Cathedral.

In sports, our students showcased remarkable talent and dedication at the District-level games held in Jhansi. They secured gold, silver, and bronze medals in various events, earning recognition and accolades. Several students were selected to represent the Jhansi District team in state-level competitions, demonstrating excellence in basketball, volleyball, chess, kabaddi, and athletics.

Shreya Sen, a Class IV Hindi Medium student, displayed exceptional skill in chess, defeating teams from nine schools in the district. Mahira Siddhiqui, an English Medium Class VI student, made an outstanding performance in athletics.

The students' success can be attributed to the tireless efforts of our games teacher, Miss Priyanka Saini, who took immense interest in preparing and accompanying them to various competitions, including those held in Aligarh, Azamgarh, and Ayodhya.

We celebrated **Teachers' Day** on September 6th, as September 5th was a holiday. Under the guidance of Sr. Poonam, the students presented a thoughtful and well-crafted programme that was appreciated for its creativity, novelty, emotional depth, and thematic relevance. The day was filled with

surprises for the teachers. Engaging games, a selfie station, hall decorations, and handmade cards by students were a real delight. The programme concluded with a delicious meal.

CRI meeting

On September 7th, Srs. Mary and Poonam attended the C.R.I. meeting at the Bishop's house, where two resource persons from Bangalore and Delhi shared their expertise on combating human trafficking. With their grassroots' experience, they captivated the audience, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding minors, particularly students in our care. The following day, September 8th, we joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Mother Mary with a meaningful Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral, followed by a festive lunch.

September 29th was a memorable day as our school hosted the Annual Function, "Jubilate Deo." The title sparked curiosity among the audience, and the school buzzed with excitement as teachers and students worked tirelessly to plan and prepare for the event. The programme was centered around the theme of stewardship of creation, with "Jubilate Deo" meaning "to exult in the presence of the Lord."

Inspired by Scripture (Leviticus 25:8-12), the school celebrated the Jubilee year by highlighting the importance of caring for the land, freeing the enslaved, and reducing economic disparities. There was a packed audience of parents, dignitaries, Principals from neighboring schools, teachers, Sisters, and Priests. The Chief Guest Bishop Wilfred Moras appreciated each performance.

Sr. Poonam attended the AINACS conference in Goa and on her return, she went to Nainital to represent the community a for the final journey of sr. Adelaide.

Sr. Shalini attended made her retreat in Jeolikote. Refreshed and rejuvenated she is back on her heels at the service of the upcoming English medium school.

On 18 th October we along with ten teachers visited the Science and Art Exhibition of St. Mary's School Mauranipur and found it very creative, educative and vibrant, From October 19th the entire community attended regularly St. Jude's Novena and Mass in the Shrine. It was a beautiful experience of faith and love of God. On 24 th October we were privileged to conduct the choir for St. Jude's Novena and Eucharist. Our students and teachers sang devoutly. On 28th October we were happy to celebrate the feast of St. Jude in the Shrine. The main celebrant was Bishop Bhaskar from Meerut Diocese, who explained so meaningfully why we must be connected to St. Jude and follow his life example. The whole nine days of novena, sharing the 'bhandara' and meeting the pilgrims were acts of deep faith which we could do as a community. Praise the Lord!

