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**Delhi Disha pays Tribute to our dear
Sr. Coletta D'Souza
who entered Christ's Glory
on 5th Dec. 2025**

Sr. Coletta D'Souza was a devout religious, a gifted teacher, and a gracious human being. We give thanks to God for the 84 years of beautiful life she lived and 64 years in the Congregation of Jesus. She leaves behind her the legacy of music and love.

Reclaimed their Baptismal Names

Sr. Maria Rose will now be known as Sr. Claramma George and Sr. Maria

will be known as Sr. Mary Fernandes.

Taking Another Step In the CJ

- Sr. Josephine Lakra will make her final vows on 30th Jan. 2026 in Jhansi
- Sr. Ivy Jude will renew her vows for 3 years on 30th Jan, 2026
- Suman Kerketta will enter the Novitiate on 29th Jan. 2026 in Patna

COMMUNITY NEWS

JESU BHAWAN, PROVINCIAL HOUSE DELHI

The CJ-IBVM Merger Celebrations were held in **four places**: St. Mary's Nainital, St. Francis' Jhansi, St. Mary's Kabuganj (Assam), and Delhi. The Delhi celebration held on 27th Nov. '25 at Loreto School, Cantt. brought together approximately 175 persons, mostly priests and religious and a few lay people closely associated with the two Congregations.



The Archbishop, Most Rev. Anil J. T. Couto concelebrated the Mass with 32 priests, while a few preferred to stay with the congregation. An agape followed the Eucharist. All received a small commemorative memento.

The presence of Sr. Lucia Boasa CJ from the Province of Rumania added a touching universal dimension to the celebration.

We were happy to receive a few of our sisters from the COIN who were boarding the flight from Delhi to Spain to attend the Merger Celebrations.

This celebration was a testament to the spirit of collaboration, as both Congregations came together to plan and celebrate. Many friends and well-wishers went out of their way to express their solidarity with us.

Sr. Deepa attended the first **meeting of the COIN Leadership, after the Merger,** with the **Province Leadership of South Asia (Loreto)** on 1st December in Kolkata. This was followed by the **Archivists' meeting** held on 2nd which Srs. Deepa and Mariella attended.

Sr. Deepa also attended the meeting of **Regional Bishops and Major Superiors** in Varanasi.

Christmas Preparations and festivities took place as customary in all our communities - Advent services, carol singing, gift sharing, Midnight Mass, and more. The enthusiastic Youth Choir of Xavier's Parish made the liturgy lively and deeply devotional.

One Christmas event that Srs. Mariella and Alice attended at St. Michael's School in Delhi **stands out** for its impact. The CMI congregation in collaboration with the CBCI and CCBI organized 'Kristu Mahotsav' with the theme 'to include all, to exclude none'. While marking the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Chavara Cultural Centre, Delhi, they gathered a large number of people with disabilities—blind, deaf, lame, mentally challenged - from Delhi as well as neighbouring States such as UP, Uttarakhand, and Haryana to celebrate Christmas together. Dignitaries included several ambassadors from various countries, retired Governors of States, Bishops, and others. It was a moving sight to see blind children leading these dignitaries to the stage, with lighted candles. These disabled invitees presented various Christmas-themed cultural items. Every dignitary, including non-Christians, shared a brief Christmas message and all present enjoyed a Christmas meal afterward. In some way, this event truly captured the essence of Christmas.

Speedy Recovery: Sr. Lorna successfully underwent her **robotic knee surgery** on 10th December at Max Hospital, Delhi and is recuperating here. We are glad to have Sr. Teresa too with us who takes special care of Sr. Lorna.

ST. MARY'S JHAJJAR

Community Highlights:

After the Holy Mass, on Nov. 4th we **planted**



the 'Merger Tree'. On November 8th, we invited the religious priests and sisters from the neighbourhood, and shared a PowerPoint on the significance of the merger. Teachers celebrated Children's Day, followed by a **School Fete** on November 15th, the climax of which was the 'Lucky Draw,' where Vansh of Class X won the first prize - a bicycle sponsored by Mr. Karnail.

On November 28th, the '**Jubilee Cross**' visited Jhajjar mission; we venerated it at St. Michael's School and attended the golden jubilee celebrations of Sr. Prashobha S.D. at Farooq Nagar.

St. Francis Xavier's feast was celebrated on Dec. 7th by XLRI Jesuit community with all the religious in the Jhajjar region. On Dec. 8th, Rev. Fr. Susai Mani S.J. blessed our new Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by Agape with the communities of MSFS, Don Bosco, and Jesuits.



The school celebrated **Christmas** on Dec. 23rd with prayer assembly, carol singing, and Nativity Play. Teachers attended Holy Mass and enjoyed a get-together. Despite having very few Christian staff, all enjoyed gift-sharing with Christmas friends. Teachers encouraged students to donate for the poor.

Co-curricular activities:

Our school hosted the **district-level shuttlecock tournament**, winning the overall trophy. We also organized a 3 km '**Run for**

Health' marathon for Classes 6th-11th; all the teachers and students participated with no dropouts.

Silver Zone Olympiads in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies saw strong participation. November focused on sports, climaxing in inter-house Kho-Kho matches. Classes IX and VI took online SAFAL exams (based on Class 8 and 5 syllabi) in Mathematics, Science, and English.

On Dec. 13th, students held a **subject-wise exhibition**, involving all and creating lasting memories through projects and explanations. A Parent-Teacher Meeting that day let parents view the work, alongside a Scholastic Books fair.

Seminars: Sr. Joseline attended **skill education exposure programme** offered by CBSC in Pune on Nov. 24th-25th, gaining valuable curriculum insights. On Dec. 5th, she and Ms. Magdalene joined the '**Adolescent Summit 2025**' at CBSE head office, Dwarka. Other teachers completed 25 hours of mandatory training at various centres.

ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT JEOLIKOTE

Community highlights; The CJ - IBVM merger celebrations in Spain echoed here too. After prayer we **planted the 'Merger Tree'**. **Sr. Seema** was privileged to attend the celebrations **in Spain, after which she also visited Rome**. Sr. Kiran and **candidates left for Delhi** - the candidates on home visit after their 'Come and See' experience, and Sr. Kiran to attend a **formator's training Programme in Pune**.

Visits from Sr. Laura's Sr.- in-Law and nephew and Archbishop Emeritus Albert D'Souza, plus Sr. Vibha CJ, **brought us**

special joy. Srs. Marcellina, and Mary Fernandes enjoyed holidays with their families.

School Activities:

Sr. Seema, along with a few teachers and students shared **Christmas cheer and rations** with 41 abandoned residents at MC Sisters, Moti Nagar. **JPIC's street play** at Jeolikote market urged zero plastic and earth care. An **Eye Camp** served all the students and local residents, while **Anganwadi teachers** empowered senior girls with lessons on



education and self-defence. Students marked 'Soil Day' with a meaningful assembly on caring for Mother Earth.

Uttarakhand Foundation Day (Nov.9) came alive with a special assembly and programme by Cl. XI. On **Children's Day** the staff put up a meaningful prayer service and children thoroughly enjoyed the fete. **Constitution Day** (Nov.26) highlighted the Fundamental Rights through assembly, posters, and quiz. **FMW assembly** on the 23rd and a **Mary Ward Maxims quiz** (Nov. 26) inspired values.

Thirty students from the academic year 2022-23 who scored above 80% marks in the Board exams **received Kamala Nehru Scholarship-Rs. 1000/- each.** School celebrated **Christmas** with a nativity Play by Cl. 3 and 6. On Dec. 20, we held Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) for all students, after which boarders headed home for holidays. Teachers and co-

workers had their get-together on Dec. 22 before departing for winter break.

Four students and Sr. Laura returned energised after attending **the YCS/YSM Leadership Programme** in Kathgodam.

Sports and Games

Nikita George (Cl. 10) earned a participation certificate at the **National Girls' Boxing Tournament** held in Arunachal Pradesh. Senior boys played volleyball followed by internal sports for Classes 6-8. Local-level **Khel Mahakumbh** (Inter School Athletic Meet) was held on December 23 and Scouts and Guides, led by Mr. Ramesh Jeena, excelled at a four-day camp in Haldwani (Dec. 8-11). Mr. Ramesh represented Uttarakhand at the **National Teachers' Training in Pachmadi, MP.**

Life in the Parish

November started with **All Saints Day's** Eucharist and evening adoration, flowing into **All Souls Day's** three Masses and graveyard blessings. The parish joyfully marked **Consecrated Life and Altar Servers' Day** on Nov. 30. The old Altar Servers renewed their promise while the new inductees took their promise. Programme by the Youth, token gifts, and refreshments created a festive spirit, capped by a St. Carlo Acutis essay contest for the altar servers. Christ the King Feast celebrations included a High Mass, adoration and procession, boldly proclaiming Jesus' reign.

Advent Sundays built excitement with services and carol visits to families. Christmas brought a packed midnight vigil on 24th and morning Mass on the 25th drew parishioners and well-wishers. We ended 2025 with a thankful year-end adoration on the 31st.

MARIA WARD BHAWAN MAYUR VIHAR

On Nov. 1st, the school hosted a **Capacity Building Programme (CBP)** on Active Learning for teachers, aimed at enhancing classroom practices and promoting student-centred methodologies. Trained CBSE resource persons facilitated the session, guiding teachers on making learning more interactive, engaging, and meaningful.

On November 4th, the community planted the **Loreto - CJ merger tree**.

In Nov. Mr. Mathew and Bernadette led a **retreat for Catholic students**. In the **Sacrament of Confession** conducted with great care and reverence, many students **found peace and renewal through God's forgiveness**. The day ended with the Eucharistic Celebration, making it a spiritually enriching experience.

Attending the **First Holy Communion Celebration** of our students at Syro - Malabar Church was a good experience. On **Children's Day** after the prayer assembly by teachers, children engaged themselves in a variety of entertaining activities. They loved posing with mascots of Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, and the Hulk, dancing and taking photos. The day included face painting, best-out-of-waste activities, puzzle-making, and poster-designing competitions. Mr. Manoj Negi an Environmental activist from Uttarakhand addressed students of Classes 6 to 8 on 'Conservation of the Environment.'

On Nov. 16th, our Marian scholars excelled in the **Inter School/Parish Bible Quiz** at Don Bosco School, Alaknanda, securing prizes.

The **Annual Science and Arts Exhibition - SYMPHONY-** on Nov. 22nd showcased students' creativity, innovation, and talents across classes, blending scientific curiosity with artistic expression. Renowned political

cartoonist Mr. E. Suresh inaugurated it, emphasizing art's societal power and encouraging creative expression. Dr. Nancy Pramod, a dynamic doctor and school alumna, shared her journey from school exhibitions to medical success, inspiring perseverance. Parents appreciated the event.

On Nov. 26th, Constitution Day was celebrated with a befitting assembly and other activities.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, MAURANIPUR

November began with a High Mass honoring All Saints, followed by All Souls' Day. We participated in the Holy Eucharist and **planted a mango tree to mark the merger** and watched online the official ceremony in Spain.



We prepared a traditional Advent wreath. A pilgrimage to Jhansi Shrine praying the Rosary and making the Way of the Cross there was part of our advent devotion. Sr. Deepika attended the last rites of Sr. Coletta in Nainital.

Our Christmas celebration included:

- Visiting families and parishes to share Christmas joy
- Special prayer service for coworkers
- Christmas vigil Mass and morning Mass

School staff, along with Fr. Vincent, Srs. Deepika and Jyotika, went on a tour to Kolkata and visited almost all attractions in that great city. We ended 2025 with a Holy Hour, grateful for the year's blessings.

MARIA BHAWAN MAURANIPUR

Merger Celebration: To commemorate the



historic merger, we planted a 'Merger Tree' in our compound, symbolizing our commitment to walk together in faith, freedom, and joy – "One body, one spirit, and one mission."

Spiritual Journey: Srs. Shanti and Claramma made their **retreat in Allahabad**; Srs. Julita and Juliana in **Kanpur**; and Sr. Sushmita at **SFC Jhansi**. In this Jubilee year, we embarked on a **pilgrimage to St. Jude's Shrine**, Jhansi, accompanied by the Parish Priest and parishioners, celebrating the Holy Eucharist and the Way of the Cross. We also visited St. Antony's Cathedral, Jhansi, and prayed the rosary at the Grotto.

Festive Days: We joyfully celebrated the **birthdays** of Srs. Juliana, Gladys, and Claramma, who embody Christ's kindness, compassion, and cheerfulness. The CRI Jhansi Region organized a Christmas programme on Dec. 21st, featuring an **Inter-Congregational Live Crib competition**.



We are happy that we **CJs won the first prize!** We shared Christmas joy with friends, neighbours, and well-wishers, exchanging gifts and spreading joy. On Dec. 21st, we held a prayer for workers, followed by a tea party and gift distribution. Cluster communities exchanged gifts and wishes. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Wilfred Moras, graced us with a visit, extending his Christmas wishes.

Formation and Awareness: Sr. Gladys attended a five-day **seminar on Safeguarding Policy** in Bhopal. She shared her insights with the community.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we bid farewell to the past year with gratitude, thanking God for blessings, joys, and challenges. **We concluded 2025** with a thanksgiving prayer service and began January 1st with the Holy Eucharist.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT NAINITAL

Our advent season began with **Sr. Coletta** becoming more than usually ill. And on 5th she **went home to God**. Despite the loss of a loved one in the community, **we did not fail to bring Christmas joy** to the families of our staff through carol singing, and prayers.

Primary school held a special Christmas assembly filled with joy, music and festivities. Teachers and our support staff also had their Christmas celebrations which included prayer, carol singing, exchange of gifts and a Christmas



meal. We visited the inmates of leper colony and each family received a blanket, a Christmas gift and a meal. Meal was sponsored by one of our well-wishers. FMW members also sponsored a small gifts for them.

Staff Picnic to Kerala, a long-cherished dream of the staff was made possible by Sr. Manjusha. The serene landscapes of 'God's own Country' provided the perfect backdrop for relaxation and rejuvenation. The staff returned refreshed, with shared experiences and cherished memories of camaraderie, laughter and fun.

125th Anniversary Celebration of Rajbhawan which coincided with the 25th anniversary of Uttarakhand's formation was attended by Sr. Manjusha. The event was graced by the Hon'ble President of India, the Governor of Uttarakhand, and other distinguished guests.

On the occasion of Uttarakhand Foundation Day, the school band made its mark by winning the first position in a band competition.

The school organized a special screening of '**The Fire Warriors**' at Capitol Cinema Hall in Nainital, following a request from the former DFO. The students were thrilled to see their former DFO as the main hero in the movie! They thoroughly enjoyed the film.

On Nov. 8th, Class XII embarked on a thrilling one-day **trip to Massa Mara Water Park in Ramnagar**. Students revelled in the beauty and serenity of the place and adventure activities.

Angelic Voices Filled Raddison Hotel when students, accompanied by sisters, spread festive cheer with their melodious voices and harmonious rendition of carols. They added a touch of melody to their '**ceremonious cake mixing**' tradition.

Under the aegis of Rotary International District 3110, and hosted by the Rotary Club of Nainital, **EUPHORIA, the much-awaited Interact Annual Festival** emerged as a grand celebration of talent, intellect, and creativity. The festival featured an impressive range of events including Chess Tournament, Debate, Quiz, Dance, Singing and Painting competitions; also, Table Tennis Tournament, Group Discussion, Open Mic, and Trekking. Each event witnessed spirited participation and showcased the Interact members' exceptional skills, confidence, and enthusiasm - a grand celebration of youth and talent.

Children's Day Celebration began with a well-conducted assembly by the teachers. Students participated in fun games, followed by energetic dance performances. A Surprise Fete was the highlight of the day. Students indulged in their favourite food court treats. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, chatter, and joy, making it a memorable day for all.

Astropatshaala classes concluded after 3 years of lessons and activities in astronomy. Students from classes 2-8 were awarded certificates.

We bade farewell to 2025 and prepared ourselves to welcome 2026 with a triduum directed by Fr. John Louis O FM Cap.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, PURANPUR

Parish and Community

We restarted **Basic Ecclesial Community** prayers in Catholic families at the beginning

of Nov. and attend them regularly. This initiative unites families through reflection on the Word of God and shared prayer. The community joined the parish for the **annual pilgrimage** to the Immaculate Conception Church in Bazpur on Dec.7, offering prayers for the congregation and the world. The parish celebrated the **Feast of Christ the King** with great fervor and joy. We also joined parishioners for carol singing in Catholic families, spreading Christmas joy and peace everywhere we went.

School Activities

A good number of our students participated in the **Block-level Sports Meet** hosted at our school, with many winning prizes. We organized a three-day **Scout and Guide camp** for students of Classes IV to VIII, focusing on developing discipline, leadership, team spirit, and essential life skills. On the final day, the students used sticks and bedsheets to build tents and cooked simple dishes, demonstrating their growth from the experience.

Sr. Remya, serving as a CBSE-appointed committee member, visited a school in Unnao district for an **affiliation inspection** and returned enriched by valuable new insights. On December 22, our pre-primary children celebrated **Parents' Day** with a program titled "Nanne Kaddam Oonchi Udaan." Through dances and action songs, the tiny tots highlighted key environmental and social issues, such as caring for the environment, saying no to plastic, and following traffic rules for everyone's safety.

ST. MARY'S RUDRAPUR

The month of Nov. began with imploring the blessings of all the Saints and offering prayers for our dear departed. From 1st -15th Nov. **Janjaty Gaurav Pakhwada** - a celebration to honour India's tribal communities - was

observed through classroom discussions, screening of a documentary on Birsa Munda, and a virtual museum tour, enabling students to understand and appreciate tribal heritage and contributions.



On 4th Nov. the Merger of Loreto and CJ was commemorated by planting the **'Merger Tree'**.

We participated in the online celebration held at Loyola. Later, Srs. Anita and Rayna attended the Merger celebration in Nainital.

Forty-four students from Classes V to X participated in the 21st St. Mother Teresa Memorial Inter-School Athletic Meet held at St. Peter's, Kiccha. Our students won silver and bronze medals in races, long jump, and shot put. The school also joined the celebration of **150 years of 'Vande Mataram'**. During November, several students appeared for various Olympiad examinations.

Children's Day was celebrated with a prayer assembly conducted by teachers, followed by a delightful cultural programme. The Inter-House Sports Meet added to the joy of the day, and winners were awarded medals and certificates.

Four students, accompanied by Mr. Himanshu Paliwal, participated in the YSM/YCS Conference held at St. Teresa's School, Kathgodam, The sessions on "Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers" helped students develop creativity and social skills.

On 18th Nov. the school observed '**Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan**', during which students took a pledge to stay away from substance abuse. Thirteen students participated in the 'Skill Expo and Guidance Festival' held at Delhi Public School, Rudrapur. Constitution

Day was celebrated with a special assembly. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution was also read.

On 4th Dec. **the first batch of Class X students** began their Pre-Board Examinations. A Capacity Building Programme on “Educating Parents about Education”, conducted by CBSE, was held in our school on 6th December, with participation from neighbouring schools.

On 16th Dec. we welcomed the carol singers to our house. Sr. Rayna too joined them. Students enthusiastically participated in various Christmas activities, showcasing great creativity and interest.

On 20th Dec. Srs. Sheeba, Anne, and Nirmala brought us their Christmas wishes. We were delighted that Sr. Sheeba inaugurated the Art and Science Exhibition. On 22nd Dec. students presented a beautiful Nativity play, dances, and carols. Christmas was celebrated with both the teaching and non-teaching staff.

On 25th December, we joyfully welcomed teachers, students, parents, and well-wishers who came to extend their Christmas greetings. On 27th December, Srs. Vinita and Rayna went to St. Francis' Convent, Jhansi to make their Annual Retreat.

ST. FRANCIS' CONVENT JHANSI

Community News

On 4th Nov. we marked **the historic merger celebrations in Spain** by planting a sapling in our campus. On 18th Nov. the **Jhansi region CJs celebrated the merger** with the local priests and religious at St. Francis' Convent Jhansi. Our provincial Sr. Deepa was present for the celebrations. The Mass was led by Bishop Wilfred Moras and 30 priests. After the Mass, all of us gathered in the open ground

tastefully arranged for the occasion. The special programme showcased the life of Mary Ward and the different stages of Becoming one. This was followed by dinner. A token Memento was given to all present. Bishop Wilfred appreciated Mary Ward's legacy and the sisters' contributions to Jhansi's education and health.



In Nov., dedicated to the Holy Souls, we held **a recollection on “Beyond the Grave.”** The day focused on prayer, reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, and prayers for the deceased sisters of our province, whose names adorned a wreath at the altar.

On Dec. 28, twenty sisters from various communities began a spiritual journey (**Annual Retreat**) led by Fr. Anil Almeida SJ.

School Activities

On Nov.8, Sub Inspector Ms. Divya from Jhansi Mahila Thana addressed students on women’s safety and empowerment- **Mission Shakti** - which was well-received.

On Nov. 15th the **Primary School** students jubilantly launched their **Sports and PT Display** with a March Past by the four houses. Highlights included captivating items and a PT display on **“Healthy Me – a Healthy Planet,”** blending fitness, rhythm, and messages on personal and planetary well-being.

The Annual day was celebrated on 22 nd Nov. with joy, creativity and the spirit of **the theme**

'Pilgrims of Hope'. The programme commenced with a musical welcome by the school orchestra followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting, and a serene prayer dance. The **highlight of the event** was a beautifully staged **musical dance drama**. It began with the Generation **Alpha children questioning** the state of the world and **seeking answers from St. Francis of Assisi** who took them back to the beginning of creation where Mother Earth and her children, 'Love and Power' were introduced. The performance showed how Power's pride led to destruction and chaos and how the reunion of Love and Power restored peace.



Our school band excelled at CKC Academy's competition, securing the Runners-Up Trophy and individual prizes.

On **Constitution Day** a thought-provoking assembly was held. Students reflected on the significance of the Indian Constitution in shaping the nation's future.

A traffic awareness programme organized as part of the district - wide traffic awareness month was successfully conducted in the school. The traffic inspector discussed traffic signs and the facilities available to the citizens of Jhansi. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and clear their doubts.

On Nov.19, **a fun fair** energized the campus with food stalls, games, a selfie corner, and DJ.

Students of Cl. 1 during their assembly on **National Pollution Control Day** confidently

urged tree-planting and pollution control via songs, dialogues, and placards, stressing trees as friends.

On **Human Rights Day** students enthusiastically highlighted dignity, equality, and respect through thoughts, speeches, and reflections on the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, reinforcing compassionate societal responsibilities.

On December 12-13, Mr. Gaurav Solanki's **orientation for parents** of Classes VI–VIII and IX–XII **offered practical insights on positive parenting and adolescent growth**.

On December 18-19, students explored black



holes, the universe's emergence, and dinosaurs in a **school planetarium show**, sparking excitement.

Friends of Mary Ward, students, teachers, and sisters spent a day with **evening school children in sharing and caring**, with refreshments, activities, and education awareness. FMW & JPIC club members **visited Arunodaya special school**, and **Mother Teresa home** for the aged, distributing toiletries, blankets, and eatables. Christmas joy included a community meal, ration kits, and blankets for the **underprivileged**.

A book fair was organized for our students with a special focus on developing reading habits and fostering a love for books.

ST. XAVIER'S COMMUNITY SHAHBAD

During our recent collaborators' meeting organised by the Jesuits we reviewed and discussed about collaborative mission with the Jesuits, opportunities and challenges.

Sr. Alice along with Sr. Mariella attended the Annual Sports and PT Display at Loreto School Cantt. Archbishop, Anil Couto paid a pastoral visit to St. Xavier's parish. On this occasion children from the parish received their first Holy Communion.

Teachers celebrated the children's day with creative assembly demonstrating their love for children. The school successfully organized the Annual Day. The programme was value based - a critical reflection on the times, with enthusiastic student participation.



We were extremely happy to welcome Sr. Lucia from Rumania, who interacted with the students of Loyola Vocational Institute. After lunch Srs. Mariella and Alice accompanied her to a short visit to Akhshardham temple.

Sr. Alice attended the funeral of Fr. Joseph Kochupura SJ in Jaipur. Sr. Vandana attended the funeral of Sr. Coletta in Nainital. Srs. Marisha and Vandana attended the Christ the King Feast celebrations at the Cathedral.

The school celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier. The students presented a moving skit depicting the missionary zeal of the saint and a festive dance.

The Annual Day for Class Prep students was conducted creatively. The tiny tots performed each item with grace and enthusiasm. The

audience including parents were delighted to see their wards on stage.

A meaningful Christmas programme was organized by the students of Loyola Vocational Institute. The school hosted the festive Christmas dinner for the staff and their families. This special evening gathering brought the school community together to share the joy of Christmas. The event featured music, games, and secret exchange of gifts with Christmas friend.

The parish had lively Carol Singing before the Midnight Mass. The hall was packed. All came to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. After Christmas the Jr. school had online classes as the air quality in Delhi is dipped.

On 31 st we had a meaningful Thanksgiving Mass and prayer for the blessings received in 2025, conducted by the Good Shepherd prayer group.

ST. MARY'S, KABUGANJ

As the **Merger celebrations** were going on in **Spain**, we here in **Kabugnaj** too marked the **occasion meaningfully**. We poured our hearts into preparations, with wonderful support from teachers, staff, and boarders. That day we, along with our Boarders planted the 'merger tree'. Sr. Rose explained the meaning of the CJ- IBVM merger as we mixed the soil brought after the superiors' meeting in Delhi. Rev. Bishop Joachim Waldar led the Holy



Mass joined by five priests. Sr. Geetika's choir filled the air with melodious hymns, adding deep devotion to the Eucharist. Our boarders and teachers warmly welcomed guests. After the Mass, during the felicitation programme, we honored the Bishop, priests, and sisters with mementos and gamochas, while other guests received key rings. Everyone savoured a good lunch. Srs. Geetika and Rose later travelled to **Shillong** to attend the **merger celebrations** there which included an inspiring Holy Mass and delicious dinner.



Some inspiring experiences in our Mission Land include going to Sonapur village for the Christ the King feast. Celebrating Holy Mass there opened our eyes to life in the mountains, where people have so few facilities yet brim with joy, generosity, and love. The villagers led a heartfelt prayer service, and an Auxilium sister shared an inspiring talk. We chatted with everyone, then enjoyed a delicious lunch they prepared with love. We returned home deeply inspired and strengthened.

We visited Amala, one of our supportive staff who was ill. Though lived in extremely poor living conditions like others in her neighbourhood, she spoke to us so lovingly. We felt helpless but the question on our mind was, 'how to help?'

Rev. Bishop Joachim Waldar made his pastoral visit to our community. We along with the hostel children warmly welcomed him. After the Holy Mass in the convent and dinner we reflected together on our mission here.

Christmas brought even more cheer. After the Christmas Holy Mass, Fr. Jesuraj welcomed us, the Auxilium sisters, hostel boys and girls, wardens, and staff in the beautifully decorated parish hall. The kids' meaningful programme captured the true spirit of Christmas. Sr. Teresa - Auxilium sister shared a heartfelt message and we enjoyed the dinner together.

At School we blended the pre-Christmas celebrations with Sr. Rose's birthday. Students enacted Nativity Play, and presented dances guided by Sr. Anima and teachers. All staff members received Christmas gifts.

Many parishioners attended the vigil Mass.

As 2025 drew to a close with grateful and hope-filled hearts we prepared ourselves to embrace 2026

NIRMALA CONVENT JHANSI

November Highlights

November began with the **All Souls' Day Mass** at Prem Nagar cemetery, celebrated by Bishop Wilfred Moras. November being a good month for picnics **students enjoyed outings** to various places: classes 1-2 visited Atal Park, classes 3-7 went to Matatila Dam, classes 8-9 explored Gwalior, and classes 10-12 travelled to Lucknow. The Lucknow group visited St. Mary's School RDSO, and



appreciated the warm hospitality extended by the sisters.

We were delighted to witness the week-long '**CKC Academy Mahotsav**', where Cathedral College won the band competition among eight schools. We also attended **Cathedral School's annual programme**, which showcased the unique journey from Indus Valley civilization to modern culture through dances, dress, music, and more.

Some of us attended **Karunalaya's annual function** for differently-abled children, run by Malabar Missionary Brothers.

We prepared an altar in our campus for the solemn procession of Christ the King. Bishop Wilfred and Bishop Emeritus Peter Parppullil along with 40 priests, sisters, and laity, concluded the feast day celebrations with prayers and benediction at our altar.

December highlights

Nirmala Convent feast was celebrated on



December 8th. Sisters from SFC joined us to share our joy. The two bishops along with a few priests concelebrated the Mass. The teachers organised a special assembly highlighting the good works of the sisters, past and present. Sisters Mary and Poonam participated in the **Christmas Jhaanki** (float) organized by CNI Church.

From December 15th-18th, we shared Jesus' message through carol singing. We visited

teachers' families, a Home for the Aged (126 inmates), and the inmates of a leper colony. (30 families - 96 people) received blankets. We shared small gifts with the others most of which were contributed by school children.

On December 19th, Christmas Assembly was followed by a Christmas lunch for staff. A Christmas fare on December 20th entertained children with games, music, and food. Teachers participated in carol singing at St. Jude's shrine. We had a lovely Christmas celebration, with many visitors and coming to share the Christmas cake.

On December 26th, support staff families enjoyed a small Christmas celebration with games and refreshments. The Jubilee Year concluded on December 28th at the Cathedral, with a procession, Eucharistic celebration, and fellowship meal.

We ended the year with a special Holy Hour and Thanksgiving Mass on December 31st at the Cathedral - a grateful farewell to 2025 and hopeful welcome to 2026.

