



ALLAHABAD NEWS LETTER OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024

SMC-Sagar

We celebrated Sr. Savita's golden birthday on 6th Oct. with a Holy Mass, special prayers and delicious food.

The Diocesan youth organized a special devotion to Our Lady for the month of the Rosary.



Youth representatives together with their director visited every parish, convent and mission station carrying with them the Blessed Sacrament and the statue of Our Lady. They spent about 15 minutes in our

Chapel praying for our mission, our community and our ministry here. It was inspiring to see the devotion, enthusiasm and the spirit of prayer of these young people.

Some of us had the golden opportunity of making our annual retreat in various places, Srs. Evelyn and Savita in St. Mary's 32, Sr. Teresina in St. Mary's 21 and Sr. Sharon in Godavari, Nepal as a preparation for her silver jubilee celebration. Sr. Sheela took care of the Postulants in Jhansi in the absence of Sr. Ramya for about 12 days. After her retreat Sr. Evelyn proceeded to Kanpur to attend the Post Centenary Silver Jubilee Celebrations at SMC, Kanpur. In the school, besides regular studies children were given many opportunities to participate in literary and cultural activities. The JPIC group had a few exposure activities to create awareness in Deori town. The paper bags made by the School students were distributed to



the shop keepers in the market. The group put up a street play at the town crossroads to create awareness of cyber security.

They conducted a cleanliness drive in the neighboring village and instructed the villagers to keep their surroundings clean. They collected a few blankets from the school students and distributed them among the people who needed them. Class 12 students visited the nearby government hospital, interacted with the patients and delighted them by offering fruits.

On 29th, we had a grand celebration to conclude the Rosary month as well as the conclusion of our 9 days Novena to our Lady of Fatima in front of our Parish Grotto. The devotionally conducted Rosary and High Mass were followed by sharing a fellowship meal. A good number of Catholics came from our neighboring Parish for the celebration.

The Diwali holidays from 29th Oct. to 2nd Nov. were quiet days during which we were able to visit a few homes of our well-wishers.

Children's Day was an occasion for our teachers to display their talents in the form of a creatively prepared prayer service, a few cultural items both entertaining and each with a powerful message thus letting the children become aware of how precious they are to us, their families and the nation. After the programme they enjoyed a campus picnic and made good use of the freedom given to them on their day.

With the advent of the Advent season the internal and external preparations for the birth of Christ commenced with Sr. Jane conducting a beautiful prayer service on the 1st Sunday. Bishop James of our Diocese was the first one to come with the cake to greet us for Christmas already in the 2nd week of the Advent.

In the beginning of December, the severe cold wave made its presence felt in Deori making us very apprehensive about holding the annual school programme which was fixed for 14th Dec. Trusting in God we went ahead with all the preparations. We joyfully welcomed Srs. Shweta and Mariette on 13th Dec. who came to be a part of the celebration. On 14th though our Chief Guest, the President of Nagar Palika of



Deori came about 40 minutes late, the enthusiasm of the teachers and students did not diminish neither

did they show any signs of being affected by the intense cold.

The programme consisted of cultural items each imparting a powerful message to the appreciative audience. The special feature of the evening was the catwalk of some of our student's mothers who walked on the stage together with their children dressed in the traditional costumes of different states of India. They received a big round of applause from the audience for their sporting spirit.



Another important event in the history of our school was the blessing of the newly constructed ramp from the ground floor to the third floor.



This construction under the able supervision of Sr. Sheela took about a year to complete. After a short introduction by Sr. Sharon, Sr. Shweta cut the

ribbon and Fr. John Patrick our Priest-in-charge blessed the ramp.

The contractor, the supervisor and the workers were appreciated and thanked for their hard

work and for taking care of the minute details of the construction. They were given token gifts in appreciation and we shared a meal with them cooked in our campus. We were happy to have Srs. Shweta, Mariette and Jane with us on this joyful and important occasion.



Sr. Jane had come to us in Nov. to help out in conducting English Language classes for our class 12 students. We appreciate Sr. Jane's hard work and dedication in spending her time and energy in preparing the students for their board exams. Srs. Jane and Mariette left for Allahabad on 16th December and Sr. Shweta left for Jhansi.

We had a Christmas get together with the teachers on 21st Dec. where the teachers conducted a prayer service, enacted the Christmas play and added a few dances, all in the spirit of Christmas.



They were happy to get their Christmas gifts too. To appreciate the hard

work put in by all and to share the joy of Christmas, all of us proceeded to Hotel Krishna in Kareli for a delicious Thali lunch/ a Masala dosa.

On 22nd Dec. some of us joined the procession at Raheli about 30 km away organized by the Priests and Catholics of our zone to bring Christ's message of the Kingdom to all people of the area. A Hindu Pujari too was part of the procession and shared some inspiring thoughts during his message.

On 23rd, we had a simple Prayer service along with appropriate dances and songs for the students to bring the Christmas message to them. Circumstances here do not allow us to put up elaborate programmes regarding our religion. We had 24th and 25th Christmas holidays and were back to the grind on 26th Dec. On Christmas day a few students and well-wishers came to greet us and admire the decorations. Among the visitors was Lt. Col. Vijay Kaul an ex-student of SMC Lucknow, 1999 ISC batch. He is posted in Srinagar and arrived from Delhi where he was enjoying a break with his family.

We were happy to meet and interact with him and his 10year old son. He had come specifically to meet Sr. Teresina who was his principal when he studied in SMC. We were happy to host him and his son together with Fr. John Patrick and his friend Fr. Amar - a Capuchin for the lunch.

Srs. Benita and Savita attended the ceremony of 5 Seminarians who were ordained as Deacons in Sagar Cathedral and thereafter joined the Christmas get-together of the clergy and religious of the Diocese.

It is surprising to have a rainy holiday in winter and that is what happened on 28th Dec. As it started raining from early morning and continued through the day, a holiday was declared.

The last day of the year was spent in Recollection culminating in an hour of thanksgiving and penitential service. We are indeed grateful to God for the marvelous ways in which He has protected and guided us throughout this year and pray for the same in 2025.

All of us in Deori extend our warm greetings to each of our sisters for a wonderful and grace filled 2025.

Asha Niketan - Varanasi

On 4th Oct. Sr. Bhavana left for Kerala to attend the National Conference of Association of Catholic Rehabilitation Centers /ACRCI. It was conducted in Amal Jyoti engineering College, Koovappally. Kerala. It was an enriching and educational meeting.

On 28th Oct. Sr. Namita from Patna Province and Sr. Sharon Came to Asha Niketan on their way to Nepal for their Jubilee retreat. Sr. Bhavana too



joined them from here. They left for Nepal on the 30th Oct. They had a fruitful time in Nepal with other two companions' Srs. Shweta from Patna and Prasanna from Bangalore Region.

On 13th November, the IMS brothers from Christ Nagar came to our school to have an interaction with our students. They conducted a few games and spent quality time with the children.

On 14th, we celebrated the children's day in the school and each one of them got a small gift. On the same day Sr. Jaya along with Sr. Anjana left for their annual retreat to Allahabad and came back on 23rd evening. On the same day Sr. Marina Came from Lucknow to make her retreat. In honor of our parish feast, we had three days preparations in the evening on 15th, 16th & 17th. Srs. Irene and Justina had come from Patna for the Logo's Bible quiz at Nav Sadana and they paid a short visit to our community.



On 26th Sr. Roselette came on her way back from home after visiting her ailing father and on the next day we celebrated her birthday. Thereafter she left for Allahabad.

On 3rd the world disabled day was celebrated in Nava Vani special School and our children took part in sports and cultural programme. They won many prizes.

On 10th Sr. Jaya's sister, Sr. Lisa SCN along with her five companions



came after their renewal programme in Allahabad. They were with us for a few hours.

On 15th We went for a pilgrimage to Mugahal Sarari along with Srs. Archana and Lynette from Kanudih. We attended the holy mass and prayed for all.



On 19th, IMS General Rev. Fr. Prasanna Raj and Fr. Anuroop paid a short visit to our school and our children put up a short programme for them. They enjoyed it and distributed a school bag each for all.

On 20th Dec. we had a short prayer service with our students and staff in honor of Christmas. We distributed cake and sweets to them and they also received a token Christmas gift.

The next day we celebrated the Christmas with our staff where we shared a special lunch prepared by them. Thereafter the school closed for Christmas vacation.

Sr. Mariette from Nepal paid a short visit to us on her way home. On 27th morning Srs. Mary and Remya came along with our Postulants on their way to Patna. On the same day evening Sr. Bhavana went to Patna along with the Postulants to reach them and came back on the next day. Srs. Mary and Remya went back to Jhansi on the next day.

Asha Niketan Community wishes each one of you, A Spirit filled New Year 2025.

Ashirvad Convent - Kanudih

On 2nd October, the Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in a meaningful way during the assembly. The students of class 7 conducted a meaningful assembly depicting the life of Gandhiji and his dedication and sacrifice for the nation. After the assembly we had cleanliness drive in the school, the students cleaned their own classrooms under the guidance of their respective class teachers.

On 9th, Sr. Fernanda and her companions went to Mysore for the Golden Jubilee preparation. They returned after the retreat enriched and it was a time of sharing the joyful experiences of their journey together.



17th to 19th October, Sr. Lynette along with a teacher accompanied 10 of our students to SMC, Lucknow to attend the Mary

ward school students' meet. They had motivational classes, group activities, individual and group games which motivated them. The students were happy and learned a lot for their life. They were given a good school bag each and the participation certificate. The students shared their experiences with the entire school on the next day.

November was a busy month for all of us, as the school was getting ready for the annual function. On 4th November, Sr. Archana was taken to Allahabad due to ill health. She returned to the community after a month.



On 29th October, the community went to Chunar along with 4 teachers for the annual function of the Hindi Medium.

On 6th December the school had the Annual Function which was named 'Aaveg' 2024. It was a well appreciated cultural programme. Bishop Eugene, the Bishop of Varanasi was the chief guest of the day. Sr. Shweta was the guest of honour.

The school celebrated Christmas on 21st December. The children were excited to sing and dance with the Santa Claus. Then the teachers and the sisters had a lunch together which was prepared by the co-workers and teachers together.



On 24th, we had the Christmas Vigil in the Ashram. So many thousands of Christu Bhaktas were present for the Night Vigil. Their faith and eagerness to celebrate the birth of Jesus was heart touching and inspiring. Christmas day morning mass was celebrated in a meaningful way. Many people from the villages visited the crib and prayed. On 26th, as every year, Asha Niketan community had lunch with us after which both the communities together went for Christmas Mela.

We bid good bye to 2024 with gratitude to the Lord for His mighty protection over us. 2024 has brought us countless blessings to each one of us. We had a special prayer and adoration in the evening on 31st. We welcomed the New Year 2025, asking God's blessings on all.

Mary Ward Bhawan - Unnao

In the month of October, we regularly joined the family Rosary conducted by our parish priest, Fr. Alwyn Moras and prayed for the families and also for the suffering humanity. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the students conducted a short assembly highlighting the principles of non-violence, peace, love and truth that Gandhiji advocated. There was a Choral Recitation Competition for the students of Classes 6 to 8 themed on the life and teachings of Gandhiji.

On 8th October, one of the animators of our Social work Centre left the center as she was going to get married. We extend our gratitude to her for her generous and dedicated services to the students of our Social Work Centre over the past three years.

During the Dussehra holidays, Sr. Lata and Sr. Alisha made their Retreat in St. Mary's '32' Allahabad and St. Mary's Kanpur respectively and Sr. Rajini made her Retreat during the Diwali holidays in Lucknow. All of



us came back with renewed vigour and enthusiasm to serve God more fruitfully.

On 19th October, a Health Camp was conducted for the students and their parents. On 22nd October the staff and the sisters collected some amount and served delicious lunch to the labourers who are working in our school compound.

The community celebrated, the Birthday of Fr. Alwyn Moras on 24th October in a meaningful manner, beginning with the Eucharistic

celebration. The school held a short prayer assembly to celebrate the occasion. Each class presented a rose and a greeting card to their Principal, Fr. Alwyn Moras as a gesture of love and appreciation for him. They also put up an entertainment programme which made his day a memorable and joyful one. On 27th Oct. sisters and the parishioners made a pilgrimage to Mohanlalganj to celebrate the Feast of St. Jude.

The month of November was also marked by various activities, including picnics and educational tours. Among these, a three-day educational tour to Nainital for the students of Class 12 stood out as something astoundingly special. The students were accompanied by their teachers making it an enriching and memorable experience.

On 13th November the sisters went to Nav Jeevan Social Work Centre to celebrate the children's Day. The Children enjoyed the singing and dance of the sisters and teachers. They received sweets and buns on that day.

St. Lawrence School celebrated the Children's Day on 14th November starting with a prayer service followed by an enthralling entertainment programme on stage which received a roaring applaud and cheers from the children. On 23rd November, the students from Nursery, K.G. and Class 1 presented a delightful cultural programme that was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by their parents.



We celebrated the Feast of 'Christ the King', an event that brought together people from parishes of Lucknow Diocese in Cathedral Parish proclaiming to the people that Jesus is our King and Saviour. Fr. Alwyn, the sisters and the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church joined them. As we entered the Advent season, we had weekly Advent prayer services in preparation to welcome Baby Jesus in our hearts. On 8th December, we were delighted to have along with us Sr. Marina, Sr. Rosemary from Kerala, Jessy from Nepal and Shobhana

from Patna. Unnao community enjoyed their company for a few hours.

On 10th December, one of our teachers, Mrs. Vibha Vincent got a heart attack at 7 p.m. Srs. Rajini and Alisha rushed her to the close by hospital but she had to be taken to Kanpur for better treatment.



On 14th December Fr. Alwyn the Principal, Sr. Lata, a few teachers and 30 students of St. Lawrence School visited our social work center with the help of Sr. Rajini. The students put up a street play and gave a good message to the women on how to save water. They distributed blankets and eatables to 50 women.

On 19th December we started the carol singing and visited all the catholic families, praying and wishing them. On 21st December, we celebrated Christmas in the school with a Christmas play and an Inter house carol singing competition was held. Rev. Fr. K.K. Antony was the Chief Guest of the day. He enlightened the Lawrentian minds by emphasizing the need to be a good human being in this materialistic world. On the same day we organized a Christmas Fete which was a grand success with an array of entertaining games and food stalls. On 22nd December our Srs. Marion, Sylvia, Prabha, Sarita and Kiran paid a short visit and shared their Christmas joy with us. On the night of 24th we had the Christmas vigil Mass and on 25th morning Christmas Mass in our Parish Church. On 27th Srs. Rajini and Lata went to the Social Work Centre to celebrate Christmas with our students over there. We prayed for them and wished them all the best for the New Year. Thereafter, they enjoyed eating cakes and some other eatables that were given to them. Sr. Alisha attended a programme on School Leadership from 27th to 30th December, 2024 at Atmadarshan, Patna and returned well informed and having gained a lot of knowledge.

On 31st December, we had adoration and the Holy Mass in the Church to thank the Lord for

all the blessings that we received during the last year. We pray that may God's love light our way and lead us into a New Year that shines with His abundant blessings. Happy New Year!

SMC - 32

The Month of October, the Rosary Month may help us to follow our dear Mother Mary with the power of the Rosary. Some of our sisters from the Delhi Province paid flying visits to us mainly to meet the sick and suffering ones- Corporal works of Mercy! On 4th of Oct., the first Friday of the month, our Parish Priest offered Children's Mass and specially prayed for their parents.

The third quarter of the academic year 2024 was quite hectic but, with the grueling efforts of all, we emerged successful in our mission to empower students to think critically and cultivate in them the values of leadership and discipline.

In Under 19 category, CISCE, National Sports Tournament, UP/UK(Uttarakhand)



represented by SMCIC Prayagraj won the Championship Trophy in Cricket and Handball. Well done, SMCites!

The community started the annual retreat during the Dussehra holidays, under the direction of Fr. Suresh Mathew OFM Cap. 10 more sisters from other communities joined us, thus the number became 25. It was a 5day Synodal retreat that ended on 16th evening with the Holy Eucharist. The theme was 'Be Human, Be Holy'. Unlike a Jesuit Retreat, this Synodal Retreat was emphasizing on the current burning issues and the religious role in it, "to Be Human, to Be Christian, to Be Religious and to Be Holy." Though short, it was a fruitful time.

Sr. Josita left for Lucknow with the Asha Deep School Children to participate in the Inter Mary Ward School Gathering “EK JUNOON”. It was a splendid chance for these Children, to display and develop their talents by intermingling with the children of all cultures. The team returned with enlightened leadership qualities.

Diocesan Bible Festival concluded with a great fanfare. Srs. Vincy and Sybil attended the Quasqui Centennial celebrations of Kanpur SMC on 25th October. On 29th Sr. Vinaya left for Pondicherry with the Youth to participate in “Kairos- 2024”, the National Youth Convention that takes place once in 3 years. The theme of the convention was “Come let us celebrate our Life of Faith.” On the last day of Oct., the community held ‘Akhand Japamala’ (chain rosary), from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and concluded it with Benediction, for the intentions of the community and the province.

“Living and the dead, Praise the Lord.” (Job 23: 10). All Saints’ Day, Fr. Jose SJ reminded us that we too are called to be saints by keeping our faith strong, in all circumstances of life. All Souls’ Day— **“Life is fragile, handle it with Prayer.”** a wonderful lesson the good souls in purgatory teach us.

Though the months of October and November alarmed us with unforeseen tensions, with all the prayers and supplications, things got back to normal. Praise the Lord! Thank you, Lord, we are grateful for your unconditional love.

Children’s Day:- A delightful celebration, brimming with vibrance, energy, and vigor was held on the occasion of Children’s Day. A special assembly was conducted by the teachers thereafter, the achievers of various athletic events, and Josephest were felicitated. The joyful day ended with a prolonged lunch



break and interaction with the teachers in the class.

Feast of Christ the King! The whole of the Cathedral Parish was agog with enthusiasm to proclaim Christ Our King to the outer world, preparing themselves with Prayers, adoration in groups and concluding with the grand finale of the Eucharistic Procession -

Seminars and Workshops:-



An engaging and meaningful session on the topic **“How antisocial is social media”** was held for the senior students by Mr. Chandrasekhar Verma, a behavioral psychologist and motivational speaker. The issues addressed in the seminar were the deceptive nature of the virtual world, how humans have become slaves to technology and how to combat cybercrime.

A highly impactful **workshop on awareness regarding fire safety, traffic safety, and cybercrime** was jointly organized by the Police Commissionerate, the Traffic Police



department and the Sarthi Foundation. The session empowered the students with critical knowledge to act responsibly in emergencies, fostering, a safer and more conscientious community.

Sr. Lissy was admitted to the Nazareth Hospital to undergo RFA - Electrophysiology study radio frequency Ablation (Medical Procedure) for a type of abnormal heart rhythm. Sr. Vinaya attended a youth programme at Sadhana Sadhan from 28th to 30th November.

An exhibition “Style Spectrum” was organized



by the students of fashion designing. A wide range of handicraft items, costumes, and

accessories were systematically displayed by the students. The positive feedback of the event given by sisters, teachers, and students uplifted the morale of the budding designers.

Many other class activities, such as interclass English debate competition, Hindi poetry competition, General Knowledge activity, Quiz competition and Science activities were also held to broaden the intellectual horizons of the students.

Advent is a time to do an introspection and to amend our ways to prepare the way of the Lord. **“December is a month of hope, a season of love and a time to believe in miracles.”** Anonymous. De-cember, de-clutter, de-tach, de-lete- anything that devalues our lives, don’t bring to the year 2025.

Something new! SMC Office Block was renovated after 50 odd years of its construction. It was blessed on 1st Dec. by Fr. Moses Sebastian from St. Joseph’s Regional Seminary. Sight is the same, but looks are grant. It needed a renovation because it had weathered all sorts of storms in the past. The pre-Board exams have started for classes 10 & 12. Asha Deep School had their annual Athletic Meet- a novel idea for them to participate in it.



The benefits of education were highlighted in a workshop organized for the underprivileged children at Gaughat Balseva Ashram. It was a noble initiative taken by the FMW community for the children residing in slum areas. Peptalk on topics related to “Health and Hygiene” and “Good touch and Bad Touch” was conducted for the students of Middle School. They were made to understand the importance of wellness and how to recognize and respond to uncomfortable situations.



Besides the above activities, the students enthusiastically participated in Kavi Sammelan, Diya making activity, Christmas card making competition and flower making competition as well. The weekly long assemblies based on valuable topics were also creatively depicted.

Birthday celebration of our dear Sr. Regina



and Sr. Alma took place on 11th December ’24. The SMC Family gleefully gathered to thank the sisters for their abundant services and appreciate the joy they bring to the world.

The Catholics of the Junior Section had a unique chance to sing Christmas Carols and put up the Nativity play under the guidance of Srs. Vinaya and Rose. This has given them a rare opportunity to display their talents. Well done, girls!

The Deacons of the Seminary had once expressed their desire to see the SMC campus before they left Allahabad after completing four years of studies. We felt it was a legitimate desire, so we invited them for a get-together on 4th December before they went to their respective dioceses. We conducted a few games followed by High Tea. This was well appreciated by them. Does it sound Synodality? Yes, it is that.

Parish Carol singing started from 5th Dec. Daily one of us joined the parish carol group. The Annual Alumunae Meeting was held on 14th in the lower hall. The Golden Jubilee batch of 1994 and the Silver Jubilee batch of 1999 had a visibly enjoyable time in the evening.



Nativity plays and Christmas celebrations in the school, for the staff and for the co-workers and finally for the sisters went off well. Classes 7 and 8 together staged a very meaningful prayer assembly.

The main attraction of the celebration was a carol singing competition between the teachers and the students. For a change 4 carols each were sung alternatively by the teachers and the students. Both the teams competed neck to neck, creatively presenting the carols with music,



singing and rhythmic movements which kept the audience enthralled non-stop for 20 odd minutes. Finally, both the teams were

adjudged as the winners.

4th Sunday of Advent—evening special prayer was a simple, yet inspiring dramatization of the Annunciation and Visitation. Christmas eve was celebrated with a meaningful prayer followed it up with praying and singing carols in front of the meaningfully prepared crib with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, thereafter carrying the Baby Jesus to the rooms of the sisters who are sick. Sisters from Mary Ward Bhawan, Rajapur also joined us for the prayer and the dinner that followed. Christmas Day witnessed showers of blessing with rain which hampered the visitors, but by 10a.m. the sky was clear and people poured in to wish us and to exchange greetings. Praise the Lord!

Sr. Rose left for home leave on 26th and Sr. Sumita on 27th. We wish them happy, relaxed time with their people.

29th Dec. on the feast of the Holy Family, the Jubilee Year was inaugurated by His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Louis Mascarenhas in the Cathedral. It started with a procession from St. Joseph's Seminary. The Jubilee Cross was unveiled which would be taken to different Parishes and Mission Stations in the course of the Jubilee year 2025. On 31st December, the community held the final Thanksgiving Service at 3.00 p.m. since the Cathedral Parish held it from 5.00 to 7.00.p.m.

“Grace carried us here and by Grace we will carry on. We wish you all a beautiful, blissful and blessed 2025.” Happy New Year!

SMC, Lucknow

The month of October began at St. Mary's Convent with a heartfelt reflection, highlighting the spiritual and inspirational significance of this special time. The reflection focused on Mother Mary, celebrated as the Queen of the Rosary, emphasizing her role as a source of guidance and faith and the need of intercession through the daily recitation of the Rosary. The reflection also paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, dwelling on his principles of truth, non-violence and dedication to justice, inspiring students to lead lives rooted in peace and integrity. The virtues of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus, were shared, encouraging everyone to embrace her “little way” of love and simplicity in their daily lives. The life of St. Francis of Assisi was also highlighted, with reflections on his profound love for all of God's creation, his humility, and his example of living in harmony with nature. This reflection talk set a contemplative and inspiring tone for the month, encouraging the community to inculcate these values in one's daily life.

On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the staff and the students of SMCIC gathered



to honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. The celebration began with a solemn floral tribute to Gandhiji, accompanied by a reflective silence to honor his contributions to India's freedom struggle and philosophy of truth and non-violence. Adding a creative touch, the students presented inspiring poems exploring the world through Gandhiji's lens. These heartfelt compositions reflected his vision of peace, harmony, and sustainable living, offering a fresh perspective on contemporary issues like social justice and environmental conservation. The celebration served as a poignant reminder of Mahatma Gandhi's enduring influence and inspired

everyone to embrace his values in their everyday lives.



St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Lucknow, had the privilege of hosting a three-day Mary Ward Schools Meet EK JUNOON: THE JOURNEY OF RADIANCE

for CJ Hindi medium students. The event, held from 17th to 19th October brought together four esteemed Mary Ward schools from Allahabad province to celebrate learning, collaboration and holistic development. The participating schools included: Asha Deep Junior Highschool Allahabad, Mahatma Gandhi Adharsh Vidyalaya, Kanudhi, Mary Ward School Kanpur and Mary Ward School



Lucknow. The meet commenced with a vibrant inaugural ceremony graced by the presence of Rev. Sr. Shweta, the Provincial Superior, who encouraged the students to embrace Mary Ward's vision of education. Ek-Junoon included talent searches showcasing the talents and creativity of the participants.

Sessions on CJ Culture, Embracing Your Potential: Unleashing the Power Within You, Digital India: Its Importance and Impact and SDG Goals were the topics delt with to enhance the students' skills and provide valuable insights. The spirit of companionship was evident throughout the meet, reflecting the values of Mother Mary Ward. The three days event concluded with a grand closing ceremony where winners of various talent searches were felicitated and all the participants were commended for their enthusiasm and participation. The meet successfully fostered a sense of unity and inspired the students to strive for excellence.



The festive spirit of Diwali illuminated the halls of St. Mary's Convent Inter College on 29th October. The celebration was marked

with enthusiasm and devotion, highlighting the essence of light, joy and togetherness. The day began with teachers adorning a 'tika' on every child's forehead, symbolizing blessings, prosperity, the triumph of good over evil and spiritual significance of the festival. Adding to the festive fervor, every teacher entered their respective classrooms holding a lighted 'diya'. The glowing lamps represented the dispelling of darkness and the spreading of knowledge and positivity. The warm and soothing glow of the 'diyas' created an atmosphere of peace and harmony throughout the school. The celebration also included an assembly, which emphasized the importance of celebrating Diwali responsibly and cherishing the values of kindness and gratitude.

The Annual Retreat, conducted by Fr. Royston Madtha SJ, took place with 20 participants and was a deeply inspiring and vision-oriented experience. Over the course of the retreat, Fr. Royston guided the group through spiritual reflections, meditations, motivational movies and discussions that focused on personal growth, faith and mission. His approach nurtured a deep sense of renewal, helping the retreatants to reconnect with their inner selves and with God.

Athletes of St. Mary's showcased outstanding talent and determination at the Spardha International Sports Olympiad, organized by CMS, RDSO, making their mark on the grand stage of inter-school athletics. Among the



participants from nine countries, our students displayed incredible prowess earning multiple medals that reflected their hard work, perseverance, and team spirit. The culmination of their efforts led to the college securing the prestigious "Runner-Up Trophy", evidence to the consistent excellence of our athletes. The remarkable performance of the badminton team shone brightly in their category, earned them the coveted "Overall Championship Trophy". Congratulations to our champions for their commendable performances and for bringing such honor to our institution.

Adding to the accolades, the Victory of Saksham Raj as the CISCE National Gold

Medalist for Karate, Shambhavi Pandey securing a bronze medal in the basketball tournament at the "National Sports and Games", organized by CISCE brought laurels to the school. The



Teachers' Choir of SMCIC has added another feather to its cap by securing the 2nd Prize at the prestigious "Angels Voice Mega Reality Show", a national-level singing competition hosted by Atmadarshan TV, Indore. The competition witnessed participation from talented choirs across the country, making it a tough contest filled with exceptional performances. The SMCIC Teacher's Choir stood out for their melodious voices, perfect harmony and heartfelt renditions, earning them praises from both the judges and the audience.

On All Souls' Day, Sisters gathered in the chapel for a Holy Mass to remember and pray for the souls of the departed. After the mass, the community proceeds to the cemetery, where a moment of prayer and blessings were offered for our departed sisters.

St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Lucknow celebrated its Diamond Jubilee as it completed 60 years, dedicated to building God's family on earth. The heart- warming celebration held



in the school ground, brought together dignitaries from various fields, former teachers, parents, ex-students, students and faculty members to embrace the values of Love, Justice, Peace, Reconciliation and

Hope. The grand event commenced with the ombre light spreading from one end of the colossal school ground to the expanse of the sky. Ma'am Ritu Suhas, an accomplished IAS officer and an ex-student of batch 1992 and Rev Sr. Shweta CJ, graced the occasion as the hon'ble Chief Guest and as the Guest of Honour respectively. School was honoured to have the presence of Mr. Deepak Singh Chauhan, Asst. Security Commissioner, RPF, RDSO .

The School Cabinet led by the indomitable foundress Ven. Mother Mary Ward followed by an array of items depicting the legacy formed over the past glorious 60 years came to a solemn close with the tone of the School Anthem reverberating through the hallowed halls of SMCIC teaching one and all the priceless lesson of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- the world is one large family. The show did not end there as this event was a reminder to the audience to be the Radiant trailblazers who will toil for the Greater Honour and Glory of God.



The SMCIC family came together with immense joy and enthusiasm on November 14th to celebrate the Children's Day, a tribute to the vibrant spirit and limitless potential of every child. The event commenced with a floral tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, led by the sisters, the teachers, and the students, honouring his enduring vision for children as the future of the nation. Following the tribute, a thought-provoking assembly was conducted by the teachers, centered around the theme, "Children: Our Hope for the Future." The students enjoyed a delightful motivational film and a vibrant campus picnic, filled with music, dance, and laughter.

The year 2024 brought a series of exciting and unforgettable picnic experiences for the students of classes 1 to 8, blending fun, adventure, and cherished memories. From 21st to 23rd November, an adventure park was set up on the school campus organized by the Victory Adventure team. The park featured 14 thrilling activities, including zip-lining, trampoline, and commando net. On December 17, students of Classes 9 to 12 embarked on a day trip to Victory



Adventure Park, Bandra. Accompanied by Principal and teachers, they explored the picturesque venue

and participated in thrilling activities such as zip-lining, rope climbing, and team-building games. The trip was made even more memorable with delicious meals that kept everyone energized throughout the day. These picnics provided students with opportunities to bond, enjoy new experiences, and build cherished memories, making the year truly special for all.

A meeting of COIN education coordinators was held in SMCIC Lucknow to deliberate on the MARY WARD School Compass, a strategic framework aimed at enhancing the quality of education and administration in schools. The primary focus was to discuss the implementation strategies, challenges, and updates related to the MARY WARD School Compass, ensuring alignment with the educational mission and values. An overview of the School Compass was discussed on, highlighting its vision, core areas, and expected outcomes. Coordinators shared insights from their respective institutions, including successes, areas for improvement, and innovative practices. Discussions centered on adopting the compass framework with a shared commitment to work collaboratively for the overall efficiency of CJ schools.

A Gratitude Week was celebrated by SMCIC family, focusing on fostering appreciation and reflection among sisters, teachers, co-workers and students. The week began with meditation sessions that promoted mindfulness and inner peace. Special prayer gatherings followed, allowing all to come together in thanksgiving for their blessings. Students were encouraged to write gratitude letters, expressing thanks to teachers, friends, and family. On the final day, a large screen of gratitude notes, containing messages of appreciation from the entire school, was displayed at the school's entrance. This initiative successfully cultivated a spirit of gratitude and strengthened the family bond.



SMCIC Lucknow celebrated Christmas with great joy and fervor,

bringing together students, teachers, and

supportive staff in a festive atmosphere. The Christmas celebration was a joyous occasion, centered around the theme "Heaven's Light in Earthly Hands." The meaningful play encouraging reflection on love, compassion, and service explored the question '**what one would do with Jesus in your hands?**'. The celebration included a lively carol singing competition, where students performed traditional and contemporary Christmas carols, filling the atmosphere with festive cheer. The school was decorated innovatively creating a warm and inviting ambiance of the season. The Chief Guest of the day Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza inspired the audience with a meaningful Christmas message.

As part of the annual tradition of spreading love and joy during the Christmas season, SMCIC family organized a charity drive aimed at supporting the residents of Shekpur Village and Navjeevan Social Center at Unnao. The initiative was driven by a spirit of compassion and a desire to help those in need, ensuring they too could experience the warmth and togetherness of the holiday season. Over the course of the Christmas week, students, came together to collect essential provisions for the people of Shekpur.



A heartwarming celebration marked the birthdays and feast days of all our beloved Sisters. On all their special days meaningful prayer services were conducted; appreciating them and thanking them for their dedication and selfless service to our institute and to the world at large.



The air at St. Mary's Convent was filled with nostalgia and excitement as Ex-students gathered on 29th December for a memorable reunion. The historic walls echoed with fun and laughter. This event was a testimony of strong bond shared by the St.



Marians with their Alma Mater and with their Sisters, Teachers and Friends.

A Prayer assembly conducted in the morning in the assembly ground, to the school anthem in the evening and moving out of the auditorium with the lighted candles echoed the love and affection for their Alma Mater still etched in the hearts of every Ex-Student.

SMC - Kanpur

The month of October came with its pleasant surprises and events. It began with the annual retreat preached by Rev. Fr. Shaju. The sisters from various communities joined us and felt the atmosphere of prayer and blessings. Bible festival was held in our Parish but due to retreat we could not contribute much. All the same Srs. Marion and Bridgit went as judges for various events.

The Quasquicentennial celebration

The Quasquicentennial celebration began with a thanksgiving Holy Eucharist by Rt Rev Dr. Louise Mascarenhas as the main celebrant.

It was a celebration of gratitude and appreciation to God's faithfulness over 125 years. The sisters of Congregation of Jesus (CJ) began their mission in Kanpur city in the year 1899. The presence of many priests, CJ sisters from various



Provinces and regions, other religious priests and sisters, laity, teachers, well-wishers and students made the celebration more meaningful. The cultural evening of St. Mary's Convent, High School Kanpur 'Festin-o-Beats' was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur on 24th and 25th October, 2024 marking 125 years of the inception of the school.

Sr. Marion went to Culcutta and Abohar in Punjab for the evaluation of colleges from NAAC. She also gave a training programme to SRA sisters at Varanasi on conducting academic auditing.

Music Competition.

Shanvi Jaiswal of Class VI bagged first position in Bhajan and second position in

Gayan at Sangeet Sanjeevani - 2024. She also secured first position in Classical music and Bhajan category at Sangeetanjali Sanskritik Sanstha, Kanpur.



Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Academy, Lucknow, awarded her third

position in the Music Competition.

A celebration of victory over evil

A Dussehra assembly was conducted by the students of Class XI who highlighted the significance of this festival through their speeches.

They emphasized on the victory of good over evil and shared insights about the importance of values



such as courage and righteousness, encouraging their peers to embody these principles in their day-to-day life. The students prayed for everyone's well-being so that they are able to overcome and burn the vices within them just like the effigy of King Ravana symbolizing the evils burnt. The assembly ended on the note that Dussehra should not be taken just as a festival but as a reminder for personal growth and harmony.

BRAIN 'O' BRAIN

The BRAIN 'O' BRAIN WONDERKID Competition was held on 4th August 2024 at



Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Cantt. Kanpur. The prize distribution happened at Lajpat

Bhawan on 5th October 2024. The students of St. Mary's Convent brought laurels to the school by winning various medals-gold, silver and bronze in various age groups.

FMW ACTIVITY: - "Do good and do it well". Following this maxim of Mother Mary Ward, on 27th November, the students of Class IX portrayed how Mary Ward continues to groom the youth of the modern age. They explained how abiding by her teachings, leads to a better life filled with empathy, charity, and solitude. "Her



Vision is our Mission” to make women take up responsibility in society was rightly demonstrated by the students as they displayed her different maxims

ANNUAL CONCERT PRE-PRIMARY:

The 'Joyful Jamboree' at St. Mary's Convent High School was a delightful celebration of 125 years of nurturing young minds. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and featured charming dances, songs and plays by the little ones, showcasing themes of unity and positivity. Chief Guest Mrs. Anushka Akash Kanodia, along with Mrs. Smriti Basak and Dr.



Pratibha Singh, shared fond memories and praised the school's commitment to holistic development. The event concluded by highlighting the school's impact on its students and celebrating both the school's rich history and its bright future.

STORY TELLING COMPETITION

In Native American dialect, it is rightly said that those who tell stories rule the world. Class



VIII today conducted the Story Narration competition on the Maxims of Venerable Mother Mary Ward.

Inauguration of Indoor Games Room:- 26th November was a special day for SMC as a new Indoor Games Room was inaugurated.



Designed to bring fun, learning and friendly

competition among the students, the room is equipped with various exciting games like chess, carrom, and other board games. It will offer an opportunity to the students to enhance their skills of strategy, focus and teamwork and will help to develop critical thinking.

Recitation Competition:- A Recitation Competition was organized by the Friends of Mary Ward on 25th November 2024. The students of Class VII had an



Inter Class Competition in which the members of one House from each section were selected as the participant for the Competition. Not only did the students recite the poem well but also used appropriate props to bring out the meaning of the poem

National Art Competition:- The National Art Competition has, for long, been a cornerstone of India's art scene providing a platform for emerging and establishing artists to showcase their incredible talents. On 10th October, Mother Teresa Children's Development Society in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, organized National Art Competition wherein the emerging students showed their talents in the field of Art. Vedika of Class VIB won the competition and received a cash prize of Rs.2000.



Reflections on Mother Mary Ward: Mother Mary Ward, the foundress of our prestigious school, is an exemplary model of compassion, courage and dedication to education. To pay a



tribute to her and to keep her spirit alive in the hearts of each one daily the students of Class 6 conducted morning assemblies wherein a few of her maxims like “It is an honour to work for God”, “Do good and do it well”, “Be diligent to root out thy vices and not to hide them”, “Do your best and God will help” were depicted in the form of role play, story narration and poem reminding the students of her vision and teachings.

Children's Day celebration: - John F. Kennedy once said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." St. Mary's Convent, Kanpur arranged a grand Fete for the students to celebrate the occasion of Children's Day and provided a day of joy and merriment for the students.



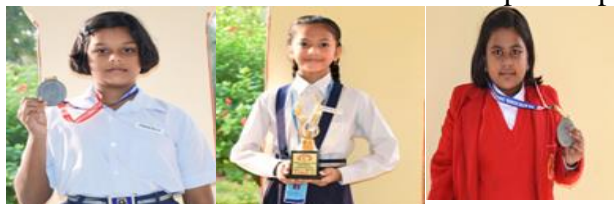
Parish level Fete:-

We participated in the fete and auctioning of contributed things to raise fund for the mission Sunday collection. It was indeed a joyful experience as the community put up a stall with hot omelet and everyone was attracted towards our stall.



Taekwondo and Swimming Championship:

- Krisha Chavan of Class 3B showcased her exceptional talent by winning a gold medal in the Inter-School Taekwondo Championship



held at Sir Padampat Singhania Education Centre. She also secured the runner-up position in the U-13 Freestyle Swimming League Championship at Cawnpore Club. Congratulations, Krisha, for making our school proud! Arohi Khushwaha a student of class 5-B and Shivanshi Srviastava student of class 4-B went for Taekwondo inter-school fight which was held on 9th and 10th November at Sir Padampat Singhania Education center she got second position and won silver medal.

Sr. Bridjit along with Sr. Freda went to Agra for the last rites of her sister Sr. Nirmala RJM as she passed away on 18th November 2024. We join you and your family members dear Sr. Bridgit in praying for your sister. May her soul rest in peace.



SMC INTRA SCHOOL MUN :-

A three-day MUN was conducted in the school as part of JPIC activity. The three major committees, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNNCSW), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and Continuous Crisis Committee (CCC); where students shared the Research Agendas on which they had to raise their voice. After the quorum, the students displayed their skills of public speaking, writing, critical thinking, teamwork and leadership. The participants in the form of delegates and representatives

discussed motions and debated on vital issues across the world. The Simulation was presided over by the Executive Board Members who monitored the smooth functioning of the respective committees. The day ended with the precedence of votes and speeches.

A Visit to Blue World Park:- The annual picnic of Class XII offers a rare respite from the demands of academic life-giving way to exhilaration and a sense of nostalgia for carefree moments.



On 5th December, the students of the outgoing batch ventured to Blue World Amusement

Park. As the children hurtled through the air, screams turned into laughter and the adrenaline rush reminded them of the sheer joy of living in the moment.

Feast Day of Sr. Marion:- St. Mary's Convent High School, Kanpur celebrated the Feast Day of Sister Marion, the manager of our school on 7th December. The event was filled with prayer, joy and gratitude. The students presented various items expressing their love and respect for our dear Sister.

A short visit of education co-coordinators from all the provinces and regions gave us all a surprise. We spent some time together sharing light moments.



Inter school Sports Day:- Sports Day for the Primary and middle school was organized on 13th December 2024. It was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and fun. The event aimed to encourage physical activity, teamwork, and



healthy competition among the young students. The Sports Day concluded with prize distribution ceremony wherein the winners were awarded for their achievements.

Christmas Celebration:- Primary School students participated in a wonderful Christmas activity. The children made beautiful Christmas tree, Santa Claus figures, Reindeer headgears etc. using colourful paper, which filled the classroom with joy and creativity. The teachers explained the significance of Christmas to the students.



To bring out the true meaning of the festival on 17th of December, our Primary School children showed their generosity by offering a gift pack to the families of our Mary Ward School students. The pack included necessary items like washing powder, bathing soaps, biscuits, snacks, stationery items, etc. The spirit of giving extends not only to loved ones but also to strangers and those who are in need, bringing joy to all, thus exemplifying the true meaning of Christmas.

Visit to SNEHALAYA old age home:- On the 18th of December, a group of student members of Friends of Mary Ward from Class VIII, Student President and Vice President of Class IX from Class VIII along with Sister Bridgit, FMW President Mrs.R. Gill and Vice President Mrs. Tulika Ghosh visited an old age home near Chandari.



The students distributed woolen gloves, mufflers and socks along with daily essentials like detergent powder, soaps and eatables. They recited poems, sang carols and performed a dance which the inmates enjoyed. Our school presented shawls to keep them warm during these winter months.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas is a magical time of the year celebrated with joy, love and togetherness. In our school, the festivities began with a special Christmas assembly wherein the students showcased the nativity story through an inspiring play, beautifully narrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The stage was adorned with vibrant decorations including Christmas trees,

snowman, etc., which added to the festive atmosphere. The assembly ended with Santa appearing in front of the students who cheered joyously.

Alumni Meet 2024 : The much-anticipated Alumni Meet 2024 proved to be an outstanding success celebrating 125 years of SMC bringing together alumni's from various batches to reconnect, celebrate, and



forge new memories. Held on 28th December 2024, the event was a beautiful blend of nostalgia and forward-looking aspirations, uniting the alumni in a celebration of the enduring spirit of the institution.

The day unfolded with engaging activities of visiting several stalls of eatables and accessories, including a campus tour that allowed alumni to revisit familiar spots while also witnessing the latest developments and changes as it was a moment of deep nostalgia for many.

St. John's- Fatehpur

The month of rosary brought blessings in abundance as the community continually prayed together for various intentions of the world in the month of October. Sisters from the community attended the Annual retreats and returned rejuvenated with spirit of commitment to life and mission.

2nd October-Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated:

The teachers and the students enthusiastically came to school to celebrate the birthday of the Father of the Nation. The Programme commenced with a meaningful prayer service followed by various competitions all based on Gandhiji's values.



Three students of our school won gold medals and merit certificate in the National English cum G.K written Quiz conducted by the CIPEL, Hyderabad.

Diwali Celebrations:- ‘The festival of lights’ was a reminder to us that we too are invited to be lights to dispel the darkness from those who are dwelling in it. Along with our Hindu brethren we pray “May this Divine Festival, colour the pages of your life with peace, joy and happiness”.

The Month of November began with All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day. We remembered and prayed for our dear ones especially for our dear sisters who have gone before us.

On 5th November, a much -awaited day, we had our Annual Function ‘IGNITE-2024’



after a gap of almost five years.

The hard work and thorough practice given to the children by the teachers resulted in a wonderful display of children’s skills, which were presented with precision, creativity and energy. Kudos to the mentors and the children! The Chief guest, Most. Rev. Dr. Louis Mascarenhas, lauded the efforts of the teachers and students. We were also happy to welcome Sr. Shweta CJ, our provincial Superior, other CJ sisters from Allahabad and Kanpur communities. To add joy to the celebrations we were blessed with the presence of various fathers and sisters from the Diocese.

Children’s day was celebrated with great joy. The teachers prepared a meaningful prayer assembly and performed a couple of dances. Later games were conducted for all classes. The students enjoyed to the full.



On 23rd we were happy to welcome Srs. Shweta, Isabel, Deepa, Evelyn and a few other CJ sisters while returning after the Quasquicentennial celebrations at Kanpur.

On 29th November, the community spent a day of prayer. The topic for the day was A Journey through Advent to Christmas. We were invited to ‘COME AND SEE ‘and ‘COME AND REST’.

Christmas Celebrations- As usual the month of December kept us busy again with exams and Christmas preparations.

On 18th Srs. Florine and Shilpa along with a few teachers attended the annual function in St.Joseph’s Kazipur, Kaushambi.

19th December was a day of purification for all of us as we spent the day in recollection and confession along with the parish community.

Star Making competition: On 21st December we had a star making competition for the students in 4 various groups. The enthusiastic students creatively exhibited their talents. The winners were awarded during the Christmas programme.

On 22nd the school organized a Christmas programme. The stage was decorated with the stars which the students themselves prepared. A prayer service, soulfully conducted in the beginning, set the tone for the day.



Thought provoking Christmas play by our students highlighted the story of “Why God had to become a Human being”. All enjoyed the Christmas Carols both in Hindi and English. As a part of sharing the Christmas joy, children were given some snacks and the teachers were presented with gifts and refreshments.

In the spirit of joy and thanksgiving we joined the parish community on 22nd December for the carol singing and



Christmas get together in the Church. Due to the demolition of the 186-year-old Mosque by the administration in Fatehpur, the Political situation remained tensed but the parish community had Carol singing, games and a fellowship meal in the church campus.



On 24th evening the community had the Christmas eve prayer and message of Sr. Veronica was red to dwell upon Christ's Birth in the world of our times.

After few days of preparations and decorations the church looked very apt to receive the Lord. We were happy to see the church more or less full with our parishioners who joined the evening service.

As we step into the New Year 2025, all of us at Fatehpur community wish you dear sisters, A joyous and blessed New Year! May the Lord bless you with his abundant graces and may His presence guide you through out the coming year.

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The Bible Festival:

A week prior to Allahabad Diocesan Bible Festival, the candidates, under the able direction of Sr. Arpita, brought in the spirit of it to the community through their performance beginning with the veneration of the Bible in the Chapel, followed by various items like group dance, mime, action song based on Biblical themes. This was like a prelude to the Diocesan Bible festival in which they won prizes.

Annual Day Celebration:

Kudos to Sr. Martha, the headmistress and SMC Nursery School for organizing a wonderful Annual Day Celebration, on 26th October, themed "Fairies in Disney World!" It was a spectacular showcase of the tiny tots' talents, creativity and self-expression with a special focus on the values they uphold. The confidence displayed by the young performers in their dialogues and acting was truly awe-inspiring.

Feast days and Birthdays -are occasions for celebration and thanks giving for the gift of special individuals in our lives.

We joyfully celebrated the feast of dear Sr. Shweta, the Provincial Superior on 10th



December and that of Sr. Cecilia, the Community Animator on 22nd November as well as the 80th birthday of Sr. Claudine on 19th December. Vibrations of our love and appreciation for each of them resonated in our greeting, prayers and singing during the special Holy Hour, Solemn Eucharistic celebration, recreational programme and the like.

Glory to God and Peace on Earth at Christmas:

As the end result of our journey in hope during the advent we had a grace-filled Christmas celebration. The campus was aglow with an array of colourful decorations and twinkling lights ushering in special graces of joy, hope, peace and warmth from the sacred scene of Jesus' birth depicted in an elaboratively crafted crib. The soft glow of it seemed to radiate a sense of heavenly peace and tranquility, inviting many pilgrims of hope to the divine Infant. The sharing of the spirit of Christmas with children, teachers, co- workers, carol singers, friends and well- wishers added to our joy. Sr. Daya along with the women of St. Joseph Cathedral shared Christmas joy, cakes and gifts with the M.C. Sisters and the inmates of Shishu Bhawan, Muirabad.

Spiritual Renewal and on-going formation.

Sr. Jyoti attended the Formatters' Course in Spain from 30th October to 13th November. The community members attended the Annual Retreats in different places to be spiritually rejuvenated to carry on the mission.

The opening of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025:

The community participated in the opening of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025 at St. Joseph's Regional Seminary and followed the Jubilee Cross as Pilgrims of Hope to St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Special Activities

Sr. Jane went to Sikkim to conduct sessions on Mary Ward and the Painted Life. for the Coin Tertians. At the request of Sr. Sharon, the Principal of St. Mary's School Sagar, Sr Jane spent five weeks there helping our first batch of ISC students to complete the syllabus of English Language for the Board Examination. Sr. Daya along with the CCBI Diocesan Women's Commission organized an awareness programme on "Safety and Security for the



Catholic Women and Girls of Allahabad Zone. Mrs. Ratti Subhash, an

Advocate of Allahabad High court was the



resource person. She also visited Akbarpur and Dostpur parishes to start the Catholic Women's

Association there and to share the mission, vision, objectives and activities of CCBI Women's Commission.

Works of Mercy

Mr. Prakash, our tailor underwent a knee operation in Nazareth Hospital and it was financed by 21 Community.

Mrs. Sonu Lazurus, one of our co-workers, suffering from pneumonia was also given Medical assistance.

Two of the parents contributed cash 70,000/- towards the wedding expenses of Nisha Francis and the amount for the tent was paid by the 21 Community.

Retirement and farewell of our beloved Cook, Mr. Alle Tuk Bahadur



After 22 years of dedicated service, Mr. Alle, our faithful Nepali cook, bid farewell to our community on 10th

December. After a thanksgiving prayer service, he was felicitated with gifts and tokens of our appreciation for his tireless efforts in providing us with nourishing meals over the years. A festive meal was also served in his honour, featuring his favourite dishes. The Sisters and the co- workers escorted Alle to his home ceremoniously as a fitting tribute to his remarkable service to our community. We pray that God may bless him and grant him a bright future .

"Let this year be the one where you dare to be yourself and embrace the journey."

