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**"Congratulations to  
Our Golden Jubilarians  
with Prayers and Heartfelt Wishes"**

We thank God for your dedicated ministry and the golden years of grace you have shared with us.

**Priestly Ordination  
19 December 1975**



**Most. Rev. Bp. John Vadakel CMI**



**Rev. Fr. John Chakkanatt CMI**



**"Congratulations to  
Our Silver Jubilarians  
with Prayers and Heartfelt Wishes"**

Thanking God for your unwavering commitment and the light you bring to His people.

**Priestly Ordination  
2001**



**Rev. Fr. Sabu  
Kootumkal CMI**

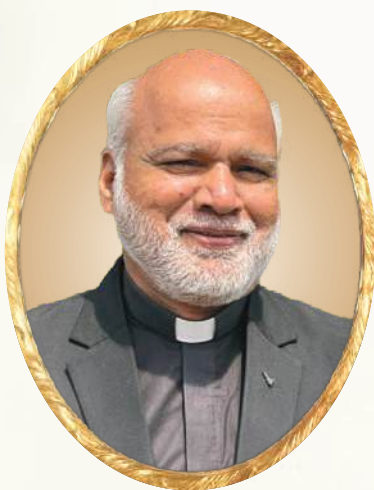


**Rev. Fr. Johny  
Purakkat CMI**



**Rev. Fr. Denny  
Peedikathadathil CMI**

**Religious Profession  
16 May 1975**



**Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kalampatt CMI**



**Rev. Fr. Varghese Kanjirakombil CMI**



**Religious Profession  
8 September 2000**



**Rev. Fr. Sunny  
Kunnathuparambil CMI**



**Rev. Fr. Vijay  
Payyappilly CMI**



**Rev. Fr. Joe Philip  
Karikunnel CMI**



**Rev. Fr. Joji  
Velikkakathu CMI**



# CMI YEAR OF EDUCATION



**Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI**  
Provincial Superior

As a preparation for the Bicentennial celebration of our Congregation in 2031, we are celebrating 2025 as the CMI Year of Education. One of the most important ministries of our Province is the education ministry in terms of the investment of human and financial resources. We have twelve schools in India and three schools outside India, two in Ghana and one in Nepal. Out of 128 members in the province, 43 are directly involved in the administration of the schools and a college. It is education that effectively moulds and equips the youth of today for the tasks of tomorrow. St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara realized this fact and gave importance to the education ministry. Our CMI Constitution exhorts us concerning education, “We shall concentrate more on quality than on quantity and foster good inter-personal relationships” (C, 75a).

Our vision for the education ministry is based on the vision of Jesus Christ, who said, “I came that all may have life, have it in abundance” (Jn 10:10). Therefore, education for us is a life-giving mission. This life must reach out to everyone irrespective of their religion, caste, class and culture and touch the heart, head and hand of the person. A student is not merely a brain to be stuffed with a plethora of facts, figures and statistical information. He/she is an integral personality with the capacity to think, feel, know, choose and act. The head, heart and hand have to be synthetically and harmoniously developed. Mahatma Gandhi says, “Education is for the development of head, hand and heart.” We must approach education from a holistic perspective. The International Conference on Education, organized by UNESCO in 1994, presents four pillars of education, namely, learning to be, learning to know, learning to do and learning to live with each other, which are very relevant in the Indian context.

The aim of education, according to the CMI

Constitutions, is “Formation of the human person for the fulfilment of his individual and social responsibilities” (C. 75). It exhorts us to “give an excellent and all-round formation to the student” (C. 75). The success of our education ministry depends not on the profit that we make or efficiency of its methods but on the **quality of the personnel** or eloquence of their lives that radiate love, peace, joy and justice of the Kingdom of God. The primary objective of our ministry is to make “the presence of the Kingdom of God concretely felt in the ministries we are engaged in” (C. 78b).

Education is a powerful means for the transformation of the individual as well as society. The theme for the Bicentennial celebration, “Grace-filled Community for a Transformed World”, invites us to become grace-filled or Spirit-filled persons and community. We must make a difference in our institutions by our grace-filled presence. People always found something different in the way Jesus said and did. They were astonished at his teaching (Mk 1:22). St Paul points out ways to impart grace to others. He says, “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.” (Eph 4:29). Through our gracious talk and dealings and interactions with the staff, parents and students, we must be able to impart grace to others. St Paul says to the Corinthians, “I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favour” (1 Cor 1:15). Through our visit to the neighbours and families of staff and students, we must impart grace to them. Our family visit must be like Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who brought joy to the family of Elizabeth. The cause of joy was Jesus in her womb. To make a difference in our educational institutions, we need to carry Jesus in our hearts or become walking tabernacles, which requires our closeness to God through our daily prayers.



# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & MEDIA

Greetings from the Department of Education & Media !

## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM) 2024-25



The Annual General Body Meeting of the Department was held on 16th November 2024 at St. John's Ashram, Najibabad, with active participation from managers, principals, and bursars, reflecting their commitment to education.

The event began with a prayer by Rev. Fr. Biju Pananchickal and a welcome address by Rev. Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan. A sapling was presented by Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan, Provincial Superior, to Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese Panthalookaran CMI, the resource person for the day, who led an insightful session on *“Appropriate Pedagogy for the AI-Natives,”* emphasizing the integration of AI tools in teaching. The session was streamed live for fathers serving in Ghana.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rev. Fr. Denny Madavana and a memento was presented to the resource person by the Provincial Superior as a token of appreciation.

Following the inspiring morning session by Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese Panthalookaran, the afternoon was dedicated to Managers, Principals and Bursars of our educational institutions.

- **Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan**, Provincial Superior, appreciated the efforts of all leaders and emphasized the GS 38 vision, highlighting personal and communitarian witness, collaboration through synodality, and adherence to renewed agreements with sisters' congregations.
- **Rev. Fr. Joseph Ponmany**, Councillor for Finance, presented the 2024–25 financial report, stressing transparency, integrity, and vigilance in handling cash.
- **Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kizhakkayil**, Councillor for Social Work, shared his initiatives and encouraged schools to join community outreach programs like evening classes and student-led charity drives.
- **Rev. Fr. Lijin Chakkanattu**, Principal of CMI Marriet School, Ghana, presented updates on the Ghana mission, while Rev. Fr. Shibu Mandaly shared progress at CMI Carmel School, Bechem.
- **Rev. Fr. Jemerson Pynadath**, shared updates on the Nepal mission, commending the team's dedication despite political delays in school construction and seeking prayers and support for building a permanent school.
- **Rev. Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan**, reviewed the academic and co-curricular initiatives of 2024–25, expressed gratitude to all contributors, and highlighted key accomplishments of the department during the session.

After which, Rev. Fr. Jomon Thaiparambil presented a report on the London exposure program attended by five principals in October 2024 and Rev. Fr. Denny Madavana then shared a detailed report on the 12th Inter-School Cultural Meet held at St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad, including activities and finances.



Fr. Shaiju presented new initiatives to enhance academic quality and institutional efficiency, emphasizing priorities such as NOC, recognition, ICSE and minority affiliations, building and fire NOCs. Key resolutions included organizing the Inter-School Sports Meet 2025–26, the 2nd Fr. Raymond Memorial Basketball Tournament, and introducing policies for Casual Leave Encashment, Caution Money, and Centralized Syllabus Collaboration. Later, principals met with Rev. Fr. Provincial to review academic progress and facilities. It was decided to hold another principals' meeting in December to plan the 2025–26 academic calendar. Fr. Shaiju thanked all leaders and staff for their dedicated support.

## **PRINCIPALS' MEETING**

A meeting of school principals under St. John's Province was held on Saturday, 14th December 2024, at St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad, to review textbooks and finalize the academic calendar for the 2025–26 session.

Organized by the Department of Education, St. John's Province, the session focused on evaluating the textbooks currently in use, recommending necessary updates and collaboratively planning the academic roadmap for the upcoming year. Prior to the meeting, principals consulted with subject teachers and reviewed various specimen publications to bring informed suggestions to the table.

The discussions were marked by active participation and meaningful exchange of ideas, reflecting the shared commitment to enhancing academic standards across all institutions. The finalized syllabus recommendations and academic calendar will be implemented in the new session.

The Department of Education expressed sincere appreciation to all the principals for their valuable input, dedication and continued efforts in strengthening the educational mission of the province.

## **FR. RAYMOND MEMORIAL 2nd BASKETBALL AND 1st BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2025-26**

The Fr. Raymond Memorial 2nd Basketball and 1st Badminton Tournament 2025-26 was successfully held from April 25 to 26, 2025, at St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad and the Court of Christ University, Delhi NCR. Organized by the Department of Education, St. John's Province, Bijnor, the event was a tribute to the late Rev. Fr. Raymond Mancheril CMI, a devoted missionary whose life and legacy continue to inspire generations.

The tournament began with a vibrant inaugural ceremony, where dignitaries and team captains lit the ceremonial lamp and hoisted the Inter-School Meet Flag, symbolizing unity and sportsmanship. Eight schools from St. John's Province and Bijnor Diocese participated in basketball and badminton events.

In basketball tournament, seven teams competed in thrilling matches, with St. Mary's School, Nagina emerging as champions and Carmel School, Chamba as runners-up. Special awards like Most Valuable Player, Best Defensive Player, Rising Star, Fair Play and Best Coach were presented.

In badminton tournament, Carmel School, Chamba won both Junior and Senior categories, while St. Joseph's Academy finished runners-up in both. Best Player Awards were given in each category.

The closing ceremony and prize distribution were held at the St. Joseph's Academy Auditorium, Ghaziabad, marking a grand conclusion to the two-day event. The ceremony was graced by Ms. Samiksha Gandhi, a former national lawn tennis player from Guwahati, Assam and a national-level bodybuilder, winning several gold medals at prestigious championships. Her inspiring journey and motivating words encouraged the young athletes to stay focused, determined, and







passionate about their goals. All winning teams and individual achievers were honoured with trophies and medals, celebrating their dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship. The tournament was officially closed in the loving memory of Rev. Fr. Raymond Mancheril CMI, whose dedication to youth and education continues to inspire the province.

### **TWO-DAY TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2025-26**

With great joy and gratitude, the Department of Education, St. John's Province, Bijnor, organized a landmark Two-Day Teachers' Orientation Program on 21-22 May 2025 at Christ University, Delhi NCR, Ghaziabad. Over 550 teachers from 11 CMI schools across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand came together for the first time for professional growth and renewal.



All participants were warmly welcomed with excellent accommodation and hospitality. Teachers stayed at St. Joseph's Residence Hall with special thanks to the MSJ Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Ghaziabad. Fathers were hosted at Sanjo CMI Bhavan, resource persons at Christ University, and collaborating sisters at the hospital staff quarters, while teachers from St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad, commuted daily.



The program began on 21st May with registration and distribution of welcome kits, followed by the inaugural session at 9:30 AM. Dr. Joseph Emmanuel, CEO and Secretary of CISCE, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, while Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Provincial Superior, presided over the function. Dr. Bhawna Taragi, CISCE official, served as Guest of Honour and resource person. Special guests included Rev.





Fr. Peter Muttumgal CMI, Administrator of Christ University, Ghaziabad, Rev. Sr. Sachita MSJ, Administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital and Rev. Sr. Philcy MSJ, Hostel In-charge of St. Joseph's Residence Hall.

The event opened with a prayer dance by students of St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad. Rev. Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan, Secretary of the Department of Education, welcomed the gathering, and dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp. In his address, Fr. Davis emphasized the vision and mission of CMI education inspired by St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. Dr. Joseph Emmanuel, in his keynote, spoke on innovative curriculum strategies and CISCE initiatives, commending the CMI congregation's global educational impact and the Department of Education for organizing the event and encouraged school leaders to continue their efforts in delivering quality education, especially to the underprivileged.

A highlight of the inaugural session was the release of *Edupulse 2024-25*, the annual magazine of the Department of Education. Dr. Emmanuel released the first copy and presented it to Rev. Fr. Davis. Copies were distributed to all attendees, showcasing the key activities and accomplishments of CMI schools during the academic year.



Following this, Dr. Bhawna Taragi conducted two insightful sessions on Competency-Based Education and the evolving CISCE curriculum, which were highly appreciated by participants. Dr. Joseph Emmanuel later interacted with principals, addressing academic queries and offering guidance.

In the evening, a cultural gathering was held at St. Joseph's Academy with music and games. Despite a brief storm, the event continued indoors, ending with a joyful dinner.

On 22nd May, workshops by *MyLingualines Pvt. Ltd., Kerala* were led by Dr. Satish Nair and Dr. K. J. Varghese. Teachers were divided into UP and Uttarakhand groups for activity-based sessions—Dr. Nair on “Engage, Express & Excel,” and Dr. Varghese on ICT integration for effective teaching.

The concluding session featured participant feedback, memento distribution and special thanks to Mr. Bino, MD of *MyLingualines*. Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan, in his address, emphasized five core educator values—contextualized education, collaboration, excellence, welcoming classrooms and elevated thinking





and action. He encouraged continuous professional growth and thanked Fr. Shaiju for his leadership. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Rev. Fr. Thomson Mulangasseril, the national anthem and a group photograph.

**OUTSTANDING BOARD RESULTS OF CISCE BOARD EXAMINATIONS  
(ICSE & ISC), 2024–25 SESSION**

The Department of Education & Media, St. John's Province, Bijnor proudly announced the outstanding ICSE (Class X) and ISC (Class XII) results for 2024–25. Except for two schools, all achieved a 100% pass rate—reflecting the dedication and teamwork of the entire educational community.

The Department extends its sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, President of the Society, for his visionary leadership and support. Appreciation is also extended to all principals, managers, religious sisters, teachers and parents, whose combined efforts contributed to these remarkable achievements.

The ICSE (Class X) and ISC (Class XII) results showcased several outstanding performances across the province. Here are the top scorers from each school:

**ICSE (Class X) Top Scorers**

SL.NO.	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	NAME OF STUDENT	HIGHEST %
1.	Carmel School, Chamba	Divyansh Singh Utsav	99.40%
2.	Mount Carmel School, Champawat	Nisha Joshi	85.40%
3.	Maia School, Jaspur	Ranveet Kaur	94.20%
		Shaurya Verma	94.20%
		Shiveeanshi Suri	94.20%
4.	Sacred Heart Academy, Maigalganj	Ayush Yadav	94.40%
5.	St. Joseph's Sr. Secondary School, Jahangirabad	Varnika Gupta	97.40%
6.	St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad	Ujjash Rajput	98.00%
7.	St. Mary's School, Gadarpur	Naincy Juneja	97.80%
8.	St. Mary's School, Nagina	Bhavya Chauhan	97.40%
9.	St. Thomas School, Khatauli	Shourya Jain	98.60%

**ISC (Class XII) Top Scorers**

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	NAME OF STUDENT	HIGHEST %
1.	Carmel School, Chamba	Aniket Gunsola	95.25%
2.	Maria School, Jaspur	Vranda Agarwal	94.50%
3.	St. Joseph's Sr. Secondary School, Jahangirabad	Sanyam Agarwal	96.25%
4.	St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad	Arshia Singh	97.75%
5.	St. Mary's School, Gadarpur	Nishchal Chaturvedi	94.50%
6.	St. Mary's School, Nagina	Nishtha Bhardwaj	97.00%
7.	St. Thomas School, Khatauli	Karan Kumar	96.25%
		Shiv Gupta	96.25%

A special note of appreciation goes to Master Divyansh Singh Utsav of Carmel School, Chamba, who secured 99.40%, emerging as the ICSE Topper of the Province. Similarly, Ms. Arshia Singh of St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad, topped the ISC category with an impressive 97.75%.

The Department congratulates all students, teachers and school communities for their hard work and success in the 2024–25 academic session. As we look forward to the new academic year, 2025–26, we remain committed to nurturing holistic education rooted in excellence and values.



# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## SEMINAR ON ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BUDGET PREPARATION

The Department of Finance organized a one-day seminar on Accounting, Auditing and Preparation of Budget on December 14, 2024, at St. John's Ashram, Najibabad. The program brought together Fathers working in the province along with the accountants from our various institutions.

The sessions were led by Mr. M. S. Balachandran, FCA from V. Sankar Aiyar & Co., who offered valuable insights into accounting and auditing practices. His three interactive sessions enriched the participants with practical guidance and helped to clarify key aspects of financial management and accounting.

In the afternoon, Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Provincial, addressed the gathering, underlining the importance of accountability and transparency in financial administration. This was followed by a session on Budget Preparation led by Fr. Joseph Ponmany CMI (Finance Councilor), who guided the participants in effective planning and resource allocation for institutional growth.

The seminar concluded with words of appreciation for the resource persons and participants. It proved to be an enriching experience, equipping everyone with practical tools for better financial management while strengthening our collective commitment to transparency and responsible administration in the province.





# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

## DISABILITY DAY CELEBRATION



On 3rd December 2024, Chavara Seva Samaj organized “Jago 2nd” for specially-abled children at Maria Bhavan, Nathewaly. Around 120 participants from 36 villages across Nagina, Nathewaly and Najibabad showcased their talents in various sports events. Winners were felicitated by Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Davis, President of the Society and Rev. Fr. Cyriac, Director of CSS.

## AGM MEETING HELD AT NATHEWALY

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th December 2024 at Nathewaly, attended by key members including DDM BR Naik, Mr. Gaurav, Fr. Cyriac (Director), Fr. Pauly, the sisters from Nathewaly, shareholders, and Board Director Mrs. Reena.

The meeting focused on reviewing the organization's progress, discussing ongoing projects, and planning for future goals. Mr. Pavan Kumar and Shravan Kumar from Gorakhpur were also present and actively contributed to the discussions.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chavara Seva Samaj was held on December 14, 2024, at St. John's Ashram, Najibabad. The meeting was presided over by Fr. Cyriac Thomas CMI, Director of Chavara Seva Samaj and was attended by Fr. Davis, the Provincial, along with the councilors and members of the province.

The session began with Fr. Cyriac highlighting the year's activities of CSS, emphasizing initiatives that uplifted marginalized communities, promoted education and enhanced healthcare services. The financial report was presented, demonstrating transparency and accountability in managing resources.





Fr. Davis, the Provincial, appreciated the efforts of the Chavara Seva Samaj and encouraged all members to remain steadfast in their mission to serve the underprivileged. Discussions were held on future projects, including skill development programs and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the dedication and contributions of all members. It provided an opportunity to celebrate successes and lay a strong foundation for future endeavors.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Chavara Seva Samaj organized two grand International Women's Day celebrations — one at CSS and another at Deendayalpur, Ghaziabad — with over 1150 women from the local areas participating. The event at CSS was graced by Mrs. Sangeeta Jain Agrawal, Member of the U.P. State Women's Commission, as Chief Guest, and Rev. Fr. Davis CMI, President of CSS. Special guests included Sr. Barnabas CHF, Sr. Mary Pious FCC, Dr. Banno, Dr. Asha Reza, along with other Fathers, Sisters, Coordinators, and Animators.

At Deendayalpur, a special celebration was held for women from the slum areas, attended by Rev. Bp. Bhasker Raj (Meerut Diocese) as Chief Guest and Rev. Sr. Sheen Maria SD as Guest of Honour. Around 450 women participated, with vibrant cultural performances by the women themselves.



Drawing, painting, and craft competitions were organized for children and teachers, and winners received prizes and certificates. Sessions on women's empowerment, health, and education were also held. The active support and cooperation of the CSS team made the events a grand success.

## CHAVARA SEVA SAMAJ EMPOWERS RURAL GIRLS WITH SEWING MACHINES AND SKILL CERTIFICATES

Chavara Seva Samaj successfully conducted a three-month tailoring training program, awarding certificates to 135 students and distributing free sewing machines to 66 girls to promote self-reliance. The event emphasized the importance of vocational training in empowering rural girls and inspiring them to become community role models.





## CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION FOR BEAUTICIAN TRAINEES



Chavara Seva Samaj organized certificate distribution programs at its Najibabad office and at Maria Bhawan, Nathewali, to mark the successful completion of beautician training courses.

At Najibabad, 63 girls received certificates from Chief Guest Mr. Viresh R. Nayak, DDM, who praised CSS's employment-focused efforts. The event included cultural performances, and Miss Zenab from the Beautician Centre, Jalalabad, highlighted how the course has become a source of livelihood. Training was conducted across five villages in the Najibabad region.

At Nathewali, 22 girls were awarded certificates. During the event, FPO board members of Prathiksha Agrifarm Producer Company Limited, Nathewali, formally welcomed Mr. Bhupesh Punera, the new NABARD DDM of Bijnor.

## ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM & EDUCATION AWARENESS AT SABUWALA SCHOOL



Chavara Seva Samaj and Maria Bhawan, Nathewali, organized a special entertainment program for students at the Composite School, Sabuwala. Sister Maria spoke on the importance of education and brothers visiting from Wardha presented an informative and entertaining program.

The school principal, Mr. Shailendra Yadav, appreciated the efforts of the organization. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, patriotic chants and the National Anthem.



## ONE-DAY AWARENESS CAMP ON HIV/AIDS



CSS organized one-day awareness session on HIV/AIDS conducted by Sr Maria SD and Ms. Nishi for 51 women. Sr Maria provided valuable information on reproductive health and family planning.

## FREE HEALTH CAMP BENEFITS OVER 200 PATIENTS



Chavara Seva Samaj organized a free health camp at Najibabad, inaugurated by Mr. Rajvir Singh Chauhan, Gram Pradhan of Nangla Ubban. Doctors from St. Mary's Hospital—Fr. Dr. Jose Padayatty, Dr. Sana Baig, Dr. Anamika, Sister Jeslin and their team—examined over 200 patients from 12 villages and distributed free medicines.



The chief guest praised CSS's services. Fr. Dr. Jose Padayatty spoke on disease prevention, vaccination, cleanliness and pregnancy care. Fr. Ajo, Assistant Director, thanked everyone involved in making the event a success. The camp was a valuable initiative in promoting community health and awareness.

## PHENYL PRODUCTION INITIATIVE BY SHG WOMEN IN GHAZIABAD

Chavara Seva Samaj launched a phenyl-making initiative at Jeevan Dhara Welfare Center, Ghaziabad, led by Self Help Group (SHG) women to promote skill development and income generation. Around 42 women participated actively. A detailed demonstration on production, packaging, hygiene, and quality control was provided to equip them with practical skills.

This initiative empowers women by offering a livelihood opportunity and boosting their confidence to start their own ventures.



## SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THREE-DAY SUMMER CAMP AND WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

Chavara Seva Samaj in collaboration with Jeevandhara Welfare Center, successfully organized a three-day summer camp, which concluded on 31st May 2025 with a special event on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. A rally of 348 students marched from Ashram Road to St. Joseph School, Maryam Nagar, raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The program was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Cyriac, Director and graced by chief guest SHO Mr. Dharmpal Singh of Nandgram, Ghaziabad, who praised the students' efforts. Cultural performances were presented by students from CSS tuition centers.





Guests included Rev. Fr. Antony, Rev. Fr. Joseph, Rev. Fr. Moses, Sr. Maria SD, Sister Maria LST and CMI Brothers. Participants took an oath to live tobacco-free. Certificates and prizes were distributed and Sr. Daisy Teresa inspired students to be agents of positive change. The event ended with a vote of thanks.

### **INAUGURATION OF COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM BY CHAVARA SEVA SAMAJ**

On 1st June 2025, Chavara Seva Samaj launched a "Computer Training Program" aimed at making youth from rural and urban areas computer literate and improving their employment opportunities. The course includes practical training in basic computer skills, MS Office, internet usage, Tally, email, and digital payments. This initiative supports the technical and economic empowerment of the youth and society.

### **HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM BY NURSING STUDENTS 12 JUNE 2025**

On 12-13 June 2025, CSS, in collaboration with Santosh College of Nursing, hosted 45 nursing students for a two-day community practice program. On the first day, they organized a health check-up camp offering services like blood pressure, weight checks, and general consultations.

The second day featured interactive sessions on personal hygiene, blood donation, menstrual health, and tobacco's harmful effects, using simple language and visuals. A special meeting for 56 local women focused on hygiene, nutrition, and preventive care. The program was educational and well-received by the community.





## CSS STAFF & MAHILAMANDAL LEADERS TRAINING



On 26-27 June 2025, CSS conducted a two-day staff training attended by all 40 staff members. Additionally, a one-day training for 22 Mahilamandal group leaders was held, with around 115 participants. Dr. Akta FSLG and Sr. Tresa led the sessions, focusing on women's roles in society and building self-sustaining, healthy communities.

## WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS MEETING SUPPORTED BY NABARD AND CSS



Prateeksha Agri-Farm Producer Company, with support from NABARD and Chavara Seva Samaj, held a public awareness meeting titled “Water Secured, Future Secured” at Maria Bhavan, Nathewali. Fr. Cyriac, Director of CSS, presided over the event attended by 50 farmers. He emphasized water conservation and the impact of pesticides on groundwater, while Fr. Pauly urged protection of water resources amid declining levels. 500 saplings were distributed.

## SAPLING DISTRIBUTION FOR TREE PLANTATION BY CHAVARA SEVA SAMAJ, NAJIBABAD



Chavara Seva Samaj, Najibabad organized a program for environmental conservation, distributing 300 saplings free to local farmers. The distribution was led by Director Fr. Cyriac and Fr. Joy Joseph. Farmers were encouraged to plant and nurture trees, emphasizing the importance of regular care to protect the environment and increase greenery.





# THE NIGHT THE WATERS ROSE

Fr. James Veluthan CMI



I still remember the way the rain fell that evening—soft at first, then relentless, like a thousand hands beating against the earth. It was August 14, 2018. By morning, the roads had turned into rivers, and by the next night, the rivers had turned into monsters, swallowing homes, fields, and lives.

I was at the church in Mallussey, Ernakulam, with Fr. Augustine, a 74-year-old man whose faith was as unshakable as the walls of the chapel. He had seen many seasons of rain, but nothing like this. The flood didn't just come; it arrived with a hunger, creeping into homes, filling streets, leaving people stranded on rooftops, clinging to hope like driftwood.

We could hear voices beyond the church walls—calls for help, cries swallowed by the roar of water. My heart pounded. I couldn't stay inside, not while people were out there.

"Don't go," Father warned, his voice heavy with concern. But my feet were already moving.

Pappu, a boy in his twenties with fire in his eyes, nodded at me. No words were needed. We stepped into the flood, the cold wrapping around us like an iron grip. The water was above our heads, forcing us to swim, our bodies pushing against the current, against fear.

About 500 meters from the church, we heard it—a faint, desperate sound. We reached a small house, almost submerged. Inside were two old women, a middle-aged woman, and two children—a boy and a girl, no older than four or five. Their eyes were wide, their hands trembling.

The front door was locked. Pappu tried to force it open, but it wouldn't budge. There was no time to waste. I spotted a coconut tree, its long trunk stretching toward the sky like a silent witness to our struggle. I climbed, scraped my hands against its bark, and reached the terrace. One by one, I pulled them up, whispering reassurances even as my own breath came short.

We needed a way to move them. No boats, no rafts—just whatever the flood hadn't stolen yet. Pappu and I scavenged, finding a doorboard, some thermocol. It wasn't perfect, but it floated.

We took the old women first, their fragile hands clutching ours as we guided them through the water to a three-story building 100 meters away. The children next, their small fingers gripping my wrist with silent trust.

Only one remained—the middle-aged woman. She was shivering, her body heavy with fear. Pappu and I were exhausted, our muscles screaming, the water tugging at us like an impatient beast.

"What's your weight?" I asked, not thinking.

"84 kilos," she replied. Then, after a pause, she added, "My name is Lighty."

And in that moment—so absurd, so human—we laughed. Laughed like fools, like survivors, like people who had nothing left to lose but still found humor in a name.

Somehow, we got her across. Somehow, we made it back. By then, the water had claimed more land, more lives. A man on the shore, watching us struggle, shook his head and said, "You were enjoying in the flood, huh?"

I wanted to tell him what we had seen, how the water had no mercy, how it didn't care for prayers or promises. But I just smiled. He wouldn't understand.

The rain stopped days later. The flood receded, leaving behind the scent of damp earth, broken homes, and stories that would never be washed away. And in my heart, I carried that night—the night we swam through darkness, laughed at fear, and chose to save, even when the water threatened to take us too.



## ANUGRAHALAYAM, ALUVA

### 41st Day Remembrance of Fr. Zacharias.



The 41st Day Memorial of Rev. Fr. Zacharias Moorkkattil CMI was observed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at the Sacred Heart Provincial House, Kalamassery. The commemoration began with a solemn Holy Requiem Mass in the Provincial House Chapel, followed by special prayers at the tomb and crypt. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Moorkkattil as the main celebrant, with Rev. Frs. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, Varghese Kitharan, Mathew Valiyakandathil, and Johnson Plakappilly as concelebrants. A touching and inspiring homily, reflecting on the life and legacy of Fr. Zacharias, was delivered by Rev. Fr. Johnson Plakappilly. Relatives of the departed and priests from Anugrahalayam and the Sacred Heart Provincial House gathered in prayerful remembrance, offering heartfelt homage to Fr. Zacharias Moorkkattil CMI.

### Renewal of Vows

The Renewal of Vows was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024, following a period of adequate spiritual preparation. Bishop Gratian delivered a profound and inspiring preparatory talk that emphasized inner cleansing and spiritual renewal. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, Director of *Anugrahalayam*, led the community in prayer and invited everyone to enter deeply into the spirit of self-renewal and rededication through the Renewal of Vows.

### Christmas Carol and celebration.

The Christmas Carol celebration of St. Mary's Ward-2, St. Dominic Parish was solemnly inaugurated at Anugrahalayam with an opening prayer led by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil. The

Infant Jesus statue and the gathering were blessed by His Excellency Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI. The ward family assembled on 23rd December 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and the event concluded with a warm and inspiring Christmas message by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil at the Parakatil Family.

A beautiful crib, prepared under the leadership of Fr. Phinil and graceful illumination by Fr. Joyal added charm to the celebrations. Neighbours, nearby religious communities and parish officials were warmly greeted with Christmas cake by Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, the community's Director. The Midnight Christmas Holy Eucharist, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, was celebrated with the Hindi-speaking migrant community on 24th December 2024, followed by cake-cutting and competitions that brought joy and festivity to the occasion.

### Feast celebration of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and family gathering.



January 3, 2024, was a remarkable and blessed day for Anugrahalayam, marked by the Feast of the Founder, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. The





celebration began with a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by a warm welcome to the parents and family members of the priests and scholastics of St. John's Province, Bijnor. In connection with the Bicentennial Jubilee of the CMI Congregation and the 2024–2025 focus on families, youth and children, a family gathering was organized, attended by around 45 members.

Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, Director of the house, welcomed the participants and Fr. Davis Varayilan, Provincial, delivered the keynote address. An input session was led by Fr. Joy Ureth, Novice Master, Karukutty. The solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop Vincent, with Fr. Biju Vadakkal, General Councillor, Fr. Davis Varayilan, and Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil as concelebrants. The family sharing session, presided over by Bishop Gratian Mundadan, included messages and gifts presented by Bishop Vincent, Fr. Biju Vadakkal, and Fr. Davis Varayilan. The joyous gathering concluded with a sumptuous lunch, leaving all families with hearts full of gratitude and cherished memories.

### **Blessing of the new building**

The upper floor and the remaining construction of the Anugrahalayam campus including lift were beautifully completed within a short period of time. The hard work and supervision of Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, Director of Anugrahalayam, together with the dedication of the Anugrahalayam community and the constant support of the Provincial and his team, made it possible to bless this building and make it available for the community of the province, providing greater convenience and comfort.

On 4th January 2025, the newly completed building was blessed by Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan, Provincial. Fr. Mathew Karakunnel, Fr. Mathew



Thenamkalayil and Fr. George Kulangara also joined the ceremony along with the Anugrahalayam community. On this occasion, the Provincial expressed his appreciation for the dedicated efforts of Fr. Joseph, the Anugrahalayam community, and the contractor.

### **Reception of the New Priest and the Jubilee Celebration**

The reception of the new priests, Fr. Arun Eyyalil and Fr. Amal Mannussery, along with the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee celebration of Bishop



Emeritus John Vadakel and Fr. Jose Koottungal, the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr. Biju Vadakkal, and the Feast of Fr. Davis Varayilan, was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Holy Eucharist was solemnly offered by the newly ordained priests, Fr. Arun Eyyalil and Fr. Amal Mannussery.

The felicitation ceremony commenced in the Anugrahalayam courtyard. The program began with a prayer song by Sr. Ashitha CMC, after which Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil warmly welcomed everyone to the gathering. The new priests and the Jubilarians were felicitated by Bishop Gratian, Bishop Vincent and Fr. Davis, Provincial. To the joy of the audience, Bishop Antony Kariyal sang a melodious song, which added great enthusiasm to the celebration. The FCC Sisters from the Provincial House, Clarapuram, presented a beautiful greeting song and the cutting of the jubilee cake further brightened the occasion. The Postulants from SD Mother House, Chunangamvely, and the nursing students from Carmel Nursing School delighted everyone with attractive and charming dance performances. Fathers and Sisters from various communities also joined the celebration, making the day even more vibrant. After the Agape meal, everyone returned with hearts filled with joy and gratitude.



## Birthday Celebration of the Director



The birthday of Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, Director of Anugrahalayam, was joyfully celebrated on 5th January 2025. On this occasion, Fr. Provincial extended his warm greetings with a floral

bouquet, while the parishioners conveyed their heartfelt wishes through flowers and the cutting of a cake. The day was marked with elegance and grace, enriched by a solemn Holy Eucharist and a fraternal agape meal, making it a truly memorable and delightful celebration.

## Adieu to Fr. Jose Koottungal



We gave a warm and heartfelt send-off to Fr. Jose Koottungal on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. After several years of dedicated pastoral ministry and service at Anugrahalayam, he has been transferred to Maria Ashram, Jaspur. Fathers from the Diocese of Ernakulam came to Anugrahalayam to bid

farewell to Fr. Jose Koottungal. They presented him with gifts and adorned him with a *Ponnada*. The Fathers of Anugrahalayam expressed their gratitude for his selfless service and wished him good health, happiness and every success in his new mission.

## Ha.... Ha.... Happy Feast.

St. Joseph's Feast was celebrated on 19th March 2025 with great solemnity. The Eucharistic celebration was a true blessing for everyone present on this special day. Fr. Joseph, Fr. Phinil and Fr. Joel, the festarians, concelebrated the divine liturgy. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, who delivered an inspiring and heart-touching homily reflecting on the life of St. Joseph. His message was deeply experiential and left a lasting impression on all.

The faithful participants extended their greetings and appreciation with flowers and a festive cake. The feast-day cake was cut in the community by the festarians together with Fr. Lijin Chakkanatt, whose patron saint is St. Joseph. After the agape meal at noon, everyone returned with cherished memories of the day.

*Anugrahavani*

## 25th Death Anniversary of Bro. George Mundankavil CMI



The 25th death anniversary of Bro. George Mundankavil was commemorated at Little Flower Monastery, Koduvvely, on 27th March 2025. The requiem Mass and special prayers were held at his tomb. Fathers from the Rajkot and Bijnor Mission Houses, along with the community of Little Flower Monastery, Koduvvely, were present to pay their homage.



Fr. John Thalachira, the Superior of the house, welcomed everyone. Fr. Biju Vadakkal was the main celebrant, and Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil delivered an inspiring homily based on the Holy Gospel, reflecting on the life and contributions of Bro. George Mundankavil. Fr. George, the Superior of Rajkot Bhawan, led the prayers at the tomb and Fr. John Thalachira concluded with the final prayers in the hall. The family members, relatives and his beloved father were also present on this occasion. All fondly recalled his committed, humble, and enthusiastic religious life.

## The Joyful welcome to the Postulants

The brothers from Meerut arrived at Anugrahalayam on 2nd April 2025, after completing their Plus two studies, to proceed to the





Novitiate as Postulants. Fr. Joe Philip, the Rector of the brothers, organized a gathering of their parents at Anugrahalayam for a Holy Mass and prayer service. After the Holy Mass, all gathered together to welcome the brothers and their parents. Following refreshments and tea, everyone returned home with grateful hearts and renewed joy.

### **A Journey of divine encounter**



A beautiful annual spiritual gathering was organized for the Hindi-speaking and migrant faithful at the Parapuram Social Centre. The event was inaugurated by Bishop Sebastian Edayanthrath and welcomed by Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, the pastoral coordinator for the Hindi-speaking community. The FCC Provincial and several sisters were also present at the occasion. An inspiring retreat was preached in Hindi by Fr. Anil, CMI, from the Bhopal Province, which spiritually prepared and enriched the participants to enter meaningfully into the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. The gathering was deeply appreciated by all and proved to be a truly grace-filled and experiential encounter with God.

### **Welcome and Reception of Fr. Augustine Parackal CMI**



A cordial welcome and reception were accorded to Fr. Augustine Parackal, marking the beginning of his ministry and presence in our community. The community warmly received him with a meaningful reception program, expressing joy and gratitude for his arrival among us. Fr. Augustine reached Anugrahalayam on 30th April 2025, accompanied by the Parish Priest and parishioners from Kanjoor Parish, after completing two years of fruitful pastoral ministry. A prayer service and

welcome dinner were organized in his honour. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, the Director of the house, welcomed him with a bouquet and extended his best wishes for his future ministry.

### **Vocation Camp and “Come and See” Programme**



The Vocation Camp – *Nurturing Vocations for the Future* was held in two phases at Anugrahalayam on 7th and 15th May 2025. Inaugurated by Fr. Davis Varayilan, Provincial, and welcomed by Fr. Joseph, Vocation Director, the camp saw the participation of 26 candidates, guided by vocation promoters Fr. Joel and Fr. Phinil. After evaluation, six outstanding candidates were selected, with sessions led by Fr. Davis, Fr. Augustine Keemattam, Fr. Biju Vadakkal, and Fr. Tomy Kappiarukudy. The camp was organized under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil.



The “Come and See” programme for nine selected candidates (six from Kerala, three from Meghalaya) took place at Jeevas in the first week of June 2025. Inaugurated by Fr. Davis, it featured a keynote address by Fr. Varghese Kanjirakombil CMI, along with input sessions and guidance by Fr. Joel, Fr. Amal and Bro. Majo. A one-week spiritual preparatory course at the Jeevan Centre of the CSN Sisters helped deepen the candidates' commitment.

The program concluded with a cultural evening, prayer service, and a special blessing by Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil. Each candidate received a



spiritual kit at departure on 29th June 2025. Congratulations to the Vocation Director and Promoters for the successful completion of the Vocation Camp and “Come and See” Programme 2025.

### **Perpetual profession and celebration**



The final profession ceremony of Bro. Joe Paul Manavalan CMI and Bro. Jobin Njaliyen CMI was solemnly celebrated at Anugrahalayam on 26th May 2025. The ceremony commenced with the Holy Eucharist, with Fr. Davis Varayilan, the Provincial, as the main celebrant. Fr. Biju Vadakkal, General Councillor, delivered an orienting and reflective homily, inspiring all present. Fr. George Kachappilly, Vicar Provincial, along with Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil and Fr. Raju, served as concelebrants in this sacred liturgy. The occasion was graced by several Fathers from the Bijnor Diocese and Province, as well as the parents, family members, and relatives of the Finally professed brothers, who gathered to witness this profound spiritual milestone. Following the liturgy, a felicitation programme and Agape was held, filling the atmosphere with joy and celebration. Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Joe Paul Manavalan CMI and Bro. Jobin Njaliyen CMI on their perpetual profession. May their lives continue to be a testament to faithful service and dedication.

### **Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel**

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with solemnity and devotion on 16th July 2025 at Anugrahalayam. On this auspicious day, the members of the community renewed their vows and rededicated themselves to their spiritual journey through a heartfelt prayer service, beautifully led by Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil, the Director. The celebrations were marked by a solemn Holy Mass, warm greetings, the ceremonial cutting of the cake, and a joyful Agape, creating an atmosphere of faith, fellowship, and festive cheer. It was a day truly memorable and spiritually enriching.

### **Warmest congratulations on the remarkable achievement.**

The Anugrahalayam community joyfully welcomed and congratulated Fr. Sebeesh on 15th January 2025 and Fr. Biju Karukappally on 21st July 2025 for the successful completion of their Ph.D. and their remarkable academic achievements. Fr. Joseph, the Director, presented bouquets to honor and appreciate them, while the community organized a sumptuous lunch and dinner in their honor. Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the newly minted doctors on this outstanding accomplishment.



### **A Day of Blessings and Joy: Birthday of Fr. Davis Varayilan**



The birthday of Fr. Davis Varayilan was celebrated with great enthusiasm and cheerful hearts on 19th May 2025. The inmates of Anugrahalayam, along with the fathers from Bijnor and the faithful, gathered to greet him and convey their heartfelt wishes and blessings for his life and ministry.

Mr. Jose, a neighbour of Anugrahalayam, presented a bouquet on behalf of the faithful and extended his warm greetings. A solemn Eucharistic celebration marked the occasion, with Fr. Provincial as the main celebrant. Fr. Joseph, the Director of the house, together with all the other fathers, greeted Fr. Provincial as he joyfully cut the birthday cake.

An agape meal was prepared to share the joy and fraternal love of the day. The celebration concluded with everyone departing with radiant and smiling faces.



## CARMEL ASHRAM AND CARMEL SCHOOL, CHAMBA

### CARMEL ASHRAM, CHAMBA:

#### Leadership Transition at Carmel

On 23rd April 2025, Fr. Joe Philip assumed charge as the Director of Carmel Ashram and Manager of Carmel School from Fr. Thomas Appanchira, in the presence of Fr. Cyriac, the Provincial Delegate.



- Fr. Provincial spent two days with us (April 27 & 28) during his canonical visit to Carmel, Chamba.



- We celebrated, the feast of St. Alphonsa, solemnly in the evening of 28 July with the faithful. A moderate celebration was held to mark the birthday of Fr. Anil on 7th and the heavenly patron's day of Fr. Bino on 8th of August.
- We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the faithful in the morning with the Holy Mass on 16th and with fathers and sisters of the zone thereafter.

### CARMEL SCHOOL, CHAMBA:

#### Dazzle 2024



The annual KG Fest, 'Dazzle 2024' was conducted on 9th November 2024 in grand manner. On this day the tiny toddlers of Carmel family showcased their graceful performances in front of their parents and teachers. Mr LS Butola, the SHO of Chamba Police Station, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the day.

#### Children's Day



Carmel family celebrated children's day on 14th November with great joy. On this day teachers led the school band and assembly. Various games were conducted for the students by the class teachers. Teachers performed incredible cultural programmes for the students.

#### Annual Day and Christmas Celebration

##### "MAGIA CARMELITA"

Carmel family celebrated its annual day "MAGIA CARMELITA" on 20th December 2024 in the school auditorium. Mr. Kishore Upadhyay, MLA of New Tehri Constituency graced the occasion as our Chief Guest Fr Davis CMI the provincial superior of St John's Province Bijnor and the president of St. Johns Society Bijnor blessed the occasion with his presence.

#### Back-to-School

Carmel School Chamba began its new academic year on 17th March 2025 with enthusiasm and renewed commitment. The day featured a special assembly and prayer session. Rev. Fr. Thomas Appanchira CMI inaugurated the session, and Principal Rev. Fr. Bino CMI welcomed the students and staff back to school.

#### Investiture Ceremony 2025-26: Fostering Future Leaders

The Investiture Ceremony for the 2025-26 Student Council at Carmel School Chamba was held on





22nd April 2025, following elections on 16th April. The event promoted leadership, responsibility, and democratic values. Newly elected students received badges, sashes, and took an oath to lead with integrity, marking an important step in shaping future leaders.

### Outstanding Academic Excellence in ICSE & ISC Examinations (2024–25)



Carmel School, Chamba achieved a 100% success rate in the ICSE and ISC Board Examinations for 2024–25. Master Divyansh Singh Utsav topped the district with 99.4%, leading a group of 12 students who scored above 90% in ICSE. ISC students also excelled, with Aniket Gunsola topping the Science stream (95.25%) and Vaishnavi Adikari leading Commerce (92.75%). A Felicitation Ceremony was held to honor the toppers and celebrate their hard work, showcasing the school's commitment to academic excellence and holistic education.

### VidhyaArambh



Carmel School, Chamba celebrated the **Vidhyarambh** ceremony, marking the beginning of the academic journey for Nursery students. Held

in a joyful and traditional setting, the event was graced by distinguished guests, including local dignitary Sobhni Dhanola and school leaders. With prayers, blessings, and warm welcome from the kindergarten staff, the ceremony offered a memorable and meaningful start to the young learners' educational journey.

### Annual Sports Day Celebration



Carmel School, Chamba celebrated its Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm and team spirit. The event featured a vibrant march-past, flag hoisting, and the sports oath. Inaugurated by C.O. Tehri, Oshan Joshi and guided by Principal Rev. Fr. Bino Johny Palatty CMI, the day included various athletic events like sprints, relays, and tug-of-war. Students showcased excellent sportsmanship, while teachers joined fun events, adding to the joy. Winners were honored with medals and certificates. The event concluded with the national anthem, highlighting a day of fitness, teamwork, and celebration.

### Welcome and Farewell: A Moment of Gratitude and New Beginnings



Carmel School, Chamba organized a heartfelt ceremony to welcome the new Manager, Rev. Fr. Dr. Joe Philip CMI, and bid farewell to the outgoing Manager, Rev. Fr. Thomas Appanchira CMI. The event honored Fr. Thomas's dedicated leadership and warmly embraced Fr. Joe Philip's arrival, marking a moment of gratitude and new beginnings. The program included speeches, songs, and expressions of appreciation, reflecting the school's respect and hope for the future.



## Carmel Day Celebration: Honouring 28 Glorious Years of Excellence



Carmel School, Chamba celebrated its 28th Carmel Day on 16th July with joy and pride, marking nearly three decades of academic and holistic excellence. The event featured a vibrant cultural program by students, speeches honoring the school's founders, and inspiring addresses by Chief Guest Mr. Dilbar Singh Negi and Manager Rev. Fr. Joe Philip CMI. The celebration included personal reflections, a cake-cutting ceremony, and a vote of thanks, highlighting the school's rich legacy and hopeful future.

## Suman's Day: A Tribute to the Martyr of Tehri Garhwal



On 25th July, Carmel School, Chamba solemnly observed Suman's Day to honor Sri Dev Suman, a

brave freedom fighter from Tehri Garhwal, on his martyrdom anniversary. The event included prayers, a floral tribute, a skit depicting his life and sacrifice, patriotic songs, and speeches. Principal Rev. Fr. Bino Johny Palatty CMI encouraged students to draw inspiration from Sri Dev Suman's courage and dedication to justice. The ceremony highlighted the importance of freedom and the sacrifices made to protect it.

## Teachers' Orientation Programme: Empowering Educators for Excellence



Carmel School, Chamba held a Teachers' Orientation Programme at the start of the academic year to prepare educators for excellence. Led by the Principal, the sessions covered student-centered learning, value-based education, technology integration, and classroom management. Through workshops and discussions, teachers refreshed their skills and aligned with the school's vision. The programme fostered collaboration and motivation, ending with a vote of thanks that highlighted teachers' vital role in shaping the future.

Teachers from Carmel School Chamba actively participated in the teacher's orientation programme conducted by St. John's Society at Christ University, Ghaziabad.

## Mount Carmel School, Champawat

### Republic Day Celebration

Mount Carmel School, Champawat celebrated the 76th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor with the unfurling of the National Flag, Cultural Programmes and the entire campus was beautifully decorated with tricolour flags, balloons, and rangoli.





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### Picnic class XII



A picnic was organized for the students of the class 12. Students visited various places at Almora and Jageshwar.

### Staff Orientation Programme

On 21st and 22nd May, 2025 the staff members of the school participated in the Orientation Programme Conducted by the Department of Education, St. John's Province Bijnor at Christ University Ghaziabad.

### Environment Day



Mount Carmel School celebrated Environment Day on 5th June 2025. Different events and competitions were held with the themes: "Save Environment" and "Eliminate Plastic Pollution".

### Talent Auditions

On 12th June 2025 the students participated in auditions conducted by PUNJABI TV for the T.V. reality show "kisme kitna hai dum" Various age groups showcased their talents in dance, singing, poetry, speech, comedy, drawing and writing.

### Felicitation of Mr. Piyush Pandey our Alumni



Mr. Piyush Pandey our alumni was felicitated in the school for scoring 98% percentile in the NEET Exam. It was the first such score in the district of

Champawat scored by a candidate. He also conducted a special session with Classes XI and XII, guiding them on career choices and future goals.

### Annual Sports Day



The School Annual Sports Day was conducted on the 18th and 19th June 2025. Shri. Amit Kumar, Second-in-Command of the 5th Battalion, SSB Champawat was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function. Ms. Himani Tiwari; our alumni and International Patents holder in Fashion Design graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Concluding ceremony.

### International Yoga Day

Mount Carmel School observed the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2025 with the theme of the year "One Earth, One Health".

### Science, Art & Craft Exhibition



Mount Carmel School organized the Science, Art & Craft Exhibition with the theme "Ocean of Science and Creativity" on 5th July, 2025. Creative and Innovative models were made by the students on the subjects like Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Mathematics, Social Sciences and Language & Literature besides various art and cultural models. It was a great display of creativity, talent. Dr. Pankaj Kumar, senior scientist Central Institute of Cold-Water Fisheries Champawat, Mrs. Nidhi Upreti A.D.O Horticulture Champawat and Mrs.



Kushbu, Director Family Welfare Organisation Panchshul Tuskers as guests and Judges. Our Parents and Officials from Champawat visited the exhibition and congratulated the students and the teachers.

### Visit of Rev. Shaiju, Councillor for the Department of Education



Fr. Shaiju, Councillor for the Department of Education made an official visit to the school on 12th July, 2025. He was accorded a warm welcome in the school. He was accompanied to the school by the leaders and the school band. He addressed the staff and the students and met the students in the class.

### Mount Carmel Day



Mount Carmel School celebrated the Carmel Day on 17th July, 2025. Felicitations and various

cultural programmes were put up by the students and the teachers on the occasion.

### Sports Accolades



On the 30th July 2025, the school football team participated in the under 14 & under 17 category ICSE Regional Level Football Tournament held at St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun. Three of our students; Gaurav Bisht of Class IX and Anshu Goswamy and Eshan Chand Raju of Class VIII were selected to CISCE Uttarakhand State Football Team. Eshan Chand Raju of Class VIII was selected to represent the CISCE National Football Team to play in the School Games Federation of India.

## CHRIST SCHOOL, MAJRI GRANT

### The Grand Finale: 7th Annual Concert

The Annual Day at Christ School was held on December 19 2024, a magnificent celebration of learning, values, and dedication. With the theme Shiksha, Sanskar, Samarpan, the event highlighted the essence of education, moral values, and selfless devotion in shaping young minds.

### A Proud Milestone: Christ School Receives Affiliation

With immense joy and pride, we share that Christ School has successfully completed the inspection process and has been granted official affiliation — a significant achievement that marks a new chapter in our journey of excellence in education.

We celebrate this milestone not as a destination,



but as a beginning — towards greater heights, stronger values, and deeper learning.

### **CHRISTATHLON 2024-25:3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-House Sports Day at Christ School**

The spirit of sportsmanship, energy, and unity was on full display as Christ School hosted its much-awaited 3rd Inter-House Sports Day, “Christathlon 2024-25”. The event was held in two segments—on 4th March for the classes Nursery to II, and on 6th March for the classes III to IX, turning the campus into a lively arena of athletic excellence.

#### **A new academic journey, guided by faith**



The new academic session 2025–26 at our school commenced with a solemn and meaningful Prayer Session held on the very first day. The program was organized and conducted by the teachers under the keen guidance of Rev. Fr. Biju PC, The Principal and with the wholehearted support of the school management.

The session began with a warm welcome and an introduction highlighting the importance of prayers in uniting hearts and minds. The teachers led the Intercession Prayers, seeking divine grace for the students, parents, educators, and the school community, praying for guidance, strength, and success throughout the academic year.

A special feature of the program was the Interreligious Prayer where teachers offered prayers in the four main religions, symbolizing unity in diversity and the spirit of mutual respect. The soulful prayers from different faiths created an atmosphere of reverence and inclusiveness, reinforcing the values of brotherhood, tolerance, and peace.

### **Educational Trip Report: Visit to Subir Raha Oil Museum, ONGC Dehradun**

On 27 March 2025 (Saturday), a group of 96 students from Grades 8 to 10, accompanied by 5 teachers, visited the Subir Raha Oil Museum at ONGC, Dehradun. The objective of the trip was to provide students with insightful exposure to the world of petroleum exploration, production, and its significance in our daily lives. It was a well-organized and successful educational outing that blended learning with excitement.

#### **Mother's Day Celebration**

The Mother's Day program was celebrated with great enthusiasm and heartfelt appreciation on 10th May 2025 at Christ School, Majri Grant. The event aimed to honor and express gratitude towards mothers for their unconditional love, sacrifices, and constant support.



#### **Farewell and welcome sisters**

Rev. Sistes Brincy, Sr. Jaine, Sr. Deepa and Sr. Elsy got transfer to different stations and we bid



farewell to sisters thanking them for the wonderful services for the last a few years. We welcomed with great joy the new community of sisters Rev. Srs. Liza, Litty, Sini rose and Selma to the school.





# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, GADARPUR

## School Reopened After Summer Vacations

The school reopened for all classes on July 1, 2025, following the summer break. We warmly welcomed back all students and staff and look forward to a productive and inspiring term ahead.



## Official Visit of Education Secretary



On July 14, 2025, Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan CMI, Education Secretary of St. John Province, Najibabad, Bijnor, paid an official visit to the

school. During his visit, he interacted with students across different classes and held a meeting with teachers to discuss the holistic development of the students.

## Harela Celebration



Harela was celebrated with great joy at the school on July 15, 2025. On this special day, students presented various cultural programs that showcased their awareness and respect for nature and the environment.

## STEM Activity



On July 17, 2025, a STEM activity session was conducted for students in classes 1 to 8 to foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills. The students enthusiastically showcased their innovative creations with great zeal and excitement.

## Bagless Day



On July 25, 2025, a Bagless Day was organized for classes 1 to 5. The teachers arranged various fun activities, including picture making, dance-on-the-spot and one-minute games. All students actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



## Inter-House Football Tournament

An exciting Inter-House Football Tournament was held on July 28, 2025. The final match was contested between Red House and Blue House, with Red House emerging as the champions. Congratulations to all the teams!!



## ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY, GHAZIABAD

### Academic Brilliance – Lighting the Lamp of Knowledge

This year, St. Joseph's Academy once again proved that true learning is not confined to classrooms but radiates into every sphere of life. The ICSE and ISC results stood as shining milestones, with students etching their names in excellence.



#### ● Class 12 Achievers

- Science: Arshiya (97.75%), Ritesh (96%), Ayantika (95.75%)
- Commerce: Zoya (94%), Sparsh (93%), Harsimrat (92.25%)
- Humanities: Mahi (94.5%), Bhumika (94%), Ishani (93.5%)

#### ● Class 10 Toppers

- Ujjash (98%), Pari & Pragati (96.6%), Ayush, Daivik & Udit (96%)

With **32 students above 90% in Class 12 and 42 in Class 10**, the results were a testament to hard work, commitment, and the guidance of devoted teachers. Each success story was not just about marks but about resilience, curiosity, and the joy of learning.

### Words & Wonders – Literary & Cultural Triumphs

**"The pen is the tongue of the soul."  
– Miguel de Cervantes**

The literary and cultural pulse of SJA beat strong at the **ASISC Ghaziabad Zonal Competitions 2025**, where our students' brought laurels across diverse arenas:

- Quiz: Senior – 1st | Sub-Junior – 3rd
- Creative Writing: Junior – 1st (to State), Sub-Junior – 3rd, Senior – 3rd
- Debate: 1st & 2nd positions
- Declamation: Junior – 2nd, Sub-Junior – 3rd
- Chess: Senior – 3rd

Each performance was more than a victory; it was a celebration of imagination, eloquence, and courage to stand and express.

### Strength in Motion – Sports & Games

**"Champions keep playing until they get it right." – Billie Jean King**

The playgrounds of SJA echoed with determination, discipline, and thunderous cheers. The **Annual Sports Meet** unfolded with graceful march-pasts, electrifying sprints, and field events that showcased not just athleticism but also sportsmanship.

- Football Zonal Tournament: U-19 – 1st (9 to State), U-17 – 2nd (4 to State)



- Basketball Zonal: 3rd (2 to State)
- Athletics Zonal: 32 Gold, 34 Silver, 27 Bronze – Overall Champions
- Badminton: U-14 Boys Gold (Singles & Doubles), U-14 Girls Silver, U-17 Boys Silver, U-19 Girls Silver
- Yoga: Winners across all categories

We also proudly hosted the **Fr. Raymond Memorial Interschool Basketball & Badminton Competition 2025**, a tribute to the beloved educator who believed in character-building through sports. Thrilling matches, roaring audiences, and memorable victories made it an event to cherish.



### Clubs with a Cause – Nurturing Beyond Classrooms



**"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin**

SJA's clubs brought vibrancy to school life:

- **Eco Club** led campaigns for a greener tomorrow—tree plantations, waste segregation drives, and awareness rallies.
- **Literary Club** gave young voices platforms to write, debate, and declaim.
- **Science & Innovation Club** encouraged curiosity through hands-on experiments and model-making.
- **Cultural Club** kept alive traditions of music and art.

Through these clubs, students learned that leadership, teamwork, and service are as important as academics.

### Serving with Compassion – Community Outreach

**"We rise by lifting others." – Robert Ingersoll**

True to our values, the Academy reached out to the underprivileged through scholarships, food drives, and mentoring initiatives. Students and teachers worked hand-in-hand to extend support to children in need, ensuring education and hope for many. These acts of kindness became silent lessons in empathy and responsibility.

### Captured Moments

#### Vidyarambam Ceremony 2025



### "A Fond Farewell to Our Seniors and Fr. Mejo"

**The SJA Spirit Lives On**  
**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt**





At St. Joseph's Academy, every applause and every act of service stitched together the larger story of a school committed to holistic education.

As we look ahead, we carry forward the legacy of faith, excellence, and service—ever ready to light new lamps of learning and compassion in the world.



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, JAHANGIRABAD

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



The month of April witnessed a series of significant academic and cultural activities that enriched the life of our institution.

On 7th April, the Cultural Inauguration was held with great enthusiasm, followed by the Solo Dance Competition for Sub-Junior and Senior categories. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic skills and creativity.

On 11th April, an **Inter-House Extempore Competition** was organized for Classes IX to XII. The participants spoke confidently on diverse topics, displaying clarity of thought, spontaneity, and communication skills.



15th April, the **new academic session for Class XI** commenced, marking the beginning of their senior secondary journey.

On 23rd April, the **Investiture Ceremony** was conducted with solemnity and dignity. The newly elected student council members took an oath to uphold the values and responsibilities entrusted to them.



25th April, a **Farewell Ceremony** was organized for **Fr. Anoop**. The program was filled with gratitude and heartfelt emotions as the school community acknowledged his dedicated service and wished him success in the future.



On 28th April, a **Seminar on 'Good Touch and Bad Touch'** was conducted to spread awareness among students about personal safety and the importance of protecting oneself. The session was informative, interactive, and highly beneficial.



Thus, the month of April was marked by vibrant cultural events, academic milestones, and



meaningful ceremonies, leaving lasting impressions on students and staff alike.

### MAY HIGHLIGHTS

On **1st May**, the **Unit Test – I** commenced for all classes, assessing the academic progress of students in the new session.

On **20th May**, two engaging competitions were organized: a **Mathematics Quiz for Classes I to V**, which tested logical reasoning and problem-solving skills, and an **Inter-Class Sudoku Puzzle Competition for Classes VI to VIII**, which enhanced critical thinking and concentration among students.



On **23rd May**, a **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for Unit Test – I** was held, providing an opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the performance, strengths, and areas of improvement of the students.

On **24th May**, it was the **last working day for all students before the Summer Vacation**, marking the beginning of a much-awaited break.

### JULY HIGHLIGHTS

The month of July marked the reopening of the school after the summer vacation and was filled with literary and cultural activities that encouraged creativity and expression among students.

On **1st July**, the school community warmly welcomed the new Manager, Rev. Fr. Sebastian and new Bursar, Rev. Fr. Mejo. A short gathering was held to greet him and extend best wishes for his guidance and leadership.



On **4th July (Friday)**, the school **reopened after the Summer Vacation**. The campus once again came alive with the cheerful presence of students, ready to continue their academic journey with renewed energy.

On **12th July**, an **Inter-House English Poem Recitation Competition** was held for Classes I to V. The participants recited poems with confidence, clarity, and expression, making the event both entertaining and inspiring. On the same day, the **Kindergarten Section celebrated Yellow Day**, where children dressed in yellow and participated in fun-filled activities, symbolizing joy and brightness.



On **15th July**, a special program was organized to **appreciate the Board Toppers of 2025 by awarding them medals**. Their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements were recognized and celebrated, inspiring other students to aim higher.



On **21st July**, an **Inter-House English Speech Competition** was organized for Sub-Junior and Junior categories. Students spoke on diverse topics with fluency and confidence, enhancing their oratory skills.



On **26th July**, an **Inter-House Story Writing Competition** was conducted for Classes I to VIII. The young writers showcased their creativity and imagination through engaging stories.



Thus, the month of July was a blend of academics, creativity, and cultural celebration, helping students to build confidence and develop their literary skills.



## MARIA SCHOOL, JASPUR



Maria School, Jaspur, run by the CMI Bijnor, Province, inaugurated the 25th Year of the Silver Jubilee on 12th July 2025, in a grand manner, coinciding with Management Day. The event was graced by the presence of the management, staff and students, marking the beginning of a memorable jubilee year. Rev Fr. Thomas Appanchira CMI, former principal was invited as the chief guest.



As part of the Jubilee activities, the school undertook a village survey in the neighbourhood behind our campus. The survey aimed to understand the socio-economic conditions of the



residents and explore opportunities where the school community could contribute meaningfully to their welfare.

On 16th July 2025, a sapling plantation drive was organized in and around the school premises. Students and teachers enthusiastically took part in planting saplings, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability.

These activities reflect our school's commitment to education beyond classrooms, focusing on social responsibility, environmental awareness, and creative expression. The Silver Jubilee celebrations have indeed begun on a meaningful and inspiring note, promising many more such events in the months ahead.

The jubilee year will finally culminate in the **Grand Silver Jubilee Celebration on 23rd November 2025**, which we look forward to celebrating as a historic and inspiring milestone in the journey of Maria School, Jaspur.

## ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, KHATAULI

### A Blessed Beginning to the Academic Year 2025–26



St. Thomas School, Khatauli, marked the commencement of its new academic session on 17th March 2025 with a devotional prayer, scripture reading and a lamp-lighting ceremony. Rev. Fr. Thomson Thomas, the Principal, delivered an inspiring message, blessed the students' uniforms and stationery and offered prayers for the entire school community. The day concluded

with a final blessing, setting a spiritually enriched and motivated start to the new year of learning.

### Manager's Day Celebration at St. Thomas School, Khatauli



St. Thomas School, Khatauli, joyfully celebrated Manager's Day on 22nd March 2025 in honour of Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI, commemorating the Feast of St. Joseph. The day began with a graceful procession and prayer dance,



followed by a heartfelt welcome, warm wishes and felicitation.

Students showcased their talents through a retro dance, a comedy skit, and an energetic Zumba performance. A thematic dance on “Never Lose Hope” highlighted the values of perseverance and faith. Rev. Fr. Principal, in his address, praised the Manager's silent strength, dignity and inspiring leadership.

In his thanksgiving speech, Rev. Fr. Joseph expressed gratitude to the school family for their love and participation. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem, marking a joyful tribute to the guidance and contribution of the esteemed Manager.

### **A Memorable Beginning – Vidyarambh Ceremony**



On 3rd April 2025, St. Thomas School, Khatauli celebrated the Vidyarambh Samaroh for its Nursery students, marking the beginning of their academic journey.

The event began with a graceful prayer dance and the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing wisdom and a bright future. Young learners were warmly welcomed with badges, sashes, and gifts. Engaging activities like finger tracing on rice plates helped spark creativity and develop motor skills.

Each student received their school diary and ID card, making the day both exciting and meaningful. The presence of the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI, Manager, along with the Principal, Vice Principal, and dignitaries, added inspiration to the occasion.

The celebration beautifully reflected the school's commitment to nurturing young minds with care, joy, and excellence.

### **Orientation Programme on “Vision of CMI”**

An Orientation programme on the theme “Vision of CMI” was held on 10th April, led by Rev. Fr. Dr. Martin Mallathu, General Councillor for Education. He was warmly felicitated by Rev. Fr. Thomson, the Principal of St. Thomas School.

Rev. Fr. Sunny, Principal of St. Chavara School,



Shahpur, also graced the occasion with his presence. The session was inspiring and encouraged educators to embrace the CMI vision and rekindle their passion for teaching.

### **Investiture Ceremony**

St. Thomas School held its Investiture Ceremony on 8th April 2025, with Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Provincial, as the Chief Guest. The event



began with a traditional Tilak, followed by a march past and a graceful prayer dance.



Newly elected student leaders received their badges and sashes, after which Rev. Fr. Thomson Thomas CMI, Principal, administered the oath of office. Rev. Fr. Davis then addressed the gathering, encouraging the council to lead with commitment and integrity.

The ceremony concluded with a vibrant thematic dance, marking a proud and inspiring start for the new student council.



## Principal's Day and St. Thomas Day Celebration



St. Thomas School joyfully celebrated Principal's Day and the Feast of St. Thomas on 12th July 2025, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Varghese, the newest member of Santhome Bhavan and the St. Thomas Fraternity.

The day began with a solemn prayer service and a graceful prayer dance. Students then lit up the stage with vibrant cultural performances, including Bharatnatyam, Fusion Zumba, and a Theme Dance that celebrated unity and respect for leadership.

A special cake-cutting ceremony and melodious wishes added to the joy of the occasion. Heartfelt messages were shared by Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI, Manager and our beloved Fr. Thomson Thomas CMI, Principal, whose words of gratitude and encouragement made the day truly memorable.

The celebration reflected the school's strong spirit of togetherness, respect, and faith.

## Zonal Kho Kho Tournament Hosted at St. Thomas School, Khatauli



St. Thomas School, Khatauli proudly hosted the Zonal Level Kho Kho Tournament for boys and girls, bringing together young athletes from across the region. The event was a vibrant showcase of speed, strategy, and team spirit, with students competing with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The tournament was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI, Manager, Rev. Fr. Thomson Thomas CMI, Principal, Sr. Suja, Vice Principal, and other respected officials.

The day began with the ceremonial lamp lighting, setting a spirited tone for the matches. The games were intense and exciting, reflecting the values of discipline, teamwork, and healthy competition.

The tournament concluded with heartfelt thanks to all participants and organizers, making it a memorable celebration of sporting excellence.

## Zonal Literary Competition – A Celebration of Expression and Intellect



St. Thomas School, Khatauli proudly hosted the prestigious **ASISC UP Meerut Zone Literary Events** on 28th July 2025, welcoming six reputed schools for a day of creativity, intellect and healthy competition. Held under the theme **“Echoes and Expression,”** the event featured Debate and Painting Competitions, highlighting students' talents in communication and art.

The event was graced by dignitaries including Rev. Fr. Joseph CMI (Manager), Rev. Fr. Thomson Thomas CMI (Principal & Zonal Coordinator), Rev. Fr. Tomy, Sr. Suja (Vice Principal) and respected judges from various institutions. It began with a soulful prayer dance and a heartfelt welcome address, setting a warm and vibrant tone.

Participants showcased their skills with confidence and creativity, engaging in thoughtful debates and expressive artwork. The competitions were conducted with discipline and fairness, offering an enriching platform for all.

The event concluded with the distribution of trophies and certificates, leaving participants inspired and appreciated for their efforts.



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL, LAHARPUR

Sacred Heart School, Laharpur, the youngest among all the schools of our province, is presently undergoing the eligibility process for government recognition. The school is in the midst of this crucial journey, striving to establish its identity. All preliminary scrutiny and inspections have been completed, and we now eagerly await the joyful news that it is being approved and officially recognised. Meanwhile, the school's daily academics and activities are flourishing, ensuring the overall well-being and growth of the little ones through the wholehearted efforts of our dedicated staff and teachers.

### Children's Day Celebration at Sacred Heart School, Laharpur



On 14th November, we joyfully celebrated Children's Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The programme commenced with a special assembly where teachers highlighted the significance of the day, observed to honour the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a visionary leader deeply admired for his love for children.

The celebration featured a series of lively activities, including cultural performances and fun-filled games. The students participated with excitement and confidence, showcasing their creativity and talents. Adding to the festive mood, classrooms were adorned with colourful posters and balloons, making the school vibrant and cheerful.

The dedication and creativity of the teachers were evident in the students' eager participation, which played a vital role in making the event a grand success. All of them enjoyed the programme with great excitement, creating a delightful experience for everyone. As the celebration concluded, students expressed their sincere gratitude by thanking the teachers for their constant guidance, affection, and support.

The event was a memorable one, leaving behind sweet memories and truly capturing the spirit of love and happiness that Children's Day stands for.

### Annual Sports Day 2024-2025 Celebration at Sacred Heart School, Laharpur



At Sacred Heart School, Laharpur, sports are an integral part of the educational experience. They not only promote physical fitness but also instil qualities such as teamwork, discipline, confidence, and friendliness. From the earliest years, children are encouraged to develop their gross motor skills through fun activities and simple games, laying a strong foundation for a healthy and active life.

In keeping with this spirit, the Annual Sports Day was celebrated on November 27th and 28th with great joy and enthusiasm. The little ones from Nursery, LKG, UKG, and Class I participated eagerly in a variety of exciting events, including a running race, a lemon-and-spoon race, and a relay. Their lively performances and cheerful participation filled the atmosphere with energy and happiness.

The two-day celebration was a wonderful experience for the children and a proud moment for the teachers, showcasing the true value of sports in early education.

**Christmas Gathering with Parents and Students- Christmas Milan- 2024.** On 20th December 2024, organized a grand Christmas Milan that brought together parents, students, teachers, and well-wishers in an atmosphere of joy





and festivity. The celebration beautifully conveyed the true message of Christmas — love, peace, and togetherness.

The event was graced by Rev. Fr. Prashanth CMI, Principal of Sacred Heart Degree College, Naipalapur, Sitapur, who honoured the gathering as the Chief Guest. The programme began with a warm welcome followed by a variety of cultural events presented by the students. Melodious Christmas carols filled the air with cheer and devotion, while graceful performances showcased the talents of the children and added colour to the evening.

A special highlight of the day was the lucky draw for parents, where three fortunate parents were chosen and awarded, creating moments of surprise and excitement. The beautifully prepared crib, festive Christmas decorations, and dazzling illumination added charm to the celebration, setting a perfect Christmas mood.

On this occasion, the school also distributed certificates and prizes to all the students who excelled in various competitions and sports events held during the year. This recognition encouraged the children to continue striving for excellence both in academics and co-curricular activities.

The climax of the evening was the cutting of the Christmas cake, which was joyfully shared with everyone present, symbolizing the spirit of sharing and unity. Nearly two hundred people participated in the celebration, making the occasion vibrant and memorable.

The Christmas Milan 2024 was truly beyond imagination — a celebration that not only entertained but also spread the timeless message of Christmas: *love, peace, and goodwill to all*.

### Republic Day Celebration

Competitions on the Eve of Republic Day

On 25th January 2025, we organized a series of competitions to mark the spirit of Republic Day. The events included drawing, fancy dress and patriotic singing competitions, which brought out the creativity, enthusiasm, and love for the nation among the little ones.

The students participated with great energy and dedication, showcasing their talents and expressing their patriotic spirit in unique ways. Their vibrant performances and wholehearted involvement reflected the true essence of the day.

The teachers, with their tireless efforts and guidance, ensured that each event was conducted smoothly and meaningfully. The activities not only provided a platform for the children to display their skills but also helped instill the values of patriotism and respect for the nation toward its constitution in their young hearts. The celebration successfully highlighted the importance of the day, leaving a lasting impression on the students and making it a memorable occasion for all.

### Graduation and Vidyarambham Ceremony.



On 26th April 2025, we joyfully celebrated the Graduation and Vidyarambham Ceremony with great solemnity and festivity. The event was graced by Rev. Sr. Rina, Vice Principal of Sacred Heart Academy, Maigalganj, who honoured the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony was a momentous occasion for the UKG students graduating to Class I and for the Nursery children beginning their educational journey, along with their proud parents who witnessed this milestone. The programme was beautifully adorned with colourful cultural performances by the children, filling the atmosphere with joy and celebration.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest spoke with warmth and wisdom to both students and parents, underlining the need for a better, more creative, and qualitative education in today's world. Her inspiring words left a lasting impression on all present.



During the event, academic performance certificates and prizes were distributed to recognize the achievements of students in academics and competitions, encouraging them to strive further in their journey of excellence. A touching moment was when parents lovingly guided their little ones to write their very first letters, symbolically initiating them into the world of knowledge and wisdom under the blessings of the learned guests present.

The graduating children of UKG, full of confidence and excitement, were visibly proud to take a step forward into Class I, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their academic journey. The day was truly grace-filled, divine, and memorable, celebrating both beginnings and milestones in the life of every child.

#### A Few Milestones and Achievements

- **20/12/2024** – A 5000 sq. ft. plot was purchased and registered for the construction of teachers' quarters.

- **03/03/2025** – An application was filed in the Civil Court to extend the lease period from 5 years to **29 years and 11 months**.
- **19/07/2025** – The court order was pronounced in our favour, and the official notice was received.
- **20/07/2025** – The Lease Deed for **29 years and 11 months** was successfully registered as per the court's order for school recognition.
- **22/07/2025** – The application for school recognition was successfully uploaded on the online portal, and the inspection was duly conducted by the **BEO, Laharpur**.
- After clearing several queries, we are now hopefully awaiting the final **Recognition Certificate** for the school.

We humbly request your valuable prayers, which continue to be the greatest spiritual support behind every achievement.

## SACRED HEART ACADEMY, MAIGALGANJ

### Inaugural Assembly of Academic Session 2025–26



The new academic session at **Sacred Heart Academy, Maigalganj** began with a spiritually uplifting and harmonious assembly program on **17th March 2025**. The event set a positive tone for the year ahead, filled with hope, unity, and a commitment to holistic education.

There was a perfect blend of cultural, spiritual, and academic essence, marking a beautiful beginning to the new school year.

#### Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony for the 2025–26 academic session was held on 5th April 2025 to formally install the newly elected student council. Rev. Fr. Benoy Vazhayil CMI, Principal of Sacred Heart School, Laharpur, was the chief guest.

The council included the Head Boy, Head Girl,

Class Monitors, Sports Captain and Vice-Captain, House Captains and Vice Captains, and Chavara Task Force Members. The event celebrated student leadership and was a memorable day for all.

#### Inter House Speech Competition





An Inter-House Speech Competition was held on April 12, 2025, providing a dynamic platform for students to showcase their public speaking skills and express their views on relevant contemporary topics. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all houses and was divided into four categories: Sub-Junior Category – Importance of English in Our Day-to-Day Life, Junior Category – Is AI a Threat or Benefit to Humanity? Senior Category – We Should Switch to EVs to Save the Environment, Super Senior Category – Competition Leads to Progress. Participants presented insightful perspectives on how healthy competition drives innovation, improvement, and success in all walks of life.

### Career Counseling Program



To support and guide students in making informed career choices, a two-day Career Counseling Program was conducted on 28th and 29th April 2025 for students of Classes 9 to 12. The sessions were facilitated by Rev. Fr. Anoop Pynadath CMI, an experienced career mentor and Mrs. Priyanka Srivastava.

The Career Counseling Program was a resounding success and received positive feedback from both students and teachers. It played a vital role in equipping students with the awareness and tools needed to begin planning their futures with clarity and confidence. The school looks forward to conducting similar programs in the future to continue supporting students in their academic and professional journeys.

### Inter-House Board Decoration Competition and Awareness Campaign



On 18th May 2025, our school hosted a vibrant and thought-provoking Inter-House Board Decoration Competition, aimed at nurturing creativity,

teamwork and social awareness among students. The event was divided into two categories:

- \* Senior Group (Classes 8 to 12) –  
Theme : **World No Tobacco Day**
- \* Junior Group (Classes 1 to 7) –  
Theme : **International Biodiversity Day**

The event was a grand success, reflecting the school's ongoing commitment to holistic education — one that goes beyond academics to include social responsibility, environmental consciousness and moral development.

### Two Days – Teachers' Orientation Program

The teachers from our school participated in a Two-day Teachers' Orientation Program held on 21st and 22nd May 2025 at Christ University, Delhi-NCR Campus, Ghaziabad. The event was organized by the Department of Education, St. John's (CMI) Province, in collaboration with the CISCE Board and MyLingualines Pvt. Ltd.



The program brought together educators from various schools across the region, offering a platform for professional growth, collaboration, and inspiration. Throughout the two days, teachers engaged in sessions that focused on innovative teaching strategies, inclusive education, classroom management and professional ethics. The training was not only informative but also deeply motivating, rekindling the passion for teaching and learning.

Our teachers returned home with a notebook full of ideas and a heart full of motivation. From new strategies to real connections, the orientation program at Christ University, Delhi-NCR Campus, Ghaziabad reminded us why we chose to be a teacher – to inspire, to evolve and to never stop learning.

### Inter-House English Speaking Competition

On 12th July, Sacred Heart Academy successfully conducted its much-awaited Inter-House English Speaking Competition, showcasing the oratory skills of students across all grade levels. The event





was organized to encourage public speaking, creativity and confidence among students.

The competition not only highlighted the linguistic and oratory skills of the students but also reinforced important values such as the love for reading, the significance of education and social awareness.

### **Bagless Day**

Sacred Heart Academy joyfully celebrated Bagless Day on 26th July 2025 with a range of engaging,



educational and entertaining activities designed to promote holistic development and a break from routine academic work.

The Bagless Day celebration successfully fostered creativity, physical activity and emotional expression, creating a memorable experience for students across all grades.

## **CHAVARA SADAN & ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, NAGINA**

### **Chavara Sadan, Nagina : Celebrating Community Spirit**

The year at Chavara Sadan, Nagina, has been marked by moments of deep faith, heartfelt gratitude, and joyful fellowship. From honouring the legacy of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara to celebrating milestones in the lives of our priests and welcoming new members into our fold, each occasion reflected the unity and devotion that define our community.

### **Chavara Day**



On February 10, 2025, the parish joyfully celebrated the feast of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, a pioneer of spiritual and social renewal in Kerala. The day began with a solemn Holy Mass and prayer service in thanksgiving for his life of faith and service. Cultural programmes — dramas and dances — brought his legacy to life, followed by a joyful Agape meal shared with sisters and fathers from various stations.

### **A Week of Grace and Gratitude**



On March 16, 2025, the community honoured Rev. Fr. Anoop Pynadath, CMI, Manager of Chavara Sadan, on his birthday with a solemn Mass, heartfelt wishes, and tokens of appreciation for his inspiring leadership.



## Navati Celebration of Fr. Gerald



On July 26, 2025, the Navati (90th birthday) of Fr. Gerald was marked with a thanksgiving Mass attended by Bishop Vincent Nellaiparambil, Provincial Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan, clergy, and parishioners. He was honoured with a ceremonial cap and decorative stick, followed by cake cutting and a cultural agape featuring music, dance, and skits. The day ended with a shared meal in thanksgiving and fellowship.

### Zonal Gathering

On July 26, 2025, the Najibabad Zone held its zonal gathering with the primary agenda of discussing the statute of the province. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m., and after a lively and constructive discussion, participants came together for high tea.

The day's programme continued with a solemn Mass, offered in connection with the parish priest and the Navati (90th birthday) celebration of Fr. Gerald. The occasion concluded with a cultural and cuisine banquet, where music, performances, and a variety of dishes created a warm atmosphere of fellowship and joy.

### A Memorable Visit from Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI



On July 7, 2025, Chavara Sadan and St. Mary's School had the honour of welcoming Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, provincial and President of the

education Society for the canonical visitation. He offered mass with community met all individually and in community and His presence at the morning in the school assembly uplifting and inspiring, as he addressed students and staff with heartfelt words on the importance of dedication, discipline, and holistic education.

Later, during a special staff meeting, Father personally commended the teachers for their unwavering commitment and the commendable academic achievements of the students. His encouraging message was a powerful reminder of the lasting influence educators have in shaping young minds.

### All Souls' Day – Honouring the Departed with Love and Prayer

On November 2nd, the parish gathered in solemn reverence to observe All Souls' Day, dedicated to honouring and praying for the faithful departed. The day began with a deeply moving Holy Mass led by Rev. Fr. Anoop, invoking peace and eternal rest for the souls of beloved family members and parishioners.

Photographs of the departed were respectfully displayed within the church, creating a sacred space for memory and reflection. Lamps were lit, prayers were offered, and the congregation united in spiritual remembrance, embracing the hope of eternal life. It was a day filled with grace, reflection, and love — etched in the hearts of all who attended.

### Christmas – Rejoicing in the Birth of the Saviour

The parish joyfully celebrated the Nativity of the Lord with a solemn and grace-filled Holy Mass, lifting every heart in peace, gratitude, and praise. The liturgy, marked by beautiful hymns and heartfelt prayers, set the tone for an evening that truly reflected the joy of Emmanuel — God with us.

A highlight of the celebration was the Christmas Carol service, lovingly prepared and led by Rev. Fathers, Sisters, brothers, hostel teachers, and parishioners. The carolers carried the message of Christ's birth to the homes of parish families, filling the night air with melodies of hope and joy. At each home, gifts were presented as tokens of



love and blessing, making the celebration deeply personal and inclusive.

The church itself was transformed into a vision of Christmas beauty. A highly ornate and artistically designed crib stood at the heart of the decorations, depicting the Nativity scene with lifelike detail and reverence. Around it, radiant lights, garlands, and festive adornments filled every corner of the church and campus, creating an atmosphere of warmth and wonder.

The day concluded with a grand festive meal — a true agape feast — where tables overflowed with delicious dishes lovingly prepared and shared by the community. Laughter, conversation, and the joy of togetherness filled the hall, as parishioners, guests, and well-wishers celebrated not only the birth of Christ but also the gift of one another.

### **Holy Week and Easter – Walking with Christ**



#### **from the Cross to the Resurrection**

The Holy Week observances began with a one-day retreat led by Rev. Fr. Raju Puthussery, drawing parishioners into a deeper spirit of prayer. Palm Sunday opened with a prayer service on the school grounds, followed by a solemn procession commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday, the parish priest washed the feet of twelve parishioners, echoing Christ's humility, followed by Paschal prayers, the sharing



of *Pesaha Appam*, and adoration at a beautifully prepared tabernacle.

Good Friday was marked by the morning reading of the Passion narrative, proclaimed with deep reverence, and a solemn Way of the Cross across

the church grounds, with meditative hymns and reflections at each station.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday brought the joy of the Resurrection to life with a live depiction of Jesus rising from the tomb. The liturgy included the blessing of new water, the blessing of the campus, and a joyful agape meal shared by parishioners and in-bound teachers, symbolising renewal and unity.



### **Parish Feast – A Celebration of Faith and Culture**

In honour of Mary of Mount Carmel, to whom the parish is dedicated, the community prepared spiritually with a three-day solemn observance leading up to the feast. Each day featured a Solemn Holy Mass and Novena, drawing the faithful into deeper devotion to the Carmel Mother. The novena services were prayerfully led by Fr. Robin (Diocese of Bijnor), Fr. Thomas Masih (Diocese of Meerut), and Fr. Pauly Puthussery CMI, Director of Mariam Ashram, whose reflections inspired and renewed the hearts of parishioners.

On 26 July 2025, the Parish Feast was celebrated with grandeur and joy. The church and campus were richly adorned with flowers, lights, and festal decorations. His Excellency Bishop Vincent Nellaiparambil was welcomed with a culturally rich dance-based reception, blending artistry with reverence.

A traditional procession followed, featuring *muthukuda* (ornamental umbrellas) and a decorated chariot of Mary, filling the streets with hymns and devotion. The Eucharistic procession included the blessing of the campus and the dedication of all parish families to the Carmel Mother, entrusting the community to her maternal care. The celebration also embraced the Navathi of Rev. Fr. Gerald, the day concluded with a joyful



agape meal, uniting clergy, religious, and parishioners in fellowship and gratitude.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, NAGINA



#### CELESTIA 2K24: A Cosmic Celebration of Culture and Excellence

St. Mary's School, Nagina, soared into celebration on December 9, 2024, with *CELESTIA 2K24*—a dazzling event themed “A Cosmic Voyage.” The day blended vibrant cultural performances, including dances, skits, and songs, with heartfelt tributes and academic honors, reflecting a new vision of education that reaches beyond the stars.

Honored guests Mr. Mange Ram Chauhan (SDM, Bijnor) and Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI inspired the gathering, while dedicated staff and top achievers were felicitated. With over 500 participants and 3,000 attendees, the event became a radiant milestone of unity, imagination, and gratitude.



#### St. Mary's Teachers Revel in a Joyful Rajasthan Getaway

In a spirited celebration of togetherness and appreciation, St. Mary's School treated its teaching staff to a vibrant two-day retreat across Jaipur, Ajmer, and Pushkar, beginning on 6th February. The journey unfolded as a delightful escape—blending majestic sights, shared laughter, and moments of deep connection.

From exploring Jaipur's regal architecture to soaking in the spiritual calm of Pushkar, the trip offered a refreshing pause from routine, honoring the dedication and heart of the educators. Energized and united, the staff returned with cherished memories and renewed enthusiasm for the classroom ahead.

#### St. Mary's School Hosts Multi-Faceted

### Faculty Development Program

St. Mary's School recently conducted a comprehensive Faculty Development Program (FDP), comprising three distinct sessions aimed at enhancing pedagogical practices and fostering innovation in education.

1. **My LinguaLine Workshop:** A two-day session focused on cultivating an English-speaking campus environment. The program emphasized communicative competence,



classroom strategies, and linguistic immersion to empower educators in promoting English fluency across the school.

2. **CMI Vision of Education:** Rev. Fr. Matin Mallath, General Councillor for Education at CMI Curia, led a one-day workshop centered on the transformative vision of CMI education. The session explored holistic development, value-based learning, and the evolving role of educators in shaping a future-ready academic ecosystem.
3. **Schoolmate ITC Workshop:** Conducted by Schoolmate Company, Noida, this two-hour workshop introduced faculty to cutting-edge ICT tools and AI-driven digital learning platforms. The session highlighted practical applications of technology in classrooms, aiming to enhance engagement, personalization, and efficiency in teaching.

Together, these sessions reflected the school's commitment to continuous professional growth, innovation, and excellence in education

### St. Mary's School – Celebrations, Traditions & Milestones 2025

**Introduction** The year 2025 has been a vibrant chapter in the life of St. Mary's School, Nagina. From honoring long-standing service to welcoming new beginnings, from celebrating achievements to embracing traditions, each event reflected the school's spirit of unity, gratitude, and excellence. Here's a look back at the memorable moments that shaped our journey so far.





### UKG Convocation Ceremony

Held on 8 March 2025, the UKG Convocation Ceremony was a heart-warming milestone as our youngest learners stepped into a new chapter. Dressed in miniature graduation robes and caps, the children proudly received their certificates, their smiles lighting up the hall. Rev. Fr. Siby Pallipattu, the Chief Guest, not only graced the occasion but also led an insightful session for parents, highlighting the importance of nurturing emotional, social, and cognitive growth in early childhood.

### A New Dawn & Farewell

On 17 March 2025, the new academic session began with a solemn prayer service, filling the campus with renewed energy. The day also carried a note of nostalgia as the school bid farewell to Mrs. Arti Mishra, honoring her remarkable 33 years of dedicated service. New faculty members were warmly welcomed, bringing fresh



perspectives and enthusiasm to the St. Mary's family.

### Farewell to Class XII

The farewell for Class XII, held on 6 April 2025, was hosted by Class XI with cultural performances, heartfelt speeches, and blessings from Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI. The event



concluded with an agape meal, symbolizing unity, gratitude, and the enduring bonds of the school community.

### Investiture & Newsletter Launch

The Investiture Ceremony on 12 April 2025 saw the newly elected Student Council take their oath in the presence of Mr. Veer Singh, Nodal Officer of Kotwali Block, Bijnor. Badges and sashes were conferred, marking the start of their leadership journey. On the same day, the school proudly



unveiled the first edition of its official newsletter, *Gooseberry*, a platform to showcase student creativity and achievements.

### Vidyarambh Ceremony

On 15 April 2025, the youngest learners began their academic journey with the traditional Vidyarambh Ceremony. The day featured prayers, lamp lighting, and the symbolic writing of the first letter in rice. Rev. Fr. George Kulangara CMI emphasized the importance of a strong partnership between home and school in shaping both knowledge and character.

### Workers' Day Celebration

The school community came together on 1 May 2025 to honor its non-teaching staff — the silent heroes who keep the institution running smoothly. The celebration included a prayer dance, lamp lighting, skits, dances, and fun games. The Social Club presented unique titles to each staff member,



and the management offered tokens of appreciation. The day concluded with the Feast of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Convent, marked by fellowship, prayer, and joy.



## St. Mary's Day – Heart & Harmony

On 16 July 2025, St. Mary's Day brought together students, staff, families, and dignitaries in a joyful celebration graced by Rev. Fr. Thomas Massey of the Meerut Diocese. Highlights included a delightful Kindergarten fashion show, a spirited inter-house dance competition judged by Mr. Josephine from St. Mary's School, Jaspur, and a special segment for staff families with music, fun activities, surprise gifts, and a shared lunch — a day that radiated unity, pride, and the vibrant spirit of the St. Mary's community.

## Holistic Development Programmes at St. Mary's School

At St. Mary's School, Nagina, learning goes beyond textbooks. Through a variety of engaging activities



and initiatives, students are encouraged to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and creatively. Here's a glimpse of some recent programmes that nurtured all-round development.

### Splash, Slide & Swing – Kiddies' Fun King!

A joyful fun fair was organised for students from Nursery to Class V, filled with swings, slides,



water play, and exciting games. Under the careful supervision of teachers, children spent the day laughing, playing, and building teamwork skills. The event was a vibrant celebration of childhood, joy, and togetherness.

### Plant at Home, Care for the Earth

On *World Environment Day*, the Socials Club led inspiring activities to promote conservation. Students delivered heartfelt speeches, and Rev. Fr. Anoop (Manager) along with Sr. Jismy (Vice Principal) honoured young environmental ambassadors by presenting saplings. Saplings



were planted on campus and distributed to all students to nurture at home, echoing the message: "*Plant at Home, Care for the Earth.*" The celebration reflected the school's deep commitment to sustainability and environmental awareness.

### Bagless Day – Explore, Express, Enjoy

Once every month, students enjoy *Bagless Day* — a refreshing break from routine where they leave their school bags behind and immerse themselves in creative learning. Through house activities and club meetings, they explore new ideas, express their talents, and work together as a team. Guided by teachers, this tradition fosters leadership, creativity, and all-round development in a relaxed, fun-filled environment.

### Shape Your Dream with the Right Path – Career Counseling Session

Students of Classes IX to XII attended an insightful career counseling session conducted by **Ms. Akansha Arora**, an expert in education and training. She guided students in identifying their strengths, exploring career options, and choosing suitable academic streams. The session stressed the importance of aligning passion with planning, offered tips on entrance exams, and highlighted future-ready skills. Principal Rev. Fr. Shaiju encouraged students to pursue their dreams with clarity and confidence. A lively Q&A session concluded the programme, leaving students motivated and focused.

### Colours Day

The campus came alive with joy as KG students celebrated *Colours Day* in vibrant outfits, radiating happiness and spreading cheer throughout the school. The celebration was a beautiful blend of festivity and togetherness, marking a special day for the youngest members of the St. Mary's family.



## Saturday Activity Highlight – Little Artists at Work

On 23rd August 2025, our Nursery, LKG, and UKG students enjoyed a vibrant Saturday Activity brimming with creativity.

Nursery children delighted in colourful hand printing, LKG students explored thumb painting, and UKG children showcased their craft skills. The



day was a joyful blend of colours, fun, and learning — a perfect example of how art can spark imagination and happiness in young minds.

## Inter-House Sports Fest 2026 – Play with Passion, Respect Your Game

On 28 and 29 April 2026, St. Mary's School celebrated its Inter-House Sports Fest with energy, excitement, and team spirit. The grand inaugural ceremony, graced by Chief Guest Dr. Anjani Kumar Chaturvedi, featured an aerobic dance performance, a disciplined march past, and a series of thrilling competitions. Track and field events, the Teachers' Game, and the



announcement of champions kept the festive spirit alive. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks and the National Anthem — a



proud showcase of unity, sportsmanship, and holistic growth.

## Achievements & Laurels

The 2024–25 academic year at St. Mary's School was marked by outstanding success in both academics and sports. On 30 April 2025, our students achieved a 100% pass rate in ICSE and ISC Board Examinations, continuing our proud tradition of excellence. In sports, our Senior Boys Basketball Team lifted the championship trophy at the 2nd Fr. Raymond CMI Tournament, while our Under-17 and under-19 teams secured Runners-Up positions at the CISCE Zonal Tournament. The Senior Boys Badminton Team also reached the semifinals, with the Juniors showing great spirit in league matches. These achievements reflect the dedication, talent, and determination that define the St. Mary's spirit.

## Celebrating Our Leaders – A Season of Joy and Gratitude

At St. Mary's, leadership is cherished as a calling



to guide with compassion, inspire through example, and serve with humility. Over the past months, our school family has been blessed with occasions that allowed us to honour and celebrate the remarkable individuals who embody these values, filling our campus with joy, unity, and





heartfelt appreciation.

In November 2024, the birthdays of Principal Rev. Fr. Shaiju CMI (Nov 22) and Vice Principal Rev. Sr. Jismy SJSJ (Nov 23) brought two consecutive days of celebration. The campus came alive with vibrant cultural performances, heartfelt speeches, and warm tributes from students and staff. The presence of Manager Rev. Fr. Anoop, offering his felicitations, added a note of solemn grace to the joyful atmosphere. These twin celebrations left behind a melody of memories that will long be treasured.

On March 19, 2025, the community gathered once again — this time to celebrate both the feast day



and birthday of Fr. Anoop. The day was filled with colourful programs showcasing the talents of students and staff, each performance a reflection of the values he upholds. Tokens of love and appreciation were presented by the management, teachers, and students, making the occasion a heartfelt expression of gratitude for his leadership and dedication.



May 1, 2025, the management honoured the sisters during a special school assembly, presenting them with tokens of love for their selfless service. That evening, sisters and fathers from various stations came together at St. Joseph Convent for the Feast of St. Joseph — a gathering

## ST. JOSEPH'S STUDY HOUSE, NAGINA

### Academic Formation: A Journey of Excellence

The academic year at St. Joseph Study House began with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Our eight senior brothers, having completed their second year of formation, successfully passed their +1 intermediate examinations with impressive scores. Their dedication to study and discipline reflects the strong academic ethos of our house. On 17th March 2025, they embarked on their +2 intermediate studies, stepping into a new phase of intellectual and personal growth.



In parallel, the study house welcomed five vibrant new brothers into the fold on 9th March 2025. These young aspirants began their +1 intermediate classes on 7th April 2025, marking the beginning of their spiritual and academic journey. Among them, one brother joined us from

Jharkhand, bringing with him a fresh perspective and cultural richness, while another brother departed to Kerala, leaving behind cherished memories and friendships.

### Spiritual Retreat: A Time to Reconnect

Amidst the rigors of study and formation, our second-year brothers took a sacred pause to rejuvenate their spirits. They journeyed to Jeevan Dhara Ashram in Jaiharikal, a serene haven for reflection and renewal. Accompanied by our beloved spiritual director, Rev. Fr. Gerald Padinjarepedika CMI, the retreat offered a profound opportunity to deepen their relationship with God.

The retreat was further enriched by the presence of Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaitharan and Rev. Fr. Sebeesh, whose sermons and spiritual guidance left an indelible mark on the hearts of our brothers. Their words stirred introspection, inspired commitment, and rekindled the flame of vocation.

### Mission Exposure in Damdeval: Faith in Action

Following the retreat, the brothers were sent to Damdeval for a month-long mission exposure





program. This experience was not just a journey into rural India—it was a journey into the heart of service. Over the course of the month, the brothers visited around 20 villages, engaging with local communities, listening to their stories, and offering companionship and hope.

They also participated in a medical camp, assisting healthcare workers and learning the importance of compassionate service. The highlight of their stay was being part of the golden jubilee inauguration program, a celebration of legacy and faith. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Biju MJ and the SD sisters, whose tireless dedication and missionary zeal served as living examples of Christ's love.

### **Artistic Formation: Learning the Sacred Language of Music**

Recognizing the importance of liturgical arts in spiritual formation, two of our brothers traveled to Gadarpur during their vacation to attend a music training program organized by the Catholic Diocese of Bareilly's Commission for Sacred Music. Over the course of a month, they immersed themselves in the study of sacred music, learning to express devotion through melody and harmony. This training not only enhanced their musical skills but also prepared them to contribute more deeply to the liturgical life of our community. We sincerely thank Fr. Joji and community at Gadarpur for their support and guidance.

### **Home Tour to Kerala: Reconnecting with Roots**

On 26th May 2025, our junior brothers, accompanied by Fr. Rector, embarked on a much-anticipated home tour to Kerala. This journey was more than a vacation—it was a time to reconnect with family, culture, and the land that nurtured their early faith. After a month of joyful reunions and spiritual reflection, they returned to Nagina on 28th June 2025, refreshed and ready to continue their formation.

### **Navathi Celebration: Honoring a Life of Service**

One of the most memorable events of the year was the 90th birthday celebration of Rev. Fr. Gerald CMI, held on 20th July 2025 in conjunction with

the parish feast of St. Mary's Church, Nagina. Though his birthday falls on 29th July, the celebration was anticipated to coincide with the feast.

The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Excellency Bp. Vincent, joined by Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI and other dignitaries. The event was marked by heartfelt tributes, cultural performances, and a deep sense of gratitude for Fr. Gerald's decades of service and spiritual leadership. His life continues to be a beacon of inspiration for all who walk the path of faith.

### **Community Engagement: Living the Gospel**



St. Joseph Study House remains committed to holistic formation, which includes active engagement with the wider community. On 21st July 2025, a Health Awareness Program was conducted by the SD sisters of Delhi Province namely Sr. Gracia and Sr. Saubhagya in collaboration with Fr. Biju MJ, educating our brothers on preventive health practices and wellness.

### **Conclusion: A Season of Grace and Growth**

The months from March to July 2025 have been a season of profound growth, joyful celebration, and meaningful service at St. Joseph Study House, Nagina. From academic achievements to spiritual retreats, from mission exposure to musical training, each experience has contributed to the holistic formation of our brothers.

As we look ahead, we remain rooted in faith, committed to excellence and inspired by the legacy of those who have walked before us. May the tree of St. Joseph Study House continue to grow—deep in virtue, wide in service, and high in hope.



## ST. JOHN'S PROVINCIAL HOUSE, NAJIBABAD

### Joyful Christmas Celebrations

The spirit of Christmas filled the air at St. John's Provincial House, Najibabad, as the community came together to celebrate the birth of Christ with joy, lights, and fellowship.

On Christmas Eve, the surroundings of the Provincial House were beautifully decorated with illuminations and festive décor, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all visitors. A highlight of the evening was the Christmas skit presented by the brothers from St. Joseph's Study House, which portrayed the true meaning of Christmas and captivated the audience.

The celebrations drew a large gathering of over 1000 people, who visited the campus to share in the festive joy. A beautifully arranged crib outside the chapel attracted much admiration, while inside the chapel, the faithful came together for Christmas prayers.

The celebration concluded with the Christmas Friends program, during which participants exchanged gifts as a symbol of love, unity, and joy. The day was a true reflection of Christmas spirit—a blend of prayer, fellowship, and festive cheer—leaving hearts filled with peace and hope.

### New Priests Welcomed at Provincial House on Chavara Feast Day



The Provincial House witnessed a day of special grace and joy on February 9 as the community celebrated the Feast of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara along with the warm welcome of two newly ordained priests, Fr. Amal Mannussery CMI and Fr. Arun Eyyail CMI.

The celebration began with a solemn Holy Mass at the Provincial House church, offered by the new priests. The faithful, fathers, and brothers joined in thanksgiving, remembering the spiritual legacy of St. Chavara, the founder of the CMI congregation.

Following the Mass, a welcome program was organized in honor of Fr. Amal and Fr. Arun. Members of the community expressed their joy, extended heartfelt felicitations, and assured their prayers for the new priests as they began their pastoral mission.



The day thus became a beautiful blend of gratitude for St. Chavara's vision and hope in the new mission of the young priests, strengthening the unity and spirit of the Provincial House community.

### Golden and Silver Jubilee Celebrations



On 21st April, the CMI St. John's Provincial House, Najibabad, witnessed a moving celebration as the community gathered to honor the Golden and Silver Jubilees of Priestly Ordination and Religious Profession of its members. The occasion was marked by solemnity, as it coincided with the passing of Pope Francis, and the faithful joined in prayerful remembrance of the Holy Father.

The event commemorated the Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Most Rev. Bp. John Vadakel CMI and Rev. Fr. John Chakkanatt CMI (ordained on 19 December 1975), and the Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession of Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kalampatt CMI and Rev. Fr. Varghese Kanjirakombil CMI (professed on 16 May 1975).

At the same time, the community celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Sabu Koottumkal CMI, Rev. Fr. Johny Purakkat CMI, Rev. Fr. Denny Peedikathil CMI, Rev. Fr. Shaju Thekkekara, and Rev. Fr. Sebastian C.V. (2001), and the Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession of Rev. Fr. Sunny Kunnathuparambil CMI, Rev. Fr. Vijay Payyappilly CMI, Rev. Fr. Joji Velikkakathu CMI, and Rev. Fr. Joe Philip Karikunnel CMI (professed on 8 September 2000).

Due to the death of Pope Francis, cultural programs were excluded, and the celebration was kept simple and prayerful. The highlight of the day was the solemn Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 5:00 pm, with Most Rev. Bp. John Vadakel CMI, Golden Jubilarian, as the main celebrant.





The Eucharistic celebration was attended by over 300 people, including priests, religious, and lay faithful, who came together in prayer, thanksgiving, and solidarity. After Mass, the community shared a fellowship meal, lovingly prepared by the fathers and brothers themselves, highlighting the spirit of fraternity.

In his message, the Provincial expressed gratitude to the jubilarians, saying: “Their lives of dedication are a shining witness of God's call and fidelity, inspiring us all to walk the path of service.”

The day concluded with deep thanksgiving to God, echoing the jubilee theme: “I have called you by name, you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1).

### **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebrated with Regent Welcome**

The community on July 16 celebrated the Feast of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel with deep devotion and joy. The day's spiritual significance was further enriched by a special evening program that combined thanksgiving and welcome.

During the gathering, the community expressed gratitude to Bro. Amal Vattukulam CMI, the outgoing Regent, for his dedicated service. In turn, Bro. Arun offered words of felicitation and thanksgiving, acknowledging Br. Amal's valuable contribution. The assembly then extended a warm welcome to the new Regent, Bro. Jithin Njaliyan CMI, who begins his pastoral journey with the community.

On this occasion, the first-year aspirants were also joyfully welcomed. They introduced themselves to the community, marking the start of their formation journey.

The evening concluded with a shared fellowship meal, strengthening the bonds of unity and joy within the Provincial House. The celebration truly reflected the spirit of Mount Carmel—gratitude, dedication, and hope for the future.

### **Fr. Jose Kottungal Joins St. John's Provincial House Community, Najibabad**

Fr. Jose Kottungal has become a member of St. John's Provincial House community. Due to health challenges, including Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's, he was recently admitted to the hospital for treatment. After being discharged, he was lovingly welcomed into the Provincial House.

At present, the brothers of the Provincial House are taking dedicated care of Fr. Jose, ensuring his comfort and well-being. The community continues to support him with prayers, affection, and attentive service.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S STUDY HOUSE, NAJIBABAD**

### **JOINING OF NEW BUDS 2025-2026**

This year, with hearts full of joy and gratitude, we warmly welcome seven new aspirants who have joined our province to begin their journey of religious and priestly formation. The new members are: Bros. Alan Sunil (Idukki), Ashar Jose (Kottayam), Benedict Joseph (Ernakulam), Dani Noby (Idukki), Edwin Rolson (Kannur), Emmanuel Johnson (Ernakulam), and Sowwanki Shadap (Meghalaya, Jowai Diocese), thanking God for the gift of their Vocation and wishing our prayers as they begin a new journey of religious priestly formation.

### **New Leadership at the Study House**

We are glad to announce that Fr. Thomas Appanchira CMI has taken charge as the new Rector







of the Study House. Assisting him in this mission, Fr. Amal Mannuserry CMI has been appointed as the Assistant Rector.

We warmly welcome them to their new roles and pray for wisdom, strength, and abundant blessings as they guide the community forward.

## ST. CHAVARA SCHOOL, SHAHPUR

### Appointment of New Principal and International Workers' Day



Mr. Mathew George officially took charge as the principal on 1st May 2025. The occasion also coincided with International Workers' Day, which was celebrated joyfully by the staff. The event featured fun activities and the exchange of gifts among staff members as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication. The ceremony was presided over by Rev. Fr. George, and a special assembly was held to mark the significance of the day.

### First Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM@1)



The first Parent-Teacher Meeting of the academic year was conducted on 19th May 2025. It served as a platform for parents and teachers to discuss students' academic progress, behavior, and overall development. The interactions were constructive,

fostering a stronger school-home partnership aimed at enhancing student growth.

### Staff Orientation Program at Christ University



On 21st and 22nd May 2025, all staff members participated in a two-day orientation program at Christ University, Ghaziabad, organized by the Department of Education, St. John's (CMI) Province, Bijnor. The sessions focused on enhancing teaching methods and personal growth, offering a refreshing and enriching experience for everyone involved.

### Vidyarambham Ceremony



Vidyarambham ceremony for the nursery classes was conducted on 7 July 2025 in the graceful presence of their parents, marking the children's auspicious first step into the world of learning.



## Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony was held on 12 July 2025, during which the newly elected Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captains and House Captains were officially sworn in, taking an oath to uphold their duties with dedication and integrity. The ceremony highlighted the spirit of leadership, responsibility and service among the students.



## SACRED HEART MONASTERY AND SACRED HEART INSTITUTIONS, SITAPUR

### Christmas Celebration



Christmas was celebrated with great joy and festive spirit. Separate programs were held for staff and students, each marked by happiness, togetherness, and the true spirit of Christmas.

### Canonical Visitation



Fr. Provincial made his canonical visitation on March 29–30, 2025. During the visit, the management committee meetings of both the College and the Institute were conducted. Fr. Provincial also interacted with students and staff in engaging and meaningful sessions.

### Heartian Graduation Day



Graduation Day was celebrated with grandeur on July 1, 2025. The event was graced by Dr. Sudhanshu Mani, renowned as the *Father of the Indian Rail Dream – Vande Bharat*. His inspiring graduation address left a lasting impression on the students.

### Zero Waste Management Project

A Zero Waste Management Project was launched with the goal of creating awareness among staff and students. Existing waste pits were cleared, and the enriched soil was stored in designated areas, setting a model for sustainable practices on campus.



## Workshops

A wide range of workshops enriched the knowledge and skills of students, including:

- Taste for Waste
- Space Science
- Campus Cleanliness, Health & Hygiene
- Robotics
- GST and Tax Plans
- SWAYAM–MOOCs Orientation
- Basic First Aid & CPR Training
- Hands-on Training in Bee Keeping & Entrepreneurial Prospects

## World Conservation Day



World Conservation Day was a memorable experience under the leadership of SNAC and the Environmental Committee. The morning assembly featured insightful sessions on protecting endangered plant species. Later, first-year students actively participated in rice sapling plantation, making the day both educational and enjoyable.

## Cleanliness Drive

On July 16, 2025, the NSS Unit and the Commerce Department organized a Cleanliness Drive at Janglinath Temple, Sitapur. With enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, the campaign promoted cleanliness, teamwork, and social responsibility, instilling lasting values in the participants.

## Interactive Session with Eminent Academicians

Heartians were privileged to attend an enriching session on Leadership, Innovation, and Global Trends & Challenges in Higher Education with NEP 2020.

- **Prof. Ved Prakash**, Former UGC Chairperson, spoke on modern teaching-learning methods and the importance of the mentor–mentee relationship.

- **Prof. Vimal Rarh**, Director, UGC-MMTTC, highlighted skill development, global educational trends, and the transformative role of NEP 2020 in shaping future-ready education.

## Other Celebrations & Events

The campus was vibrant with a variety of celebrations, including:

- International Women's Day (March 9)
- World Wildlife Day (March 4)
- World Sparrow Day (March 20)
- World Forestry Day (March 21)
- Staff Picnic (Dec 14)
- Alumni Meet (May 13)
- Yoga Day (July 21)
- Staff Family Get-Together & Family Year Celebration (May 21)
- New Comers Day
- Annual Day
- Farewells

## Brothers



Bro. Amal Tomy Vattukalathil CMI and Bro. Majo K. Joseph CMI joined our community to pursue their graduation courses in B. Com and B.Sc. respectively.

## Conferences & Development Programs

- Fr. Prashant represented the institution at the **28th IFCU General Assembly 2025**, held at UNIVA, Guadalajara, Mexico (July 28).
- Fr. Johny participated in a **one-week Faculty Development Programme** in Laos.
- Faculty members also attended **programs and best practice training** at Christ University, Bengaluru, further enhancing their professional expertise.



## Christmas Celebration



Christmas was celebrated in a grand manner at Sadharmyam after a long gap on 25<sup>th</sup> of December. The house was beautifully decorated, with a large crib and Christmas tree adding to the festive spirit. The celebration began at 3:00 p.m. with Fr. Jijo Palathinkal from Pauri as the Guest of Honour. Mrs. Dangwal was invited as the Chief Guest but could not attend due to hand injury. Fr. Renish warmly welcomed all the people gathered for the celebration. Students of Kalaniketan and St. Theresa's Convent School presented a variety of cultural programmes. Around 450 people attended the event, and everyone was served tea and cake.

## Bhajan Sandhya



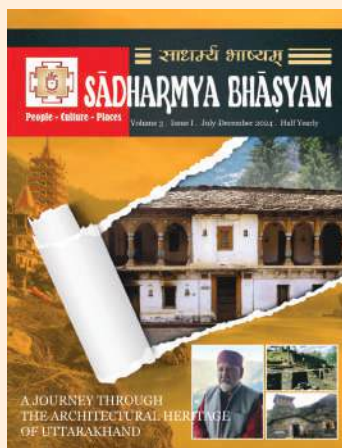
As an expression of religious appreciation and respect towards the Hindu community, a *Bhajan Sandhya* was organized on the eve of Navaratri, April 17. Three *kirtan mandali* groups from Bhagvan, Dang, and Bhaktiyana villages took part in the devotional singing. Kalaniketan music students also performed bhajans. Mrs. Pooja Kimoti was the Chief Guest for the evening. The center presented gifts to all participants.

## Summer Camp

A one-month summer camp was held at Sadharmyam from June 1 to June 29. Classes in dance, painting, and music were conducted throughout the camp. The concluding ceremony took place on June 29 at 3:00 p.m. under the supervision of Fr. Antony. Sr. Neji SJSM, Principal of Sanjo School, Kilkileswar presided the program. Certificates were distributed to all the children who successfully completed the programme.



## Sādharma Bhāṣyam



Two issues of *Sadharma Bhāṣyam* were published: July–December 2024 and January–July 2025. The July–December issue focused on the architectural heritage of Uttarakhand, while the January–July issue highlighted the theme of agriculture in Uttarakhand.



# NEPAL MISSION

## NEWS FROM CARMEL SCHOOL, DHANGADHI, NEPAL

This new academic year 2082 (2025-2026) began on Baishak 8th with 100 students with great enthusiasm among the students. On April 14th, we welcomed the New Year 2082 with joy.



Throughout the year, we celebrated various events and conducted many activities. International Labour Day, Card-making, Memory tests, and Flower Day, where children brought flowers and shared something about them. A salad-making competition and Yoga Day etc. students took part in creative programs were also organized, with active participation from both students and teachers.



### Award day conducted in the month of Chaitra



### Picnic for staff



### Teachers' Orientation Program Held in Champawat

A special orientation program for teachers was conducted in Champawat, led by Fr. Mathew Mallath,



General Educational Counselor. The session focused on innovative teaching methodologies and educator empowerment. Teachers actively participated and appreciated the valuable insights shared during the program.

### Celebrating Traditions and Togetherness

On Raksha Bandhan, students prepared rakhis and lovingly tied them on their brothers' wrists. We also celebrated



important national and religious festivals such as Republic Day, Children's Day, Carmel Day and



more. Teachers' Day was celebrated with deep respect and heartfelt gratitude for our dedicated educators. These celebrations helped foster unity, cultural awareness, and joy among the students.

### Heartfelt Thanks to the Provincial Team



Carmel School extends sincere gratitude to the Provincial Team for granting a new school bus and a hall for the new academic year.

This generous support will greatly enhance our students' learning experience and overall development.

We remain thankful for their continued encouragement and commitment to our school's growth.

### Paddy Cultivation Day Celebration



We at Carmel School celebrated Paddy Cultivation Day to inspire students to connect with nature. The event aimed to raise awareness about traditional farming practices and the importance of agriculture. Students actively participated and enjoyed a hands-on experience in the paddy fields.

### Building Bonds and Celebrating Education

Monthly Parent-Teacher Meetings were conducted to strengthen the bond between students, teachers and parents. The academic year was filled with enthusiasm, creativity and active participation from the entire school community.

## GHANA MISSION

### NEWS FROM CMI MARIET SCHOOL, MARYLAND, KWAMANG

The CMI Mariet School community was blessed with the presence of Rt. Rev. Vincent Nellaiparambil, Bishop of Bijnor, and Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Provincial Superior, on 26th July 2025. Their visit coincided with the closing of the academic year, making the occasion especially meaningful. It was also a valuable opportunity for



the staff to meet and interact with them. Both the Bishop and the Provincial addressed the staff, sharing inspiring words of encouragement and guidance, which uplifted the spirit of the community as we concluded the academic year.

### Preparations for a New Academic Year



From Monday, 1st September to Friday, 5th September 2025, CMI Mariet School undertook a



week-long preparation for the commencement of the new academic year. The activities included staff meetings, parents' meetings, and a special workshop for teachers. The teachers' workshop focused on enhancing professional skills through sessions on effective classroom management and lesson plan preparation. These preparations not only set a positive tone for the year but also ensured that both staff and parents were aligned in their commitment to providing quality education and holistic growth for the students.

### Parents' Meeting at CMI Marriet School



From 2nd to 4th September 2025, CMI Marriet School held a series of fruitful meetings with parents, organised separately for Nursery and Kindergarten as well as for the Primary section. The gathering provided an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the school and families while sharing important updates on the progress of the past academic year and plans for the new one. Parents actively participated in discussions, expressed their views, and appreciated the school's efforts in providing holistic education and nurturing discipline among the children. The meetings were marked by openness, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the growth and well-being of the students, making the event highly successful and encouraging for the year ahead.

### Opening of the New Academic Year 2024–25

The new academic year at CMI Marriet School commenced on 8th September 2025, with both



students and staff joyfully reporting on the opening day. This year, the school welcomed 83 new admissions, bringing the total student strength to 372, with classes up to Basic Four. Due to high demand, admissions for Nursery and Kindergarten had to be closed within two weeks of reopening. With fresh faces and renewed aspirations, the school stands more committed than ever to its mission of providing holistic education rooted in Catholic values, nurturing students to become responsible, compassionate, and capable individuals. The campus is once again alive with energy, enthusiasm, and the spirit of learning as we begin another promising academic journey.

The official inauguration of the academic year was held on 15th September, marked by an inspiring address from the proprietor, Rev. Fr. Tomy Kappiarukudy CMI. The occasion also included a special moment of recognition, with awards presented to staff members who served with dedication and consistency throughout the entire previous academic year.



## NEWS FROM CMI CARMEL SCHOOL, BECHEM

### Transfer of Fr. Jomy

After faithfully serving for 8 years at Brosankro Catholic Parish, Fr. Jomy has been transferred to St. Michael's Church, Ahodwo. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

### Installation of Fr. Bobby

Fr. Bobby has been installed as the Vicar of St. John's Church, Brosankro. We congratulate him and wish him grace and wisdom in his new role. May his ministry be fruitful and a blessing to the entire parish community.

### New Management Team at CMI Carmel School, Bechem

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. James Ernackal CMI as the new Manager and Bursar and Fr. Peter George CMI as the new Principal of CMI Carmel School, Bechem.

We warmly welcome them to their new roles and extend our best wishes as they begin this important mission. May their leadership bring continued growth, excellence and blessings to the school community.

### Canonical Visit



Fr. Davis CMI, the Provincial, conducted a canonical visit from July 28–30, providing spiritual guidance and administrative oversight to the community. His visit was a time of reflection, encouragement, and renewal for all.

### Carmel Day and Graduation Ceremony

On July 25, Carmel Day was joyfully celebrated alongside the Graduation Ceremony of our fourth batch of students. This year, 28 students appeared



for the BSCE examination and achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate. Congratulations to all our hardworking students!

The celebration was graced by Fr. Davis CMI, the Provincial and Most Rev. Vincent Nellaiparambil, Bishop of the Diocese of Bijnor, India. It was a special honor to host Bishop Vincent on his first visit to Ghana.



All graduating students were awarded certificates during the ceremony. Carmel School extends heartfelt wishes to them for continued success in their higher studies and future endeavors.

### New Eucharistic Church



On July 30, CMI Carmel House, Bechem, was blessed with a newly built Eucharistic Church. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, our Provincial, inaugurated the church blessing ceremony, and Bishop Vincent officially blessed the church and offered the first Mass.

### New Academic Year

The new academic year began on September 2 and we wish all students, teachers and staff a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

We are also proud to announce that, for the first time, our student strength has reached **1001** this academic year—a wonderful milestone for our community!



## NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, KUMASI

### **Farewell to Rev. Fr. Tomy – At Sokoban (Out Station)**

A deeply moving send-off ceremony was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at St. John's Catholic Church, Sokoban in honor of Rev. Fr. Tomy, who has served the church community with love, dedication, and humility. The entire church gathered to celebrate his pastoral work and express their heartfelt gratitude.

### **Official Handing Over Ceremony**

As part of the transition, an official handing over ceremony took place on 29th June 2025, with the presence of three officials from the Kumasi Diocese, including the Diocesan Financial Administrator.

Representatives of leaders and church executives from both Churches were also in attendance to witness the formal proceedings and affirm unity across the family.

### **Installation of the New Parish Priest**

In a solemn liturgical service, the new Parish Priest was officially installed by the Vicar General

on 17th August 2025 with the Holy Mass at 9 am. There was only one mass for the whole parish.

The occasion was graced by:

Fr. Shibu – CMI Provincial Coordinator

Fr. Henry – Assisting Priest for Sunday Masses

Fr. Tomy – Who faithfully organized and supported the transition

This joyful celebration marked a new chapter for both communities.

### **Church Feast Preparations Underway**

Preparations are now in full swing for the Feast of St. Michael, the patron saint of the parish which is scheduled on 28th of September.

To mark the occasion, a Laity Week will be celebrated from 22nd to 26th September, featuring:

Daily Talks and Reflections

Special Prayer Services

Praise and Worship Sessions

### **FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS (R.I.P)**

*Let us remember our Departed souls :*

**Mrs. Thresiamma Thomas (90)**, the beloved mother of Fr. Thomson.

**Mr. Lukachan Koottungal (84)**, elder brother of Fr. Jose Koottungal.

**Mr. P C George (82)**, brother-in-law of Fr. George Edathiparambil.

**Mr. Eppachan Kizhakkayil (60)**, the beloved elder brother of Fr. Cyriac Kizhakkayil.

**Mr. Thomas Chakkumkal (60)**, the brother-in-law of Fr. Abin Kanjirakombil.

**Mr. A. Souriar (94)**, the beloved elder brother of Fr. T.A. Antony and the uncle of Fr. Prashant Palakkappilly.

**Mr. George**, the brother-in-law of Fr. Martin Kuzhively.

**Mrs. Mary Joseph**, the beloved Mother of Fr. Naiju.

**Mr. Antony PJ (91)** beloved father of Fr. Johny Purakkat.

**Mr. Babu (65)**, beloved brother-in-law of Fr. Mathew Pedickattukunnel.

**Mrs. Annakutty Thomas (89)**, beloved mother of Fr. Dominic Kunnumpuram.

**Mr. C.R. Joy (61)**, beloved brother-in-law of Fr. Sebastian Payyappily CMI.

*Let us keep the departed souls and the bereaved family members in our prayers.  
May the good Lord grant them eternal rest!*



# Upcoming Feast Days and Birth Days of Our Fathers and Brothers

## BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Jobin Njaliyan	03 November
Bro. Nibin Veshnal	07 November
Fr. Tomy Appanchira	14 November
Fr. Tizan Thekkekkunnel	19 November
Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan	22 November
Fr. Denny Peedikathadathil	23 November
Fr. Joe Philip Karikunnel	27 November
Fr. Denny Madavana	29 November
Fr. Naiju Kalambukattu	30 November
Fr. Shaji Ampazhathinal	04 December
Fr. Joby Mazhuvancherry	13 December
Fr. Ajomon Joy Parasseril	20 December
Fr. Valiyakandathil Mathew	21 December
Fr. Vinod Padinajrekaithackal	22 December
Fr. Vettickal Sebastian	22 December
Fr. Joyal Vezhaparamban	26 December
Fr. Varghese Kanjirakombil	30 December
Fr. Arun Eyyalil	30 December
Fr. Geesan Ponthempilly	04 January
Fr. Joseph Kuzhikandathil	05 January
Fr. Jomon Thaiparambil	05 January
Fr. Ajo Thelappilly	08 January
Fr. Augustine Keemattam	12 January
Fr. Majo Kolanchery	18 January
Fr. Sebastian Payyappilly	21 January
Fr. Mathew Thenamkalayil	24 January
Fr. Mathew Thadathil	30 January
Fr. Thomas Podimattam	07 February
Fr. Benny Thettayil	04 February
Fr. Joji Velikkakathu	04 February
Bro. Arun Parathanathu	13 February
Fr. Phinil Ezharath	17 February

## FEAST DAYS

### NOVEMBER 03

Fr. Martin Onasseril  
Fr. Martin Kuzhivelil

### DECEMBER 03

Fr. Saviour Menachery  
Fr. Shaiju Njezhoongan  
Fr. Jibin Edapulavan  
Fr. Francis Kottekarotte  
Bro. Nibin Veshnal

### DECEMBER 26

Fr. Stephen Marottikudy  
Fr. Gijo Mavelil  
Fr. Davis Varayilan  
Bro. Stafhan Puthenkadu

### DECEMBER 27

Bp. John Vadakel  
Fr. Johnny Purakkat  
Fr. Jimmy Kallupalathinkal

### JANUARY 01

Fr. Jomon Thaiparambil  
January 03  
Fr. Tizan Thekkekkunnel  
Fr. Cyriac Kizhakayil  
Bro. Majo K Joseph

### JANUARY 20

Fr. Sebastian Vettickal  
Fr. Sebastian Payyappilly  
Fr. Saji Ellickal  
Fr. Sabeesh Vettiyadan  
Fr. Biju Pananchickal  
Fr. Jomon Thekkekudiyil



**"IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE"**

**– Pope Leo XIV**

