



## Vision and Voice

Dear Readers,

It is with great pride and honour that we introduce you to your very own, 'The SMC Voice!'

Our school has provided us with abundance of literature throughout the years, never making us feel the absence of anything. So it was high time, that we came up with something new. Something that was entirely ours, and that something is here now.

We welcome you on this journey, as we proudly present the first edition of The SMC Voice, marking the beginning of a new chapter.

SMC Voice is a dream come true, and it wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support of our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita.

With this New Bulletin, we aim at making you aware of everything going on within the walls of our school and bring recognition to as many students as we can. We hope that this newspaper helps you with that.

Happy reading and discovering!

Yours sincerely,  
Seejal Malang  
Aayona Dwivedi

## Principal's note

"Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought." - Albert Einstein

At St. Mary's Convent Inter College, we have always believed in fostering the creative mind of our students.

We inspire them not just to learn, but to discover, express, and innovate. The presentation of this first edition of the E-School Bulletin- SMC Voice is a pure reflection of this endeavour of ours.

This edition is all the more special as it is an initiative completely led by our students - from content creation and design to editing and presentation. It beautifully captures their voice, ideas, and experiences, presented with thoughtfulness and skill.

We wholeheartedly congratulate the content unit for their enthusiasm, originality, and teamwork. May this digital platform continue to grow as a space, where we celebrate the vibrant life of our school

With warm wishes and blessings,  
Sr. Lissy CJ  
Principal



# LONG ASSEMBLIES *of the* *Month*



*'TOGETHER WE STAND, UNITED IN TRUST, CREATING A WORLD OF PEACE.'* 02





*'TOGETHER WE ARE THE ARCHITECTS OF PEACE, BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF TRUST.'*



# EVENTS Of the Issue

APRIL 2025 - JUNE 2025



## *Beginning of the session 2025- 2026*

On the 3rd of April, 2025, the new academic session began with a prayer service led by teachers, praying for God's blessings upon the SMC family. The hymn, "On This School, Your Blessings, Lord" was sung, and the enthusiastic yet, peaceful students in a prayerful disposition, sang along, basking in the Glory of God.

The occasion was graced by Rev. Sr. Sumita, our Manager, our Vice Principal, who welcomed the students with words of hope and encouragement for the new academic year, and our Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy, who introduced the year's theme "Together in Peace, United by Trust", urging all the students to become guardians of peace and harmony, through their actions and words.

A beautiful dance drama delivered a strong message on peace and trust, aligned with the theme of this academic year, inspiring all of us to contribute to unity. The achievements of Adrishia Tiwari (5B) and Divisha Singh (6F), as winners of the Championship Trophy 2024-25, was also celebrated.



## *Beginning of the session 2025- 2026 Ashadeep*

The students of Ashadeep, the pride of our school, were warmly welcomed on the 8th of April, 2025, to their new academic session. A prayer service was held by the students to begin the year with the blessings of the Almighty.

The theme for this academic session was "Together We Thrive, Divided We Strive". The theme so strong, was enough to bring energy and enthusiasm in the veins of our brilliant students. With a hopeful heart and a focused mind, the Assembly came to an end and the students began their journey of learning.

*'WHEN WE TRUST ONE ANOTHER, WE PAVE THE WAY FOR LASTING PEACE.'* 04



## ***Speech Competition for Class 3 & 4***

**Voices that Inspire, Words that Empower!"** On 23rd April, 2025 a Speech Competition was organised for classes 3 and 4 on the topics:

**"Importance of Good Manners" and "A Day Without TV and Mobile Phone" respectively, where students showcased their oratory skills with confidence and enthusiasm. The event featured passionate speeches, reflecting the hard work and creativity of the participants. The judges were impressed by the clarity, expression, and stage presence of the speakers.**



## ***SMC Pays Homage To His Holiness, Pope Francis***

**With deep sorrow and reverence, we mourn the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, who entered eternal rest on 21st April, Easter Monday a pious day that celebrates the promise of new life through Christ's resurrection. Holy Father Francis left the world on such a sacred day reflecting the holiness and grace that marked his journey on earth.**

**Tributes were paid by the SMC Family for the benign soul, who inspired millions, with his humility and pure love for all.**

**A solemn prayer service was held, seeking peace for his divine soul. Prayers and intentions were recited for His Holiness with reverence.**

## ***Handwriting Competition for Class 2***



**A Handwriting Competition was held on 23rd April 2025, for the students of Class 2, in which they eagerly showcased their talent of penmanship. The young participants put in their best efforts to display their competency in legible writing. The written work was beautifully presented thus reflecting the focus and dedication of the young participants. It was a delightful event that engaged the brains of the tiny tots and they enjoyed participating in it.**





## ***LABOUR'S DAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY***

**As citizens, students and employees, or even as human beings, we owe a lot to people who make our lives easier. To acknowledge and appreciate the Supportive Staff Family of St. Mary's Convent Inter college, we celebrated Labour's Day on the 1st May, 2025.**

**Our senior students welcomed our Supportive Staff family with honour and pride, and a small ceremony was held for them. The ceremony consisted of a prayer dance, skit and a harmonious song, making the workers feel special and honored.**

**As students and humans, it is our duty to respect, appreciate and honor the people who serve us, while never having selfish motives.**



## ***TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA VACCINATION DRIVE FOR CLASSES 6 TO 12***

**It is a common saying that 'health is wealth', and our school has made sure, that all the students' health is looked after properly.**

**Keeping that in mind, our school took the consent of the parents' of the students from classes 6 to 12 and organised a vaccination campaign against tetanus and diphtheria, on the 6th of May, 2025. Students who wished to be vaccinated were asked to bring their tiffin and water bottles, prior to being inoculated. Post inoculation, the students were allowed to go to the infirmary to take rest or go home in case of uneasiness.**

**It was a very thoughtful initiative taken by our school Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy and managed by our vice principal, Rev. Sr. Namita and the teachers, who kindly volunteered to help.**

*"EACH OF US HAS ACCESS TO GOD'S LOVING CARE. THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT  
SETS US FREE"*

*—Venerable Mother Mary Ward*



## *Inter - House Declamation Competition*

On the 6th of May, 2025, students of classes 9 to 12 participated in the Inter House Declamation Competition. It was truly inspiring and it seemed as if the great figures delivered the speeches themselves.

The same competition was held for the classes of 7th and 8th on 4th of May, 2025. The young students delivered the speeches equally and as enthusiastically as any other. It was a wonderful experience and it was even more wonderful to see the youth participate and give us the experience our ancestors might've experienced.

The competition was made successful in the presence of our Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy and our Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Namita, and the judges who helped to decide upon the winning participant.



## *Drawing Competition of Class 1-4*

On the 29th of April, 2025, the young students of classes 1 to 4 enthusiastically participated in a drawing competition. The students created beautiful drawings that expressed their knowledge about the topic given to them. The class teachers of the respective classes watched over the participants and encouraged them to do their best even if they felt lost. This gave them hope and pushed them to work harder. This initiative was taken by our Principal, Rev. Sr. Lissy and our Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Namita, who planned the competition wonderfully and helped in making the young students feel included, being given a platform to share their creativity.

## *NCC Enrolment*



On the 16th of May, 2025, the students of class 8 took the courage and initiative to take a test for NCC enrolment. Many participants were lucky enough to get enrolled. A Track Assessment was conducted by the teachers, followed by an interview, in which the interviewees were asked a list of questions. After the tests and interviews were done, the new NCC cadets were told about their acceptance and were welcomed in their new roles for the year.





## *Investiture Ceremony, 2025*

On the 3rd of May, 2025, the annual investiture Ceremony of St. Mary's Convent Inter College was held with great enthusiasm and pride. The SMC family warmly welcomed the newly elected leaders for the academic session of 2025-26, in the presence of their proud parents. The event was conducted by Class 10-A, who presented a special assembly themed "Together in Peace, United in Trust", which shared a beautiful message for all the people present, and especially the new leaders. The ceremony began with the lighting of the sacred lamp and a heartfelt prayer service. The event was graced by our Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Namita, who presided over the ceremony, while Manager Sr. Sumita CJ, Principal Sr. Lissy CJ, and the teacher animators conferred badges, sashes and flags to the newly appointed council members. The newly elected Head Girl expressed her gratitude to the school with a meaningful message. The ceremony came to an end with refreshments to the attendees of the event. In addition to this, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, a novel initiative of introducing the designation of traffic pilots by the school management and staff to instil leadership qualities amongst the students was taken. A selected team of 15 traffic pilots along with head prefect of the school took up the responsibility of ensuring discipline in the school.

## *Mock Drill*

On May 7th, 2025, the members of the Civil Defense, headed by the Deputy Controller Civil Defence, DCP and other leaders and protectors of our city, conducted a mock drill on preparation for disaster, which was followed on the basis of the instructions from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The purpose of this mock drill was to instruct students and staff on the essential steps which need to be taken during emergencies, such as earthquakes, fires or any other disaster that may arise. The drill was executed with great precision and professionalism by the Civil Defence team. Students participated actively and enthusiastically, demonstrating discipline and attentiveness throughout the activity. The demonstration included evacuation procedures and safety protocols. Such training is crucial for fostering a culture of safety and awareness among the students.



*"SATISFY THYSELF WITH NOTHING WHICH IS LESS THAN GOD."*

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—Venerable Mother Mary Ward



## ***Prize Distribution for Labours day Painting***

On May 14, 2025, our school conducted a prize distribution ceremony to acknowledge the participants of the Labour Day Painting Competition. The participants were students from Ashadeep School, a valued part of our institution. This ceremony served as an important opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the creativity and effort of our young artists.

The students participated with great enthusiasm, showcased their artwork, which reflected their understanding of this day and occasion. With creativity, thoughtful and vibrant expression, they presented powerful messages in their paintings that paid respect to the hardworking individuals who form the backbone of our society. The winners were awarded prizes as appreciation. This competition's main motive was not only recognising artistic talent, but also fostering a sense of gratitude, awareness and respect among the students for those who work tirelessly to make our lives better.



## ***USM - Guardians of Nature: Small Acts, Big Impact***

On May 16, 2025, the members of the Universal Solidarity Movement (USM) and their teachers, gathered to organise an activity called "Bird feeders and Water Stations". On this day, the creativity of their minds came together with the kindness present in their hearts. Under the guidance of our Respected Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, and our Vice Principal, Reverend Sister Namita, this activity was a great success.

With the creativity of minds and kindness of hearts meeting, the participants handmade bird feeders using eco-friendly, recycled materials to provide for the birds and smaller creatures, looking for shelter. Each feeder consisted of the USM logo, symbolising the values of care, compassion and environmental duties. These beautifully crafted feeders were installed across corners of the school campus. This activity might appear to be small, but its impact was loud and significant as it instilled a sense of respect for all creatures amongst the students.

## ***Summer camp 2025-26***



The school's much awaited Summer camp commenced on the 19th of May, 2025, offering a blend of fun, fitness and creativity. A range of activities were provided by the school in different sectors for those interested, in having a productive break. Students enthusiastically participated, especially in sports, music and band sessions and various other workshops, held in the campus. They participated in various athletic games which aimed at promoting discipline, productivity, physical fitness and physical health. The band sessions brought out the hidden talents in students and filled the school with energetic rhythm. The various workshops related to art and craft ensured that the other students found something to enjoy and learn. During this time, the campus echoed with learning and enjoyment, instilling participants with memories they would cherish forever.

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*"BE SUCH AS YOU APPEAR AND APPEAR SUCH AS YOU ARE."*

*—Venerable Mother Mary Ward*



## *Commencement of Unit Assessments for the students of class 9 and 11*

After a month of relaxation, the academic session resumed after the summer vacation from the 23rd of June, 2025 which also marked the beginning of Unit Assessments for classes 9 and 11. This effort was undertaken to bring the students back into the routine of regular studies and discipline.

By introducing structural evaluations, the school aims at gently transforming the students' relaxed frame of mind into a more focused, goal oriented environment, helping them focus more efficiently on their studies. This test is not only a test of knowledge, but also a thoughtful and measured effort taken to make sure St. Maryian's resume and continue with their pursuit of academic excellence.



## *Summer Camp: Grand Finale*

The grand finale of the Summer Camp, 2025-26 was held on 31st May, 2025. The event was celebrated with great pride, marking the successful ending of the Summer Camp which was filled with learning, productivity, creativity and enjoyment.

On this day, the creations formed by the students were showcased and the abundant talent and efforts of the participants were highly appreciated with the help of an exhibition held.

The parents were welcomed to witness the collection of their children's' hard work and creativity, as the students proudly presented their creations.

The campus buzzed with excitement as students demonstrated their artistic ability that they had learnt during the course of the summer camp, leaving the parents and teachers deeply impressed.

This Grand Finale aimed to acknowledge and appreciate the students' accomplishments and instil the importance of holistic development amongst the students as well as the parents.



## *International Yoga Day, 2025*

On 21st June, 2025, St. Mary's Convent Inter College, celebrated International Yoga Day in high spirits. In the Lower Concert Hall of our school, the students, teachers and even our Principal, Reverend Sister Lissy, were found participating in a collective yoga session which was guided and led by a trained instructor. The session consisted of various types of asanas, breathing exercises and meditation techniques.

This event taught us the importance of yoga and how it helps in attaining physical as well as mental health and clarity. It not only highlighted the cultural significance of yoga, but also helped us to appreciate the unity of our community.

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# Students' Corner



— BY RADHIKA AGARWAL  
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## Peace

Now, that the days of war are over  
I can finally slip back to slumber  
This is what I have yearned for so long  
Then tell me why I can't seem to hear  
the peaceful song,  
The song which is supposed to heal  
my soul doesn't seem to reach me at all.  
All I can feel is impatience brewing in  
the depths of my mind,  
Peace seems to be a long forgotten  
friend of mine.  
I can slightly remember his presence  
but his face long forgotten by my  
conscious mind.  
I can still feel the hollowness left by  
the absence of peace in my mind  
I hope we can reconcile one day, long  
forgotten friend of mine.

—BY GAURANJANI DWIVEDI

# Teachers' Corner

Soar,

We guide your steps to evermore.

Dear students, young and full of grace,  
Each one of you holds a destined place.  
Within your minds, let questions gleam,  
For every thought begins a dream.

Let curiosity be your compass, bright,  
Illuminating wrong and right.  
Seek not just answers, but the quest—  
For those who wonder, learn the best.  
Respect your peers, your voice, your time—  
Each moment lost is stolen rhyme.  
Treasure knowledge, not for show,  
But for the strength it helps you grow.

So strive, dear child, with steadfast soul,  
For learning is your truest goal.  
Let books be wings, let thoughts be flame,  
And carve for yourself a lasting name.

— BY TULIKA GANGULI, TEACHER

# Alumni Corner

Greetings to my beloved juniors,  
I'm Lucky Gulati, an alumnae of St. Mary's Convent,  
Prayagraj, and currently pursuing law—an odyssey  
that began within the hallowed halls of our very own  
blue and white world.

My time at SMC was a beautiful whirlwind of  
experiences—be it gracing every school event with  
dance performances, proudly wearing the badge as a  
Student Council member, or diving into the world of  
words as a nominated Chief Editor and later, an active  
member of the Editorial Board.

Yes—confession time—I was undeniably one of the  
most notorious backbenchers, always up to some  
harmless mischief,

To the spirited students of today:

My heartfelt advice to you would be: embrace  
everything. Every competition, every challenge, every  
opportunity to lead or learn—take it all in stride. The  
stage will teach you confidence. The classroom will  
instil wisdom. The friendships will gift you memories  
that linger far beyond farewell.

Let your journey be unapologetically yours. Don't be  
afraid to speak up, to shine brightly, to fall and rise  
with grace. Because SMC doesn't just create students  
—it cultivates women of strength, substance, and  
soul.

With all my love and warm wishes,  
Batch of [2022-2023]  
Forever an SMCITE

—BY LUCKY GULATI, 2022-2023



# The SMC Voice's Story.

St. Mary's Convent Inter College Prayagraj was founded in 1866 to provide an all round education to all sections of the society, regardless of caste, creed or financial status. The institution rests in on the foundation of the Congregation of Jesus, by our Venerable foundress Mary Ward, who believed firmly that "Women in time to come will do great things!" We are part of a journey which began with Mary Ward in 1585.

In response to the needs of her time Mary Ward founded the institution in 1609, to cater to the education of girls, with special emphasis on their moral and spiritual foundation.

159 years back, a dream named SMC began with a vision 'spe labor levis'- Hope Lightens Work. Our school was first born as St. Anne's also known as the Convent Girls' Free School, or the Catholic Free School. The earliest records that are available, age back to 1866 when St. Anne's and St. Mary's existed as two separate schools in the same compound. The present Primary school building was in fact the place where St. Anne's once stood.

This is the very same building which has inspired many, has pushed them to dream big and when the time comes, helped to turn those dreams into reality, and fortunately, we're one of those many. If it weren't for the unwavering support of our Principal and the institution itself, this dream of starting a school newspaper would've never found its wings.

Yours sincerely,  
Seejal Malang  
Aayona Dwivedi