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## Interactive Session with Mr. Rajeevkant Mishra: A Discourse on Peer influence and Personality Formation

Mount Assisi School recently convened an intellectually stimulating seminar on July 15, 2025, for students of Classes XI and XII, centering on the compelling theme: "Peer Pressure and Personality Development." The keynote address was delivered by the distinguished motivational speaker Mr. Rajeevkant Mishra, a seasoned orator and former Vice Chairman of the Bihar State Child Labour Commission.

Renowned for his commanding presence and eloquent articulation, Mr. Mishra enthralled the student audience through a rich tapestry of humour, empathy, and poignant real-life narratives. His intuitive grasp of youth psychology rendered the session highly interactive and intellectually fertile.

In a moment that blended nostalgia with inspiration, Mr. Mishra evoked the achievements of eminent Mount Assisi alumni who have attained Global distinction, urging students to pursue a path marked by excellence, integrity, and meaningful societal contribution.

The event concluded with a ceremonial felicitation by the Principal, who, in a gesture of deep admiration, hailed Mr. Mishra as a veritable "Friend of Assisi," acknowledging his enduring association and impactful mentorship.



## Freshers' Day- INIZIO

The campus of Mount Assisi radiated warmth and festivity as the students of Class XII hosted a spectacular Freshers' Day celebration on July 16, 2025, titled INIZIO- a befitting Italian word meaning "beginning." This joyous occasion was a heartfelt gesture to welcome the new batch of Class XI with enthusiasm, encouragement, and a spirit of camaraderie.

The day commenced on an exuberant note with a spirited welcome that instantly set the tone for the celebrations. Fr. Principal, in his thoughtful and inspiring address, extended a gracious welcome to the freshers and offered them words of profound wisdom.

The cultural segment of the program was nothing short of a visual and auditory treat. The soulful performance by the Class XII boys' band, a mesmerizing display of traditional Indian dance forms- Garba and Gangour and a high-spirited Bollywood dance, ignited the atmosphere with energy, laughter, and sheer joy.

The celebrations concluded with a sumptuous lunch served to all students of Class XI and XII, reinforcing the bonds of togetherness and creating a festive ambience of unity and celebration.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the devoted class teachers of Class XII, whose meticulous planning, tireless coordination, and unwavering commitment transformed INIZIO into more than just an event- it became a treasured memory for everyone present.





## A Montazzian in Diplomacy: Mr. Manish Gupta, High Commissioner of India to Cyprus

Mount Assisi School takes immense pride in the remarkable accomplishments of its distinguished alumnus, Mr. Manish Gupta, a member of the 1985 batch, who currently serves as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cyprus. His inspiring journey from the classrooms of Mount Assisi to the corridors of international diplomacy stands as a beacon of aspiration for generations of Montazzians to come.

A seasoned diplomat, Mr. Manish Gupta joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1997. Over the course of an illustrious 27-year career, he has represented India in key diplomatic missions across the globe, including Moscow, Tashkent, Prague, Colombo, Jakarta, and Vancouver. He assumed his current charge in Nicosia, Cyprus, on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, continuing his long-standing commitment to India's foreign policy and international engagement. His journey has been equally impactful within India, with notable assignments at the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Mr. Manish Gupta holds academic degrees in Physics(Hons) and Law from the University of Delhi, and is proficient in Hindi, English, and Russian. He is passionate about strategic affairs, trade and commercial cooperation, and strengthening ties with the Indian diaspora.

Mount Assisi School celebrates Mr. Manish Gupta's outstanding journey and his deep-rooted values of service, leadership, and humility that were first nurtured on this very campus. His story is a testament to the enduring spirit of Montazzians who strive to serve the nation with integrity and honor.

We salute High Commissioner Mr. Manish Gupta and wish him continued success in his noble mission.



## Mount Assisi Celebrates 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervor

As dawn broke on the occasion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, Mount Assisi stood poised to commemorate the national festival with great fervor. In Bhagalpur campus, the celebration commenced at 8:00am with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Mr. Vivek Kumar, Inspector General of Police, Bhagalpur Range. He was warmly welcomed by the Headmaster, Fr. Sivi Joseph TOR. The Chief Guest hoisted the National flag, after which the entire gathering sang the National Anthem in Unison.

The day's proceedings concluded with the rendition of the national song, stirring a deep sense of patriotism and pride among all attendees.







Rev Fr. John Kochuchira TOR, Former Minister Provincial, St Thomas Province and Former President, Mount Assisi School, graced the event as the Chief Guest in Rani Talab Campus. He was accompanied by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Kurian Thrikkodanmalil TOR, and the school band as he proceeded to the stage to hoist the National flag.

Following the ceremonial hoisting, the Chief Guest, along with the Principal and the NCC Commander, reviewed the parade. Subsequently, the stage was opened for cultural presentations. Students across all grades- from primary to higher secondary- showcased a series of engaging performances aimed at entertaining the dignitaries and the audience.

In his keynote address, Rev. Fr. John Kochuchira emphasized the importance of fostering true citizenship and nation-building. He reminded the gathering of the immense sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and underscored the duty of every citizen to honour their legacy through selfless service.







## Obituary

It is with sorrow and heartfelt grief that we share the passing of our beloved support staff, Mrs. Manju Devi, on 18th August 2025 at 5:00 p.m. She was a dedicated and humble soul who served Mount Assisi with sincerity and commitment. Her warmth, kindness, and ever-smiling nature will always be remembered by the students, staff, and the entire school community. The Mount Assisi Family extends heartfelt condolences to her bereaved family members in this time of grief. We pray that God grants her eternal rest and may her soul find peace.  
Mount Assisi Family

### CISCE Zonal Declamation Competition Hosted by Mount Assisi School/ 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Mount Assisi School had the distinct privilege of hosting the prestigious ASISC Zonal Declamation Competition for the Bhagalpur Zone on 19<sup>th</sup> July, marking a resounding celebration of eloquence, conviction, and rhetorical finesse. The event convened 18 accomplished speakers from 7 reputed institutions, converging for a day steeped in oratorical brilliance.

The inauguration unfolded with poise and gravitas. The dignified presence of Prof. Madhusudan Singh, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, as the Chief Guest, elevated the significance of the occasion. A soul-stirring Kathak recital and a rousing performance by the school choir infused the atmosphere with cultural vibrancy and intellectual enthusiasm.

The competition was adjudicated by a distinguished panel of literary connoisseurs:

Dr. Mithlesh Kumar Sinha, Former Head, Department of English, TNB College, Bhagalpur

Dr. Balwant Singh, Head, Department of English, BSK College, Barharwa

Dr. Shweta Singh Komal, Assistant Professor of English, SM College  
Contested in three distinct categories-Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior- the event bore witness to stirring speeches that resonated with passion, clarity, and persuasive power, leaving the audience intellectually invigorated.

**Mount Assisi School beams with pride in announcing the gold medal triumphs of:**

Riddhi Thakur (Class X)-Junior Category

Rishika Raj (Class XII)-Senior Category

These victorious orators shall now ascend to represent the Bhagalpur Zone at the esteemed Bihar-Jharkhand Regional Level Declamation to be held in Jamshedpur, carrying forth the torch of excellence and expressive prowess.



### A TRIUMPH OF TALENT AND TENACITY: MOUNT ASSISI SHINES ACROSS COMPETITIONS

The period between 15<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> August witnessed an impressive array of competitions conducted at various levels- school, zonal, and beyond. These events such as Debate, Declamation, Creative Writing, Drawing, and many more, ranging across diverse disciplines, became a platform for young talents to rise and shine. In this vibrant and competitive atmosphere, Mount Assisi once again stood tall, as its students consistently demonstrated excellence, discipline, and unwavering determination. Emerging victorious in multiple contests, the Montazzians made their mark in both individual and team events. This achievement is not merely a reflection of talent, but also a testament to the structured guidance, rigorous training, and holistic encouragement provided by the school and its devoted faculty. As we look forward to the Regional Level contests, there is great anticipation and hope.

Heartfelt congratulations to all our participants, our shining winners, and the incredible mentors who nurtured their talents with passion and patience. You have once again made Mount Assisi proud -proving that with the focus, faith, and effort, success is inevitable.



# SMASH, SCORE, AND SHINE: MOUNT ASSISI TRIUMPHS IN BASKETBALL AND BADMINTON



## Zonal Basketball Tournament Boys

U-19 – Silver

U-17 – Bronze

U-14 – Gold



## Zonal Basketball Tournament Girls

U-19 and U-17 Girls – Bronze

U-14 Girls – Gold



## BADMINTON

Under -14 Girls Single & Doubles – SILVER

Under 17 Girls Doubles – SILVER

Under 17 Boys singles & Doubles – GOLD

Under 19 Boys Singles & Doubles – GOLD

Under 19 Girls Singles & Doubles – GOLD





# REGIONAL LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP – GIRLS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Mount Assisi School girls brought laurels to the school at the Regional Lawn Tennis Championship, with an outstanding performance across all categories.

## U-14 Girls

- Singles:
  - 🥇 Paridhi Thakur – Gold (Selected for Nationals)
  - 🥈 Aadya Kejriwal – Silver (Selected for Nationals)
  - 🥉 Abhika – Bronze (Selected for Nationals)
- Doubles:
  - 🥇 Paridhi Thakur & Abhika – Gold (Selected for Nationals)



## U-19 Girls

- Singles:
  - 🥈 Swasti Shandilya – Silver (Selected for Nationals)
- Doubles:
  - 🥈 Swasti Shandilya & Jagriti Prerna – Silver

## U-17 Girls

- Singles:
  - 🥇 Amlee Singh – Gold (Selected for Nationals)
- Doubles:
  - 🥇 Amlee Singh & Anushka Raina – Gold (Selected for Nationals)

🌟 A total of 6 out of 9 participants from Mount Assisi School qualified for the Nationals, making the school proud with their remarkable achievements.

## Football Tournament Victory 🥇

Mount Assisi School won the Gold Medal in the Football Tournament held on 22nd July 2025. The team's hard work and teamwork brought pride to the school.



## 🏆 Achievement in Taekwondo Championship

In the 36th Bihar State Kyorugi and 9th Bihar State Taekwondo Championship 2025 held at Munger from 30th May to 1st June, Kalpana Kumari won a Gold Medal in the Sub Junior Girls Under 38 kg category, while Shiv Kumar secured a Silver Medal in the Sub Junior Boys Freshers G-01 category, bringing pride to the school.





## CISCE Zonal Volleyball Tournament Hosted by Mount Assisi School/ 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Mount Assisi School had the honour of hosting the CISCE Zonal Volleyball Tournament on June 20, 2025. The day was charged with excitement and sportsmanship as teams from various schools gathered for this much-anticipated sporting event.

The tournament began with a grand opening ceremony, graced by the esteemed presence of Mr. Vivek Kumar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Bhagalpur, as the Chief Guest. The inaugural function featured a series of vibrant cultural performances, showcasing the creativity and talent of our students, and setting a festive tone for the event. What followed was a series of thrilling volleyball matches marked by skill, determination, and spirited competition.

The tournament concluded on a high note with a splendid closing ceremony. Mr. Subhank Mishra, City Superintendent of Police, Bhagalpur, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he applauded the participants for their dedication and sportsmanship, and congratulated the winners for their remarkable achievements.

This Zonal Volleyball Tournament was not just a competition but a celebration of athleticism, camaraderie, and the unifying spirit of sports.

### Our Achievements:

Under 14(Boys)-2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up

Under 14(Girls)-1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up

Under 17(Boys)-1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up

Under 17(Girls)-2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up

Under 19(Boys)-Winner

Under 19(Girls)-1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up

