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## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

**"A Special Tribute to the Leaders of Tomorrow"**

Mount Assisi School celebrated Children's Day with great splendour across both the Ranitalab and Bhagalpur campuses. The event commemorated the 136<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and highlighted the importance of childhood and the pivotal role children play in shaping the nation's future.

The celebration commenced with a soulful prayer dance, followed by energetic performances by teachers that captivated the audience. Addressing the students, Mrs. Leena Roy delivered an inspiring Children's Day message on behalf of the teaching fraternity.

Rev. Fr. Kurian TOR, the Principal, emphasized the vital role of children in nation-building. He congratulated all regional and national achievers for their excellence. NCC cadets who attended the Barauni Camp were honoured with medals and certificates.

### Euphoria

A delightful fancy-dress competition for Nursery to class V added colour to the celebration as young participants showcased creativity and confidence on stage. Teachers at the Bhagalpur campus also presented songs, dances, and a skit, creating unforgettable memories for the children.

The vibrant celebrations left the little ones with joy-filled hearts and cherished experiences.



# Marching towards Excellence: Young Assisi Cadets at Barauni NCC Camp



Thirty-six committed Class 9 cadets from Mount Assisi School enthusiastically participated in the NCC Camp conducted at Barauni. The camp served as an exceptional platform for young cadets to immerse themselves in a disciplined and structured environment designed to nurture teamwork, leadership, and character.



The week-long camp featured a spectrum of activities, including drill sessions, adventure training, physical fitness exercises, and informative lectures on national integration and social responsibility.



In other events, Cadet Anushka Raina (IX C) and Trisha Choudhary (IX E) bagged gold in badminton, Arya Kumari (IX F) and Aarushi Reddy (IX C) both bagged gold in throw ball and Vedant (IX C) got medal for being the best Cadet.



The camp's cultural segment featured dynamic competitions in dance, dramatics, and anchoring, where Mount Assisi cadets excelled remarkably.



Anushka Raina (IX C) secured gold in singing, Shubh (IX C) secured gold in dance, and Aradhya Sai (IX B) and Ananshi Sudhanshu (IX D) together secured gold for anchoring.

The closing ceremony was graced by Colonel Sir, who delivered an inspiring address to the cadets followed by the medal distribution ceremony.



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# Excursion to Rajgir with Class 12

On November 28, 2025, the Class 12 students embarked on a highly anticipated school excursion to Rajgir – a journey enriched with adventure, cultural immersion, and shared memories. The trip commenced with an evening departure at 6:30 PM, filling the air with excitement as students travelled through the night, reaching Rajgir at dawn.



## Visit to Rajgir Wildlife Sanctuary

After a refreshing breakfast, students proceeded to Brahmakund, a Hindu temple which offers a holy hot water pond with healing properties followed by the Rajgir Wildlife Sanctuary. Surrounded by lush greenery, they explored the area by bus, spotting wildlife such as bear, herds of deer, leopard and even rare sightings of lion and tiger enclosures. A guided commentary enhanced their understanding of the sanctuary's ecological heritage.

Students also participated in an insightful presentation on the ocean biosphere, deepening their awareness of marine life and the subtle balance of nature.



## Exploring History at Swarna Bhandar

The group then visited the legendary Swarna Bhandar, believed to house the treasure of King Bimbisara. As they explored the ancient caves, students marvelled at Rajgir's historical legacy, gaining a deeper appreciation of India's rich cultural heritage.



## Tanga Ride and Ropeway Adventure

After lunch, the students enjoyed a traditional horse-drawn Tanga ride, followed by a scenic ropeway ascent. The six-minute ride offered breathtaking aerial views of Rajgir's hills. At the top, students explored Buddhist sites, serene landscapes, and picturesque viewpoints—perfect for memorable photographs. The most exciting part of the tour was to visit the Rajgir Sports Complex.



The day concluded with the students boarding the bus at 10:30 PM and returning to Bhagalpur by dawn. Though tired, the group returned fulfilled and enriched. The trip to Rajgir was more than a picnic—it was an educational and unforgettable adventure that created lasting bonds and treasured memories.

# A Visit of Grace and Inspiration

The campus of our school was blessed with the august presence of Most Rev. Fr. Amando Trujillo Cano, TOR, Minister General of the Third Order Regular Franciscans, who arrived in the esteemed company of Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Chittokalam, TOR, former Minister Provincial of the St. Thomas Province and President of Mount Assisi School.

In the Rani Talab campus, on 30th November, they were received with profound warmth by Rev. Fr. Kurian, TOR, our revered Principal, whose gracious presence and heartfelt hospitality transformed their welcome into a moment shimmering with respect and affection.

In the Bhagalpur campus, on 3rd December, they were welcomed with grace by Rev. Fr. Sivi, TOR, our headmaster. Their presence filled the entire atmosphere with joy and peace.

The campus seemed to don a festive glow as the school band struck its jubilant notes and the umbrella girls formed a graceful aisle of welcome, turning the arrival into a moment of pure splendour.

The programme unfolded with a serene prayer dance, after which the stage blossomed with vibrant dances and melodious songs. Each performance—soaked in colour, rhythm, and youthful joy—wove together a tapestry of gratitude and celebration, making the morning truly unforgettable.

When Most Rev. Fr. Amando TOR, addressed the gathering, his words flowed like gentle wisdom—urging students to embrace compassion, seek purposeful living, and let integrity be their guiding light. He lauded the school's efforts in nurturing hearts and minds with equal devotion.

As the visit drew to a close, the community was left with a lingering sense of warmth and inspiration, cherishing a morning that felt less like an event and more like a blessing bestowed upon the school.



# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE, GRATITUDE,

# AND TOGETHERNESS AT MOUNT ASSISI



The Senior Section of Mount Assisi School recently came together as one loving Assisi family to celebrate the birthdays of two guiding lights of the institution— Rev. Fr. Kurian TOR, Principal, and Rev. Fr Jacob TOR, Vice Principal. The celebration carried a beautiful symbolism. Fr. Jacob closed the year 2025 with his birthday on 30th December, while Fr. Kurian welcomed the dawn of 2026 with his birthday on 1st January. Together, their birthdays formed a bridge between the ending of one year and the hopeful beginning of another—much like their presence in the school, offering stability, guidance, and inspiration every single day. To mark this special occasion, a common thanksgiving gathering was held on 7th January, expressing gratitude to God for the precious gift of their lives and for their selfless service to Mount Assisi. The atmosphere was filled with warmth as students and teachers sang birthday songs, presented a joyful dance, and shared heartfelt words that reflected love, respect, and deep appreciation. The customary cake-cutting ceremony brought smiles all around, and the auditorium resonated with cheerful wishes of “Happy Birthday, Father.” More than just a celebration, the day became a reminder of the strong bond that unites the Assisi family—a bond rooted in faith, gratitude, and shared purpose. It was truly a moment to pause, thank God, and celebrate two priests whose lives continue to shape hearts and guide minds at Mount Assisi School.



# CHRISTMAS

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## NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2025



Christmas comes to us as a sacred whisper of hope—reminding us that light is born even in the humblest of places. In a world often marked by haste and uncertainty, the message of Christ’s birth calls us back to the timeless values of faith, compassion, simplicity, and peace. It teaches us that true joy is found not in possessions, but in love shared and lives uplifted.



As we celebrate this blessed season, we are invited to look beyond the festivities and renew our commitment to kindness, forgiveness, and service to others. Christmas is not merely a celebration; it is a way of life—one that urges us to be instruments of peace and bearers of hope in our daily actions.



With the dawn of the New Year, we stand at the threshold of new beginnings. The year 2026 offers us fresh opportunities to learn, to grow, and to strive for excellence with integrity and purpose. May the New Year inspire us to dream with courage, work with dedication, and walk forward with gratitude for the lessons of the past and hope for the promise of tomorrow.



May this Christmas fill our hearts with joy, and may the New Year bring renewed strength, wisdom, and harmony to every home and every heart.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2026**

