



CARMEL CONVENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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INTRODUCTION

✿ **MOSAIC OF HOPE** ✿ : Theme of the Year 2025–26

During the session 2025-26, Carmel, Gwalior proudly embraced the theme '**Mosaic of Hope**', bringing in countless moments of learning, creativity and growth, through academic achievements, cultural celebrations and value-based activities. Home and school together, painted yet another year of excellence, adding brighter colours to our theme.

CELEBRATIONS: Honouring Values, Embracing Joy

☪ **World Earth Day:**

The day included the Dana Pani initiative with birdhouses, an Awareness and Signature Campaign and a motivational skit encouraging conservation. Students displayed environmental quotes on placards and pledged to plant more trees, save water, and avoid single-use plastic for a greener future. The celebration concluded with an inspiring message by Ms. Honey Dhawan, Advocate, Explorer of the Wild, and Ex-Brand Ambassador–Gwalior, who emphasized that real change begins with small, responsible actions.

☪ **CSST Foundation Day:**

Our institution joyfully celebrated the Foundation Day of the Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa, honouring the establishment of the congregation in 1887. Founded by Mother Teresa of St. Rose of Lima, a pioneer in women's education, the congregation continues to inspire generations through its mission of faith, service, and empowerment. The celebration included a special prayer service. Through speeches and cultural presentations, students reflected the values of love, humility, and dedication.

☪ **International Yoga Day:**

As directed by the Department of AYUSH, Government of India, a Yoga Session with the theme -Yoga for one Earth, one health, was conducted by our Ex-student Ms. Purvi Vijjan, an internationally renowned Yoga Therapist, and Major Dhyanchand Awardee. Dr. Shivangi Tiwari, our own student was the guest of honour. Staff and students participated enthusiastically.

☪ **World Doctors' Day:**

Our school hosted a talk show featuring Dr. Charu Khandelwal, a proud Carmel alumna, as the guest speaker. Dr. Khandelwal shared reflections on school life building discipline and values. She emphasized that hard work and dedication are key to success, especially in the medical profession. Highlighting the qualities of a good doctor, she spoke about compassion, empathy, and responsibility, and encouraged students to lead a healthy lifestyle.

☪ **Carmel Day:**

Carmel Day was observed with devotion in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the school's patroness. The celebration began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a prayer service and a role-play highlighting the significance of prayer, rosary, and scapular. Students reflected on Mother Mary's virtues of compassion, humility, and devotion, and shared a blessing song to wish everyone a Happy Feast Day.

☪ **79th Independence Day:**

The celebration was graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Sangeeta Dhingra, PGT History, and Guest of Honour Rev. Sr. Tessy Maria, our Manager. The flag hoisting and National Anthem, filled the campus with patriotic fervor. A vibrant cultural programme featuring 'Azadi ki Yatra' and 'Bharat Ke Veer Jawan', brimmed with passion and creativity, left the audience spellbound.

☪ **Guru Purnima:**

In a heartwarming tribute to the timeless bond between teachers and students, a ritualistic celebration was observed with great reverence, enthusiasm, and devotion, in the gracious presence of the former teachers.

☪ **Teachers' Day:**

Teachers' Day was made truly special with a delightful 4-day trip to Hyderabad. In the school premises, students organised a program with immense zeal and heartfelt gratitude for their mentors.

☪ **Gandhi Jayanti:**

A two-day *Swachhata Pakhwada* was organized under the theme "Swachhata Hi Seva". The celebration featured special assembly, cleanliness rally, poster-making competition and engaging skits promoting hygiene and social responsibility. Students also participated in a Handwash Day demonstration, learning the seven steps of proper hand hygiene.

☪ **Diwali- Spreading the Light of Joy:**

The programme included the divine entry of *Ram Darbar*, a meaningful skit, recitations conveying the message of the victory of good over evil, presentation on the Do's and Don'ts of Diwali and a vibrant dance performance.

☪ **Annual Function – Mosaic of Hope (EVITA–2025):**

Carmel Gwalior held a press conference to inform the media about its Annual Function EVITA 2025 titled "Mosaic of Hope".

Right Rev. Dr. Joseph Thykattil, Bishop of the Gwalior Diocese graced the function as the Chief Guest and Rev. Sr. Ann Jose, Former Provincial-Northern Province was the Guest of honour. Students captivated the audience with a vibrant cultural presentation based on the theme "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Highlighting the theme, Principal Rev. Sr. Ramya Vacco remarked that every child is a unique colour contributing to a hopeful and united future. The Annual Report was presented by the Head Girl and the Sports Captain.

☪ **Christmas- Embracing the Spirit of Joy:**

The highlight of the programme was the dance drama presentation, beautifully conveying the true essence of Christmas through meaningful expressions and graceful movements.

Melodious Carols filled the atmosphere with festive cheer. Our Principal, Rev. Sister Ramya Vacco gave the Christmas message.

☪ **77th Republic Day:**

Miss Swastika Sagar, the School Topper in Class 12 CBSE Board Examination from PCM Stream, 2024-2025 Batch, was the Chief Guest. A plethora of activities - March Past, Dance performances, patriotic poems and songs infused the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism. Scholarships were also presented to the students.

☪ **Mother Foundress Day- Honouring Our Roots:**

Students beautifully highlighted the life journey and noble mission of our Mother Foundress, focusing on her dedication to the upliftment of girls, the poor, and the elderly. The celebration concluded joyfully with the choir singing the birthday song, leaving everyone filled with gratitude and inspiration to follow the values of love, compassion, and service exemplified by the Foundress.

☪ **Farewell:**

- Class XII Students: Class XI students bid farewell to their seniors.
- Staff Members: To our honourable Manager Rev. Sr. Ancy, beloved Mrs. Sunita Shrivastava, Mrs. Sangeeta Dhingra, Ms. Meghna Bisth, Mr. Falit Goyal and Mrs. Sushma S.K.

☪ **Closing ceremony:**

The school council handed over their portfolios to the Principal, after the successful completion of the session 2025-2026.

☪ **Appraisal Day:**

The occasion was dedicated to acknowledging the sincere efforts, dedication, and commitment of the staff members who contribute tirelessly to the growth of the institution. The day was beautifully coupled with Women's Day celebrations.

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, SEMINARS, ORIENTATIONS

For Teachers: A Journey of Growth and Innovation

Our educators are continually encouraged to embrace learning and development, with enriching opportunities designed to foster personal and professional growth.

- ☪ Renowned academic consultant and trainer Dr. Asher R. Jesudoss engaged teachers in interactive discussions and activities, facilitating a deeper understanding of the NEP & Classroom management techniques; strategies for creating a positive and organized learning environment.
- ☪ Mr. Sachin Mishra Technical Manager, and Mr. Mohd. Saleh Nizam, Operation and Academic Trainer, from Tata Class Edge equipped teachers with the skills to leverage Interactive Flat Panels (IFPs), focused on practical applications, innovative teaching methodologies, and the benefits of integrating technology into the classroom.
- ☪ A CBSE workshop on 'Happy Classroom' organized by St. Joseph School, emphasized student engagement, empathy, positive discipline, and collaborative learning techniques aligned with the vision of the Central Board of Secondary Education.

- ☞ A CBSE workshop on “Value Education and Life Skills”, conducted at Birla Open Minds International School, Badagaon, Gwalior, offered valuable insights into emotional intelligence, effective communication, empathy, and compassion through practical examples and case studies.
- ☞ A two-day seminar on “Strengthening Assessment and Evaluation Process,” focused on self-assessment, SMART teaching strategies, and building strong student–teacher relationships.
- ☞ A two-day CBSE workshop on “Ethics and Integrity”, organized by Podar International School, Gwalior, emphasized the importance of moral values, honesty, and ethical decision-making in education.
- ☞ The Workshop on Science, Biotechnology and Artificial Intelligence, held at ECS School, Gwalior, provided valuable insights into emerging scientific domains and contributed to enhancing the participants’ professional knowledge.
- ☞ The Principal’s Conclave 2025–26, organized by Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) was conducted as an engaging live interactive podcast focusing on “Effective Leadership in K–12 Education.” The insightful session was led by the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Vikas Kumar Agrawal, Regional Officer, CBSE (Bhopal), who highlighted important academic developments, including: Introduction of two Board Examinations for Class X, Emphasis on structured assessment and the discontinuation of the No Detention Policy for Classes VI–VIII.
- ☞ A seminar on ‘Promoting Mental Health and Wellness among Students’ conducted at Little Angel High School focused on understanding students’ emotional needs, identifying early signs of stress, and creating a supportive classroom environment. The interactive session provided valuable insights that can be effectively implemented in daily classroom practices.
- ☞ Capacity Building Programme on Gender Sensitivity at St. Paul's empowered teachers to foster respectful, inclusive, and gender-sensitive learning environments in schools.
- ☞ An Insightful Pedagogy Seminar ‘Reimagining Social Studies’ conducted at Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, showcased innovative, activity-based strategies equipping educators with practical ideas to make Social Studies engaging, meaningful, and learner-centric.
- ☞ CBSE conducted a webinar for teachers of Classes X to XII, outlining the major reforms for the 2026 Board Examinations. Special emphasis was laid on digital initiatives, including on-screen evaluation for Class XII. Teachers were also briefed about the introduction of two examination opportunities for Class X from 2026.
- ☞ A workshop on the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023, organized by Venus Public School, explained the key aspects of NCF 2023 and its practical implementation in daily teaching.

For Parents: Guiding Young Minds, Together

- ☞ We began the year by welcoming our most vital partners—our, dear parents. Through our orientation programme, we opened doors to our pedagogy, policies, and purpose.

Together, we build a foundation of trust, collaboration and shared purpose to guide every child towards excellence.

For Students: Windows to the World

A series of interactive workshops empowered students with practical knowledge and personal growth opportunities.

- ☞ Nagar Nigam, Gwalior, led a session on waste management and Swachhta, promoting sustainable practices.
- ☞ A hands-on Drone Workshop for Class IX and X introduced students to emerging STEM technologies.
- ☞ The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan organised by the representatives of Gwalior Nagar Nigam, fostered a sense of community responsibility and participation among students in maintaining cleanliness.
- ☞ An awareness program under the initiative "Gumshuda Nabalik Balikaon ki Dastarasazi evam Jaagrukta Abhiyan" conducted by TI Ms. Deepti Tomar, Women Safety Branch of the Police Department, aimed to educate girls about their rights and protection laws, including important topics like POCSO Act, Cyber security, good touch-bad touch, child marriage, trafficking and online abuse. It also promoted respect, dignity and a safe environment for every girl.
- ☞ A Value Education Contest, promoted by ISKCON for students, with an aim to instill moral values and holistic thinking among young learners. Mr. Arjun Ishwar Das addressed the students and shared insightful thoughts on the importance of values in education and everyday life. The program encouraged students to reflect, participate actively, and embrace value-based learning as an integral part of their personal growth.
- ☞ Pariksha Pe Charcha, specifically tailored for students-fostering a culture of resilience and confidence in the face of academic challenges.

CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Beyond the Classroom walls

A vibrant array of co-curricular experiences enriched student life this year.

- ☞ **Morning Assembly:** Students of each class took turn to present the assembly on a specific theme. To name a few:
 - Primary: School is a fun place to learn and grow; Live with Truth and Non-Violence; Respect your Food; Clean surroundings, Healthy living; Kargil Vijay Diwas; Discipline is the Bridge between Goals and Success.
 - Middle: Plan your time, Achieve your goals; World Book Day; International Labour's Day; Clean Habits build a Strong Life; Importance of First Aid; Can we live Plastic Free; Save Energy Today for Better Tomorrow.
 - Secondary: World Health Day; Sunita Williams: A journey beyond the Stars; Safety begins with awareness; World Doctor's Day; Protect Wildlife, Protect Tiger; Countdown To a New Beginning.
- ☞ **Class-wise Activities :** For the primary section (Class I to V), activities were conducted class-wise, to ensure cent percent participation and maximum learning. Crown Making,

Fashion show, Model making, Board Race, Fun with Fractions, Let's colour the Abacus, Envelope decoration, Picture Dictation, Carol singing, Laghu Katha, English and Hindi Poem Recitation, Kite designing, Role Play on Cartoon Characters, Photo scavenger Hunt.

- ☞ **Inter-House Competitions :** For the middle, secondary and senior secondary sections, house wise competitions supported learning in all the directions. Hindi Smachar Vaachan, Literary Role Play, Creating Optical Illusions, Talk Show on the theme 'AI vs HI – Echoes Unfold', Patriotic Group singing, Sports Quiz, Doha Gayan, Debate, Maths Model Making, Model UN, Youth Parliament, Basketball, Volley ball.
- ☞ **Plantation drive:** Under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.' This initiative is not limited to a single day—the plantation drive is an ongoing effort, to ensure continuous contribution towards a greener tomorrow.
- ☞ **Gita Jayanti Mahotsav:** Recital of the 15th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita in unison at the sports ground of Jiwaji University, observed the participation of 34 students from our school, along with 5000 students from government and non-government schools.
- ☞ **Book Exhibition:** With the aim of promoting healthy reading habits and reducing excessive mobile phone usage, this activity successfully inspired students to choose books over screens and fostered a lifelong love for reading.
- ☞ **Birsa Munda 150th Jayanti:** CCSSS organized various activities for students during 8th to 11th November 2025 on the occasion of Birsa Munda Jayanti to honor the life and legacy of revered tribal freedom fighter Lord Birsa Munda.
- ☞ **Adventure camp:** Under the guidance of trained instructors, students participated in various exciting adventures like Rope Burma bridge, Balance rope, Monkey crawl, Tree climbing, Archery, Bungee Dart, Wooden Burma bridge, Rope ladder, Tyre Front roll, Rifle shooting, Commando net, Artificial climbing wall, Segway, water pool, Fort trip, Yoga Class, Dance Class. The students displayed remarkable enthusiasm and energy and created unforgettable memories.
- ☞ **Educational trips and excursions:** The school organized a one-day trip to Agra, giving students a perfect blend of fun and excitement. Students set off on an unforgettable educational and recreational tour to Chandigarh. The tour was a perfect blend of learning, leisure, and laughter.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Nurturing the Inner Journey

- ☞ Our day begins with a teachers' prayer led by the Principal, followed by a Morning Assembly where students and mentors unite in reflection. Prayers after lunch and during Value Education periods nurture peace, gratitude, and inner growth.
- ☞ Morning Assembly: It is the time when scholars and mentors come together to start the day.
- ☞ Every day after the lunch break, a brief prayer session is held for the students' and mentors' spiritual wellbeing.
- ☞ Prayer sessions are conducted in the value education periods in the prayer room.

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS: Showcasing Talent Beyond Boundaries

- ☞ Inspire Awards (Manak) – Two prototypes – “Automatic Fragrance Diffuser Smart Air Purifier” and “Chillesca – A thermo-cooling food container” were selected at district level. Students were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- each. “Automatic Fragrance Diffuser Smart Air Purifier” could make for the state level as well.
- ☞ Rangotsava: A unique experience for our budding artists where they were given a chance to showcase their artistic talents and compete with the students at International Level. Our School was also rewarded as the Global School.
- ☞ MP Biodiversity Quiz: Our quiz champions make their Mark in MP Biodiversity Quiz, competing against 57 schools.
- ☞ Cultural Fest: Students showcased their exceptional talent at the Cultural Fest organized by the MP High Court, Gwalior Bench.
- ☞ Tansen Samaroh 2025: Bhartiya Sangeet Mahavidhyalaya presented a certificate of participation at 101st Tansen Samaroh.
- ☞ Diocesan Carol Singing Competition: Outstanding performance of our choir group, marked by perfect coordination, soulful singing, and expressive presentation earned us the First Position at St. John Vianney School.
- ☞ Essay Writing Competition: Tata Building India, conducted an essay writing competition, on the theme -Self-Reliant India, encouraging students to showcase their creative and analytical writing skills.

SAHODAYA COMPETITIONS: Celebrating Collective Excellence

- ☞ “Cadence : A Transcendental Journey – Readings from Vivekananda.”.
- ☞ ‘The Dialectica’, English Debate Competition with the theme "The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health.
- ☞ Ignite Inquizitive Inter School Quiz Competition.
- ☞ Gita Samvaad Competition hosted by Little Angels High School.
- ☞ Interschool Basketball Tournament.
- ☞ Kaleidoscope Event hosted by Gwalior Glory High School.
- ☞ Debate Competition held at AMI Shishu Mandir.
- ☞ Patriotic Group Song Competition at Doon Public School.
- ☞ Tableau Competition- Evolution of Communication at AMI Shishu Mandir.
- ☞ Storytelling Competition hosted by Billabong High International School.
- ☞ Poetry Recitation Competition hosted by 7I World School.
- ☞ Group Dance Competition-Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-The World is One Family.
- ☞ Poster and collage making competition at ITM Global School.
- ☞ Dry Flower Arrangement Competition held at St. Paul's School.

OLYMPIADS: Scholastic Haven

- ☞ The International English Olympiad and Spell Bee.
- ☞ The International Hindi Olympiad.
- ☞ SOF National Olympiad
- ☞ Silverzone Mathematics Olympiad.

CBSE ACTIVITIES: Enriching Learning Beyond the Classroom

- ☞ CBSE webinar on the theme "Creating a Corruption-Free India".
- ☞ Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Nasha Mukta Bharat Campaign.

SPORTS: Building Strength, Spirit and Sportsmanship

- ☞ Volleyball Competition held at G.D. Goenka Public School.
- ☞ Gold Medal Glory at All India Karate Championship at LNIPE, Gwalior.
- ☞ Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025, held at the LNIPE.
- ☞ Skating Competition held at ITM Global School.
- ☞ Basketball tournament held at Gajra Raja medical college.
- ☞ Swimming Competition held at Tarun Pushkar, organized by Vidya Bhavan.
- ☞ International Tennis Championship organized by the Gwalior Chambal Tennis Association.
- ☞ Badminton Championship held at Amity International School.
- ☞ Archery Tournament hosted by Birla Open Minds International School.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME : Extending Hearts Beyond Classrooms

Our outreach efforts continue to foster empathy and social responsibility among students and staff:

- ☞ On Labour Day, the USM team led students in honoring the contributions of the auxiliary staff. The team organized a joyful Diwali celebration with our aspirants in the school campus.
- ☞ Staff members regularly conduct Yoga and Computer classes at the Juvenile Home and Women Jail, along with sports and festive celebrations.
- ☞ Diwali and Christmas witnesses generous donations of groceries to Brick Kiln workers, Kushth Seva Ashram, and auxiliary staff.

PTA (OPEN HOUSE):

Parent-teacher meetings are arranged periodically and information regarding the same is given through the school diary and the school website. The parents make it a point to take this opportunity to discuss the progress of their ward. Besides academic progress, mentors and parents discuss the strengths and weaknesses, grade level expectations and improvement. Parents can meet the teachers on every Tuesday, after school for 20 minutes.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE CAMPS: Promoting Wellness and Well-Being

An interactive Health and Hygiene session was conducted by Procter & Gamble for our girls. Ms. Shailja Mishra, the resource person, emphasized the importance of personal cleanliness and menstrual hygiene, highlighting how informed practices can foster confidence and well-being. The session was highly engaging, encouraging students to adopt healthy habits for a vibrant and empowered lifestyle. It successfully created awareness about the significance of menstrual health as an essential aspect of overall hygiene.

VISITS FROM GENERALATE/PROVINCIAL TEAM

- ☞ Our esteemed Educational Counsellor Rev. Dr. Sr. Teresa was welcomed by the students during the morning assembly. Rev. Sr. Teresa shared her valuable guidance and insights with the students. She appreciated the learning environment and participation of the

students. After the school hours, she addressed the teachers, marking a memorable and enriching experience for all.

- ☞ It was a moment of great joy and honour for Carmel, Gwalior, as Rev. Sr. Carmen, Provincial of the Northern Province, made her first official visit to the campus. Her gracious presence brought warmth and inspiration to the entire school community. She attended the special assembly, where she addressed the students with encouraging and thoughtful words. Rev. Sr. Carmen visited each classroom, interacting lovingly with the students and appreciating their efforts. She also met the teachers and staff, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to the mission of education. Her visit was truly a memorable and blessed occasion for all.

COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE: Guiding Hearts, Empowering Choices

- ☞ Individual: The school Counsellors handle students with various mental health concerns—stress, grief, anxiety, fear and other issues that derail their mental and emotional health. The slow learners are given guidance time and again to cope up with their studies.
- ☞ Career: During the Tathastu Educational Fair, our students were guided with new avenues and new paths to design their career.

IMPORTANT MILESTONES: Marking Moments of Pride and Progress

☞ ACADEMICS:

- Aayushi Modak brought laurels to the school by securing a remarkable 99% and was declared the City Topper.
- On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, two meritorious girl students of Class X Shreya Singh Sikarwar and Krisha Sinha were honored by PP Publications for securing the highest marks (94%) in Hindi in the academic session 2024–25.
- Olympiads: Samriddhi Shivhare of class III, Varnika Thapa of class VII and Aina Fatima of class X were awarded a gold medal, shield and a cash prize at Teen Murti Bhavan, Delhi, for their excellence in Hindi Olympiad.
- International Abacus Competition: Recognized by the Hindustan Book of Records, our student's outstanding performance earned her a gold and the esteemed title of "Champion of Champions"
- Literary excellence: We celebrate the literary accomplishment of
 - Manya Garg of Class X, for publishing her debut book titled 'The Magical Lamp-1' .
 - Ananya Yadav of Class X, for her fiction book 'The Chronicles of Harper' .
 - Rachita Yadav of class X, for her book 'The Door: That Every Girl Is Looking For' and
 - Ashlesha Kharpate from Class XI, for her Poetry books 'Alexithymia but Façade' and 'Below the significant glass'.
- Peace Convention: To promote inner peace, tolerance, and responsible conduct, a Peace Convention for students was conducted for the first time on Martyrs' Day. The key pointers included: Role of students in building peace, respecting

differences for peace and Peace in the digital world. The convention concluded on an uplifting note, leaving a lasting impression on young minds.

☪ **SPORTS:**

- Our students took up the overall championship at Inter School March Past and Mass Display Competition, organized by LNIPE Gwalior.
- Champions on wheels- Skating competitions earned us 27 medals, a record in itself.
- Rashi Chauhan (Class XII) was selected as an official jury member and referee for the KV National Regional Boxing Trials and the Open District Tournament.

☪ **INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Adding up the adjacent land to the school premises.
- Construction of twelve rooms in the Primary wing.
- Sturdy steel railings have been installed along the corridors of the Corrine Block to enhance student safety.

CONCLUSION : A Year of Collective Effort, Excellence and Enduring Hope

This has been a vibrant chapter of growth and collaboration, shaped by the dedication of students, teachers, and families. Together, we've built a mosaic of learning, care, and boundless potential.

With faith, hope, and gratitude, let's continue to move ahead.

SR. RAMYA VACCO

PRINCIPAL