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Annual Day Celebration 2026 - Jacob Gapp School, Mariapuram:



The Annual Day Celebration – 2026 of Jacob Gapp School, Mariapuram, was held with great enthusiasm and grandeur on Saturday, 28th February 2026 at 5:00 PM. The occasion was particularly significant as the school proudly celebrated 15 years of excellence in education under the dedicated management of the Society of Mary. The event stood as a testament to the institution’s unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering holistic development.

The celebration was graced by Rev. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Regional Superior, who presided as the Chief Guest. The event was further honored by the presence of esteemed Guests of Honour: Rev. Fr. Ignase Arulappan, SM, Deputy Regional Superior; Rev. Bro. Basant Kujur, SM, from the Office of Education; and Rev. Bro. Pratap Guria, SM, from the Office of Temporality. Their presence added dignity and significance to the occasion.

This year's Annual Day marked a memorable milestone in the history of Jacob Gapp School, bringing together students, parents, teachers, and well-wishers in a vibrant celebration of unity and achievement. The evening came alive with a series of captivating cultural performances, including dances, songs, and dramatic presentations. Each performance reflected the rich blend of talent, creativity, and cultural values nurtured within the school.

The event also served as a platform to recognize and celebrate the achievements of students who excelled in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. Awards and accolades were presented to deserving students, motivating them to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of life.

In his inspiring address, the Chief Guest, Rev. Br. Prakash Kujur, SM, commended the relentless efforts of the management, teachers, and students in upholding high standards of education and discipline. He encouraged the students to cultivate strong values, work diligently, and contribute meaningfully to society.

The celebration concluded on a joyful and memorable note, leaving everyone inspired and proud to be part of Jacob Gapp School's remarkable journey of fifteen years. The event truly reflected the spirit of growth, excellence, and community that defines the institution.

UKG Graduation Day - SJCA:



The UKG Graduation Day at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy was held on March 7, marking a joyful transition from kindergarten to primary school. The ceremony featured a grand procession of 142 students in gowns and caps, followed by lamp-lighting, cultural performances, and certificate distribution. The children themselves hosted the programme, mesmerizing parents and guests with

confidence and enthusiasm. The event was attended by parents of the pre-primary section, and the chief guest, Mr. Ajay Sharma, Regional Manager of Rachna Sagar Publications, appreciated the initiative and encouraged such meaningful celebrations. Students also shared heartfelt experiences, while the Principal, Fr. Joseph Raj, congratulated them on their achievements.

Women's Day Celebrations at SJCA:



On the same day, Women's Day was meaningfully observed, honouring more than 80 women staff members of the institution. Teachers and co-workers were felicitated with flowers and invited onto the stage, while the Principal and other staff acknowledged their invaluable contributions. Mrs. Kavitha, a government school headmistress, shared her inspiring journey, deeply moving the audience. The celebration became a heartfelt tribute, leaving many with tears of joy and pride.

International Women's Day Celebration 2026 - REDS, Bengaluru:

The International Women's Day Celebration was joyfully organized by REDS, an undertaking of the Marianist Trust, on Sunday, 8th March 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at REDS, S.R. Garden, Austin Town, Vivek Nagar Post, Bengaluru. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 200 women from various Self Help Groups (SHGs), making it a vibrant and meaningful celebration. The program began with registration carried out by the Madhurani Self Help Group, followed by a prayer song by the REDS staff, invoking God's blessings on the gathering. Bro. John Paul Raj, S.M. delivered the welcome address, warmly greeting the participants and emphasizing the importance of empowering women in society.



The Chief Guest, Mrs. Kanicka Mary, and the Guest of Honor, Fr. Ignase, S.M., were felicitated, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony, marking the formal inauguration of the celebration. A prayer song by Mrs. Kavitha (SHG) and a graceful welcome dance by Ms. Susan and Mr. Thanve added cultural richness to the program. In her inspiring address, Mrs. Kanicka Mary encouraged women to be confident, strong, and actively involved in community development. Mrs. Sagaya Mary delivered a thought-provoking speech in Tamil, highlighting the vital role of women in both family and society. Fr. Ignase, S.M., Executive Director of REDS, shared his greetings and appreciated the contributions of women and SHG members in strengthening communities. Mrs. Sharadha from St. Chaminade School addressed the gathering in Kannada, motivating women to continue their journey toward empowerment.

The celebration featured a lively dance performance by Ms. Anusha and her team, bringing energy and joy to the event. A meaningful sharing session by beneficiaries through the Jesu Rani SHG highlighted the positive impact of REDS programs on their lives. The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Mrs. Punitha, who expressed gratitude to the chief guest, guest of honor, participants, and organizers. Gifts were distributed to all participants, followed by refreshments, bringing the event to a joyful close. The celebration was supported by 10 REDS staff members, the Chief Guest, and four members of the religious community, making it a well-organized and impactful event. The day left everyone inspired, reaffirming the importance of recognizing, empowering, and celebrating women in society.

REDS Patna Concludes Academic Year 2025–2026

REDS Patna marked the successful conclusion of its Academic Year 2025–2026 with a meaningful and joyful gathering. The occasion brought together beneficiaries, along with professors and volunteers from Patna Women’s College and St. Xavier’s University, as well as past trainees from Chaminade Training Institute and a representative from the Pious Lay Associations. The event culminated in a warm and memorable group photo session, symbolizing unity and shared achievement.



Fr. James Dungdung, SM honored the visiting guests, acknowledging their valuable support and contribution to the mission of REDS Patna. The teachers invoked blessings upon the beneficiaries, encouraging them as they move forward in their personal and professional journeys. Br. Victor Sahyaraj, SM expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Marianist Trust, local benefactors, well-wishers, and volunteers for their continued support and commitment. Their contributions have played a vital role in the success of the programs conducted throughout the year. The gathering concluded on a note of thanksgiving and hope, as REDS Patna looks forward to beginning its next phase of academic activities, scheduled to commence on 28th March 2026.

Marianist Family Recollection Day - Nirmal Deep, Ranchi:

The Marianist Family Recollection Day was meaningfully conducted on 22 March 2025 at Nirmal Deep, Ranchi. The gathering brought together members from all branches of the Marianist Family, making it a truly enriching and unifying spiritual

experience. The day provided an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and renewal, allowing participants to deepen their faith and strengthen their commitment to Marianist spirituality. Through moments of shared reflection and fellowship, the recollection fostered a spirit of unity and mutual encouragement among all those present.



The presence of members from various branches highlighted the strength and vibrancy of the Marianist Family, reaffirming their common mission and dedication to living out their values in service and community life. The recollection concluded on a peaceful and grace-filled note, leaving participants spiritually refreshed and inspired to continue their journey with renewed zeal and commitment.

Prayer Requests

Kindly pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in the process of healing and for their speedy recovery from physical or psychological illness.

- ❖ We pray for our sick brothers and sisters for their healing!
- ❖ We wish you a Blessed Easter!

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in April

06 GeorgeHans

Wilfred Kujur

07 RennyMarkose

16 SylveriusKerketta *

21 A. Mariandu B*

K. Peter Paul*

23 Joseph Barla*

April 2026

3	Good Friday
5	Easter
15	Graduation Day at REDS Bangalore for tailoring and computer students
16-17	Regional Council meeting at Chaminade Nilaya
20-24	Final Audit in the South (Tentative)
25-2 May	Annual Retreat for Finally Professed in the South (CRI Ulsoor)



Happy Easter
HE IS RISEN

Thank you!