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# A CELEBRATION FOR THE GUIDING LIGHTS



Teachers' Day 2025 at St. Mary's was more than a celebration, it was a **SPECTACLE**. From a nostalgic 90's Bollywood themed ramp walk by the teachers to spirited performances by every class, the day radiated gratitude and joy. The ramp walk became an instant favourite, with Biswajit Sir, Dipesh Sir and Vikramjit Sir drawing the loudest cheers and setting the tone for an unforgettable celebration.

From there, the stage came alive with performances. The youngest members of our family – the UKG students charmed the crowd with their innocence, while the primary section followed with song and dance that radiated energy and warmth. Class II's melodious voices set the tone and Class III paired up in perfect rhythm, winning hearts with their coordination. Class VI revisited timeless classics. Silmi Alam of Class IV spoke with touching sincerity, offering a heartfelt tribute to teachers.

Class VII's graceful Kathak performance had teachers reaching for their cameras, while Class VIII brought variety, from the boys' Bollywood-style drama to the girls' energetic dance, capped with soulful Bengali songs from their group. The seniors carried the momentum forward.



Class IX's dancers lit up the hall with power-packed moves, while Class 10 stole the spotlight with "Ochena Prithibi" their passion evident in every step. Teacher Maitri, in her speech, voiced the pride felt across the room: "Our students will always make us proud."

Class XI's soulful music and spirited dances earned a standing ovation from the audience.

Finally, Class XII's "Chudail" dance drama closed the cultural segment with wit and brilliance, standing tall as one of the finest acts of the day. The day concluded with a heartfelt "Vote of Thanks" delivered by Sir Bipul, for making the celebration a memorable tribute to the guiding lights of St. Mary's. The ceremonial cake cutting followed which was a sweet gesture of gratitude to the mentors of St. Mary's. The students had also arranged a lively game of "Bombing the City" for the teachers, in which Sir Biswajit emerged as the champion. Adding to the spirit of celebration, Sister Principal presented thoughtful gifts to the teachers, before hosting a hearty lunch that brought the day to a warm and memorable close.

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# THE DAY WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO REMEMBERED US FIRST

Every year on 5th September, India remembers Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the teacher, philosopher and former President who believed that education was not about filling minds with facts, but about shaping human beings. His birthday, a reminder of his legacy is honoured every year as Teachers' Day.

At St. Mary's, however, Teacher's Day is more than a calendar event. It is not just about garlands, flowers or speeches. It is about something deeper and far more lasting.

It is the smile on a teacher's face when you finally solve the problem you struggled with yesterday. It is the gentle reminder to sit straight and enjoy the quick joke between lessons that somehow stays longer in memory than the formula itself. It is the reassurance that no matter how many mistakes we make, there is someone patient enough to correct us again and again.



This day becomes less of a ritual and more of a thank-you note written not in ink, but in song, dance, laughter and heartfelt tributes. It is a reminder that behind every confident step we take today, there was once a teacher who believed in us long before we believed in ourselves.

## THE CELEBRATION, IN THEIR WORDS



Our Sister Principal's expectation was clear: a beautiful and meaningful programme that would stand as a just tribute to the teachers. Simplicity, sincerity and respect was what she hoped to see reflected on stage.

Tr. Gargi shared her excitement too, looking forward to an entertaining and well-prepared event. "We love when students put in effort for competitions and special occasions," she said, adding that it feels rewarding to see students working so hard to make the day memorable for their teachers.

Sir Vikramjit admitted he was equally eager to see the programme unfold. "All our children have worked very hard. Whatever they do for us is enough to satisfy me", he remarked. At the same time, he stressed that discipline and sincerity make any celebration even more meaningful.

Tr. Sonia expressed her joy on the occasion. "The programme was filled with warmth and effort from every student. Each performance carried its own charm and that made the day special for us as teachers," she shared.

Tr. Baishakhi said "Every performance and gesture reflected the deep respect the students hold, making the day truly unforgettable for all of us."

According to our Special Correspondent, Sarthak Pandit, today's programme was a heartfelt tribute. "Heads nodded, hands clapped and hearts paid respect. What struck me most was the quiet pride in our teachers' eyes — their smiles said it all. It felt less like an event and more like a message: we remember those who remembered us first."

# THE HANDS THAT STEERED THE DAY



Behind every graceful performance on stage were the Class XI students and the team of captains led by School Captain Amrita Paul, who held the day together. Under the steady leadership of our Sister Principal, they worked with quiet discipline and careful coordination, ensuring that every act flowed seamlessly into the next. Their role was less about being seen and more about making sure everything ran without a hitch.



Adding colour and life to the day were the house boards, each crafted with creativity and pride. Students in the auditorium sat house-wise, guided by house leaders who maintained discipline, while Class XI had beautifully decorated the auditorium. Behind the scenes, hours of practice went into dances, songs and speeches, each rehearsal sharpening the performance and deepening the tribute.



Backstage, while the audience watched the show, another team worked tirelessly. Managing lights, props, music, and timing. Their work may not have earned applause, but without them the celebration could not have stood so tall. Together, these hands of planning, practice and persistence quietly steered the day into a success worthy of the teachers it honoured.

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN, BEYOND THE SPOTLIGHT



Every grand celebration rests not only on stage lights and applause, but also on the silent labour that makes it all possible. On this year's Teachers' Day, while songs and dances captured attention, it was the unseen hands that kept the day running smoothly, adjusting microphones, arranging chairs ensuring the flow never faltered.



Eliazar kaku's calm presence at the technical desk, Sanjiv bhaiya and Sumit kaku's tireless work in managing the stage and sound and the cleaning staff who organized the auditorium, were the quiet force behind the celebration. Preeti didi, Teresa didi and Shilpa didi too, with their constant help in countless small ways, reminded us that every big day rests on many invisible shoulders. Their dedication may not earn applause on stage, but it is what makes the stage itself possible.



In truth, they too are teachers in their own way. They teach us discipline through their punctuality, humility through their silence and responsibility through their consistency. On a day meant to honour teachers, it is only fitting to bow our heads in gratitude to these guiding figures beyond the classroom, for without them, the celebration would never find its heartbeat.

# LESSONS FROM THE GREEN CLASSROOM



Not all lessons are taught within four walls. Some come quietly from the shade of a tree, the song of a bird, or the cry of the earth itself. On 11th July 2025, *St. Mary's Eco Club* and पर्यावरण संरक्षण reminded us of this truth by celebrating Mother Earth as our first and eternal teacher.

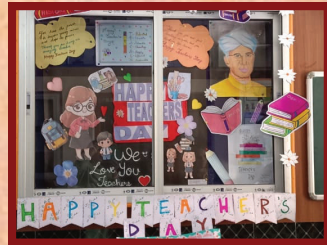
The day began with the reception of our chief guest, the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar, Shri. Dyutiman Bhattacharya, whose presence glorified the occasion.

A song composed by Sir Sushobhan and performed by students set the tone, its melody urging us to care for the planet before it is too late.

From there, the celebration moved outdoors, where a tree plantation drive led by our Sister Principal and SP Sir gave the event its living symbol. At the same time, students picked up their brushes in a drawing competition, filling pages with rivers, skies, and forests that spoke louder than words.

The Eco Club celebration, though brief, was a reminder that Teachers' Day is not only about those who stand before classrooms but also about those who silently guide us every day. And who could be a greater teacher than Mother Earth herself, patient, giving and endlessly instructive.

## THE FINAL BELL



With this, we wrap up the very first issue of *SMS TIMES*. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parents, whose encouragement fuels every effort; to our teachers, whose guidance shapes both our pages and our lives; and to our Sister Principal, whose steady leadership ensures that every initiative finds its direction.

To every student who wrote, painted, clicked, performed, cheered from the audience or decorated the house board with such colour and pride- this newsletter belongs to you before it belongs to anyone else. And to the parents and well-wishers whose encouragement carried every effort, your support is etched into these pages as much as the words and images themselves.

This is only the beginning. As the year unfolds, *SMS TIMES* will continue to capture school life in its many shades from academic milestones to co-curricular achievements, from cultural celebrations to the smaller moments that quietly make memories. Our guiding motto, *Joyful Service*, will remain at the heart of every story we tell.

To our readers: thank you for turning these pages with us. May you find in them not just records of events but reflections of the living spirit, the spirit of St. Mary's. With this, we ring the *Final Bell* on our first issue, ready to return with more voices, more stories and more of the life we share together.