## St. Montfort School Bhopal

## **MAHAVEER JAYANTI and GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION**

'A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again'.

Such great souls were remembered on the occasion of MahaveerJayanti and Good Friday on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A special assembly was conducted by the students of Class IX A& B depicting the life and philosophy of Lord Mahavira and Jesus Christ.

Mahavira, also known as Vardhaman, was the 24<sup>th</sup> and last Tirthankara who revived Jainism. The students presented Lord Mahavira's biography through a skit wherein they showed how he renounced the throne, abandoned all worldly possessions and left home in pursuit of spiritual awakening. He practised intense meditation and attained 'KEVALA JANA' i.e. supreme wisdom and became known as Mahavira (Great Victor). The students emphasised on the importance of his teachings and philosophy of non-violence, truthfulness, peace, etc. Students also offered their prayers to Lord Mahavira through a prayer dance and chariot procession.

The students and Staff also observed Good Friday. It commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. It is an important event in Christianity as it represents the sacrifices and sufferings in Jesus' life.

The students presented the conspiracy of powerful political, religious and military leaders. Jesus was whipped, beaten, mocked and killed in a violent way. Yet, people who believe Jesus to be the Son of God, celebrate the day by calling it GOOD FRIDAY as the results of his death are very good. He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve.

The Principal, Rev. Bro. Monachan, in his address asked the students to imbibe the teachings of these two great souls in their lives.