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Media and Communication Report (2025–2026)

During the year **2025–2026**, the Catholic Diocese of Gwalior made significant progress in the field of **Media and Communication** through various initiatives aimed at evangelization, education, and youth empowerment.

One of the major achievements was the training of many young people across the diocese in **media production, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and other computer applications**, enabling them to use modern technology effectively in their daily lives and in the mission of evangelization.

The diocese successfully organized several important events, including **Media Day** and the **Madhya Pradesh Media Directors' Conference**, which brought together media personnel to strengthen collaboration and promote excellence in Catholic communications.

A historic milestone was achieved when the **Gwalior Dhvani Media Department** facilitated the arrival and installation of the **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** at the **Infant Jesus Shrine, Dabra, Gwalior**. This was a landmark event, as it marked the **first installation of the Carlo Acutis Relic in India**, drawing pilgrims and inspiring the faithful, especially young people.

To promote creativity and responsible use of digital media, the Media Department organized several competitions, including **Logo Making** and **Reel Making Competitions**. It also conducted sports tournaments and awareness programmes that encouraged youth participation while imparting knowledge about the positive, ethical, and responsible use of media.

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Media day & Installation St. Carlo Acutis' Relic



Relics of St. Carlo Acutis Installed in Gwalior Diocese 25th Oct, 2025 Dabra, Gwalior, MP, In a significant spiritual event, the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis was installed at the Infant Jesus shrine, Dabra on Wednesday, marking a major milestone for the local Catholic community. The ceremony drew clergy, religious, and laity to honor the young Blessed, known for his deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist. The solemn liturgical celebration was presided over by **His Excellency Bp. Joseph Thykkattil**, the Bishop of Gwalior. The ceremony was marked by prayer, reverence, and thanksgiving as the faithful gathered to welcome the sacred Relics into their midst. During the event, **Bishop Emeritus Bp. Joseph Kaithathara** offered words of reflection, enlightening the faithful on the life, faith, and witness of St. Carlo Acutis. He

spoke about the young saint's unwavering love for the Eucharist and his exemplary life of holiness, lived out in the modern world. The Bishop recalled St. Carlo's famous saying,



"The Holy Eucharist is my highway to Heaven," underscoring how the saint's life continues to inspire countless young people to deepen their faith and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Following the liturgical service, the day's celebration continued with an exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles, organised by Fr. Sanu Alunkal (Director-Gwalior Dhvani Media). The exhibition featured a collection of Eucharistic miracles from around



the world—meticulously compiled by St. Carlo Acutis himself before his passing in 2006. The display served as a fitting tribute to his enduring mission of using technology and creativity to spread devotion to the Eucharist. The installation of the Relics and the accompanying exhibition provided a profound opportunity for the faithful to encounter the spirit and message of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. His life continues to serve as a testament to how holiness can be achieved in everyday life, especially through a deep connection to the Eucharist. The Diocese of Gwalior expressed deep gratitude for this spiritual blessing, recognising it as a moment

of renewal and grace for the entire faith community



Media training & MP Region Media Directors and Animators meeting

Dabra, Gwalior– November 15, 2025: The Communication Commission of the Council of Bishops of Madhya Pradesh (CBMP) and SIGNIS MP&CG convened a two-day regional assembly, and Media training at the Infant Jesus Shrine in Dabra, hosted by the Diocese of Gwalior. The event brought together around 80 participants from across Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, marking a significant moment of reflection, training, and recognition in the field of social communication.



The assembly opened with a warm welcome ceremony, graced by the presence of Most Rev. Joseph Thykkattil, Bishop of Gwalior, who served as the chief guest. Among the distinguished dignitaries were Fr. Biju Alappat, Secretary for Social Communication of the CBCI; Fr. Anthony Swamy SVD, Regional Secretary for the Communication Commission of CBMP and SIGNIS; Mr. Sumit Dhanraj, Vice President of SIGNIS India; keynote speaker Fr. Walter D'Souza; and resource person Fr. Dominic Veigas SVD. The program was coordinated by Fr. Sanu Alankal, Communication Director of the Gwalior Diocese.

A notable highlight of the program was the felicitation ceremony recognizing individuals who have dedicated their lives to advancing media and communication. **Mr. Abel Extros from the Diocese of Gwalior and Mr. Alwaris from the Diocese of Indore** were awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards for completing 40 years of distinguished service in the field.



In his address, Bishop Joseph Thykkattil lauded the work of media personnel across the region and urged them to remain compassionate, merciful, and hope-oriented in their communication efforts. He emphasized that communicators must be “agents of hope and love” in a world often fragmented by misunderstanding and misinformation.

Representing the CBCI, Fr. Biju Alappat addressed the contemporary challenge of misinformation. He explained why and how misinformation spreads and emphasized the role of media professionals in countering falsehoods. He appealed for empathy, emotional balance, and integrity when telling stories on digital platforms.

After lunch, Fr. Cyril Victor, Secretary for the Communication Commission of the CCBI, joined online to speak about the subtle ways digital platforms shape user behaviour. He cautioned that search engines and AI systems often predetermine what individuals read or view, calling for critical awareness in digital consumption.

Regional Secretary Fr. Anthony Swamy SVD conducted a practical session introducing participants to modern AI tools, including Canva, ChatGPT, Suno, and ElevenLabs. His workshop covered professional design techniques and allowed participants hands-on practice to strengthen their digital skills.



Adding to the technological dimension, Mr. Amit, a young contributor to *Gwalior Dhwani*, introduced participants to emerging platforms like Scrip AI and Ideogram, offering insights into the evolving landscape of creative AI. Mr.

Sumit Dhanraj further shared the vision of SIGNIS India and encouraged more youth involvement in the organization's mission.

The two-day assembly concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Sr. Pushpanjali SSpS, acknowledging the contributions of organizers, resource persons, and participants.



The Assembly was a call to commit to being communicator who spread hope, truth, and compassion in every platform one touches. Together, let all build a media culture that uplifts, inspires, and serves humanity with love.

The CBMP Communication Commission, SIGNIS MP&CG Regional Assembly 2025 along with Gwalior Dhvani media of Gwalior diocese served as a powerful reminder of the transformative role communication plays in society. Through meaningful discussions, hands-on training, and inspiring messages, the assembly reinforced the collective commitment to ethical, compassionate, and hope-filled communication. The Regional Assembly also stood out as a meaningful convergence of faith, technology, ethics, and media, reaffirming the shared mission to foster truthful, compassionate, and hope-driven communication across the region.



Gwalior Dhwani Media & ICYM celebrates International Day against Drug use



GWALIOR, July 12: The Diocese of Gwalior observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse with a youth-led awareness programme that used creative digital media to promote a drug-free society and encourage young people to embrace healthy, value-based lifestyles. Organised by Gwalior Dhwani Media (diocesan Media Department) and ICYM, the programme was held on July 12 at the Pastoral Centre, Purani Chhawani, bringing together youth,

clergy, religious and pastoral leaders from across the diocese.



Bishop Joseph Thykkattil of Gwalior, the chief guest, encouraged young people to reject substance abuse and become ambassadors of hope by promoting positive values within their communities. A major attraction of the event was a reel-making competition on the theme "Colour Your Life, Not Drugs," organised by the diocesan Media Department. Youth from parishes across the Diocese of Gwalior, along with participants from other dioceses, showcased their



creativity through short videos carrying powerful messages on the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of making life-affirming choices. The judges commended the high quality of the entries, noting that the participants effectively combined creativity with meaningful social messages, making the selection of winners a difficult task.

Leslina Johnson of Lashkar Parish won the first prize, while Nainsi Beck of Khaniyadhana Parish secured second place. Reshu Barwa of Datia Parish received the third prize. Bishop Thykkattil presented the winners with cash prizes and certificates, while certificates of participation were awarded to all contestants in recognition of their efforts. Among those present were Fr. Simon, Director of the Diocesan Youth Department; Fr. Joseph M.A., Director of the Pastoral Centre; Fr. Dionysious; Fr. Sanu Alunkal, Director of the Media Department; Fr. Thomas; Fr. Kapil; several women religious; and a large number of young people representing various parishes.

The programme highlighted the Church's commitment to addressing contemporary social challenges through youth engagement and responsible use of digital media. By encouraging young people to become advocates for a drug-free society, the initiative underscored the important role of Catholic youth in promoting a culture of life, hope and responsible citizenship.

Gwalior Dhwani celebrates FIFA Football tournament bringing the youth together

The 6's Offence/Defence Inter-Parish Football Tournament was organized by Gwalior Dhwani Media in collaboration with ICYM Gwalior at St. Peter's Church, Dabra on 19 July 2026. The programme was held in the presence of Most Rev. Joseph Thykkattil Bishop of Gwalior (Chief Guest), Fr. Sanu Alunkal, Fr. Pius Kalathiveetil, and Fr. Chipson Joseph, who officially kicked off the tournament.



A total of 9 teams participated, including 7 boys' teams from Badarwas, Shivpuri, Dabra, Datia, Morar, Lashkar, and Morena Parishes, and 2 girls' teams representing Indergarh Parish and a combined Morena-Lashkar Parish team. Around 50-55 participants took part in the event. DEXCO members—Agustin Joy Xess, Anju Anchal Tirkey, Princymala Tigga, Ankit Minj, and Aman Minj—were also present.

The tournament witnessed exciting and competitive matches, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and fellowship among the youth of the Diocese. The event concluded with the prize distribution ceremony, where Most Rev. Joseph Thykkattil presented the

trophies and prize money to the winning teams and encouraged the youth to grow in unity, discipline, and faith through sports.

Tournament Results

Boys' Category

1st Place: Badarwas Parish, 2nd Place: Lashkar Parish, 3rd Place: Morar Parish

Girls' Category

1st Place: Indergarh Parish, 2nd Place: Gwalior (Morena–Lashkar Combined Team)



Three-Day Media Training for Seminarians



A three-day Media Training Programme for the major seminarians of the Diocese of Gwalior was conducted at the Gwalior Dhwani Media Studio, Dabra. The programme was inaugurated by **Fr. Harshal, Rector of St. Joseph Seminary, Gwalior**. The training provided practical and hands-on sessions on lighting techniques, photography, camera operation, videography, and the basics of video editing. The objective of the programme was to equip future priests with essential media skills for effective communication and evangelization in today's digital world.

A total of **nine major seminarians** from the Diocese of Gwalior participated in the training. **Fr. Sanu Alunkal**, Director of Media and Communication, Diocese of Gwalior, served as the resource person and guided the participants

throughout the programme with practical demonstrations and interactive sessions.

