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From the Provincial's Desk...

Hearty Congratulations to the following sisters who have done well in their examinations:

Srs. Marisha, Jyotika and Maria	- B.Ed
Sr. Anusha	- PhD
Srs. Tomsy, Remya and Sheryl	- M.A.
Sr. Divya	- BTh
Sr. Nibedita	- B.Sc.
Sr. Theresa	- GNM

A warm Welcome Back to Sr. Anusha who returned to the province from Rome on 9th November having completed her PhD.

Request for Prayers

For those who have gone for their eternal reward:

- Sr. Renata's sister, Sr. Laslet Mary FCC, 79 on 5th October
- Sr. Shalini's nephew, Johnson, 52 on 9th November
- Sr. Reena's mother, Esther Paul, 88 on 11th December

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

FROM THE HILLS OF NAINITAL

The month of October ushered in with the feast St. Teresa followed by the feast of the guardian Angels. The four houses celebrated their house feast very solemnly. The same

day – 2nd October the Friends of Mary Ward, the teachers' wing had their first get together.

Report –

St. Mary's Nainital, hosted its first Zonal level Meeting of the Friends of Mary Ward



on 2nd October. A total of 30 teachers from Rudrapur, Jeolikote, Nirmala Nainital and St. Mary's Nainital and some of the sisters participated in this gathering. It was a beautiful experience for all. Sr. Deepa guided the session with short video clippings and a short session on 'The Power of the HOW'. Sr. Deepa reminded the teachers to be constant, efficacious and affectionate in their vocation as teachers. It is not only what we do, that is important but how we do it - and one of the most important of the how is **with affection**. In the second session each school shared with the whole group, the activities carried out by the Friends of Mary Ward in their own

respective schools. It was a real listening time, at the same time appreciating each school for the trouble taken to impart and live the values of



Mary Ward. At the end of the gathering each one was given the Friends of Mary Ward badges and with lighted candles we asked Mary Ward to guide us, as we sang the hymn – “lead us on Mary Ward”. Everyone expressed their desire to have more of such gatherings to cement the bond among the friends of Mary Ward.

Sr. M. Savio’s death gave us a terrible shock. We prayed and were with ours in Patna spiritually. Sr. Deepa represented our community to bid good-bye to Sr. Theophane in Allahabad. Our students participated in many inter school activities and they were proud returning with trophies and certificates.



The parents’ day programme was put up by the tiny tots. It was so very beautiful that the parents were not only thrilled but also responded in a touching manner.

This year we introduced Guitar classes for those who are interested along with the classical dance. A good number took lessons and they gave an excellent performance for their parents, teachers and students.

Fr. Richard Rego S. J. from Bangalore was our special guest for three weeks. He was here to attend a refresher course according to the order of UGC at Kumaon University. Although he stayed in the hostel provided by the university he availed himself to offer the Eucharist daily for us in the morning. On a holiday he consented to be the guide for our recollection. The theme ‘Quest for excellence’- perfection v/s mercy and

compassion in our day to day life inspired us and challenged us to be better human beings



in our mission.

There are many groups/clubs in our school, like Friends of Mary Ward, USM, Clean India, Literate India, LTS, LGL, Empowering Women Etc. All have their activities animated by their group moderators. And they prepare excellent assemblies bringing forth values in a very inspiring way. The Nirmala School children are also kept busy by Sr. Shobha through her innovative way of encouraging the children. On 23rd of this month class 2 had a short assembly reciting a few maxims of Mary Ward. It was indeed good and innovative for these little ones of Nirmala.

Sr. Noelle IBVM, the general superior of the Loretos accompanied by Sr. Julita paid us a short and sweet visit giving an awesome experience to Sr. Elaine, reliving their experience in the refugee camp at Tanzania.



The month of November began by invoking the blessing of the Saints in the heavenly abode followed by remembering the dear departed...

From 3rd to 6th November we had the community visitation by the General Leadership Team. Both Srs. Elena and Prisca generously devoted their time and energy for this cause and the community had a very delightful and memorable experience with them. We were also privileged to take them to various Nainital spots and most importantly the visit to the boat club which added extra joy. On 6th Sr. Deepa reached them to Puranpur and from there to Rudrapur. Sr. Divya went home to be with her dear mother who had replacement of both her knees. She met Srs. Elena and Prisca in Nirmala Jhansi. Thank you dear sisters Elena and Prisca for the wonderful time together!

The Bharatanatyam, Kathak and the Guitar



students had their maiden performance on third November which enthralled the audience and left their parents spell-bound. On the same day the budding artists and the young scientists of Ramnee exhibited their talents through their beautiful paintings, projects and Art & Craft work.



They enchanted us and made us proud. The Sisters made use of the Diwali vacation for the house visits, particularly the houses of our co-workers and the teachers on the occasion of Diwali.

The community had an outing to the woods 'Kunch Kadak' on 9th November and came back refreshed and rejuvenated. The students also enjoyed the outing to various nearby picnic spots as part of the children's day celebration. The staff had their day of outing to a resort in Bhowali where they enjoyed in the lap of nature and the flowing river.

The students of class XII was given a fitting farewell on 22nd November. As usual the message of Christmas was conveyed to the students through an exceptional performance by the primary students on 24th November.



Two of our support-staff, Mrs. Meena and Mrs. Nirmla were given a meaningful farewell on 17th of November and their dedicated service to Ramnee for the long 36 years and 8 years respectively was acknowledged.

The senior students had two days of career counseling from Graphic Era University Dehradun and from the Indian Air Force Team. They were given ample opportunities to interact and get their queries cleared related to their future career. Orange day assembly and the Constitution day were observed on 25th and 26th November in a fitting manner. In the midst of the fast approaching winter, the students are into final examinations and all in Ramnee are looking forward to a relaxed winter break.



The LGL group (Little Guiding Lights) had interactions with the children of Nirmla school. They had small prizes for them. They spent some time chatting with them. On 23rd the little ones recited a few maxims of Mary Ward to pay tribute to our Foundress. The students of Class 8 of Nirmla School had a day out to the snow view point. They enjoyed the day to the full with various games and the rope way.

SFC, JHANSI

1st September lightning and heavy down pour awoke us from deep sleep. The rain continued and we were happy when it was declared a holiday.

The much awaited and the much looked forward day – the teachers' day – arrived at last. There was joy and music in the air. After the tika ceremony the teachers were escorted to the well decorated auditorium and a special prayer service was conducted by the students of class IX A. The parable of the sower was mimed very beautifully. This was followed by a cultural programme. The primary school students with their extremely adorable performance won everyone's heart. There were a few very hilarious items which kept the audience in good spirit. Sr. Jessy thanked the students and reminded the teachers that their duty is to sow the seeds, to create not only doctors, engineers and scientists... but more importantly to create good human beings.

On 6th September an orientation programme was organized for the students of class XII with Fr. Renoy SDB as resource person. *"The dignity of a human being is immeasurable and the price of a human being is priceless"*, is what they learnt

from him. Through various games and power point presentations, they were awakened to the reality: Everybody has a

- Right to Live,
- Right to Dignity,
- Right to Respect.

He gave them tips on how to prepare themselves for the great mission of restoring to them the God given dignity, respect and life.

Here in our midst stands someone who is ever willing, ever ready to speak, to share her



knowledge on Mary Ward. On 7th October Sr. Isabel conducted an enriching and effective orientation programme for the LTSers and for the Friends of Mary Ward (students) on 15th October.



Dear Sr. Louisa, your home going was the most heartbreaking day for all of us. We could not say good bye nor could we be there at St. Jude's to hold your hand. We loved you dearly but could not save you. We know that

you are in heaven in the arms of Jesus watching over all of us. The beautiful memories you have left behind are always a source of strength for us. Rest in peace dear Sister. Sr. Louisa's month's mind was kept up on 12th October in the Sacred Heart Church.

From 13th to 23rd September 32 UP (G) BN NCC Jhansi organized a ten day camp in which 82 students along with Mrs. Seema Singh and Mrs. Sonal Arora took part.



The junior wing along with Mrs. Sonal Arora returned jubilantly with the rolling trophy for the best Drill competition. The seniors too got some individual gold medals in painting, debate etc. For Firing, Rifa Tanzil received the trophy.

Moments of Glory...

- In the competitions conducted by the All India Catholic Educational Institutions of UP and UK, Kanika Saxena of class X won the first prize for essay writing and Priyanshi Gupta of class V bagged the second prize for drawing.
- Mrs. Manisha Andreas of the primary section received the Best Service Award after a silent survey of all the Parishes by the Jhansi Rani Communications.

“Give girls wings to fly, not pain to cry and die”, was the theme of the beautiful and meaningful assembly conducted on 26th September – Save the Girl



Child Day. The finale of the assembly was a dance drama which was dedicated to all the girls, the girls of today. The assembly came to a close with Srs. Reena and Jessy setting the balloons free symbolizing the freeing of a girl child from the shackles of harassment, foeticide, racism and gender inequality.

The call was too sudden!! We were shocked and grieved to hear the sudden demise of Mr. E.A. Augustine, our retired school Peon on 27th September. We had met him on 11th Sept. during the funeral service of Sr. Louisa. After a few days he had an attack of Pneumonia and was admitted in the medical college. He developed some complication and died without giving any sign that he was going. RIP. Mrs. V. Das, the retired teacher too went to eternity in somewhat the same way.

A single sun beam is enough to drive away many shadows.

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint was celebrated in a befitting manner. Class X E conducted a meaningful and inspiring assembly. Blissfulness pervaded the atmosphere. The assembly threw light on the



teachings of our beloved saint, inspiring them to be like him, loving, peaceful, and simple in harmony with

nature.

It's competition time...



On 3rd October both junior and senior teams went to MLM English School for ASISC Interschool

basket ball match and were selected to semi finals. On 6th October both teams went to MLM English School and won in the district level.

11th October 14 students along with Ms. Shweta Singh and Ms. Manju Pandey left for Agra for the B -World Competition and returned the next day enriched by the experiences they had.



12th October witnessed semi classical instrumental solo dance competition for classes X to XII,

and on 13th for classes VI to IX. On the same day two students along with Mr. Rafiq and their parents left for Bangalore for ASISC national level Karate competition and returned on 20th. Kirti Sehgal made SFC proud by winning the gold medal in the competition. She was given a rousing welcome by the school.



We along with the sisters of Nirmala Convent went for an outing to

Kanpur (Blue World) and returned in the evening refreshed in mind and spirit.

St. Jude's feast went off well as usual, taking charge of the liturgy for a day, serving dinner on another day and finally putting up an item for the cultural programme organized to honour the V. VIPs.

On 29th we said good bye to Fr. Harold who was our chaplain for the past five years. We are happy to say that he was outstanding in his availability, simplicity and generosity. May God bless and guide him in his new mission.

Sr. Vijaya CJ

JESU BHAWAN, DELHI

October was like an advent waiting for the arrival of Srs. Elena and Prisca on their visitation to the province. It was a coincidence when our new vehicle came home on 7th October on the birthday of Jesu Bhawan. Sr. Joseline was able to reach out to Rudrapur in the absence of Sr. Rose who had gone for her jubilee preparation. We were happy to receive Arti on 12th as we were managing with only one girl as a helper. Sr. Kiran returned from Jhajjar on 15th and Sr. Joseline on 17th. In the absence of two from the community we had to get the help of sisters from Shahbad community when Sr. Pratima went for the funeral of Sr. Theophine. Thank you Sr. Marisha and community for your generous availability!

19th October was a special day of union of CJ-IBVM when Sr. Noel IBVM and her team visited us.



We had a lovely time together. We look forward for such occasions. After dinner Sr. Julita accompanied Sr. Noel to Nainital to renew their companionship with Sr. Elaine.

Next exciting day was 21st October. Since Sr. Prisca had to attend the province days in Patna, Sr. Elena had few days of enjoyments in and around the capital. Srs. Manjusha and Joseline accompanied her to Agra on 22nd.



On 24th we celebrated the birthday of Sr. Elena. She also visited Loreto Delhi and joined them for lunch. On the same day Sr. Prisca and the cluster community joined us for supper.

From 25th morning Srs. Elena and Prisca entered into their mission. Meanwhile seven of us spent eight days in retreat under the guidance of Fr. Robin S.J.



Sr. Pratima attended the funeral of Sr. Clementia in Patna. May she RIP. We experience the hands of God every day. Sr. Daya from Allahabad had to stay on for two days as she did not get a return ticket while Sr. Pratima went to Patna. Sr. Daya was a companion to Sr. Kiran during our retreat. When Sr. Prisca went to Bangalore for the Regional days Sr. Pratima took Sr. Elena to the Loreto sisters at Shimla. They returned home with new experiences.

On 22nd November we were happy to welcome back Srs. Elena and Prisca. The rest of the days were meetings and partings. We were happy to have the Provincials and the Regional Superiors with us for two days.



On 28th Sr. Elena had another pleasant day visiting the historical places in Delhi along with Srs. Marisha and Joseline.



The culmination of this great event in the province was on 29th as the cluster communities came together and put up a cultural evening. It coincided the birthday of our dear Sr. Pratima.



As the clock struck 12.00, midnight we had to say goodbye to Srs. Elena and Prisca, hoping to meet them again. A very special note of



thank you to Sr. Elena who enjoyed every bit of our hospitality and for the friendship we experienced. Sr. Prisca, thank you for all the extra miles you had to walk in between this visitation. May God grant you good health of body and mind to continue this mission.

NIRMALA JHANSI

On 2nd October the school paid tribute to our great leaders Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri and the children put up a variety of programmes depicting the life of these great Leaders.



On the same day the community had an outing to Kanpur along with S.F.C. We had a

wonderful time together and enjoyed the blue world. On 13th the former provincial of Jesuits Fr. John Ariappilly paid us a short visit.

The community took the advantage of the Diwali holidays and went to Bombay and visited some important places. We are grateful to the F. M. M. sisters who were very gracious to us, gave us accommodation and took care of us. Sr. Camilla's cousin is in that convent. On 23rd our children put up the Gloria Vision of Mary Ward and recited a few of her maxims under the guidance of the Friends of Mary Ward.



On 14th November Srs. Elena and Prisca were given a warm welcome by the school and community. They had a pleasant stay here and before leaving for S.F.C we took them to the historical palace in Orcha and they appreciated the beauty of the ancient palace.



The children's day was celebrated with fete.

On 28th November the primary and the senior



students put up an educative and inspiring cultural programme for the parents.

On 25th November we celebrated the feast of Christ the King with true devotion and piety. The Holy Mass was followed by the candle lit Eucharistic Procession in which hundreds of parishioners took part. With prayers and hymns the faithful expressed their faith in Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of the nations.

Leadership Programme for Local Superiors, C.R. I. House Delhi

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Pratima for giving us the opportunity to attend the leadership programme. Thanks to all the sisters in our community for extending a helping hand in our absence. We were 54 superiors from different congregations trying to learn how to become better animators. It was an enriching and joyful experience. We are happy to share with you a little bit of the insight we have gained.

A leader's Key function: - Have a clear vision, live the mission, do the right things, see the problems as opportunities, accept change as part of life, appreciate and be loyal to the mission, admit your

mistakes. Treat everyone as a human being. Confront directly and respectfully.

Qualities of a leader

Mission awareness, credibility, fidelity to Gospel values, competence, human maturity and judgment. Love for the community and everyone, optimism and enthusiasm, concern for God's will, fidelity and obedience. Sr. Sneha of the Presentation Congregation enlightened us on the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, FIR and POCSO. We had sessions on rural development programme for skill development and employment, financial management and accounting, how to become an inspiring superior, the meaning of celibacy and friendship.

With thanks and love

Srs Vinita and Suchita

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, JHAJJAR

On October 26th, our long awaited visitors Srs. Elena and Prisca arrived from Delhi accompanied by Srs. Pratima and Reena. Our little ones were eagerly waiting with anxious



eyes and colourful poinsettia saplings in their hands to welcome our guests.

They were happy and full of surprise

when Sr. Prisca addressed them in Hindi. During the day Sr. Elena planted an apricot sapling and Sr. Prisca dug the soil for a chikoo plant. We are grateful to both of them for the precious time they spent with us. The next day, Fr. John Ari offered Mass in our chapel, specially praying for them and their mission in the Delhi Province.

After breakfast, Fr. John Ari and Sr. Mary reached them to Mayur Vihar.

On 3rd November, Sr. Mary left for Jhansi for her annual retreat and returned on 12th refreshed and revitalized in body and spirit. The children's day was celebrated with much excitement. Children turned up with all smiles and colourful dresses – no books – only tiffin and water bottle! If they could come to school every day without those heavy bags!!! The teachers entertained them with dances and songs. At the end, they were delighted to get two toffees each! After sending the children home, the teachers had a Diwali treat with hot Chinese noodles! We are deeply grateful to Sr. Joseline for arriving in time to help us out for the Annual day.

The fourth Annual Day of our School "RAINBOW", a colourful programme was held on Saturday, 17th November. It was a moment of



gratitude as our 200 students came forward to show their talents on the newly built open stage. The programme was much appreciated by the parents and the guests. Rev. Fr. Jas Elenjikal, the Episcopal Vicar of Haryana - our Guest of

honour graciously consented to be the Chief Guest as our would be Chief Guest Mr. R. J. Kedian, Block Education Officer, was unable to attend the function. Fr. Jas in his address highlighted the incomparable services rendered by us to the people of Jhajjar in the field of education and urged the parents to co-operate with our mission.

We are grateful to Sr. Pratima, Sr. Joseline and Sr. Anusha for encouraging us with their presence and support. We are also indebted to Fr. John Ari and Fr. Kochu for their meticulous planning and supervision in getting the stage completed on time, levelling the ground, clearing the rubble and watering etc.

On 21st and 22nd, Fr. Jeerakassery was on visitation with the Jesuit Community, he also made a visit to us and was concerned about our well being. On Sr. Mary's Birthday, Fr. Jeera with other Fathers offered Mass in our Chapel and had breakfast with us.

As the season of Advent has stepped in, we too have entered into the spirit of Mary and Joseph awaiting the birth of Jesus anew in our hearts and families. On the 1st Sunday of Advent our small Parish family gathered together in our chapel, the youngest one 'Anish' lit the 'prophetic candle' and we prayed together the Rosary invoking Mother Mary to help us prepare for the great day of Christmas!



On 11th December, Mr. Surender Singh, the DEEO, Jhajjar and Mr. Satyadev Ratti, Education Officer inspected our School. The inspection is a pre-requisite for the Recognition for our school. They were happy and edified by the way our school is functioning and left the place after completing the formalities giving us hope that we would get the necessary permission. The Education Officer asked Fr. John Ari, "How is it

that you have many Institutions in Delhi, Rajasthan and other States, but hardly any in Haryana?" Father replied: "St. Mary's is the beginning!"

We wish all our sisters "A Merry Christmas"!

Sr. Mary C.J.

MARIA BHAWAN CONVENT

"Life is a Bank Account in God's hands; nobody knows the balance of the remaining days ... Keep depositing with forgiveness, prayer and obedience ..."

The hospital co-workers were very excited about their first outing to Mata Teela Dam in



Jhansi. It was a memorable day for each one of them; they enjoyed the picnic along with the sisters. Srs. Sushmita and Shanti volunteered to stay back and look after the hospital.

We were happy to welcome our silver Jubilarians - Srs. Rosita, Sarita, Gretty and Prabha on their way to Goa for the silver jubilee preparation. Along with Sr. Shanti they proceeded to Goa. They had a grace filled time in Goa, enjoyed the renewal programme and companionship and came back refreshed and renewed in spirit and body. Our community was very happy to welcome back Sr. Theresa who completed her studies [GNM] in St. Jude's hospital Jhansi. We wish her all the blessings

and very best in her mission in the hospital and



in the community.

Sr. Julita went to Nainital along with the IBVM General Superior, Sr. Noelle to meet Sr. Elaine and refreshed their old memories of the refugee camp Tanzania. We were happy to welcome Srs. Elena and Prisca to our community.

We enjoyed their company and their visit brought us grace filled moments. Their gentle approach inspired us to be open in our sharing. Some of us enjoyed the outing to Lehchura Dam and Park along with Srs. Elena and Prisca.



We have started new a group of nursing assistance course for girls from nearby villages. 10 girls are staying with us in the hostel and others are day scholars. Srs. Sushmita, Shanti,

Sujata and Theresa are engaged in taking classes both theory and practical. Sr. Julita went for her well deserved home leave. She will also spend a few days with the flood victims in Attapadi and Puthenvelikara to do some needful services for them.

Sr. Theresa Speaks....

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

I, Sr. Theresa raise my heart to God for all the help and support I have received during my studies in St. Jude hospital Jhansi. God has showered upon me many graces and blessings with which I was able to accomplish my mission as a student and passed with good marks.

Thank you dear Sr. Pratima for encouraging me always with your prayers and loving visits. Special thanks to Srs. Julita, Pushpita and community for the kind visits and support I always experienced during my stay in the hostel. I am also grateful to the SFC and Nirmala communities for the timely visits and support.

My life in the Hospital and hostel was enriching in many ways. Through my struggles I experienced God's protection and care. I am encouraged to fulfill my mission with more zeal and vigour. Through various activities in the church, hospital and as student leader I have grown mature and am able to fulfill my mission with the blessings of God. A Big thank you to all!

JEOLIKOTE

October, the Month of the Rosary – Throughout the month we prayed a decade of the Rosary in every family and a good number of parishioners were present in every family. We prayed that she may keep us united under mantle. We concluded our devotion with a procession from the Parish Grotto to St. Anthony's Grotto. To add to our joy and enthusiasm, we were privileged to

have the company of our dear Srs. Prisca and Elena from Rome.

Sr. Lucy, our animator says prayer alone is not enough; she has proved it by her recent visit to the flood victims of Puthenvelikara. She accompanied Sr. Rinalda to her home town for her long desired holidays with her dear ones. Sr. Rinalda returned much refreshed and relaxed. We thank God for keeping her in good health throughout her journey. Sr. Lucy after her visit to Kerala shared with us that – those people whom she met were really looking out for help and relief but they were not greedy. They expressed their concern and care for their neighbours too. "Love your neighbour as yourself."

On 2nd October, the whole school paid homage to 'Gandhiji' - the Father of our Nation. Everyone was kept busy till 1.00 p.m. cleaning the school premises and the roads which lead to Jeolikote town. The children and the teachers did a big job. They also made paper bags and distributed them in all the shops. The shop keepers gladly accepted their good deed. A big thank you to Srs. Deepika and Damian for all their hard work and guidance!

On the same day another important event took place - the Zonal level Friends of Mary Ward gathering at St. Mary's Convent, Nainital to share their views. Sr. Rekha accompanied the Friends of Mary Ward to Nainital. They had an enriching and wonderful experience.

We prayed intensely for those who have gone ahead of us, in a particular manner – Sr. Louisa, Sr. Savio, Sr. Theophine, Sr. Clementia and our dear and near ones.



We are very happy to announce that our student Manisha Mary won 3rd prize in the Bible Logo Quiz at the Nainital Zonal level. She is

the daughter of Mrs.Saroj, one of our co-workers.

In month of October the school the teachers and students remained very busy with the half yearly exams and corrections.

We were fortunate to have a short visit of our IBVM General Superior – Sr. Noelle. She was accompanied by our dear Srs.- Julita, Elaine and Deepa.



We spent three memorable days with Srs. Prisca and Elena. We thank both of them for sharing with us the hopes and vision of our congregation and inspiring us to strive for the “more.”

All souls’ day reminded us that we need to get ready for our eternal home and we have no lasting stay here on earth. Some of us were privileged to attend the three holy Masses. It was good, to see all the tombs decked with flowers. Our house church and the garden look very clean and beautiful. Sr. Pratibha and her co-workers need to get a big salute for their hard work. Sr. Sheeba is busy giving

her CA examination and all of us are supporting her with our valuable prayers. 3rd November all our boarders went home for Deepawali holidays and on the same day evening the community started our eight days Annual retreat guided by Fr. George Stephen SJ.

We were happy to see our boarders back on 11th evening. From then on our students and teachers were busy with the PT practices and getting ready for the Annual PT Display.



May the Joy and Hope of Christ’s Birth

Be with you now and in the coming New Year!

Delhi Disha Wishes all its Readers a Very happy Christmas and a New Year full of surprises!

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