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province news letter

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From the Provincial's desk:

Hearty Congratulations to sisters Remya, Shanti and Josephine for their good results.

Request for prayers:

Those who have gone for their eternal reward:

- Sr. Nirmala's mother (Sr. Laura's sister), who passed away on 26th July.
- Sr. Remya's grandmother who passed away on 8th August.

Those who are sick:

- Fr. K. P. George SJ former parish priest of Shahbad who had a massive heart attack.
- Mrs. Gloriamma, Sr. Isabel's sister-in-law who underwent a surgery for brain tumor.

Special prayers for those who are affected by the flood especially for the families of our sisters.

For the success of the Provincial/ Regional Congregations.

News from the Communities

St. Anthony's Jeolikote

We celebrated the Labour Day with a special Holy Mass, invoking the intercession of St. Joseph. A prayer assembly and a short entertainment



program were organized for our domestic staff. They were given a gift each after which a high tea was served.

It was a great joy for us to meet our senior sisters and junior sisters from COIN who had attended the wisdom group gathering and juniors' meeting respectively in Nainital. We were very happy to welcome Mrs. Patricia and Florence who came to spend a few days with Sr. Augustine. In the third week of May, 8 of our Crus Veer

children attended a three day seminar and took part in the solo singing and group dance competition based on a Bible theme at Suchetna, Kathgodam. They were accompanied by their animators Sr. Sheeba and Mrs. Neelam James. We were delighted as our children secured second prize for solo singing and third prize for the group dance. Bishop Isidore encouraged our Crus-Veer Children by giving them and the animators a special gift each.

On 9th May Sr. Pratibha left for Holy Land with Sr. Kanula and returned with rich spiritual experiences. God blessed our class 10 and 12 board exam students with excellent results. Our first batch of the English medium class 10 secured very good results. The highest percentage is 91.6%. We congratulate the Students, Sr. Deepika, Sr. Damian and all the sisters, teachers, parents for their hard work and all the help and encouragement given to each child.

On 5th June we began the Novena to St. Anthony, our Patron Saint. On 13th we had 12 priests concelebrating the Holy Mass. Sr. Lorna had prepared the Parish Choir who sang very well. The Church was artistically decorated by Sr. Pratibha and Sr. Damian. Rev. Fr. Ashok Masih was the main celebrant who preached an inspiring sermon on the Holy life of St. Anthony. All the guests and the Parishioners enjoyed the festive meal after the Church service.

From 13th – 21st we the community and 8 other CJs from other communities had our annual retreat under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Paul D'Souza SJ from Delhi. It was a peaceful, prayerful and grace-filled time for all of us.

Sr. Kripa UMI spent two weeks with us. On 22nd June we celebrated her Silver Jubilee very enthusiastically. The whole atmosphere looked very beautiful and jubilant with the artistic touch of sisters and the melodious singing of the parish choir. Rt. Rev. Bishop Ignatius D'Souza was the main celebrant. All of us joined Sr. Kripa in praising and thanking God for her committed and dedicated religious life. Sr. Deepika thanked all our Sisters who inspired and nurtured Sr. Kripa's



religious vocation and highlighted her loving service to the poor and the neglected. She is known in Kanpur as “Mother Theresa of Kanpur” as she has very special love for the poor children and their families too. Sr. Kripa also thanked and expressed her gratitude specially for Mother Elfreide, Sr. Antonia, Sr. Bertila, Sr. Theonilla and all those sisters who took great care of her in her childhood. She is very grateful to all the Sisters who

have taught her and loved her. Many of our girls mostly Sr. Kripa's childhood companions were present on this great occasion and they spent a couple of days renewing their sisterly bond and friendship.

After the long summer vacation on 2nd July we reopened the school. We have a good number of boarders who are feeling at home and they are happy to be here. On 11th July the Secretary of the State, the DM of Nainital and some local Govt. authorities organized an awareness program on 'Save Water' and 'Safeguard the Environment' at the Govt. Inter College. Some of our students were selected to take part in the drawing competition on the same topic. 13th July was a rainy holiday. The rain and storm caused a lot of havoc uprooting two of our huge trees.

Along with our Parish Priest, Srs. Lucy and Damian went to Ranikhet to celebrate the feast of St. Bonaventure. On 17th we celebrated the 'Harela' festival with all the people in the hills. On this day Mother Earth is worshipped and new trees are planted asking God to bless us with Good Harvest and a Safe Environment.

Being a holiday, all our Catholic and Christian students had a special day of prayer under the guidance of our parish priest and Rev. Fr. Gautam IMS. All our Catholic teachers, sisters and some nearby parents joined the prayer and prayed for our children. Indeed it was a great touching experience for all of us. The

prayer ended with the Holy Hour, highlighting the importance of Holy Mass and the Power of Prayer in our daily life.

21st July was an exciting day for all our parishioners as we celebrated the BIBLE FESTIVAL. After the Holy Mass we had a quiz on St. Luke's Gospel. On this day the Crus Veer children enthusiastically planted saplings in our parish compound and they enjoyed doing it.

Sr. Sherly left for Nainital on 23rd July. We had a meaningful Holy hour and a special Holy Mass. We thank her for her loving services to the sick and her guidance to the youth. We wish her God's blessings for her new mission at Nainital.

The investiture ceremony which took place in both Hindi and English medium schools reminded the students to be responsible leaders in carrying out the duties entrusted to them for this academic year.

Sr. Deepika
St. Anthony's Convent

MAYUR VIHAR

"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."(T. S. Eliot)

With these sentiments Srs. Elsy and Manjusha were given a fitting farewell who served the Institution for eight and six years respectively. The powerpoint presentations specially prepared for them



with the treasured memories brought out the dedication, hard work and selfless service of our two sisters.

On 13th June Sr. Merlin C.J the new Principal was welcomed by the school. By her maiden speech she touched the heart of students.



The school reopened on 1st July. On 9th July a heart touching farewell programme was organized for Fr. Paul Roy, the manager by the students. On the same day, the school welcomed Fr. Jose T. J. the new manager. Srs. Poonam and Rose also received a warm welcome by the school. During the welcome programme Fr. Sabu, the Diocesan Education Director asked the students a question; what is the difference between discovery and

invention. And a student replied, “My father discovered my mother and they both invented me”. With this note of laughter he wished the new management best of luck and told them to be inventive, innovative and original.

On 15th July Sr. Poonam was installed as the animator of the community by Sr. Elsy. Trusting in the providence and constant care of God, Srs. Rose, Merlin and Poonam began their new mission in Mayur Vihar.

Mayur Vihar Community

ST.MARY'S CONVENT NAINITAL

In the month of July we bade farewell to Sr. Deepa, Sr. Seema and Sr. Elaine. Through the well conducted assembly and the programme ‘Music Maker’ the



students and staff expressed their love and showed how much they cared for them. We the Ramnee family is indeed indebted to you dear sisters for your generous service. Every nook and corner of Ramnee

will speak about your selfless and joyous giving. We thank the Lord for each one of you for being special and know that you have a place in the heart of Ramneetes. Wherever you are, you will always be in our prayers.

The school welcomed Sr. Manjusha as their new Principal and Sr. Digna as their new manager. Now our community is



complete with the arrival of Srs. Sheryl and Sherly. Sr. Manjusha conducted an orientation in our Rudrapur school for the parents on 'Parenting' and for the teachers on the topic '21st century teacher'. The response was very positive.

Nirmala Junior High School celebrated the silver jubilee of Ms. Deepa Mishra. The students put up a wonderful programme. The short PPT highlighted her generous contribution to the school for the past twenty-five years.

Six students accompanied by Ms. R.K Joshi and Ms. Nalini Gurung left for Dehradun to participate in creative writing and debate competition organized by GICSE. Both the categories – senior and junior groups were selected for the next level. Hrishta Nayal was awarded the first runner up trophy.

Along with Mrs. Beema and Mr. Harish Joshi twenty of our senior students went to Longview public school to attend a workshop on natural disaster force. It was very informative.

We received the sad news that Sr. Nirmala lost her beloved mother at the age of 91. Sr. Nirmala rushed home for the last rites of her dear mother. We pray that her mother enjoys eternal bliss.

Ramnee is in the news these days because



of the water harvesting tank which was built recently. It is constructed in the garden and it can contain 2 lakhs liters of water which is used for the garden purpose. Congratulations to our sisters who had the creative thought to preserve water.

ST. MARY'S JHAJJAR

With the onset of the monsoons which started on 15th July Jhajjar has begun to wear a green look. Farmers all round have ploughed their fields and many have planted their crops. And as if in solidarity we have begun our mission of 'Greening the School Campus'. But the summer months before the monsoons were eventful too.

On 18th June evening the community along with the Jesuits next door gathered around the Eucharistic table to pray for and pray with Sr. Mary. Her contribution to the Jhajjar ministry during the past one year and 3 months was appreciated. Sister left for Jhansi on 19th morning. Sr. Mariella joined the community on 20th May and was missioned as the animator of the community on 16th July by Sr. Elsy. Sr. Deepa conducted an appropriate prayer service.

Srs. Mariella, Kanula and Remya found the summer vacation a refreshing time. Sr. Kanula was privileged to visit the Holy Land and walk the places that Jesus walked. Recollection of this graced time provides her with continued consolations. Sr. Remya had the opportunity to upgrade

herself. She has completed her first Year in Masters in Education (M.Ed.) with Flying Colours. Sr. Mariella after her two year service in St. Mary's School Begur, Bangalore joined the Wisdom Group in Nainital that reflected, among other things on the 'Gift of Years'. Thus the vacation time was to a great extent profitably spent.

School reopened only by 8th July as government extended the holidays on account of the heat. But as if to compensate for the lack of rain we are blessed with plenty of ground water. We just got a tube well dug and at about 100 ft. found soft water. The Jesuits have gone out of their way to help us execute this project. We celebrated this blessing with a sweet dish prepared in the new water.

Our target this year is to plant 1000 plants / trees. The Jesuits have gifted us with quite a lot of saplings. Some students had done a project on trees as part of their summer holiday home work. They too have gifted the school with the plants they looked after for nearly 2 months.

We had a joint celebration – SJ & CJ - of the feast of St. Ignatius. All the religious communities in Jhajjar were invited to a dinner at the Jesuit residence. We rendered the needed feminine touch – singing, decorations, tastefully laying the table etc. and a well prepared meal was an experience of agape.

With warm greetings
The Jhajjar Community

Mauranipur Health Centre

God stands by us when we are down and He encourages us when we think of quitting and guides us when things seem confusing.

We are grateful to Sr. Sujata for her selfless service to the community and to the people of Mauranipur. We wish her God's blessings as she joins the Nirmala community.

Congratulations to Sr. Shanti for her good result in her 1st year M.Sc. Nursing. All of us are busy - social work, taking classes for our students who come from different villages to attend the 'Nursing Assistant Course' under Don Bosco project.

Srs. Sushmita and Gladys had an opportunity to visit the nearby mission stations. It was a time to know and experience the difficulties they face in their mission field. We are happy that our Priests and sisters from the neighboring mission stations come to our hospital for treatment and it is an occasion for us to reach out to them and to know about their mission and life.

Sr. Pushpita

Nirmala Convent, Jhansi

Arrivals and Departures: Month of May was indeed a time to move away from the hustle and bustle of school days – Srs.Vinita and Anita went on home leave on 10th May. By the end of May,

Srs. Doreen and Jyotika took off for the summer break leaving Srs. Crispina and Camilla – the two stalwarts of the community- to hold the fort. They enjoyed each other's company and took good care of the domestic animals, protected the plants from the scorching heat and preserved well the fallen mangoes. By the second week of June, the home birds returned strong and refreshed.

On 19th Sr. Mary joined the community. With the arrival of Sr. Sujata on 30th June, our community is complete. Sr. Doreen returned from home and proceeded to Bangalore to attend a Leadership and Counselling course.

Sr. Anita was the first to bid farewell to us, as she left for Delhi and Sr. Sheryl left for Nainital. We thank both of them for their dedicated and cheerful service to our community and School and wish them God's blessings in their new mission.

Visitors: On 22nd May, Sr. Elsy, our new Provincial surprised us with a short visit. On 29th June our two candidates from Allahabad arrived. Sr. Helen from Patna and Sr. Jyoti from Nepal came with candidates who would be entering into the Pre-Postulancy programme on 1st July. On 26th June, Sr. Elsy and Sr. Roshni visited us, as they had come to meet the postulants and candidates. Sr. Smitha from Nepal was another welcome guest who arrived here on 29th.

Before the School reopened, it was necessary for us to spend some time with the Lord, listen to him and get his guidance to go ahead. We chose 26-28 June for reflection and discernment. Fr. Rino SDB gave us some inputs highlighting the outstanding qualities of Moses – as an inspiring leader, a faithful servant of God, and an intimate friend of Yahweh. At the end of the three days' prayer we renewed our commitment to God.

Courses and Seminars: A youth camp was held at Don Bosco Technical Institute from 27th to 30th June. Our community and the Postulants attended the inaugural Mass offered by Bishop Peter and many priests. 35 girls who attended the camp, stayed with us three nights.

On 19th July Srs. Vinita and Alice left for Delhi to attend the Animators and Principals' meeting. On the same day, Sr. Jyotika left for Patna for a leadership and counselling programme in Navjyoti, Patna. We were happy to welcome Fr. Robin S.J. who came to give an orientation to our Postulants and pre-postulants. The three days' input sessions, sharing and audio visuals were indeed very helpful to our formees.

Activities and Functions: As usual, summer camp was held for students in the month of May. The youngsters took part in various games and competitions, developing their talents and building up a healthy body and mind. The school

reopened on 4th July. A gentle rain brought us cool air and with that some whispers filled the air 'Sr. Jyotika is the new Principal.' On 6th July Sr. Jyotika was congratulated as the Principal of Nirmala Convent Girls' Inter College; and Srs.



Doreen and Sheryl were appreciated for their selfless service. A short programme was staged to honour the trio.

On 16th July, there was excitement all over Nirmala Campus. The Office Bearers for the year 2019-20 were installed during a solemn ceremony. The Primary children were indeed more elegant and promising.

On 20th July, students of classes 9-12 were given a career counselling course by Mr. Akash and team. Many queries of children were answered by the team.

On 25th, a team from the 'Child Line, Jhansi' gave an awareness programme to



our students. The emphasis was on how to protect oneself in certain situations and how to be vigilant especially meeting strangers and unknown people. The City Magistrate, Jhansi and the Deputy Director of Women's Welfare and other dignitaries present addressed the children.

On 31st, a team of Doctors organized a medical camp for primary children. The focus was on how to maintain healthy teeth. Doctors examined children's teeth and gave suggestions to protect the teeth from decay and infections. Sugar test, B.P. test etc were also done. Children were happy and delighted to get Colgate free of cost.

Mission Tour: On 22nd June six of us visited our sisters in Sagar. We were edified that the sisters, in spite of many inconveniences, were very hospitable and made us feel at home with their cheerfulness and generosity. On 23rd, some of us went to Safa Village – a new mission station opened in Jhansi Diocese.

FMW: 12 teachers from our school are doing their bit in the service of the Lord. Every day after school two of them in turn stay back for an hour and teach the weak students. They also went to 'Yesudham', interacted with the young



and old, and had a prayer service and distributed snacks and stationery.

May the month of August bring abundant blessings to each one of us as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, Our Blessed Mother !!!

Nirmala Community ,Jhansi

Mauranipur School

During the months of May-June we took the opportunity to be at home with our dear ones and returned refreshed in mind and body. We welcomed our new parish priest and the manager of the school, Fr. David James.

On Yoga day – 21st June the civil authorities of Mauranipur district organized Yoga in our school campus and besides our school staff and students around 300 people of the place came in to witness the event. They learned the importance of yoga in one's life. The dignitaries –SDM, SP, CO and Thana in charge appreciated our mission work in this area.

From 25th – 27th June we had our three days' recollection ably guided by Fr. David and on 28th we renewed our vows. Thus once again refreshed spiritually to begin our apostolate here in Mauranipur.

We joined the hospital community to thank God for the blessings Sr. Sujata brought to the community and society through her presence and apostolate in the hospital. As she is transferred to Nirmala

Jhansi we prayed for her during the meaningful Eucharist.

School reopened on 1st July and on 16th we had the investiture ceremony of our school captains. We wish them God's blessings as they take up the responsibility to be leaders making a difference in the school.

This year we had excellent results. Among 10 toppers in the district, 7 were from our school. All the more our heads were high because of our two students namely SHAKSHI GUPTA and RAJNANDINI SINGH who made us proud by their excellent performance in the exam - 2nd position in the district. They were honored by the District Magistrate in Jhansi as well as by the school management.

Keeping in mind the Global environment Fr. David along with Sr. Geetika, teachers, students and co-workers planted 300 saplings in the campus. Now the school campus looks very beautiful.



Along with Fr. David and two sisters from the hospital community we visited our neighbouring mission station Rath. We visited Mada on the occasion of the blessing of the new Convent. Feast days

of Sr. Annette and our Manager brought our communities together for an Agape.

Sr. Annette left for Jhansi Nirmla to be with the postulants and candidates in the absence of Srs. Alice and Roselette who are away for the formation programme in Bangalore.

Mauranipur community

JESU BHAWAN

In the month of June, Jesu Bhawan had sisters coming and going; Sr. Renata and the three from Shahbad guarded the house and did the needful. By the end of June Sr. Sherly joined Sr. Renata as the others moved back to their respective communities getting ready for the opening of the school after the summer vacation. The provincial team had their deliberations and discernment for two days in mid June. On 12th Sr. Grezal left for Mangalore for her BSW studies, Sr. Kiran to Goa for her one year Theology. On 24th Sr. Joseline after her retreat in Jeolikote, refreshed and renewed spiritually left for Falna her new mission field. We wish them God's blessings in abundance and promise of our humble prayers.

On 15th July Sr. Elsy and Sr. Deepa arrived and started their busy days of searching and finding. On 20th and 21st for two days all the Animators and principals had their meeting and this time Sr. Nirmla IBVM from Shimla Loreto

College was the resource person. Nirmala with so much passion for Education ministry dealt with the importance of Life Skills in Education, 'Laudato Si', Mary Ward School Compass and IPP- Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm. Second day was ably guided by Sr. Elsy our provincial superior.

The Social Ministry group, 16 of them arrived for the follow up of their previous meeting. Fr. Joy Kariyampuram S J from ISI with his knowledge of discernment ably guided them through. The COIN Provincials/Regional superiors came together on the third day to speak, listen and share. After all these gatherings we are just three, busy with our daily schedule. Sr. Elsy began her visitation of the communities and of course the first journey was to Falna.

St. Francis' Convent, Jhansi

In the month of June the city of Jhansi was reeling under the pangs of scorching heat except for a few showers in July which brought us great respite. On 2nd Sr. Isabel came back from Nainital after her retreat and a few days of rest. We are grateful to Sr. Annette for accompanying Sr. Georgina to Delhi for her routine checkup. We were happy to welcome Srs .Vincy, Sumita and Shweta from Allahabad province who paid us a short visit. Sr. Marcellina returned after her home leave along with her sister Sr. Priya and then Sr. Shalini accompanied Sr. Priya to Patna and it was a memorable

journey as the trains were diverted due to cyclone.

We spent three days in recollection, reflecting on the theme, "How have I lived, how am I living and how will I live my life?" After the recollection, some of us went for the blessing of a new mission station of Jhansi diocese at SAFA Village. On 26th the Primary teachers had a training programme under Xeed and on the same day Sr. Isabel conducted a seminar for the Friends of Mary Ward.

As an act of Charity, a house was built and given to Mrs. Sunita Paul and family, who were facing financial difficulty. The key was handed over to the family on 29th June. We wish them happy and peaceful stay in the new house.

We are grateful to Sr. Amita for all her loving service to the community. We wish her God's blessings and success in her new mission at Ramnee, Nainital. The community was happy to celebrate the feast days of Srs. Isabel and Regis. May God continue to bless them with good health to serve Him.

The School reopened on 1st July and Srs Reena and Vijaya left for home leave on 2nd July. The community extended a warm welcome to Srs. Seema and Deepti who joined them on 3rd July. We wish them all the best in their new mission at S.F.C.

On 5th July, 15 students along with Ms. Manju and Mr. Rafiq went for ASISC Karate competition and our school won the 1st prize. Later four students

participated in the ASISC District Inter School Quiz and two students in painting competition. All of them brought laurels to the school.

The Sacred Heart Feast, our parish feast, was celebrated on 7th July, Bishop being the main celebrant.

The new school cabinet took charge officially on 12th July during a solemn installation ceremony. PTM for all Classes UKG to XII was held on 13th July. On 19th July Sr. Jessy left for Delhi for Animators and Principals meeting and on her return she shared the main points of the meeting with the community.

On 22nd July we received the sad news of the sudden demise of Henry Dass, a Catholic boy from our Parish, studying in CI XII, who got drowned in the terrific water current of a dam where he had gone with his brother to celebrate the Birthday of his cousin. Sr. Isabel was teaching him English and helping him in his studies. May his soul rest in peace!

On 23rd and 24th July, ASISC District level Kho-Kho match for juniors and seniors were held on our grounds in which 10 schools participated. Our school won the 1st prize in both Junior and senior category. Inter house debate competitions for juniors and seniors were also held this month.

On 25th Sr. Roshni and Sr. Elsy paid us a visit when they came to meet the candidates in Krist Jyoti Niwas. On 27th

Srs. Reena and Vijaya returned after their home leave refreshed and relaxed.

30th was our recollection, with Sr. Isabel leading us in the Charism of Mother Mary Ward. 31st July the feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with a meaningful Mass.

SFC , Jhansi

Dear sisters, I thank all those who contributed news items for Delhi Disha. Kindly send the matter for next issue by 5th October.

