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## *From the Provincial's Desk...*

**Congratulations to Sr. Juliana** who completed her second year of nursing with good percentage.

Sr. Pratima is being selected as a GC 2020 planning Group member. Congratulations and we wish you all the best !!!

Sr. Pratima will be attending two meetings in Rome in January and in April 2020.

### **Those who have gone before us:**

Sr. Coletta's brother

Sr. Isabel's sister-in-law

Sr. Mary's father and sister

Sr. Damian's mother

### **Prayer request:**

- Sr. Doreen's brother-in-law who had a fall and is critically ill

## **News From Our Communities**



### **St. Francis Convent**

The month of August was marked by competitions and examinations. As a preparation for the Independence Day celebrations various competitions were held

and prize winning items were put up on 15<sup>th</sup> August. It was a glorious day. Fr. Freddy Mendonca, the chief guest of the day hoisted the National Flag and prayed for the country after which an inspiring assembly was conducted by the students.

We accorded a warm welcome to Sr. Celine who arrived here on 12<sup>th</sup>. By means of Johari Window – a human, psychological and spiritual technique – she taught us how transformation of self can be achieved. Through prayer, exercises and encounters she helped us to understand our relationship with ourselves and others better. We enjoyed her presence and the whole programme which was very enriching, enlightening and inspiring. She left for Kanpur on 16<sup>th</sup> and on the same day Sr. Isabel went home to see her sister-in-law, Gloriamma who is suffering from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade brain tumor.

Sr. Vijaya's feast on 22<sup>nd</sup> gave us an opportunity to have a small get-together with our sisters in Nirmala. On 30<sup>th</sup> Sr. Jessy left for Delhi for the Ignatian Family Meet in NRC organized by the Jesuits.

With great excitement and enthusiasm we celebrated the Teachers' day. The meticulously planned programme was beautiful as well as heartwarming.

Both senior and junior KHO – KHO teams took part in the ASISC state level KHO-KHO tournament in Agra. Though they did not perform well, they returned home enriched by their experiences.

90 students from class 6 to 10 appeared for the International G.K. Olympiad. Olympiadians always add new golden feathers to SFC's crown. Ms. Nigam's commitment to 'Olympiad is praiseworthy.

The 'Girl Child Day' was celebrated with unmatched vivacity and zeal. Class 6C conducted the assembly. Through music and dance drama they created awareness in the children to raise their voices against the atrocities committed against women and girls and the need to organize themselves to fight against those evils to protect themselves.

On 18<sup>th</sup> September, a rousing welcome was given to our new Provincial, Sr. Elsy and our new superior Sister Pratima. A spectacular programme was organized in their honour. The synchronized movements, the rhythmic beats and foot-tapping music etc. delighted them. Sr. Elsy assured the school of her support and cooperation whenever it is needed.

On the same day the school gave a fitting farewell to Sr. Reena who had endeared herself to one and all by the way she had been going about. Sr. Pratima was missioned in the morning during an inspiring prayer service. The teachers organized a tea party to express their love and loyalty to Sr. Elsy, Sr. Pratima and appreciation and gratitude to Sr. Reena.

The students of class 6, 7 and 8 had their Parents' day programme. The value based

items delighted the parents and they were all full of praises for their wards and the school. Indeed it was a huge success. After each day's programme Fr. Varghese Kunnath gave an orientation to the parents giving them guidelines on how to bring up the children so as to enable them to face life with courage and dignity. His talks were magnificent and inspiring and the parents appreciated it so much that they requested Sr. Jessy to organize more such programmes.

Sr. Vijaya CJ



## **St. Mary's, Nainital**

The month began with the feast of St. Teresa of child Jesus; on this day we prayed for Sr. Tessa who bears her name and for the students who belong to the house named after St. Teresa of Child Jesus.

The month also witnessed a lot of **competitions and programmes**. Many external and internal competitions were held. Many of our students took part in these, especially in Dance and Painting. It was a great joy for the school to see so many of our students receiving the Certificates and Trophies.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramnee students along with many dance groups from Nainital Town participated in the juniors well as the senior categories of Dance competitions organized by Acharya Narendra Dev Audyogik Sansthan. Ramnee bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in overall competitions.

On 13<sup>th</sup> many of our students took part in Sharda Sangh Painting Competition which was held at Nainital Flats. A number of

students from Junior and senior wing received first and second prizes. Thanks to our Art teacher Mrs. Sanwal for her hard work .

**Reaching out to the less privileged** – On 13<sup>th</sup> the LTS students of class 12 made a generous contribution to the society by showing kind gestures to the underprivileged students of Nirmala School, Ramnee. They contributed their mite and time by being with them. They also got an opportunity to visit an old age home in Haldwanicalled VridhashramParivar and distributed clothes, eatables and fruits as their token of love for the abandoned old people. It was a loving gesture which expressed that they truly believed in their Motto, ‘For God and Country.’

15<sup>th</sup> October was a great day for the students of class 12, as they were given a fitting Farewell. The day was coloured with various programmes organized by class XI, at the end of the programme they were given a token of love by Sr. Manjusha the Principal which they would cherish throughout their lives. The day ended with a sumptuous lunch together with sisters, teachers and supportive staff.

On 19<sup>th</sup> some of our students attended the two days workshop on Himalayan Echoes-Literary Fest in which various neighbouring schools also took part. It was being held in collaboration with the John O’ Connor, North Ireland. The students were very much inspired by the talks given by 22 authors and by interacting with learned personalities.

Again a few students from class 10 got a chance to attend two days of Kumaon Literature Festival and Arts organized by Abbotsford, Nainital. The event saw eminent personalities like Stephen Alter, Kate Newmann, Sachin Pilot, Deepa Aggarwal to

name a few. It was a wonderful experience. The students learned about the hypothesis related to Himalayan Geology, Chipko Movement and the important life skills to use it in times of difficulties.

On 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> specially selected 3 students participated in MUN (Model United Nations) NBULA Conference 2019, which was held at St. Joseph’s College, Nainital. It was a golden opportunity for debates and group discussions. They returned to school enriched with rich experiences and prizes. All the participants of all the competitions were very happy and thanked Sr. Manjusha the Principal for her timely notifications which helped the students to avail the opportunities.

Srs. Tarsicia and Digna went to Leper Colony in Haldwani to celebrate Diwali with them. They were given a sumptuous lunch, Diwali sweets and bananas.

On 25<sup>th</sup> a Cultural programme was organised for the parents of our boarders. The programme was appreciated by the parents and it was a great success. Thanks to the teachers of the Primary wing.

Another big event was the arrival of our dear Mother General as thresource person for the workshop on JUST SOUL VISION of Mother Mary Ward. 49 sisters from COIN and five IBVM sisters attended it. The three day workshop was highly appreciated by the participants. Sr. Jane left along with Sr. Elsy our Provincial Superior on 21<sup>st</sup> noon to Delhi and proceeded to Allahabad to conduct the same work shop there. Every member of the Ramnee community worked hard in order to provide a happy stay and draw 100% benefit from the work shop.

Srs. Digna and Shobha attended an Ignatian Discernment and Leadership seminar in NRC, Delhi.

Fr. Jeera, the Jesuit provincial of Delhi province and fathers from Almorah visited the community and shared their togetherness with us.

We received the sad news of the passing away of the beloved brother of Sr. Coletta. She left for home on the same day and Sr. Sheryl accompanied her to Delhi airport. She has requested for prayers for her family and brother.

Sr. Amita attended the Pastoral Council Meeting in Suchetna, Kathgodam. She gained a lot from the 3 days of meeting.

During Diwali holidays those of us who were here went visiting the families of teachers and students, co-workers and wishing them the spirit of the festival.

Classes VI -XI had gone for one day picnic to various places like BhujjiyaGhat, Ramnagar and Jungle Fest.

As usual at the end of every month ration was distributed to the rag pickers' families in our locality.

Nainital community



### **Maria Bhawan, Mauranipur**

“Always have a unique character like salt. Its presence is never felt, but its absence makes all things tasteless. “

After the Formators' meeting in Bangalore in spite of her ill health Sr. Shweta (Junior Mistress) came to meet Sr. Teresa to

strengthen her spiritually. We are grateful to her for her concern and care for Sr. Teresa. While she was returning she had a fall at the Mauranipur railway platform and her elbow and shoulder were injured as there was no time to take treatment she continued her journey; the railway people took good care of her till she reached Allahabad.

Sr. Julita went for the RUPCHA meeting and got some instructions about the INC Registration for all the Nurses which was arranged in different hospitals. Srs Shanti, Sushmita, Gladys and Teresa joined in Nazareth hospital. They were happy to meet our sisters in Allahabad and enjoyed their hospitality. We are grateful to 21 community for accommodating us and also grateful to Fr. Reginald who was willing to do it there and giving us preference. Srs. Julita, Suchita and Pushpita went to Kanpur Mariampur hospital. We are grateful to our sisters in Kanpur for their hospitality and Love.

Sr. Gladys is chosen for a new mission at Asansol with Patna Province. On 15<sup>th</sup> September Sr. Gladys left for her new mission. We miss you dear Sr. Gladys and wish you all the best! May God be with her and may she experience God's presence in her new mission. We happily welcomed Sr. Cheryl from Patna to our community; we thank Sr. Kiran for sending Sr. Cheryl. We wish Sr. Cheryl God's blessings.

We celebrated Sr. Julita's Golden Jubilee in a very simple way which was the desire of Sr. Julita. Some of her relatives came for a short visit and for Delhi Darshan. And we took that opportunity to celebrate her jubilee with them.

This month many new babies were born in our hospital - two mothers gave birth to abnormal babies. One was hydrocephalus; she died after few minutes and other one is still surviving with a tumor at the waist area. Kindly pray for these families.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October we had medical camp for the Neurosurgical cases in our hospital. A team of doctors came from Jhansi. There were 120 patients registered. The day was very successful.

‘Smile, God loves cheerful giver’

Sr. Pushpita



## **St. Anthony's, Jeolikote**

The month of October began with rosary in the parish church imploring our Blessed Mother Mary for her protection over us. Our Christian boarders and parishioners were present nearly throughout the month. On 2<sup>nd</sup>, a beautiful prayer meeting was conducted by our class 11 students on the occasion of the 150th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. A short play was enacted on the life of Mahatma which reminded us of the sacrifices made by this great man for the freedom of India. After that all the students spent their time in cleaning the school premises and making paper bags.

Srs. Lucy, Damian, Deepika and Sheeba went to Delhi for the Province Assembly on 3rd and the boarders went home for Dushehra holidays. Six catholic children from the boarding took part in the Bible Festival conducted by Bareilly diocese. They bagged 3rd prize both for group singing and Bible quiz. Half-yearly exams began on 9th. Both

students and teachers kept themselves busy in their study and correction of answer sheets. Sr. Rinalda returned from home after her visit to her ailing sister Sr. Josephine in Bangalore and her nephew Mr. Francis who underwent liver transplant in Kerala. Both are improving in their health. Sr. Celine from Kanpur paid us a visit on her way to Nainital and many sisters from Allahabad, Nepal and Patna visited us after the workshop on Just Soul in Nainital. It was a reunion of friends and batch-mates after many years. Sr. Lucy went to Kolkata to attend the programme on Small Christian Communities (SCC) National Hindi Region conducted by National team. After her return she shared with us her rich experiences of the meeting as to how we can strengthen SCC and how we can experience and proclaim Jesus like a prophet. Each baptized person is responsible to proclaim Jesus in his/her own way. Meanwhile Sr. Damian enjoyed a short picnic to Shimla with Lalpur community. Srs. Laura, Deepika and Lorna went to Sardhana on a pilgrimage to our Lady of Grace. They returned with the memories of the history of Sardhana church. Our boarders returned to the school after the Diwali holidays and we ended the month of October with the recitation of rosary in the little chapel of our parish house.

Jeolikote community



## **St. Xaviers, Shahbad**

In preparation for the Birthday of Mother Mary the parish had a retreat organized under the guidance of Fr. Yesudeep IMS. The parishioners attended in a large number and profited spiritually. CJ-SJ collaborators

monthly meeting was held in Jesuit residence on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Planning for the school events, vocational institute programme and the evaluation of evening school were the agenda of the meeting. On 18<sup>th</sup> Srs. Sheryl and Naveena paid a short visit to the community on their return from Ireland. 30<sup>th</sup> was a happy evening for us as we joined the JesuBhawan community for Feast day celebration of Sr. Renata. October month of festivals especially the extra-ordinary missionary month was opened with a solemn evening Mass and dinner in parish. Srs. Anita and Tomsy left for Provincial house for the PC on 5<sup>th</sup> while Sr. Rose kept company with Sr. Sanjana till their return. Sr. Sanjana's birthday was celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup>. The JesuBhawan community and the Jesuits were invited for the dinner. A short evening outing was enjoyed by Shahbad and JesuBhawan community to Metro Walk a close by Adventure Park. The community joined the provincial house community for the evening Eucharist and a common meal to welcome Sr. Jane from Rome. Sr. Sanjana attended the Just Soul workshop in Nainital from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and returned on 21<sup>st</sup> along with Sr. Teresa. We visited the family of Mr. Isaac Bodra on 23<sup>rd</sup> with Fr. Remy Shah to join the Mass organized by the prayer unit group. We had rosary and Mass for the unit and were partakers in the agape arranged by the family. Sr. Anita attended a three day programme-Discernment and Leadership for greater apostolic effectiveness guided by Fr. R.C. Chacko an Ignatian expert from Hazaribagh province. We concluded the extraordinary missionary month with a special Holy Mass; Fr. Scaria, the celebrant encouraged everyone to be missionaries in our daily life.



## **St. Mary's, Jhajjar**

The month of October 2019 brought a flood of festivities and celebrations. The words of Pope Francis: "I ask the whole church to live an extraordinary time of missionary activity" echoed in our ears as we got busy with various activities. Every day during the Rosary we asked St. Joseph and Mary to give us the grace to meet the expectations of being a "Baptized and Sent" Christian.

On Gandhi Jayanti, the students conducted a meaningful assembly based on the incidents that transformed the life of Mahatma. Addressing the students, Sr. Mariella highlighted the importance of non-violence and truthfulness in the life of every student. This was followed by an hour, dedicated for community service during which students, teachers and sisters enthusiastically contributed their mite in cleaning the compound. Srs. Mariella and Remya participated in the Provincial Congregation and we are grateful to Sr. Amita who came to keep company with Sr. Kanula.

We were glad to welcome Sr. Jane our Superior General on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Sr. Jane was happy to see the changes that have taken place at St. Mary's—from a farm to a temple of knowledge for so many young hearts. She reminded the students that they are fortunate to receive good education and exhorted them to remain grateful and become loving and loveable persons.

'Clean and Green Diwali' was the popular motto of our students as Diwali dawned. The students of Classes three and four prepared the Assembly highlighting the damage we do

to mother earth through thoughtless celebration of festivals. They thus took a pledge to celebrate Diwali without noisy and air-polluting fireworks.

SrRemya attended a three day seminar on Discernment in NRC Delhi from October 26 to 28. On October 28, SrMariella and SrKanula joined the Holy Family Sisters at Gurgaon for the Holy Eucharist and fellowship meal organized to celebrate the canonization of their foundress, St. Mariam Theresa.

Under the guidance of Sr.Mariella our campus continues to be imbibing shades of green. Indeed, each new shoot sprouting on every plant feels loved and cared for.

Sr. Remya



## **JesuBhawan, Rohini**

The beginning of October, month of Rosary began with the feast day celebration of Sr. Renata. The house was full; busy days but prayerful and spiritual days with PC going on in the basement. This extraordinary missionary month announced by our dear Pope Francis was celebrated in a special way in the parish. Every Sunday's theme was well prepared by the parishioners. On two Sundays soon after the Holy Mass there were fund raising activities conducted by the parishioners and it was a time to enjoy and the people generously contributed for the missionary activities of the Church.

On 16<sup>th</sup> Sr. Jane was welcomed by Srs. Elsy and Deepa at the airport. The very next morning Sr. Jane was accompanied to Jhajjar and after having spent some time there with

the sisters we returned in the evening. We had the Holy Eucharist in the evening for which the cluster communities were present. It was a time of togetherness experienced, fellowship meal enjoyed and smiles and laughter exchanged. On 18<sup>th</sup> Sr. Elsy accompanied Sr. Jane to Nainital where the Just Soul Workshop to be held. JesuBhawan happily welcomed her back on her way to Allahabad for the second workshop. Some of our sisters from COIN too paid us a visit as they travelled to and fro to Nainital.

In the last days of October saw Sr. Elsy and Sr. Deepa travelling to Rudrapur, Puranpur and Bareilly; the former on her visitation and the latter accompanying her to Bareilly Bishop's house on business.

Just before the festival of lights – Diwali, our neighbours inaugurated the new building as the BJP office for the MLA of this area. Once in a while we see so many vehicles parked outside as the owners are inside the building having their meeting. So some movements, coming and going is around giving us hope that some growth will take place.



Kindly send in the news items for the next issue of Delhi Disha in January 2020.