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From Provincial's Desk...



Hearty congratulations to all our schools for the good Board Results.



Remembering those gone before us...

- Sr. Patricia's sister Mrs. Mariam (95)
- Sr. Vinita's mother Mrs. Philomina (103)
- Sr. Julita's sister Mrs. Mary (80)
- Sr. Anita's mother Mrs. Aleyamma (89)
- Sr. Judith CJ (90)



Sr. Maria Rose has obtained her Registration Certificate from Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi Systems of Medicine, U.P. Well done, Dr. Sr. Maria Rose!!!



A note of Gratitude to all for accompanying us and the GC proceedings with your prayers.

Hearty Congratulations and prayerful wishes to the new General Leadership Team.

Warmest Congratulations, to you dear Sr. Pratima!!! Best wishes and prayers.



Puranpur

Once again, the school campus was filled with noise, happiness and joy as the students returned after the summer vacations on first July. Sr. Doreen attended the Wisdom group gathering at Prerana, Bangalore and returned on 6th July with enriching experiences. On 8th July Sr. Amita left for Delhi to attend the Superiors' and Principals' meeting and returned on 11th July.

Our School was selected by the District Education Administration for the **Swatch Bharat Award** and on 7th July we received the award from the DM of Pilibhit. On 13th afternoon we were happy to welcome Srs. Elsy, Deepa and Camilla. The same evening Sr. Elsy installed Sr. Deepa as the new Animator of the community and returned to Rudrapur. We wish Sr. Deepa all the best and God's blessings as she takes up the new mission.



On 14th morning the Primary wing left no stone unturned in putting up a short programme to bid farewell to Sr. Doreen and welcome Sr. Deepa as the new Headmistress. The next day Sr. Doreen left for Jhansi. We wish her all the best and God's blessings for her new mission.

Students of class IXA conducted a meaningful prayer assembly on Environment. Sr. Deepa the Headmistress appreciated the students and gave a meaningful message on the occasion. Our JPIC coordinators and students remain active in conducting meetings, activities, assemblies, competitions etc., giving awareness on caring for the environment. On 24th July Fr. Rajesh and Sr. Amita attended the Managers' and Principals' meeting at Bareilly. The Community had recollection on 30th July, guided by Sr. Deepa.



District Toppers of classes X and XII were awarded by DM of Pilibhit on 1st August. Three of our toppers from classes 10 and 12 too received the award. Investiture ceremony for the senior and junior wing were held in the first week of August. A seminar on leadership was conducted for them which was well appreciated.

Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner. On 15th August Sr. Amita hoisted the flag and addressed the teachers and the students. After this a meaningful Prayer assembly was conducted by the students under the able guidance of Mrs. Sangeeta. On 17th August Sr. Deepa left for Rome to attend the General Congregation. Sr. Amita and 3 teachers attended a seminar on **Life Skills** in Pilibhit organized by CBSE Board. Senior Students had the Basketball and Football Match on 23rd August.



Our parish celebrated the Feast of St. Monica on 28th August.

Jhajjar

Life is a mixture of welcomes and goodbyes. We read in Ecclesiastes – “For everything there is a season ... a time to plant, a time to uproot, a time to build up, a time to break down”. Many of us were uprooted and transplanted into various communities.



Srs. Damian and Jyothika joined the community on 29th June and 3rd July respectively. Sr. Mariella left for Jeolikote on 1st after briefing Sr. Damian of the important matters of the house, garden etc. Sr. Damian was installed as the animator of the community on 4th July by Sr. Elsy. We missed Sr. Vinita as she was at home with her dying mother. As all the family members gathered around her, she breathed her last on 12th July. Indeed, a happy

death.

Our Jesuit fathers became quite generous in organizing welcome and farewell dinners; we too did not lag behind. We had our monthly recollection on 24th; Sr. Joseline took charge of the day. We were lucky to get Fr. Mathew SDB for confession.

Sr. Joseline’s birthday was celebrated in a fitting manner by the community and school. The students with the help of Sr. Jyothika and teachers did a good job. It was indeed their first entry on the stage after 2-year lock down. On 21st we got the good news that the ‘Occupation Certificate’ we had been waiting for is dispatched by the Haryana Town planning authorities from Panchkula. By then we had submitted the file for School Managing Committee (SMC) approval. Sr. Grace’s birthday was celebrated on 25th. A special dinner was hosted to honour Srs. Joseline and Grace. The Jesuit community was invited and we had some relaxed moments. School office bearers for the current academic year were installed during the school assembly on 29th. Simple yet a meaningful service.



August month arrived with a few showers.... but that was all. We longed for more showers when all reported the news of rain from across the country. Sr. Anima is with us for her B.Ed. exam and viva. Her presence is a joy to all of us. We got busy celebrating the 76th year of independence...the nursery had it on 9th and the others on 15th. Fancy dress, speeches of leaders, patriotic dance and singing were the activities organized for students. In all these they proved a point that in the coming days they too can be an inspiration to the society with their active and fearless involvement. Planting trees and watering them was another moving activity which the Eco-club –JPIC members enjoyed.

These students are very conscious of the harm that is being done to nature due to the greed and

selfishness of human beings. They too are caught in the web of this evil and contribute much by throwing waste materials anywhere, wasting water and energy etc. So, they have taken a small concrete step to correct the mistake by making paper and jute bags and planning to distribute them in the market.

We made our 3-day recollection from 11th-14th. Srs. Vinita, Grace and Jyothika helped us to delve deep into ourselves by reflecting on topics such as My inner journey, transforming our wounds into wisdom, Finding God's will etc. During these days of prayer, we got another good news that the SMC has been approved and we can go ahead with the procedure for NOC prior to affiliation to CBSE. For this we fear we may need to grease their palm....!

Sr. Savita from Chirag was gracious to reach a lady to work in the school since one of the ladies left the work on a fine morning. Yes, the mission here is quite challenging - the parents need much training to be gentle and respectful, the teachers and our helpers may move out at any time when they get a better offer etc. Uncertainty is the order of the day...yes, one day at a time...! Jhajjar has a village set up and Aurangpur is still an interior area, the people are used to farming and rearing buffaloes and cows. Therefore, the people here remain quite rough and tough; even the children help their parents. Education is the need of the place and it will take a few generations to make a difference in the society.

On 29th our sisters from '29' - the Provincial House - made a visit and we really enjoyed each other's company. The month ended on a happy note ...we are blessed with a new General and a new general team, Sr. Pratima being one of them... a proud moment for Delhi Province. May God guide them in all their discernment processes in the coming 9 years.

Mauranipur - Health Centre

“Leaders aren't born, they are made. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal which is worthwhile.” - Vince Lombardi

1st July was a day of rejoicing as Sr. Pushpita took charge of 'St. Mary's Health Centre' as the Administrator. We congratulate you dear sister, as you shoulder this new responsibility. We wish you God's abundant blessings.

Dear Sr. Julita, we the hospital community along with all our staff, doctors and nurses, take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the daring step you took to build this hospital years back. Every stone of this building makes us aware of your hard work that you have put in to build it up, as the only Christian Hospital in Mauranipur city. Your courage, dedication, compassion, skill and professionalism have helped us to get through many crises that came on our way. We appreciate your sacrifices, being on your feet day and night without looking for any

comfort. We pray that the Almighty keep you in good health and may you continue to serve His people for many more years in Mauranipur.

On 8th July Srs. Lucy and Pushpita left for Delhi to attend the Animators' and Principals' meeting. Srs. Julita, Renata, Maria Rose and Kiran along with our parish priest Fr. David had the opportunity to attend the inauguration of a new mission station at Ate, in Jalaun district.

On 20th July Sr. Sujata went to Jharkhand to fetch five candidates who had expressed their desire to join us. We had special visitors, Mr. Jose and Miss Josena, the brother and niece of Sr. Maria Rose, who came to Jhansi for an interview for BSc Nursing. Mr. Jose returned to Kerala and Miss Josena remained with us in Mauranipur. She has passed her written test and is waiting for the counselling and admission. On 9th August, 'Little Missionaries of Sacred Heart'- sisters from our neighbouring mission station, Madha, celebrated the centenary of their Congregation. Their Mother General who had come from Rome for the celebration paid us a short visit.

Fr. Britto from Asansol, West Bengal, came to meet Sr. Gladys who had worked there for a year.

Following the words of our Prime Minister "Ghar Ghar me Jhanda", we too had the Flag hoisted on our terrace as we completed 75 years of independence of our country.



This year we celebrated our mission feast "The Queenship of Mother Mary" after a gap of two years. We had it in a grand way with our bishop Rt. Rev. Peter Parappullil along with 24 priests of Jhansi diocese and also sisters and parishioners

from close by mission stations. Though it was raining heavily the celebration went well. On 22nd Sr. Sushmita left for Delhi, provincial house to keep company with our sisters in the absence of Sr. Elsy.

Jesu Bhawan

Month of June was indeed a busy one. Delhi saw a few rains too. Srs. Isabel and Vijaya were discharged from the hospital and were here at Jesu Bhawan as they convalesced from the attack of Corona. Our sisters from Jhajjar and Sr. Vijaya's cousin Fr. Tomy visited them. They returned to Jhansi on 4th.

In the first week of June, Srs. Elsy and Digna visited the diocese of Aizwal, looking for the possibility of vocation promotion and returned on 13th. We bade farewell to Sr. Anne on 14th.

Thank you so much Sr. Anne for your generous services here at Jesu Bhawan and may God continue to accompany you on your mission in Nainital. Sr. Josephine along with Smita our candidate returned after home leave, rejuvenated. Sr. Josephine then proceeded to Rudrapur in order give company to Sr. Camilla. Mr. Kashyap was here for the audit from 15th and then proceeded to Allahabad after completing his work.

Sr. Divya along with Monica our would-be postulant, arrived on 20th June from Jhansi. Sr. Elsy travelled to Jeolikote on business and returned with Sr. Josephine. The next day Sr. Elsy was off to Jhansi on business again. Sr. Deepa spent a week with her ailing sister Mrs. Shaji and returned on the 1st of July. We were happy to welcome Sr. Reena back from Buxar.

Undeniably, July was the busiest month. Sr. Reena was installed as superior of Jesu Bhawan on 6th. May you experience God's constant guidance dear Sr. Reena, as you assume your new responsibility. In the evening our sisters and the Jesuit community from Shahbad joined us for dinner on the occasion of the installation of Sr. Reena and farewell to Sr. Deepa. Thank you, Sr. Deepa, for your tireless hard work as Secretary and as superior of Jesu Bhawan. May God continue to guide you as you take up your new mission.

After two years of long gap, 25 sisters from different communities gathered here for the Principals' and Superiors' meeting on 9th and 10th. Soon after their return, the GC Delegates from Allahabad and Nepal were here for their Visa interviews. On 13th, Sr. Deepa left for her new community accompanied by Srs. Elsy and Pratima. Sr. Elsy went ahead to Jhansi after having completed her mission in Nainital region and from there to Allahabad and returned on the 20th. Sr. Anju MSI, a missionary to Papua New Guinea, a friend of Sr. Divya visited us. It was a blessing to listen to her rich experiences. Srs. Elsy and Reena attended the CRI Major Superiors' meeting in NRC, Delhi. Since Sr. Elsy fell ill, for the second day of the meeting Sr. Divya represented. Soon Srs. Josephine and Reena also fell ill with viral fever. They really took time to recover.

31st was a day of joy as six candidates from COIN entered Postulancy, Monica our candidate being one of them. Let us keep them in our prayers. On the same day Sr. Divya joined Mayur Vihar community for a day's vocation camp for the parish youth.



The month of August came with the most tensed days as Sr. Elsy who had gone to Jeolikote for a meeting of Asha Kiran Society, fell sick with high blood pressure levels and low pulse rate. Sister was under observation in ICU. We thank God that sister is back to normal health. Mr. Wilson, Sr. Elsy's brother brought her back home, accompanied by Sr. Sheeba. Sr. Seema also came for a day to reach a candidate from Bilaspur, U.P. After a few days of rest, Sr. Elsy, together with Sr. Sheeba went to Falna for the sale of our land. They returned after completing the long-awaited sale successfully.

On Raksha Bandhan day, we had a cluster community recollection. Sr. Marisha led us through the day. As per the instruction of our Prime Minister, on the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' we

hoisted the National Flag on our terrace. It was truly a proud moment witnessing the tricolor gloriously flying on our terrace for the first time. GC delegates of Allahabad and Delhi arrived on 18th on their way to Nemi. 19th early morning was their flight from Delhi. Sr. Sushmita from Mauranipur is here for a few days to keep us company. We had a short outing to Jhajjar and Mayur Vihar community. It was indeed a time well spent in the company of our sisters.

As we thank God for the gift of a new General Leadership Team, Sr. Pratima being one of them, we pray that God may guide the team in these challenging times.

Nainital

The month of July was eventful with new arrivals and departures; farewells, welcome and meetings!

Srs. Digna, Manjusha and Anima attended the Animators' and Principals' meeting held in the Provincial House on 9,10 July.

We expressed deep gratitude to our two of co-workers, Mr. Mohan Ram and Mrs. Uma Devi who had served the Ramnee family for many years. The school appreciated their dedicated and committed work during a meaningful prayer assembly followed by a short entertainment. The programme came to an end with a sumptuous lunch. We wish them God's blessings in abundance.



On 14th July, the community and the school bid a tearful farewell to Sr. Digna who animated the community and our mission in Ramnee, with a beautiful prayer assembly and a short entertainment. The same platform was used to extend a warm welcome to Sr. Pratima who took up the baton from Sr. Digna. This event came to a close with lunch hosted by the Management. The next day the staff arranged for another party to express their gratitude to Sr. Digna and to welcome Sr. Pratima.



The same day Sr. Elsy arrived after missioning Srs. Deepa and Seema as animators of our communities in Puranpur and Lalpur respectively. In the evening Sr. Elsy missioned Sr. Pratima as animator of Ramnee Community during an inspiring prayer service. The day came to a close with an organized recreation. The next day Srs. Elsy and Digna left for Jhansi. We wish God's blessings on Sr. Digna as she assumes her new responsibility in SFC, Jhansi.

On 18th our Nirmala Junior High School welcomed Sr. Pratima with a prayer service and a short programme followed by a high tea. The same day we were happy to welcome Sr. Kanula who joined our community. We wish her a happy and joyful stay with us. We are sure that our chapel will re-echo with her musical melody once again!

Annually the Kumaon Region of Uttarakhand celebrates the festival of 'Harela' - a festival of peace, prosperity, greenery and environmental protection on 16th July. So, on Harela, people are encouraged to plant saplings to maintain vegetation on the earth. We joined this movement by planting saplings in our campus. On the same day, our students took part in skit and dance competition organized by the Nainital Zoo authorities on the theme, 'The environment protection'. They came back victorious with two shields winning the 1st and 2nd position in dance and skit respectively. Well done dear students! Some of our students also took part in the rally organized by the Nainital Boat Club to bring awareness to the people of the town the importance of protecting and saving the environment.

The results of Classes 10 and 12 were declared on 16th and 24th respectively. Our students performed well and brought 100% results. Avni Joshi of Class 12 made the school proud by securing 99.25%. She is one of the third position holders at the national level. Gunjan Bisht and Vaishnavi Sah of class 10 secured 98.2%. Congratulations dear Ramneeites for bringing laurels to the School!



Most of us are familiar with the majestic and beautiful tree that stood erect in front of our Novitiate building in Nainital. This tree underwent a slow death after the heavy snow fall of 2020. Finally, we had to apply to the forest department to cut it down as it would endanger Novitiate building as well as the children who go there to play. We say a BIG Thank You to this tree which had brought much comfort, solace and peace to all who spent quiet time around it and have taken many pictures in memory of the time spent in the Novitiate building.

The month of August brought in many activities and competitions which kept us all very busy. On 2nd Sr Elsy came for Asha Kiran Society meeting and returned soon after the meeting. On the 3rd Sr. Nirmala and Sr. Pratima left, the former to be with her brother who was seriously ill and Sr. Pratima to meet the tertian in Bangalore. Sr. Nirmala spent some days with her brother and returned on 21st. He is suffering much. We continue to pray for him. On the 4th Sr. Anima left for Jhajjar to appear for her first year B.Ed. Examination.

After the half yearly examination, the boarders went home for few days and returned on 8th after celebrating Raksha Bandhan. On 9th August, ration was distributed to the coolies, rickshaw pullers and rag pickers.

Sr. Maria represented the community for the CRI meeting held at the Bishop's house in Bareilly. The community had the monthly recollection guided by Sr. Pratima on the 11th. She helped us to reflect on the life of our Heavenly Mother and prepared us to celebrate the feast of the Assumption.

The school organized various competitions on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day of our country. The students worked very hard and performed well in all the items. August 15th was celebrated very solemnly. The whole campus was decorated with tricolor flags. The chief guest for this special celebration was Lt. Col. Harish Chandra Sah, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter Hemangi an ex-Ramneeite. Mr. Sah hoisted the flag and thereafter we had the cultural

programme in the school auditorium. Ladoos were distributed to all after the programme. Sr. Manjusha's nephew, his wife and son also were the guests for the occasion. Srs. Pratima and Manjusha went to the prison to get 4 prisoners released, making this feast of our freedom more meaningful.

On 17th Sr. Pratima left for Rome to participate in the GC. On 25th Sr. Daisy's relatives along with 2 sisters from Jabalpur came for a short visit. They were wonder struck with the natural beauty of Nainital enjoyed much and returned the next morning. August 23rd was a very special day in the history of the Institute. On that day we witnessed online, the IBVM petition for merger to our General Congregation. The whole ceremony was not only beautiful but also very touching.

Our children were very excited to participate in various competitions. They joined Competitions organised by Balika V. Mandir. They also joined in the Marathon race. On 29th we received the good news that Sr. Veronica Fuhrmann is elected as our new General Superior. The news was received with great joy. On 31st the election of General Assistants took place, Sr. Pratima being one of them. Congratulations and God's blessings to the new Team.

Nirmala convent

On 2nd July we welcomed Sr. Poonam to our community and prayed for her during the Holy Mass, while Sr. Jyotika was given a fitting farewell by the staff. Sr. Jyotika left for Jhajjar, her new community after completing three years in Nirmala Convent as the Principal. The school re-opened on 4th July and Sr. Alice the Manager, introduced Sr. Poonam to the school. She took a staff meeting and urged them to work hard with dedication for the growth of the institution. In the evening we went to St. Francis Convent to wish Sr. Isabel on her feast and to bid farewell to Sr. Pratima. On 8th Srs. Alice and Poonam left for Delhi to attend the Animators' and Principals' meeting. Sr. Mary too travelled with them up to Delhi and she proceeded to Kerala for her home leave.



Sr. Patricia joined our community on 13th July. She was accompanied by Sr. Kanula. Srs. Remya and Poonam took teachers' orientation on 23rd. It was well appreciated by them. On 24th we had the community recollection, the theme being "How to be a prophetic religious". On 30th we had an hour of prayer in preparation of St. Ignatius' feast.

On 6th August we celebrated the birthday of Sr. Annette with a meaningful Mass. In the evening our sisters from SFC joined the celebration. On the same day we had students' orientation for classes 11 & 12 conducted by Srs. Remya and Poonam which was well received by the students. The

English medium students had their PTM. Our teachers were praised for giving individual attention to each child.

The feast day of Sr. Lorna began with a Holy Mass in a well decorated chapel. SDB fathers joined us for lunch. We ended the day with an hour of prayer and a recreation. Sr. Mary returned after her home leave on 11th August, fully energised and strengthened.



On 13th August the little ones of English medium put up a short programme as part of Independence Day celebrations. 15th August began with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration honouring our Blessed Mother and praying for our country on the occasion of its 76th Independence Day. The school had a well organised programme. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Shri. Sanjay Kumar Shukla, SHO Premnagar and he hoisted



the national flag. It was followed by the oath ceremony of the school cabinet. The March Past was precise and super and it was followed by various patriotic songs and dances. The Chief Guest gave a speech praising the school's discipline and the education. In the afternoon 200 girls took part in the rally organised by Dainik Jagaran. Srs. Poonam, Josephine and a few teachers accompanied them. The students were filled with patriotic spirit as they raised patriotic slogans and sang songs with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Sr. Remya conducted the recollection on 19th August and made us watch a movie, "The Interrupted Life" based on the persecution of Priests and Sisters during the communist government in Rumania and Eastern European countries. The movie was heart renting and we were moved to live our religious life fully. We concluded the day with an hour of prayer and faith sharing.

On 21st August some of us joined the parish feast celebration at Mauranipur. Sr. Poonam also took parents' orientation for the parents of classes 9-12. Many parents attended it and appreciated the efforts taken by the school management.

We had the privilege of having a community outing to Sagar, M.P. It was a joy to meet our sisters of Allahabad Province. They welcomed us warmly. We had a refreshing day and in the evening we returned home.

May the tricolor fill your life with peace and prosperity.

Happy Independence Day...



Lalpur

We reopened the school on 1st July and once again our campus became lively and reverberated with the laughter of children. We got a few more admissions for various classes in the month of July which gives us hope and we believe that God will continue to bless our classrooms with more and more children in days to come.

The community extended a hearty welcome to Srs. Camilla and Rose. We wish both of them fruitful days in Mount St. Mary's. They were also welcomed with a sapling each in our Parish Church.

Srs. Seema and Rayna returned with Sr. Assunta after the Superiors' and Principals' meeting. On 13th Srs. Elsy and Deepa reached here on their way to Puranpur. After lunch they proceeded to Puranpur Sr. Camilla joined them. The same evening Srs. Elsy and Camilla returned and during a short prayer service Sr. Elsy installed Sr. Seema as the animator of the community. On this occasion Sr. Elsy thanked Sr. Assunta for her dedicated and tireless effort to bring up our Lalpur mission. Thereafter all enjoyed a specially prepared dinner.



On 15th the staff and students bade farewell to Sr. Assunta. During a well-prepared thanksgiving prayer service, the students appreciated her hard work and commitment in bringing up the school and the beautiful greenery surrounding the school building.

A few occasional showers in July gave us some respite from the heat but as the days went by the humidity became unbearable. 23rd July was a red-letter day as the captains were formally installed during a meaningful prayer assembly. It was witnessed by the staff and students.

At the request of our Parish Priest Fr. Arun, Srs. Rayna and Rose joined the choir for the parish feast of St. Anne. There was a three-day sadhana in the evening prior to the parish feast which was led by Fr. Rudolph and the community was happy to attend it. We participated in the solemn Eucharistic celebration offered by Fr. Rudolph on the feast day. After the Eucharistic celebration the senior citizens of the parish were honoured and our Sr. Camilla too was honoured with a shawl. It was followed by a beautiful cultural programme put up by the parishioners. Thereafter all enjoyed a sumptuous fellowship meal.

Prior to the feast of St. Ignatius, the community spent an hour in prayer reflecting on the life of St. Ignatius and his way of making discernment.

On 3rd August Sr. Elsy was supposed to spend a day with us and then proceed to Delhi along with a candidate Salomi from Bilaspur. Since Sr. Elsy fell sick suddenly, we fetched the candidate to our community and on the next day Sr. Seema reached her to the Provincial House. On 9th Srs. Seema, Camilla and Rose attended the Annual General Body Meeting of CRI held at Bareilly. Mr. Rajan, the resource person emphasized on the significance of family visits which would even enable the congregations to get more vocations. Thereafter Fr. Rudolph took over the session in which he reminded the participants about the synodal way of living in our parish and communities.

We were happy to welcome Sr. Alodina MC, Sr. Rose's sister. Sister is working in Croatia and was on home leave in Kerala. We were inspired by her simple life style and sharing of their way of living. She thoroughly enjoyed the mangoes which is not available in her place.

The JPIC club conducted an awareness drive by taking out a rally to the colony, calling out slogans like 'Save the Earth', 'Save the Environment' etc. Later they planted fruit trees and flowering plants in the plot allotted to them in the campus.



On 13th we had the Science and Art exhibition. The students had prepared projects and models on science, Social Studies and computer. Different art and craft items were also put up. The parents appreciated the hard work and creativity of the students and teachers.

As the proverb says 'All work and no play make Jack a dull boy' so we organized some house wise competitions for our students. They put in a lot of effort to exhibit their talents in Group dance and singing competitions encouraged and helped by their house moderators. Well done, Students! On the same day the Reliance Company sponsored national flags and snacks to our students to mark the 75th anniversary of our Independence. The Independence Day was celebrated with great mirth and joy. The students entered the gate dressed up well for their performance with a tricolor flag in their hands. Sr. Seema hoisted the flag which was followed by few slogans and a speech in Hindi. After this the students conducted a prayer assembly invoking God's blessings on our country. A short cultural programme was put up by the little ones. The programme ended with the distribution of chocolates.



On 18th the community spent a day in recollecting on 'Mary- icon of freedom and responsibility'.

On 27th the Drama club students put up a short play depicting the need to save trees from being cut down and exhorting the audience to plant more trees. It is a joy to see some of our students on their birthdays gift the school with a sapling. On 29th August (National Sports Day) a friendly Kho-Kho match was played between Classes 6 & 7. It was their first attempt and they did well.

These days both the school and the parents are concerned about the safety of the children as there are cases of children being kidnapped either from their locality or after the school hours while returning to their homes. One of our students of class VI was offered a chocolate by two bikers; since we had instructed them well in the class he refused and rushed to his house trembling in his boots. Thank God he and all the other children are safe.

We were very happy to receive the good news of the newly elected Mother General and her assistants and very specially for Sr. Pratima. Congratulations Sisters! We assure you of our prayerful support.

Mayur Vihar

“Every time I count my blessings, my love for God grows bigger. And every time I count my struggles, my faith in God grows stronger.” Anonymous



On 1st July Sr. Tomsy was installed as the new animator of our community by Sr. Elsy. We started the new chapter of our life with lot of hope and enthusiasm.

On the 4th July, the school reopened. Srs. Deepti the newly appointed principal, Sr. Tomsy the new Headmistress and Sr. Alka, the new member were warmly welcomed to the school family by the School Management and the Staff.

On the 9th morning Srs. Deepti and Tomsy left for Provincial house for the Superiors' and Principals' meeting and were back on 10th evening. On 17th July His Excellency, Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli, the Apostolic Nuncio to India was on a friendly visit to our parish. We were happy and privileged to attend the Holy Mass celebrated by him.



Sr. Tomsy is appointed as the new Youth Animator of our parish. She was warmly welcomed by the youth. We wish her all the best for her new ministry.

On 31st July we celebrated the Vocation Sunday in our parish. A special session was organized for the students of classes 6 to 10. Sr. Tomsy spoke about various types of 'vocations' in the Catholic Church. Sr. Divya, the Vocation promotor of our province was present to share the charism of our Foundress Mary Ward with them. Sr. Alka shared her vocation story which children listened with much interest. Sisters from two other congregations were also invited by our parish priest to interact with our children. The programme concluded with lunch.

On 4th August. Srs. Pratima and Nirmala from Nainital community paid us a short visit. On 11th August we were very happy to come together at Jesu Bhawan along with Shahabad community for our monthly recollection. It was indeed an enriching day for all of us.

This year being the 75th anniversary of our Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was celebrated with various competitions. It was overwhelming to see National Flag fluttering all over the city.

Sr. Deepti attended the AINACS meeting at St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas from 18th to 20th August. On 27th she rushed home since her father was seriously ill. We pray for his speedy recovery.

28th August was celebrated as Youth Sunday in our parish. After the Mass, there was a surprise dance performance by the youth which was very much appreciated by all. Same day we were happy to join them for a day of outing to the Adventure Park. It was exciting to see them trying out every adventurous stunt. It was altogether a fun day for all.

St. Francis, Jhansi

July was a month of good byes and welcomes. On 2nd July Fr. Sahayanathan took charge as our chaplain and was given a warm welcome. He began his mission with the celebration of the Eucharist during which he gave us an inspiring as well as challenging homily. He also gave us the assurance of his availability whenever we need him.

4th was a special day –farewell to Sr. Pratima and feast day of Sr. Isabel. As usual the Eucharistic celebration took the central place. Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Parapullil was the main celebrant. The beautiful decoration, the inspiring reflection on the word of God, the melodious singing etc., made it extra solemn and awesome.

7th was yet another special day. We along with our staff and students joyfully welcomed Srs. Digna and Assunta to SFC. A beautiful prayer service was organized in their honour followed by a short entertainment programme and a get-together of the teachers. The teachers expressed their warm feeling for them and promised their support and cooperation.

There was great rejoicing on 10th as we celebrated our parish feast after a gap of two long years. The happiness and enthusiasm of the people were palpable. The celebration commenced with the praying of the rosary followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Ronald Tellis, the chancellor of the diocese was the main celebrant. Everybody enjoyed a fellowship meal after the Mass.

Seven years of joy and friendship, of fun and laughter, of endless memories came to an end on 13th as we bade farewell to our dear Sr. Marcellina. As a mark of our love and gratitude a solemn high

Mass was offered for her. We also had a special hour of prayer for her in the evening. 13th was special for another reason too – Sr. Rekha joined our community. She was accorded a warm welcome when she arrived here along with Sr. Kanula.

A joyful welcome awaited Sr. Doreen as she reached here on 16th. May her stay here bring God's blessings on her and the mission she is going to undertake.

17th was a memorable day as Sr. Elsy missioned Sr. Digna as the superior of SFC. The installation service was very inspiring. A solemn High Mass was offered by the V.G of the diocese for her intentions which was followed by a grand breakfast.

Our students did very well both in the ISC and ICSE examinations and made us proud. Congratulations dear students and teachers!

24th being the day dedicated to the grandparents and the elderly, the senior citizens of our parish were honoured. A special Holy Mass was offered for them followed by cutting of cake and serving of refreshments which delighted them.

Under the banner of ASISC various interschool competitions were held and our students bagged many a prize and some were selected for national level competitions.



Investiture ceremony was held on 28th July wherein the young leaders of SFC were bestowed with the responsibility of leading our school from the front with commitment, courage and perseverance.

30th was a day of recollection as a preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. The online talk given by Fr. Rudy SJ on 'Ignatius- the soldier, pilgrim and mystic' gave us enough material for reflection and prayer.

In the month of August, the feast of Srs. Digna, Rekha, Assunta and Vijaya were celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm. In our unique way we made it a memorable day for each of them.

1st August was observed as the 'World Day against trafficking in persons'. An inspiring and informative assembly was conducted by the students of class 8D. The speakers explained the meaning, significance and objective of observing such a day. Through a dance drama the students depicted the many ways people get trafficked, the struggles they go through, how the people's outlook towards them change which in turn increase their pain and feeling of rejection etc. A motivational dance that followed, showed how those people can be helped and brought back to 'life'.



Various competitions such as patriotic songs, folk dances, choral recitation, fancy dress, kite making, rangoli making etc. were held as a part of the Independence Day celebration and the prize-winning items were put up on the real day. On 15th, the spirit of freedom - a valuable legacy of our forefathers - was celebrated with zeal and national pride. The tricolor was an integral part of the celebration. In keeping with the spirit of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', every student held the national flag in her hand waving it with pride and patriotism. The school campus had patriotic ambience as we welcomed the chief guest Lt. Col. Akhil Shukla who hoisted the national flag and we expressed our love and respect for our motherland by singing the national anthem. The programme commenced with a beautiful prayer assembly which was followed by a host of cultural activities. The students paid tribute to the nation with patriotic song, dance drama and folk dances. The chief guest was impressed by the enthralling performances of the students and enlightened them with his encouraging words.



After listening to the talk, "Mary Icon of Freedom and Responsibility", we spent the day with Mother Mary, talking to her, listening to her, asking a question every now and then and finally invoking her assistance to become a true disciple of Jesus like her.

Glory...Alleluia... is the song our hearts sang when we received the news that Sr. Veronica Fuhrmann was elected as our General Superior. May her dreams for the Congregation become a reality!!

As a prelude to the celebration of the "Season of Creation" (1st Sept. to 4th Oct.) the students of X B conducted a very impressive, inspiring and informative assembly.

The night of 31st brought in the names of the General Assistants. We were happy to see Sr. Pratima's name in the list. Hearty congratulations and God's blessings in abundance!

Jeolikote

The month of July began with great excitement of warmly welcoming Srs. Shobha and Mariella who joined our community on 2nd July. On the following day both of them were cordially welcomed in the church after the Holy Mass by our Parish Priest Fr. Uday D'Souza, Bishop Isidore and Fr. Dominic. Our novice, Ivy also received a warm welcome along with them.

On the 4th and 5th our boarders happily returned to school after a long summer break. Once again, we were very happy to listen to their laughter and joyful chattering. Most of the newcomers have adjusted themselves to the boarding routine.

On 6th Sr. Deepika boarded the train from Bareilly to Jhansi with Sr. Digna. We wish Sr. Deepika God's choicest blessings for her new mission in Mauranipur as the animator of the community. Dear Sister, we are grateful to you for all your loving and dedicated services to each one of us, to the teachers, students, parents and the parishioners.



On 7th we reopened school after the summer holidays. The students and the teachers welcomed Sr. Shobha as the Principal of the school and Sr. Mariella as the Headmistress of the English Medium School. The school community warmly greeted them with a meaningful prayer service and a short entertainment programme.

On 10th we had a short and sweet farewell programme for our dear Srs. Patricia, Rekha and Kanula. Dear sisters, you have always given your very best to the community, school and the parish. We will cherish your loving services in our memories and assure you of our prayerful support. On 13th Sr. Kanula accompanied Srs. Patricia and Rekha to Jhansi and returned after two days with Sr. Marcellina. We welcomed Sr. Marcellina warmly to our community. Sr. Kanula left for Nainital on 18th, to her new place of mission.



Installation ceremony of the school captains took place on 23rd July.

On 24th July we honoured the senior citizens of our parish during the Holy Mass. The main celebrant Fr. Uday expressed special appreciation to all the grandparents as they have played an important role in each family. The Senior Citizens were given due respect and honour and made the day a beautiful one for them.



On 7th August our Krusveer Children had a special day organized for them to strengthen their faith. The day began with a Holy Mass. It was inspiring to see them devoutly walking up to the sanctuary and taking active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. All the parishioners encouraged the little ones and prayed for them.

As part of our Independence Day celebrations, the school conducted various competitions such as fancy dress, speeches, collage making etc. All the house moderators, class teachers and students made the whole week a beautiful learning experience. On 15th we prayed for our country through the intercession of Mother Mary. Hoisting of the National Flag took place immediately after the Mass after which we gathered

together in the school hall and enjoyed a short cultural programme. Srs. Shobha and Mariella deserve a big thank you for their guidance.

Some of our sisters enjoyed a community outing to the apple garden near Mukteshwar on 20th August. They enjoyed the packed lunch, spent some time in the apple orchard and returned home safe and sound.

Our 'Scouts and Guides' from senior classes join weekly training sessions very enthusiastically. Some of them participated in the district level Camp and four of them were selected for the State Level Camp. On 22nd, some of our boys participated in the Block Level Sports Activities. Tejas Jeena (4B), Vishwaraj Singh Bora (4B), Himanshu Rautela (8A) were selected at the district level and are being awarded a special Sports Scholarship of Rs. 1500/- per month by the state Government. We are really proud of them. We wish them hearty congratulations and thank our PTIs Sir Ramesh Jeena and Mrs. Eela Sanwal.

On 28th we remembered all the mothers of our parish and made the day a special one for them. A Holy Mass was offered for them. They came in with lighted candles in procession and gathered before the altar and prayed for special guidance and protection of Blessed Mother and St. Monica, their Patron Saint. Our Parish Priest gave an inspiring sermon and prayed for them. After the Mass all of us greeted them and honoured them.

On 28th August the community spent the day in recollection. The theme of the day was, 'There is great power in the name of Jesus.' Sr. Laura led the day in prayer and all of us profited much. In the evening we enjoyed an organized recreation in honour of Ivy, who spent two months with us. We really appreciate her availability, openness, simplicity and her ability to learn new things as well as adjust to new situations. She had been a great blessing to each one of us. On 30th she travelled back to Patna.

On 29th we were very excited to receive the news that Sr. Veronica Fuhrmann is being chosen as our General Superior. We are grateful to God for His guiding hand in the choice of the right person. Hearty congratulations dear Sr. Pratima, as you are chosen as one of the General Councillors. We assure Sr. Veronica CJ and her team of our prayerful support.

Krist Jyoti Niwas

The formation programme for this year began at Krist Jyoti Niwas during the first week of July with the arrival of six new candidates. The first few days were spent getting to know one another and adjusting to the new environment. Getting to know new friends from other states and cultural backgrounds was a unique experience for every one of us.



On September 4th, in honour of Teachers' Day, we organised a recreation to appreciate our sisters. As we listened to their sharing, we were motivated and encouraged by the many years of teaching experience and expertise that they own.

We need your prayerful support - the prayers of each one of you - as we go ahead in discerning our vocation and learning about our congregation. We also express our gratitude towards our sisters, who were instrumental in directing us to CJ and who made extra efforts for our safe journey and arrival.

The candidates

Let there be **Freedom** in your **Mind**, **Faith** in your **Words** and **Pride** in your **Soul**.

Let us salute our Nation..



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav