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From the Provincial's Desk...

Those gone before us...

- Sr. Pushpita's Brother Varghese (68) who went to his eternal reward.
- **Let us pray for...**
- The Tertians who are making their 30-day Ignatian Retreat in Nainital.
- Congratulations to Sr. Josephine who completed her graduation with flying colours.



In May - June all our communities expressed fervent devotion to St. Joseph, the patron Saint of workers and the Queen of the Rosary. Every community honoured our co-workers and every community prayed the Rosary either as a community or with the parish or in families.



**Heartfelt felicitations and prayers for
Sr. Deepa Madathumpadickal**

who was missioned on 3rd May as the fourth Provincial Superior of the Delhi Province of the CJ and wishes her God's Blessings to '**proceed as Jesus did**' in the Spirit of our Foundress Mary Ward. The presence of all our community animators and several sisters from the province was an expression of solidarity and support.

ST. FRANCIS' CONVENT, JHANSI



Our school was privileged to host Kho Kho tournament under the banner of CISCE on 8th May. Our teams under 19 and 17 categories made the school proud by winning the first prize. On 9th, in a momentous celebration of scholastic brilliance, St. Francis' Convent Inter College proudly acknowledged the stellar academic accomplishment of our class X and XII board examinations toppers of the academic year 2024 – 2025. In addition to overall toppers, students who demonstrated outstanding performance in individual subjects too were felicitated. A special

and deeply significant part of the ceremony was the awarding of Mary Ward Scholarship, one of the Institution's most prestigious honours bestowed upon the students who exemplify exceptional academic excellence, moral integrity and holistic growth.

May 13th to 20th witnessed the summer camp in which the students participated with great enthusiasm. A diverse range of activities such as Monkey Crawl, Zorb Fighting, Zip line, Wall climbing, Archery, Shooting etc. were organized to cater to the varied interests and age groups of participants. Other activities included theatre, music, dance, karate, yoga, fireless cooking, painting etc. The grand closing ceremony of the summer



camp on 20th offered the students a perfect blend of learning, creativity and fun. Our Basketball team did splendidly well in the zonal basketball match. Our team under 17 emerged as champions winning the gold medal while one under 14 secured the silver medal.

On 26th we warmly welcomed Sr. Monica, the new member of the community. May you bloom where you are planted and produce abundant fruit for the kingdom of God, is our prayer for you dear Sr. Monica.

It was the long-cherished dream of our support staff to go for a picnic to Nainital. It came true on 28th May as they started their journey to the hills. After spending two days in awe and wonder they returned home on 31st full of life carrying with them beautiful memories of Nainital especially the love, care, generosity and hospitality received from the sisters. We are grateful to Sr. Sheeba and community.



On 1st June a group of teachers accompanied by Srs. Assunta, Merlin and Tomsy embarked on a trip to Kullu



Manali. Having experienced the thrill of life through hiking adventure and engaging in activities like Zip lining, paragliding, river rafting etc. they returned home hale and hearty on the 6th. Meanwhile those who stayed at home had a wonderful time on 3rd in Atal Park with our sisters from Nirmala Convent.

Sr. Vinita joined the community on 5th after her home leave and Srs. Ivy and Monica left for Kathmandu to attend the Juniors' meeting.

June 12-14 were days spent in prayer and reflection along with our sisters of Nirmala Convent. Our Bishop most Rev. Wilfred Moras helped us to make these days fruitful.

Prior to the reopening of the school our teachers attended a number of workshops, to help them imbibe innovative and effective strategies to enhance their teaching skills. The first was on ' Joyful Living' organized on 25th, the resource persons being Mr. Zion Sekhar and Miss Amisha Rapheal. The following day Sr. Merlin conducted a beautiful, enlightening and educative session on Mary Ward Schools' Compass. On 27th Sr. Tomsy gave an insightful, informative and impressive session on Value Education. The next was a session on Interpersonal Relationship by Sr. Digna followed by Staff Meeting. A touching farewell was given to Sr, Vinita as she left for Rudrapur on transfer and Sr. Assunta reached her there.

ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT, JEOLIKOTE

On 6th May Sr. Marcellina's sister-in-law and her three children came here and spent two days happily company. They also visited Nainital and other nearby places. We also welcomed some of the CJ sisters and Loretto sisters who had come to attend the **Becoming One** programme. Sr. Mary Paul spent a day with us as St. Anthony's was her first Community when she began her religious life. Sr. Tessy attended the **Becoming One** meeting in Nainital. The COIN principal's meeting was held at Pastoral Centre Jeolikote. Most of the participants came over to meet us.



Bareilly diocese has revived the YSM – Young Students Movement. The 4th National Convention of YSM/YCS held in Gurugram was attended by two of our JPIC student Office Bearers and the President, from 17th -22nd May. The theme was **Gen Z for a Self-Sustaining World** with the following thrusts: Voice of the Voiceless, Healthy Living, Environmental Sustenance. For the two students as well as for Mrs. Kavita Singh, the JPIC president it was a great learning experience. The inputs were rich

and relevant and group activities helped them mingle with students from other states and socio-cultural backgrounds. They had plenty of fun too. On their return they shared briefly about their experiences with the entire school and what stood out was the self - confidence they developed during that one-week exposure. Their expenses were partly met by the diocese.

On 20th May, Paramarsh Micro Foundation from Lucknow dedicated **to minimizing the impact of cancer through public education and financial assistance** motivated the students to contribute financially and help poor cancer patients. Students collected Rs. 26,900, towards this cause. Certificates were awarded to each according to the amount collected.

On 18th the **Bee Keeping Centre** at Jeolikote organized a competition for the students of classes 10, 11 and 12. They were given a talk on the methods, uses, benefits and the need for bee keeping. Some of the students took part in painting, drawing sketches and express their ideas on Bee Keeping. The students were awarded prizes and participation certificates.

On 23rd May the staff and students organised a touching farewell programme for Sr. Mariella. They expressed their appreciation and gratitude for all the valuable lessons they learned. Sr. Mariella has put in great efforts to make **Jeolikote “Plastic Free” through JPIC activities**. She has kept the JPIC Movement active and alive, focussing on the formation of students. We are grateful for her dedicated services in the community, school and church. On the following day students offered a Holy Mass and prayed for Sr. Mariella. Sister left for the Provincial house Delhi on transfer on 9th June. We definitely miss her presence in our community.



On 25th May after the Mass our parishioners participated in a **group singing competition on the Jubilee Year Hymn** to the Holy Spirit. Groups that stood first, second and third received prizes. The group that secured the first position is selected to participate in the deanery level competition.

This year the **diocesan level Life Orientation Programme** was organised in Jeolikote from the 27th of May, for a week. Hundred and five youth from Bareilly diocese benefitted from this programme. Fr. Vijay Tellis and his team had put together a wonderful programme - a mix of prayer, meditations, group dynamics and input sessions - that helped to strengthen their Catholic Faith and leadership qualities. Seven students from our parish attended it and **Ashlesha Alphonse** (Sr. Antonette's grandniece) was declared **the Best Youth**. The entire programme except their stay was held in our school.

It was a big surprise to meet Srs. Digna, Isabel, Tomsy and Merlin on 30th May as they came with their co-workers after their picnic in Nainital. We enjoyed a little time together over a cup of tea.

In June Sr. Kripa UMI (brought up by us in our hostel) came to spent three weeks with us. Srs. Marcellina, Pratibha and Kripa UMI visited our sisters in Patna and a few nearby places. Sr. Marcellina was happy to

spent three days with her sister, Sr. Priya. For Sr. Kripa and Sr. Pratibha this was their first visit to Patna. On their return they brought delicious mangoes for the community. All of us enjoyed eating tasty mangoes.

Archbishop Emeritus, Albert D'Souza was a welcome guest for the feast of St. Anthony. He spent five days at Jeolikote enjoying the cool climate of the hills. St. Anthony's feast was celebrated on 13th with great enthusiasm. The Deacons and Theologians from Allahabad Seminary enriched our Church with their



melodious singing. It was encouraging to see the church filled with the relatives of our parishioners and well-wishers. Ten priests concelebrated the Holy Mass with Fr. Peter Anthony from Meerut diocese as the main celebrant. He made the mass meaningful with his enlightening homily and prayers. All the visitors, parishioners, priests and sisters enjoyed a delicious lunch after the church services.

We are grateful to Mrs. Sangeeta Chandra from Delhi who took maths classes for Cl. XII students for 10 days. Sangeeta is a former student of St. Joseph's Patna who taught in St. Mary's Kanpur for a few years. Our students really valued her classes.

Sr. Maria has been studying very hard during the holidays and is fully ready for her M A final examination beginning on 30th June. We welcomed Sr. Seema to our community on 4th June and wish her well in her new mission.



Sr. Deepa was here for the 'Visitation'. We welcomed her joyfully in our midst. It was an enriching experience to mutually share our views and experiences. We also had some fun-filled moments with an organised recreation. Our good wishes and prayers go with Sr. Deepa that she can carry out her responsibilities wisely and successfully.

We are ready for the reopening of the school on 3rd July.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S, RUDRAPUR

On her return after attending the installation of Sr. Deepa as the New Provincial some of her family members from Kerala joined her. They visited Delhi and some of the hill stations. They seemed to have enjoyed the warm hospitality of our sisters.

Sr. Lorna participated in a 3-day program on "Becoming One" in Nainital, while Sr. Rose from Silchar visited her old community and joined Sr. Rayna for the COIN Principals' meeting in Jeolikote. We also had a surprise visit from our sisters in Allahabad Province who stopped by on their way back after the meeting. On May 24th, we held our Parents-Teachers meeting, followed by a brief staff meeting. The school then closed

for summer vacation. Sr. Rayna with some sisters from Nainital visited Sr. Celine and other ailing sisters, while Sr. Sanjana went on home leave.

In June we were happy to welcome sisters from different communities who enjoyed the fresh produce from our garden. From June 11th to 13th, we had our annual 3-day recollection led by Sr. Rayna, whose thought-provoking talks led us to a spiritual experience.

Sr. Deepa, our Provincial, visited us on June 22nd and stayed with us for two days before heading to Puranpur community. As Sr. Sanjana was about to be transferred to Puranpur, we held a meaningful prayer meeting to bid her farewell and to express our gratitude for her selfless service to our community and school over the past year and a half. Our good wishes go with her.

On June 26th, Sr. Vinita arrived on transfer to our community, accompanied by Sr. Assunta. That day, an orientation program was conducted for teachers by Mr. M. Kumar from Moradabad on the National Curriculum Framework (Foundational stage). The teachers were engaged in a productive workshop. Sr. Rayna also conducted a session on Mary Ward School Compass.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, PURANPUR

The school celebrated Mother's Day on May 9th and 10th with special assemblies in the primary and senior wings. Children created heartfelt greeting cards for their mothers.

The primary school cabinet was installed on May 10th, while the senior school cabinet's investiture was held on 17th. On this occasion students who scored 85% and above in board exams were felicitated. The parish community came together on May 14th to celebrate Fr. Rajesh's ordination anniversary and to bid him farewell as he was on transfer. The evening featured singing, expressions of gratitude, and appreciation for his selfless service, followed by dinner. On May 20th, Sr. Deepa as Provincial visited our community, and the school felicitated her during an assembly.

After the first parent-teacher meeting, the school closed for summer vacations on May 24th. On May 31st, Rev. Fr. Gregory Mascarenhas, the new Manager, was warmly welcomed by the staff. The parish community welcomed him as the new Parish Priest, and Sr. Sudeepti was thanked for her six years of dedicated service.

As Sr. Sudeepti left for Jhajjar, the community welcomed Sr. Remya and later, Sr. Sanjana. In the presence of Bishop Ignatius, Fr. Royal Anthony, and Sr. Deepa Sr. Remya took charge as Principal. The community participated in a teachers' workshop, and Sr. Deepa installed Sr. Sanjana as the animator during a meaningful prayer service.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, NAINITAL

Our community was delighted to host the 'Becoming One' gathering of the COIN as well as the Loreto South Asia. Their vibrant presence radiated joy and togetherness.

The first show of the Annual Sports and P.T. Display held on May 9th with Ms. Manpreet Chabba, an accomplished alumna (General Manager at The Indian Hotels Company Limited, Taj View Agra) as the Chief Guest brought great excitement among students. That day they showcased their talents to neighbouring schools. Ms. Manpreet inspired the students by sharing her insights about her life's journey, motivating them to excel. The second show for parents and well-wishers with Her Highness Maharani Raseshwari Rajya Laxmi, another distinguished alumna and former Queen of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, as the Chief Guest was held on 16th May. Her presence and message left a lasting impression on all. While addressing the school she emphasized the importance of contributing to society, remaining physically fit, financially sound, emotionally balanced, intellectually clear, and spiritually evolved.

We were happy to welcome our COIN principals, who joined us for a meal. We enjoyed each other's company. Seven of our sisters from Patna stayed on for two more days. On 17th May, the community began its annual retreat under the direction of Fr. Leo Anand, SJ. On May 26th, three from the community visited our elderly and ailing sisters in Allahabad.

In June Sr. Greta IBVM and her family spent a week with us. Sister Tarsicia's younger sister, Sr. Lillyland from St. Ann's Congregation, Hyderabad, spent a few weeks with her, bringing her much comfort and encouragement.

Our students attended the First Interact District Conference in Kanpur, organized by the International Rotary Club, and returned with prizes and awards. We celebrated International Yoga Day promoting a healthier and more balanced lifestyle. Classes VI-XII conducted yoga sessions, emphasizing self-care, mindfulness, and inner peace.

Srs. Manjusha and Grace had the privilege of meeting the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, and the Governor of Uttarakhand, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Gurmit Singh, on the 156th Foundation Day celebrations of Sherwood College. The month of June concluded with an orientation for parents on 'Media and its impact on students' conducted by Sr. Manjusha and Mr. Sandeep Singh and our five COIN tertians beginning their 'School of the Heart' under the guidance of Sr. Prisca.

ST> XAVIERS, SHAHBAD

The Primary School teachers attended a two-day workshop on 'Student Behaviour Management, Teacher Well-being and Professional Growth.' Srs. Alice and Vandana were happy to join the Loreto sisters for a gathering.

School closed on 22nd May. During the holidays Srs. Alice and Vandana visited Sr. Celine and other sisters in Allahabad, and Sr. Marisha went on home visit. We also visited the newly acquired Province Office of the Franciscan Brothers in Okhla. We had several visitors during the holidays including Fr. Maria Arokya SDB, the CRI President of Delhi, along with his community, who celebrated Mass in our chapel and joined us for lunch. We dedicated three days to prayer and reflection on the theme 'Rooted in Christ', guided by Fr. Sebastian SJ. Sr. Vandana attended the meeting called by the Jesuit community before the reopening of the school to plan for the coming days.

MARIA BHAWAN CONVENT, MAURANIPUR

On May 12th, we celebrated International Nurses' Day with great enthusiasm, especially honoring our nursing staff. The Diocese of Jhansi organized a grand celebration on May 18th, which Srs. Julita, Pushpita, Sushmita, and Maria Rose attended. Sr. Julita's dedication and hard work were recognized, and she was honoured with a bouquet, shawl, and trophy.

Fr. Niranjana from Jalpaiguri visited us and Srs. Shanti and Sushmita had the opportunity to meet Sr. Celine and other sisters in Prayagraj. We concluded the month of May with a special Mass and Rosary in honour of Mother Mary.

In June, Sr. Gladys returned refreshed after her home leave and jubilee celebrations. Sr. Teresa went for her holidays, and Sr. Pushpita visited her brother who is undergoing treatment for cancer. We pray for his speedy recovery. Both the communities of Mauranipur came together for a three-day recollection guided by Fr. Karthik. The theme was 'It is an honour to serve God and His people.' We were delighted to welcome Sr. Juliana back to our community.

Our hospital witnessed the birth of 81 new babies in the past two months. Our GDA (General Duty Assistants) students completed their training and started working in Delhi, while another 80 boys and girls are pursuing different skills training courses such as, basic computer, tailoring, spoken English and electricians' training. Thanks to Srs. Julita and Reena for their dedication in training them,

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, JHAJJAR.

Grandparents Day was celebrated on 10th May. Students put up a cultural programme to appreciate their grandparents. Our Cl. X first batch made us proud. All 23 passed: 14 distinctions, 9 first div.

Sr. Seema paid a short visit to her ailing mother. The school closed for summer vacation on 17 th May but the teachers stayed back for a week, to attend various training programmes.

Sr. Damian's brothers and family paid us a quick visit. Sr. Damian accompanied them to Punjab to visit her priest brother. Sr. Sheryl also took a well-deserved holiday. A short visit from Srs. Deepa and Renata brought much joy to us. Sr. Anu went to Ranchi for data collection for a research project.

During the summer holidays our Pre-primary building underwent renovation, giving it a fresh and vibrant look. Class rooms and corridors have been beautifully transformed with artistic wall paintings designed to inspire young minds. From Alphabet to astronomy, each wall now connects a level that supports learning and progress.

We bade farewell to Sr. Seema as she moved to Jeolikote to continue her mission. Our good wishes go with sister. Sr. Damian spent two weeks in Prayagraj assisting the would-be postulants with their English language skills. We are delighted that Sr. Sudepti has joined our community.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, KABUGANJ - SILCHAR

May 25th was a significant day for the Parish and all of us, as nine of our boarders - girls and boys- received their First Holy Communion. They were overjoyed to receive Jesus into their hearts for the first time and celebrated the day with enthusiasm.

On the 15th Sunday, the community reflected on the *CORE ACTIVITY OF PILGRIMAGE* and visited Magnathal village, where only three Catholic families reside. After the Holy Eucharist and lunch, we visited the family of one of our hostel girls, spent quality time with them, and returned home by 6:30 p.m. The following day, we shared our experiences of the pilgrimage, which was unique and enriching. Another parish we visited was in Hailakhandi. Here besides a sharing a meal, a pineapple garden.



June 7th was another memorable day for all of us, as our new Provincial, Sr. Deepa, visited Kabuganj for the first time. Srs. Geetika and Anima fetched Sr. Deepa from the airport, while Sr. Rose and the hostel children welcomed her with a traditional 'gamocha' and sapling. The children sang a welcome song and performed two well-prepared dances. We spent the day sharing about the life and mission of our community and showing her around. Each one of us met with Sr. Deepa and shared our views on the mission. Sr. Deepa also met with Auxiliary Bishop Joachim Walder to discuss and evaluate the work done by the sisters. After spending three fruitful days with us, Sr. Deepa left for Delhi on June 11th.

We were blessed to have Fr. Michael Toppo to guide us through the triduum. The themes for reflection were 'Life of Flesh and Life of the Spirit, Salt of the Earth and Light of the World, and the Emmaus journey'.

On June 20th, we held the investiture ceremony for our student office bearers, with Fr. Michael as the chief guest. In his message, Fr. Michael beautifully explained the meaning of each letter in the word "Leader" and encouraged the students to be effective and responsible leaders.



MARIA WARD BHAWAN, MAYUR VIHAR

A cancer awareness programme conducted in May for the students by AIIMS was very informative and helpful. On 10th May, students of C12 had their annual day on the theme 'Mother' and the mothers made sure to be present. In the month of June some students went to Himachal Pradesh for football super league and won the 2nd position.

The investiture ceremony of the new student- council was also attended by their parents. This year the school has started with 17 clubs and the club in-charges were installed during a special ceremony. On the same day those teachers who completed 25 years in the school were felicitated for their dedicated service.

Inter school volleyball tournament was held on the school grounds for two weeks. In May -June we had quite a number of sisters visiting us for short durations.

The community joined for the SCC prayer meetings in various units on Sundays. On 19th May, we joined for a CJ/IBVM gathering at the Loreto House, Delhi and spent some relaxed time together. The Community had a relaxed outing to Mumbai just before the school reopened and came back refreshed.



NIRMALA CONVENT, JHANSI

The school closed on 18th May with a Parent- Teacher meeting. The Local Administration had already started intruding in the school as they had to fix the pooling booths for the election scheduled for the 20th of May. Students participated in the summer camp with much zeal and enthusiasm from 22 nd to 30 th May. We also had 25 of our teachers who volunteered to participate in it. About 200 students availed of the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents through a variety of indoor and outdoor games, art and craft, learning to play musical instruments and above all English-Speaking classes. Our technical team was busy uploading the glimpses of the camp each day on YouTube.

On 6th June Sr. Poonam was invited to Lucknow to give a One-day orientation to the Life Orientation Programme participants as well as the members of ICYM on 'Vocation and Eucharistic Living by Religious'. They were very appreciative.

Sisters Doreen, Mary and Josephine went on their home leave and our community was reduced to just three members for some time. At the end of June, we joined SFC for the three - day recollection with SFC directed by Rev. Fr. Tharcisius Britto.

JESU BHAWAN, DELHI

On 3rd May Jesu Bhawan witnessed the missioning of Sr. Deepa the fourth Provincial superior of the Delhi Province. All the community animators and a few more sisters were present for the occasion. Sister Deepa was encouraged with greetings and assurance of prayers from every community. Delhi Disha wishes Sr. Deepa and her team the grace needed '*to proceed as Christ did' in the spirit of Mary Ward.*

Since two months four candidates are staying with us. Sr. Renata and Sr. Kiran take regular classes for them focusing on the spiritual formation as well as language skills.

From 19th – 21st July Jesu Bhawan hosted the meeting of Superiors and Principals / ministry heads. All expressed their joy and satisfaction in coming together to share, learn and and plan together.

COIN JUNIORS' GATHERING 2025: JOYFUL PROPHETS OF HOPE

With great joy, we, the juniors from COIN, attended the juniors' gathering in Kathmandu, Nepal, from June 11th to June 15th. Fr. George Alukka CST was our resource person. He emphasised the importance of religious life and our identity. Each session was presented as a valuable lesson in many ways, offering guidance on how to live a fruitful and cheerful life as a consecrated person in the congregation and for the church. Fr. George explained how to be faithful to His call, how to face the present its purpose. We have also gained a deeper understanding of the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as well as the importance of forgiveness in every aspect of our religious life. The Holy Hour in the evenings was a relaxing and peaceful experience, during which we could experience the tangible presence of God and receive many blessings and graces in our lives. On the fifth day, along with our junior directors, we reflected on and shared our personal God experience. We also evaluated our meeting. Listen to each one was an enriching experience. The programme ended with a cultural evening. We also had the opportunity to visit two nearby communities and some important places in the area.

We said bye to Nepal with a sense of gratitude and hope. We are very grateful to Sr. Deepa for providing us with this beautiful opportunity to attend the gathering. Thank you, Sr. Remya, for accompanying us and guiding us on our journey.

Srs. Ivy and Monica

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WITH FIRE AND GRACE**

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