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Fr Provincial's Message



Adjustment is a very common word in Indian parlance. If you travel by public conveyances, we are told to adjust very often and often the one who makes the adjustment becomes the loser. In the new normal situation of the world, we are forced to adjust to many not so normal ways of living such as wearing a mask when you go out, getting out of your home only for urgent matters, not freely meeting and chatting with friends and relatives, washing your hands often with soap and rinsing your hands with alcohol based sanitizers and so on.

The new national education policy promulgated by the Government of India calls us to adjust our institutions to new ways of imparting education. If we have followed the IPP, cooperative learning principles, multiple intelligence and associated ways of teaching and learning, a lot of the new policy matters become familiar and adjustable. But I am not sure of the implementation part of such utopian ideals for imparting education in a country where many schools have only two or three class rooms and one teacher to teach or teachers do not turn up in schools and students come only for mid day meal. But it is an opportunity for those who long for imparting education. Since we are in this field for centuries, we should study the document thoroughly and do whatever is possible to change the educational scenario from being a tool to create certificate holders and literates to educated and well informed citizens of our country. May God bless us and give us the courage and strength to move ahead.

Appointments by Fr General

Fr Jerome Cutinha: Provincial of Jamshedpur

Fr Soosai Mani: Provincial of Delhi

Fr Christie P. Maria Joseph (MDU): the new Secretary for Higher Education

Fr Danis Ponnai, Fr Melvil Pereira, Fr Santosh Minj: Consultors of The President of South Asia and Chair person of South, North and Central Zone respectively.

Fr Francis Gonsalves (GUJ): President of Janna Deepa Vidyapith, Pune (confirmed by the Congregation of Catholic Education).

Appointments by Fr Provincial

Fr Thomas Solomon: Director, Sona Santal Samiti, Kodma

Fr Jesu Benjamin: Director, Johar, Dumka

Fr Marianus Minj: Parish Priest, Belwa, Purnea Diocese

Fr Silas Toppo: Parish Priest, Nichitpur, Raiganj Diocese

Fr Varghese Puthussery: Director of Candidates, Jisu Jaher

Fr Ravindra Darshima: Director, New School in Rasikpur

Fr Ajit Hemrom: Assistant Headmaster, Nichitpur

Fr Vimal Kerketta: Vice-Principal, St Xavier's, Sahibganj

Fr John Chandran: Student Counselor, St Xavier's Raiganj

Fr John Sagaya Ravi: Loyola Chennai, Completes his Studies

Fr Jesu Raj: VTI Director, Minister and Hospitality to Pilgrims, Mariampahar

Fr Prakash Hansdak': Headmaster, Krist Raja School, Nunbatta

Fr M. Arockiasamy: Parish Priest, Nunbatta

Fr Anand Minj: Co-Director, New School in Rasikpur

Fr Philip Hembrom: Parish Priest, Murguni

Fr Robert Lakra: Director, Play School, Karnajora, Raiganj

Deacon Julian: Diaconate Ministry, Hostel Director and Teacher, Chilimpur

Deacon Emmanuel Murmu: Diaconate Ministry, Murguni

Deacon Shailen Minj: Diaconate Ministry, Satia

Sch Roshan D'Souza: Regency, Jisu Jaher

Sch Vinod Tudu: Juniorate, Hazaribag

Schs David Kujur, Paulus Marandi, Stephen Murmu: Juniorate, Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata

Francis Murmu: Novitiate, Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)

Holy Father's Intention for August 2020: For the Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Results

Institution	Appeared	Passed	60+
Bengali			
St Ignatius HS Nichtipur	21	21	5
St Ignatius HS Majlispur	145	138	12
English			
St Xavier's School Purnea	07	07	07
SX's Collegiate School Maharo	26	26	18
St John Berchmans' Inter Mundli	461	317	46
St Xavier's Inter Maharo	190	182	129
St Xavier's School Raiganj ICSE	125	125	125
St Xavier's Raiganj ISC	109	109	89
St Xavier's Sahibganj ICSE	147	147	146
St Xavier's Sahibganj ISC	59	59	58
Hindi			
St Xavier's Sahibganj	113	113	111
St John Berchmans' Mundli	179	175	158
Loyola School, Jibonpur	22	22	19
St Stanislaus HS Hathimara	145	137	118
St Xavier's Karon	16	16	16
Arrupe HS Bathbanga	48	48	41

Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola

Baghmara: Owing to strict enforcement of lockdown rules, we, Jesuits at Baghmara, spent the second half of July 2020 preparing for the feast of our Holy Founder, St Ignatius, among ourselves. On 15 July, we had a community meeting where we discussed and chocked out the modalities of the celebration. We

unanimously agreed to keep the Universal Apostolic Preferences as the main theme for our prayer, reflection and sharing during the Novena. Thus, the superior distributed among the four Jesuits of the community the various themes for the novena much in advance so that we could prepare well. The spiritual preparation began with the community recollection on 21 July on the main theme: "*A fire that kindles other fires.*" Fr Ignacy Lazar made an in-depth study of the foundational experiences of St Ignatius and his companions and our original charism and gave inputs to community members and posed a couple of questions for personal reflection. During the spiritual conversation, each member shared how he imbibed the spirit of the founder and made it part of his life as a Jesuit and what has been his contribution in enkindling other fires. We really had very meaningful experiences and sharing during these nine days. Every day in the evening, there was the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a hymn/bhajan, a reading from the life of St Ignatius or any other suitable reading, a short reflection, a few moments of silence, the prayer of the faithful, benediction, a concluding hymn and the Angelus. The novena was well appreciated by all and the Jesuits were happy that those present could enter deeply into the persona of St Ignatius, his spirit and understand the status of the entire Society of Jesus today. The power point presentation was a great help for prayer.

On 31 July, we had the Eucharistic celebration at 7:00 am. Fr Ignacy Lazar was the main celebrant. Fr Jacob Chinnappan gave the introduction and Fr John Robinson preached a moving homily. After the Mass, there was a short felicitation by the sisters of St Joseph's and teachers. All the participants were invited for breakfast and lunch. Fr Francis Tirkey, the VG of Purnea Diocese, joined us for lunch. The preparation and the celebration of this extra-ordinary person, St Ignatius made us all the proud Sons of Ignatius and we thanked the Almighty for the precious gift of St Ignatius to all of us and the meaningful celebration of his feast day. (*Fr Ignacy Lazar*).

Jisu Jaher, Dumka: Jisu Jaher had a sober celebration this year. The spiritual aspect was stressed and the other celebrations were mutated. The day began with the Eucharistic celebration at 6:30 am presided over by Fr Provincial who highlighted the qualities of persistence and perseverance in St

Ignatius inviting each one to follow suit. After breakfast we had friendly volleyball matches. Rev.Bp. Julius Marandi DD was the only invited guest for the feast day lunch. He blessed each one of us and the food. Our coworkers joined us for lunch. For the first time some of our Scholastics could join the celebration as they were in the Province because of the lockdown. They conducted the novena pretty well and led the community into deeper prayer and reflection. On 26 July, Fr Varkey Chena led us in recollection and prayer. Fr Ravindra Darshima and the candidates along with the scholastics sang beautifully during the Mass. The day ended with Benediction.

Majlispur: This year the Majlispur community celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius in a simple manner keeping in mind the safety of the members as a few cases of Covid-19 were found in Majlispur area. So the Community decided to celebrate the feast among ourselves. Unlike other years there was no noise in the campus in the absence of the students and faithful. But at the end of the Holy Mass we experienced a sense of joy and deep union with God and ourselves renewed with the spirit of the Society of Jesus. In spite of the lockdown, some teachers came to the School to mark the day of St Ignatius of Loyola, the Patron Saint of the School, and each one of them paid a floral homage to the statue St Ignatius while performing the Arati. (*Fr Blasius Soreng*).

St Xavier's Sahibganj: Celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius at St Xavier's Sahibganj this year was on a sober scale. It was simple but profound. Preparation for the feast began 9 days earlier with the Novena to St Ignatius of Loyola. The Novena was well planned by Frs John Victor and Ignatius Lakra. Each day after the Holy Mass, the presiding priest gave a 10-minute's reflection on a theme of Ignatian Spirituality. The Jesuits spent the day pondering on the points and later came together at 6:00 pm for a Faith Sharing - Spiritual Conversation. The Community felt that the sharing was quite deep and personal. All appreciated this sharing. Then from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm there was Adoration in the Chapel with a difference, that is to say, very creative PowerPoint programme were prepared by the Scholastics and the Priests. These along with the creative lighting effects, courtesy Fr Victor, were very helpful for prayers and

reflections. After a period of silent prayer, Adoration ended with Benediction. On the day of the Feast, at 6:30 am the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the Jesuit Chapel with Fr Ignatius Lakra as the main celebrant. He was assisted at the altar by Fr John Victor while the other priests were with the congregation which consisted of Jesuit Scholastics and a few nuns and the members of the teaching and non-teaching staff residing in the Campus. After the Mass we had the cake cutting ceremony amidst a lot of joyful noise and happy Feast Day song. A delicious breakfast was provided by the able Minister and his team. (*Mr Shyamal Palmer*).

Education Meeting

All the heads of our educational Institutions gathered at St Xavier's School, Sahibganj, on 21 July 2020 to evaluate and sharpen our contribution in the field of Education. We began the meeting with a prayer conducted by Fr Alban Minj, the PCE. Fr Provincial thanked the host community for arranging the meeting and welcomed the participants. The procedure of the meeting was spelt out as follows: first, sharing by the heads of the Institutions about what they have been doing for the students so far in the context of Covid-19 pandemic; second, sharing by Frs Arockiam Stany and Hilary D'Souza about their work and experience during this period; third, how we could take Covid-19 as an opportunity to find an alternative means of imparting education to our students. After completing these, we divided ourselves into two groups, namely, Vernacular Schools and English Medium Schools to share and plan further our response.

The vernacular Schools said that their teachers make lesson plans and send them to the students for self study and encourage the parents to guide them. However, the big challenge for the Vernacular Schools is to reach the students as most of them reside in far off places where there is no proper electricity, no smart phones, or cannot access the files due to poor connectivity yet every effort will be made to get in touch with all the students and to teach them in the village centers. It was suggested to encourage good students to teach other students in the villages and also to get connected with BRTC office and get online materials, conduct awareness course and seminars for teachers and conduct regular PTA meetings.

The English medium Schools are conducting online

classes, virtual classes, online tests, staff meetings and PTA meetings. These schools stressed the need for health promotion, contact with parents, developing a common software operated at the Province level for schools based on mediums, the need to inculcate family and social values and family prayer. Fr Hilary D'Souza said that though the children are full time with their parents, they are bored, and the parents are anxious about the future of their children. The schools too are going through anxiety and uncertainty about reopening of schools, teachers' pay and other financial issues. Corona virus has adverse effect on the life of all of us.

In order to carry on our education vision as a team the teachers of the selected subject from different schools will come together and prepare notes and questions for the entire academic year. The coordinators are Fr Deepak Tirkey (Hindi), Fr Edwin D'Souza (English), Fr Ignatius Lakra (Maths), Fr Alban Minj (Social Studies), Fr Sunit Kullu (Science), Fr Charles Tudu (Sanskrit). Fr Provincial gave his feedback and concluded the meeting saying, "We should not consider the Covid-19 pandemic situation as a mere calamity but take it as an opportunity to explore various possibilities in the field of education. Students cannot come to the Schools at this juncture, and hence instill in them the idea of co-operative learning, and inspire the teachers to dialogue to get ideas and develop new teaching-learning pedagogy." He also told the gathered to make an appeal for funds so that smart phones can be made available to the needy students. (*Frs Edwin D'Souza & Jacob Chinnappan*).

Workshop for Animators

From the time of lockdown, as the migrant workers coming back to their villages after undergoing a lot of hardship, Johar-HRD Centre is focusing on the migrants issues. Moving forward towards reaching out to the migrants, on 16 July 2020, Johar-HRD Centre organized a workshop for the animators of Lok Manch based on the need assessment orient for the migrants. There were 19 participants including Frs Marianus Minj and Vernard Anthony who actively participated in this workshop to get trained in taking up the migrants' issues. Fr Sebastian Lakra and his team from Bagaicha, Ranchi, trained the animators to be a help to the migrants in giving a

better future. The following points were taken up during the training: Mapping the skills of the migrant labourers; Mental and social impact of the families of the migrant labourers; To work for advocacy and networking of the migrant labourers; Evaluate the livelihood and make future plan for the employment of the migrant labourers. (*Fr Vernard Antony*).

Board Results of St Xavier's

Amidst a lot of controversies due to Covid-19, the Board Results of ICSE and ISC although late are finally out. It's a matter of pride for St Xavier's School, Sahibganj, to have very good results this year. Master Ayush Kumar of Class X became the topper of the school scoring 98.8% of marks in the ICSE while Ms Archie Priya (Commerce) and Ms Walsha Aditi (Science) of Class XII became toppers securing 96% and 95% marks respectively in ISC. Kudos to the superb stewardship of Fr Principal, the orchestrated efforts of the teachers and the untiring enterprise of our dear students which helped reap a good harvest. Congratulations to all those who have made it possible. Following the Jesuit charism of "*Magis*", we look forward to getting still better results in the years to come. During an Online Conference, held on 22 July, with the present batch (2020-2021) of Classes X and XII, Fr Principal and the staff motivated the students to perform still better next year. As we are not in direct contact with the students owing to Lockdown it was essential to have such a motivational session. When asked about the secrets of their success in the Board Exams, all the toppers spoke of some points common in nature: 1. Fixing a target, 2. Working hard to reach the target, 3. Quality of preparation: Full concentration in the class as well as at home during study hours, keeping oneself away from all kinds of distractions, 4. Keen Desire to do well, as it is said, "Where there's a will, there's a way," and 5. Being optimistic which is the most important secret of one's success. In fact all the toppers of our school possessed these qualities. They all deserve to be toppers. (*Mr Shyamal Palmer*).

National Webinar on Capacity Building

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St Xavier's College, Maharo, organized a two-day national level webinar on the topic Capacity Building for Research Scholars on 27-28 July 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic crisis, the event was held

online using Google Meet platform. The webinar was organized with the core objective of enhancing the academic and technical skills of young emerging researchers pursuing their doctorate and similar research interests in various fields all across the globe. Day I commenced with the Keynote Address by the principal of the college as well as the patron of the webinar Rev. Fr. Stephen Raj who addressed the participants with his words of benediction and shed light on the importance of digital seminars amidst the present situation of crisis. This was followed by a session by the chief speaker of the day Prof. Dr. Md. Amir Khusru Akhtar, Associate Professor at Usha Martin University, Ranchi, who presented his lecture on the various technical aspects and platforms related to research work and methodology. The second day of the webinar was graced with the presence of Hon. Vice-Chancellor of Sido Kanhu Murmu University Prof. Dr. Sona Jharia Minz who offered the Keynote Address of the session and enlightened the audience with her very erudite presentation on several aspects related to research in general. She highly applauded the initiatives taken by St Xavier's College in the domain of academics and seminars using various digital online platforms and encouraged the management to keep on doing so in the times to come with further zeal and innovative ideas. The Welcome Address of the day was given by Rev. Fr. David Raj, the IQAC coordinator of the institution, who invoked the blessings of Almighty Lord and prayed for the overall enhancement of academics and life for all present in the webinar. The chief speaker of Day II was Prof. Dr. Arvind Hans, Associate Professor at Usha Martin University, who shared his presentation on the various facets of research methodology highlighting the necessity of an ethical and scientific approach towards the process of research. This event was also telecasted live on the college YouTube channel and got good response on both the digital platforms from across the country. The technical assistance team consisting of Mr Amaresh Bose, as the Convener, Mr Kusum Kanan Mishra, as the Organizing Secretary and Mr Himadri Shekhar, as the Joint Organizing Secretary, played a vital role in a smooth conducting of this programme on both the days. This was the fourth national level webinar being organized by the institution and the college looks forward to promote

and encourage more such academically enriching events in times to come. (*Mr Himadhri*).

Ongoing Online Classes

Online classes at St Xavier's School, Sahibganj, are in full swing. Both the teachers and the students are fully engaged in teaching-learning from 7:00 am to 4:20 pm. Though, initially, it was started with the students of senior section (IX to XII), it has now been extended up to class VII. Each period is of 35 minutes with a break of 15 minutes after each period and a lunch break of 35 minutes. Besides online classes, online meetings with the parents (PTA), the Staff and the students are also held from time to time. In order to make the students study, online home tasks are given by the teachers and periodic tests are conducted. The school plans to conduct online Terminal Examinations in the month of October. nevertheless, conducting online classes has some loopholes, it is altogether a new experience for teachers as well as students. We hope and pray that this pandemic ends soon and there is a happy reunion of the students and the staff on St Xavier's School Campus. (*Mr Shyamal Palmer*).

Online Academic and Co-Curricular Activities

Amidst the ongoing pandemic crisis and severe uncertainty looming large over the academic world, St Xavier's College, Maharo, Dumka, has been making positive use of the various available online platforms to conduct its academic as well as co-curricular activities on a regular basis. The college organized several such events in the month of July reaching out to its students successfully on a large scale. The departments of Physics and English organized departmental webinars jointly and individually inviting renowned resource persons from reputed academic circles. Students too got the golden opportunity to present papers and get a first-hand experience of speaking on digital platforms. The National Service Scheme organized its scheduled events online where students from all the departments participated very enthusiastically. Main among these programmes were Tree Plantation Week, World Nature Conservation Day, World Population Day and International Yoga Day. All these activities were organized using platforms like Google Meet, Zoom and YouTube. Apart from these college level events, a few students were also selected to participate at the university level Hul Diwas cultural activities

where Kajal Kumari secured first position in patriotic singing competition in the university. The principal Rev. Fr. Stephen Raj has been always vocal about such programmes to be organized as an integral part of their academics on a regular basis to empower the students. (*Mr Himadhri*).

CTC Torai

At this time of Covid-19, we, CTC Jesuit community and our coworkers, find ourselves at the mercy of ever present and loving God. On 10 November 2019 we had planted a big wooden Cross in the campus. Gradually we beautified the place constructing a platform around the Cross. We wanted to bless the Cross on 31 July but had to abandon our plan because on 23 July nine Covid-19 cases were found in Torai and since then the path leading to CTC from the main road was closed. On 20 July, in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius, we spent half a day in recollection. We invited Fr Charles Hansdak', the Principal of St Joseph's School, Torai, to lead us in recollection and Holy Eucharist. On 22 July we began the novena to St Ignatius. On 31 July our coworkers joined us for the Eucharistic celebration and the dinner that followed. We continue our evening 45 minutes daily adoration. On 22 July, Fr Peter Marandi SJ gave recollection to St Anne's Sisters in preparation for their feast. Fr Peter joined online intercessory prayer led by a Torai Sister. Fr Peter accompanied by Ms Marcette went to Mohulpahari hospital and had a checkup under the guidance of Dr Noel Kisku who is an old student of Guhijori. (*Fr Peter Marandi SJ*).

Reaching out to Paharia Families

We are in a world struck by the Corona virus. It has shattered the lives of many and created fear among people both rich and poor and irrespective of religion. People, especially the poor, the marginalized and the daily workers, are going through tough times. Daily wage earners are the most affected by this Covid-19. If they do not go to work, they do not have anything to eat at home. Most of the Paharia People go for daily work to earn their livelihood. Since the beginning of lockdown many of them found it difficult to go out and work. Hence, they need spiritual and material support. On 24 July, Bathbanga Community distributed ration which was sponsored by the benefactors and

the people of goodwill. Fr C.M. John approached some benefactors with whose help Bathbanga community was able to distribute 25 Kgs of rice and 4 Kgs of pulse to each of the 184 families belonging to 8 villages. Despite the heavy rain all the 184 informed families came on time to receive the ration which only shows how desperate the people are in this corona time. We could see in them the happiness as they received the ration. We, the members of Bathbanga Community, thank in a special way all the benefactors and the people of goodwill and also Fr C.M. John for his initiative to organize this for our Paharia People in time of their need. (*Sch Vinod Kujur*).

Workshops for the Scholastics

The Covid-19 lockdown has been a blessing for a few scholastics staying in Jisu Jaher. Fr Provincial has been arranging a few useful workshops. The scholastics make use of all the opportunities and the time offered. A three day workshop on electricity and its appliances was organized in Jisu Jaher for scholastics and candidates. Fr Jisu Raj came all the way from Raiganj to Jisu Jaher to teach the basics of electricity. He taught us to repair common problems in electricity and plumbing in the houses. All of us who attended the workshop felt that it was very useful. The workshop helped us to be self dependent. Another two day workshop on the Tally was given by Mr Manish, the accountant assistant in the treasurer's office at Jisu Jaher. We learnt about accounting and basics of tally. It was indeed a useful course for our future ministries. Six scholastics are also learning driving under the able guidance of Fr Ravindra Darshima and Br Brenard Kisku. We hope that in a month or so they will all be good drivers with their driving license. (*Sch Innocent Tudu*).

Rest in Peace!

Fr George Gispert Sauch SJ (BOM, 90/73) on 29.07.2020 at Andheri, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Fr Isidore Pinto SJ (PAT, 78/57) on 07.08.2020 in Patna, Bihar.

Mr Simon Kisku, father of Sch Elisius Elias Kisku, on 15.07.2020 in Jharkhand.

Mr Premchand Murmu (35), brother of Sch Samuel Murmu (Sr), on 17.07.2020 in Jharkhand.

Mr Tarcisius Tigga (78), father of Fr Sameer Tigga, on 06.08.2020 in Banari, Gumla, Jharkhand.



**Recently Erected Cross at CTC
Torai**



Feast Day Dinner at Jisu Jaher, Dumka



New Grotto of St Ignatius at Mundli



**Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola at
St Xavier's, Sahibganj**



Education Meeting in Sahibganj



Co-Curricular Maharo

Inaugural Session of Tertianship at Hazaribag

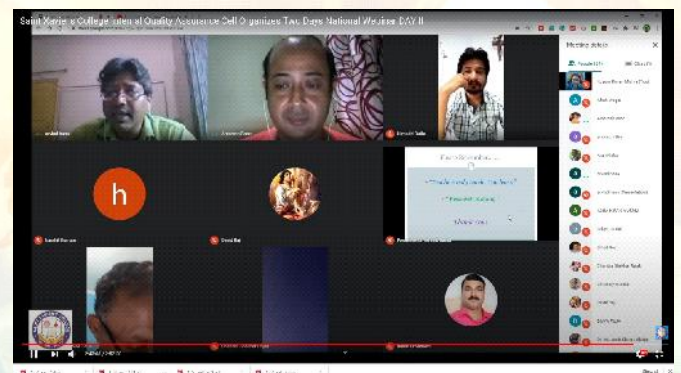


ICSE Toppers Sahibganj

St. Xavier's School, Sahibganj
ICSE Toppers (2019-2020)

1. Anush Kumar 98.8%	2. Divyansh Muraria 98.2%	3. Animesh Kumar 98%	4. Shubham Kumar 97.2%
5. Raj Arshad 96%	6. Sahil 95.8%	7. Anand Yog Mishra 95.2%	8. Arbeli Kumari 95%
9. Joy Philip 94.6%	10. Shashank Kumar 94.6%	11. Anshu Kumar Anand 94.6%	12. Anshu Choudhary 94.6%

National Webinar Maharo



First Vows in Lucknow

