



PROVINCIAL'S FEB PROGRAM

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PROVINCIAL'S MAR PROGRAM

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THANKSGIVING MASS

Fr. Joseph Kurapati will be offering his Thanksgiving Mass at 6 am in his parish Balayesu Cathedral at Phirangipuram, Guntur on February 7, 2021.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Sch. Benjamin Denis Kumar and Sch. Francis Devadoss will be ordained deacons by Archbishop Anil J.T. Couto on February 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm at NRC Chapel.

SAHAYOG

Fr. Mathew directed the Long Retreat of three SAP tertians from Jan 3 to Feb 2. **Sch. Pawan** returned to Sahayog on Jan 6 after giving companionship to Fr. Aurnmozhi in Jahangirpuri. **Fr. A. Pantha** asks for "What Else" quite frequently when he is in the dining room. This provides his close friend **Fr. Chacko** the opportunity to get some exercise to his limbs as he drags his feet to fetch some "What Else"

for his friend. By the way, when you come this side, please do bring some "What Else"! Not only Pantha, others too will be happy!! **Fr. T.K.**

John regularly goes to the gym accosted faithfully by **Fr. K.P. George**. After the great fall of Pantha, railing has been fixed along the veranda of Sahayog to facilitate the movement of our young men! One can see TK and occasionally even Pantha using this facility to race to the dining room!

The birthday of Assistant Minister Sch. Pawan was celebrated on 16th, of Veteran Fr. Pantha on 18th and of Guruji Fr. T.K. on 30th with the usual dhoom dham and with the same communities present for dinner. In his birthday mass homily TK dwelt on the noble values of satyagraha of Gandhiji.

Mathew

IISR Delhi Report: IISR Delhi collaborated with St. Francis de Sales College, Nagpur to organize a very successful two-day webinar on "Developments in Genetics and Their Impact on Religion and Society" on Jan 29-30. It was attended by more than 800 people nationwide. Archbishop of Nagpur inaugurated it. **Fr. Job** gave the first presentation on "Recent Developments in Genetics and the Emergence of Super-Humans." Several other nationally reputed scientists also presented papers, which were well appreciated.

Job

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: Principal **Fr. Joe Vila** was out in Jaipur for a school inspection on Jan 5-7. A mild rain at the beginning of Jan gave some relief to the dying lawn and the trees in the campus. We resumed Classes for Classes 9-12 on 11th with 50% of students attending classes on alternate days. The problem of

not getting school fees continues even after the starting of classes for senior students. And it affects payment of the salary on time. We celebrated the Republic Day with the school staff. The hoisting of flag, national anthem, recital of an appropriate poem, an insightful and inspirational talk by Principal, and the tea party thereafter, marked the celebration.

House: Fr. Dayal was with us for a few days; he came to meet with his friends and for some computer related work. **Fr. Joseph Kochupura** went to Delhi for his personal work and continues to be there at St. Xavier's Delhi till date. Frs. Provincial, Xavier Ignatius, Scaria Pantha and Bro. Gyan Prakash stopped here for a while on their way to Jaipur.

Parish: Christmas celebrations in the parish took place with a few members with due devotion and fervour. Parishioners observed the Covid regulations very strictly during and after the celebrations. The marriage of one of our

parishioners took place on 10th. The youth celebrated the feast of St. Sebastian on 20th. Besides sharing some snacks, the youth shared about their life and academics which helped them to concentrate more on studies. A specially organized Eucharist for the youth of the parish marked the Republic Day celebrations in the parish.

Sebastian A.

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

Community: We welcomed the New Year 2021 with joy and all of us joined the parish youth for a New Year lunch. We offered a special Mass on Jan 21 to pray for Fr. Stan Swamy who is still in judicial custody and also remembered all human rights defenders. **Fr. Glenn** keeps the community updated with the upcoming programs with regular community meetings and prayer. **Sch. Prakash** and **Sch. Paul Micky** left for their respective study houses on 13th. Their stay with us added more life and joy to the community.

School: The school was once again full of life with the order of Rajasthan Govt to reopen the educational institutions. The students of Classes 9- 12 enthusiastically began their offline classes in the campus on Jan 18th. **Fr. Sangeeth** ensured strict adherence to the SOPs. Students were divided into *Odd and Even* groups for attending classes. They were filled with life and joy to be back in school. We celebrated the 72nd Republic Day in the school with Fr. Principal hoisting the National Flag. On Jan 29-30 group photographs of Classes 11-12 were taken.

The construction work of the additional block is in progress. We hold in high esteem the efforts made by Fr. Glenn to steer through hardships in order to get the necessary permissions during the past three years. He meticulously monitors the G+3 Work. The other community members take time to see the work and seek

updates from the construction team. Fr. Glenn's efforts are on to seek permission for G+5 and his prayer to Black Madonna are bearing fruits.

Maria Sadan: Our candidates grew to be more enthusiastic in studies and activities as their offline classes commenced on Jan 18. Their study atmosphere and performance had a positive shift as they began to go to school. **Fr. Amalraj** help them in their studies and spiritual life. He also provides enough freedom with responsibility to use their personal time creatively. A one-day outing to Gurgaon was arranged for them on 17th. It was a time of relaxation since they remained indoors for a long time. For games they go to school grounds and play football along with the Director and also the Regent **Sch. Nitish**. Currently they are revising their lessons and getting ready for final exams.

Parish: Sunday mass is going on without any hindrance with all the SOPs being adhered to. A short program was organized on Jan 1 for the Parish Youth on the occasion of the New Year. Schs. Prakash and Paul coordinated the lively program which attracted more than 30 youngsters. Parish Priest **Fr. Sebastian M.** has plans to resume all the parish activities in the near future.

Nitish

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

Community: The community members, individually and collectively toiled to get the budgets of various institutions of the community ready. They were thoroughly discussed and

approved on 13th during a community meeting. The men in higher education joined the community at Nevta to prepare the budget of the future merged College. There were a few explorations to get some extra land for the expansion of the College towards establishing a private university at Nevta. The search continues. Fr. Provincial along with Fr. Province Treasurer and a few other Jesuits came to Jaipur to see various possibilities. On 14th the community travelled to Mahwa to join the community there for the celebrations of Makar Sankranti. The community prayed for the mother of **Fr Jose Vatta** who got admitted in the ICU as she suffered a stroke. After a few days of hospitalization, she has recovered and is keeping fine now. The schools and colleges in Jaipur have opened partially after the long lockdown due to the pandemic. **Fr. Packiam** returned to the community on 23rd after his tertianship.

Sherry

College: The college reopened on Jan 4 after the Christmas Holidays. That day, as desired by the University of Rajasthan, the college initiated the ANANDAM course for the First Year UG and PG students. To become responsible citizens and be the initiators of change for a healthy society, our students and staff are actively involved in various community service projects under the Anandam course. On 6th, the Dept of Political Science organized a Book Review Competition on "Bookmarked – Let the Words Sink In". In this creative academic competition members from different colleges and depts participated with their best presentations. On 12th, keeping up the legacy of empowered learning, the Dept of Management

and E-Cell along with Management Executive Tribunal of the college organized a talk show on moral fibres by Mr. Sibey Mathew, an IIM- C alumnus. The speaker threw light on how the upcoming era will be in the future and told us the perfect personality traits to sustain. On 15th, the Dept of Economics and Psychology virtually organized its Annual National Symposium on "Looking through Intermediate Lenses: Inclusive and Green Growth". The keynote address of the event was delivered by Dr. Aditi Sawant, Head, Dept of Economics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. On Jan 16-17, the Depts of Economics and of Psychology organized the ninth rendition of the two-day annual fest SYNERGY-21: 'Virtualisation of Ideas'. The event commenced with the illuminating words of

the Chief Guest, Prof Om Thanvi, Vice Chancellor, Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Rajasthan ILD Skills University (RISU) and Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer, that enlightened the gathering about the Indian values and traditions. Events like State of the Nation, Pandonomy, Cyber Hunt, Virtual Warriors, Press Quest, Devil's Advocate, Restructuring the Precedent, Bid for Bait attracted a huge number of participants not only from India but also from the University of Wollongong, Australia and from New York University, USA.

During the Valedictory, the Winner's Trophy was awarded to St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad. On 18th, the Dept of English organized an alumni interaction on 'Career Opportunities in French and France'. The speaker of the session was Ms. Tanishka Jain (Batch 2015- 2017), Assistant Professor at Subodh College, Jaipur and French Language Trainer in different countries around the world. On 19 January, our AICUF unit organized its Virtual Orientation Program with National Advisor of AICUF Fr. S. Emmanuel SJ as the Chief Guest. He encouraged the students to contribute positively towards building a more humane society. State Advisor of AICUF **Fr. Sherry George** also spoke reiterating the motive of the AICUF: "We were born in an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it as we have found it." On 21st, an online alumni interaction session was organized on "Giving a Pointer Towards: The IVY League Universities" by the Dept of Management and E- Cell. The session was taken up by Mr. Aditya Dinesh, an alumnus of BBA Batch 2012-15. On 21st, Women's Cell, in collaboration with Writer's Voice Society, organised a session on poetry slam "I Identify... Sharing Narratives". The themes for the session were "Women as Home-Makers", "Redefining Masculinity", "Womanhood Is Greater Than Motherhood" and "Transfiguring Transpreconceptions". On 22nd, the Xavier's Intellectual Forum organised a group discussion on Commercialization of Healthcare as a part of Ethics on Plate in the Virtual Platform. Students confidently discussed the condition of health care in India, an issue that has become more significant in the light of the current pandemic situation. On 26th, we celebrated the 72nd Republic Day with solemnity and grandeur. The celebration started with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest Dr. Virendra

Singh, a Member of the COVID 19 Task Force, Govt of Rajasthan. The program included patriotic musical and dance performances by the students who also presented a play 'Har Kisse ka Hissa' which showcased the impact of the Constitution on the lives of the people of India through the lens of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. An Inspection was conducted on 27th by the University of Rajasthan for Permanent Affiliation of M. Com (HRM) course. After being dormant for over year, the Xavier's College Alumni Association is being revamped by updating the records and conducting elections under the watch of **Fr. Augustine Perumalil**.

Rex

School: We were saddened by the sudden demise of Mr. Amrit Kullu, one of the supporting staff; his mortal remains were laid to rest in the presence of a number of the staff at the Catholic cemetery, Newaru. After Christmas break classes chugged off with more seriousness at least for the teachers if not for the students! The school opened the portal in its website for fresh Class 1 applications for two weeks from 4th on. Unlike the previous year, when 6.5 applicants contested for a seat, the current year has the ratio of 1:5. A private rank ceremony was conducted for NCC, Scouts and Guides wherein the Principal honoured the cadets with badges and certificates. Following the instructions of the Govt of Rajasthan, the offline classes began on 18th on for Classes 9-12 adhering strictly to the SOPs issued by the competent authorities. The initial day had a strength of 30 (of Classes 9 & 11 as others were having pre boards). Then began the real oscillation of the numbers as the students realized grudgingly that the school isn't as it used to be with so many do's and don'ts in place! As the Govt order discouraged calling in students for the Republic Day celebration in the school precincts it was online. Principal, Vice Principals and a few Physical Education Teachers unfurled the flag at the school premises. The draw of lots for Class 1 admissions was held without its usual fanfare and glare as it was an in-camera exercise sans the parents where the fingers of Fr. Varkey decided gloom for many and good tidings for a few. One more feather is added to the hat of the school as its illustrious alumni made the alma mater swelling with pride when on the Republic day, six of its sons (from 1980 to 1988 batch) in the armed forces (who adorn the offices of Lt. Gen to Brigadier) were decorated with the coveted Sena Medals. Following their footsteps were several freshly

passed-outs from the school who are trying their luck in the various tests for NDA at Khadakvasala. The silhouette of Corona has not dampened the spirit of enrolling in the student wing of the forces as 47 students from Class 9 enrolled to be cadets of the Air Wing where Xavier's is the Numero Uno in Rajasthan. By achieving Gold Medal in a pan Rajasthan competition for the selection of the best cadets, Xavier's brave hearts kept the flag flying high for the 3rd year consecutively. If not for the Corona and the decision to scrap the participation in NCC in Rajpath on the Republic day (and tea party and photo opportunity with the PM), ours would have achieved hat trick as only a few are sent from each unit after a gruelling selection.

Sobin

Parish: New Year was ushered in within proper spiritual ambience as two masses were celebrated in the morning for the spiritual benefit of the faithful. Even though the pandemic is prevalent, yet it is losing its grip on the populace and the faithful have slowly started trickling in for Mass on weekdays as well as on Sundays. The parish priest after having a bird's eye-view

decided to restart the suspended Sunday evening worship from the middle of Jan. The parish youth participated in the Online Christmas Carol singing competitions conducted by the Diocesan Youth Commission in Dec and bagged three prizes, namely, Second Prize in Group Singing and Solo English Song and Third Prize in Hindi Solo Singing. The local ordinary had disseminated the Diocesan Liturgical Regulations for the year 2021 for the benefit of the faithful. This year's Unity Octave celebration was on a low key, limiting it to individual parishes due to Covid-19 scenario. However, the concluding day's prayer service was conducted in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral on 25th with pastors and a selected number of faithful from different parishes in attendance.

Varkey

ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

School: Principal Fr. Jugal had a zoom meeting with the staff on Jan 7. It was regarding the admission process. It was decided that we visit the families in our surrounding areas, inform them about the recent CBSE affiliation of our school and about the starting of the admission process in the school. On 20th some of our teachers along with Fr. Jugal went to Jaipur to attend a day's

training program organised by the diocese. The following day most of our teachers came to the school by noon to go to the villages to canvass for the school. The dedication of the teachers is admirable. We had the flag hoisting ceremony on the Republic day following the guidelines of the govt for Corona time. Sarpanch of Gahnoli Panchayat Miss Komal Godwara was the chief guest of the program. The repair work of the school building has started.

Community: It was a joyous moment for us to join the Nevta Community for the New Year celebration on Jan 1. Fr. Jugal returned on 6th after attending his mother's burial and other ceremonies in Jharkhand. A recollection was organised in Mahwa for the scholastics residing in Jaipur, Nevta and Mahwa from 13th evening to 14th noon. Thanks to Fr. Dayal who guided them and inspired them to follow our Master Jesus Christ more closely. Recollection was followed by a fellowship meal in which most of the Jesuits from Jaipur and Nevta participated.

Ruben

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

Community: The year 2021 began with a thanksgiving mass in the community chapel and in the evening dinner with all the Jesuits in Jaipur. Fr. Joe Vila made a sudden visit and stayed overnight along with two of his staff members. The extended community met on Jan 7 for the first round of budget meeting, and the second meeting was on 20th to finalize the budget for Nevta. **Sch. Sangam** and **Sch. Alan** made their monthly recollection in Mahwa followed by *Makara Sankranti* lunch where all of us participated. Sch. Sangam during his free time is learning driving and he has got already learner's licence. The community met on 15th to plan out and suggest some concrete steps to celebrate the Year of Ignatius in a meaningful way. **Fr. Jeba**, our 'campus coach,' organized a cycle rally for the community on the newly built Southern Corridor for a thirty kilometre ride to express our solidarity with the farmers. **Fr. Jijimon** made a trip to South to get his certificate and paid a quick visit to his elderly mother. Fr. P.R. John from VJ gave us a surprise visit on 20th. After the successful completion of tertianship **Fr. Vincent** returned to the community on 23rd. We also had an emergency meeting with Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani and his team consisting of Fr. Xavier, Fr. Scaria and Br. Gyan along with most of the JXEA members on 27th to discuss and discern about buying a piece

of land required for future expansion of Nevta. Two new young members have joined Nevta community to guard the campus as future security guards. They are named as Max and Milly.

School: Rajasthan Govt finally allowed the schools to reopen for Classes 9-12 in a staggered manner from Jan 18. Though over 400 parents gave their consent to send their wards to school, only around 160 on an average regularly attend the classes. The online classes are also made available for those students who are at home. The Junior & Middle School students continue to have their online classes as before. The Society of Catholic Schools in Rajasthan filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Rajasthan High Court's order which endorsed the state govt circular dated 28/10/2020 which states that the schools will be allowed to charge only 60% of tuition fee as the Capacity Building Fee during the pandemic period with the approval of School Level Fee Committee. The third hearing on the matter is scheduled for Feb 1. We hope to get some relief from the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the teachers are being paid only part of the salary since April 2020. The 72nd Republic Day was celebrated in the school in the presence of senior school teachers, office staff and supportive staff. Chief Guest **Fr. Arok** unfurled the national flag and delivered an inspiring message. The primary school children had online Republic Day celebration. As per the directives of the state govt, children were not allowed to actively take part in the Republic Day celebration.

College: The New Year started on a positive note. An online International Student Exchange Program was organized on Jan 19 by Fr Arok and Ms. Akanksha Johar with the University of Innsbruck, Austria. Around 7 students from each side interacted and discussed on the topic 'Cultural Globalization.' On 26th, the tricolour was unfurled by Principal **Fr. Augustine** with a few teaching and non-teaching staff present. As per the permission granted by the govt to open colleges and universities for the final year students, the college management decided that the college will reopen for all students from Feb 1. Around 150 students have given their consent to come to the college. On Jan 30, a staff meeting was held to plan for the coming months of the academic session 2020-

21. The Hostel also has been reopened but only second and third year students can avail the hostel facility. Hope to see staff and students on

the campus soon in good number.

Newta Jesuits

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

School: The New Year began on a hopeful note with online classes continuing with full gusto. It brought along in its kitty two activities for the Junior School students. Online Maths Quiz for Class 2 was held on Jan 6 and for Class 3 on 8th. On 20th Yuvashakti Model School conducted an online Declamation Contest on the topic: The New Education Policy 2020: The Foundation of a New Era. Lakshita Chandra Dubey of Class 12B participated and won the consolation prize. The 72nd Republic Day of India was celebrated by the little ones of Prep on 25th. A special online assembly was conducted by all the classes to commemorate the occasion. Children dressed up in traditional attire of different states danced gracefully conveying the message of "Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat". For the Junior and the Senior School students a recorded program was prepared and shared with each class. It consisted of a beautiful message by Rector **Fr. Jose Philip**, speeches by the Head Boy and Head Girl and a melodious song sung in 12 different languages by a team of our very talented students.

Community: A suggestion came: shall we, JESUIT ELDERS, who have laboured in the Lord's vineyard for many years and are now resting, engage in some non-compulsive activities TO REDUCE THE LENGTHINESS OF THE DAY?

Invitees: Fr. KT Thomas, Br. Ittoop, Fr. Tom Kunnunkal, Fr. George Manimala and Fr. Joe Mannaravelil. The first meeting discussed about the why of this Ayal Kootam. Forming a sub-community? NO. Five of the ten-member community have job assignments or are engaged in writing or editing. The other five have no such assignments and hence the project of ayalkootam is to plan some activities that would add some more wellness and joy to the evening years of their lives. Can others join? The answer was YES. Fr. Joe Kochupura joined. Some points that came up for comments and decisions: FREEDOM of action must be available to the members. Preserve INFORMALITY, while keeping some needed basic norms. Meet once a week on TUESDAYS at 6 pm. Keep inputs SIMPLE, POSITIVE. Talk about yourself to let others know who you are. Share good things that happened recently. There are enough of negatives already; so, NO NEED TO ADD MORE NEGATIVES. SOCIETY calls us to be FRIENDS IN THE LORD. Ayal Kootam aims to

deepen our bonds of friendship. They did some sharing about themselves in order to deepen their bond of friendship and go beyond mere catalogue entry. They shared briefly: what made them feel happy and feel good; what gives them joy of life; what is it that they most desire to have or experience.

Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

School: Students from Classes 8-10 participated actively in the 'CBSE Science Challenge' launched from Dec 21, 2020. An online Pre-board-1 for Classes 10 and 12 was conducted successfully from Jan 4 to 21. Online classes continued till the end of the month. For Classes 10 and 12, offline classes have been planned from Feb 1. In keeping with the SOPs by the govt, the classes will be held on alternate days from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Our students participated in the 80th Delhi State Athletic Meet held from Jan 14 to 22. Prabhiti of 10C won the Gold Medal in 800m in under-16 category and Sharon of 11A was declared winner in 400m; he also won the second position in 88m in under-18 category. They have been selected to represent Delhi State in junior national Athletic Meet. The Elementary Level Teachers attended the training program under NISHTHA (Cycle VI) from Jan 4 to 18. The training included modules on 'Pre-Vocational Education', 'Addressing Challenges in School Education during COVID -19 scenario' and 'Child Sexual Abuse and POCSO Act 2012'. The senior teaching staff attended the webinar series on NEP conducted by CBSE from Jan 15. The class teachers of the respective classes would then be organizing a similar webinar for the parents for their clarity on the NEP. To mark the 72nd Republic Day Celebrations, a short assembly was conducted by the class teachers of the respective classes. It was decided to follow the school bag policy, 2020 as formulated by DOE keeping in mind the serious health concerns heavy bags posed to students. TGT Maths Mrs. Sarika Goel bid adieu to the school after serving the institution for 9 yrs. Her dedication, hard work and whole-hearted endeavours will be always cherished. All the junior class teachers are asked to prepare an hourlong Power Point Presentation on the NEP and show it to the parents from Feb 15 to 20. Sr. Tomsy sent guidelines to the junior teachers on annual exams, question papers and report cards.

The junior class teachers conducted an online Republic Day special assembly on Jan 25. It consisted of a prayer, slogans, thought for the day and speech.

Britta

Parish & Community: The month of Jan was extremely cold and made all of us suffer a lot. New Year's Day was celebrated during morning mass dedicated to Mother Mary, Mother of God. On the last day of the year 2020, the parish offered thanksgiving prayer and Holy Mass to welcome the New Year. All the parishioners were served cake and hot coffee. The feast of the Epiphany was celebrated during our Sunday Mass. Archbishop Anil Couto was the main celebrant who confirmed six parishioners and prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. All were served snacks and coffee. After the mass Archbishop Anil joined us at the fellowship meal. Our parish celebrated the Laity Sunday in honour of Blessed Devasahayam Pillai during the Sunday mass and his life history was narrated to the parishioners. Even in this biting cold our parishioners continue to come for Sunday mass. We celebrated the Holy Name of Jesus feast during our morning mass. Fr. Jinesh and Fr. Arun visited us and joined us for lunch. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated during the Sunday mass which reminded us about our own baptism. Our community members went to Sahayog and St. Xavier's in the occasion of the birthdays of Sch. Pawan, Frs. Augustin Pantha, T.K. John and Sch. Denis. Fr. Scaria, Fr. Manoj, Bro. Gyan and Sch. Arvind went to Jhajhar for the birthday celebration of Fr. Varkey Muthala. On Republic Day we unfurled the national flag in the presence of our school security guards. Fr. Kochu was the chief guest. Fr. Scaria and Br. Gyan accompanied Fr. Provincial to Jaipur and were back after two days. On 30th Fr. Scaria got sad news of his brother's demise. On the same day he left for Kerala.

Remy

LVI: In spite of all the Corona restrictions, about 40-50 SHGs regularly met during the last three months, and they continued their monthly contributions and inter-loaning among themselves. We had a Lokmanch meeting of Delhi and Almora units at Jahangirpuri to plan out for the year 2021. The LVI Team met here to chalk out a training program for our 60

Lokmanch leaders. This was carried out on two days in Sectors 26 & 27. LVI is planning to re-open on Feb 1 after the corona- break for ten months, observing all the regulations.

George Peter

XLRI DELHI CAMPUS

We had the first offline classes in the campus for the MDP students from Jan 15 to 25. It was part of the ongoing Management Development Program. There were 44 students and 4 resource persons including **Fr. George**. We had all the Covid restrictions in place and the program was successfully completed. The number of BM students in the campus is gradually increasing and now there are 36 students in the hostel. We celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Varkey Muthalakuzhy** on 24th. Shahbad Community joined us for the celebrations. Republic Day was celebrated in the campus with Fr. George as the Chief Guest. A short message was delivered by a student who appealed to all to uphold the values of the Indian Constitution at all levels. Fr. George and **Fr. Amal** travelled to Chandigarh for the land related work.

Jinesh

ALMORA

In Jan Almora was very cold with the temperature falling to -1° to -3° at night; but day time was very pleasant. On Jan 1 we went to Bhawali to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Gautam IMS. Second Semester online classes started for **Sch. Cyril** and **Sch. Manish** on 4th. **Fr. Rakesh** celebrated Sunday Eucharist in Bagheswar on 10th; Sch. Manish accompanied him. On 12th Fr. Rakesh went for home visit. **Fr. Joseph Kurapati** along with Animators Mrs. Leela and Mr. Devender went to Delhi for Lokmanch meeting on 22nd and **Fr. Pradeep** joined them for the meeting on his return from home. Bishop Ignatius D'Souza of Bareilly was here on 27th at St. Francis Xavier's Church on a pastoral visit. Fr. Pradeep had meetings in Basouly, Dhaniya and Jalna from 28th to 30th. After their marriage our cook Mr. Roshan returned on 28th along with his wife. Fr. Joseph Kumar went home on 31st to celebrate his Thanksgiving Mass.

Kurapati

ROPAR

Parish: On Jan 3, with the Solemnity of the

Epiphany, the Christmas season was concluded. The whole parish community collaborated in getting the place of worship ready for the celebrations. As the year 2021 progresses the severity of winter too is increasing. Nonetheless it hasn't brought down the number of faithful for Sunday worship. After Mass all are served 'Hot- Punjabi-Tea' by a few good souls of the parish to boost our spirits and warm us up in the cold and foggy mornings. In view of transfer of our Catechist Mr. Pintu Barnard, the Diocesan Counsellor for Catechists Fr. Maria Selvaraj paid a visit to us. On 17th the Parish Council Meeting was organized for planning and executing a few upcoming major events in our parish. Parish Priest **Fr. Thomas** highlighted the significance of Christian Unity Octave and Sunday of the Word of God in our parish. Our young priests **Fr. Arul** and **Fr. Leo** are in the South for a monthlong honeymoon post- ordination.

School: On the very first day of 2021 our teaching faculty had a picnic but in the school premises itself. After a few days of winter holidays the staff and students resumed classes on Jan 5. Our man of all seasons Mr. Anup was on leave for a few weeks; hence to safeguard our campus three jawans were stationed at night. The teachers are taking revision classes without fail and are making the students busy with their studies. There is a big rush for admissions in our school; so Principal **Fr. Shekhar** is fully engaged meeting the new comers along with their parents. The birthdays of Fr. Thomas and **Fr. Viren** were celebrated in the school with the staff. On the Republic Day Manager Fr. Thomas unfurled the Tricolour and Mrs. Reena delivered a short message. The CLU work is halted by the govt officials and we are waiting to get a positive response.

Community: After a month on medical leave our cook Mrs. Rajrani has resumed her work. We had a few community meetings to discuss our budgets, Patna Jubilee celebration, Ignatian Year 2021, and Province Days. On two different days we celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Thomas and Fr. Viren.

Ashwin

KHARAR/MORINDA

We began the New Year 2021 by attending the Holy Mass in Ropar Parish. **Sch Praveen** resumed his online classes on 4th after the Christmas holidays. From 6th Mr. Subham, the new house caretaker started staying in Kharar

and taking care of the house. We are enjoying the green vegetables cultivated in Kharar. Fr. Viren attended the long Stage Play (de- addiction sensitization program) at Abinana Kalan Village on 12th. On 27th at Morinda House we celebrated Holy Mass in honour of Fr. Viren's birthday followed by dinner. On the same day in the evening youth from our parish made a short visit and made the birthday memorable. On 31st we were invited by Salesians for their feast day at Chandigarh. Two stage plays and four nukkads were presented at various villages as part of the de- addiction sensitization program.

Praveen

SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD

We welcomed the New Year with great hope and expectation. The pre-novices expressed their new year resolutions during a special candle lit evening prayer on Jan 1 and are trying to keep them. On 3rd an old woman named Anna Mary of our parish died and the funeral mass was held at 3:30 pm. After the mass **Sch. Anish** and **Fr. Jose** went to the graveyard. On the next day **Fr. Robert** left for Delhi to attend a meeting. We removed all the Christmas decorations on 4th & 5th. On 7th one of our companions returned after a short home visit. On 9th Fr. Robert came back. On 13th Subodh Lakra (Delhi) and Amit Tete (Patna) left the Pre- novitiate. We celebrated Makar Sankranti by eating dahi chuda and jaggery. All the Fathers and our co-workers joined our celebration. On 16th Euzeen Ekka (Delhi) left the Pre-Novitiate. The next day Fr. Jose left for Bengaluru to take classes for the philosophy students. Five CSN postulants arrived in the afternoon from Satna on 20th for eight days of retreat. Fr. George Nedumattam from Kaiserganj paid a visit to our community on the 21st. We celebrated Rajesh's birthday on 22nd. **Fr. Joy** went to St. Mary's Convent to direct a retreat for the golden jubilarians. Fr. Rajendran from Chanari came on 23rd for the evaluation of the Pre- novitiate. Pre-novices showcased a spectacular parade on the occasion of Republic Day with Fr. Robert as the Chief Guest; afterwards Pre-novices distributed sweets. We had a delicious kabab party in the evening and some melodious music helped us to enjoy the moment. To enhance our academic calibre, we were introduced to a teaching experience during

which we got a chance to teach about spectacular works of some renowned Jesuit priests from their biographies. On 30th Fr. Robert left for Bhopal to attend a seminar.

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Sch. Prakash arrived at DNC on Jan 5. There was an orientation talk on 9th. The community welcomed the new members and bid farewell to Fr. Arjen Tete with the Holy Eucharist on 10th. On 17th Fr. Donald Miranda, Provincial of Patna arrived for his visitation and on 18th we had a combined province mass and get-together. Sch Prakash is asked to take bed rest as he got his ankle sprained during the games on 19th. There was a friendly basketball match between 1st and 2nd year philosophers on 21st. The community attended webinar on UAP presented by Fr. John Dardis on 23rd. On Republic Day the house organized parade and flag unfurling ceremony. On 27th, POSA addressed the whole community. **Fr. Louis Laveil** and **Fr. Tony Andrade** keep themselves involved with the community activities. At present the scholastics are busy with their exams and assignments.

Prakash

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA

We began the New Year with a community picnic on Jan 1. After a day of break we began practicing a drama on 'Julius Caesar' by William Shakespeare as part of our Juniorate curriculum. Simultaneously we were also engaged in preparations for our Dean's Golden Jubilee scheduled for 9th. Unfortunately, due to his ill health it was postponed. We performed the drama on 17th. We were privileged to have POSA Fr. Stany D'Souza as the Chief Guest. He was here on his visitation. The performance was much appreciated by the audience. **Fr. Vincent** and **Fr. Packiam** finished their tertianship on 22nd and departed the following day. On the Republic Day we had a solemn Mass in the morning. It was followed by unfurling of the national flag and a short program. Mr. Telesphor Turkey who was here for his Catechetical Course was the Chief Guest. In the afternoon we had a basketball match with our novices. Juniors won

the match. We had an evaluation on the second semester of the Juniorate on 27-28th. We are now in full swing of the last semester.

Anthony

LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

We began the New Year with a solemn Mass and asking for the grace of God for the whole New Year. The same day we had a movie, delicious meal and a cultural dance which made the day enjoyable. Since our cook was on his holidays, we included cooking in our daily routine till 8th. On 2nd we gave a hearty welcome to **Fr. Felix Marshal** into our community and on 9th we welcomed him officially through a combined cultural program when we celebrated Fr. Master's birthday and the birthdays of novices in Dec and Jan. We are introduced to wear cassock while serving at the altar during Eucharist. For three days we had evaluation of the programs with **Fr. Christopher** and **Fr. Nicholas**. On 7th we welcomed Fr. Ranjit Minj from Jamshedpur as he came to accompany novice Kanuram home. His interaction with us made us to be more rooted in our vocation and to feel the motherly love of the Society. Fr. Master was out for a week directing the retreat of a group of Holy Cross sisters. In his absence Fr. Felix enlightened our minds on the sacraments of the church and the liturgy. We celebrated Makar Sankranti and Pongal with traditional foods and adoration. Fr. Master took classes on the Spiritual Exercises for the 1st years to deepen their long retreat experiences. One of the novices got his ankle injured while playing and now he is resting. Fr. Nicholas did a lot of renovation work in the house and is sharing his knowledge of Scriptures with the novices. After the long break because of the pandemic we resumed our ministry on 14th. On 26th we celebrated the Republic Day with solemn Eucharist, parade, flag hoisting, TV program, basketball match, special rosary and bonfire dinner.

Wilson

SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA

On Jan 4 we began the second half of the academic program. We began basic Hindi class for the three non-Hindi speaking candidates. On 5th Sch. Deva and Sch. Denis paid us a short visit after their retreat. Sch. Deva gave an

inspirational talk for our candidates. On 16th our candidates took part in the funeral of Fr. Augustine Ambrose at XTTI as the choir members. On 26th we had a short Republic Day celebration in front of the residence. Superior **Fr. Sushil** hoisted the flag and gave an inspirational talk. Two of our candidates delivered speeches in English. On 27th one of our candidates fractured his right wrist while playing football. After a week of singing practice, on 28th our boys participated in the diaconate ordination of Sch. Sanjeev and Sch. Rajeev. It was a great experience for all of us and our boys were appreciated for their melodies singing. On 29th we had the monthly recollection given by Fr. Sijo and on the same evening our candidates had their faith sharing in their living groups. On 30th we had a picnic to Gyanodaya, Khaspur. We enjoyed the day and on the same day we had living group basketball match. On the same day the Jesuits had the house budget meeting. On 31st our boys had competition on delivering creative speech dialogues in different groups conducted by Fr. Sushil. Though the weather is very cold these days we are all keeping good health.

Gnana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February	March
04 Kayathinkara, Sobin	01 Kalathingal, Shaju
06 Tete, Paul Micky	01 Mannaravelil, Joseph
07 Chelakat, Anthony	08 K.P. George
07 R, Gnana, Muthu	08 Toppo, Rakesh
13 A, Arunmozhi	13 Kavatt, Chacko C
15 George, Ajay J.	14 Toppo, Prakash
15 Mukalel, Sebastian	15 Jeera, Sebastian
18 Nedumattam, Mani	15 Ruban P. Kumar
19 *Xalxo, Ruben	24 Ariapilly, John
20 *George Stephen	28 Indwar, Deepak
25 Andrade, Anthony	29 Maria, Amaldass
	30 Vattakuzhy, Jose

Announcement

ROOTS & WINGS 2021 from April 6th evening to May 8th afternoon, for the Jesuits and those Religious who follow the Jesuit Spirituality. For more details and to apply for

the course please contact:

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Last date to apply is: March 15th 2021

Prayers are Requested

Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy's mother recovering from a stroke.

Fr. Packiam's eldest brother Rayappan, 62, undergoing dialysis.

Fr. Mathew's sister Sr. Divina SD suffering from Covid-19 and pneumonia.

In the Embrace of the Father

Fr. Ronald Victor Menezes (KAR 48/26) on Jan 14.

Fr. Ambrose Augustine (PAT 87/58) on Jan 16.

Fr. Maxim Crasta (GUJ 54/32) on Jan 19.

Fr. Arwind Minj (HAZ 42/) on Jan 26.

Fr. Anthony A. D'Souza (BOM 94/77) on Jan 27.

Fr. Lancelot Pereira (BOM 90/71) on Jan 28.

Br. Stephen Kerketta (RAN 75/57) on Jan 30.

Fr. Augustine Pantha's elder sister Sr. Regina, 88, on Jan 25.

Fr. Joseph Mannaravelil's elder brother Mr. Devasia (Sebastian), 95, on Jan 26.

Fr. Scaria's brother Mr. George Panthamackal, 72, on Jan 30.

Reports and photos for the next DM are due on or before Feb 28, 2021