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Name	Status	Wef
Fr. Pascal Dhanwar	Teacher, Assistant Treasurer, Lupungutu	01 Sept 2021
Fr. Antony Bara	Acting Superior, Administrator, Chaira	15 Sept 2021
Fr. Thomas Nelliakunnel	Asst PP, Pandabir and Social Work.	20 Sept 2021
Fr. Amit Lakra	Minister, Treasurer, St Xavier's, Tangrain	01 Oct 2021
Fr. Romanus Tete	Treasurer, Tepasai,	01 Oct 2021
Fr. Panneerselvam A	Minister, Tepasai,	01 Oct 2021
Fr. Rithesh Cutinho	Minister and Treasurer, Chaira,	01 Oct 2021

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - SEPT 2021

09	GB: LCE Telco
10	GB: Loyola Jamshedpur (am)
	GB: XITE, Gamariah (pm)
12	GB: DNJ, Dhanbad
16	GB: CSWC (am)
	GB: XAVIERS CHAIBASA (pm)
	GB: TRTC (pm)
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29	Consult

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

John Sumbrui



On 2 August, Sr Kavita, the Provincial of SRA Congregation came to Amda for visitation. She met **Fr Nelson**, the Director of CSWC and discussed various issues. She was happy to relish coffee with the Jesuits of Amda.

On 3 August, **Fr Nelson** and Sr Suchita SRA went to Janumbeda village for family visit. On 6 August, **Fr Gyan P Kujur** came to Amda and gave recollection to SRA Sisters. He was with us at Claver Bhavan for the night.

In spite of headache, giddiness and black out **Fr John** did his

Annual retreat in Bordor from 14 - 21 August. On 22 August, **Fr John** offered mass for the Bordor parishioners. In the homily he told them about the Wisdom of Crucifix.

Two FC Sisters, Sr Kumudini and Sr Susan, were with us for lunch. They were on their way back from Rourkela to Siadih. After lunch **Fr Nelson** reached them to their destination. On 24 August, **Nelson** and **John** joined the Basahatu community for the farewell dinner of **Sch Nilesh** and **Sanket**.

RCS Camp was held on 8-9 August. Dr Gaurav Conducted RCS on 9

patients and they are recovering. On 9 August, **NLEP** team along with the **DLC** of East Singhbhum made a visit to CSWC, Amda. They met all the patients and appreciated our selfless work. As a token of appreciation and encouragement the **DLC** felicitated Dr Gaurav Patodia and CSWC team.

On 17 August, **Fr Nelson** and Sr Suchita went to Khuntpani block office to get permission from the BDO to start the Health awareness programme in the villages of Bhoya panchayat. Permission is granted and we have begun the village programme.

Basahatu

Joseph Surin

Community News

Fr James Samad and **Sch Sanket Kumar** went to TRTC, Guira for National Justice Day Celebration-cum-Tribute to Fr Stan. Later, both proceeded to Jamshedpur

to get the Power Cable for laying a new electricity cable line from School to our Residence. Earlier **Fr James** called **Sch Binod Horo** to check the disturbed power supply to the Jesuit Residence.

Both the Scholastics **Sanket** and **Sch Nitish Xaxa** were of good help to **Fr James** in the work of laying power cable and restoration of the electricity supply. Thanks to both of them. As this report goes

out both have left Basahatu on 25 August to resume their regular classes at Loyola, Chennai. **Fr Joe Surin** was out of station to make the annual retreat at XIM University Campus, Bhubaneswar along with other Parish Priests from 16 to 24 August. He was back on 25 August after having his aching tooth checked-up.

Founders' Feast: The Feast Day mass of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with a small group of 2 teachers, 2 staff, 3 catechists and 4 SRA sisters. But the celebration had all the formalities of a high mass. The SRA sisters and a lady catechist led the Fathers and Scholastics towards the altar with an entrance dance. After garlanding the photo of St Ignatius there was a powerpoint presentation by the main celebrant **Fr Joe**. The singing was of high quality with our scholastics leading it from front. There was a high breakfast followed by the dance joined by all. For the Dinner we invited the Diocesan Fathers from CKP and Khuntpani Parish.

New Jesuit Member

Fr Jyoti Ranjan Sanga, the third member of the Basahatu Jesuit community, arrived on 13 August 2021. **Frs Polidor Kujur** and **Ignatius Dungdung** accompanied him all the way from Gande Dungri. **Fr Jyoti** will be serving as a teacher in the school and will also take care of the boys' hostel.

School News

Teachers, students and guardians once again visited the school campus after a long time in the month of August. The school conducted the first term exam in the second week of August. The parents came to collect the

questions for their children from school and after writing answers at home, they submitted the answer sheets. The teachers were busy distributing questions and correcting answer sheets throughout the month. The result was declared on 17 August. The school campus was crowded during this time while maintaining the social distance and following other Covid-19 protocols.

Independence Day was celebrated in the campus. We had the Eucharistic celebration presided over by **Fr James**. We had the Chief Guest- Shri Sudama Haiburu, Mukhiya of Keyadchallom Panchayat for the day. **Sch Nitish Xaxa** delivered the speech on the occasion. In his message, he said that freedom is not yet fully achieved. Apart from this we also had patriotic songs and slogans by teachers.

At the end of the program the new members – **Fr Jyoti Ranjan Sanga**, Srs Savita and Priya SRA were introduced and welcomed to the Basashatu campus by Superior **Fr Joe**.

On 12 August, our teachers attended an online seminar on 'Ignatius Knew' conducted by **Fr Vinod Fernandes** and **Fr Niral Deogam**, though some could not attend it due to network problems.

Parish News

As the order of opening of religious places is yet to come we have started the circle masses in the four centers of our parish on Sundays besides the village masses on weekdays.

Hero' Porob (an agricultural tribal feast celebrated mostly in June-July after the paddy/crops have

sufficiently grown) masses are on demand in different villages. Quite a few family masses are also offered for the sick members of the families in different villages. The Faithful on this side of the world consider the holy mass as the substitute for the animal sacrifice which they used to offer during various illnesses to get healed before they came to the Christian faith. They need proper education in this regard.

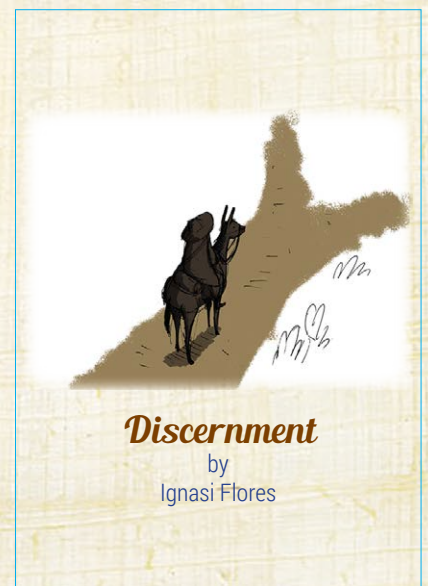
Distinguished Guests/Visitors

Fr Anthony P. along with a staff member and a student visited us on the way to Kolhan University. Six **St Ann's Sisters** came to wish us on our Founder's Feast day. SRA Provincial, **Sr Kavita Joseph**, with her counselor visited us to have a sharing on our collaboration in the school and parish.

Fr Sushil Balmuchu from Gomoh came down to Basahatu to make his annual retreat in the second week of August.

New Development

Construction works of cloth drying sheds for hostel boys and girls are on.



Inigo Niwas

Basil Sanga

From this year onwards Inigo Niwas formation structure changed from 2 year plus two or Intermediate programme to 3 year programme. Candidates admitted, both, after passing class 10 and 12 will spend a year in language learning and spirituality along with the Jesuit formation. Selected candidates after class 10 will do their Intermediate and selected candidates after class 12 will go to the Novitiate. This year, in spite of having no vocation camp, we have 50 candidates. Among them 11 are those who are in their second

year doing their class 12 studies. The rest 39 are the new ones. 34 candidates are for Jamshedpur and 5 are for Patna Province. We have 7 pre-novices in two other places too – 3 in Vivek Sadan, Daltonganj and 4 in Sanjivan Niwas, Patna. Thanks to the hard labour of the former Vocation Promoter and Director, **Fr Ranjit Roshan Minj**. The new Vocation Promoter **Fr Neelam** followed it up. **Frs Mahesh** and **Amit** too have worked hard to get the candidates, thanks to them as well; gratitude to all those who really worked

to promote vocations for the province. **Fr Henry Albert** joined the candidates house as a teacher on 16 August. The Inigo Niwas family welcomed him joyfully. **Fr Neelam** went to Tangrain for the youth programme on 21 August and came back on 23. **Fr Basil** went to Rengra on 22 August to offer mass. We are very grateful to two of our scholastics, **Telesphore** and **Jobin**, who are helping out the candidates in taking classes and guiding them in games.

Lupungutu

Basil Sanga

The School and College reopened on 6 August after three and half months of lockdown. Offline and online classes are going on. First term online exam was conducted from 2 to 8 August for class VII and VIII. The entrance test exam for class XI was conducted on 10 August. Nearly 804 students appeared in the exam and 457 students have taken admission in class XI. On 11 August Jawahar Navodaya School entrance test exam was held at St Xavier's School, Lupungutu, where 393 students appeared in the exam.

Matric and Inter-college results brought us joy and happiness with

their excellent results. **Matric pass percentage was 99.60**; appeared 248 – 1st Div: 243, 2nd Div: 04 and Fail: 01.

Inter-college Science: appeared 142 – 1st Div: 140, 2nd Div: 01, Fail: 01. **Commerce:** appeared 110 – 1st Div: 98, 2nd Div: 11, Fail: 01. **Arts:** appeared 144 – 1st Div: 126, 2nd Div: 11. All the three streams got district toppers too.

Orientation classes for class XI were taken by **Frs Sanjay** and **Kishor**. On 31 July, the Youth of Chaibasa and Lupungutu unit had a half day orientation class and Basketball match. On 31 July, school arranged a Holy Mass for

the teachers and later Jesuits were facilitated by the teachers. There was a fellowship meal with the teachers.

After one and half months of break, our School Band displayed its full rhythm extremely well on 15 August in Police Line Chaibasa. 22 August was the day of celebration because 40 new hostel girls joined the hostel. Welcome ceremony was held for them and even for the new Jesuit members of LPG. School organized the Holy Spirit Mass for class XI and **Fr Sanjay** offered mass for them.

INFORMATION

We apologize for adding "SJ" in the August 2021 issue's two appointments of Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj, Administrator of Port Blair and Fr. Linus Pingal Kujur, Diocesan Administrator of Gumla Diocese. Both are not Jesuits. Sorry for wrongly adding "SJ" after their names.

DHANBAD AREA

DNS – Bhuli

Bhincent Bhengra

The Cannonball experience and the feast of founder St Ignatius of Loyola completed the remarkable 500 years journey. All our Catholic teachers and support staff took active part in the Eucharistic celebration. The Mass began at 8.30 am. **Fr Bhincent** was the main celebrant along with **Frs Michael** and **Sebastian**. He stressed in his homily four main points of St Ignatius: 1. Total Trust in God; 2. Learning from mistakes; 3. Find God in all things; and, 4. All for the greater glory of God. After the Mass the teachers showered flowers on all the Jesuit fathers and sang songs. **Fr Sebastian** made a short visit to Bhagalpur with his friends to attend the Golden Jubilee of Assisi School run by the TOR Fathers. He was back on Sunday with Srs Silvi and Arokia for lunch.

The students of Classes 1-8 submitted their project works and second class test to the school office. With great fervor and zeal the school celebrated the 75th year of Independence with few students and teachers following the Covid-19 protocol. **Fr Sebastian** celebrated the Eucharist for the Catholic teachers and support staff. **Fr Michael** was the chief guest of the day. **Bhincent** celebrated the Feast day Mass with MC



Sisters. Then, with **Fr Oscar**, he journeyed to Jamshedpur Loyola School for the Final Vows of **Frs Niranjan** and **Augustin**. **Bhincent** accommodated himself in Upasana and **Fr. Oscar** at Guidera Residence. Next day they were back in Digwadih.

Provincial **Fr Jerry Cutinha** made his contact visit to Bhuli. He stayed here for two days and visited all the De Nobili Schools. **Fr Michael** was with him throughout his visit. He met the principals to get the feelings of the situation. The students were burning the midnight oil for the First Semester exam which commenced online on 21 Aug. Teachers are working hard to correct the class tests and project works as things do not come on time. **Frs Sebastian** and **Bhincent** made their presence felt in Gomoh where the sisters

celebrated ONAM. They provided a sumptuous banana leaf meal.

To increase the love and interest for the subject of Math, **Fr Michael** the Director of De Nobili Schools organized a Mathematics workshop in Bhuli. All the math teachers took part. The programme began at 8.30 am with the Morning Prayer song and lighting of the lamps. Mr Raju Ganguly, publisher of Macmillan publication was the resource person. **Fr Michael**, addressing the gathering, said that we need to update and adapt new and innovative skills to bring curiosity for the subject of math. Because the curious mind never stops learning. The teachers enjoyed the breakfast and sumptuous lunch. The program ended at 3 pm.

Guests of the month

Frs Ajay, Alex Gnana, Pradeep joined us for the feast day evening dinner. **Frs Michael, Sebastian** and **Bhincent** cut the cake as they sang the festal song. Sr Pratibha and four other Apostolic Carmelites sisters made a visit. Sr Pratibha Miranda was their leader. The purpose of their visit was to wish us on our happy feast day. **Fr A. Alex** was here for a week to write his M.Ed. exam. Best of luck, **Alex!**



DNS – Chandrapura

Anthony Pancras



Loyola Feast was celebrated on 31 July with zeal and fervour. The day began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by **Fr Vijay** and con-celebrated by **Fr Pancras** and Fr Mukti Minz, Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church Chandrapura. **Fr Pancras** preached an inspiring homily on Ignatian conversion.

A short programme was organized by Mr Dinesh Albert to facilitate the Jesuits. The lighting of a traditional lamp was done by **Fr Pancras**, **Fr Vijay**, Sr Clementina and other dignitaries. The portrait of St Ignatius was garlanded by Fr Mukti Minz, our Parish Priest. **Frs Pancras** and **Vijay** were greeted with bouquets. Arun Kr. Singh, an alumni of DNS CTPS, shared his personal touching Cannonball experience in life. The School choir

sang - "Noble knight, lead us on." A musical play was presented on the conversion of St Ignatius - "*He sant Inigo*" by the teachers. It was a praiseworthy effort. Kudos!!!

On 15 August, the feast of Assumption of Mother Mary and the 75th Independence Day was celebrated in the school. The day began with the holy mass celebrated by **Fr Pancras** and

Fr Vijay. Principal **Pancras** unfurled the Tricolour and Vice Principal Mr Sebastian Horo gave the message of the day. All the staff, school choir and a few students attended the function.

The month was graced by the visit of Fr Santosh Minj, SJ, the Provincial of Hazaribagh Jesuit Province on 11 August and later **Fr Jerry Cutinha, SJ**, the Provincial of Jamshedpur visited us on 17 August. Both met the staff, appreciated their contribution to the Society as collaborators, encouraged them and wished them to have a better tomorrow.

On 7 August, **Fr James Tharaniyil** along with other Jesuits and Sisters from Gomoh visited the CTPS Jesuit community for a



one-day outing. **Pancras** and **Vijay** along with Bhuli Jesuits, visited Gomoh to celebrate Onam with the Jesuits and Sisters on 22 August.

On 3 August, All Nobilian Alumni Association Global members visited DNS CTPS, to plant a few trees in the campus. DNS Chandrapura was blessed with

excellent results this year, all our students passed in flying colours. Congratulations to Mr Kennedy, the teachers and students.

DNS Digwadih

Emile Coelho



Ignatius Day and events leading up to it, were celebrated with the usual fervor and festivities. The Community had a spiritual aspect: the Novena to Saint Ignatius. On 30 July, high tea and entertainment in the McFarland Auditorium, for our co-workers and teachers was arranged. On the 31 July, the Parish and Campus people gathered in the St Mary's Church to felicitate the Jesuits. The Sisters of the Parish area came for lunch to the Jesuit Community's newly-furnished

Dining Room. The atmosphere was charged with joy and vivacity.

In early August, **Amaladoss** and **Niranjan** went to Jamshedpur for the inspection of a school and vows' retreat respectively. **Emile** went to Kolkata to meet Sandhi Mukherjee, former DGP of West Bengal, a friend of 50 years! **Francis** ventured out to Bihar for a family occasion of great mirth.

Major General Sabyasachi Choudhury, an alumnus here at DNS during the time of Kirsch,

Kenna, Hess and McFarland, came on a visit. He, in the company of **Emile**, met the students of XI and XII. He had words of high praise for the Jesuits. He said that he reached far in his life because of the quality education he received in Digwadih, DNS. He said that Digwadih DNS alumni are world wide today.

Mid August, **Michael Fernandes** called for an emergency meeting for Principals in De Nobili Bhawan. While **Francis** went to Bhubaneswar to attend the





Pastors' Retreat, **Oscar Horo** and **Bhincent Bhengra** went to Jamshedpur for the Final Vows of **Niranjan Minj** and **Augustin Surin**.

15 August saw the Flag Hoisting amid great pomp and circumstance on the Assembly Ground. **Amaladoss** did the honors. Teachers and students added color and vibrancy to the occasion with



song and dance; not to mention well-executed speeches.

17 August Father Provincial had a meeting with **Mike, Oscar, Amal, Saby** and **Niranjan**. Digwadih played host.

18 August, **Emile's** birthday; and felicitation for **Niranjan**. **Emile** offered the Mass. **Niranjan**

provided the music; he played 'second fiddle' on his guitar. 22 Jesuits, including the Provincial, took part in the celebrations. **Oscar Horo** left no stone unturned to make sure that things went on smoothly.

23 August to 4 September, First Semester Exams. Silence pervades the entire school.

Gomoh

James Tharaniyil



The month of August was filled with a lot of activities and examinations. On the one hand the Online classes and Examinations were going on in full swing from Classes LKG onwards and on the other hand various cultural activities were taking place. We had conducted different competitions during this month like storytelling, elocution, debate, etc. The topic given to these completions was



"St Ignatius of Loyola, a heroic Saint". The teachers prepared the students well and they spoke extremely well. It was part of the Ignatian Jubilee year celebrations. We conducted dance competitions too. The students enthusiastically participated in it.

We celebrated the feast of St Ignatius in a different way this year. The Staff came together and

had a quiz competition. It was a good opportunity for the Staff to go in detail about the life of St Ignatius of Loyola. After the quiz competition we served them high tea.

The Independence Day celebration was another program we had in the month of August. We had cultural programs on that day. The winners of the patriotic dance competition



and the singing competition came to the School and performed their dance and song which were telecasted Online. **Fr James Tharaniyil** and **Fr Stan Kujur** had hoisted the flag in De Nobili school and in De Britto School respectively. The Chief Guest of the occasion, Mr Yojesh Kr. Mahto, the Inspector of Gomoh Police Station, gave the message.

The First Semester Examination commenced on 28 August. It will continue for a week. The students are slogging it out to perform well in the exams.

Five of our teachers went to De Nobili School, Bhuli, on 24 August to attend a Mathematics seminar organized by De Nobili Schools with the help of Macmillan Publications. The teachers were extremely happy to learn the new

technology to teach Mathematics in a very easy and interesting way. Thanks to **Fr Mike** for organizing it.

Fr Sushil Ekka went all the way to XIM University to make his Spiritual Journey along with his co-pastors. At the same time **Fr Balmuchu** travelled to Jamshedpur to be with the Lord alone for 8 days and also to have his medical checkup. Now he is fit spiritually as well as physically. Praise the Lord!

Fr Stan Kujur is busy taking classes for class 9 students of De Britto School.

Fr James T is continuously working with Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) for the permanent affiliation of DBH Hindi school. He had personally gone to JAC and submitted the DEO's report file in the office. Now he sees some silver lining in the dark cloud.

The NOC work of St John De Britto School as well as that of De Nobili School is at snail's pace progress. We filled the application form Online a month ago but still the computer shows it to be pending.

Onam was celebrated in a traditional way with a variety of Onam-specific dishes and had the Onam Sadhya (BHOJI) in banana leaves at the Convent and the Jesuits from Bhuli and Chandrapura joined us to double our joy. The food was very delicious.

We were blessed to have **Frs Jerry Cutinha, Michael Fernandes, Saby, Bhincant, Pancras, Sushil Jojo, Francis Bodra** and **Dn Prabhakar** visiting our community at different times in the month. Thanks for your concern and love towards us.

St Xavier's Tundi

Prabhakar Oddipalli



Fr Sushil Jojo has returned to the community after going through his pending routine health checkups and he is found fit to be able to march forward, Thanks to XLRI and Guidera communities for taking care of him and helping him in many ways. The school reopened for class 9 and 10 students with several Covid-19 safety measures. **Fr Amos** returned to the Tundi



community on 11 August after successfully completing his first year of B.Ed. studies in Namchi. He started attending his second-year online classes from here. We celebrated the 75th Independence Day of our country in the school and Sr Rekha OLP, the new superior, was the chief guest for the day. She gave a wonderful message of hope

and hard work to make the dreams come true. **Fr Jerry**, our Provincial was with us on 18 August for a contact visit accompanied by **Fr Michael Fernandes**. **Fr Sushil**, along with the pastors of the province has attended the pastoral retreat in XIM University, organized by the province, he is back with new strength and spirit. **Fr JP** is

busy with the school affiliation work as well as arranging the classes for the students. He has to make several visits to the JAC office, Ranchi, thanks to his efforts, we see positive signs. All the community members have received their first dose of vaccine.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Thomas Nelliakunnel

The school celebrated the World Indigenous day. The sponsored children were present along with all the teachers. After the celebrations trees were planted by the sponsored children and the fathers. The school reopened for the 9th and 10th classes. There are a few hostel students also in the hostel. **Fr Niral** had gone to Tata

to conduct a webinar for the Hindi school teachers along with **Vinod Fernandes** on Ignatian legacy on education

After that he went to Inigo Niwas to meet the new candidates. The community recollection was on Independence day. The second batch of alumni girls will go to

TRTC on the 31st of this month to start tailoring production in Rerua later, like in Chaira. **Frs Ranjit and Walter** were here to motivate the new batch. **Fr Tom** had gone to Chaibasa with regard to a problem in the appointment of a teacher in the LPG middle on the govt post way back in 1989.

Guidera Jesuit Residence

George Cheradayil

Fr Gyanprakash Kujur, our socius to the provincial, has moved out of Guidera Jesuit Residence, XLRI Campus, to Loyola Niwas, Sakchi. He is now staying with **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, our provincial and two scholastics **Jubin Nath** and **Binay Kerketta**. Eventually, it will be made the permanent office cum residence for the Province Curia community. Loyola Niwas, Sakchi, is more accessible to people than XLRI campus.

Fr Henry Albert who worked with the migrant labour in Chennai spent a couple of months with us. He is now assigned to Inigo

Niwas as an English teacher for the candidates. He was given a very touching farewell by the community. We wish him all the very best in his new mission.

Fr Romanus Tete is back from Bangalore after his medical check up and after completing the Chemotherapy. He responded extremely well to the treatment and is completely cured of the cancer. However, he needs to have regular check ups which can be done here in Jamshedpur. He is as usual very happy and cheerful. He is eternally grateful to each one of you for your valuable prayers. **Br Maxi** had gone

to Shankar Netralaya, Chennai, accompanied by **Fr Henry Albert**, for the treatment of his eyes which were badly damaged by high diabetics. His eyes are better now. He has to consult the doctor from Shankar Netralaya regularly. He has returned to Guidera Jesuit Residence and is very happy and cheerful. **Fr Felix Tellis'** health is slowly deteriorating and he is practically bedridden. **Fr Pawan Toppo**, fresh from his BEd studies in Loyola College of Education, Namchi, has gone to Mangalore for treatment. Please remember **Maxi, Felix** and **Pawan** in your prayers.

Fr Jerry Cutinha went to St Ignatius Hindi School, Rengra, a remote place, to relax and make his annual retreat. As chairman of the XIM University, **Jerry Cutinha** chaired the University Board meeting and conducted the annual convocation 2021. **Scholastics Jubin** and **Binay** made their retreat in TRTC, Lupunguttu before leaving for Canada for theology. They are now waiting for their Visa documents.

Fr James Kalapura gave an eight day retreat to **Frs Augustine Surin**

and **Niranjan Minj** in preparation for their final vows. This was followed by a recollection to the AC sisters of Sacred Heart Convent and a triduum to the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. Congratulations to **Fr Somy Mathew** on his appointment as the editor of Ignis. He is in great demand for Ignatian retreats, talks and webinars. He has now gone to Bhubaneswar to give a one month retreat to the tertians

of St Joseph's sisters of Annecy. Wish you all the best, dear **Somy**.

Fr George Fernandes from Kalinga Nagar spent a couple of days with us doing some work for Loyola School, Kalinga Nagar. He came in a chauffeur driven magnificent Innova. We made use of his presence to get his signature to close the bank account of late **Fr Hilary Lobo** and he used the occasion to get a free haircut from our Noel!!!

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

Eric Cassel



The crème de la crème on 31 July was the Digital Quiz based on the Life of St Ignatius of Loyola conducted by the one and only **Sch Sanjay Bodra** and assisted by **Sch Anjum Lomga**. Earlier on at lunch, **Fr Gyan Prakash Kujur**, the Socius, released the Jam Schols Magazine, "New Leaf", in the presence of the **PCF, Fr Somy Mathew**. Allow the pics to do the talking. Yes, it was the final product of the combined efforts of Editor **Sch Arun Prasath** and his Editorial Team.

Sch Arundeeep Kujur and **Rockey Mallick** took off for their home leave and left soon after, for Mangalore

for their College studies. Much earlier, **Sch Anil Jojowar** and **Vijay Rayappa** were driven by **Fr Ajit to XITE**, Gamharia, for their college studies.

Yes, the exodus of Scholastics from Upasana has begun, with the 5 Collegians from Loyola College, Chennai: **Biren Baa, Rohit Ekka, Sanket Kumar, Ashish Beero, Vikram Kisku** and **Nitish Dung Dung**. Indeed, **Upasna** is gradually returning to its original charism of providing spiritual inputs on location, instead of the on-line programs conducted during the peak moments of Covid-19

followed by lock downs and restrictions on travel.

Fr John Mundu returned to Jesu Bhawan from Ranchi after a three-week stay in RTC, Kanke, giving the final touches to some of his Courses in Theology and being on the Board of Examiners for the Comprehensives.

Fr Rajesh Ddungdung has slipped into his 3-in-1 role of Administrator, Treasurer and Minister, without a hiccup. He graced the altar with his presence as the Celebrant for the Mass for the two-in-one celebration of the Assumption



of Our Lady and India's 75th Independence Day, unfurling the National Flag.

This year's 75th Independence Day was special as well as short and sweet. We had the PDDM Sisters to grace the occasion along with the Nursing Students of their Community College. Due to the current pandemic scenario, we were requested to keep the program short. **Fr Rajesh** unfurled the National Tricolour against the background of the solemn singing of the National Anthem. In his short and sweet speech, delivered in a soothing voice, **Fr Rajesh** made us feel that every day was Sunday. Not only were his words sweet, but he arranged for all of us to leave the premises with a chocolatey taste in our mouth by providing us with "Kofilik". We concluded our program with shouts of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai".



The campus continues to be given a fresher look with every passing day – with everything in place and a place for everything. The Main Chapel is still undergoing changes for the better, using only the longer-lasting-materials that are available.

On Sunday, 19 August, Novice Master **Fr Ajit Soreng** had his first Virtual Conference with other Novice Masters of the **South Asian Assistancy**, thirteen in all including Sri Lanka.

The week before the Final Vows, the night recreations were spent honing up on the hymns to be sung for the occasion of the Final Vows at Loyola School. **Fr Master Ajit** did the ground work with the help of **Scholastics Rohit, Ashis and Biren**. The final touch was given by **Fr Anil Dang** over the weekend. **Fr Anil**, however, put them through a crash course in Indian Music,

teaching them to play by musical notation the tabla, the triple drum, the keyboard and the flute. It has led to a more workman-like-attitude in utilizing the time allotted for practice of skills.

The Novices and Scholastics felt right on top of the world with all the adulation they received from the congregation that attended the Final Vows, both from Fathers and Sisters present for the Final Vows. Our choir of Novices with **Scholastics Rohit, Ashish and Biren** truly WOWED the Congregation! For the first time ever, they formed the backbone for the occasion. Their crowning moment came when they were invited to join the others for the Final Vows Supper with the tables groaning under the weight of dishes to tickle the taste buds of one and all – a gourmet's delight indeed! Another unexpected





delight awaited the First Years when **Fr Anil Dang** decided to drive them through XLRI Campus on their way to Loyola School. The eyes of the First Years popped wide to see such a vast campus. Yes, a campus, according to Fr Provincial in one of his homilies, described as being the City's Garbage Dump Yard in former years that had now become the new XL - "WAH, XL"!

The 23 August witnessed the burial of 89-year-old **Sr Sebastian** at Amar Jyoti. **Fr Rajesh**, our Minister, drove our **Schols. Cajetan, Cyprian, Sanjiban, Sanjay and Arundeeep** to Amar Jyoti to assist at the final rites and burial. In appreciation for their generosity, **Fr Rajesh** treated them to a High Tea in a nearby hotel. That's appreciation – uncalled for – but, when spontaneously given, is well received and cherished.

Sch Jubin Nath spent a couple of hours at JB's Computer

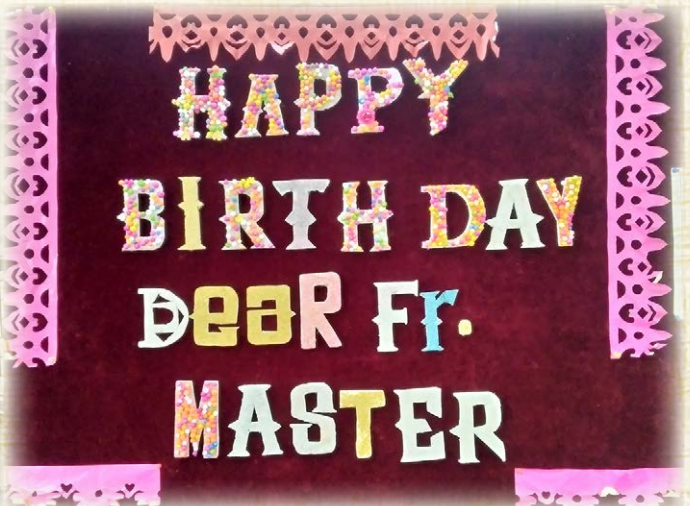
Room, installing 2 CPUs from the Provincial's Office and marking several CPU's that could be serviced and put back in working condition. Thanks, **Jubin!**

As we go to Press, **Fr Joe Njara** announces that UPASANA is now open to Retreats on location. This good news was underlined with the arrival of 5 SRA Sisters for a Long Retreat.

August ended with a bang with the birthday celebration of **Fr Ajit Soreng**. The Novices left no stone unturned, pulled out all stops, to make his **first birthday** as **Novice Master** an unforgettable one – from the decor on the Notice Board – the doorway to his room – and the Mass – the felicitation in the Refectory - could have given **Fr Ajit** the feeling of being in the Seventh Heaven. At Mass, it was **Rahul Honhaga** who set the tone for the Birthday Eucharist while

Kamal Kerketta delivered the finishing touch to the celebration in the Refectory with his 'shairee' sprinkled birthday greetings. However, soon after Mass in the morning, we accompanied **Fr Ajit** to bless a new HERO motor bike for the community.

12 Scholastics came together from different communities to make their **Monthly Recollection** at Upasana. Vocation Promotion Director, **Fr Neelam Kerketta**, guided them through this weekend-spiritual-exercise, with a PPT on a topic, 'The mystery of Christ in Weakness and in Love', based on an article by Fr Michael J. Buckley, SJ – 'Are You Weak Enough to be a Priest?'



Jilling

Sylvester Ekka

The lackluster response to the online-live class for 9th and 10th Stds generated much disappointment among the teachers. It was reviewed and decided to close online-live classes for 9th Std. On 14 August, all the staff members from nearby villages came to the school and prepared the ground for the celebration of Independence Day. On 15 August, **Fr Praful**, as the

Chief guest hoisted the national flag and shared his message on the need of peace and brotherhood among all citizens and on challenges before teachers and students in conventional methods of teaching-learning on account of unending lockdown. On 9 August **Fr Sylvester** rushed home on hearing the news of the death of his ailing mother Ms. Carmela Ekka,

about 70 years of age. He reached in time for the funeral mass and for burial thereafter. He stayed back at home for a week and returned to Jilling on 19 August. On 14 August, **Fr Julian** left for Bhubaneswar via Gomoh to make his annual retreat at XIM University from 18 August and returned after the retreat on 29 August.

LCE Telco

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Community

On 4 August 2021, we had a very important community meeting to sort out a number of issues that emerged from the last visitation of LCE. It was felt that as part of our governance it is an urgent need to obtain a UDISE number for the Loyola School Telco, because the school has come up to Std. VI. We were all waiting for it as directed by Ranchi Office but **Sushil** on meeting the HRD education secretary and DEO in his office, came to know that now the RTE certificate from the DC's Office is a must for processing the UDISE number as well as the NOC for the school. Due to the lockdown the processing work was hampered.

Moreover, now the process is made much more difficult than before. However, all efforts would be made by **Sushil** to get the work moving by the help of some individuals, including the DC's Office.

Staney, with his experience and expertise, will assist the Principal in obtaining the UDISE No., NOC, and other compliances of the school. **Sushil** is open to any help from other experts too. The school managing committee, the committees on child abuse and on sexual harassment need to be revived by replacing the old members who left by adding some new members.

As a policy and in agreement with the person in charge, from the beginning of August 2021, our community would be responsible to take care of the spiritual needs of Telco area only – JJNS, Telco Parish, Little Flower Convent and Cluny's Convent. **Staney** already began his maiden Mass, Recollection and Confession for the month of August by giving two full hours at JJNS and the convent.

School

The School Office is open every day maintaining the office hours. **Sushil** is keeping in touch with the office and the teaching staff regarding academic matters. He had assigned two senior teachers



to supervise the online teaching for the purpose of getting feedback. Now he has fixed 2 September 2021 for the staff meeting with physical presence at 11:15 am.

Throughout the month of August we could see that the number of parents have increased visiting the Office Secretary on business. The Secretary is also busy feeding online RTE information. The office staff and the security are helping in keeping the Covid-19 norms. All the maintenance workers are expected to come in masks and keep the campus clean and healthy. On 15 August, all the office and maintenance staff were present for hoisting our national flag together with the Principal.

The New CCTV system has to be installed for which fresh quotations are to be sought. The laying of the cables from the new transformer was on hold due to heavy rain and for some modification, but is now continuing and we hope it will be completed soon for commissioning. **Staney**, after finalizing the contractor

for the construction of the School Boundary wall, began the groundwork from 30 August 2021.

For the B.Ed. students, the filling of online forms for Semester IV Exams was extended from 5 to 19 August 2021. But the probability of conducting the exams is yet to be announced. All the filled in completed forms – hardcover – were handed over personally to the controller of exams by **Tony** himself on Saturday 21 August 2021. With the lifting of lockdown in Jharkhand, more former students from outstation started coming to the College extension office to pick up their Degree Certificates, Registration Slip, etc.

College

LCE has done the course completion and the Second-year students have filled-up the Semester IV Examination form by Mid-August. **Tony** had to visit the University several rounds to appeal for change of exam centre in the wake of non-availability of our faculty members to conduct offline examination. It is learnt that

the Exam may be held around mid-September 2021.

On the faculty front, all have found placement except five and the librarian. They are on the lookout for a suitable job elsewhere in colleges of Education. Time is the answer.

Tony offered a day session to the faculty of XITE College on 12 August 2021 on **“Decoding Jesuit Education and Pedagogy”** and it was an eye-opener for them to see the rich tradition and legacy of Jesuit Education and come to know that the learners need to experience the *“Brand rather than Marketing”* and *“Affective rather than Cognitive learning”* to effect changes in their perception towards Jesuit Education.

Tony had a two-days virtual workshop on 20-21 August 2021 coordinated by JEA-SA on Conference of Apostolic Planning (CAP) for PCEs to discern together on preferences that can be given a thrust in our schools.



Loyola School – JSR

Pius Fernandes

The resumption of offline classes, though with restricted numbers, is definitely a big relief. Teachers and students are happy to return to school. **Fr James Santhanam** has started regular classes in cassock.

Our Rector **Fr K M Joseph** was stung by dozens of giant bees, leaving the sting all over during his evening walk. Thanks to the care of the Mercy Sisters he could recover fast. He also attended the Pastoral Retreat organized by the Province at XIM. He is back, refreshed and rejuvenated.

Frs Augustin Surin and **Niranjan Minj** had their final vows in our

chapel. Minister **Gerry** took care of the entire organization with the guests appreciating the good food. **Br Benji** contributed his mite.

Renny has been entrusted with the task of collecting videos on the life of **Fr Stan**. You are requested to contact him if you have any rare collections.

“It is good to see the students of the Hindi school also back in the classroom” says Headmaster **Fr C G Thomas**. The children put up a colourful entertainment programme and a scintillating quiz contest on the Feast of our Founder. Scholastics **Sanjay** and

Anjum were the quiz masters. Rector **KM** was the chief Guest.

“AZIONARE” a two day inter school cultural fest was organized online by the main school seniors.

After chasing for several months we have finally received the clearance certificate from the Notified Area Committee to construct a Prayer Hall and a Badminton Court. The demolition of the old building has begun. It was meant to be the Platinum Jubilee gift to the Loyoleans.

Pius inspected two schools for the CISCE recently.

XITE Gamharia

Dayanidhi Bisoi



Xavier School

The school received good ICSE results for the 2020-21. Sweta Gorai and Subhajeet Dey came toppers with 97.4 % marks and a total of 43 students secured above 90% marks. Kudos to the Principal, Staff and students for their hard work.

The Prize Day function was held on 12 August. Dr. Arava Rajkamal, I.A.S, the Deputy Commissioner of Saraikela Kharsawan district graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraged the students in his speech to dream big in life always.

The school organized a touching farewell function on 16 August to bid adieu to Sr Pauline and Sr Anjali and thanked them for their dedicated service since 2016. Sr Reshmi and Sr Archana were given a warm welcome in their place. First Term Exam for Std. XI and XII was held online from 23 to 31 August. The birthdays



of **Fr Dayanidhi** and **Fr Kuruvilla** were celebrated in School on 8 and 11 August respectively. The annual inter school competition, "Monsoon Magic 2021" which is organised by our school was held on 25 August. A special edition of e-magazine "Xavier Zest", that portrayed the achievements of the school was released on 12 August. The school organised successfully Fit India Freedom Run 20 and received a certificate from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

XITE College

The College conducted internal online exams from 5 to 10 August, 2021. Our faculty members, Dr. Sanchita, Dr. Pramod, and Prof. Nishit conducted a one day orientation program for the final year students on the forthcoming internship on 11 August. A two

day's Faculty Development Program was organised on 12 and 13 August where the resource persons **Fr Tony P.** and **Fr Mukti Clarence** emphasized on professional upgradation. **Fr Tony** emphasised on the four pillars of Jesuit education that interlinked with 4 Cs—Consciousness, Compassion, Competence and Commitment; while **Fr Mukti** dealt with Humanistic Science and Holistic Health. He encouraged the participants to become aware of the ever-increasing psychological challenges leading to dissatisfaction, unhappiness and stress. The newly formed Rotaract Club organised the 75th Independence Day Celebration. The College began offline classes on 16 August. On the opening day, Mr Devang Gandhi, Director of Empire Auto Pvt. Ltd. conducted a session for the students on

'PHYGITAL' highlighting the importance of technology, knowledge and skill for the growth of individuals and organizations.

Community

The XITE Community welcomed two Scholastics. **Anil Jojowar** and **Vijay Rayapan** of our Province on 7 August who are going to join XITE College for their graduation in Economics and Commerce respectively. We wish them fruitful years of studies and a happy stay in XITE campus. The Community along with the CTC Sisters celebrated the birthday of **Fr Dayanidhi** and **Fr Kuruvilla** on 8 and 11 August respectively. **Fr Mukti** went for a short home visit on 19 August, before he embarks on his trip to Ireland.



ODISHA AREA

Kalinganagar

Pascal Burh



The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with much pomp and enthusiasm, here in our community. We began our celebration with the solemn Holy Eucharist, offered by **Fr George Fernandes**, along with a few teachers and co-workers. Surprisingly, on that day our choir sang extremely well with harmonious melody. At the end of the Eucharistic celebration all were provided with festive "Nashta" (Breakfast). Meanwhile all the Fathers were felicitated with

some gifts and bouquets. On 6 August, **Fr Alex Gnanapragasam**, the revisor came to visit us, accompanied by **Fr Augustine Vatta** from Bhubaneswar. After meeting individually the Principal and Treasurer with regards to school and community matters he went back to Bhubaneswar soon after lunch. On 9 August, **Fr George Fernandes** left for Baripada (Sankhabhanga) for his annual Retreat. After the Retreat he went to Jamshedpur to visit his friends and came back to Kalinganagar on

20 August, bringing along with him a big load of plants but not the pork as he usually does. In a short notice on 16 August **Fr Pascal** too, went to Bhubaneswar to make his annual retreat, which was arranged for the Pastors of Jamshedpur Province. He returned to Kalinganagar on 25 August.



Loyola Bhavan – Bhubaneswar

George Anthony

With the ease in Odisha Lockdown, we saw many guests, Jesuits, Diocesan Priests, Jesuit Scholastics and Lay come to Loyola Bhavan for various purposes ranging from journey stopover to health issues to writing exams and found the hospitality of **Br Tony** and **Fr Biranchi**, homely and excellent. **Biranchi** has begun his Final Lap of his PG Exams which began on the 17 and will end next month on the 7 and meanwhile, he has begun to pack his stuff in preparation for the new assignment in Phulbani with **Fr Joe Kalathil**.

Fr Joe gracefully handed over the Puri Jesuit Mission to the Cuttack Bhubaneswar Diocese to the Archbishop Most Rev John

Barwa, SVD and handed the keys and all assets to his successor, Fr Dibyasingh Parichha on the 17 of this month and moved to Loyola Bhavan. At present, he is making his Annual Retreat in Guidera Jesuit Residence, Jamshedpur. His presence will leave a vacuum among the Religious, Priests and Laity among whom he worked in Puri. The tears in the eyes of the people bore a testimony to the hearts and lives of the people he had served and touched, and also to the love and affection that will be missed in his absence. Thank you **Joe** for the wonderful and impactful work in Puri which you built up from the scratch after Cyclone Fani and the many initiatives you took there for the poor, especially during the

COVID-19 Pandemic period. We wish you all success in the new Mission entrusted to you.

With the ease in Lockdown, **George's** VRO work in the villages began. All the Village Children's Tuition Centre and Sewing Schools have begun after the closure for nearly a year and a half. It is a mighty challenge to address and improve the learning levels of rural children who have no access to the Digital Platforms and are deprived of all education due to School closure which continues till today. Along with the Provincial, he made a weeklong tour of Kandhamal and western Odisha to meet our men and review the works going on. He returned on 29 morning.

Loyola School – Bhubaneswar

Gilbert Menezes

This year Independence Day was limited to just hoisting the National Flag with a few teachers and students saluting it. The principal made all the necessary material and technical arrangements for the smooth conducting of Online and offline classes, simultaneously for Xth and XIIth students, as well as beginning of classes for XIth class from 16 August.

Odia School also began classes for IX and X students, dividing the students in two groups so as to maintain social distancing.

As part of the 'Ignatian Year' celebrations, the community members have started a special community mass once a month with one of them speaking on an Ignatian theme, besides we also have Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament on first Friday. We have also begun mentioning birthdays and death anniversaries of our province men and praying for them at the daily Mass.

Fr Alex G. visited our community and the schools as part of his job to inspect and check all the important documents and also to carry some for filing and safe keeping at the centre.

Rutungia

Romanus Kerketta

The school celebrated Independence Day on 15 August adhering to the SOP given by the Govt. Classes reopened for class

IX from 23 August, for class X it had reopened in July itself. At present there are 45 boys and 29 girls of 9 and 10 class in the hostel.

There are some new admissions in class IX and thus it has reached up to fifty which is a big number in recent times. Normally after eighth

students take TC and go to Govt. school and thus number is reduced to around thirty to thirty five. The teachers are making videos of the lessons and are sending them to the students through *YouTube* for the lower classes because to give online classes it is impossible due to a weak network. Neighborhood children of our school as well as of other schools are given class rooms for self study from 9.00 a.m till noon since there is no sign of reopening school for lower classes. About 40 children are making use of this opportunity at present. We hope other children will be inspired by these interested children for learning and more children will come for self study in the coming days if the situation remains the same. In the second week of August a street solar light battery was stolen at night which was captured by CCTV camera but due to lack of sufficient illumination identification of

miscreant was not possible. We have started a Baseline survey of villages as instructed by Fr Siji and we are progressing slowly due to farming activities of the people and our own time constraints.

In the pastoral field this month's main focus was to prepare children for first Holy Communion. Children were prepared in two places simultaneously, one in the main parish church and another in Kilukupa Mass centre. Twenty three children received first Holy Communion on the Feast of Assumption in a solemn concelebrated Mass by all Jesuits. **Romanus** is making Pastoral tours to Village Churches regularly and celebrating Holy Eucharist for the faithful. St Monica Day as Mothers day is to be celebrated this year in village churches due to Covid-19 effect. They have been given guidelines and procedures to say Novena in village churches and celebrate the feast on 27 locally.

In the community we all are fine. All members of the Rutungia community joined in the celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius at Divyanugrah, Tumudibandha where all Kandhamal Jesuits gathered on 1 August after having celebrated the Feast on 31 in their own respective Mission stations. **Romanus** was in Bhubaneswar XIM University from 16-24 Aug to make annual retreat along with other Jamshedpur Jesuit Pastors guided by Fr Pierre Jacob, SJ. We are unable to benefit from online Ignatian year webinars and prayer services due to lack of internet facility. By the initiative of **Victor** we tried to cultivate mushrooms but failed in harvesting fruit. But we will learn from this disappointment for we know failure is a stepping step to success. We have two honey bee boxes which we aim to increase in future.

Tangrain

Amit Lakra

The youth of Tangrain parish worked hard during the second wave of Covid-19 to save people from the pandemic. They formed a group named "**Good Samaritans**" under the initiative and leadership of **Fr Amit** and **Mr Anil Ekka**, (a parishioner of Tangrain). The

group consisted of *willing* and *generous* youth who undertook the mission. They went door to door in every village of our parish with two sets of Pulse Oximeters and Thermometers measuring Oxygen level, pulse rate and body temperature. If some issue

was found, they were to suggest the individual to see a doctor personally or consult online from the list of doctors the youth themselves had. **Fr Amit** and **Sr Pinki Rina Kullu FC** were constant companions in this mission. It was heartwarming and indeed—





very encouraging to see youth's dedication and selfless service for our people. They brought significant change in people's thinking. They conscientized them about the importance of Covid-19 test and its vaccination. Later, this 'initiative of Tangrain parish' was undertaken by the **Sundargarh Adivasi Munch**, (a group of Adivasi intellectuals residing in and outside Odisha) in collaboration with Rourkela diocese. Some of our parishioners Mr Anil Ekka, Mr Vijay Minz and Mr Anuranjan Kerketta are the protagonists in taking this mission to a next level especially for the welfare of the Adivasis of Sundargarh.

It is said, "where there's a will there's a way." Therefore, even though pastoral and schoolwork could not be done due to the pandemic in the entire diocese of Rourkela, we rendered so much of pastoral services through our generous and dedicated youth to our parishioners including non-Christians and non-Catholics.

Among other pastoral works we have funeral services too. Now that the Bishop of Rourkela diocese has permitted the reopening of churches to the public with 50 percent capacity of the place of worship, we have begun regular Sunday mass in the center and in the *mandlies*. Just a few days after the churches were allowed to open, **Fr Cyril** went to Jamshedpur and then on to Bhubaneswar to make the 8 days retreat that was arranged for parish priests of the province. Hence, once he comes back, we will start catechism classes for First Holy communion and Confirmation. We will also start a marriage preparation class for the new couples.

On 5 August, **Fr Augustine** went to Jamshedpur to make the 8 days retreat at XLRI in preparation for his Final Commitment to the Society. He pronounced his Final Vows on 15 August at the Chapel of Loyola School Jamshedpur along with **Fr Niranjan Minj**.

Fr Cyril represented the Tangrain community at the function.

Fr Amit sent 6 new candidates to Lupungutu, Chaibasa this year. There are some more desirous candidates who have approached **Amit** but due to seat constraint in the candidate house Lupungutu, they were directed to other Jesuit provinces and religious congregations.

On 22 August, **Fr Amit** organized a *Youth Day Celebration* for the parish youth. The theme of the day was '**The Challenges Before Youth Today.**' It was a very successful event where about 300 youth participated. **Fr Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta** and **Sch Telesphore Toppo** were the chief guests for the day. Along with **Fr Augustine**, **Fr Neelam** and **Sch Telesphore** stirred the minds and spirits of the youth. At the end of the day youths were filled with new zeal, energy and most importantly they were happy. The day also had a cultural program to provide a space and an





opportunity to bring out their skills and talents.

The renovation work on the old building of the then Tangrain High School is coming to an end; it will be used as a girl's hostel for the time being. **Fr Charlie** spends his time supervising and making sure that quality work happens in the hostel building. Other than that, he spends his time in news updating, reading, and praying.

After the Covid attack both **Fr Cyril** and **Fr Augustine** are out of the recovery mode; and they are fully strong and active. On the one hand, **Fr Augustine**, hoping for good rain this year, has begun the work of beautification starting from tree plantation in the school campus, on the other hand **Fr Cyril** – no restrictions or hurdles can bar him from utilizing his energy and burning out calories – keeps

himself busy as honeybees cultivating Groundnuts, *Arhar*, and *Sanai*. **Fr Charlie** and **Fr Amit** both are enjoying good health as well. Any sickness, be it Covid-19 has to think twice before it knocks at the door of **Fr Charlie** due to his inbuilt security – meaning, due to his natural and strong immunity. *We praise Thee, Lord! For giving us good health during this pandemic.*

XIMB

Arockia & Benjamin

We had a number of hybrid mode meetings, inauguration of academic programs, webinars and training programs. Indeed, it was a busy scheduled month. **Tony Uvari** our VC convened an Academic Council Meeting to discuss the convocation of the batch 2019-21. The faculty of both the campuses had a couple of XIM LMS (Learning Management System) training sessions to equip them with online resource sharing,

conducting quizzes, assignments and discussion forums.

We had the inauguration of first year PG programs of MBA-SM, MBA-UMG, MBF, MA-Masscomm, MA-Public Policy and Governance, MA-Urban and Regional Planning, M.Sc-Economics. We also inaugurated a new program namely Executive PGDM-Virtual Interactive Learning. The classes

are conducted online on Saturdays and Sundays.

We had statutory meetings such as the Finance Committee Meeting, the Board of Management Meeting, the Board of Governors Meeting, and the Annual General Meeting of XIM Society before the seventh Convocation of XIM University. Shri Harsh Pati Sighania, President – All India Management Association (AIMA), Vice Chairman & Managing

Director, JK Paper Ltd was the chief guest and convocation speaker. As the tradition of XIM University, he was conferred the Honorary Doctorate in Business Management. **Jerry Cutinha**, our provincial and Chairman of XIM University Board was physically present for the event. He inspired the gathering through his Chairman address. The whole program was meticulously executed as per the plan. **Arock** got ready with the audited reports for the meetings and **S. Tony** was on his heels to welcome the PG first years on virtual mode.

Internal Assessment and Accreditation Audit (IAAA) Team comprising Fr Ignacimuthu, SJ former VC of Bharathiyar University and Madras University, Fr Xavier Vedam, SJ former Principal of Arulandar College, Karumatur and Loyola College, Selam, two Professors from St Xavier's College, Kolkata, and

two professors from St Xavier's University Kolkata had spent 3 days meeting our staff and faculty. The team headed by Ignacimuthu, SJ examined our documents, verified our process and procedures based on the NAAC criteria. In a way, the team helped us to get ready before applying for the NAAC Accreditation. However, it was a tiresome process but all of us learnt the documentation process.

We ended the month with a happy note by inaugurating the long awaited dual degree program – *MBA and MSc–Sports Management in Industry* in partnership with Emlyon Business School, France collaborating with Odisha State Sports Department. XIM University will give MBA degree and Emlyon Business School will give MSc degree. It is a two-year program where one year is spent in XIM University and the other year in Emlyon Business School.

The PG as well as the UG students conducted a number of online business conclaves and leadership talks.

Don Prem and **Joshy** celebrated birthdays in pomp and valor and on the same day, we celebrated month's mind of **Abe. Joshy** offered the mass and **Don Prem** delivered an inspiring homily.

Don was in the hospital down with a viral fever. **Augustine E** is in the hospital due to urinary infection.

The pastors of our province were here in the new campus to make their annual retreat. Of course, they looked very energetic and high-spirited at the end of 8 days of spiritual journey. They expressed their gratitude for everything they cherished. **Vinod Fernandes, Somy Mathew, Joe Kalathil, George Fernandes, Ignacimuthu, and Xavier Vedam** were the visitors to our community.

FORMATION HOUSES

Dhyan Ashram, Calcutta

Anmol Soreng

On 26 June, **Scholastics Anmol Soreng, Ashish Tete** and **Deepen Kerketta** arrived at Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata, for Juniorate. On 28 June, we had our inaugural Mass of the Holy Spirit followed by faith sharing on the following two days. The juniors staged a cultural programme called JGT (Juniors Got Talent) on 17 July, where each junior presented his unique talents and skills. The community celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July. The day was filled with its many community

activities namely, solemn Mass, fun games and matches, a short evening cultural program and quiz competition.

On 8 August we began our Sunday ministry where we conduct prayer service in Bengali, distribute communion and visit families. On 15 August, we patriotically commemorated the 75th Independence Day of our country with a parade, singing patriotic songs, and speeches in three different languages (Bengali, Hindi,

English) delivered by a novice and two juniors respectively. The national flag was hoisted by Mrs Miloni, one of our co-workers and this year's chief guest. We the 11 juniors are currently involved in umpteen activities such as delivering short speeches, learning computer skills, and presenting current affairs apart from our regular classes.

Loyola Sadan, Lucknow

Sujit Minz

This month was packed with many activities. After the feast of St Ignatius, we started our regular time table. On 5 August, Fr Master went to Chhattisgarh to bring a staff for work. The next day, Fr Joseph Kootinal went to Kaiserganj to give company to Fr Rajesh in the absence of Fr George who had gone for the funeral of his father. On 9 August, Fr Master came back after a short quarantine and joined

the community and assisted us in the practices in preparation for the feast of Assumption and for the Independence Day. We celebrated both the events through high Mass and with flag hoisting ceremony respectively. We performed march past and we had a community football match. To mark the special day we put up a cultural program in the evening. We were encouraged to give our best performance by

the neighboring religious sisters. This was also in order to pay homage to **Fr Stan** and to wish birthdays to the babies of July and August. The birthday babies of this month, Br Elias and Br Ralph, were felicitated. We thanked God for their call into the Society of Jesus and prayed for their perseverance. On 17 August, Fr Joseph Kootinal returned from Kaiserganj. This month we had good rain.

SSC Sitagrah, Hazaribagh

Roshan Kerketta

St Stanislaus College, Sitagrah officially welcomed 24 new Tertian Fathers from 16 Provinces on 30 July. We celebrated the birthday of the Rector, Fr Anil Aind, on 12 August. On Independence Day, Fr Vinod Kerketta (HAZ) pronounced his final vows in the community chapel in the presence of Fr Santosh Minj, the Provincial of Hazaribagh and some Jesuits from nearby communities. Fr Benny Moolan (PAN) gave us classes on 'Media' from 16 to 20 August. Juniors took their first dose of Covishield on 23 and 24 August.

TERTIANSHIP

Fr Ranjit reached Sitagrah for Tertianship on 30 July. All the Tertians were quarantined for a week. The Ignatius feast day was celebrated in semi-quarantine mode. Due to the pandemic the Tertianship program has been delayed by one and a half months. On 1 August, Sunday, Tertianship program was inaugurated with an inaugural mass presided over by Fr Santosh Minj, Provincial of Hazaribagh in the morning. Later during the inaugural function the rector, Fr Anil Aind, welcomed

the Tertians and the provincial gave an inaugural talk on 'With new mind and new heart seeing all things new in Christ' - the Tertianship theme of this Ignatian year. Fr Ignatius Tete and Fr M. I. Raj are the Tertian instructors. After having classes and sapiential readings on the Autobiography, the Spiritual Exercises and the Spiritual Diary of St Ignatius, the Tertians plunged into 30 days of spiritual journey from Saturday, 28 August. Kindly remember **Fr Ranjit** and all the Tertians in your prayers.



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FINANCE MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCES

in XIM University, Bhubaneswar

Finance management, understanding changes in legal provisions and compliances have emerged as critical concerns for all organisations, especially for non-profit organisations. We are pleased to announce five-day residential course on Finance Management and Compliances in XIM University (Old Campus), Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This programme will be of much benefit for the present and would be Provincials, Local Superiors, Heads of Institutions, Secretaries of Registered Societies, Treasurers/Bursars, Governing Body Members and Administrators. The course will equip the participants to deal with issues related to finance, professionally and confidently.

COURSE CONTENT

- To familiarize the participants with the Charitable Trusts Act and the Societies Registration Act.
- Procedural aspects relating to the registration and formation of new societies and trusts.
- Understanding the various Income Tax provisions concerning the Trusts and Societies, including the procedural aspects of availing the benefits and exemptions under the Act.
- Understanding the Balance Sheet.
- Understanding the various tax implications like TDS, GST, etc.
- Understanding the various changes that have taken place with regard to Statutory Compliances for the Charitable Societies.
- Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.
- General Administration, Employees and related Statutory Compliances.
- Property Matters.

Place

XIM University (Old Campus), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Dates

11 – 15 October 2021

How to Reach

Bhubaneswar is connected by Flight, Train and Bus. Take an Auto or a Taxi to XIM campus, Xavier Chowk.

Course Detail

(Monday to Friday) – Starting at 9.00 am on 11 October and ending at 4 pm on 15 October. As this is a comprehensive residential programme, each day sessions from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Total Number of Seats Available

40 Residential places available. Two bed in a room with facility. Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please confirm by email place availability before making payment.

Cost Includes

Registered Charitable and Religious Trusts in India: A Handbook on Temporal Administration, board and lodge, hall charges and honorarium to the resource person. The total cost also includes the Registration Fee of Rs. 1,000/- which is non-refundable. The registration fee to be paid in advance, the balance amount is to be paid before 30th September. If someone wants to pay the full amount at the time of registration, one can do so. Total amount for the course is Rs. 7500/- per person.

About the Resource Person

Alex Gnanapragasam, SJ, a Jesuit Priest and author of the book *“Registered Charitable and Religious Trusts in India”*. He has vast experiences in managing the administration, finance and properties for the past 25 years in the Jesuit Institutions in Jamshedpur, Delhi and Pune. He has been conducting many training programmes and workshops in JDV Pune and in different parts of the country, for various NPO/ Faith Based organizations in various parts of India. So far, he has conducted about 25 training programmes and trained over 1500 laity, Clergy and Religious. His training programmes are much sought after and appreciated for the content, interactive sessions and aspects of spirituality he combines. The same has been reflected in his book too.

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Course Organizer and Contact Person

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ACROSS THE BRIDGE

08 Aug	Fr Cheruparambil J John, SJ	(AND 87/56)
08 Aug	Ms Carmela Ekka, mother of Fr Sylvester Ekka, SJ	70
09 Aug	Fr Gregory Naik, SJ	(GOA 88/70)
13 Aug	Fr Roshan Lobo, SJ	(KAR 49/32)
27 Aug	Fr Joseph Parekkattil, SJ	(PAT 85/65)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

02-09-2011	Fr Richard W Norman
04-09-2003	Fr Francis X McFarland
10-09-2020	Fr John Berchmans Nag
19-09-1960	Sch Boniface Mathias
20-09-1972	Fr Leon Jacques
29-09-1976	Fr Edward J Brown

BIRTHDAYS OF SEPTEMBER

03	Sushil Balmuchu
04	Vijay K Kachhap
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11	A Amaladoss
11	G Henry Albert
12	James Bara
15	Isidore Bimal Minj
15	A Panneerselvam
14	Basil Sanga
21	Binod Horo
22	S Antony Raj
23	C G Thomas
23	Binay Kerketta
25	Benedict Kujur
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28	Rahul Rafael Honhaga
29	Edward D'Souza

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