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PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

Fr. Packiam, House Minister, SX Jaipur (additional charge)

Fr. Vincent, Director, XVI, Nevta (additional charge)

NRC Director Fr. K.P. George's Note to Superiors and Directors of Work

attending the meeting on Sept 14-15, 2019:
Dear Superiors/Directors of Work, kindly send to the Director of NRC (directornc@gmail.com) the following details of the members of your community attending the SUP-DoW meeting before/by the 9th September 2019. PLEASE DO NOT INFORM ME ON THE PHONE. 1. Name 2. Arrival time & date 3. Whether you like to have meal at NRC on arrival 4. Departure time and date.

PROVINCIAL'S SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

- 02 Visitation, Beschi Illam, Dindigul
- 03-04 Visit, Xavier Sadan, Mysore
- 05-07 Visitation, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
- 14-15 Meeting of Sups & DoWs, NRC, Delhi
- 16 Province Consult
- 19-22 Ignatian Family Meet, NRC, Delhi
- 25-28 JESA Convention, NRC, Delhi

PROVINCIAL'S OCTOBER PROGRAM

- 01-03 Visitation, Bhiwadi
- 05 CJ Provincialate, Delhi
- 05-07 Visitation, Behror
- 08-09 Visitation, Vidyajyoti
- 11-13 Assistency Meeting of Coordinators of Interreligious Dialogue, NRC, Delhi
- 14-17 Visitation, Almora
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Congrats Jeba and Sobin

On the feast day of the Assumption of Our Lady, August 15, 2019, two of our men of Delhi Province in Jaipur, **Fr. Sobin Martin** and **Fr. Jebamalai** pronounced their Final Vows and were fully incorporated into the Society, during the evening Eucharistic celebration at St. Xavier's Church, Jaipur, presided over by Provincial Fr. Sebastian Jeerakassery and concelebrated by around 50 Jesuits from various parts of the provinces of Delhi and Patna and attended by about 250 parishioners. Fr. Jeera in his homily explained how these solemn vows make a Jesuit free for greater apostolic efficiency and the service of humanity. Many parishioners witnessed this grace-filled event and had a first-hand experience of the Society's way of fully incorporating its members into the Society. Now Frs. Sobin and Jeba are famously known as "Complete or Full Fathers" among the faithful and well-wishers of Jaipur. The Jesuits along with the collaborators, who graced the occasion gathered in the refectory for felicitating these two vowed men, and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. The faithful were served refreshments soon after the ceremony.

Sherry

One More Priest Among Us

August 31, 2019 was a memorable day for Deacon Amalraj as he was raised to the Order of Priesthood. Bishop Thomas Paulsamy of Dindigul ordained 15 deacons during the solemn Eucharist in the campus of St. Joseph's College, Trichy. Four deacons belonging to the provinces of Delhi, Mumbai, Andhra and Patna joined the 11 deacons belonging to Madurai province. The Eucharist and related ordination ceremonies began at 5 pm and went on up to 8:30 pm. After concluding the visitation of our scholastics at Clives' House, Provincial Fr. Sebastian

Jeerakassery along with the other provincials and representatives concelebrated. It was a grace-filled moment for the newly ordained as more than a thousand people gathered and prayed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Apart from Fr. Provincial, Fr. Alex Chinna and Fr. Amaldass and our scholastics Anupam, Sasi and Praveen from Clives' house and Gnana and Maneesh from Satya Nilayam witnessed the ceremony. Sept 1, 2019 was another grace-filled day for the newly ordained **Fr. Amalraj** as he presided over his First Mass. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Amaldass along with two of our scholastics from Satya Nilayam were present at this celebration. We joined the procession as it travelled through the streets of Sirunayakanpatty, a village 6 kms away from Beschi Illam, Dindigul, and as people blessed the new priest with water, aarti and garlands. Fire crackers proclaimed loudly the news of jubilation. During the procession four 'Anbiyams' (Grottos) of St. Sebastian, St. Antony, St. Christopher and Mother Mary were garlanded and all prayed for special blessings on the new priest. At the end of the Eucharist, Fr. Amaldass on behalf of the Province and Provincial thanked the family, kith and kin for the gift of Fr. Amalraj to the Delhi province. The family and relatives were joyful as they expressed their honour to the provincial through a 'ponnadai'. The customary practice of honouring the new priest went on up to the evening manifesting the jubilation of the entire village!

Fr. Amaldass

FROM THE DIASPORA

Fr. Tony Andrade: The feast of St. Ignatius I celebrated with two Ranchi Jesuits at Prothrapur Jesuit Parish. The feast day Mass in the evening was followed by fellowship meal for some of the parishioners. They greeted us after the Mass. I took some good rest at Prothrapur Parish and recuperated fully from the viral fever attack. On August 8, I went to Hut Bay in Little Andamans, a very tedious journey due to very rough sea; the journey took nine hours. By the time we were approaching Hut Bay, I felt my head was spinning and for the first time I felt sea sick. At Hut Bay Parish, I conducted programs for the Parish Animators on leadership and for the Mahilas recollection and input on the role of woman in a family and we chalked out an action plan for Hut Bay Parish. I conducted recollection for Fathers and Sisters there. On 15th, the feast of Assumption of Our Lady, I celebrated the Mass for the parishioners and witnessed the finals of the football tournament organized by the parish. Even though the parish team lost, one of our

village teams won the trophy, guess what was the prize - a 'bakra'! They were so thrilled. I returned to Port Blair on 17th. Return journey was pleasant as the sea was calm but it took 11 hours. After returning I had recollection for SFN sisters. I visited the nearby parish at Ferrarganj, and the school at Lalpahar run by Salesians and the school run by Pilar fathers at Mannarghat. We have been having lots of rain and occasionally heavy wind too.

Christo & Joshy: For us, 24 tertians in Sitagarha, August 17 marked the end of the most essential element of the Third Probation, the thirty-day retreat and the start of a new, real and life-long spiritual journey in the world. It was indeed a wonderful experience for all of us and a privileged moment of our "schola affectus". We enjoyed every bit of it! Not only did we fall in love with the person of Christ and his paschal path but also fell in love with St. Ignatius and his priceless gift of Spiritual Exercises. A big thank you to each one of you for your prayerful support and encouragement. When our tertian instructors, Fr. Ignatius Tete and K.C. Stephen were away in Rome to attend a meeting from 24th to 30th, Fr. Jose Kalapura of Patna Province engaged and enlightened us with the inspiring history of Jesuit presence in India right from the time of St. Francis Xavier up until now.

Manoj: Of the 100 students here at Namchi seven are Jesuits - 4 priests and 3 scholastics from different provinces. The Freshers' Day started with the Mass of the Holy Spirit followed by an entertainment program on July 18. For the Feast of St. Ignatius Bishop of Darjeeling and Sikkim Stephen Lepcha was with us. A skit entitled 'A Soldier Saint' was performed by the Loyolites just before Eucharist as an introduction to Mass under the direction of **Fr. Manoj Tirkey**. The college participated in the Independence Day celebration organized by district administration wherein we performed aerobics. Now, classes are going on in full swing from 9 am to 4 pm.

SAHAYOG

Fr. Job left Delhi on August 2 for Kerala, Bangalore and Wardha in connection with his missions. On being discharged from Shalimarbagh Fortis Hospital on 4th, **Fr. K.P. George** was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital for rest and convalescence; he returned to NRC on 22nd. **Fr. Arun Panackal** was down with chicken pox and was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital on 9th and was discharged on 19th. So **Fr. Anil Minj** donned the cap of being the Acting Minister as

well, besides being the Acting Director of NRC. **Fr. John C.** left for Jamshedpur on 10th to address the CRI group there and returned on 13th. **Fr. Xavier** participated in the workshop on "From REGAE II to Apostolic Planning" on August 14-17 and in the "Annual Meeting of the Assistancy's Secretaries" on August 19-20, both held at ISI, Bangalore. **Fr. T.K. John** directed the retreat of a Sister in mid-August and spent the last week of the month in Rishikesh lecturing to CMI theologians. **Fr. Mathew** was present for the Final Vows of Fr. Jeba and Fr. Sobin on 15th in Jaipur. Fr. Philip Edean of British Province had a chit chat session on 27th with the Delhi Jesuits of the city at NRC on UAPs and other issues; a fellowship meal at Sahayog followed. That day evening **Fr. P.T. Augustine** had a fall on Sahayog corridor resulting in a cut on his head; he was rushed to Parmanand Hospital. After spending two days there he returned to Sahayog on 29th evening. **Fr. Ed Daly**, suffering from constant cough and so was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital on 28th where he is recuperating till date.

Mathew

NRC: Hearty thanks to **Fr. Anil Minj** who conducted well as Acting Director of Navjivan in the absence of its director **Fr. K.P. George**. Special thanks to the whole NRC team who facilitated the programs well in whole of August. In August the Navjivan facilities were well used by several groups. From July 31 to Aug 8 we had the Evangelical group (EFICOR) conducting seminars for their general assembly & staff members in which 105 people attended. From Aug 16 to 19 Youth Alliance had their annual meeting; 120 youth participated. The Timothy Initiatives had their seminar for two days on Aug 20-21; 42 people attended the seminar. The Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) had its North-West Regional Conference on Aug 23-24 and the conference was attended by 120 people in total. The Isha Foundation of Sadguru Jaggi had their Inner Engineering Yoga Program for around 100 people from Aug 26 to 30. On 30th a group of government principals working in Dwaraka, Delhi under the aegis of CREATNET EDUCATION had their seminar on educational issues.

K.P. George

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: In August both students and teachers were fully occupied with a number of activities and regular classes. Classes 1-5 had class-wise poem recitation competition on 3rd. Classes 6-8 had a memorable and refreshing one day tour to

the Oyster Water Park in Gurugram. There was SEBI workshop for our staff on 10th. Our students put up a spectacular performance on the occasion of the Independence Day. The inter-house rakhi making competition for Classes 6-8 was an opportunity for the children to exhibit their creative and innovative artwork. Fancy dress and skit competitions for Class 2 brought colourful dresses to the school. With the arrival of the new football coach our football team getting opportunities to put their daily strenuous training to the test in the form of friendly matches with other school teams. The standard of the on-stage activities is further enhanced with the new lightings in our auditorium. On the occasion of Janmashtami, a special assembly was conducted. The Junior School organised duet dance competition on 23rd showcasing their talents. Our athletic team bagged 3 gold and 2 silver medals, and secured second runners up in overall performance in the inter-school athletic meet in Alwar. In the junior open athletic meet, our school won 1 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medals. In the inter-school badminton tournament, our girls' team secured third position and boys' team second position. The school basketball team participated in the Mayaram basketball tournament in Jaipur. On 28-29 two days of solo singing competition was held for Classes 6-8 in Hindi and for Classes 9-11 in English. The tiny tots of Prep let their creativity flow in a drawing contest held on 30th. The kids of Classes 3-5 had a gala time during a one-day tour to a theme park in Jaipur.

Community: **Fr. Joe Manna** returned after his trip to Himachal Pradesh for retreat direction. **Sch. Anish** attended recollection for regents in Delhi. Two Patna Jesuits, Fr. Chako and Fr. Francis Palli, stayed with us for a week. Fr. Francis stayed on to make his retreat as well. **Fr. Sebastian A.** took part in the meeting of Province Pastoral Commission at Shahbad on 24th.

Parish: We celebrated the feast of the Assumption along with the Independence Day with a special Eucharist. On August 3 our parish received the cross which was being circulated in the diocese on the occasion of the Year of the Youth. Our youth received the cross with a procession and made a daily visit to the cross which was installed in our community chapel until it was taken to its next destination on 11th. The younger ones of our parish youth are getting involved and taking initiative in preparing for the Mass.

Anish Raj

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

School: In August we had many activities such as inter class patriotic singing competition, extempore and collage making competition. The Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner. Teacher Tyagi gave an inspiring speech which was followed by **Fr. Sangeeth's** thought provoking message. Under-17 and under-14 football teams are being prepared well for their upcoming district tournaments. Our basketball teams, both girls and boys, took part in the Mayaram Tournament conducted in Jaipur. We had inter house one act play competition at which students exhibited their acting talents. The teachers also played a great role in preparing them well. The Yellow House secured the first prize. Fr. Dayal was the chief guest of the event.

Community: We celebrated **Fr. Glenn's** birthday; the nearby communities were invited to enhance his joy. We had a day of reflection and prayerful sharing following the UAP's guidelines. We celebrated the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of **Fr. George Manimala**; we had a prayer service wherein he shared his experiences and encounters with the Lord. A sumptuous fellowship meal followed.

Parish: **Fr. Sabastian M.** guided the parishioners in the novena prayer in preparation for the feast of Mother Mary. Day by day the church is getting more people to participate in the Sunday Mass.

Maria Sadan: Candidates are engaged in serious study as the half yearly exams are fast approaching. They took part in the Mayaram Basketball Tournament held in Jaipur. Beautification of the house is still on. **Fr. Amal** went down to Trichy for his priestly ordination. Fr. Sabastian is appointed as the Director of Maria Sadan in the absence of Fr. Amal.

Pawan

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

College: Principal Dr. Sheila Rai attended IPSA RC44 2019 Conference on August 10-11 in Nagasaki, Japan. On the Independence Day Dr. Sheila Rai unfurled the National flag in the college in the presence of all the staff. Orientation program of Research and Project Cell was held on 20th. Interviews for selection of core committee members of the Student Council were held on Aug 19-21 and the final core committee was declared on 22nd. The Department of English organised a lecture on "Rewriting the National Narrative: Post-colonial Constructions" on 26th by Prof. (Emeritus) Sudha Rai of English

Department, Rajasthan University; all the post graduate students attended the session. This was followed by the auditions of all clubs. On 17th BCA and English Departments organized picnic for their students at Tao Experience, Kukas. On 23rd students of Economics and Political Science Departments went on a picnic to Achrol Niwas, Treehouse Resort, Achrol. Commerce and Management departments organized picnic on 26th at Lohagarh Resorts, Kukas. The Students Council conducted Fresher's Day on 30th to extend a warm welcome to the first years; the seniors made it a memorable day for the juniors by putting up a program consisting of singing, dancing and games. On 31st a seminar was held for all the staff on "Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults" by Fr. Arunmozhi and Fr. Robin.

XVI, Jaipur: August was a normal month for XVI Students. The PDD Team from Delhi visited us. It was a day of excitement for all the students as they gave inputs and recorded all their activities and video graphed them. Beauty Culture students went for an exposure program to Hotel Ramda and picked up the latest threads going on in their business. The Independence Day was celebrated with vigour and patriotism. On 31st, our staff attended the seminar on "Protection of Minors and Vulnerable adults".

Jose V. K.

School: From Aug 1 the school inched towards the exam mood with the start of minor exams. The major papers of Periodic Test 1 began on 3rd. Naturally the games fields wore a deserted look and **Fr. Mani** had his solitary walks as if in retreat! With last exam over, life came back to the campus with the flurry of inter house competitions. The onslaught of rains did puncture the enthusiasm but couldn't exhaust it. The spell of rains did raise concerns over the possibility of having the Independence Day celebrations at the appointed time but the prayers of the young dancers of the Junior School, who practiced for days to stage an enthralling performance, melted the hearts of rain god. Result: the skies got cleared and Provincial Fr. Sebastian unfurled the national flag as the rays of the sun peeped through the dark clouds. Other than the fiery and thought provoking speech of the chief guest the program consisted of march-past by NCC, Scouts and Guides and a captivating Bagpiper Band. Alumni sponsored Fr. Batson Memorial Football Cup and Heroes Volleyball Cup began on 19th. Sixteen schools participated in the football tournament wherein the hosts emerged as runners up. In the volleyball tournament 12

boys' teams and 16 girls' teams participated. Our girls lifted the trophy and boys decided not to disappoint the visitors. Meanwhile Anirudh Mayaram Xavier's Cup began on 21st with 12 girls' teams and 16 boys' teams participating. The presence of teams from Behror and Bhiwadi was the new feature of Mayaram Cup. We had to be contented with being runners up. The joint team of Xavier's Nevta and C-Scheme lifted the DPS Trophy of bagpiper band outsmarting 6 other school bands. Fr. Arunmozhi, Fr. Robin and Sr. Asha CHF conducted POCSO seminar for our staff, both teaching and non-teaching. The Vice Principals manned the gates of the school when the supporting staff attended the seminar on POCSO; even emeritus principal Fr. Mani was on duty. The visitors wondered, "If the chowkidars could speak such fluent English, what would be the standard of the education imparted in the school!" Principal **Fr. Dominic** took a serious note of the clarion call of Clean India Campaign by the PM that he decided to unclog the sewage lines which otherwise were safe from human touch for decades. Currently teams of various sports disciplines are gearing themselves up for district level sports competitions.

Sobin

Parish: A slew of activities are on as the parish is gearing itself for the celebration of its Ruby Jubilee. Various committees are enthusiastically planning out activities for the D-Day on Dec 1 and 3, 2019.

On the occasion of the feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann, after the Mass, the parish led by the Women's Commission honoured the grandparents and parents with token gifts. Twenty five youth took part in the Diocesan Bible Convention and Retreat on Aug 10-11. On 15th we celebrated the Assumption of Our Lady with Eucharist at 7 am; it was followed by Flag hoisting in the school ground. Evening Mass at 6 was very special as **Fr. Sobin Martin** and **Fr. Jebamalai** pronounced their Final Vows. Immediately after the Mass the Vow Men were felicitated with a shawl by Fr. Provincial and bouquets and rose buds were offered by representatives of the different sections of the parish. The 3rd Friday of the month witnessed the gathering of the parishioners interested in charismatic prayer. The written stage of the Logos Bible Quiz competition conducted at the parish had five contestants. On 25th St. Monica was remembered and the parish prayed for all the mothers who are role models for their unwavering faith and perseverance in prayer. After Mass we planted trees to manifest our care

and concern for our Common Home. The inter-parish cultural competition, part of the Ruby Jubilee preparation, was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Fr. Edward Oleveira, Vicar General of the Jaipur Diocese. Seven parishes participated in the Solo Singing and five groups in Group Singing. Ours bagged the first prize in group singing and second prize in solo singing. Novena in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary started on 30th with special Rosary at 6 pm followed by Mass. Different zones of the parish will take turn to conduct the novena.

Varkey

Community: Fr. Sobin went to Delhi to make his retreat before his final profession. On 12th the community had a day of recollection at St. Anslem's School, Jhotwara. The community had the joy of welcoming more than fifty Jesuits on the occasion of the Final Vows of Fr. Sobin Martin and Fr. Jebamalai. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Socius arrived two days earlier so that they could make a quick visit to nearby communities, Nevta and Mahwa. Ms. Molly and Ms. Sophia, University Students from US spent a day in the community when they were in the city for their college exchange program. Fr. Arunmozhi spent a day in the community when he came for the orientation program for the AICUF Units of St. Xavier's Colleges at Hathroi Fort and Nevta on 9th. Birthday of **Fr. Packiam** was celebrated on 18th in the presence of Jesuits and sister collaborators. **Fr. Varkey** attended the pastoral commission meeting at Shahbad and met his doctor to take a comprehensive view of the functioning of his heart which had seen so many scarpels!

Varkey

ST. XAVIER'S NEVTA

School: The first round of Parent-Teacher Meeting was held on August 10. Several inter-house competitions were held during this month – English Recitation, English & Hindi Elocution, Bulletin Board, Science & General Quiz, Football, Basketball, Rakhi Making, etc. The school has devised special activities for the children of Classes 1-2 on all Saturdays; they include Soft Skill Training, Table Manners, Toilet Training, English & Hindi Recitation, Story Telling, etc; no formal classes are held on these days for them. A special fancy dress competition was held on 17th for Class 1 in the presence of their parents. For the Independence Day **Fr. Augustine Perumalil** was the Chief Guest. During his address, he invited all the staff and students to become more responsible citizens in order to

build a New India. The staff of both the school and college attended a seminar conducted by the Province Team comprising of Fr. Arunmozhi, Fr. Robin and Sr. Asha Paul, CHF on 28th on POCSSO. The combined band of C-Scheme and Nevta Xavier's took part in the inter-school band competition organized by Delhi Public School, Jaipur and won the competition with a huge margin. We have decided to conduct annually 3 inter-school competitions from this academic year – one in Academics, another in Sports & Games and the third in Music & Dance. The first inter-school Quiz Competition titled BRAINIACS 2019 was held on 31st in the College Auditorium; 18 top schools of Jaipur took part in the competition.

Ravi

College: On August 3, we had the orientation program for the first-year students, in which **Fr. Ravi** gave an inspirational message. On 7th the number of new admissions crossed 150. On 9th there was an orientation for the AICUF students at HFR College in which 23 of our students participated. On 10th there was an extended lecture on "Introduction to 'R'" which is a popular data management program. Most of our teachers and a young woman from Iran participated in it. Independence Day. There was heavy rain in the morning disrupting the flag hoisting. The college had the flag hoisting at 9 am, immediately after the function at the school. On 19th the election of the Class Representatives took place. On 20th a knowledge-sharing program titled "A Vision Towards Enriched Personality" was organized in collaboration with ICFAI Business School, Jaipur. The election of the office-bearers of the Student Council as well as of Club leaders took place on 21st; investiture and oath-taking took place on 23rd. New admissions kept trickling in; on 23rd the number reached 160; the number is likely to go up.

A. Perumail

Community: **Fr. Jijimon** returned to Nevta on 21st after submitting his doctoral thesis in Palayamkottai. Fr. Jeera and Fr. Mathew Padayatty paid a friendly visit to Nevta and spent some time with the Jesuits. **Fr. Jebamalai** along with Fr. Sobin made their final profession at St. Xavier's Church, C-scheme on 15th. Nevta Jesuits were glad to have the company of Shahbad Jesuits on 16th. The community joined our religious collaborators, Bambinas in thanking God for the gift of Sr. Sylvia D'souza, SCCG as she completed 50 years as a religious. The Golden Jubilee Mass was presided over by

Bishop Oswald Lewis of Jaipur and was joined by over 35 concelebrants. The celebrations ended with a sumptuous lunch for all. The community had a day of recollection at XLRI Campus, Jhajjar on 31st.

Ravi

XVI, Nevta: The inauguration of the new academic year 2019-20 was held on July 15. The ceremony was officiated by Director **Fr. Vincent Paul** with an elaborate and effective presentation on the mission and the vision of XVI and the importance of doing things and not just learning them. The main focus of his talk was on being innovative and looking ahead into a better future. 76 students have enrolled for Cutting & Tailoring, Fashion Designing and Beauty Culture here. On 9th a three-member team from the Assistancy Development Office Delhi visited the centre for the purpose of documentation. The objective of the visit was to create visibility for the Institution under JesuiTec. They were greatly impressed by the works of XVI and its great impact on the lives of young women from deprived sections of the society.

Vincent

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

The month of August saw our students get involved in a number of activities and programs, both intra-house and inter-school. Only some of them are mentioned below. A group of students took part in the Inter-school Drama Competition organized by St. Xavier's School, Shahbad and won the overall trophy along with three individual positions. Another group of students participated in Queen Mary's School Quiz competition. On 2nd our students participated in the Maths based competition conducted by our Shahbad School and won three individual positions along with the overall trophy. On 7th four students participated in the Literary Fiesta organized by Presentation Convent School and won first position in enactment. On 9th we organized the annual Pedro Arrupe interschool declamation competition in which 19 schools participated. A group of students went to Delhi University to participate in the MUN and won two individual positions. On 18th our students participated in the inter-school Bible Quiz organized by Don Bosco School. On 21st our students took part in the interschool competition organized by Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, Noida and won 2nd position in entrepreneurship event; 3rd position in photography and 1st position in gaming. Some other activities: the annual computer fiesta INTERFACE; English Debate at

the Modern School; Music Program at Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cant; Science colloquium at Rosary School. Classes 2-4 had Hindi Recitation Competition. Classes 2-7 took part in various items like group song, dance and skit. Class 7 was given an opportunity to make an industrial visit to Vikas Publishing House, Sahibabad. Our students excelled in sports too. At the Delhi State swimming competition, we bagged 5 gold, 2 silver and 9 bronze medals. Involvement in other sports: volley ball, football and tennis. Sandeep Seth 1st inter-house Lawn Tennis Tournament was inaugurated by **Fr. Thomas V. Kunnunkal** on 23rd. He recollected some of the golden moments from the past when as Principal he used to be an avid tennis player. **Bro. Ittoop** and **Fr. K.T. Thomas** too joined him to witness the opening matches. This tournament has been sponsored by the 1985 batch of Xaverians in the fond memory of their classmate Sandeep Seth. Xaverians showed their merit in academics too. On Recognition Day 140 students from Classes 8 to 11 received the most prestigious Xaverian Excellence Award and around 260 students were given top academic awards. Representatives from University College Dublin visited our school to organize a career counselling session for the students of Classes 11 and 12. A special session called 'PEAK PERFORMANCE' was organized for the students of Classes 10 and 12 who won the Xaverian Excellence Award this year. This session was organized by Mr. Vineet Aggarwal, a Xaverian of 1985 batch. On 24th we lost one of the finest of the Xaverians, Shri Arun Jaitley. He passed out from Xavier's in 1969. On December 28, 2009 he was conferred the most prestigious 'LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD' by his Alma Mater. His untimely demise has not only shocked the nation but created a vacuum that is very difficult to be filled. In his fond memory, we organized a special assembly on 26th. Xaverians fondly remembered his many contributions to our nation as a lawyer, leading politician and as the Union Minister of India. **Fr. George Mlakuzhyil** is back from Kerala and thanks all who have prayed for his seriously ill elder brother Michael and sick eldest sister Mariakutty. They are discharged from the hospitals and are slowly recuperating. He requests you to continue to pray for their complete recovery.

Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

School: St. Ignatius' feast day assembly was conducted by Raman House on July 30. The assembly started with a prayer dance by junior

school students followed by a skit on the life of the saint by senior students. After the school choir sang a beautiful song the junior school students performed a western dance followed by a street play. Felicitation of all the Jesuits was done. On the Independence Day assembly organised by Tagore house, we were taken through our history starting from the discovery of India, Mughal rule, British India to the foundation of the Radcliffe line of free India. The show had a massive participation of around 80 students of Tagore House. A student of Class 10 performed a mime as a tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the Pulwama attack. The event concluded with an admirable dance which helped us to understand true meaning of liberation that we achieved during the actual struggle for independence. On 23rd, the students of Class 9 along with their class teachers paid a visit to Nervous Destitute Home and Triveni Devi Old Age Home. The students of class 10, as part of their inclusion education, paid a visit to neighbourhood destitute homes and orphanages - Shantidham in Kherakhurd, Triveni Home for the Aged and Jivodaya Ashram in Vikaspuri. Class 11 headed towards the Old Age and Destitute Homes and slums of Jahangirpuri.

Xavier's English Literiacs Society organized interschool Xels Fest 2019 at the school auditorium on August 1. Eleven schools participated in the competition. The interschool Mathematics competition Mathopia was held on 2nd which attracted the participation of 16 schools. We hosted inter-school science competition on 5th; the overall trophy went to KIIT World School.

An inter house Hindi Recitation Competition was held on Aug 6 for Classes 3-5. On 7th English Group Recitation Competition was held for Classes 1-2, Flag Making Competition for Classes 3-4 and Rakhi Making and Kite Making Competition for Class 5. Hindi Group Song Competition for Classes 1-2 was held on 20th. Drawing Competition for Prep was held on 21st. An inter house Group Dance Competition was held for Classes 3-4 on 22nd. English Rhymes Competition for Prep was held on 28th.

Shaju

Parish: On Aug 4 we celebrated the feast of St. John Maria Vianney. After the devotional Liturgy arranged by the Children, the Parish Council felicitated the Parish Priest during its meeting. On 11th we had a thanksgiving Mass for the gift of life and the youth made the parishioners aware of the evil effects of abortion and encouraged them to

involve in pro-life activities. On 15th we celebrated the feast of the Assumption and Independence Day. St. Mary's Group took care of the liturgy and Youth Group took care of the flag hoisting ceremony. Mr. Frank Amaral and Mrs. Philomena Amaral who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the same day hoisted the flag and one of the youths delivered a thought provoking speech. On 18th we celebrated the feast of St. Alberto Hurtado and Justice Sunday. In order to honour their patron saint the Youth Group made the liturgy very alive. After the Mass there was LOGOs Quiz at parish level. 15 of our parishioners participated in that. On 25th we celebrated the feast of St. Monica. Women's Group took care of the liturgy. After Mass children from Classes 5 to 12 took part in the inter-parish Bible Quiz. On 30th we started the Novena in preparation for the feast of Nativity of Our Blessed Mother.

Scaria

Community: For **Bro. Gyan** the month of August started with an upset stomach, but he got alright within a couple of days. **Fr. Joy John** kept on visiting St. Stephen's Hospital and other medical centres, but it was **Fr. Stan** who had to be admitted to St. Stephen's Hospital with high blood sugar on 13th; he was discharged on 20th. **Fr. Shaju** kept on visiting his doctor every now and then till he finally got admitted to Jivodya Hospital on 16th and was discharged on 25th. Most of community members were out in Jaipur attending the final vows and renewing old relationships from 15th to 17th. Fr. Joe manna was with us from 17th to 20th. Br. Gyan accompanied him to Cancer Institute for various check-ups. On 24th we hosted the Province Pastoral Commission Meeting. On 27th **Fr. Britto** left for Bangalore to meet his doctor and from there he went to Mysore to attend to the land issues there.

Scaria

LVI: Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated by LVI Staff and Tuition Teachers, along with the Jesuits and Sisters, with an agape meal on Aug 1. We celebrated the Independence Day with flag hoisting and a colourful variety entertainment based on the theme of the Freedom Struggle. **Fr. George Peter** helped out with confessions for two days during the charismatic convention at Burari. He made a trip to Jaipur after a long gap and participated in the Final Vows ceremony. He also attended the NIOS Vocational Coordinators' Meet at NOIDA. Sixty leaders of Lok Manch spent a day in evaluating the WASH Survey program, and planning out details for the Rally in

Sectors 26 & 27 of Rohini in order to spread awareness about cleanliness and health among the poor people of JJ Colonies.

George Peter

ALMORA

Fr. Alex was in Jalna to look after the work over there. **Fr. Pradeep, Fr. Rakesh**, Ms Leela and Mr Roshan were in Gaijol to clean up the area where trees were already planted. They also planted new saplings in place of the dead ones. Army Nursery, Maini provided us around 300 trees which we distributed among the SHGs in Barecheena, Alai, Salla, Bamantiladi, Khastiladi and Dasaun. Fr. Pradeep went to Jaipur and Delhi to get signatures of the Society's GBM members to apply for renewal. Fr. Rakesh and Ms Leela interacted with Dasaon SHG members and impressed upon them about the importance of environment, how to maintain the environment and also why tiger should be saved to ensure full environment cycle. Fr. Alex attended the final vows in Jaipur; he went for his home visit on 17th. Fr. Rakesh left for Jaipur on 14th to attend the final vows; unfortunately, his train Ranikhet Express was diverted to Jasailmer from Rewari and so he had to struggle to get a seat in a bus. He carried a box of pears all the way from Almora to Jaipur. By the time he reached Jaipur, he was limping; X-ray revealed a minor fracture on his left toes. On his return to Almora on 22nd his toes were put in plaster. Fr. Pradeep had a session with tuition teachers in Barecheena; he encouraged them to write speeches on Independence Day and made them deliver speeches before small groups. Fr. Pradeep along with Mr. Roshan and Mr. Pappu went to Gaijol to rectify the pipe connection near pump house. They cleaned up the turmeric and ginger field with the help of the staff. On 23rd Fr. Pradeep left for Delhi to attend Pastoral Commission Meeting and returned on 26th and immediately went for a meeting in Barecheena. Next day he went to Jalna for another meeting. This was followed by visits to Basauli, Dhaula Devi, Danya and Someshwar. Rural Self Employment Training Institute provided a ten-day Special Skill Training Program on Poultry Farm, Dairy Farm, Agriculture, Horticulture, Bee Keeping and Vermi Compost to our SHG groups in Salla Village. Big thanks to Shahbad Community for providing us with an old Activa for Jalna.

Rakesh



ROPAR

Community: Fr. Thomas Kuriacose gave recollection to the seminarians of the Major Seminary in Jalandhar on Aug 10-11. Soon after returning, he conducted sessions for CRI members in Dehradun on 12th. He is on high demand as a resource person in various places.

Sch. Ruben took part in the Regents' recollection in Delhi on 10th. We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Shekhar on 2nd. Holy Family Sisters joined us in the celebrations. We have modified one of the rooms and made it into a self-contained guest room. So guests are most welcome.

School: Declamation competition was organized for the students of Classes 3-7 on 3rd. The participants enthusiastically expressed their views on the given topic. On the same day a seminar on "Caring for our Mother Earth" was organized by the science teachers for their colleagues. The major issues like pollution, global warming, deforestation and preventive measures were discussed during the seminar. The Independence Day was celebrated in our school with gusto; Chairman of the Congress Committee, Rupnagar District Mr. Barinder Singh Dhillon was the Chief Guest. Fr. Thomas Kuriacose encouraged the students to follow the legacy of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. The patriotic dance competition organized house-wise was the attraction of the day. Solo Dance Competition was held on 23rd for the children of Kindergarten. The tiny tots' performance was spectacular; it captured the attention of all.

Parish: Fr. Thomas Kuriacose is making all efforts to revive the various groups like Mahila Sangh, Vincent de Paul, Youth Group, etc. On 25th we celebrated the feast of St. Monica as Mother's Day; Mahila Sangh organized the choir and distributed tea and snacks for all. We are sad to inform about the demise of Mr. Patras Kerketta, our parishioner on 23rd; he met with an accident on the way to work. His wife Sunita is an employee in our school.

Jinesh

KHARAR/MORINDA

A gradual transition of Credit Societies into Self Help Groups is effected due to the active interventions of our animators in villages around Ropar. During the month, Teej celebrations in SHGs reinstated a stronger cultural bond among the members. Inputs and awareness sessions on dengue and viral fever were arranged for a couple of SHGs with the help of health workers.

Flash floods affected village visits during the third week of the month. Fr. Viren gave a half day orientation to a group of youth from different villages as well.

A long stage play and four nukkad natakas were presented as part of the de-addiction sensitization program. Some programs had to be cancelled due to heavy rains and flash floods in Ropar and Nawashahar areas. A short meeting also was organized among the members of youth clubs, youth care society and of Sankalp society on the second Sunday of the month. At the Kharar centre, regular paramedical classes are going on, apart from the beauty culture batch.

Fr. Viren and Fr. Robin visit the nearby Christian families around Morinda area once a week. Besides they take turns to celebrate Mass in Ropar on Sundays along with the other Jesuits. Fr. Robin returned to Morinda after giving seminars in the Jesuit institutions in Jaipur on protection of minors and vulnerable adults.

Robin

VIDYAJYOTI

After introduction to doing theology in the context we stepped into regular classes and reflection on theological issues. To mark the World Indigenous Day, we went to Jantar Mantar to take part in the protest in solidarity with the tribals in their struggles to live a dignified life. Sch. Cyril and Sch. Manish participated in the street play held at India Gate in another program on the Indigenous Day. We celebrated our Independence Day by hoisting the flag after the Eucharist; VJ Minister Fr. Sunil was the chief guest who hoisted the flag. Sch. Cyril gave an inspiring speech, focusing on the diversity of our nation and our responsibility to preserve it in the present times. We all were very sad to hear of the sudden demise of Sch. Joseph's uncle. He rushed home for the burial and is back with us. All of us are busy in preparing for our mid term exam.

Arul Antony

PATNA JUNIORATE

The month of July ended with the feast day celebration of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We had basketball match with the village boys. We had a small gathering with our neighbouring communities in the evening. The month of August began with an outing and a common recreation. We had some time to refresh ourselves for the coming days. From 7th to 9th we had Computer Course by Fr. Sebastian Alphonse; we learnt some basic things about the computer. Soon after that course, we engaged ourselves in

preparing for the feast of the Assumption and Independence Day. Sch. Anand Dung Dung (RAN) and Sch. Ananias Xess (RAN) delivered inspiring speeches on Independence Day in both English and in Hindi. Fr. Edward Dung Dung was the Chief Guest. To make the day memorable, we had basketball and volleyball matches among ourselves. After these celebrations, we are slowly getting into the normal routine and are busy with our classes and assignments.

Andrews Immac

XAVIER NILAYA, BANGALORE

At the culmination of the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola we lost Fr. Hedwig Da Costa SJ (KAR). In spite of this sad occurrence a series of events shaped our lives in Xavier Nilaya. Three aunties take three different classes for our candidates on a daily basis. Even after having a busy life our candidates got an opportunity to witness a spectacular program on Aug 9 at Sophia High School. Recently we got a new set of speakers in our Chapel to avoid unexpected interruptions due to sound system. We were blessed to have a great number of guests. Frs. George, Paul Maria, Gyan Prakash, Philip, Norbert, Siluvai and Selvin (Patna) and Frs. Jijimon, Soosai Mani, Xavier Ignatius and Britto (Delhi) spent time with us. The feast of the Assumption cum Independence Day brought patriotic vigour and joy to us all. But the shadow of viral fever troubled us. Many of our candidates were down with fever; even **Sch. Ashwin** and Fr. Mani were affected. Fr. Daniel took care of us with great affection. Presently, Fr. Daniel is in Trichy for the Priestly ordination of our Deacons and Fr. Mani is in Kerala to see his ailing brother.

Ashwin

A Word of Gratitude

“When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them” (Psalm 91:15). The Lord stood by me according to His faithful love. Indeed, it was an experience of resuscitation by the Lord out of His personal mercy for me.

Hearty thanks to all of you for your prayers, wishes and vibration of positive energy. I experienced profound effect of prayers and wishes supported by many sacrifices. I humbly place on record my special thanks to Fr. Sebastian Jeera, SJ (Provincial), Fr. John Chathannat, SJ (Community Superior), Fr. Arun J. Panackal, SJ (Minister in Sahayog), Dr. Tensin and Sr. Sudeepa, SD (in Jivodaya hospital) and Dr. Krishna Mani, and Dr. Manoj Arora and

others in Fortis Hospital Shalimarbagh for their quick and timely decisions while my health was growing from bad to worse. Thank you my Jesuit brothers (both from Delhi Province and others), Sisters and staff of Jivodaya hospital and of the Fortis hospital, who took care of me very tenderly on those days of suffering. I thank everyone from different circles (Family, Religious, Ecclesiastical, friends, former students, teachers, parishioners, well-wishers etc.) for your prayers and wishes.

Once again with A BIG THANK YOU and assuring you my prayers.
KP George, SJ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September	October
02 Arulsamy, Amalraj	02 V., Gyanprakash
11 Immac, Andrews L.	14 Kujur, Ashwin
15 B, Abraham Amalraj	14 S. Leo Arockiaraj
16 S., Arockia Swamy	17 Indwar, Pradeep
17 Mlakuzhyil, George	20 Vazhaparambil,
22 A, Antony Arul	Robin I.
22 Purackal, John	25 Minj, Anil
26 *Kishore, Vimal	25 Romero, Rezin A.
28 *D'Souza, William	28 Gill, Sahil
28 S., Periyanyagam	28 Kurapati, Joseph
29 Arockiam, Dominic	Kumar
29 K. T., Thomas	28 Perumalil, Augustine
30 Kochupura, Joseph	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sch. Ashish Kujur left the Society of Jesus on August 27, 2019.

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. Barry John O' Loughlin (HAZ, 80/60) on Aug 5.

Fr. Theodore Toppo (MP, 80/57) on Aug 8.

Fr. Gavin O' Sullivan, (HAZ, 96/76 on Aug 29

Sch. Kurapati Joseph Kumar's uncle Mr. Arockiam on August 14.

A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY.

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