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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Silver Jubilee Celebration



Bros. Paulus Lakra and Dulare Lal Lucas lead the Jubilee celebration Mass procession.

Bros. Paulus Lakra and Dulare Lal Lucas celebrated their 25th year of religious life in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi, on April 21st. Both made their first vows in Ranchi on May 12th, 1993.

The Jubilee celebration began with a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Sudhir Kujur along with fellow Marianist Priests.



FMI Sisters congratulate the Jubilarians.

After the Mass, the Silver Jubilarians were treated to a cultural program followed by a grand lunch for all jubilee participants. The jubilarians expressed their gratitude for their parents, siblings, the District Administration, formaters, and all the Brothers who have helped them grow in their Marianist life.

Deepahalli Educational Centre – University of Dayton



District Administration members with Bro. Tom, Dr. Rani and the new graduates.

The graduation of the 2018 class of the University of Dayton's Deepahalli Program took place in the chapel at Deepahalli on April 3rd. Kudos to the four who completed a B.A. in Philosophy degree: T. Arul Ambeth, SM; Rahul Kumar Lakra, SOLA; Sachin Kujur, SOLA; and Sanal Santhosh, OSFS. The scholastics worked hard by setting up, singing during the ceremony, preparing the meal, and cleaning up. It was truly a resurrection experience for all who were involved with this accomplishment in the graduates' lives and in the life of the UD program. The joyful event concluded with a cake-cutting and supper for participants, graduates, and faculty.



Deepahalli STC Tour

The Deepahalli Skill Training Centre (STC) organized a three-day tour for the STC students from April 16th-19th. The STC staff and the students visited Trichi, Thanjavur, Velankanni, and the nearby places in Tamil Nadu.



Fr. Varghese with the STC staff and students.

The STC staff is grateful to the Ittina Cricket Club for helping to fund the tour. The STC students had so much fun visiting the new places.

REDS Deepahalli Summer Program



The summer camp participants in front of the STC Building.

The Deepahalli Skill Training Centre (STC) had a 'Life Skill Program' for the children from April 23rd-25th. The title of the summer camp program was 'Live Every Moment . . . Love Everybody . . . Learn Every Day'. The program aimed at helping the children understand the value of time, fellow human beings, and God.

YMCA, India

On April 23rd Bros. Darwin Joseph and Sanjay Ekka met Mr. Mani Kumar, the national General Secretary of YMCA, India, and Mr. M. Satyaratan,

the Secretary of Finance & Administration, in order to seek some assistance for our rural ministries in Delhi. The meeting went well and Mr. Mani Kumar expressed his interest in assisting us.

REDS Ranchi Summer Camp Program

REDS Ranchi organized a three-day workshop for the students from April 27th-30th. The topic of the workshop was 'Become a Role Model in the Family, School and Society.' Nearly two hundred and sixty children benefited from this workshop, which included various presentations, group activities, and recreational activities.



CRDP Binda – News Clip



A local Hindi newspaper publicized an article about the work carried out by Chaminade Rural Development Scheme Project (CRDP) Binda. The article stated that CRDP has brought hope to local youth for the last ten years in areas affected by poverty and Naxalites. The project provides education, health care, and counselling. At present, 40 young men and women are being trained to become tailors, 20 young men are learning to be drivers, and 15 young men and women are learning computers and spoken English. The youth are from the remote villages and they look forward for a bright and prosperous future.

Personnel

Bro. Santhosh Savarimuthu travels to Rome for his seminary studies on May 15th. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Pitrus Ekka and Prakash Jonnada have withdrawn from the Society of Mary. Let us wish them good luck and may God be with them as move into new ways of life.

Prayer Request

Clementina Lakra, mother of Bro. Vijay Minj, is very ill. Kindly keep her in your prayers.

Sona Tudu, niece of Fr. Santosh Tudu, passed away. Please pray that her soul may rest in peace.

