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## August 15



Bro. Sukrit Tirkey, Assistant for Education, hoisted the Flag in St. Joseph Chaminade Academy.

August 15th was a joyous day for India because the nation celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, which reminds each of us of our forefathers' struggle for the freedom of the nation and their sacrifices for future generations. Communities across the District celebrated with Flag hoistings and various ceremonies in the schools, and also highlighted the feast day of the Assumption of Mother Mary through liturgical celebrations.

### REDS Bangalore

On August 15, REDS Bangalore celebrated Independence Day in a special way in LR Nagar. Mr. Manju--LR Nagar Ward Member—



Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli with the chief guests and the REDS staff.

and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, social worker, were chief guests and they hoisted the Flag. In all the REDS centers, there were children gathered to celebrate and perform some cultural programs to cheer the participants.

On August 22, REDS Bangalore along with LaboutNet organized a special vaccination initiative for the REDS beneficiaries and neighbors of the community. About 200 people benefited from this vaccination drive and they all expressed their gratitude to the Brothers for organizing a vaccination program that was the most needed at the time by everyone.

### REDS Ranchi

REDS Ranchi organized a grand celebration of Independence Day in the Hatia Centre. The day was celebrated with double joy by three of our students who obtained the top three ranks in the 10th board examination. The Stambh NGO, Ranchi, donated cycles to four of our REDS students. The Y's Men's Club of Ranchi sponsored refreshments for all the participants. Fr. Sudhir Kujur, the Executive





REDS Ranchi children performed culture programs after hoisting of the Flag.

Director of REDS, was the honored guest who hoisted the Flag in Gyan Deep, Ranchi.

### Prabhat Tara Middle and High School



A group picture of the Brothers and the staff.

On August 15, Prabhat Tara School staff and St. Mary's English Medium came together to hoist the Flag. Fr. James Dungdung was the chief guest of the day. It was a joyous occasion for all the staff members of both schools.

### REDS Panta



Bro. Victor Sahayaraj, Fr. Sebastian Bara, and Bro. Antony Nesam with the children.

On August 15, REDS Patna and the Chaminade Training Institute celebrated Independence Day together on the community's premises. Ms. Durga Kumari was the chief guest. She used to volunteer for the REDS work and was a former student of Chaminade Training Institute. About one hundred and ten students participated in the program. After the hoisting of the Flag, the chief guest delivered a speech, followed by some cultural programs by students of REDS and the Institute.

### Onam



A group picture of the Onam celebration participants.

Onam is a harvest festival celebrated grandly by the people of Kerala. On August 21, the staff and the novices from Nirmal Deep (SM Novitiate) and Nazareth Nilaya (FMI Novitiate) came together in Nirmal Deep to highlight the festival in a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Both communities offered prayers for the well-being of the farmers, then ended the day with a fellowship meal together.

### Celebration



Bro. Lalit Dhanwar, Frs. Arul Raj, Sudhir Kujur and Bro. Prakash Kujur.

On August 26, Chaminade Nilaya Community celebrated Fr. Sudhir Kujur's birthday. The

Brothers from the Bangalore communities joined Chaminade Nilaya Community for the celebration of his birthday and our brotherhood.

### Recollection



Chaminde Nilaya community members with Bro. Paul Raj (second from left).

On August 20-21, the Brothers from Chaminade Nilaya spent time for prayer and recollection at CRI, Vidya Deep College, Bangalore. Bro. Paul Raj, SG, the Principal/Dean of Studies, offered a reflection on "The Changing Face of Consecrated Life—a Call to Renewal." The topic delved deeply into the consecrated life and its changing face in the contemporary Indian context. The two days' recollection helped the Brothers reflect and pray more about religious life and its changing trend in the world, particularly to India.

### Personnel



From July 9-20, Fr. Jinu Muthukattil participated in an online course called "International Assistance to Religious Formators," organized by Thair Solanus Casey Centre, Tamil Nadu.

### Prayer Requests

Kindly pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in the process of healing and for their speedy recovery from physical or psychological illness.

Mr. David, the uncle of Bro. Johnpaul, passed away on August 27. May his soul rest in peace and may God offer consolation to Bro. Johnpaul and his family members.

Please pray for the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays during the month of September:

- 06 Pananthanam, Jerin J.
- 07 Tete, Ananias
- 09 Kerketta, Naiman
- 12 Varaprasad, Nittamaria C., Raj Mohan
- 18 A., Arokia Doss Ravulapalli, Showraiah
- 27 A., Arockia Doss (Mullai)
- 29 Kullu, Birendra

