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Chaminade School



Bro. Johnpaul and Fr. Varghese Manoopampil (far right) with the teachers.

On March 8, Bro. Johnpaul, the headmaster of St. Chaminade School, organized an event to highlight "International Women's Day." The event highlighted the goodness of the teachers who have been committed to the development of the school's children. Fr. Varghese Manoopampil, the correspondent of the school, was the chief guest at the event. He thanked the teachers for their commitment and contribution to the welfare of the children. The students actively delivered speeches, and participated in a fancy-dress competition about prominent Indian women, followed by a debate on the topic "Social Developmental Role of Women and Men in the Society."

REDS Ranchi

The ongoing pandemic has disrupted normal activities of REDS Ranchi, but the REDS staff continues doing their best to stay in touch with the children and parents through other means like food distribution, regular home visits, and workshops for both children and parents. Bro. Pratap Guria informed us that the REDS centres resumed their daily activities on March 7. The children are happy because they have a



Children in a REDS centre have their midday meal.

place to learn as well as a midday meal at the REDS centres.

St. Mary's English Medium School



Bro. Sanjay greets a parent.

On March 8, Bro. Ashok Ddungdung organized a meeting for the parents. The school has begun offline classes which were welcomed by the parents. During this meeting Bro. Ashok had an opportunity to interact with the parents and share with them the study process of the



children. Bro. Sanjay Ekka and Fr. Santosh Tudu were the special guests who encouraged the parents to guide their children on the path of education.

REDS Patna



Bro. Tony Nesam addresses the participants.

On March 8, REDS Patna celebrated Women's Day on the Maria Nilaya Campus. 95 people participated. Bro. Tony Nesam, Ms. Sheela Bernard, and Ms. Tersilla Tirkey stressed the importance of women's educational development. The trainees decorated the campus and distributed snacks.

REDS Bangalore



A group of women display their skills in music.

On March 12, REDS Bangalore organized a special celebration to highlight the importance of Women's Day and their contributions to the development of their families and society at large. Fr. Sudhir Kujur, Dr. Rani T, Dr. Smitha Simon, Bro. Johnpaul, Frs. Mariandu Belevendiran, and Nittamaria Varapasad were the special guests. During the occasion, Fr.

Sudhir inaugurated the REDS' annual report and talked about the REDS' special focus on assisting mothers in bringing up their children. Dr. Rani, the dean of UD's Deepahalli program, spoke about her association with the Marianists and her pride in being a collaborator for REDS.



The participants of the event.

Dr. Smitha Simon, St John's Hospital, Bangalore, talked about mental health issues among women and offered guidelines to solve them, which was a blessing for such mothers. Dr. Smitha promised to conduct more health camps for the mothers, in collaboration with REDS, and would refer them to a hospital if they need further treatment. About 250 women gathered to celebrate this day at the REDS Bangalore office. The participants performed cultural programs such as dance, mimic, fancy dress, and a fashion show. The second half of the program began with lunch followed by competitions such as musical chairs and rangoli. All participants were given a gift pack which included cooking vessels that were donated by a REDS well-wisher.

Feast Day of St. Joseph



A student dances Bharatanatyam for the participants.

On March 19, a grand celebration to mark the feast day of St. Joseph was organized by the St. Joseph's Community along with the St. Joseph Chaminade Academy staff, friends, and Brothers from the Bangalore communities. The Brothers decorated the front yard of the school building for the Mass and cultural programs, but unexpected rain disrupted the plan, so the feast day's Mass was celebrated in the school hall.



Frs. Renny Markose, Sudhir Kujur, Varghese Manoopampil, and Ignase Arulappen.

After the holy Mass, there was a cultural program by the school staff, children, and the aspirants from the Faustino Community, followed by dinner for all the participants.

Prabhat Tara High/Middle School



Bro. Vijay Minj, Mrs. Mary Margret, and Bro. Sanjay Ekka.

On March 26, Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, organized a farewell program for Mrs. Mary Margret and 122 students who completed their 10th standard studies. Mrs. Mary Margret served the school for 28 years, teaching math and Sanskrit to the classes from 1st-6th. She was a committed teacher and a faithful mentor to the poor children who needed her assistance the most. Every year the school organizes a

special farewell program for the 10th standard students; the program gives the students an opportunity to share their schooling experiences. This year they performed various cultural programs and they thanked all the teachers, Brothers, and--in a special way--Mrs. Mary, whose farewell was also organized on the same day. The school administration treated everyone to a special lunch on this day of farewell.

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.

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

- 06 Hans, George
- 07 Markose, Renny
- 16 Kerketta, Sylverius
- 21 A., Mariandu Belevendiran
K., Peter Paul
- 23 Barla, Joseph

