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August 15th



Fr. Arulraj with the REDS Bangalore staff and the playschool children.

August 15th was a significant day in the history of India because the nation celebrated its 75th Independence Day. The day reminds us all of the goodness of our forefathers' fight for peace and justice, which brought freedom and vision to the nation. Communities across the District celebrated with Flag hoistings and various ceremonies in the schools, while also highlighting the feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary through liturgical celebrations.

Chaminade School

On August 15th, Chaminade School began the Independence Day celebration with a short procession from the end of our street, accompanied by different slogans hailing our country and its pride. The celebration was highlighted by the presence of chief guest Bro. Sukrit Tirkey, as well as Bro. John Paul, Fr. Santhosh, and Harshith, a student at the school. The chief guest hoisted the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Different cultural programs, patriotic speeches, the enacting of our national freedom



Chaminade School students perform a dance during the celebration.

fighters, and speeches by our guests added joy to the celebration. The joy continued with the distribution of sweets and the exchange of Independence Day wishes. It was a day of energy and enthusiasm for both teachers and students at the school.

St. Mary's English Medium School



Bro. Ashok Ddungdung initiates the flag hoisting.

On August 15th, Fr. Santosh Tudu, the chief guest, hoisted the flag for the Independence



Day celebrations at Mary's English Medium School. The students sang the national anthem in a respectful manner while remembering the many martyrs of the nation. Students, teachers, Brothers, and parents participated. The program concluded with dancing, singing, and various cultural programs, as well as snacks for all who attended the celebration.

REDS Ranchi



REDS Ranchi children gathered for the flag hoisting.

On August 15th, REDS Ranchi celebrated Independence Day in all its centers and slums with pride and a huge presence of students, staff, parents, and people from the neighbourhood. The celebrations at REDS were planned by the program director, Bro. Pratap Guria. The REDS Play Schools and Formal and Non-Formal Education Centers held elaborate celebrations by their performance of patriotic songs and a fancy dress competition at which all the students arrived dressed as politicians and freedom fighters. It was a day of joy and pride for both students and staff of the REDS.

REDS Patna



Participants of the day.

On August 15th, REDS Patna and the Chaminade Training Institute celebrated

Independence Day with passion and patriotism. Mr. Binod Kumar was the chief guest. About one hundred and ten students, trainees, and staff 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.

STC Deepahalli



Frs. Xavier Raj and Ignase Arulappen, (middle) with the staff and the students.

On August 15th, STC Deepahalli commemorated the historic day with great pride in the presence of Fr. Ignase Arulappen, the chief guest, who hoisted the flag. STC students performed a march-past with pride and patriotism during the event. The training camps and surrounding areas were beautifully decorated by the art instructor and students in keeping with the theme. After the flag hoisting, the students performed various cultural shows. The celebration ended with gifts and refreshments for the STC students, participants, and teachers. Overall, the event was a huge success.

Prabhat Tara High/middle School



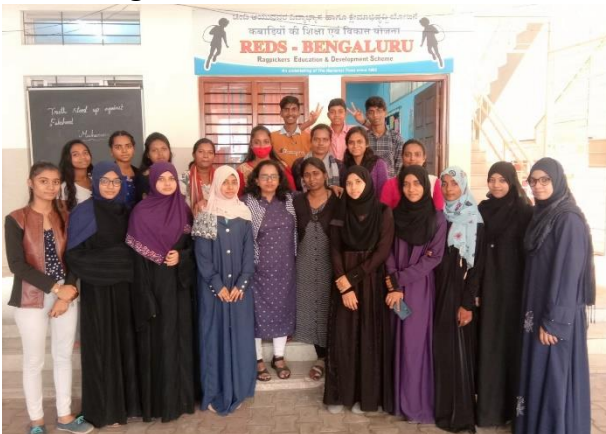
Bro. Anup Kullu, Fr. James Ddungdung and Bro. Sanjay Ekka with the students.

On August 15th, Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur, organized a grand Independence Day celebration. Fr. James Dungdung, the chief guest, delivered an Independence Day address after the flag hoisting. On the same day, the students conducted various cultural shows.



On August 26-27, Prabhat Tara High School organized a special soccer tournament for high school students. The tournament offered an opportunity for the students to display their athletic skills in soccer. Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High, informed us that the high school has four teams each for the boys and the girls. He hopes to have the final match in the month of September.

REDS Bangalore



Participants of the workshop.

On August 6th, REDS Bengaluru organized a workshop for computer students about the importance of learning computer skills. The resource person was Mrs. Vanitha Yesu from Magic Bus India Foundation. There were thirty-five students who benefited from the workshop. The resource person engaged them

by providing information regarding the uses and value of technology. The sessions were very interactive and informative. The students were divided into teams, which had group discussions based upon their topics. At the end of the workshop, the program director, Fr. Arul Raj, gave a brief motivational talk to the students, and he thanked both the resource person and the students.



Mr. Sagaya Raj dialogues with the tailoring teachers.

On August 13th, REDS Bengaluru organized another workshop at the Human Resource Centre in L.R. Nagar. This workshop was for the REDS tailoring staff who already have knowledge of sewing; REDS wants to raise their skills to the next level. Mr. Sagaya Raj, STC staff, was a resource person who assisted the tailoring staff to add some creativeness and some new stitching methods. The tailoring staff was grateful to REDS for organizing this workshop. Fr. Arul Raj thanked everyone for their availability and the sharing of their gifts and talents with the REDS students.

Blessed Chaminade Parish



The parish women's group began the feast day with a procession and tribal dances.

On August 29th, Blessed Chaminade Parish celebrated the feast day of St. Monica. She is a model for all the mothers in the parish. The parish offered a special solemn Mass for all the mothers of the parish, and they took the lead in organizing various events of the day. About 1100 women, their husbands, and children participated in the solemn Mass. The Marianist Brothers and Sisters from the local communities joined the parish to make the event a grand and successful one.

Personnel

From July 31st-August 12th, Fr. Jinu Muthukattil attended a two-week residential workshop on "Formative Accompaniment: Theory and Practicum (FATP)" at the Institute



of Consecrated Life, Sanyasa, Bangalore. Prior to this residential workshop, he had attended various online classes from the same institution. The

two-week residential workshop helped participants to synthesize various topics that are dealt with in the formation process for young women/men.

From August 27th-28th, Fr Rajmohan attended a vocation promoters' seminar at St. Theodore's Retreat Centre, Coonoor. The topic



of the seminar was "Vocation Promotion: An Invitation to the Fullness of Life." Fr. Rajmohan found the seminar very helpful for his

mission as vocation promoter.

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 September:

06 Pananthanam, Jerin J.

07 Tete, Ananias

12 Varaprasad, Nittamaria
C., Raj Mohan

18 A., Arokia Doss

Ravulapalli, Showraiah

27 A., Arockia Doss (Mullai)

29 Kullu, Birendra

