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The Marianist Updates

Leadership Workshop for the Regional Council:



The Regional Council organized a leadership workshop from August 6-7, 2025, at Chaminade Nilaya. This initiative aimed to strengthen leadership skills and promote Marianist leadership as part of the mission in India. Fr. Xavier E. Manavath, CMF, served as the facilitator for the two-day session.

The workshop was thoughtfully designed to train young leaders to guide the Region in accordance with Gospel values. The sessions not only offered practical insights into governance but also emphasized the need for personal transformation among those called to lead the brothers. Over the two days, the workshop encouraged participants to become more reflective, sensitive, vibrant, courageous, and enthusiastic in their leadership roles. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Xavier Manavath for his insightful reflections and valuable proposals for the Regional Council. The participants were: Prakash Kujur, Ignase Arulappen, Basant Kujur, Pratap Guria, Prasad Nitta, and Santhosh Savarimuthu.

Empowering the Future: Youth Leaders Seminar in Ranchi Archdiocese

The Ranchi Archdiocese successfully hosted a vibrant Youth Leaders Seminar on August 16-17 at St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli. The Diocesan leadership chose to host this event in the School premises of Saraitoli. The event brought together dynamic young leaders from across the Archdiocese for two days of inspiration, formation, and fellowship. A special highlight of the seminar was the

gracious presence of His Grace, Archbishop Rev. Vincent Aind, who devoted an entire day to accompany and interact with the youth. His presence was a powerful sign of the Church's commitment to nurturing young leaders and walking with them in their journey of faith and service. This initiative marks a significant step in building a strong foundation for youth leadership in the Archdiocese, ensuring that the voice and vision of young people continue to shape the future of the Church.



Chaminade School, Austin Town Participated at South Zone Bengaluru Cluster Sports Meet



We are proud to share that our students from (St) Chaminade School actively participated in the South Zone Bengaluru Cluster Sports Meet, showcasing both talent and sportsmanship. Our High School boys' and girls' kabaddi teams performed exceptionally well, securing the runners-up medals in a fiercely contested tournament. In track and field events, our High School athletes brought home third-place medals in long jump, high jump, and shot put, demonstrating their strength, skill, and dedication. To recognize their achievements, the students were honoured during a special school assembly. We will be distributing the prizes during our Independence Day celebration, as a way to further acknowledge and encourage their outstanding efforts. Congratulations to all our young athletes for bringing pride to our school!

Official Entrance to the Pre-Novitiate:

On 13 August 2025, the Feast Day of Blessed Jakob Gapp, Saleem Tirkey officially began his pre-novitiate formation in the presence of the Regional Council. This significant occasion was marked by a simple yet meaningful ceremony attended by Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Regional Superior; Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, Deputy Regional Superior;



Bro. Basant Kujur, Assistant to the Office of Education; and Bro. Pratap Guria, SM, Assistant to the Office of Temporalities. Their presence underscored the importance of this new step in Saleem's spiritual journey. We extend our sincere gratitude to the staff for their thoughtful planning and organization of the program. As Saleem enters this formative stage, we pray that he may grow in faith, discernment, and dedication to the Marianist mission.

Marianist Institutions Across India Celebrate Independence Day with Pride and Purpose

The Marianist works across India joyfully and proudly celebrated Independence Day, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. This significant day serves as a powerful reminder to deepen our patriotism and renew our commitment to humanity and social harmony. Across the country, the social and educational institutions of the Marianist Trust organized vibrant and meaningful celebrations, ensuring the day was memorable and inspiring for all students and beneficiaries. From flag hoisting ceremonies and cultural programs to inspiring speeches and performances, every institution went the extra mile to instill a sense of national pride and unity among the children and youth. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the Principals, Directors, staff, and collaborators who dedicated their time and efforts to make this day special for the students. Your commitment continues to enrich the lives of those entrusted to our care.

Below are some glimpses of the celebrations that reflect the spirit and energy of Independence Day across our Marianist institutions.







St. Joseph Chaminade Academy Celebrates 78th Independence Day

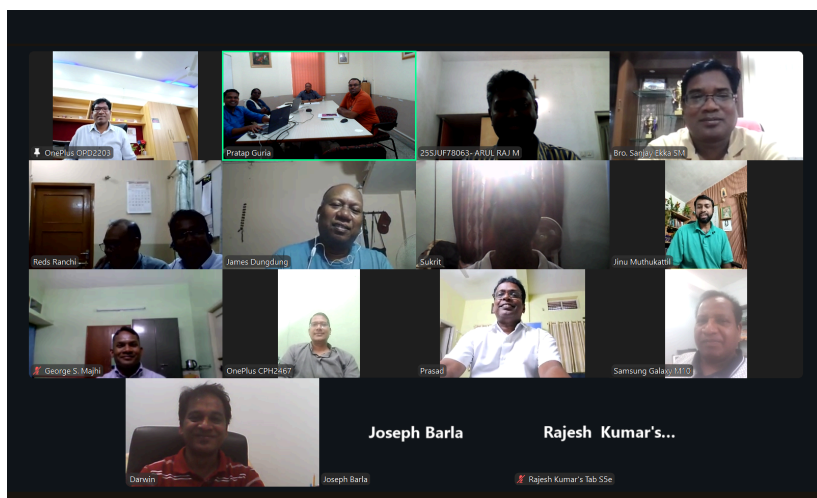


St. Joseph Chaminade Academy celebrated India's 78th Independence Day on August 15, 2025, with patriotic fervor. The Chief Guest was Smt. Hemala Rathnam, mother of martyr Major Sylvester Rajesh Rathnam, joined by Guests of Honor Wing Commander PN Krishna Kumar (Retd.) and Bro. Basant Kujur, along with Principal Fr. Joseph Raj, SM and Vice Principal Mrs. Jaya Suresh.

Highlights included the flag hoisting, a moving address by Smt. Rathnam, and inspiring messages on road safety and values from the dignitaries. Students showcased their talents through a spirited march past, cultural performances, patriotic songs, and a colorful fancy dress. Winners of the State Level Yoga Championship were also honoured. The program was witnessed by five hundred parents besides our students and teachers. It concluded with a strong call to patriotism, responsibility, and resilience, reflecting the academy's commitment to nurturing both character and excellence.



Seminar on the theme ***“Education on Financial and Legal Matters”***:



On 25th August, the Accounts Team from Chaminade Nilaya—comprising Bro. Pratap Guria, SM, Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, SM, and Mrs. Amala—conducted a seminar on the theme “Education on Financial and Legal Matters.” Held via Zoom, the seminar was organized for selected

brothers from various units, with the aim of deepening their understanding of financial and legal responsibilities within the Marianist Trust. The sessions covered key topics such as the registration process of the Trust, its objectives, and other essential aspects of financial management. The initiative provided a valuable opportunity for capacity building and clarity on Trust operations. A heartfelt thank you goes to Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Chief Functionary of the Trust, and the other trustees for their valuable inputs, guidance, and continued support in strengthening the financial literacy and legal awareness within the Marianist community.

Accountants Workshop at Chaminade Nilaya:



On 30th August, the same Accounts Team from Chaminade Nilaya conducted a comprehensive workshop for all the accountants of the Marianist Trust. Held at Chaminade Nilaya, Richmond Town, Bengaluru, the workshop focused on key areas such as best practices in accounting,

financial management, legal compliance, basic skills in recording and reporting, and a concluding session on proper handover procedures. Emphasis was placed on timely maintenance of records and accurate accounting of expenses. The session also raised critical awareness about government compliance requirements, including Form 10BD, ITR 7, FC4, and other legal obligations. This workshop served as a valuable platform for enhancing financial accountability within the Trust. We extend our sincere thanks to all the participants for their active sharing and engagement, and to the presenters for their insightful and practical inputs.

Training Session at JTI, Asha Deep, Binda:

On 22nd August, the Joyal Training Institute convened a meeting to discuss various ongoing projects and to evaluate the quality of training at Asha Deep, Binda. The session proved to be an enriching experience for both the trainees and the staff, offering valuable insights into the effectiveness of the current programs and identifying areas for improvement. This meeting marks a step forward in enhancing the impact of our training initiatives. We



look forward to implementing improved training programs in the days to come. A special word of thanks to Bro. Augustus Surin and the dedicated staff for organizing and facilitating this meaningful gathering.

Parents Meeting at St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli:



On 23rd August, St. Mary's English Medium School hosted a parent meeting to engage families in the academic and personal development of their children. During the meeting, student results were distributed, and parents were updated on their children's progress. The staff also shared valuable suggestions to help parents enhance their parenting skills and better support their children's growth at home. The gathering fostered a spirit of collaboration between the school and families. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Bro. Sanjay Ekka and the dedicated staff for thoughtfully organizing this important event.

Visitors from Japan:

From 24th to 29th August, a group of five teachers from the Marianist School in Japan visited the Marianist projects in Bengaluru, exploring opportunities for future collaboration. During their visit, the delegation toured various REDS play schools and tailoring centers, engaging meaningfully with both teachers and students. These interactions provided the visitors with deeper insight into the lives, aspirations, and needs of the local communities. The exchange proved to be



a mutually enriching experience, as the Japanese teachers also shared their reflections and encouragement with the staff. We are hopeful that this visit will lay the foundation for further collaboration between our Marianist missions. Our heartfelt thanks to all five visitors for their time, interest, and support.

Jubilarian's Renewal Course at Atmadarshan, Patna



A Jubilarian's Renewal Course was recently held at Atmadarshan, Patna from 4th August to 8th August 2025, offering a time of reflection, prayer, and deep spiritual nourishment. The course focused on "Jesus' Journey through the Gospel of St. Luke. It was a great time for Prayer and Healing, and was led by the esteemed Fr. Pious, SJ, who served as the resource person. Joseph Barla, Xavier Raj, and Dilip Tirkey participated in the course as

part of their ongoing spiritual journey, marking 25 years of religious life in the Society of Mary. The experience was both enriching and inspiring, providing an opportunity to give thanks for their years of commitment and service in the Marianist mission.

Fr. Showriah Attended Training in Counselling and Spiritual Direction

As part of his ongoing formation as a newly ordained priest, Fr. Showriah participated in a course on Basic Skills in Counselling and Spiritual Direction, held at Atmadarshan, Mumbai, from 10th to 23rd August. The course covered a range of important themes, including the setting and environment of counselling, internal wound healing, practical counselling techniques, spiritual direction, and helpful tips on becoming an effective counselor and spiritual guide. This training has been a valuable step in equipping Fr. Showriah for his pastoral ministry. Sincere thanks to Fr. Tony Menezes, SVD, the Director of Atmadarshan, and all the staff for their warm welcome and support during his stay.



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.

- ❖ We continue to pray for Bro. Ashok and Fr. Sebastian Bara for their healing!
- ❖ Let us pray for four FMI Sisters who will be making their final profession on 13th September 2025. We pray for their commitment and vocation.

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in 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*

September 2025

2-4	Regional Council Meeting
3	25 th Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade
5	Teacher's Day
7-10	Basant Kujur visits Jacob Gapp School, Khammam
8	Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
10-13	Pre-Audit verification for the South units at Chaminade Nilaya for the period of April 2025-August 2025
11-24	Basant Kujur visits schools in the Northern communities
12	Holy Name of Mary – Patronal Feast of SM
12	Official Entrance of the Aspirants at Faustino
13	Perpetual Vows for FMI Sisters
15-19	Pre-Audit verification for the North units at Gyan Deep for the period of April 2025-August 2025
18	Feast of Blessed. Carlos Erana, Jesus Hita, and Fidel Fuidio
20	Zoom Meeting for the Community Directors
22-24	Formation Council Meeting at Nirmal Deep
22-25	Tentative audit dates for the First Interim Audit in the South
26	Joint Council Meeting between SM and FMI
26	National Family Council
27-4 Oct	Annual Retreat at Jharna in Ranchi