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### **The Marianist Updates**

#### **Mega Parents' Day Celebration at Jacob Gapp School**



On 8th September 2025, Jacob Gapp School celebrated its Mega Parents' Day Celebration with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Rev. Br. Basant Kujur, SM, whose presence added grace and inspiration to the event. The celebration witnessed the participation of over two hundred parents, who joined the school community in marking this special occasion. The entire program was meticulously planned and efficiently coordinated by the teachers, ensuring a smooth and meaningful flow of events.

Parents expressed their joy and appreciation, sharing highly positive feedback about both the school and the quality of the program. The day also included cultural performances and engaging games, which created a lively and memorable atmosphere for all.



A sumptuous lunch was served to more than 500 guests, bringing the celebration to a delightful conclusion. The event not only highlighted the strong bond between parents and the school but also reflected the institution's commitment to fostering a sense of community and togetherness.

### **Bro. Basant Meets the Teachers at Jacob Gapp School**

On the 10th of September 2025, Rev. Br. Basant Kujur SM addressed the teachers of Jacob Gapp School. The session was highly interactive and engaging, providing the staff with an opportunity to reflect, share, and learn together. Br. Basant highlighted the importance of collaboration, commitment, and continuous growth in the teaching profession. The discussion also emphasized the role of teachers in shaping young minds and creating a positive learning environment. Teachers actively participated in the dialogue, making the session lively and thought-provoking. The interactive session was both enriching and motivating, leaving the teachers inspired to continue their mission with renewed enthusiasm and dedication.



### **Teachers' Day Celebration at St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli**

On 9th September 2025, the students of St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli, celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm and respect. The event was organized to honor the hard work, dedication, and guidance of the teachers who play a vital





role in shaping the lives of students. The entire school campus was beautifully decorated expressing gratitude towards the teachers. The school principal Bro. Sanjay Ekka addressed the gathering and shared encouraging words about the importance of teachers in society. Students from various classes presented a series of colorful and entertaining performances, including dances, songs, and skits, all centered around the theme of honoring teachers. Many students also gave speeches expressing their admiration and love for their teachers. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by a student representative, acknowledging the efforts of both the organizing team and the teachers. The program left everyone with a sense of joy, appreciation, and a stronger bond between teachers and students. It was truly a memorable day filled with respect, emotions, and celebration.

### **Report on Health and Awareness Session at St. Chaminade School**



On 29th August 2025, St. Chaminade School organized an insightful and interactive session for girl students from classes five to ten, aimed at fostering a healthy understanding of puberty and the physical and emotional changes that accompany it. The session was a part of the school's ongoing efforts to

promote awareness and empower students with essential knowledge about their health and well-being.

During the session, students were educated about the natural changes that occur during puberty, helping them to understand and accept this important phase of growth with confidence and positivity. A key topic discussed was the concept of *good touch and bad touch*, equipping students with the awareness needed to recognize inappropriate behavior and encouraging them to speak up without fear. In addition, the importance of maintaining personal hygiene was thoroughly explained. Practical tips and routines were shared to help the students stay clean and healthy during their growing years. The session was made interactive, allowing students to ask questions and clarify doubts in a safe and supportive environment.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Malathy S., a dedicated nurse from Manipal Hospital, for leading the session with compassion, clarity, and patience. Her willingness to address every student's concern helped make the program both informative and reassuring. It was a meaningful initiative that left a lasting impact on all who attended.

### **Teachers' Day Celebration at Chaminade Training Institute**



On 6th September 2025, Chaminade Training Institute celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm and gratitude at the Maria Nilaya Campus. The event was organized to pay tribute to the dedicated educators who play a vital role in shaping the lives of their students. The celebration was marked by a series of engaging



programs prepared by the students. These included cultural performances, heartfelt speeches, and creative presentations, all aimed at honoring and appreciating the teachers. The students expressed their respect and admiration through songs, dances, and personal messages, creating a joyful and touching atmosphere.

The event served not only as a moment of celebration but also as a reminder of the invaluable contribution of teachers in building character, knowledge, and values in students. The efforts of the organizing team and the active participation of the students made the day truly special for the teachers. We extend our sincere thanks to Bro. Arockia Doss, the Program Director, and Fr. James, the Director of Maria Nilaya, for their support and for sharing the details of the event with us. Their leadership and encouragement were instrumental in making the celebration a memorable one.

### **Teachers' Day Celebration at Chaminade School, Austin Town**



On 5th September 2025, Chaminade School, Austin Town celebrated Teachers' Day with great joy and appreciation. The event was organized by the students to express their gratitude and respect for the teachers who guide, inspire, and support them every day. The celebration began with a warm welcome and a prayer service, followed by a variety of performances prepared by the students. These included dances, songs, skits, and speeches that highlighted the importance of teachers in a student's life. Each performance reflected the students' deep admiration and love for their mentors.

Teachers were honored with handmade cards and small gifts as tokens of appreciation. The students also took the opportunity to share personal messages and memories, making the atmosphere emotional and heartfelt. The event concluded with a short address by the school principal, who thanked the students for their efforts and reminded everyone of the vital role teachers play in shaping society. The day was both memorable and meaningful, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

### **Teacher's Day Celebration at REDS Patna**



REDS Patna joyfully celebrated Teacher's Day with heartfelt gratitude and enthusiasm. The event was graced by Fr. James Dungdung, S.M., who honored the dedicated volunteers and recognized the future teachers - today's students - as the true torchbearers of education and service. Though not everyone could participate in the celebration, the spirit of the day was felt deeply by the community. The program highlighted the values of respect,

dedication, and inspiration that teachers and volunteers bring to the mission of REDS Patna.

### **Volunteers at Maria Nilaya Campus, Patna**



A group of volunteers from a nearby college joyfully spent time with the REDS children at the Maria Nilaya campus. They not only shared their time and energy but also helped the children with their lessons and studies. We express our sincere gratitude to the volunteers and the college administration for this valuable collaboration, which strengthens our mission of education and care for the most vulnerable.



### **Leaders Visit CRDP at Murhu (Khunti):**



On September 22, Congress Jharkhand State In-charge K. Raju, Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore, and MP Kalicharan Munda visited the Chaminade Rural Development Program (CRDP) at Binda, where they received a warm traditional welcome. Bro. Augustus, representing the Marianist Society, shared the institute's 17 years of dedicated service in social, economic, educational, and cultural fields. CRDP continues to run impactful programs such as education awareness, prevention of child marriage and exploitation, maternal and child nutrition, agricultural entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, family counseling, and day-boarding study centers. The leaders were also introduced to the Joyal Training Institute (JTI), active for 16 years, which provides multi-skill training including computer and English education, tally and accounting, driving, housekeeping, carpentry, and family life skills, along with formal schooling from KG to Class 12.

During the visit, CRDP and Hemarom Export Company announced the selection of the Binda-Boysatoli region as a model agricultural project at national and international levels. The Gram Sabha entrusted CRDP with addressing local issues, while youth in tailoring and driving training requested grants for sewing machines and vehicles.



The visiting leaders commended the efforts of CRDP and JTI, affirming the importance of rural development and skill training in empowering the local community and building a sustainable future.

## Teachers' Day Celebration at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy, Deepahalli



Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy, Deepahalli. The entire school campus was filled with an atmosphere of gratitude and respect as students came together to honor their beloved teachers. The day's program began with a warm welcome, followed by cultural performances, including songs, dances, and skits, which reflected the love and admiration the students hold for their teachers. Heartfelt speeches were delivered, expressing deep appreciation for the selfless service and dedication of the teaching staff.

Adding to the joy of the celebration, fun-filled games and activities were organized especially for the teachers, creating moments of laughter and togetherness. The event not only highlighted the bond between teachers and students but also served as a reminder of the invaluable role teachers play in shaping young lives. Special thanks go to Rev. Fr. Joseph Raj, the Principal, and Bro. Lucian, the Correspondent, for their guidance and encouragement, as well as to the students whose creativity and hard work made the day truly memorable. The celebration concluded with a renewed sense of respect and gratitude towards teachers, who continue to inspire and nurture their students with dedication.





## Official Entrance of Aspirants at Faustino Community



On 12 September 2025, the patronal feast of the Society of Mary – the Most Holy Name of Mary, three aspirants officially entered the Faustino Community. The new aspirants, Anil Lakra, Goldy Kerketta, and Ashim Kerketta, were welcomed during a solemn celebration of the

Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, who offered an inspiring homily on the vital role of Mary in the life of every Marianist. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. George Majhi and Fr. Santhosh, joined by Marianist members and invited guests who came together in joy and gratitude.

This significant gathering was a moment of grace for the entire Marianist family, as all united in prayer and support for the new aspirants beginning their journey. With hearts full of hope, the community continues to pray for their discernment, growth in the love of God, and deepening of Marianist Charism.

## Joint Council Meeting of SM and FMI in India

A joint council meeting was held between the Councils of the Society of Mary (SM) and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (FMI) in India on 26 September 2025. The main objective of the meeting was to foster greater collaboration between the two branches of the Marianist Family. In the course of the discussions, the councils addressed several important matters aimed at strengthening cooperation and mutual support in their mission. Special attention was also given to exploring ways of enhancing the presence and vitality



of the Marianist Lay Communities (MLC) in India. The meeting proved to be a fruitful occasion, enabling both councils to share insights, discern future directions, and plan concrete projects that will further the Marianist mission in the country.

### **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!
- ❖ We pray in a special way for the 1st Regional Chapter, which will be held from 27-29 October 2025.

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

01 Minj, Vijay  
17 Kullu, Anup Ranjan  
18 Soreng, Telesphore  
26 Tete, Julius  
28 Tigga, Rohit  
31 Tete, Aievan

### **Regional Calendar - October 2025**

2	Foundation Day / Gandhi Jayanti / Guardian Angels
4-12	Novena in preparation to celebrate Marianist World Day of Prayer
5	Accountants Workshop for the accountants from Northern communities in Gyan Deep
6-10	Tentative dates for the First Interim Audit in the North
8-10	Regional Council Meeting
12	Our Lady of the Pillar
12	Marianists World Day of Prayer (SM, FMI & MLC gather and celebrateTogether)
20	Diwali
27-29	1st Regional Chapter at Deepahalli