



## **The Region of India**

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### **The Marianist Updates**

#### **A Note of Gratitude!**



It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude that I extend our sincere thanks to Bro. Darwin and Fr. Santhosh for their remarkable contribution and dedication in successfully completing the 100 issues of the Regional (District) Newsletter. This achievement is not merely the completion of a task, but a meaningful contribution to the life and spirit of our region.

Compiling a newsletter requires patience, commitment, and an eye for detail. It involves gathering information, organizing content, refining language, and presenting it in a way that informs, inspires, and unites the community. Bro. Darwin Joseph earlier and Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu afterwards have taken on this responsibility with admirable enthusiasm and professionalism. Their tireless efforts, even amidst various other responsibilities, demonstrate their genuine love for the mission and their desire to keep our regional family connected and well-informed.

The 100 issues they have prepared stand as a testament to their hard work and your collaboration in providing them with news worthy information every month for the newsletter. Each page in every newsletter reflects not only the events and activities of our communities and ministries but also the dedication and passion of those who worked behind the scenes. Through their efforts, the Regional Newsletter has become a valuable record of our journey, a source of motivation, and a tool for strengthening our bonds.

We are truly grateful for their time, creativity, and perseverance in bringing this work to fruition. Their contribution ensures that our shared mission continues to be communicated effectively and preserved for the future. May their commitment inspire others to serve with the same zeal and generosity.

Thank you, Bro. Darwin Joseph and Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, for your exemplary service. Your hard work, commitment, and attention to detail have greatly enriched our community's communication and helped preserve the spirit of our mission. We deeply appreciate the time and passion you invested in this work. Your work has enriched our region and kept informed to all the members of the Region and to the global Marianist world of our life and mission.

**Bro. Prakash Kujur,SM**  
Regional Superior

### **Education and Personality Development Workshop for Tailoring Students at Deepahalli**



REDS, the Marianists, successfully organized a one-day workshop for tailoring students on 13 December 2025 at Deepahalli, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., benefiting around 100 tailoring students. The programme was organized under the leadership of Bro. Antony Nesam, S.M., REDS Programme Director, who also arranged transportation facilities for the students and REDS staff.

The workshop began with a warm welcome by Bro. Antony Nesam, S.M. The guests—Bro. Basant Kujur, Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, S.M., Fr. Ignase, S.M., REDS Executive Director, and Bro. Rayappan—were honored, followed by a graceful welcome dance performed by the students of REDS Tailoring Centre No. 3, K.C.C. Nagar, Hosur.



The programme focused on educational development, personality development, and interactive learning. The educational development session was led by Bro. Basant Kujur, who emphasized the importance of focused learning, continuous skill enhancement, proper marking techniques, teamwork, creating one's own brand, starting a tailoring business, updating skills with new designs and models, setting clear goals, and working persistently to achieve them.

The personality development session was conducted by Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, S.M., who spoke meaningfully about women's personality development. He compared women to the human heart, explaining that just as the heart removes carbon dioxide and supplies oxygen, women should remove negativity and bring positive values into their families and society. He highlighted qualities such as patience, resilience, compassion, and inner strength.



The sessions were made lively through interactive discussions and fun games conducted by Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, S.M., and Bro. Antony Nesam, S.M., which helped the students grow in confidence and enthusiasm. A nutritious lunch

consisting of rice, vegetable curry, egg masala, and papad was provided to all participants.

Overall, the workshop served as an engaging and inspiring platform that strengthened the technical skills, personal confidence, and motivation of the tailoring students, encouraging them to pursue their goals with determination and hope.

### **Sharing of Ration at REDS Patna:**



On 14 December, Fr. Louis Prakash, SJ, from XTTI, generously donated 50 ration provisions for the benefit of those in need. Each ration kit included 5 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, and other essential food items. This thoughtful gesture was a meaningful expression of solidarity and care, extending support to families facing economic difficulties and reinforcing the spirit of compassion and service.

### **Christmas Celebrations at REDS Patna:**

On 23 December at the Maria Nilaya Campus REDS Patna brought together 106 children in preparation for the upcoming festival celebration at St. Michael's on 23rd December 2025. The gathering served as an important moment of coordination and enthusiasm, helping the children prepare practically for the celebration. It was a joyful time of coming together, fostering unity, excitement, and a shared sense of participation in the forthcoming festival.



## Graduation Ceremony and Pre-Christmas Celebration at REDS Deepahalli Skill Training Centre



On 22 December, the REDS Deepahalli Skill Training Centre organized a meaningful Graduation Ceremony along with a Pre-Christmas celebration, bringing together trainees, staff, and guests in an atmosphere of joy and gratitude. The event marked an important milestone for the trainees who successfully completed their skill training, while also preparing hearts to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Raj and Rev. Fr. Bhaskar were the chief guests for the occasion. They distributed certificates to the graduates and congratulated them on their achievements. In their addresses, they encouraged the trainees to use the skills they had acquired with confidence and determination, offering their best wishes and inspiring messages for the graduates' future endeavours.



A total of twenty-two women graduated from the programme, stepping forward with renewed confidence and hope for a better future. The celebration highlighted the mission of the REDS Deepahalli Skill Training Centre in empowering women through skill development and self-reliance, while the Pre-Christmas gathering reminded everyone of the values of hope, sharing, and gratitude that lie at the heart of the Christmas season.

## Christmas Celebration at St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli



The Christmas celebration at St. Mary's English Medium School was joyfully held on 19 December 2025, filling the campus with festive spirit, warmth, and harmony. The programme began with a prayer service and the blessing of the Christmas crib, reminding everyone of the true meaning of Christmas—love, peace, and hope. Students set a joyful tone through

melodious carol singing, while a brief Christmas message highlighted the values of sharing, compassion, and unity that the season invites us to live out in our daily lives.

The celebration continued with cultural performances by the students, including dances and skits that beautifully conveyed the message of Christmas. The vibrant participation of students and staff created an atmosphere of joy and togetherness throughout the programme. The celebration concluded on a happy note, leaving everyone inspired to carry the spirit of Christmas beyond the school campus and into their homes and communities.

## Christmas Celebrations at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy



Christmas Fiesta 2025 was joyfully celebrated at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy on Saturday, 20 December 2025, filling the campus with festive cheer, warmth, and a strong sense of togetherness. The celebration began with an opening ceremony and prayer service, during which Fr. Renny Markose blessed the Christmas crib. This was followed by an inspiring Christmas message from the

Principal, Fr. Joseph Raj, who highlighted the core values of Christmas—love, unity,

and kindness. The spirit of the season was further enhanced by melodious carol singing rendered by the teachers.

The festivities continued with the opening of various games and food stalls, which generated great excitement among the students. The campus buzzed with joyful activity as students enthusiastically participated in the games and enjoyed a variety of festive treats. The programme also included craft prize distribution, recognizing and appreciating the creativity of the students, and a lively dance performance that added colour, energy, and vibrancy to the celebration.



The fiesta concluded with a closing ceremony, followed by a festive meal and gift exchange among the teaching and non-teaching staff, fostering unity, fellowship, and goodwill. Christmas Fiesta 2025 truly reflected the spirit of the season, creating joyful moments and lasting memories for everyone who took part in the celebration.

### **Young Priests' Workshop conducted at Deepahalli**



A Priests' Workshop was conducted from 1st to 5th December 2025, offering a meaningful opportunity for reflection, learning, and fraternal sharing. The workshop was animated by Fr. Tim, who guided the sessions through well-prepared talks enriched by his personal experiences and reflective inputs from various brothers from the

USA. His sessions invited the participants to deepen their understanding of priestly ministry in today's context and to renew their commitment to their vocation.

The programme was further enriched by valuable contributions from Bro. Paul Raj, SG, and Sr. Lalitha Thomas, SJT, who added insightful perspectives through their knowledge, experiences, and reflective sharing. Their inputs helped broaden the participants' vision of collaborative ministry and strengthened the spirit of mutual understanding and co-responsibility within the Marianist family. Additionally, Brothers Darwin and Lucian shared their thoughts with the priests, expressing their expectations of a Marianist priest today, which prompted meaningful reflection and dialogue.

Overall, the workshop proved to be a fruitful time of gathering, sharing, and learning, fostering fraternity and renewed zeal for ministry. The programme concluded on a spiritual note with a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Nagamangala, Tamil Nadu, where the participants entrusted their priestly life and mission to the loving intercession of Mary, our Mother.

### **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 wish you a Prosperous New Year!

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

07 Lucian Tigga  
16 SajuChittadiyil  
24 S. Victor Sahayaraj

### **January 2026**

1	Mary, Mother of God / New Year
10	Blessed Adele
10	Preliminary Budget is due at the Regional Office
17	Workshop for those in-charge for MLC in the North
18	SM, FMI & MLC Founders' Day common celebration (Jan 10 &22)
19	Second Interim Audit in the North

20	Study Requests, PV Requests, Seminary Study Requests are Due at the Regional Office
22	Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade Day
25	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
26	Republic Day
27 - 30	Regional Council Meeting, Preliminary Budget review
29	Second Interim Audit in the South
31	PV and Seminary Study consultations sent to Communities

**Thank You!**

