



## The Region of India

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## The Regional Updates

### Teacher's Day – Chaminade School

On September 5, 2024, our school celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm and respect. The day commenced with a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, delivered by Principal



*Marianist Brothers along with teachers on the Teacher's Day*

Bro. John Gracious Minz, SM, and Correspondent Fr. K. Peter Paul, SM. Following this inspiring homage, the principal shared a moving speech that celebrated the invaluable contributions of teachers, recognizing their unwavering dedication to education and their profound impact on shaping young minds. The atmosphere was filled with appreciation and respect, highlighting the vital role educators play in our society. Classrooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and students presented handmade thank-you cards and small gifts as tokens of appreciation. The event was a true celebration of the teachers' impact, featuring fifteen vibrant cultural programs showcasing students' performances. The teachers, in turn, expressed their gratitude towards the students. The



*One of the Dance Performances during the celebration*

administration also contributed to the occasion by giving memorable gifts to the teachers. The festivities concluded with a delightful lunch, providing a fitting end to a day filled with recognition and celebration.

## Council Visit



*Regional Council member visited Prabhat Tara School.*

The Regional council visited all the SM communities in the Region of India from 2-28 September. It was the first canonical visit from the newly appointed Regional Council. The Regional council visited all the communities and ministries. They encouraged the brothers to live the Marianist spirit well and to commit themselves in the ministry. The council reemphasized the importance of personal and community prayer, the frequent need for spiritual direction, the value of community life and common mission. During their visits, they also met with some bishops of the dioceses where we render our services. The Regional council believes that the visit will enrich the communication between the brothers and has provided a better opportunity to understand the brothers in the respective places of their ministry.

## Teacher's Day Celebration at Prabhat Tara School

The Teacher's Day celebration at Prabhat Tara School was a vibrant and heartfelt event honoring the dedication and contributions of our educators. The day was made special by the students and their programs prepared for the teachers. A cultural program featured skits, songs, and dance performances, showcasing the



*Teacher's Day Celebration: the students welcoming the teachers for the celebration*



students' talents and their appreciation for teachers. Teachers received tokens of appreciation, wishes and prayers symbolizing the students' affection. The principal delivered an inspiring speech, acknowledging the hard work of the teaching staff and reinforcing the importance of their role in the community. The program will likely promote gratitude among the young students for their teachers. Overall, the event successfully fostered a sense of community and gratitude, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved.



*One of the Dances during the celebration*

#### **Prathiba Karanji: Inter-School Competition for Austin Town Zone:**



*Chaminade School Students who participated in the competitions*

Prathiba Karanji is an extended program from the Department of school Education (Karnataka, India), for Primary and High School students. It is an innovative program where Cultural and literary competitions are conducted at cluster, block, District and State

levels. It provides a common platform for students for various competitions in which Successful children are given certificates of appreciation and prizes for selected students.

This year the inter-school competition was conducted on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Government Telugu School, Vivek Nagar. There are 30 schools, participated successfully under the supervision of Austin Town cluster in-charge, CRP Mrs. Sumangala. Nearly 500 students participated in the event, with 30 representatives from St. Chaminade School. Among them, 11 students excelled, winning prizes and certificates, and were honored on the dais for their outstanding achievements.

## **Congratulations!!!**

Singhpur Parish proudly claimed the first prize in the Ranchi Archdiocese Inter-Parish Tribal Youth Dance Competition 2024, held on 8 September, Sunday. A talented group of 40 youths represented Singhpur, with 30 participating in the dance performance, while 4 showcased their skills in dramatic roles. The remaining members provided invaluable support as guides and helpers. Congratulations to our dedicated youth for their outstanding achievement and teamwork! Also Mr. Sanjay Saraiya from Singhpur Parish (Marianist Lay Community Member) was elected as vice president of Ranchi deanery. We congratulate them all for achieving milestones.

## **Annual Retreat – Ranchi 2024**



*Participants of the Annual Retreat in the North along with the preacher Fr. Francis Dalmat SSP*

The Marianist Annual Retreat, led by Fr. Francis Dalmat, was conducted from 5 – 12 October 2024. The retreat was a spiritually enriching experience for retreatants this year. Held for eight days, the retreat focused on deepening one's faith and understanding of the Marianist values. Fr. Dalmat's insightful reflections and engaging sessions inspired the brothers to reflect on their spiritual journeys and commitment to our mission in India. Through prayer, meditation, the brothers cultivated a sense of being religious. The preacher had wonderfully organized the sessions on prayer, mission, community life, sense of being forgiven from sins and so on.



The retreat concluded with a heartfelt mass celebrated by Fr. Dalmat SSP and concelebrated by Fr. Birendra Kullu and Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu. On the final day of the retreat, Bro. Prakash Kujur, Sm, Regional Superior warmly



*The Jubilarians of 2024 and 2025*

wished the Silver Jubilarian Bro. Marianus Bilung SM and announced the Silver Jubilarians for next year Fr. Joseph Barla, Fr. Bhaskar Galleli, Bro. Dilip Kumar Tirkey and Fr. Xavier Raj. All brothers received a beautiful flower at the end of this beautiful reminder of the new life. Fr. Birendra Kullu organized the liturgy along with the help of the novices and the brothers responsible for liturgy on that day. The Regional Council and the retreatants wholeheartedly thank Fr. Jinu, the novice master and the two novices who worked tirelessly to accommodate the retreat at the Novitiate.

### **Marianist World Day of Prayer**

The Marianist World Day of Prayer was celebrated in Ranchi with a spirit of unity and faith. This event brought together members of the Society of Mary (SM), the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (FMI), and the Marianist Lay Community (MLC) to reflect on the mission of the Marianist Family and deepen their spiritual experience. The day centered around the Shrine at Abidjan, the Mother of All Graces. It began with a brief introduction by Fr. Birendra Kullu, setting the tone



*Marianist Family on Marianist World Day of Prayer at Nirmal Deep Ranchi*

for the day. Fr. George Majhi delivered a compelling presentation on the history of the shrine and its significance in the Ivory Coast, enriching participants' understanding of the Marianist mission.

After a short break, Bro. Prakash Kujur discussed the contextualization of Marianist spirituality in India, emphasizing the practice of virtues in daily life. These presentations prepared the assembly for a profound spiritual experience during the Holy Eucharist that followed. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Rajesh Kandulna and assisted by all the Marianist priests present. Following the service, participants enjoyed a special lunch and prayed the Holy Rosary in a procession, culminating in a joyful sharing of tribal dance. The Marianist World Day of Prayer in Ranchi was a meaningful occasion that reinforced the values of faith, community, and service among participants. It served as a reminder of the importance of prayer in everyday life and the commitment to live out Marianist ideals.

### **Formation Council Meeting**

The Religious Office of the Indian Region convened a meeting with the Formation Council to discuss various needs, issues, and points for development. The meeting took place over two days, from October 29 to 30, 2024. Participants



*A glimpse of Formation Council Meeting*

included: Fr. Ignase Arulappen (Chair of the Formation Council and Assistant for Religious Life) Fr. Jinu Muthukatil (Novice Master) Fr. Varghese (Director of Scholastics) Fr. Marianus Lugun (Director of Aspirants and Pre-Novices) Bro. Augustus Surin (Accompaniment for Temporarily Professed in the South) Fr. Birendra Kullu (Vocation Coordinator and Accompaniment for Temporarily Professed in the North) Bro. Balaswamy (Vocation Coordinator for the South). We extend our gratitude to the brothers for taking important steps toward strengthening formation in the Region of India.

## Congratulations!!!



On October 25, 2024, REDS Bangalore received the Homelink Network Phoenix Award from the DB YaR Forum, Bangalore. The award was presented by Rev. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram SDB, Hub Director of the Bangalore Hub for the Homelink Documentation Program. REDS Bangalore was recognized for its effective use of the Homelink DIGI (Data Intelligence for Global Interface). This

digital platform streamlines micro-studies, supports data-driven decision-making and research, promotes networking for proficiency publication, and enhances services. Fr. Arul Raj, S.M., expressed his gratitude to the Bangalore Homelink DIGI Network for selecting REDS Bangalore for this honor. He also acknowledged Sr. Sudha, AMS, Documentation Specialist, for her hard work, as well as the entire REDS Bangalore staff for their efforts in preparing comprehensive profiles of the students.

## Joint Council Meeting and National Family Council

A Joint Council meeting between the Council members of Society of Mary and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate took place on 30 September 2024 at Shanti Deep in Ranchi. The gathering aimed to foster collaboration and strengthen the communication between the two congregations. The meeting commenced with opening prayer and listing out the agenda for meeting by Bro. Prakash Kujur. Both the councils presented various important aspect of our collaboration in our ministries, formation and collaboration with the lay communities. Discussions focused on the spreading of Marianist Charism in our ministries, upcoming joint projects, and practical decisions for enhancing community engagements.

The members of the Joint Council exchanged ideas on pastoral care for our members and MLCs, collaboration in schools, emphasizing the importance of working together to achieve common goals. On the same day 30 September 2024, the National Family Council met in the morning at the same venue. The National Family Council is consisted of Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM (Chair), Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM (Secretary), Sr. Tere Ferre, FMI, Sr. Usha Vichatt, FMI, Mr. Sanjay



Saraya and Mrs. Tara Minj. We thank the brothers and sisters who participated in the meeting to discuss various issues for the growth and cultivation of Marianist Charism in our nation.

### **Nava Khani Celebration at Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur**



*A glimpse of Cultural Dance at Chaminade Parish Singhpur*

The Nava khani celebration at Blessed Chaminade Parish was a vibrant and joyful event, marking the traditional harvest festival with cultural significance. Held on 27 October 2024, the celebration brought together parishioners of all

ages for a day filled with festivities. The event began with a special prayer dance, thanking God for a bountiful harvest. Following the service, attendees participated in various cultural activities, including traditional dances, music performances. The highlight of the celebration was the community's collective efforts in decorating the parish, which created a festive atmosphere. The Nava khani celebration not only honoured the agricultural traditions but also strengthened the bonds among parishioners, promoting a spirit of gratitude and joy within the Blessed Chaminade Parish community. We thank Fr. James Dungdung for sharing the information on this event.

### **Congratulations!!!**

It was a proud moment for Prabhat Tara High School to witness the achievement of our students from Prabhat Tara High School who won the Runner's Trophy at an Event: 6th Fr. George Zwysen S.J. Girls



*Bro. Sanjay Ekka along with teachers and the students who won Runner-up Trophy*

Football Tournament. It was conducted at Prabhat Tara School, Dhurwa, Ranchi from 24-26 October 2024. The tournament featured a total of 13 teams in the Senior Girls category and 12 teams in the Junior Girls category. Our Senior Girls



team performed exceptionally well, demonstrating skill and teamwork throughout the tournament. They reached the finals and secured the runner-up position, marking a commendable achievement. The Junior Girls category featured 12 teams, fostering a competitive yet supportive environment for budding athletes. The tournament not only provided a platform for showcasing football talent but also encouraged sportsmanship among participants. Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts and achievements!

### **Marianist World Day of Prayer at Deepahalli – Bengaluru**



*The members of Marianist Family in Bangalore and Khammam for Marianist World Day of Prayer*

On October 13, 2024, Marianists from Bengaluru and Khammam gathered at the Deepahalli Marianist campus to celebrate the Marianist World Day of Prayer. The day was enriched with presentations, prayer, Eucharist, and the sharing of fraternal love. Bro. Jerin opened the program, inviting all members of the Marianist family to participate. Bro. Saju

Chittadiyil delivered an insightful presentation on the Shrine of Our Lady of All Graces, located in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, providing attendees with valuable knowledge about its significance.

Following the presentation, the assembly celebrated the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Ignase Arulappen (Deputy Regional Superior) and concelebrated by Frs. Varghese Manooparambil, Arulraj, Marianus Lugun, and Rajmohan. Approximately 60 members participated in this meaningful event. The chapel was beautifully



*A click from during the Rosary Procession*

decorated and arranged by the Scholastic Community, with special thanks to Bros. Naresh and Praween for their contributions. The aspirants led the Rosary service, enhancing the day's spiritual atmosphere. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Varghese, Bros. Augustus, Balaswamy, and all the scholastics who worked diligently to prepare the venue for this special occasion.

## Retreat for Pre-Novices at Logos

Nine pre-novices were on a profound spiritual journey by attending a five-day Charismatic healing retreat at the Logos Centre in Bangalore. This retreat provided them with an opportunity to deepen their faith and connect more



*The picture of Pre-Novices after their Spiritual Experience at the Retreat*

intimately with their spiritual gifts. Throughout the retreat, the pre-novices engaged in prayer sessions, worship, and personal reflection. Led by experienced facilitators, the sessions emphasized the power of healing through faith, allowing the pre-novices to explore the transformative nature of God's love.

The highlight of the retreat was the anointing ceremony, where the pre-novices received the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many expressed that this experience marked a pivotal moment in their spiritual lives. They joyfully shared, "We are born again; we have received a new birth," reflecting the deep sense of God's grace and blessings. They have returned with a renewed spirit, and we believe that they will be strengthened in their faith and vocation after they had this wonderful experience at Logos.



## 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.

- Let us pray for all the departed souls in the Family of Mary and all our dear family members in the month of November.
- Let us pray for Bro. Ashok Ddungdung who is undergoing treatment for kidney infection that he may experience God's healing touch in his life.
- We also pray for the good health of Mrs. Nitta Maria Nagamani, the mother of Fr. Prasad who is admitted in the hospital. We pray for her quick recovery.
- Let us pray for the success of the Community directors' meeting in Ranchi from 28-30 November.

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

### November

12 Lakra, Rajesh Kumar\*

21 Kumar, Vickey

23 Lugun, Marianus\*

24 Soreng, Sudhir

### November 2024

1	All Saints Day
2	All Souls Day
4	Second Round of Ballots are sent to the Regional Members
6	Marianist Martyrs of Madrid: Miguel, Joaquin, Sabino & Florencio
14	Children's Day
18	Second Round of Ballots due in the Regional Office
21	Presentation of Mary
24	Solemnity of Christ the King
25	Mid-Term Evaluation of Temporary Professed, Novices and Pre-Novices are due in the Regional Office
28-30	Community Director's Workshop at Nirmal Deep

**Thank You!!!**