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*"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony"*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

### LORETO RANCHI

JPIC, Loreto Convent, Doranda, Ranchi, in collaboration with CID and UNICEF, Jharkhand organized an awareness programme on Human - Trafficking, Child Labour and Violence against children to observe World Human Trafficking Day. This session was basically organized in order to sensitize the students, parents, teachers and other stakeholders of the society regarding the increasing problems of Trafficking and Child Labour especially in Jharkhand which has emerged as India's trafficking hub.



#### The guest speakers of the day were–

- Mrs. Sampat Meena  
(IG, Organized Crime CID, Jharkhand)
- Ms. Preeti Srivastava  
(Child Protection Officer, UNICEF, Jharkhand)
- Dr. Madhulika Jonathan  
(Chief Jharkhand Field Officer, UNICEF, Jharkhand)

The programme began with an introduction, welcome address, lighting of the lamp and a dance drama based on the well known song Chiquitita presented by our students highlighting how girls enchained by their sorrows and hopelessness, rejoice again, when they receive inspiration and support from the society.



Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, "Laudato Si": On care for "Our Common Home" is the new appeal addresses to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental Challenges and join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking out common future with candor and humility.

The first speaker was **Ms. Preeti Srivastava**. She showed a documentary which made it very clear what Human Trafficking, Child Labour and Violence against children actually means. She also showed various data regarding such issues which served as an eye opener. She gave detailed information about laws concerning safety and protection of children.

The next speaker was **Dr. Madhulika Jonathan**. She spoke about how to work for the protection of children and women. She highlighted the following aspects:

- \* Parents and teachers should create such an environment at home and in the school where children are free to share their feelings.

- \* Organize support groups (in schools) which work for children's welfare.

Then Mrs. Sampat Meena took over the stage. She donned the role of a caring mother while informing the children about the acts and gestures that constitute a crime against a minor. She also assured everyone that nowadays there are child friendly police stations and child protection officers. She said, "You should know how to react and whom to contact when you face abuse." She gave various helpline numbers and contact numbers of Child Protection Officers. She also said that the CID is now focussing on schools across the state to spread awareness among the students. She greatly inspired and motivated the students to be confident, fearless and be ready to face all kinds of situations.

This was followed by a highly enthusiastic interactive session. Students from various schools actively participated in asking different kinds of questions concerning the above mentioned issues. Most of the students found the interactive session to be very useful and enriching. Students were distributed leaflets giving details of POCSO (Protection of children from sexual offences) and various Child Helpline numbers.

### **LORETO CONVENT ASANSOL**

It has been a while since Asansol was in the news.

Recently our teachers have been in the limelight with the teachers' day celebrations. The, non-Christian teachers, were specially pleased to begin the day at Mass in our chapel with the



senior girls from class 8 up. Then the seniors felicitated them with song and

dance. The one-day orientation programmes organized by the school and Oxford Press in which teachers and parents were enlightened by the inputs of Fr. Pudussery and Mr. Roy on



good teaching and parenting strategies gave them practical suggestions and will hopefully have long-term benefits for our children.

The girls are proving their skills and creativity through participation in many events, and our outreach children and marvellous display of their handiwork.



Our Seniors at the Independence day celebrations outdid themselves with precision marching and patriotic song and dance outdoors and on stage.

At Inter School level, our middle school girls won the Just- a-Minute and the seniors won

the Ad-Mad competitions.

The Juniors had a fun day called Colour Day. Each class chose a colour and they wore that colour dress, brought that colour tiffin, displayed things of that colour in their classroom and the bigger ones found out things about that colour. It was a good learning experience for all as they learnt colour songs and poems, wrote about it, one class even did sums about that colour! It was also a very happy, exciting day for children and teachers

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#### **Acknowledgement of Students' Excellence**

At times, rare opportunities present themselves when children are recognized for their contribution to institutions and societies that they are part of. Two such opportunities came our way in the form of two special and unique award ceremonies in 2015.

(i) On 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015, a grand ceremony was held at Ashutosh Hall in which the "Students of the Year" from different schools were honoured by Times of India, one of the most widely circulated Indian dailies. Teresa Deboshree Gomes of Class XII Humanities, Loreto Sealdah, was one of the proud recipients of this award.

(ii) On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015, it was time to acknowledge the achievements of one of the truly outstanding students of Loreto Sealdah.



Sreemoyee Bannerjee of Class X, Head Girl of Senior School was the obvious choice for the 'Rashtra Nirmata Shresht Chhatra Samman', an award celebrating all round excellence in the student community of the nation, in a grand ceremony conducted by Parivaar Milan at Bangiya Bhasha Kendra.

## Fond Farewell to Mrs. Molly Thomas, Vice Principal, Loreto Day School Sealdah.

On 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015, the school bid farewell to one of our most precious staff members, our Vice Principal, Mrs. Molly Thomas. The students and staff of the school acknowledged her 26 precious years of service, first as a Maths teacher for the senior school and then as a Vice Principal. Anecdotes were recounted of her prolonged career at Sealdah and students and staff shared the most memorable moments of their interaction and experiences with her.



## **Mary Ward Course in Allen Hall**



The Mary Ward course that I attended in England was from the 11<sup>th</sup> July-1<sup>st</sup> August 2015. It was held in Allen Hall which is a seminary. Since the seminarians were on holiday, they were able to accommodate us.

We were 10 of us from all over the world. Five were CJs and five IBVMs.

Agnesa a CJ from Yugoslavia, Bindu a CJ from Patna, Carmel an IBVM from Ireland, Deepa IBVM from Peru, Estela a CJ from Gautemala, Hyacinta a CJ from Korea, Kaththryn IBVM from

England, Vinita a CJ from Nepal, Wamuyu an IBVM from Kenya and I from India.

Another highlight of the course was an evening we had with our CJs and IBVMs from England. It was wonderful to feel all part of the one great family of Mary Ward. All are now filled with a new enthusiasm in sharing with the sisters in our Provinces all we have learnt at the course, so you can look forward to seeing us in your communities sometime.

**"S.M. Cyril** left for Prague in the Czech Republic on 7th Sept. to attend an international conference where she was invited to speak on Inclusive schooling and also on Education and Religion. The Czech Republic was earlier a very Catholic country but lost all religious practise under the communists, so the concept of Value Education is new for people there. In addition to her talks at the conference, Cyril gave two 4 day courses to school teachers and Principals who were keen to introduce the concept in their schools."

**Loreto House** The inter-Loreto JPIC fest "lumiere" held on 21st August, 2015, was organised by the JPIC unit of Loreto house. The theme of the fest was "from darkness to light", and dealt with





women who had faced adversities in their lives, but had come out of it to live a life of dignity. The participating schools were:- Loreto Sealdah, Loreto Bowbazar, Loreto Entally, Loreto Elliot Road, Loreto Dharamtala and Loreto House. Western dance, luminist-poster making and movie making. The chief guest was Sr. Sabrina-head of the JPIC wing of all Loreto Schools in India. She spoke about the atrocities being faced by women and children in our present day society and how we need to stand by them and support them. The overall winner for the competitions was Loreto Day School, Elliot Road. It was an excellent opportunity for the JPIC wing of the Loreto schools in Kolkata to interact with each other The JPIC theme song 'We'll find a Way 'composed by Loreto Shillong was introduced to the Loreto schools along with the JPIC logo. All Loreto

Schools had submitted entries for the song and logo design. Three events were held at the fest, all on the theme of women empowerment:-.

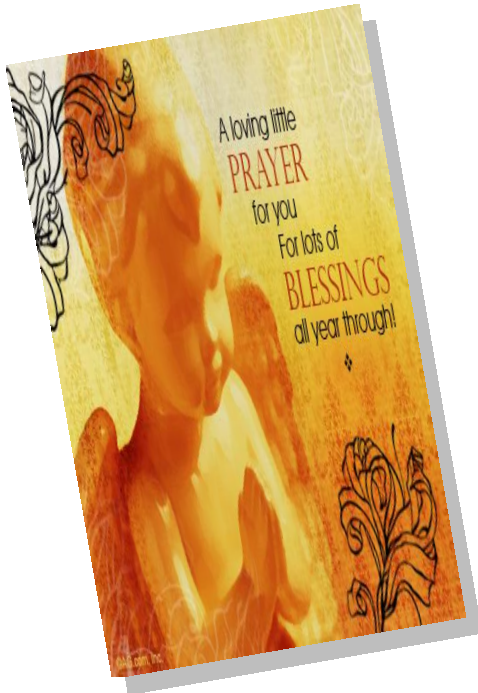
### **SEPTEMBER**

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Leena Lakra	2nd Sept
	Sr. Shanta Xalxo	10th Sept
8th Sept	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	
	Sr. Barbara Rudum	13th Sept
14th Sept	Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer	
	Sr. Mary DeSouza	15th Sept
	Sr. Malti Lomga	17th Sept
	Sr. Beatrice Stuart	18th Sept
	Sr. Anita Lakra	21st Sept
	Sr. Prabina Anastasia Rudum	22nd Sept
	Sr. Tina Farias	23rd Sept
24th Sept	Sr. Maeve Hughes	
24th Sept	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	
	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	25th Sept
	Sr. Anita Cardozo	26th Sept
	Sr. Tressia Aricatt	27th Sept
	Sr. Anupa Toppo	30th Sept

### **OCTOBER**

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Madhabi Brahma	1st Oct
	Sr. Anima Kujur	1st Oct
1st Oct	Sr. Tressia T. Aricatt	
	Sr. Sudha M	1st Oct
	Sr. Jeba T	3rd Oct
	Sr. Moira Cuning	4th Oct
	Sr. Bridget Nazareth	5th Oct
	Sr. V. Punitha	6th Oct

2nd Oct	Sr. Angela Rodrigues	8th Oct
	Sr. Arockia Mary Dass	10th Oct
	Sr. Cecily Wong	14th Oct
	Sr. Soria Nongtdu	16th Oct
	Sr. Subhashini Lakra	16th Oct
20th Oct	Sr. Mary Irene Ribeiro	
	Sr. Lourdes Noronha	21st Oct
	Sr. Isilda Sangiang	26th Oct
	Sr. Aruna Kujur	27th Oct
	Sr. Sabrina Edwards	27th Oct
28th Oct	Sr. M. J. Jude Hales	



### NOVEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Sushila Kerketta	4th Nov
	Sr. Flora Anthony	5th Nov
	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	7th Nov
	Sr. Sushila Tirkey	12th Nov
	Sr. Ranjeeta Kerketta	12th Nov
	Sr. Rajni Tete	18th Nov
22nd Nov	Sr. Cecily Wong	
	Sr. A. Nirmala	22nd Nov
	Sr. Celine Pinto	23rd Nov
	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	30th Nov
	Sr. Amia Tete	30th Nov

*"What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.  
I did not come to call the righteous but sinner"*

*Matthew 9: 13*