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Br. Anthony Stevens	Chaira	Loyola Bhavan	Guest Master	01 May 18
Br. Benjamin Ekka	Loyola Bhavan	Loyola School, JSR	Sub – Minister	10 May 18
Br. Maximilian Lakra	XLRI, GJR	Lupungutu	Minister	15 May 18
Br. Pascal Kerketta	Lupungutu	XLRI, GJR	Minister & Infirmarian	15 May 18
Fr. A Alexander	Gomoh	Sankhabhanga	Principal	01 Jun 18
Fr. Ajit Soreng	DNC, Pune	Jesu Bhavan	Socius to Novice Master	01 Jun 18
Fr. Alex Misquith	Basahatu	Lupungutu	Treasurer	01 Jun 18
Fr. Amrit Kujur	XLRI, GJR	Tepasai	Headmaster	01 Jun 18
Fr. Anthony S Sorneg	Minjaponka	Pajikeri	Minister & Treasurer	15 May 18
Fr. Benjamin Lakra	Bangalore	Patna	Legal Practice	June 18
Fr. Emile Coelho	Jesu Bhavan	Digwadih	Assistant Pastor	15 May 18
Fr. Felix Tellis	Lupungutu	Jesu Bhavan	Teaching English	15 May 18
Fr. Francis Ezhakunnel	XITE, Gamharia	XITE, Gamharia	Principal	15 May 18
Fr. Gautam Chaudhury	XITE, Gamharia	LCE, Telco	Teacher & Counsellor	01 Jun 18
Fr. Gulshan Kujur	LCE, Telco	XLRI, GJR	B. Ed studies	01 Jun 18
Fr. James Santhanam	XIDAS, MAP	XITE, Gamharia	Faculty	20 Apr 18
Fr. James Tharanayil	Tepasai	Gomoh	Coordinator & Principal DNS	01 Jun 18
Fr. Joseph Surin	XITE, Gamharia	Basahatu	Acting Superior & PP	01 Jun 18
Fr. Niral Deogam	Jesu Bhavan	XLRI, GJR	B.Ed, Telco	01 Jun 18
Fr. Niranjan Minj	Kolkata	Sitagarha	Tertianship	June 18
Fr. P. Anthonyraj	LCE, Telco	LCE, Telco	Principal	01 Apr 18
Fr. Paul Julian Ekka	Sankhabhanga	Bhuli, Koradih	Coordinator & VP	01 Jun 18
Fr. Sushil S Kerketta	Bhuli	LCE, Telco	Act Sup & Principal	25 Apr 18

Appointments by Fr General

Fr. Donald Miranda, S.J., Provincial of Patna Jesuit Province.

Fr. Melvil Victor Pereira, S.J., Regional Superior of Kohima Jesuit Province.

News From Our Communities

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

Filled with the Holy Spirit on Maundy Thursday, we joined the SRA Sisters at the convent while they prayed for all the Fathers of Amda and Basahatu reminding us of our forever Priesthood, a special gift of God. Fr. **Francis Perumalil** from Kerdapara made his annual retreat here from 27 March. The fathers, sisters and the faithful from Amda celebrated the Holy week and the Vigil Mass at Basahatu. On Easter

High Voltage Does Maximum Damage

day we had lunch at SRA Convent. On 2 April in the afternoon, suddenly a due to a flow of high voltage, Claver Bhavan, the convent and the leprosy hospital was in darkness, damaging three meter boxes, inverters and twenty-seven fans, and all the bulbs were blown up. The next day electricity was restored. On 4 April, Fr. **Francis Ezhakunnel**, after giving an orientation program at Pandabir and Basahatu, stopped for the night in Amda. On 8 April the Amda-Basahatu Jesuits joined the birthday celebration of Sr. Suchita in their

John Sumbrui

convent. **Gyan** and his team went to Jomboro and Siadih for leprosy checkup on 4 April and 12 respectively. In this month, Dr. Ashish did eight Reconstructive surgeries. Fr. **Lisbert D'Souza**, was here on 16 April. He met the SRA Sisters together and then **Gyan and John** individually. On 22nd evening, **Gyan** left for Bhubaneswar for his routine heart-checkup and returned on 28th.

Lupungutu

During Easter celebrations, the Fathers went to the neighboring parishes to celebrate Easter and to offer some help to the parish priests. After Easter break while the admission process was on in the High School, the students of class 11 wrote their JAC exam. This year quite a good number of Christian

Vocation Camps - No More an Outing for Youth

students have taken admission in the hostel. Fr. **Lisbert D'Souza**, visited Kolhan area from 13 to 16 April. Our school gave him a red carpet welcome with March pasted. He met all in the community, celebrated Holy Mass for the candidates, followed by a 30 minutes talk, and then culminated his visit with the address to the Kolhan Jesuits on 16 April followed by a fellowship meal.

Ranjit Roshan Minj

A joint vocation camp of Jamshepur Jesuits and diocese was conducted in Vianney Niwas at Sundernagar from 9-12 April. 27 young boys, mostly from Jamshepur diocese, attended the camp. The vocation promoters thanked the Fathers and Brothers who gave their valuable time and

encouraged the young men with their inspiring talks. Another Jesuit camp was conducted in Tangrain Parish at Rourkela for the boys of Odisha but only two attended the camp. The vocation camps for the

Kandhamal area will be conducted towards the end of April.

Ranjit along with **Ajit Soreng** went to Allahabad pre-novitiate to visit the Jamshedpur pre-novices. On returning from Allahabad, **Ranjit** went to Sikajor, Odisha to visit the families of

candidates while **Ajit** went to Pathalgaon for the four sheet exams of the pre-novices.

Pandabir

March ended with a prayerful Holy Week and April began with a joyful Easter celebration. Due to the local feast 'Mage' and the Lagia, attendance on Maundy Thursday was poor and the solemn adoration carried on till 7:30 p.m., but six to seven priests were present for the other Holy Week services. Frs. **Walter Kongari** and **Bene Soreng**

3rd Borewell Strikes the Source

were kept awake till 3 a.m. because a bore well was being dug in the campus, the 3rd bore well with better source of water. **Fr. Ranjit R. Minj** was the main celebrant for the Easter Vigil and **Fr. Joseph Surin** for the Easter Sunday.

Two special visitors, **Fr. Alphonse Toppo** of Sambalpur Diocese and **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza** visited Pandabir on 3 and 15 April respectively. **Fr. Sushil** accompanied the school staff for a two-day orientation workshop at Basahatu

Benedict Soreng

before the new academic year. **Bene Soreng** is busy now in Easter House Blessing. On 22 April, 79 candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation and 30 children had the First Holy Communion from **Bishop Felix Toppo**.

Rengra

May was full of activities and visits of our VIP guests. On 27 March, parent-teachers meeting was held, after which the students were given their progress report. On the same day **Woolsie, C .G Thomas and Francis Peru** dropped in. We were happy to have **Staney Furtado** and **Sanjay Ekka** for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. On Easter eve, **Fr. Provincial and Maxi**, was with us for the hi-tech Easter vigil. First three readings were preceded by video shows for better understanding.

On 3 April all the teachers of our school had gone to XITE Gamharia for the orientation Programme.

Rengra Boy Tops 8th Board Exam

Bernard Bodra and **Romanus Jojo** reached them using two of our jeeps. After a span of three years, 8 April was the Confirmation and the first Holy Communion day. Altogether 23 children and adults received the sacrament of confirmation and Holy Communion from **Bishop Felix Toppo**. In fact, the first Holy Communion had already been administered on 11 February to 60 people. At least 70 people were expected for the sacrament of confirmation but many could not come due to the annual exams in government schools. On this great occasion **Fr. Walter Kongari** was present as a special guest. On 15 April, **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza** was in Rengra. He met all of us individually in order to learn about the Rengra mission and our apostolates. He also met the Sisters while enjoying their hospitality.

On 18 April, **Anil Dang** and scholastics **Sanjay**

Pascal Burh

Bodra, Akhilesh Kumar and David Kullu came to give an orientation to our kids. **Alok Minj** and **Nelson Castelino** came to take some photos of our children and their activities in the school. Twelve students from our school appeared in the Jharkhand board exam for class 8 and were declared pass with high marks. All our students have taken admission in Lupungutu High School for their further studies.

Fr Woolsie, the Superior and LPG community gave a surprise to **Pascal Burh** on his priestly silver jubilee celebration in the community. It was a solemn occasion with Eucharist celebration and fellowship meal.

TRTC

TRTC witnessed a good number of activities in February and March. **Ganesh Birua, Sahadev Sundi, Pradeep Purty and Jaisingh Bodra** were sent to the Society for the Promotion of Wasteland Development, to gain skills on organic farming, which was followed by another one-day programme on Pesticide Control given by Mr. Joe Hill in TRTC. The efforts made in the organic farming may finally end up with opening a farming school in TRTC very soon. Though the 'Chetna Manch' – a Forum for the Christians to fulfill a

Sailing through Blocks with Hope

fourfold objectives: namely, fostering unity and solidarity among Christians, providing help to facing persecutions, linking with educational and livelihood opportunities and encouraging to unite the non-Christian tribals for tribal causes – initiated by **Ranjeet, Junas Bhengra and Sushil Barla** has not yet become a full-fledged forum, yet it has received a fresh case of persecution in the name of religion. Five families of Kudamsada, Tonto block that accepted Christianity were forcefully chased away from their village on 15 April 2018. Seeking help they landed at the desk of our lawyer friend, **Fr. Sunil Xess SJ** who brought the helpless **Mangal Singh laguri**, his wife, a little boy, and two other women to TRTC. All the members tried to put their heads

Ranjit Kindo

together while **Tony** went all out to bring the members of 'Bhoomi Bachao Samanvay Manch' to make future plans for actions. Hence, the 'Manch' is going to organize a seminar for 100 active leaders from Kolhan subdivision and the block levels on 6 May at Divya Bharti. On 19 April, TRTC participated in the joint-protest rally of Civil Society Organizations of Chaibasa against the growing incidences of gruesome rape cases in the country. **Fr. Ranjeet Kindo** organized a national level meeting of JEMAI coordinators and lay persons on 21-

22 April, in Raipur to plan for the activities of JEMAI and especially the National Tribal Festival 2018. After 'Sadhana Experience', **Renny's** services are in great demand around Chaibasa and in

Jamshedpur. Mr. Manki Tubid, Yuva Jumar Coordinator, has started the process of revival of Yuva Jumar but even after receiving great support from TRTC, he is finding it challenging as responses from the youth are poor.

Fr. Lisbert Dsouza visited TRTC on 14 April,

bringing joy to the community members by spending time with them.

DHANBAD AREA

Bhuli

Bhuli Hosts T20

Sushil Suman Kerketta

Bhuli is becoming a sports hub in our campus. On April 15, the Zonal T20 Cricket tournament was held here; CMRI defeated Bokaro St

Xavier's and booked the place for the regional tournament. From April 17 to 21 **Fr. Lisbert D'souza** had a marathon visit to all De Nobili Schools and parishes in the coalfield. It was a joy

to have him in our community. He addressed the Jesuits on April 21 in Bhuli and shared the minds and thoughts of Fr. General.

Digwadih

School Athletic Squad Bags 20 Medals

Oscar Horo

The stimulating April flavor began with the celebration of Easter Triduum, which was experienced and shared by the parishioners with devotion and fervor. **Fr. Bipin Pani**, touched the hearts and minds of people through his preaching. A big number of people came for the "Way of the Cross" on "Good Friday". To give the Easter message to our staff and students, the Christian students enacted the last supper and the Crucifixion during the morning assembly. **Fr. Sushil Suman Kerketta** was the main celebrant for the Easter Vigil and gave the Easter message to the people. **Fr. Francis** visited the families and blessed their houses

during the Easter Octave and **Fr. Alex M.**, the houses in the campus.

Fr. Amal conducted orientation for the new batch of class XI on April 7. Alumni association of DNS, Digwadih conducted a Medical Camp on April 15 in the school and distributed free medicines to the patients. **Fr. Lisbert**, started his graceful visit in the coal field from 17 of April, met all the Jesuits personally to listen to them patiently and then addressed the Jesuits working in the coal field area on April 21. After addressing our students and staff during the morning assembly, he went visiting all the Unit schools of De Nobili Jealgora and met the principals individually.

Fr. Alex Mascarenhas was hospitalized in Jamadoba for severe stomach pain on 19 of April, had a medical checkup, which showed an infection and a small stone in his ureter. He is

now on medication.

With the fever of IPL and Indian Super League, DNS FRI attended number of sports events in April. The Zonal Football was played at Saint Xavier's school Bokaro. The volleyball team went to De Nobili CMRI and were the runner's up. The basketball team of boys and girls participated in zonal tournament in De Nobili Mugma. The girls bagged the runner up award. Our school experienced memorable victories in the Zonal De Nobili Athletic Meet in CMRI on 21 April 2018. The team bagged 20 medals and 10 students got selected for ASISC Regional meet, thus rising to the sky high.

Gomoh

Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017- DBS

Romanus Tete

The new academic session began from 3 April with four new teachers. **Alex A.** organized teachers' seminar at Gomoh on 7 April. Teachers from St. Xavier School, Tundi and De Nobili Hindi School, participated and appreciated the programme. It was conducted by Mr. Sunny Vergese, a resource person. St. John

De Britto School was awarded with 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017' at Dhanbad district level. Now the school can boast of being a part of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan!* **Sushil Ekka** organised a cultural program on 15 April and welcomed 20 new boys to the hostel. DNS Gomoh is coming up well now. A few maintenance staff are added in the list. At the moment, students of IX std. are writing their Board Examination.

Vijay Kachap was the main celebrant at the Easter Vigil who delivered a meaningful message of Easter. **Sch. Livance** was present for the celebration. **Romanus Tete** covered 45 families for the Easter House Blessing. **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza** visited and graced the Jesuits of Gomoh on 18 April.

Koradih

Joy of Neighborhood Children

Suhsil Suman Kerketta

From this new academic session, Koradih has taken a new step to educate the local neighborhood children in our campus from 3.00 pm to 4.45 pm. Mr. Richard John is appointed to look after the afternoon coaching centre. A good

number of children take keen interest to come here. April 5 was the Inauguration of the Senior Block cum Parents Night. **Fr. George Fernandes**, the Provincial was the Chief Guest and Mr. Glen Joseph Galstaun, MLA- Jharkhand, was the Guest of Honour for this auspicious occasion. 'Ascent... Reaching out to one world'

was the thematic-colourful presentation of the day. More than 900 students and a big number of people participated in this mega event put up by the students.

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GJR

Fr Lisbert's Unique Experiences with 3 Generals

Amrit Kujur

Curia members, despite their busy works in the office, they steal time for various meetings, orientation programmes, initiating new projects and for spiritual ministry. And their day ends with a fantastic basketball game along with other members of the community and campus boys. Calling out frequent fouls to get a break during an hour long game and sudden jump in counts of baskets, makes the game more interesting.

On completing his two-year assignment as Director of XIDAS Jabalpur, **James Santhanam** back to the Province with enhanced administrative knowledge and experience of inter-province collaboration. Refreshing and relaxing at GJR for a couple of days, he moved to XITE to take up the new mission. He is the first Jesuit

among the transfer list to execute the transfer spirit and take up the assigned responsibilities.

On April 17th, **Bro Maxi** went to Jor Bagh, Delhi, as the core committee member for organizing Assistancy level celebration of 400th death anniversary of Saint Alphonsus Rodrigues, the patron of Brothers. The six-member committee has laid out a yearlong celebration beginning from month of June 2018 and ending in May 2019. As an organizing member you may find him all over the Assistancy, except in the Province.

On 26th, almost 50 Jesuits gathered at XLRI to listen to and interact with Fr Lisbert D'Souza, the General Counsellor and Regional Assistant of South Asia. He shared unique experiences of working with three Generals and unique perspectives dealing with world issues and functioning. He invited the Jesuits for their active participation in Fr General's efforts involving entire members of the Society for discerning universal apostolic preferences and collaboration to carry out the mandate of GC36. Responding to

various questions, he dealt with the issue of future leadership by asking "How is that the two big management schools while providing world business leaders are not able to prepare leaders for the Society/ Province?" He ended his 22 days long province tour by participating the Province consult on April 27th.

Amrit is in his last leg of his studies and busy in preparing for exams. We wish him best of luck for distinction. Schs. **Naresh Digoal** and **Vittal Ddungdung** are doing a wonderful research on the number of persons joined the Province and left so far. The study also aims in bringing out the list of names of Jesuits worked in each community in the Province. We wish them best of luck!

Jesu Bhavan

Njara Gathers Pool of Resource Persons

Emile Coelho

This spring, beginning on 5 April, and as an Easter Happening, **Joe Njara** initiated a month long updating program for 20+ MC Brothers. Running simultaneously, a 30-day retreat for 9 Tertians of the SCN Sisters. Their Tertian Mistress, accompanied these young hopefuls to Upasana. Njara took over from where the Mistress left off. **James Bara** was striving might and mane to see that everything proceeded smoothly; while three groups were being fed in two dining areas simultaneously. Meanwhile the Novices lend a helping hand and kept the campus ever clean, under

the supervision of **James Kalapura and Niral Deogam**. Njara held guided meditations; while **Emile** offered Mass and conducted a Eucharistic Adoration each evening for the MC Brothers.

An impressive array of resource persons have been drafted for the 30 day stint of the Brothers. The opening of the program saw **Jerry Cutinha** perform; he was followed by XLRI's **Raja Reddy, Nelson D'Silva** and **Tony Uvary**; all of whom held forth most successfully. **Jerome Sequeira** had his chance and was at his scintillating best. **Francis Ezha** and **Mike Fernandes** were on hand too and did what they had to do creditably well... Coming at the tail end are **Tony P, Dicky Modi** and **Sister Sushila, SCJM**. Special mention must be made of **James Davis**, Administrator, Mercy Hospital.

The MC Brothers were treated to a wide variety of interesting and succulent topics. On the cards were, motivation; community and inter personal living; communication - personal, interpersonal and intrapersonal; governance and problems of religious life; leadership; church and civil law, especially with regard to sex abuse; emotional life and psycho spiritual growth; NLP; health and hygiene. These titles were like ice cream on a hot summer's day, and that too, after a mile race!

LCE, Telco

18 Found fit for Blood Donation in 200

Gulshan Kujur

A series of Guest Lectures were organized at LCE. On 5 April, we had Mr. Sunil Mukherji to talk about the importance of blood donation, but in the Blood donation camp at our college only 18 units of blood were collected. On 13 April, Fr. Daniel Joseph, SVD delivered a lecture on Student Counselling and on 23 April, Dr. Anita Mary

Kerketta, Gynaecologist and Surgeon from Mercy Hospital, addressed the students on the health care of women. **Tony** led a team of LCE faculty members for Parents' orientation programme at Mosabani, Mobhundur on 21 April on "**Progressive Parenting**" at St. Joseph's Convent School. With the help of some of the faculty, once again, he is coordinating for setting up a consortium of schools in Jamshedpur Diocese along with Frs. **Jerome Sequeira** and

David Vincent. In a pre-planning session for all heads of schools in Jamshedpur Diocese, he talked about the need for collaboration among us.

On the request of the VP of XITE, Dr. Monika Uppal and Mr. Chandra Gyan, went to assess the professors of XITE. Under the initiative of Ms. Swagata Banerjee, our fine arts

teacher, a couple of workshops were conducted on 18-20 April for some prospective teachers on art and craft by Ms. Punita Sahu and Puja Chawla with hands on experience. On 19 April, **Tony** led a silent protest rally from Birsanager and Plaza chowk to Kharangajhar in solidarity with ASIFA, the little Bakkerwal girl who was brutally tortured, raped and killed. To conclude the first semester exam, the first year students appeared for an internal paper followed by viva on "Critical Understanding of

Information Technology" on 4 April. LCS had their Annual Prize Night on 21 April. Ms Nandni Shukla, had graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Ms. Sandhya Jha, was our Guest of Honour. This was our first event and we made it very impressive with perfect discipline and decorum. The Parents were delighted to see their wards walk away with certificates, medals and trophies. **Sunil** left for his Ph.D. studies on 23 April, first for home visit and then to Loyola, Bhubaneswar. **Anselm** had to go through a minor operation on the 9 April, to make the blood flow properly as 56% of his veins were blocked. Escorted by Jerome, **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza** made his visitation on 24 April, and interacted with the

Faculty and Students of LCE and LCS before meeting his Jesuit companions. He stressed on being agents of change and becoming conscious, compassionate and committed leaders of tomorrow. On facing a crisis due to our water level going down, **Jerry** is on his toes to fix that up. LCE is getting ready for the Graduation Ceremony cum Valedictory function for the second year scheduled for 5 May 2018.

Loyola School

Students Soak into Rural Realities

CL George

At the request of the ICSE Board, **Fr. Pius Fernandes** made a short trip to Gorakhpur to visit a private school and assess its infrastructure facilities, academic standard and other documents required for the permanent affiliation. Using his years of rich experience, he made a thorough and objective evaluation of the school and sent a detailed report to the ICSE Board. He, then, made a flying visit to Delhi to attend an important meeting of the governing council of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India.

Loyola organized an orientation programme for Std. XI students, 98 girls and 138 boys, with their parents. **Frs. Pius Fernandes and Micael Fernandes** spoke to them about the importance of discipline and sustained hard work and urged them to uphold the values of Loyola School. **Pius** took a group of alumni

doctors to Rerua for a medical camp for the poor villages and **Michael** took class XI students to Chaira as part of our rural exposure programme. The community hosted a special dinner for 23 MC Brothers from different parts of the country who came for a month long renewal programme in Jesu Bhavan. **Fr. Michael Fernandes**, our minister, served an excellent dinner for them. They were touched by the welcome and generosity of the community.

Loyola Hindi School teachers attended a two-day orientation programme along with the teachers of our rural schools, organised by the educational research centre in XITE Gamariah. They found the programme very beneficial. Our teacher, Navendu Jha, resigned from Loyola Hindi School after 22 years of voluntary and dedicated service. **Fr. Dayanidhi** organised a touching farewell for teacher Navendu and thanked her for her 22 years of dedicated service.

Fr. Lisbert was given a very warm welcome by the community, and a rousing welcome by the staff and students of Loyola Hindi School with a welcome song and a thrilling dance. He

addressed the students in excellent Hindi, urged them to make use of this wonderful opportunity and work hard to excel in their studies. He too was highly impressed by the variety of apostolates carried out by the community. A special dinner was hosted for him together with the members of the attached communities, the Provincial and the Socius. **Fr. Lisbert** was highly impressed by the variety of apostolates carried out by the community.

Fr. Xavier Ekka, our Parish priest, organised a one-day youth animation camp for the youth of Infant Jesus Parish, Sonari. 60 young boys and girls participated in this camp. They were very happy with the programme. **Well done Xavier!**

XITE

600 Athletes from 26 ICSE Schools

C Gautam

XITE College: After Easter Holidays, the college reopened on 4 April and on the same day the University Mock Tests started for all students while the B.Com 2nd Semester students were writing their University Exams.

The outgoing 3rd Years were given a grand Farewell by the juniors with a big lunch after the program. Mementoes to all, and other awards, including Mr. and Ms. All-Rounder, were given to the deserving students. The interested students

from B.Com. BCA and BBA went on a visit to the Auto Cluster at Adityapur.

On 16 April, two Professors from Loyola College of Education, Telco, came to assess the teaching faculties of the college. On 23 April, **Fr. James Santhanam, S.J.**, was welcomed to be a part of the faculty. He started functioning from the same day. The Admission forms for 2018-21 sessions are given out to the prospective students.

Joe went to Delhi for a workshop on Common Discernment and Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus.

Xavier School: On 6 and 7 April the school hosted 22nd ASISC Zonal Athletic Meet for the

first time. Twenty-six ICSE schools of Jamshedpur and six hundred athletes participated in this mega event, conducted very well by the Officials from JRD Sports Complex. With the initiative of the **Principal** the event kicked off with a simple ceremony. The items unfolded without much confusion, maintaining proper discipline and the right athletic spirit. Mr. Manoj Sharma from T.G.S was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony.

On 12 April, the folk dance competition was conducted in the school. The Jagur House got the first place and the Sambalpur folk dance was adjudged the best item. On 20 April, the Annual 'prize nite' was held. Present was Mrs. Alka

Jaiswal, DEO as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Jagannath Hansda and Isha Agarwal from Std. IX received scholarships of Rs. 10000/- each from Mr. Senapati on behalf of Ramakrishna Forgings Ltd. Ajay Hembrom of Std. IX and Mukesh Hembrom is selected for the Zonal Football and Kabadi team respectively.

The First unit test began on 27 April. Sr. Pauline, Vice Principal, has gone to Bhagalpur to participate in the CTC chapter. Fr. **Lisbert D' Souza S.J** visited the school and addressed the students at the morning assembly.

ODISHA AREA

HLC	ACCOTAX is the New Entry	Pravin Jose
<p>The partially renovated building, the colorful banners and the greenery add beauty to HLC as the students are flocking for various summer courses. Some new courses have been introduced this year; the well sought out ACCOTAX is one of them. The computer department is making good progress with more than 215 students. Frs. Tony and Ignatius are busy now in scheduling the courses. Fr. Ignatius took spoken English for the candidates of Sacred Heart Sisters,</p>	<p>and Sch. Pravin for the teachers of Sivananda School as a part of our extension programme. The good news is that some of our students secured jobs both in government and private sectors, mostly in banks. A good number of students opted for the new Intensive English course, began on 16 April. The admission for the regular Spoken English and Communicative English for children is in progress, which will begin on 2 May. On 22 April, a small get-together cum fellowship meal for the staff was arranged. Most of the staff showcased their culinary skills by preparing a variety of items. Fr. Tony gave a five-day classes on the Theology</p>	<p>of Vows to the Novices of Sisters of Anessy in Cuttack. He too is engaged in the Personality Development workshop for the Students of Asian Institute of Public Health. On the way to Puri for their recollection, which was given by Fr. Joshy, the Jamshedpur regents came to HLC on 14 of April and enjoyed our hospitality. On 5 April, HLC was blessed with the visitation of Fr. Lisbert.</p>

Kalinganagar	Kirti Takes the School to State Level	Augustine Surin
<p>While visiting us on 7 April, Fr. Lisbert D'Souza took the opportunity of going to the future school site and seeing the construction of the school building. On 19 we had a meeting with Mr. Prabhat Sharma, Head of</p>	<p>Administration, in which we discussed about the need for another bus for Jajpur Road. Kirti Megha Sethi of Std. VII was among the top 20 students in the state-category B for the 8th Session of Handwriting Olympiad 2017-18. She was in the Pre-Final and qualified for the Grand Final which was held on 22 April in St. Arnold's</p>	<p>School, Indore, and MP. Congratulations to Kirti for representing the school and the state as well! This year we had 58 new admissions from LKG to Std. VII and now the total strength of the school is 153.</p>

Loyola Bhavan	GRD Regains Good Health	Anthony George
<p>Fr. Lisbert D'Souza began his visit of Odisha, starting from Loyola Bhavan. Fr. David Kullu, a Ranchi Jesuit, doing MBA in LIBA, Chennai is staying at Loyola Bhavan and doing his two-month internship in a company. Br Benji took a three-day welcome break and</p>	<p>made a trip to Minjaponka from 20 April. K. M Joseph, arranged a recollection for the regents on 14-15 April in HLC, Puri. Besides, the Sun and Sand, the scholastics also soaked in Ignatian Spirituality led by Joshy the Guru. Gerry landed in Loyola Hospital twice due to health issues. Pray for his speedy recovery. George Anthony made a trip to Guntur VRO H.O</p>	<p>to work on the Annual Reports of various units and later was busy with the third and the final round of Hepatitis-B Vaccination for 915 Students of Class I-V who come to our Supervised Study Centre. The entire medicine was sponsored by EDUCARE.</p>

Loyola School	Odia School - an Independent Identity	Gilbert Menezes
<p>April 2 opened a new chapter in the history of our nascent Odia School. In a simple ceremony at 7.00 am, and in the presence of school children, parents and the Jesuit administrative team, Fr. George Thana cut the ribbon, blessed the class rooms and inaugurated the new building. Dwelling on the humble beginning of the School, Fr.</p>	<p>Ajit thanked everyone who was involved in the progress of the new building. Fr. Victor, in his own inimitable style, encouraged the students to scale greater heights. On the same day the new academic session began in the new building and now children can proudly say that they have their own elegant school. Both the schools began the morning classes, starting at 6.30 am. Since the school was a center for ICSE and ISC exam-paper evaluation for</p>	<p>some subjects, our teachers were involved in the corrections and some had to go to other places for the same. On 7 April, the Principal organized an orientation programme for the new XIthers. Since the starting of +2 in 2008, this year we have the highest number of admissions in class XI, 97 in all. The principal, deserves a pat on his</p>

back for his strategic planning. The State Administration declared the early closure of all the schools for summer vacations from 25 April. So we anticipated the

“workers' Day” of 1 May and felicitated all our maintenance staff at the morning assembly, and **Fr. Shanti**, the Administrator thanked all of them for their dedicated service. **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza** visited our school on 5 April

and spent quite a lot of time patiently listening to the community members.

Rutungia

Fr Lisbert' historic Visit to Minjaponka

Romanus Kerketta

The visit of **Fr. Lisbert** to Minjaponka and Rutungia on the 9th will be remembered well by all the Jesuits of Kandhamal who gather together here and experienced joy, love and mutual support in the Society of Jesus. The new academic year began on 3 April. **Fr. Victor**, now provides spot admission to all eligible candidates. New trained

teachers are being appointed for the School. Odisha Govt. has instructed the schools to close from April 25 to June 18. Victor has worked out a plan for special classes for the students of XI and X for 30 days during summer holidays. **Romanus** began the annual Easter house blessing on Easter Sunday itself for the families to experience the presence of the Risen Lord. He is accompanied by Sr. Romita and the catechist, eager to cover all the houses coming under the

parish. **Elias** made his monthly recollection with his regent companions at Puri on the 15th. **Sylverius**, was in Bhubaneswar to submit the account on 4-5 April. He is determined to keep the records right from the beginning of this financial year.

Tumudibandha

Benji Schools Practical Farming

Biranchi Soreng

For the first time on 7 April, a recollection cum meeting was organized for the members of Tumudibandha community. All of us relived the experiences of the Apostles after the Resurrection, and relished his presence among us, alleluia!

Braving the pre-summer thunder-squalls, **Fr. George Fernandes**, came to the district of Kandhamal for his annual visitation on 15 March. Undoubtedly, his grace-filled visitation brought cheers and fires not only to our community members but also to our faith-community for the development of

our mission. Keeping the same track, **Br. Benjamin Ekka** accompanied by **Fr. Ignatius Ddungdung** and **Sch. Praveen Jose**, trekked uphill to Pajikeri for their Easter celebration on 28 March. The first-timer, Br. Benji, highly appreciated the thriving mission of Kandhamal and offered some practical suggestions for the revamping of our model farm.

On 9 April, **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza**, addressed the Kandhamal Jesuits at Rutungia on the issues and concerns of the Society and on 10 April, visited Tumudibandha community. On 17 April, Lok Manch, Odisha organized a meeting on collaboration and net-working with 14 other like-minded NGOs at Shanti Maitree Bhavan, Baliguda. It is observed now that government

officials are approaching OCI for proper implementation of their schemes and projects. However, registration and funds are still our major stumbling blocks.

For faster and better economic growth, OCI reinforced the promotion of 'Banaraj Poultry Farming' by way of distributing 700 chicks. Realizing the increasing demand and growing popularity of Banaraj chickens, one of our ex-volunteers, Sahura Patmajhi, has set up another farm in collaboration with OCI.

FORMATION HOUSES

Bronx, USA

Social Justice in Education

Vinod Fernandes

It's Spring Time...Beautiful to see new life after the bitter winter. Amidst these, my studies here is going smoothly. Meanwhile, I got a wonderful opportunity to attend two educational conferences. One was organized by NCEA at Cincinnati where more than 2500 Catholic educators gathered and shared their expertise in education. Card. Giuseppe Versaldi gave the message of **Pope Francis** – 'to lead

students to truth'. In the key note address, Bishop Frank Caggiano, invited the educators to help the students to encounter Christ and help them to move towards Jerusalem and not to Emmaus.

The second conference was organized by AERA at New York and it had more than 17000 educators from different parts of the world, involved in various aspects of educational research. Interestingly, social justice in education came up strongly in good many workshops and presentations.

My pastoral experience at St. Bonaventure and

St. Benedict was enriched by my participation in the Easter triduum at the parish. I too had the opportunity of conducting a day of Lenten retreat for the parishioners, and a retreat for those who are going to receive confirmation. During the Lenten season, I was happy to assist in the Sacrament of reconciliation.

Rome

Joy of Holy Father's Friendly Hug

Mahesh Nayak

All the scholastics and the other university students of Rome had a half-day conference on *Ratio*

Fundamentalist, a document on priestly formation, at Paul VI auditorium. The **Holy Father** interacted with us, spoke on formation

programs for priesthood and responded to questions in a friendly manner with humor. He stressed on

continuous discernment in the life of a person. We were fortunate to serve as acolytes for the Palm Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Square. It was a great joy to be wished by the Holy Father with a friendly hug in the sacristy before the service.

Fr. Arturo Sosa visited our community, celebrated Mass and had a friendly dialogue after supper,

stressing on the ministry of reconciliation and expressing concern about the reduced number of vocation to brotherhood in the Society. **Fr. General** squatting on the floor with us scholastics for the group photo, was really inspiring. It was followed by the annual visit of the **Delegate for Roman Houses**. He had our manifestation of conscience and addressed the community at the end.

We had sub-diaconate ordinations of two

scholastics in the house chapel, in Byzantine Catholic rite, which was conferred by the secretary for the Oriental Churches at the Vatican. Indeed it was a month full of activities and inspiring meetings- interactions with significant officials of the Church and the Society.

Special Mission

ERC

Textbook Writers Get Orientation

Tony P

Dr. Pinky Midha conducted a one-day workshop for the ERC English Textbook writers at XITE on 7 April, which was followed by another workshop for the Maths and EVS team on 14 April under the leadership of **Mr. Padmanaban**

and **Ms Petricia Rebello** at LCE. On his orientation address, **Tony** stressed the need to publish books with enriched knowledge as it is our contribution towards schools and society. The Central Zone PCE met at St. John's English School, Ranchi, to chalk out a common programme for the central zone. The planning

committee is to have a meeting at Ranchi for all central zone heads of schools to work on Environmental issues

JAMSHEDPUR LEARNING FORUM - CONSORTIUM

Dear Principals/Headmasters/Headmistresses/Parish Priest/Secretaries,

It was on 16.03.2018 at our meeting at Guidera Jesuit Residence, among other things, WE mooted a VISION – the need to UNITE under “Consortium of Minority Institutions” OR “JAMSHEDPUR LEARNING FORUM”. The enthusiastic response to this SHARED VISION – is brilliant! The idea of setting up a consortium of Minority Institutions to safeguard our Institutional's interest was reconfirmed on 28.04.2018 at a meeting of the Heads of Schools at Bishop's House, Jamshedpur.

We are delighted to announce - Rev. Fr. G. Pushparaj, SJ, the architect of consortium in TN Minority Institutions and his senior counsel Shri. Issac Mohanlal, senior advocate specializing in Minority Rights have consented to guide and deliberate with US to enable us to CARRY FORWARD the movement.

As a way forward, we are happy to announce that a ONE DAY workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018 at XLRI (new campus – Learning Centre II) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The coordination committee – Frs. David Vincent. Jerome Sequirea SJ and Tony SJ - INVITES all our heads of institutions to attend this WORKSHOP. At the workshop the assent and signature of the Head of the Institution on a memorandum is essential.

Kindly, register your name and institution immediately. Email TO: fr.jilson@gmail.com or whatsapp to 8521608509. Registration is important in view of getting the logistics in place. Kindly use the following format to complete your registration by 25 May 2018. The Registration Fee is Rs 1,000/- per institution. You can do the on-the-spot registration at XLRI on 16 June 2018. Always contact Fr. Jilson with regard to consortium related matter.

Thanking you,

Regards,

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Fr. P. Tony Raj SJ
(Province Coordinator for Education)

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Fr. David Vincent, VG,
(Director of Diocesan Schools)

Important Dates of this Month

Day / Date	Programme	Participants	Venue	Time
Monday, May 21 -22	Universal Apostolic Preference	House Superiors / coordinators, commission coordinators	XLRI	First session at 5.30 pm
Tuesday, May 22 PM	Jubilee Mass	All are welcome	XLRI	Mass at 6.00 PM
Wednesday, May 23, PM	Province Annual Retreat	All	XLRI	First talk at 8.30 PM