



# NAVA SPURTHI

## Bangalore Region



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## A HEARTY WELCOME

To  
Sr. Jane Livesey  
&  
Sr. Prisca



We wish you all the best and a wonderful stay in India. As you begin the Consultation Visit regarding the appointment of the new Regional Superior for Bangalore Region, we pray that God may guide and protect you all through your stay in India and Nepal.

### Shanti Sadan, Begur

#### Year of Faith

Some of us attended the Prayer Convention at the Retreat Renewal Centre conducted by the CST fathers at Bangalore and others the Marian Convention to mark the Year of Faith.

The CRI Bangalore, organized inter- school competitions in March Past and competitions in group singing, cultural items and speeches based on faith themes for the High School Catholic students of Bangalore. Fifty of our students and two sisters attended the programme. Our school put up a Dance Drama on Abraham's Sacrifice. Our Archbishop, Bernard Moras, inaugurated the program along with the bishops of our Archdiocese. It was a very enriching event which helped our students to deepen their faith.

#### Independence Day Celebrations

15 August was a memorable day for our tiny tots as they took part in a Fancy Dress and Story Telling Competition on the environment. They looked very cute, dressed as animals, birds, flowers, trees, etc.

The primary and the secondary school had competitions in group dance, patriotic songs. One Act Play competitions based on the theme FAMILY was really good and praiseworthy. Congrats to the House moderators!



## Talent Fest

In July the students of the Secondary Section had Elocution Competitions and a Debate on the topic 'Discipline' & 'Can Teachers be Replaced by Computers?' The speakers did justice to both the topics bringing out sound arguments.

The students of the State Board School took part in inter school sports events, like volley ball, basketball, throws of Javelin, Shot-put and Discus which were organized by the Board. We bagged several first and second prizes. We are proud of our students who come from the villages. They are really talented.

## Permanent Affiliation



On 23 August Dr. John Chacko, the owner of an International School at Indore, deputed by the ICSE Board Inspected of our school as we had applied for permanent affiliation. He addressed the students and teachers separately, glanced through and signed all the documents of the School for the Permanent Affiliation to the ICSE Board, Delhi. He accepted no payment, rather he generously donated Rs. 50,000/- as a scholarship for our students.

## School Office Ransacked

On 2 August morning we were shocked to see the main entrance to the School Office and the Principal's office doors were rent open. Both the offices were ransacked, cutting open all the drawers and cupboards. Though they were in search of money and valuables, they had to be satisfied with a few coins, a clock and a digital camera. The night watchman seemed to be unaware of the happening. We had to spend about a lakh to restore the damages caused by the thieves.

## Building Work

The construction of the State Board section of the school was at a standstill for lack of finance. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Rego, our lawyer and his brother-in-law, Nauzer, for their generosity in providing us with necessary finance to complete our State Board building and so the work is going on in full swing.

*Sr. Lucia C.J.*

## Mary Ward Illam, Mittappally

Our many years of living in class rooms came to an end when providence provided us with a beautiful convent. On 12 August we had house warming ceremony, in which



our Parish priest blessed the new vessel and the new stove, followed by boiling milk in the new vessel, in the new house. The long cherished desire of having a house of our own became a reality with the



dawn of 17 August 2013, when our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Lawrence accompanied by 4 priests, our sisters from the region, guests from the diocese, our neighbours, the invited catholic families from Uthangarai



were led to the new house by a graceful dance procession. The Bishop cut the ribbon, unveiled the plaque and blessed the house, then followed the solemn lighting of the lamp by our Bishop, Sr. Feby, our Provincial, Mr. Santhanam Pillai, our contractor, Ravi the engineer, and Sr. Georgia, the superior of the house.

Our Bishop along with the priests began the celebration of the Eucharist at the beautifully decorated altar. The choir with its melodious songs, rendered the atmosphere prayerful and joyous.

Our Bishop in his homily made an opening statement that “A house is built by bricks, but a home is built by hearts”, and he further exhorted us to reflect on our community life, and said that our life as religious should be permeated by daily prayer, so that it becomes a witness to the people around us.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who graced this occasion and who from far and wide prayed for all of us imploring God’s blessings on us. We thank our sisters/communities for their generous help.

Our teachers motivated the children to contribute their mite Rs. 5,839/- to help the flood victims of Uttrakhand.

Sr. Angeli organized choral recitation and storytelling competitions for the students to improve their pronunciation and clarity of speech and the winners were awarded.

The classes of VIII, IX, X had an orientation programme by Fr. Sagayaraj who dealt with topics like self-esteem, goal setting and friendship. His talk and power point presentations were enriching and empowering the students. He emphasised “Attitude is an inside job and everything is possible if we have the will power”.



As usual on 15 August, our Independence day Sr. Georgia hoisted the flag, and then a meaningful prayer service was conducted by the students of class X, praying for our country and its leaders. The correspondent urged the students to be responsible citizens of India and to promote growth, peace and justice. This was followed by March Past and One Act Play competitions.



On 17 September in the early hours we received the shocking news that our parish priest, Fr. Joseph, was no more. He succumbed to a massive heart attack in his sleep. He was a very committed priest in the service of God. His demise is a great loss for us. May his soul rest in peace.

*Sr. Mercy*

## St.Mary's Convent, Mulund

A workshop on Career Guidance was conducted by a team of 7 members of SMAART for our students of Std. X. It included areas regarding job opportunities and where students could be trained, etc. It was well appreciated by the students.

Due to the tireless efforts of our staff and students, this year too our school secured 100% results in the S.S.C. Board Exam. Shah Disha Rakesh secured the highest rank in the school with 96.55%. Congrats to our staff and students.



Fr. Stanley S.J. of Darjeeling Province gave a two day orientation to the staff to motivate them to begin the new academic year with enthusiasm and renewed commitment.

The students of Primary and Secondary sections celebrated the Principal, Sr. Smitha's Birthday with a meaningful prayer service, and a short cultural programme.

On 15 August, Independence Day celebration began with the Principal, Rev. Sr. Smitha hoisting the National Flag. Thereafter, we had a meaningful prayer service, highlighting the contribution made by our freedom fighters to make India free.



Some of the sisters attended many programmes like CRI Recollection, the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE) Meeting and a Symposium on Holy Father's Encyclical, 'Light of Faith'.

On 17 August, the secondary school students displayed their God-given talents during the Cultural Activity Week with a variety of competitions such as T-shirt painting, glass-painting, quick snacks, salad dressing, jewellery making, painting without brushes, making greeting card, elocution, poem and essay writing, folk dance, etc.



The Primary school students have their various competitions throughout the academic year. The themes for this academic year are Conservation of Natural Resources, Protecting Women's Dignity, Role of Law and Society and International Year of Water Co-operation.

On 7 September, the school celebrated St. Mary's Day-Mother Mary's Birthday, the patroness of our school.

The Lion's Club has declared once again our school as the Best School. We have bagged this award for the last 11 consecutive years. On 14 September, Hindi Day was celebrated with a special prayer-service and Story-telling competition in Hindi for the Primary school students.

*Sr. Edwina*

