

REPORT ON JPIC/FMW ACTIVITIES, BANGALORE REGION: 2020-21

MARY WARD MATRIC HR. SEC. SCHOOL, MITTAPALLI

The world is facing covid 19 crisis, a pandemic that has changed the fabric of life for millions, in stress and anxiety across the globe. With hope and reassurance JPIC and FMW came forward with so many initiatives to connect one another with the staff, students, and parents. This virtual platform 'Lauda to Si' The 5th Anniversary of 'Lauda to Si' week from 16th -24th May 2020 gave opportunities to our students to attend the Seminars. Students and parents enthusiastically participated in the celebratory activities with the guidance of the staff that are being conducted during this week and celebrated each other's successes to see where everyone's future is headed. When the world is running down, we make the best of what's still around in this unprecedented time.



Few saplings were planted in the school premises to spread green when Std 9-12 students started coming to school from Jan 2021 during pandemic.

The 1st Mary Ward JPC South Asia Meet 15 - 17th Jan 2021 was a call to solidarity, courage and care of creation and the networking with other stake holders. Students of class IX and X1 participated in

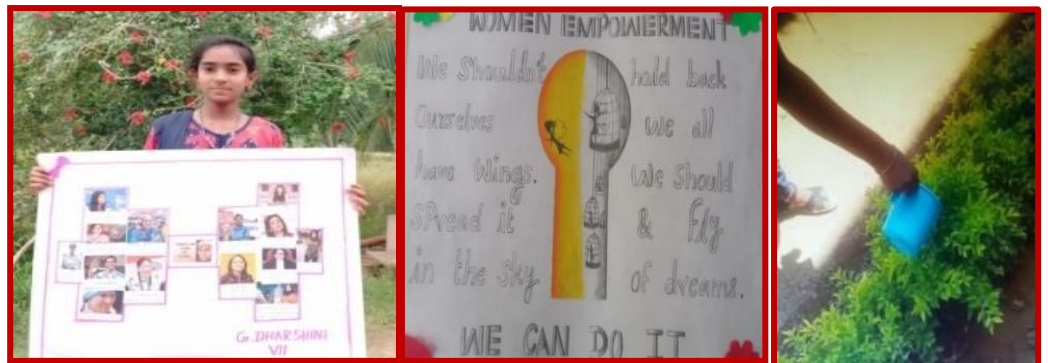
the session on Gender equality and sustainable development and in the provided activities.

Class XI students initiated The Working Group on Girls in our school and held conversations designed to encourage girls' participation and leadership. The toolkit that we received helped them to support their discussions on the issues that most impact their lives in their conversation circles.

This year Mary ward Week was celebrated with prayer service and online competitions of poster making, Reciting maxims of Mary Ward, Just Soul theme-based dance videos etc.



Women's day was celebrated on 8th March 2021. The assembly and the video presented compiling short speeches by girls highlighted the value of girl children in the family and in society.



On the world water day students prepared video clippings on the various ways of saving water in their daily use and conserving water in the farmland.



Sisters took part in the protest march organized by the inter-religious faiths in the diocese of Dharmapuri, for the release of Fr. Stan Samy SJ, the Social Activist.

**Reported by
SR. SMITHA. C.J**

TIME TEACHES & HEALS.....

The year 202-21 has been an eventful one. Students participated in the *Laudato si ' week from 16- 24th May 2020* conducted by Loretto and CJ Sisters in collaboration with Tarumithra and all Mary ward schools. It was indeed an Enriching experience. The students and teachers were enlightened and inspired by these sessions and made us think further on:

What kind of world do we leave to those who come after us?

How education helps us to live in right way:

**“To Laugh, To Smile, To Care, To forgive, To Admire, To Nurture,
To be Grateful, To Protect Nature.**

We need to recognize that we are part of Nature”.

Students took up the points for conversations and came up with their views on it .It has brought positive impact on them with regard to nature and caring for others.

During this pandemic, if we take a closer look, something beneficial also happened.

The whole world has come together like never before to fight the pandemic.

- Pollution levels fell.
- Most of us got to spend time with our loved ones.
- Worldwide people have learnt about online technology and started implementing it in day-to-day life.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

School also conducted various activities online for which the students participated -

1. Planting of Saplings,
2. Green Gifting ideas,
3. Plastic free environment,
4. Best out of waste,
5. Taking care of near and dear ones by helping in different chores.

6. Online quizzes, competitions, readings, etc.

Our students also participated in the competitions and came out with flying colors during the month of January competitions held by Friends of Mary Ward.



- An environment awareness skit drama was also presented by our students for the online live-streaming closing award ceremony.
- Our school has registered for the Green Campus Program
We are also working on Water Audit for which we shall be conducting the survey.

We must work with nature to ensure water security. A thought for saving water and consuming water responsibly. Our Planet confronts immense challenges today. But perhaps, Tree by tree each one of us can repair some of the damage done -
To inculcate the habit of planting trees & to offer a positive way by each person could fight climate change.

Plant Trees Or Add a Plant To your home Or Office.

Reported by
Mrs. Payal Peswani
JPIC teacher animator.

The turmoil caused by the outbreak of Covid-19 taught us minimalism and empathy. Academic year being online, the school explored many creative things on online mode. The students took part in the Lauda to Si week Celebration in collaboration with Loreto and CJ school in India held in the month of May 2020.

Friends of Mary Ward Meet

To inculcate the values of Mary Ward in such a tough situation 'Friends of Mary Ward Online Meet' was conducted in the months of November and December 2020.

The students and Parents were involved actively. They joyfully took part in the various competitions organized by St. Mary's School, Alakode, Kerala. The kids of LKG and UKG took part in Fancy Dress Competition (LKG-Saints, UKG- Environment). By taking part in the Fancy dress competition, our students showcased through their costumes their devotion to Saints and their awareness of climate change.

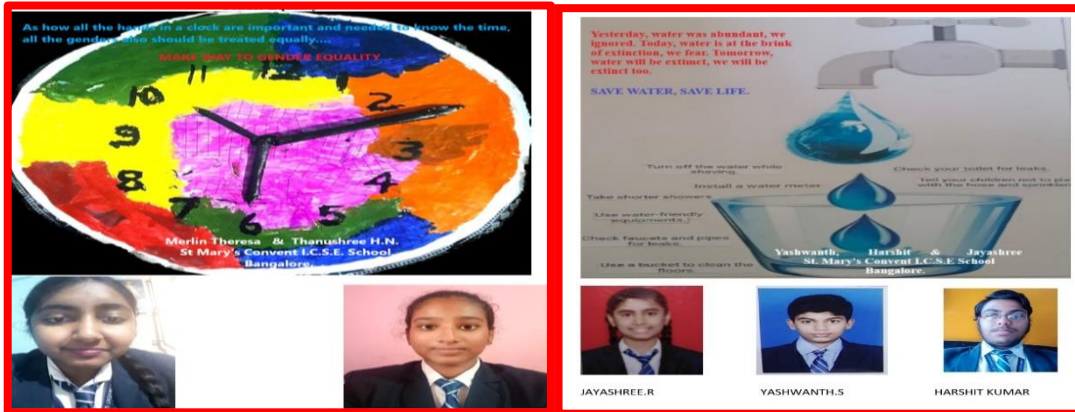


Classes 1 and 2 took part in an action song on Mary Ward. We are proud to say that song was sung melodiously by our student Shambhavi Who mesmerized everyone with her melodious tone. She won first prize. An event from the life of venerable Mary Ward was Mono acted by our students of classes 3 and 4. We admired their participation.

The students of class 7 took part enthusiastically in the quality of Mother Mary Ward by speaking impressively. They won the 4th prize. The students of class 6 and 7 took part in pencil sketches, depicting the vision of Mary Ward and won the prize. The students of class 8 and 9 took part in digital poster making and Let me speak campaign showing the struggle of the society to achieve peace, human rights and development in today's world and walk on Mary Ward's values of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of

creation. The students of class 10 took part in Power Point Presentation on Mary Ward and bagged 2nd prize. Thus, amidst the pandemic our students have evolved, matured and spirited like Mary Ward, proved their incredible capacity and talents.

Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet:



THEMES: GENDER EQUALITY & WATER CONSERVATION

Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet (virtual) with 45 schools of CJ and Loreto schools, was held on 15th January to 17th January 2021. At the conclusion of the General Meet, it was decided that the Mary Ward Schools (i.e., all CJ and Loreto schools of South Asia) would adopt the following goals and meet their objectives by September 2024.

GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED

1. Gender and Water Audit through survey conducted by the students and the staff of all institutions.

Five of our students from class 9 actively took part in it. We will be conducting the Water audit when the school reopens.

2. Adopt the green campus program in all institutions and contribute to the SDG.

Green Campus Programme is a Climate Reality project of Government of India. It's a platform where schools and colleges are motivated to improve the sustainability factor and green practices. It also imparts climate change education to teachers and students.

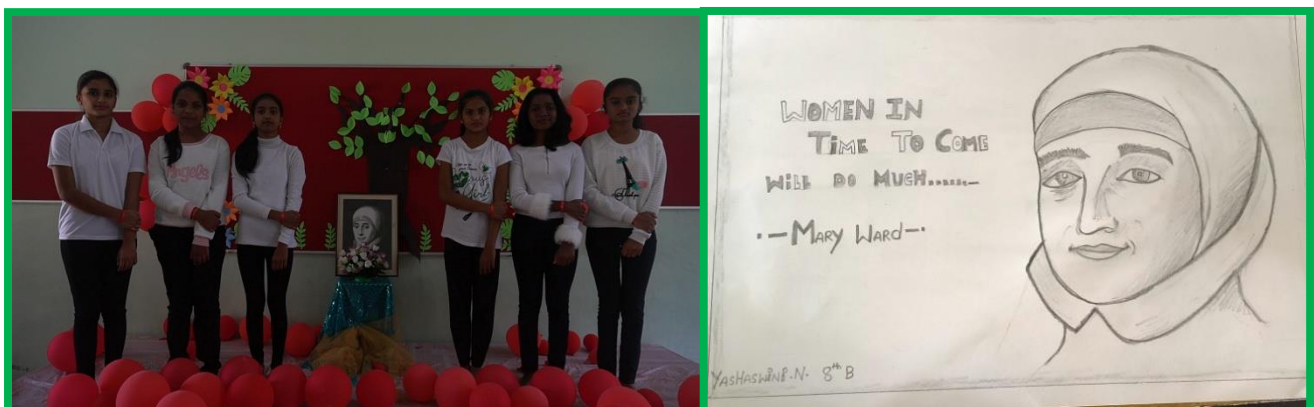
The objective is to achieve the recognition from Climate reality India under Green Campus program and get certified as a green school.

Our school has already registered and has started the process has registered for the Green Campus Programme Certificate. The teachers' committee is formed to carry out this Programme. We had the first round of meetings with the management of Green Campus Project group Delhi.

Mary Week celebration in the School

The month of January is special to all the Mary Ward Schools as we celebrate her Birth and Death anniversary to recognize and emulate her invaluable contribution to the lives of many. This year Mary Ward week was celebrated virtually. Unlike previous years, this year it was live telecasted on you tube. There was a meaningful prayer service organized by class 6 & 7. A variety of Programmes such as songs and poems on Mary Ward's life and vision, Quality launch (based on the qualities of Mary Ward), Mono act, Dance drama depicting different stages of Mary Ward etc. were conducted.

On 30th January classes 8 and 9 students prepared an hour Programme to celebrate the death anniversary of Mary Ward. It also highlighted the values of freedom, Justice, and Sincerity. The emphasis was given to the Just Soul Vision of Mary Ward to enlighten others. Apart from online activities the school organized offline activities for the students like; Collage making, Pencil Sketch and digital poster Making and Power point presentation on Mary Ward and her values. The students eagerly took part in all these events.





One Billion Rising (OBR)

A good number of students took part in the ONE BILLION RISING global campaign in the month of February on the topic “Rising Gardens”. If we wish to see change, we need to do our bit. This was to commemorate, to value and protect MOTHER EARTH. Gardens remind us of our enduring connection to life, to each other and to Earth, which



protects and nurtures life. The pandemic compelled us to slow down and consider how to live with more empathy and compassion in relation to our environment.

Let a garden bloom in every home.

Local Girls Conversation Circle

The Working Group on Girls (WGG) invited to host Girls Conversation Circle. In the run up to the 65th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)- a unique opportunity for girls to lead and make their voices heard in an event facilitated by girls for girls. The girl-led Conversation Circles brought girls together to have productive dialogue about the issues in the Generation Equality Action Coalitions, their impact on girls' lives and to develop methods for collaborative advocacy within their communities and globally. Our schools participated in it. A group of 9 girl students were formed by the JPIC coordinator and principal. They had three meetings under the guidance of the student leader.

In this local Conversation Circles, some girls chose the theme 'Women, Peace & Security and Humanitarian Action' with attention paid to girls' experiences within these areas, what they would like to see change, what resources or actions are needed to effect change and what roles they can play in creating change. The main purpose was to encourage conversation and include the views of girls in CSW and to give a voice to our young people, especially those who have no voice.



Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day was observed by the JPIC to empower and celebrate the women around us. St. Mary's Bangalore prepared a short Programme by the self-initiative of our girls. The Programme was telecasted in the school you tube channel. It honored the achievement and role of women in school, of our Country the world down the centuries. It also highlighted the value of girl children in the family and in the society.

<https://youtu.be/JKfXmJe4z2s>



Reported by

SR. SANJANA. C.J

MARY WARD E.M SCHOOL PUTHENVELIKARA

JPIC members were very active to celebrate 5th June, The Environment Day. Many of the students participated in preparing hand work with waste materials. The JPIC Coordinator gave a message to the school on the importance of taking care of the Environment.

In the month of November students participated in the competitions which were organized by Bangalore Region. The theme for the competition was based on the life of Mother Mary Ward.

As part of the JPIC program, 26th November being the Constitution day students were given a webinar on the topic Cyber Crime and Constitution by a high court Judge. Students from classes 7,8,9,10 participated in the program.

In the month of December students participated in the competitions organized by the Bangalore Region. The theme for the competitions were based on JPIC and Mother Mary Ward. Many students won the prize. Participation in the competitions has helped the students to know more about Mother Mary Ward.

23rd January being the birthday of Mother Mary Ward a prayer service was organized online.

30th being the death anniversary of Mother Mary Ward, a message was given to students on the life of Mother Mary Ward.

In the month of January 15,16,17 JPIC core members could attend the webinar organized by the South Asian JPIC coordinators. It was an enriching experience for the students. It gave them a lot of awareness and the need to take care of Mother Earth. The follow up program like the survey on working women below the age of 18 was conducted by the students and report was sent.

In order to have sustainable water usage we are making a rainwater harvesting tank.

Since it was online classes for the students, we could not conduct many activities in the school.

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NIRMALA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PIZHAKU

JPIC is a program that works for the transformation of the world into a just, peaceful and integrated nation. 'Let us journey together with a goal to contribute to the growth of the world with love and dedication. In the process we will also grow'-It is the main motive of JPIC.

The sisters and teachers of JPIC of CJ and IBVM network in Partnership with Tarumithra had organized Laudato Si' Week celebration beginning from 16th May-24th May,2020 with a number of Programmes for students and teachers. Those Programmes benefited them a lot.

Laudato Si' week celebration was held through Zoom app due to Covid- 19 pandemic. There were two sessions for students in which almost 100 children from different schools of the world participated in each session. In those sessions, students of different age groups were given celebratory activities each day. The Laudato Sisters shared nine thought provoking quotes each day during the meeting. Michelle Benny & Ann Maria Thankachan attended those meetings from Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku with the JPIC Moderator Mrs. Lisha Sojan.

On 23rd May 2020 a panel discussion was conducted by 'JPIC – Laudato Si' week Celebration 'on the topic 'Getting down to Earth'. The speakers of this occasion were Mr. Tushar Himatsinghka on 'A Zero Waste Warrior-To be or not to be One ', Sr. Monica Suchiang IBVM on 'US Earthlings as seekers of Truth and Doers of Justice', Mrs. Elsie Gabriel on 'Living waters, Flow on' and Fr. Pedro Walpole SJ on 'Nature and Nurture – Two sides of same coin'. This session was so enriching that it could bring better mankind. Those personalities enlightened and motivated the youth to change and bring change. It also made us to think about our own contributions to the really needy people in our society.

On 24th May 2020 Laudato Sisters conducted a Firm Ground by Sr. Pabina Rudum IBVM. The main points taught by her were 'Never to give up when you are trying to reach a goal; Pollution enters the climate and thereby creates climate change; Water is

being wasted, which should not happen; If you see Injustice you should help'. The students attended the sessions and sent their feedback.

At the end of the Laudato Si' week celebrations the sisters thanked each and every one for their presence, participation and contribution to the Programmes. They brought out a video and E- magazine based on those Programmes and magazines. The Laudato Si' also sent E- certificates to the participants.

On 24th June 2020 on Un75 a Zoom meeting was conducted by JPIC on basis of Covid -19 pandemic. The participants were asked to be ready with answers for three questions given by the coordinators. They were given 1 minute to answer. A Preparatory session was held on the previous day to clear the queries and to arrange the meeting.

The JPIC team organized WORLD FOREST DAY week celebration from 14th July-20th July 2020. A class was conducted by Fr. John Rogers SJ on 'Back to Green in LTS 'in which he gave guidelines to promote tree plantation and to make our city Greener. On Friday 24th July 2020 a Zoom meeting was held on 'Committed to the cause working on Frontline to end Human Trafficking' at 3 P.M.

UNICEF along with NINEISMINE has released an online course on Climate Change consisting of simple Multiple-Choice Questions, an assignment and an advocacy-based task. On completion of the course the participant received certificates from Greta Thunberg 's Friday for Future, UNICEF and NINEISMINE. Students of classes 8-12 were encouraged to do this course.

On Thursday August 12, 2020, at 4:30 P.M. the IBVM /CJ UN NGO Office in collaboration with Tarumithra conducted a webinar to celebrate International Youth Day 2020. The Theme was "Youth Engagement for Global Action" to highlight the ways in which youth engage at local, national, and Global levels is enriching national and multilateral Institutions. The Speakers of this program were Janet Palafox IBVM and Cynthia Mathew CJ who are NGO Representatives of the UN. They shared their experience and perspective on how youth are engaged in global justice.

On September 8, 2020 at 11.00 A.M. a session was conducted an E-Launch of the UN handbooks for schools. Teachers and students from various parts of the world attended

the session. On September 22nd, the JPIC team from Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku distributed lunch packets at Kunjachan Missionary Bhavan, Ramapuram in terms of Charity.

On January 2021 the JPIC organized National General Meet of JPIC. The animators were to send the no. of sections and no. of students of classes 4&5, 6&7, 8&9 and 11. An orientation session was on 9th January 2021 at 10.00 A.M. Thousands of teachers and students attended the session and gained from it.

The JPIC team organized MARY WARD JPIC GENERAL MEET from 15th Jan – 17th Jan 2021. The students were represented in groups of a total of 15 students. They were given 15 min to discuss each day's topic and one head presented the points in allotted time. The session was both in English and Hindi. Students were encouraged to speak their viewpoints on the respective topic. The students responded evidently and actively. At the end of the session the JPIC and MARY WARD leaders thanked all the teachers, sisters, and students for spending their valuable time and attending the General Meet of this year.

On 3rd March 2021 at 1.30 P.M. a Conversation Circle was held at our school premises. There were 10 students 1) Angel Sajoy 2) Anit Sebastian 3) Aparna Jomon 4) Bineeta Jose 5) Jess Maria Geo 6) Maria Jose 7) Merin Sojan 8) Nayana Thomas 9) Sradha Babu 10) Theres Tom for participation headed by Mrs Anu Sunny & Mrs Lisha Sojan. The topic given was 'Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality'. The program started with a Welcome Speech. The coordinator first asked the participants to read the points they prepared. Then, Mrs Anu asked Questions based on given topic to the participants to answer from their views. They told about the access of technology for women, impacts on girls and their reasons. They shared their ideas for promoting women's digital skills such as creating awareness by building self-confidence and by encouragement. All were equal in caliber and potential. Every point presented was accepted with cheering. So sharp were the points that it actually made a common thinking about the facts.

Reported by Mrs. Lisha Sojan.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, ALAKODE

Amidst uncertainties and ambiguities, we at SMC Alakode took the confident step to begin the academic year on 1st June 2020 through online classes. We conducted both curricular and extracurricular activities through digital platforms with the support and co-operation of the parents, students, and the staff . We have been able to organise the following online programmes to inculcate the values of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.



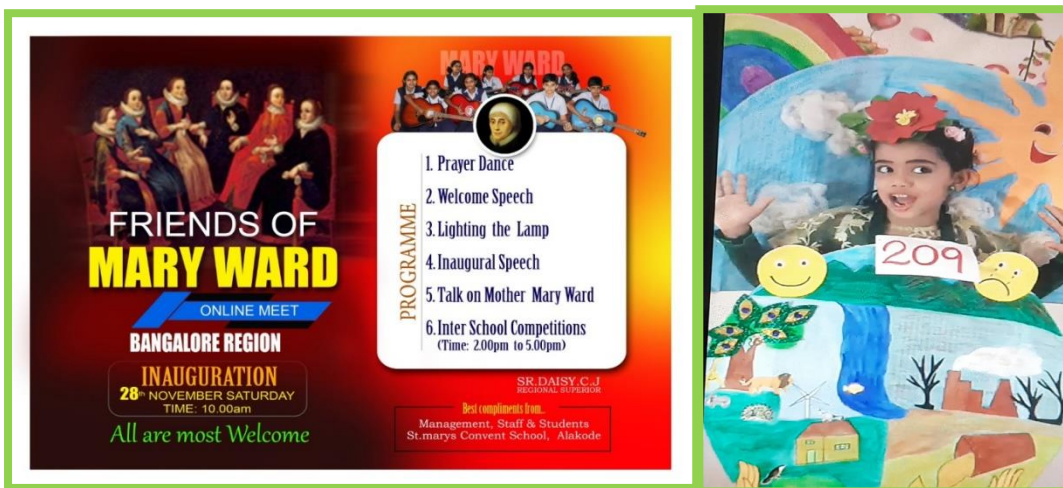
On 5th June, World Environment Day was observed by the whole school. The class teachers of each class conducted various programmes for their classes. The students of classes 9,10,11& 12 participated in Debates on environmental issues. The students of classes 7& 8 participated in a Poster Making Competition on the topic Save the Environment. The students of classes 3,4,5&6 were asked to make “the Best out of the Waste” based on the topic “Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle. The class teachers of classes UKG,1 &2 conducted a short assembly and explained to the students the importance of caring for the environment through action songs and short stories.

Mental Health Week was organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education from 4th to 10th October 2020 for the students of classes 9 to 12. A Webinar was organised for the students to help them to deal with stress and tension caused by the lock down and the closure of schools. During the Mental Health Week, the students made beautiful

posters and wrote thoughtful slogans for bringing about awareness about the importance of keeping oneself mentally healthy.



Friends of Mary Ward Online Meet was organised for the students of our schools in Bangalore Region which was hosted by our school. During the Inaugural function on 28th November .Mrs. Caroline, the special guest of the day motivated the students to



practise the values that Venerable Mary Ward held close to her heart through her inspiring talk.

It was followed by various Inter School Competitions on the themes:- Values of Venerable Mary Ward and JPIC. The various items of the competitions were Fancy Dress (Saints & save the environment) Mono Act, Action Song, Drawing .Quality Launch and Power Point Presentation (Qualities of Mary Ward) Poster Making(Peaceful Co-existence) Let Me Speak Campaign (Role of students in building up a Just Society. Through these competitions we have been successful in making Mary Ward known to the students and parents and in creating awareness among the students about their role in building up a just and peaceful society.



Our students attended the various Webinars organised by Mary Ward JPIC South Asia. Ten students participated in the 1st MW JPIC South Asia General Meet held from 15th to 17th January 2021 which was indeed enriching and helpful for the students. They also participated in “Local Girl’s Conversation Circle “ activity held in February 2021 and sent the feedback.

The students of classes 9& 11 prepared a short video as a part of Anti-Drug Campaign organised by the Archdiocese of Thalasseri from 11th to 14th April 2021. It was sent to all the students of the diocese which included poems, speeches and poster making on the topic “Say Goodbye to Drugs.”

Reported by Sr. Sherly. CJ

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