



RANCHI BULLETIN



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POPE'S INTENTION: MARCH 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nation's move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

APPOINTMENTS BY REV. FR. PROVINCIAL

1	Fr. Justin Kandulna	Headmaster: R.C. M/S Dorea
2	Fr. Pradeep Soreng	Headmaster: Stockman Memorial M/S Kochang
3	Fr. Bipin Tirkey	Asst. P.P. Catholic Church, Jharain (w.e.f. March 2026)
4	Fr. Zacharias Purty	Asst. P.P. Kochang
5	Fr. Libin Kerketta	Director Apostolic School (College Section) Ranchi
6	Fr. Fr. Simon Horo	M.Th. Pune
7	Fr. Ajay Paulus Minz	Don Bosco, Chennai (Design & Printing)
8	Fr. Ruben Xalxo	MSW, Mumbai
9	Fr. Samir Xavier Bhawnra	Tertianship, Sri Lanka
10	Fr. Ignatius Tete (Junior)	Tertianship, SSC, Sitagarha

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS

1. THEOLOGY

SN	NAME	PLACE
1	Sch. Joseph Kenedy Soreng	VJ, Delhi
2	Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty	VJ, Delhi
3	Sch. Paulus Dungdung	JFCT, Kanke
4	Sch. Sudhir Orey	JFCT, Kanke
5	Sch. Pradeep Bara	JFCT, Kanke

6	Sch. Ravi Sushil Kindo	JFCT, Kanke
7	Sch. Kanchan Minj	REGIS COLLEGE., TORANTO, CANADA
8	Sch. Ananias Xess	PUG, ROME, ITALY

2. PHILOSPHY

SN	NAME	PLACE
1	Sch. Ashwin Ekka	SN Chennai
2	Sch. Stanislaus Tirkey	SN, Chennai
3	Sch. Suman Bara	SN, Chennai
4	Sch. Ambros Toppo	SN, Chennai
5	Sch. Ankit Kujur	SN, Chennai
6	Sch. Fabian Dhanwar	DNC, Pune
7	Sch. Erik Kerketta	DNC, Pune
8	Sch. Ajay Ekka	DNC, Pune
9	Sch. Constant Ekka	DNC, Pune

3. REGENCY

SN	NAME	PLACE
1	Sch. Blacius Soreng	St. John's School, Dorea
2	Sch. John Fisher Osga	Jeevan Deep, Pre-Novitiate, Namkum
3	Sch. Samir Kerketta	St. Xavier's School, Georai, Pune
4	Sch. Sumit Samir Tirkey	Janta H/S, Tongo
5	Sch. Sandeep Bara	Loyola School, Khunti
6	Sch. Mathew Tigga	RC Middle School, Dolda
7	Sch. Arpan Bara	St. Mary's Hostel, Samtoli
8	Sch. Suresh Kerketta	Moran School, Maheshpur, Nepal
9	Sch. Irenius Beck	St. Xavier's School, Doranda
10	Sch. Rohit Dixon Dungdung	St. Aloysius' Apostolic School, Ranchi
11	Sch. Rohit Toppo	Pre-Novitiate, Gujrat
12	Sch. Rohit R. Kujur	Chennai, Migration Ministry
13	Sch. Ujwal Kerketta	St. Xavier's School, Balipara
14	Sch. Anthres Tuti	Loyola School, Tipkai, Assam
15	Sch. Ashwin Kindo	Apostolic School, Daltonganj
16	Sch. Amit Barla	St. Mary's Eng. Med. School, Samtoli
17	Bro. Santosh Kr. Tirkey	Kishore Nagar, Namkum
18	Sch. Shashi S. Dhanwar	Hoffman Law Associates, Ranchi
19	Sch. Suman Shishir Orey	St. John Berchmans' School, Mundli, Tinpahar Dumka
20	Sch. Vinod Tudu (DUM)	Loyola School, Kathalguri, Assam
21	Sch. Anil Nag	XIPT

22	Sch. Nitesh Rohit Minj	Apostolic School, Gumla
23	Sch. Wilson Soreng	St. Ignatius' Hostel, Gumla
24	Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung	St. John's School Hostel, Ranchi
25	Sch. Amit Kujur	Apostolic School, Samtoli
27	Sch. Ishak Ekka	St. Xavier's School, Bogapani, Assam
28	Sch. Akshay Minj	Vivek Sadan, Pre-Novitiate, Daltonganj
29	Sch. Anil Xaxa	Christ Hall Malaparamba, Kerala
30	Sch. Pingal Bilung	St. Stanislaus School, Lohardaga
31	Sch. Ranjit Kullu	St. Xavier's School, Deonia, Nepal
32	Sch. Wilson Lakra	Janta High School, Sogra
33	Sch. Nitish Ekka	St. John's School, Mundli, Tinpahar
34	Sch. Vicky Roshan Soreng	R C Primary School, Jharain

4. COLLEGE STUDIES (UG)

SN	NAME	PLACE
1	Sch. Prabhakar Bilung	SXC, Ahmedabad
2	Sch. Naresh Roshan Tirkey	SXC, Ahmedabad
3	Sch. Avinash Ekka	Loyola, Chennai
4	Sch. Arman Tirkey	St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru
5	Sch. Amit Dhan	SXC, Ranchi
6	Sch. Gulshan Ba'a	SXC, Ranchi
7	Sch. Arman Tete	SXC, Ranchi
8	Sch. Maximus Kachhap	SXC, Ranchi
9	Sch. Ankit Kullu	SXC, Ranchi
10	Rohit Abhishek Ekka	SXC, Ranchi

5. COLLEGE STUDIES (PG)

SN	NAME	PLACE
1	Sch. Avinash Ekka	M.Sc. Physics, Loyola College Chennai
2	Sch. Rohit Kerketta	M.Sc. Chemistry, Loyola College Chennai
3	Sch. Sushant Xalxo	M. Com. St. Xavier's University Kolkata
4	Sch. Amar Bara	M. Com. St. Xavier's University Kolkata
5	Sch. Simon Tudu	MA Pol. Sc. SXC, Ranchi
6	Sch. Jenar Ba'a	M.Sc. Bio Tech. SXC, Ranchi/ St. Joseph's University, Bangalore



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ANNUAL BUDGET SESSIONS 2026-27

Date	Day	Zone	Start Time	Venue	Total Admin Units
16-03-2026	Monday	Assam	8.30 AM	Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur	15
17-03-2026	Tuesday	Assam	8.30 AM	Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur	15
20-03-2026	Friday	Ranchi I	8.30 AM	Manresa House, Ranchi	23
21-03-2026	Saturday	Ranchi II	8.30 AM	Manresa House, Ranchi	29
23-03-2026	Monday	Gumla	8.30 AM	Manresa House, Ranchi	29
24-03-2026	Tuesday	Khunti	8.30 AM	Manresa House, Ranchi	33
25-03-2026	Wednesday	Simdega & Andamans	8.30 AM	Manresa House, Ranchi	17

Please note:

The admin Units of **Muri, ATC Namkum, Jharna/Ashirvad, Kishor Nagar, Kanke Parish and JFCT** shall be hereafter part of Ranchi Zone II

2. **Fr. Sylverius Chermako SJ**, Socius to the Provincial, will be away from office from March 14 – April 1, 2026 to participate in the **Socii Workshop** at Rome, Italy. We wish him a safe journey and a fruitful workshop.
3. The process of discerning and searching for a **New Provincial** will begin on **April 15, 2026**.
4. **April 21–22, 2026**: Meeting of Rectors and Superiors/Vice-Superiors/P.Ps at Manresa House, Ranchi. (All have to attend it without fail)

5. PROVINCE DAYS 2026

DATE: May 21, 4:00 pm to May 24 noon.

COMMITTEE FOR THE RANCHI PROVINCE DAYS 2026

1. **Fr. Sylverius Chermako (Coordinator)**
2. **Fr. Ignatius Lakra (Assistant Coordinator)**
3. Fr. Alexius Toppo
4. Fr. Francis David Kullu
5. Fr. Pradeep Kerketta
6. Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj
7. Fr. Ravi H. Kujur
8. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng
9. Fr. Florence Purty
10. Fr. Francis Minj
11. Fr. Deepak Toppo

6. COMMITTEE FOR THE “RANCHI JESUITS” YEAR BOOK 2026

1. Fr. Sanjay Kerketta (Chief Editor)
2. Fr. Ashok Sandil (Co-Editor)
3. Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur
4. Fr. Francis Minj
5. Fr. Francis David Kullu
6. Fr. Ajay Arun Minj
7. Fr. Justin Tirkey
8. Fr. Alexius Tirkey
9. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng

N.B. - Committee members need to come together in Sadbhavna for the meeting and make a necessary plan of action. Coordinator and the Chief Editor must call a meeting at the earliest.

7. RETREATS

(i) For those in Schools: June 1–9, 2026 at Jharna.

(A list of participants will be made and informed to you)

Preacher: Fr. Mario Fernades (Pune).

(ii) Zonal Retreats based on The Autobiography and The Constitutions

	Date	Venue	Retreat Preacher
Retreat 1	03 - 11 Oct. 2026	Asha Deep Pathalgaon	Fr. Deepak Ekka, SJ
Retreat 2	17 - 25 Oct. 2026	Spirituality Centre Jharna Namkum, Ranchi	Fr. Ignatius Tete, SJ
Retreat 3	17 - 25 Oct. 2026	Upasana, Mango, Jamshedpur	Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ
Retreat 4	04 - 12 Nov.. 2026	Spirituality Centre Jharna Namkum, Ranchi	Fr. Ignatius Tete, SJ
Retreat 5	22 - 29 Nov.. 2026	Upasana, Mango, Jamshedpur	Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ
Retreat 6	23 - 31 Jan.. 2027	Asha Deep Pathalgaon	Fr. Deepak Ekka, SJ
Retreat 7	23 - 31 Jan.. 2027	SSC Sitagarha, Hazaribagh	Fr. RC Chacko, SJ
Retreat 8	20 - 28 Jan.. 2027	SSC Sitagarha, Hazaribagh	Fr. RC Chacko, SJ
Retreat 9	To be Announced later	Jeevan Dhara, Raiganj	Fr. Tom Kuzhivelil, SJ
Retreat 10	To be Announced later	Jeevan Dhara, Raiganj	Fr. Tom Kuzhivelil, SJ

N.B. - Province Curia will assign Jesuits to attend the above mentioned Retreats in the next issue of RB

8. SCHOLASTICS SUMMER PROGRAM

A. May 24 Eve. - 26: Scholastics' Get-together at Khunti

B. May 4- 10: Seminar on Constitutions of the Society of Jesus

C. Retreat (Tentative dates)

May 12-20: Group I & II

May 28 – 5 June: Group III

9. CONGRATULATIONS

A. OUR NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS

1	Dn Sagar Xalxo, SJ	Ordained on Feb. 14 2026 at DNC, Pune
2	Dn Albert Beng, SJ	Ordained on March 8, 2026 at VJ, Delhi
3	Dn Benjamin Guria, SJ	
4	Dn James Ekka, SJ	
5	Dn Zacharias Surin, SJ	
6	Sch. Ashish Kujur, SJ	To be ordained in April at Paris

B. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Fr. Kulwant Minj, SJ successfully defended his doctoral thesis, “The Postulator in the Causes of Saints: Historical-Juridical Analysis of His Rights and Obligations”, on February 27, 2026 at Gregorian University, Rome.

DIR Delegate has appointed Fr. Kulwant as Assistant to the faculty of Canon Law of the Orientale Mission (PIO), ROME. Ranchi Province wishes him ALL THE BEST !!

C. FINAL VOWS

Fr. Ashok Roshan Sandil, SJ and **Fr. Ajay Prakash Minj, SJ** pronounced their final vows on March 4, 2026 at St. Xavier’s College Chapel, Ranchi.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

March 2026	
03 - 08	Visit of Rev. Fr. General to Ranchi Province
10 - 13	Province Office
14	GB Meeting, “Xaviers Doranda”
15- 18	Annual Budget sessions in Assam
20 - 25	Annual Budget Sessions in Ranchi
22	Pilgrimage to Jamgain
30 - 31	Foresheet Examinations (Pre-Novitiate, Namkum)
April 2026	
01 - 04	Holy Week, Ranchi
06 - 07	Visitation in Noadih
08 - 09	Visitation in Tongo
10	Visitation in Bardih
12	Priestly Ordination in Pakripath (Netarhat)
13	Visitation in Soso
14 - 15	Province Office
19 - 20	Meeting of the CZ Provincials in Ranchi
21 - 22	Meeting of Rectors and Superiors/ Vice Superiors/PPs in Manresa House, Ranchi
27	Province Consult

PROVINCIAL'S LETTER TO PROVINCE MEN

To: All the Members of Ranchi Jesuit Province

9 March 2026

Subject: Thanksgiving for the Visit of Rev. Fr. Superior General



Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Peace of Christ!

With hearts filled with gratitude to God, I write to you at the conclusion of the gracious visit of **Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus**, to our Ranchi Province from 3–8 March 2026. These days have truly been a time of grace and blessing for all of us.

We thank the Lord for the many spiritual graces we have received through his presence among us. Fr. General's visit has rekindled in us a deeper **zeal and fire for our Jesuit vocation** and renewed our **commitment and love for the mission entrusted to us by the Lord and the Society**. **He invited us to become good Jesuits-men of spiritual and intellectual depth - rooted in prayer and dedicated to thoughtful engagement with the world**. Through his reflections, encouragement, and personal encounters, he has inspired us to live our calling with greater generosity, fidelity, and apostolic courage.

At the same time, this visit has strengthened among us a profound **sense of the union of minds and hearts** as members of the Ranchi Province. Coming together in prayer, dialogue, and discernment reminded us that our mission bears greater fruit when we walk together in fraternity, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

Very significantly, Fr. General's presence among us deepened our awareness that we belong not only to a local Province but to the **universal body of the Society of Jesus**, united in one mission with Jesuits throughout the world. This renewed sense of belonging strengthens our identity and encourages us to collaborate more generously in the global mission of the Society.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the **Organising Committee headed by Fr. Deepak Toppo for Fr. General's Visit**, who meticulously planned and coordinated the entire programme with dedication and foresight. I also sincerely thank the **Rectors and community members of Manresa House, Ranchi; St. Xavier's College, Ranchi; St. Ignatius High School, Gumla; St. Mary's High School, Samtoli, and Superior and community members of XISS** for their generous hospitality and support in hosting the various programmes and encounters.

My special thanks also go to the **members of the Jesuit Provincial Curia, the Superior and members of Loyola School, Khunti and Kochang**, for their valuable assistance and cooperation during this important visit. I am equally grateful to **all the members of the Ranchi Province, including those serving in Assam and the Andamans**, for your prayerful support, participation, and spirit of unity during these grace-filled days.

May the inspiration we have received during this visit continue to renew our prayer, strengthen our communities, and deepen our commitment to the mission entrusted to us. Let us carry forward the spirit of zeal and generosity that Fr. General has rekindled in us, so that together we may serve the Lord and His people with ever greater dedication.

Entrusting our Province and its mission to the loving intercession of St. Ignatius of Loyola, I remain

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial

Ranchi Jesuit Province



PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

The month of February was marked by several important events and engagements in the life of the Province. From 1–8 February, Fr. Provincial had the joy of welcoming Rev. Fr. Marc Cyriel Desmet SJ, Regional Superior of the European Low Countries, along with Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, and four other guests from Belgium who visited the Ranchi Province. The visit provided an opportunity to renew the long-standing bonds between the Jesuits of Belgium and those of Ranchi, recalling with gratitude the immense missionary contributions of the Belgian Jesuits who played a significant role in the growth of the mission in this region. During his stay, Fr. Desmet met with Jesuits and shared moments of fraternity, reflection, and mutual encouragement.



On 4 February, a farewell programme was organized at Rasschaert Hall, Manresa House, Ranchi, under the guidance of Fr. Provincial for Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, the 529th Belgian missionary to the Ranchi Jesuit Province. The gathering expressed deep gratitude and appreciation for his long years of generous service to the Ranchi Jesuit Mission. Fr. Brys was warmly acknowledged for his pastoral care for the tribal communities and for his significant contribution to the formation of lay leadership.

From 9–12 February, the Provincial carried out the canonical visitation of the Jesuit community and works at St. Ignatius, Gumla. The visitation provided an opportunity for listening, encouragement, and reflection on the life-mission of the community, as well as a review of the apostolic commitments of the institution.

On 13 February, the Provincial attended the priestly ordination of Deacon Samir Ekka in Gumla. On 14 February, Fr. Provincial guided the final meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the forthcoming visit of the Superior General to the Ranchi Province at Manresa House, Ranchi. On 15 February, Fr. Provincial was present at Kochang for the blessing of the newly erected Stations of the Cross. The initiative is part of a larger vision to develop Kochang as a centre of pilgrimage

for the Christian community in the region, fostering deeper faith and devotion to the Passion of Christ.

The Province Consult took place from 16–17 February. During these days, Fr. Provincial and his consultants met to reflect on matters concerning the life-mission of the Province, its governance discerning together the way forward for the Province's mission.

From 21–28 February, the Provincial participated in the meeting of the Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA) held in Kolkata. The gathering brought together Provincials and the Superior General, Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ, to reflect on common concerns, share experiences, and discern collaborative responses to the challenges and opportunities facing the mission of the Society of Jesus in the region.

Fr. Provincial assumed office on 1 March 2026 and has since been engaged in preparing for the forthcoming visit of the Superior General to the Ranchi Province in March 2026.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

The community had the privilege of welcoming Rev. Fr. Marc Cyriel Desmet SJ, Regional Superior of the European Low Countries, along with Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, and four other guests from Belgium who visited the Ranchi Province. This gave an opportunity to recall with gratitude the rich missionary heritage of the Belgian Jesuits in the region.

Frs. Sylvester Chermako, Superior of the community, Francis David Kullu, Johnny Kujur, and Deepak Toppo were actively involved in organizing the farewell programme for Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, the 529th Belgian missionary to the Ranchi Jesuit Province. The programme, held on 4 February at Rasschaert Hall, Manresa House, Ranchi, was a fitting expression of gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the mission in Ranchi.

Fr. Deepak visited Bundu to meet Sch. Prawin Minj, who is doing his regency there. He also visited the juniors at SSC, Sitagarh, Hazaribag, to encourage and accompany them in their Jesuit formation. During the visit, he also took time to meet the novices of the Ranchi Province at SSC.

The community joyfully came together to celebrate the birthdays of Frs. Johnny and Deepak on 14 and 16 February respectively. The celebrations provided an occasion to thank and praise God for the gift of life and vocation in the Society of Jesus.

On 14 February, Frs. Deepak, Francis David, and

Sylverius attended the Preparatory Committee Meeting at Manresa House, Ranchi, in view of the forthcoming visit of the Superior General to Ranchi Province from 3–8 March 2026. In connection with these preparations, Frs. Deepak and Francis David, together with Sudhir Kr. Minj and Ravi Hemant Kujur, visited Gumla, Samtoli, and Kochang to encourage and accompany those involved in the various arrangements for the General's visit.

Fr. Francis David also travelled to Satya Nilayam, Chennai, to attend a meeting organized by Fr. POSA concerning the financial well-being of the Common Houses. On 18 February, Sch. Kanchan Minj moved to Jeevan Deep Pre-novitiate as a regent to assist the Director in the formation of the pre-novices.

The community had the joy of welcoming Jesuit guests from Assam, Frs. Tomas Baxla and Hypolitus, who spent some time at Sadbhavna. Their visit was connected with an important meeting concerning the well-being of the Adivasis in Assam.

On February 26, Sch. Ananias Xess joined the community. He is here to prepare himself well before leaving for Rome to pursue his theological studies.

Meanwhile, Fr. Sylverius, as always, remained devoted to caring for those who are sick and in need of medical attention, often accompanying them to Mandar and other hospitals and clinics.

Fr. George Kerketta visited a couple of times to supervise the ongoing construction work at Keondtanr, Gumla. Meanwhile, Fr. Nirmal Minj continued to be engaged with his classes and examinations and actively participated in the International Workshop organized by XISS on the theme, "Reimagining Governance for Sustainable Futures: Balancing Profit, Purpose, and People in the Age of AI." at Rasschaert Hall, Manresa House, Ranchi, from 5-7 February. The life of the community was filled with activities in month reflecting the spirit of service, fraternity, and commitment to mission.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

The month of February was marked by a rich blend of spiritual nourishment, academic engagement, community celebrations, and moments of sorrow. On 1 February, the community (excluding first-year Scholastics) set out for a picnic-cum-pilgrimage to Kochang. The following day, 2 February, some Belgian guests paid a visit to the Lievens Museum to see and feel God's work through Belgian Missionaries.

A farewell programme was organized on 4 February at the Herman Rasschaert Auditorium in honour of Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, the 529th Belgian missionary to the Ranchi Jesuit Mission. From 5–7 February, Xavier Institute of Social Service hosted its Platinum Jubilee International Conference on Governance and Sustainability at the same venue, marking a significant academic milestone for the institution.

On 8 February, Fr. Nicholas Tete, Fr. Alexius Toppo Rector and Dn. Sunil Lakra- Minister, accompanied Fr. Suresh Tirkey to his newly assigned mission at Bardih. A community meeting held on 9 February focused on Lenten observances and revisions to the Scholastic timetable.

From 12–13 February, several community members attended the priestly ordination of Dn. Samir Ekka at Gumla Cathedral, followed by his First Mass on 14 February. These days were not just events, but milestones of hope—reminding us that every vocation is a gift, and every "yes" to God becomes a light for the world. On 15 February, the community joined the concluding celebrations of Jubilee 2025 at Kochang, highlighted by the blessing of the Way of the Cross. The presence of three bishops, a large number of priests, over 5,000 faithful, and the release of a commemorative history booklet made the occasion truly memorable. The following day, 16 February, a Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated to mark the golden jubilee of priesthood of Fr. Alex Tirkey, honouring 50 years of faithful service in the Society.

The month also brought moments of deep grief. On 21 February, Mr. Robert Toppo, the younger brother of Fr. James Toppo SJ, passed away in Bhubaneswar. On 23 February, the sudden demise of Fr. Mathias Dungdung cast a pall of sorrow over the community.

Thus, February at Manresa House reflected the full spectrum of community life—spiritual growth, academic excellence, joyful celebrations, and profound moments of mourning.

Sch. Shanti Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

Fr. Pradeep Kujur, the principal, along with Fr. Pradeep Kerketta (XISS), Fr. Roshan Baa (Principal SXC, Simdega) and Fr. Erenius Toppo (Principal SXC, Tezpur), went to Mumbai on 26th January, 2026 to attend the three-days JHEASA Annual Conference 2026. Fr. Kujur chaired a session in the conference which discussed on the theme: 'Jesuit Identity and Higher Education'.

On 1st February, 2026, St. Xavier's College community welcomed seven Guests three Jesuits P. Aurel Brys SJ, P. Marc Cyriel Desmet SJ, Regional Superior, Deacon Bastiaan Van Rooijen SJ, and 4 lay persons from Belgium, Mr. Leo Etienne Debock (communication), Mr. Lander Miro Vandenborre, Miss Chloë Belinda Hubert Somers and Miss Emoah Elise Van Deyck (university students). They were delighted to get a traditional Adivasi welcome from the College Students on 3rd February, at the Faculty and Student Exchange Programme with European Low Countries (ELC) Antwerp University, Belgium.

Intermediate students of the College (a total of 1,083: 474 in Science, 343 I Arts and 266 in Commerce) started their JAC final Intermediate Exam On 3rd February, 2026. The examinations successfully ended on 23rd February 2026.

On 5th Feb. 2026, Fr. Pradeep Kujur, the Principal and Fr. Ajay Minj, the Vice Principal went to Sri Lanka to attend the annual meeting of AIACHE (All India Association of Christian Higher Education) for their Academic Renewal Programme, which was held from 6 to 7 February 2026. There was an interactive session with the Vice-Chancellor and the senior professors of the University of Peradenia. A Panel discussion was held in its 4th session where the Best Practices of different Colleges were presented. Fr. Pradeep Kujur was one of the panelists among the Jesuits principals. Fr. Pradeep and Ajay had a chance to meet Fr. Bipin Tirkey (RAN) and Fr. Anuranjan Ekka (DAR) who are there for their Tertianship at Candy.

Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur went to Goa to participate in the 11th National Congress of Federation of Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI), which was held from 6th to 8th February 2026. Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur and Prabhat Kennedy Soreng attended a workshop on 'Advancement in Higher Education' from 9th to 10th February 2026. It was organized by United Board of Christian Association in South Asia at St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, in Delhi. Fr. Kennedy also attended a workshop on National Academic Depository (NAD) on 11th February 2026, and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) at Aryabhata Auditorium in Ranchi University. It was organized by Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Jharkhand.

On 20th February, SXC community received two Tertians from Karnataka, Fr. Jeevan SJ and Fr. Lumnesh Kumar SJ, who came to visit the mission of Fr. Lievens and to learn about it. Bro. Blacius and Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur accompanied them in their visits of various Jesuit Houses in Ranchi and around Ranchi.

On 24th February, 2026, SXC Community gratefully remembered Fr. Mathias Dungdung who served the College for 18 years in the Hindi Department from 1965 to 1983. The College salutes the centenarian for his dedicated service to the College and the local Church by his many works of translation into Hindi, his cheerful interactions and the words of wisdom.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj

XISS, RANCHI

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta went for the JHEASA conference, which was organized in Mumbai from 26-28 January 2026, and then he moved to Hyderabad for another national conference of Jesuit Social Scientists of South Asia (JSSSA), which was held from 30th January to 1st February. On the 3rd February the Belgian delegates headed by Fr. Marc Cyriel Desmet, the Superior of the European Low Countries, visited XISS and had interaction with faculty and the students. The programme started with a short prayer led by Fr. Ashok Kandulna. Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur briefed the genesis and the growth of XISS. On this occasion, Fr. Provincial, Ajit Kumar Xess was present and welcomed the guests and gave away the mementos and stoles. Then, there was some time for the students to ask some questions to the delegates. To mark the 70th year of XISS, an International Conference was organized from 5-7 February on the theme, "Reimagining Governance for Sustainable Futures: Balancing Profit, Purpose, and People in the Age of AI." It brought together academicians, Industry leaders, policymakers, and practitioners from India and overseas to deliberate on the intersections of technology, ethics, governance, and sustainable development. Back-to-back, we had yet another programme 'Panache,' the annual fest of XISS that took place from 12-13 February in which the students got the platform to showcase their talents, creativity and innovativeness. From 16 February, the first-year students went for the rural exposure and industrial visit to different locations in different batches. The rural exposure helps students to know the harsh realities of the villages and the socio-economic plight of the people who are on the receiving end. After this programme, they do have transformative life changing experiences. On the 17th February, Fr. Ashok Sandil went to make his annual retreat to Jharna, Namkum. On the 23rd February, Fr. Marianus together with 3 other faculty and staff went to Delhi to attend AACSB training programme and from there to Guwahati to explore the possibilities for the ICFDP programme.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

It was a month of focused study, spirited activity, and meaningful encounters for St. Xavier's School Doranda community. The month opened with annual examinations for the Primary and Senior sections, and from 13 February our 10th and 12th standard students began their board examinations. Alongside academics, the campus hosted religious observance, cultural hospitality, competitive sports, formation programmes, and an educational overseas trip all reflecting a lively and balanced school life.

Belgian visitors were welcomed to the campus in the company of Fr. Provincial. A short felicitation programme was held in their honour. Our Outreach students and staff escorted the guests to the programme on the rhythmic beat of the "Mandar" (a traditional tribal music instrument), with singing and dancing, followed by a fellowship meal.

Fr. Fuldeo Soreng SJ, Principal, represented the school at the JAI (Jesuit Alumni of India) meeting in Goa, strengthening alumni ties and bringing back insights for the institution.



The school organized a seminar to mark Safer Internet Day, equipping students with practical guidance on online safety and productive digital habits under the care of Fr. Ravi B. Xess SJ and Dr. Santosh Kumar.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Kujur offered a one-credit course on "Baptism" and "Confirmation" to the second-year students of JFCT, Tarunoday, from February 16 - 21. The course provided a comprehensive overview of the theological, scriptural, doctrinal, and pastoral dimensions of these foundational sacraments of Christian initiation and faith. A group of 62 girls of Std-XI had an International Educational Tour to Thailand from 16-22 February. Fr. Ravi and three teachers along with a travel agent had accompanied them. The trip was not only exciting for the students but insightful and learning for the rest of their life.

The school observed Ash Wednesday with a holy mass for Christian students and staff, providing a moment of reflection and spiritual grounding.

Sch. Kenedy participated in the regent's recollection at JFCT, a time set aside to renew and re-energize spiritual life.

The campus served as a voting centre to celebrate the right and duty of casting a ballot. On the same day, Class 12 board examinations were in session; the school managed both responsibilities efficiently to ensure smooth conduct of voting and exams.

Students of Class 11 (boys and girls) attended a Life Orientation programme at Don Bosco Bariatu, a focused platform to help them reflect on life choices and prepare for future decisions.

After completing their annual examinations, students engaged in inter class tournaments across football, cricket, and badminton, promoting teamwork, fitness, and healthy competition.

The month of February showcased St. Xavier's Doranda community's ability to balance academic rigor with spiritual life, cultural hospitality, extracurricular vitality, and formative experiences. We congratulate every student and staff member who contributed to these events — especially our board examinees, the performers who welcomed guests, the participants in seminars and recollections, and the students who travelled and returned safely.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Kujur

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANCHI

The highlight of the month was the Blessings and Felicitation Programme for the outgoing students of Classes X and XII, centered on the theme "Wings to Fly, Roots to Remember." The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp and a solemn prayer service led by the choir, invoking God's grace upon the students as they prepare to step into new horizons. The principal's address reminded them to remain deeply rooted in values while courageously spreading their wings toward their dreams. Felicitation of Classes X and XII was a proud and emotional moment for teachers and parents, enriched by cultural performances, the School Band, and the "Celebrating Talent and Values" awards. The Head Boy's message and heartfelt sharing by outgoing students made the occasion memorable.

February also marked important academic transitions: final examinations for Classes IX and XI, smooth conduct of exams for NUR to VIII, and disciplined preparation for Board Examinations of Classes X and XII. Orientation programmes guided parents and students of Classes IX and XI into the new academic year, while online form filling for Class XI (2026-27) began as part of structured planning. At the Hindi Medium campus, the focus remained on the sincere

and prayerful conduct of the Board Examinations.

Professional growth was strengthened through the Training Programme on Art Integration, held at the Late Fr. Paul Vijay Minj Auditorium. Led by Mr. Deepak Rosario, the session combined theory and practice, encouraging creative pedagogy and experiential learning. It concluded with thanksgiving, the National Anthem, and fellowship over lunch, reinforcing both professional skills and community bonds.



A joyful milestone was the blessing of the new school bus, invoking God's protection upon all who will travel in it. This addition reflects the institution's commitment to safety, accessibility, and service.

The community also convened its Budget Meeting, reflecting responsible stewardship and transparent planning for sustainable growth.

Guided by the Jesuit spirit of faith, excellence, and service, St. John's School, Ranchi, continues to nurture young minds with competence, conscience, and compassion—giving them wings to fly while reminding them always of the roots that formed them.

Sch. Nitesh Rohit Minj

JHARNA – ASHIRVAD, NAMKUM

Ashirvad Novitiate

The month of February began with a great joy as the seven guests from Belgium, i.e. Fr Aurel Brys and others, accompanied by the provincial Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ. Fr. Sylverius Cheromako, and Fr. Deepak Toppo, visited us on 2nd February 2026. We warmly welcomed them in our own traditional way. We had meaningful conversation with them, followed by a sumptuous meal.

From 27th January to 15th February Fr. Ignatius Tete (Socius) went to JFCT, Tarunoday, Kanke to give classes to theologians. In the absence of Fr. Socius, Fr. Francis Minj SJ humbly accepted to take classes for us on our Founder focusing on self – knowledge and self-gift. He made us aware of how to proceed towards the transcendence. The classes of Fr. Francis offered us a lot of learning, insights, inspirations and motivations.

On 8th February, we went for a refreshing short walk. Amidst our busy schedule, it was a welcome pause that gave us time to relax and unwind. We truly enjoyed the outing and returned with renewed energy and a fresh spirit.

From 9th to 12th February Sr. Bridgit Kerketta DSA was with us to help us prepare well for our forthcoming village ministry. She gave us a simple method (Human approach method) to proceed in our preaching. Though, it is simple but it is very effective and meaningful. We are grateful to Sr. Bridgit for her help, generosity and being the part of our vocational growth.

On 15th February we had a friendly basketball match with Kishor Nagar boys. It strengthened our togetherness and friendship with one another. Congratulations to Kishor Nagar boys who won the match.

On 18th February the Ash Wednesday, the day began with Holy Eucharist. We went to ATC to attend the Mass. Good number of faithful gathered to pray and receive God's blessings and graces of the Lenten Season.

On 20th February evening, we had with us Fr. Prakash Louis SJ (PAT) to share with us about the misery of the migrants in India. Sr. Regina spoke to us about human trafficking. Both the Talks were very meaningful, eye opening and inspirational. We became aware of the burning issues present in our country.

On 24th February we went to St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi, to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Mathias Dungdung SJ followed by burial at Tumtum, Kantatoli, Ranchi.

Apart from our regular classes we are preparing for up - coming program that is- visit of Rt. Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. We are busy cleaning the campus and painting the boundary wall and the gate.

Soon we will be going for our village ministry and experiment. Preparation is going on under the guidance of Fr. Socius.

Jharna Spirituality Centre: Two seminar groups and four retreats were the main events which took place at Jharna in the month of February. Both the seminars focused on the Religious Women Empowerment engaged in Social Works particularly in the area of migration and trafficking. The first seminar was held from February 19 to 21 with the theme on Leadership and Fr Louis Prakash SJ from Patna and Fr Francis SDB from Delhi were the resource persons. The second Seminar was held from February 26 to 28 with the theme on Psycho-Socio Workshop. The resource person hailed from Delhi. From February

17 to 25 three different groups of retreatants made their Spiritual journey for eight days. Sr Shashi Baxla from Sacred Heart Congregation, Fr Ashok Sandil SJ and eight lay persons had their fruitful Retreat under the guidance of Fr Ignatius. Fr Ashok spent time in prayer in preparation for his final Vows to be held on March 4. The Ladies went through the Ignatian Retreat for the first time ever in their life and they were highly appreciative of the whole prayer method offered to them. Fr Camil, Fr Michael and Br Isidore went to Gumla for the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Sameer Ekka held on February 13. Fr Erentius and Fr Benjamin joined them in this trip.

NS. Aman Xavier Xalxo

JEEVAN DEEP, ATC, NAMKUM

The formative dimension of community life was strengthened on 29th January, when Sr. Prema Xalxo, DSA, Rampur, conducted an enlightening session on health and hygiene for the pre-novices. The class proved to be a new and enriching experience for them. Through practical guidance and awareness-building, the session emphasized the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene as essential elements for maintaining both physical health and mental well-being. The pre-novices received the session with great interest, recognizing that disciplined self-care forms a strong foundation for religious life.

On 18th and 19th February, the pre-novices underwent their medical examinations at Mandar Hospital. These tests were part of the necessary preparation before advancing to the Novitiate.



On 1st February, Fr. Ferdinand Kullu rejoined the community after a year-long break due to health concerns. We are grateful that he has regained good health and has resumed his responsibilities. He has begun teaching hymns to the pre-novices, enriching their liturgical formation and fostering devotion through sacred music.

On 18th February, Sch. Kanchan Minj joined the community as a regent. His role is to assist in the care and guidance of the pre-novices and to support the Director in the smooth functioning of the pre-novitiate. On 19th February, the community bid

farewell to Sch. Ananias Xess, expressing gratitude for his presence and service. On the same day, Sch. Kanchan was warmly welcomed into the community, marking a moment of both gratitude and new beginnings. Later, on 26th February, Sch. Ananias proceeded to Sadbhavna to prepare for his further studies, and the community accompanied him with prayers and best wishes.

From 9th to 17th February, Fr. Anil Kullu attended a retreat in Hazaribagh. He returned spiritually enriched, bringing renewed zeal and spiritual depth to the community.

On 14th February, Fr. Gabriel Xess, Fr. Erentius Minj, and Fr. Benjamin Kerketta travelled to Gumla to participate in the priestly ordination of Fr. Sameer Ekka. Their presence at this sacred celebration reflected our communion and joy in welcoming a new priest into ministry. On 15th February, Fr. Benjamin Kerketta attended the installation and blessing of the Way of the Cross at Kochang. On 24th February, some members attended the funeral of Fr. Mathias Dungdung, standing in prayerful support and fraternity with the bereaved and the wider Jesuit family.

On 25th February, Fr. Rajesh Sandil visited the Minor Seminary to conduct interviews of candidates to nurture and to help them discern their vocation in the Society of Jesus.

A particularly noteworthy aspect of this month was the generous spirit of service demonstrated by the pre-novices. They took turns visiting Mandar Hospital to serve Fathers admitted there.

Sch. Ananias Xess

KISHOR NAGAR, NAMKUM, BARGAWAN

On February 2, 2026, Fr. Aurel Bryce and some Belgian guests visited our campus. They were accompanied by Fr. Provincial, Fr. PCE, and Fr. Socius. They spent quality time with the Jesuits, staff, and students of Boys' Town.

The matriculation exams began on February 4, 2026, and the boys are currently busy with their exams. The practical exams were held on January 26–27. Meanwhile, classes for the junior section are in full swing.

On the 15th, teams from Don Bosco Kokar, the novices from Ashirvad, and the Kishor Nagar team participated in a friendly basketball match held at the Kishor Nagar basketball court. Fr. Walter Beck SJ, and Sanjay Tigga SJ, were present to cheer the teams. The Kishor Nagar boys won both matches.

Sch. Vicky attended the Regents' recollection at JFCT Kanke from the 21-22, under the guidance of Fr.

Florence Hassa Purty SJ. The Rotary Club of Ranchi visited Kishor Nagar on February 25th and donated several T-shirts.

The campus garden has recently yielded a variety of produces, including cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, garlic, green peas, coriander, and carrots. Additionally, the sugarcane is ready for harvest. Students enjoy sugarcane juice once a week and you are all welcome to have a glass of it.

We are all busy preparing for the forthcoming visit of Rt. Rev. Fr. General, also the boys are getting ready for their final exams, which is scheduled to begin on March 10, 2026.

Sch. Vicky R. Soreng

ST. STANISLAUS' SCHOOL, LOHARDAGA

On 21 February 2026, Sch. Fabian Dhanwar took time off for a day of recollection at Tarunoday, Kanke. Deeply immersed in his creative world, Fr. Dharamsheel continues to engage with art and artifacts—producing works both on request and purely for the joy of creation.

On 22 February, Fr. Sudhir Minj SJ, and Fr. Ephrem Baa SJ, from St. Xavier's College, Ranchi visited the Jesuit Community at Lohardaga to receive a statue of the Crucified Jesus crafted by Fr. Dharmsheel.

Sundays usually find Fr. Sheel relaxing by the Gurgama River and the Shankh River with his fishing nets. However, a sudden thunderstorm and heavy shower on Monday caused an unfortunate mishap. He slipped on a slushy path on campus and fell hard to the ground and hurt his right shoulder. At present, he is recovering—supporting and stabilizing his right shoulder with a medical strap, managing pain with prescribed medication, and applying ointment externally.

Fr. Suresh Aind SJ, continues to shoulder his responsibilities of teaching and supervising construction work at the school while managing fluctuating sugar levels. Meanwhile, the Superior remains actively engaged in overseeing work across the schools, residence, and farm—moving tirelessly from one corner to another to ensure timely completion. He is also laying an extensive pipeline network to irrigate shrubs, plants, and crops, aiming for a rich and fruitful harvest. A cup of coffee now and then offers him a brief pause, keeping both energy and spirits intact.

Fr. Sushil Tirkey SJ, visited Tongo to support and encourage members of the Jaivik Krishak Samittees (JKS), accompanying them in their efforts toward organization, collective empowerment, resource mobilization, and addressing migration challenges in the region. From 9 to 17 February 2026, he participated in the annual retreat for Central Zone Social Workers at Sitagarha. Later, on 21 February, he travelled to

Basatpur village in Pakirdanr Block, Simdega, for a review meeting of the programme “Ensuring Social Security and Resilient Communities.”

During the journey to Basatpur, one of the vehicle's tyres suffered irreparable damage beyond Palkot. Sincere thanks are due to Fr. George Soreng SJ, and Fr. Elphiz Kerketta SJ, for arranging another vehicle and new tyres for the Bolero, ensuring continued mobility to our mission villages.

Fr. Sushil & Sch. Fabian

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BUNDU

February 2026 was a month of grace, dedication, and significant milestones for Bundu Parish and its institutions. The month began on a grand and historic note as the “Khunti Diocesan Catholic Women's Association 26th Annual General Meeting” was successfully hosted at Bundu Parish from 31st January to 1st February. The event was blessed by the gracious presence of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Binay Kandulna, Bishop of Khunti, along with Fr. Bisu Benjamin Aind and Fr. Amrit Lakra SJ. Many Jesuit priests from the Khunti Diocese also graced the occasion. More than five thousand mothers participated in this spiritually enriching gathering.

On 3rd February, the JAC Board Examinations 2026 began for Matric and Inter College students, with St. Xavier's Hindi Medium School and St. Xavier's Inter College serving as one of the examination centres. On 12th February, the students of St. Xavier's English Medium School began their final examinations, which continued diligently until 23rd February. Shortly after, on 17th February, the ICSE Board Examinations commenced, marking an important phase for the Class 10 students of St. Xavier's English Medium School. The atmosphere throughout the month was one of focus, discipline, and prayerful support for the students.

The entire parish entered a sacred and reflective season during the month. On 18th February, Holy Mass was celebrated with the parishioners of Bundu Parish, during which ashes were applied on the foreheads of the faithful, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. The celebration invited everyone into a time of repentance, prayer, and spiritual renewal as they began their journey toward Easter.

The month concluded with continued academic and community engagement. From 25th to 27th February, the practical examinations for Class 10 were conducted with seriousness and commitment. During the same period, a community meeting was also held, providing an opportunity for reflection, planning, and strengthening the bonds of fraternity within the community.

Sch. Prawin Minj

JFCT, TARUNODAY, KANKE

On 1 February, some of our brothers involved in youth ministry accompanied the youth of Kanke Parish for a picnic to Bakaspur. On 3 February, we were glad to welcome four Belgian guests to the community. An enriching interaction session was held during which they shared how the Christian faith is lived in Europe in the midst of rapid technological change and increasing secularization. We also shared the joys, difficulties, and challenges of living and witnessing to the faith in our local and Indian context.

On 4 February, the community joined the gathering at Manresa House, Ranchi, to express gratitude for the faithful service of Fr. Aurel Brys SJ, the 529th and last Belgian missionary in our region. His remarkable contribution to the mission in Chotanagpur, especially in pastoral ministry, formation, and lay leadership, was gratefully remembered. Fr. Francis later travelled to Kolkata and Mumbai to participate in meetings and seminars.

On 9 February, we were saddened by the sudden demise of Mrs. Albina Kujur, the aunt of Sch. Hemant Kujur. Fr. David accompanied him to Chainpur for the funeral. We pray for the repose of her soul and extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

On 14 February, the community organized its annual seminar on the theme "Theology of Land." Students and staff actively participated. The chief guests, Dr. Christ Sumit Abhay Kerketta, Principal of Gossner Theological College, Ranchi, and Fr. Dr. Suman Kumar Ekka of St. Albert's College, appreciated the initiative and the presentations, which highlighted the significance of land as God's gift and its relevance in the present context.

On 15 February, Fr. James Dhabi SJ (GUJ), guided the students through his course on the Gospels of St. Mark and St. Matthew. The community appreciated his systematic and insightful teaching. A community meeting on 19 February helped to reflect on our life and mission and to evaluate the annual seminar.

On 24 February, the community mourned the passing of Fr. Dr. Mathias Dungdung SJ, whose dedication and enthusiasm inspired many. Members of the community participated in the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ranchi, followed by the burial at Tumtuntoli, Kantatoli. May his soul rest in peace.

Sch. Praveen Kullu

CATHOLIC CHURCH, PATRACHAULI

Fr. John Fabianus Ekka, newly ordained, got back to Patrachauli on 31 January 2026 along with some of his relatives and well-wishers. The parish community welcomed him warmly. On 1 February, he celebrated Mass for the parishioners, with Fr. David Bara

concelebrating. Later that day, Fr. John left for the Saporom Jesuit Community for his new assignment, where he was received by Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur, Bro. James Barla, and the SCJM Sisters. We wish Fr. John God's blessings in his new mission.

The Annual Sports Day of St. Joseph's Middle School, Patrachauli, was held on 7 February 2026, with Fr. David Bara, PP and Secretary of the school, as the chief guest. The programme began with the torch lighting and march past, followed by various sports events. The students participated enthusiastically. Congratulations to Fr. Manohar, the teachers, and the students for the successful organization.

The teachers of St. Joseph's Middle School and Janta High School enjoyed their annual picnic at Bero Dam under the leadership of Fr. Manohar. The Mahila Sangh also held a meeting to discuss upcoming programmes, including the Archdiocesan Mahila Sangh Convention at Ulhatu, a pilgrimage to Jarangdih and Dhory Mata, and the celebration of International Women's Day.

From 10–11 February, Fr. David Bara attended a liturgy course and apostolic sharing programme at Pathalgaon, conducted by Fr. Valerian Lobo, with the participation of priests from the Central Zone Provinces. The participants also visited Mainpat. Afterwards, the Ranchi Province group travelled to Gumla for the priestly ordination of Dn. Sameer Ekka, SJ.

RCM Primary School, Purio, held its Annual Sports Day on 17 February 2026, and RCM Primary School, Ladda, on 19 February 2026. On both occasions, the children participated actively and made the events lively and successful.

On Ash Wednesday, Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the parish and for the school community. The Lenten tour to parish units began from 23 February 2026.

Fr. David Bara

PRABHAT TARA, DHURWA

The month began on a sad note for Fr. Philemon, received the news of the death of his younger sister, Elizabeth. He attended her funeral at Chichwani Katkahi. Later in the month, he also attended the funeral of Miss Flora, the elder sister of Damad Ignace Lakra, at Chainpur.

On 3 February, a farewell programme was organized for the Class X students of the English Medium School. Dr. Anil Birendra Kullu, Professor at Ranchi University, was the Chief Guest. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng (Director), Fr. Philemon Ekka (Secretary), and Frs. Vijay Kr. Minj and Jerome Stephan Xalxo were the Guests of Honour. In his address, Dr. Anil Birendra Kullu encouraged the students and wished them success in their future endeavours.

On 8 February, the Belgian guests visited Prabhat Tara briefly on their way to Birsa Airport. They were welcomed with a song and garlanded. Fr. Provincial Ajit Kumar Xess and Fr. Deepak, who accompanied them, were also present. After some refreshments and interaction, the guests left for the airport.

On 14 February, the students of Prabhat Tara Middle School and some staff members went for a farewell picnic for Class VI at Bakaspur. They enjoyed the outing and returned in the evening.

On 16 February, Fr. Philemon, President of the "Joint Churches" of the Dhurwa area, convened a meeting of the Fathers, Pastors, and representatives of different churches. It was decided to organize a joint Palm Sunday procession on 29 March at Prabhat Tara, with the faithful of all churches participating with banners and musical instruments. It was also agreed to have a pulpit exchange on 15 March between Prabhat Tara and Hadser NWGEL Church as a sign of unity among the churches.

On 18 February, the Lenten season began with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass was celebrated in the morning for the school students and faithful, and another Mass in the evening for those who could not attend earlier. A good number of faithful participated in both celebrations.

Fr. Philemon Ekka

ST. MICHAEL'S KHUNTI

On 1st February, Fr. Amrit Lakra came back from Bundu after attending Diocesan Mahila Sangh Meeting. Fr. Mahendra P. Tigga and Fr. Suman P. Toppo accompanied the youth on the occasion of Youth Picnic Day at Bakaspur picnic spot. In the evening, the community members went to Jeevan Jyoti Convent, Pelaol to wish PHJC sisters 'Happy Feast'.

Fr. Bimal Minj was in Goa from 6th - 8th Feb. for the Jesuit Alumni Meeting. He came back on 8th evening. Fr. Mahendra P. Tigga was in Hazaribagh from 9th - 17th Feb. for his Annual Retreat with his Social Action Commission members. Br. Elias Minj was in Constant Lievens Hospital from 12th Feb. - 23rd Feb. for his check up and treatment. He came back to the community on 23rd February.

On 8th Feb., Fr. Amrit Lakra accompanied a group of sisters belonging to Missionary Sisters of Jesus the Eternal Priest to Kochang. He also inspired them to visit Dolda and Sarwada. They were very happy to be in the pilgrimage centre and our old parishes.

On 15th February, all the community members were in Kochang for the blessing of the Way of the Cross and the closing Ceremony of the Year of Pilgrims of Hope. The community played an important role to make the

program grand and successful. Under the guidance and leadership of Fr. Suman P. Toppo, a beautiful tent was pitched and a devotional liturgy and choir was prepared. Fr. Bimal Minj shouldered the responsibility of decoration. On this auspicious occasion, there was a book release of 'Nawa Maskal' (Nayi Kiran) written by Fr. Emmanuel Barla SJ. Congratulations to Fr. Emmanuel Barla for his good work.

The Annual Exams for class X of English Medium School commenced on 17th Feb. It is the first batch writing annual exam in the home centre after obtaining affiliation to CICSE. On 22nd February, the entrance test for new applicants and interview for new teachers were held in English Medium School.

Fr. Amrit Lakra

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SANTOLI

Preparation for Fr. General's Visit: Preparations for the visit of Fr. General are progressing well. The community is engaged in cleaning the campus, repairing roads, whitewashing buildings, planting decorative plants, and arranging parking space. At St. Xavier's College, the finishing work of the new academic block is nearing completion, while other facilities and surrounding areas are also being prepared. As the day of blessing and inauguration approaches, the community remains actively involved in the final arrangements.

JAC Board Examination: The JAC Board examinations were conducted peacefully on the campus. The Matric examination was held from 3 to 17 February, and the Plus Two examination concluded on 24 February. With proper supervision, the examinations passed off smoothly without any malpractice.

Entrance Test and Annual Examination: The entrance test for admission to the Commerce stream at St. Mary's English Medium School was held on 8 February 2026 with good participation from students. The Annual Examination of the school began on 12 February and was conducted in a disciplined and well-organized manner.

Speech Competition: On 14 February 2026, the school organized a speech competition on the theme "Youth Empowerment in Shaping the Future." Students from different classes participated enthusiastically and delivered inspiring speeches, making the event meaningful and lively.

Fr. Pius Xalxo

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Sch. Mathew Tigga SJ successfully completed his Diploma in Philosophy and left for province on Feb 4. We happily wished birthday wishes and invoked God's blessings upon Sch Blacius Soreng, on the province recreation on Feb 4 and to Sch Ashwini Tigga to on Feb 25.

On Feb 13 Jnana Deepa organized the valedictory programme for the outgoing students of Philosophy, Theology, and Postgraduate. Each student was given a token of love as a farewell gift. That same evening, the Diaconate candidates began their recollection which continued until the day of their diaconate ordination.

It was a great joy for Ranchi Province as well as for Ranchi men at DNC to have Sch Sagar Xalxo for the Diaconate Ordination on Feb 14, 2025. There were altogether seven Jesuits, one MCBS, one CMI and one Capuchin for the Latin Rite Diaconate Ordination at DNC. Most Rev. Simon Almeida, D.D, the Bishop of Poona conferred gracefully the first Diaconate Ordination after his Episcopal at DNC.

During the homily, His Lordship elucidated the theology of Diaconate and pastoral help to the candidates of the Diaconate for their effective service in the Church as well as for the people of God. Soon after the mass, His Lordship and the Deacons were led in a tribal procession to the community hall for the felicitation. A colourful felicitation programme was organized to congratulate all the Deacons. On behalf of all the Deacons, Dn. Sagar Xalxo shared his inspiring vocation story with the august gathering and expressed heartfelt gratitude to Most. Rev. Simon Almeida, D.D. the Bishop of Poona for conferring the Diaconate Ordination. It was truly a blessing to have His Lordship for the solemn occasion. He also thanked Rectors of other Congregations and the invited guests of Deacons, especially to Fr William D'Britto who generously and tirelessly provided liturgical practices to the Deacons. We joyfully congratulate Dn. Sagar Xalxo SJ and pray for God's blessing upon him. All the guests were served with a festive lunch. In the evening, there was province dinner on the occasion of Diaconate.



On Feb 19, the third-year students of Philosophy wrote their comprehensive written examination in order to qualify for the oral comprehensive in March. After passing the written exam, students are promoted to the oral comprehensive in March.

On Feb 20-21 we had the final RRSJSA recollection which was guided by the coordinator of RRSJSA, Fr Joseph Lobo.

On Feb 22, the CCA celebrated the last Hindi mass of the academic year combined with a farewell for the outgoing Fathers, Brothers and Sisters. Dn. Sagar Xalxo broke the Word of God with profound depth and experience connecting it to the real-life examples. Soon after the mass, a farewell programme was held in the Chapel itself. The celebration culminated with high tea.

On Feb 25, the ministry sharing and evaluation was held, where each person shared their experiences, challenges and learnings. It was also a time to reflect by highlighting the positive aspects of the ministries as well as the areas for improvement. The entire process was guided by ten coordinators for ten ministry groups.

Fr. Wilson Kandulna

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

We began the month with a community meeting on the 3rd of February, at the community hall, where important matters concerning the community were thoughtfully discussed. Soon after, on 7th February, the community enjoyed a fun-filled picnic at Wonderla. The day was filled with thrilling rides, exciting water games, shared meals, and much laughter. It provided everyone with an opportunity to relax, socialize, and strengthen bonds, making it a truly delightful and memorable experience. Continuing the spirit of togetherness, a faith-sharing event was organized in different parishes on the 14th of February. Through prayers, reflections, and engaging discussions, members shared insights on living out their faith and supporting one another.

With the beginning of the Lenten season, we observed Ash Wednesday with reverence and devotion. Members and the faithful gathered for a solemn Mass to receive ashes as a sign of repentance. On the 20th –21st of February, we participated in the SHC/SNRI National Seminar on “Human Person and Dignity” held at Loyola College. Scholars and participants engaged in insightful lectures, panel discussions, and workshops exploring human dignity, rights, and ethical responsibility. The seminar provided a valuable platform to exchange ideas and strategies aimed at promoting respect for the human person.

On 25 February, the second-year brothers went on an outing to Velankanni, a place of great spiritual and cultural significance. They visited the shrine, participated in prayers, explored the surroundings, and shared meals together. The month concluded with a farewell program for the second-year brothers.

on the 28th of February 2026. The event featured a warm welcome, opening prayer, speeches of gratitude, fond recollections, cultural performances, songs, and skits. The brothers were presented with tokens of appreciation, and the celebration ended joyfully with refreshments, laughter, and deep camaraderie.

Sch. Pawan Kandulna

BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

February was a month of spiritual growth, community bonding, and joyful celebrations. We kicked off the month with a Spiritual Recollection Day on 1st February 2026. On 4th Feb, the whole college came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St. John de Britto in the college church. This was followed by a community tour from 6th-8th Feb, where we visited Tuticorin port, explored Mandapadam, where St. Francis Xavier stayed and worked. We had the Holy Eucharist celebration at the cave chapel. Fr. Superior presided over the Mass. Walking in the footsteps of St. Francis Xavier, we were inspired by his dedication to spreading the faith, and our experience at Mandapadam was a profound reminder of the power of faith and service.

Adding to it, we also visited local families which deepened our connections with the community. The next day of our tour was filled with community activities, including a fun-filled day at the waterfall and relaxation at the botanical farm. These activities allowed us to unwind and connect with nature which rejuvenated our spirits.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was grandly celebrated on 11th Feb with a candle procession at the college campus which was a beautiful expression of our devotion and faith.

We marked Ash Wednesday on 18th Feb, beginning a special spiritual journey, with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at the college church. This solemn day reminded us of the importance of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

We rounded off the month with a vibrant hostel celebration on 21st Feb, featuring cultural activities like singing, dancing, and traditional performances by hostel boys and girls. The energy and enthusiasm of the celebration were infectious on and off the stage. These events enriched us all and created lasting memories.

Sch. Rohit Paul Kerketta

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD

The month began with the recollection day, the theme of which was DIGITAL DETOX. It was an opportune time to become aware of the use of digital media and the importance of detachment from it. On 2nd February

2026, we celebrated the Birthday of Sch. Ambros Toppo and the birthday of Sch. Nitish Dungdung on February 10, 2026. Sch. Ambros was selected as one of the best 5 athletes in the Gujarat University.



On 13th February, he had gone to Haryana for his Marathon (10 km), representing the Gujarat University at National level. Sch. Ambros got 308th position out of 1000+ runners from 136+ different universities all over India.

On 18th February, we entered into the transformative journey of Lent by signing with ash on our forehead. Then, we had first 'Way of the Cross' of the Season on the following Friday.

Sch. Ajay Ekka

SSC JUNIORATE, SITAGARHA, HAZARIBAGH

The months of February was filled with joy and laughter, offering profound insights into our psycho-spiritual and intellectual growth. Following nearly two months of intensive preparation, Juniors from all five Juniorates in the Assistancy participated in the JCSA-organized short story writing competition on January 27 and an essay writing competition on January 30. We eagerly await the results, expected in the coming weeks.

On February 1, 2026, the Juniors observed their Monthly Recollection. The recollection talk was delivered by Rev. Sr. Betsey of the Holy Cross Congregation, who also serves as the Tertian Instructor for her congregation. On the same day, we had the enriching experience of meeting our respective Spiritual Directors for our monthly guidance.

From February 2, 2026, we attended a week-long seminar on Jesuit Spirituality conducted by

Fr. Medard Xalxo SJ, the current Tertian Instructor for the Jesuit Tertian Fathers at SSC. His sessions guided us back to the foundational roots of Jesuit spirituality and charism. February 14, 2026, was a red-letter day for the SSC community. Members of various religious

congregations on campus gathered to felicitate Rev. Fr. Pancratius Minj SJ (MAP), a Golden Jubilarian and the Novice Master of SSC Novitiate. The solemn Jubilee Eucharist was presided over by the Jubilarian himself, followed by a felicitation ceremony and table fellowship. Many of Fr. Pancras' relatives travelled from Chhattisgarh to grace the occasion.

On February 17, the Juniors and faculty held a monthly get-together to honour those celebrating birthdays this month. The following day, February 18, Ash Wednesday, Fr. Medard Xalxo presided over the Eucharist and delivered a moving homily highlighting the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. On February 19, Sch. Prabhaker Bilung celebrated his birthday, sharing a moving testimony of God's providence. Furthermore, on February 20, the Juniors initiated a new practice of delivering declamations during lunch and supper. This platform serves to hone our public speaking skills and build confidence for our future missions.

Finally, we were privileged to welcome Rev. Fr. Deepak Toppo SJ (PCF), on February 23. He spent a day and a half with us, listening to our experiences and reviewing our progress. We are deeply grateful for his motivating presence and the quality time he invested in us.

Sch. Amit Dhan

OURS IN ASSAM MISSION

JESUIT BHAVAN GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

New Mission Center: As St. Xavier's Manas Bansbari is handed over to the Diocese of Bongaigaon, the new mission center was awaited to be started in Baksa District under Bongaigaon Diocese. After one year of effort the assigned team was able to find out the new place for our mission in Angulia village under Jhala Block. Having submitted all the required documents and gone through the legal process of purchasing land, finally the registration of the land is completed on 03rd February, 2026. The land is registered in the name of St. Xavier's school under Purvodaya Seva Samaj which is represented by Fr. Rozario Mosahari. Thanks to all the fathers and people who have contributed in the process of purchasing land for our new mission. We wait for the further development of the centre and hope for the better mission in Angulia.

Fr. Manoj Vengathanam, the provincial of TOR, Ranchi Province made a visit to us and stayed with us from 05-08 February. His visit was on account of the farewell of Fr. Ajit Tiru TOR who worked as the staff of Gana Chetana Samaj for one and year. He was given

farewell on 8th of February and next day went back to Ranchi for the new assigned place Dorma. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Provincial and to Fr. Ajit for his availability and service to the community and Assam Mission.

On 24th February, Fr. Thomas Barla, along with a few representatives from Assam, left for Ranchi to discuss issues related to the Adivasis of Assam with the concerned authorities. The purpose of meeting was to seek the guidance from them for the unity of Adivasis and raise their voices related to their entitlement, daily wages and land ownership.

Gana Chetana Samaj conducted a one-day seminar on 22nd February for the Village Development Committee from various study centres. They were acquainted with various activities conducted by Gana Chetana Samaj and their cooperation and support to carry out the activities and reach out to the achievement. On 24th February Fr. Anuranjan Purty left for Pengree to give the leadership training to the Instructors of Pengree area. He highlighted the various aspects of leadership qualities and their role and responsibilities in their village and community.

Fr. Anuranjan Purty

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE SONABHEEL

St. Xavier's College: The Common Papers Examinations of the GU-FYGP Semester – I concluded on 2nd February and the regular classes of Even Semesters resumed thereafter at St. Xavier's College. The Xavier Utsav – 2026 was celebrated from 10th – 13th February. It included varieties of indoor and outdoor sports events. The football, volleyball and cricket match for boys and girls were the most exciting events. The students also had a thrilling participation in the solo and group indoor events like singing, dancing, essay writing, and story-telling. There was a fair competition among the students in these events. The Xavier Utsav – 2026 was concluded with the valedictory function on 13th February in the college auditorium with Fr Ignatius Minj SJ, Advocate and Parish Priest of St. John De Britto Catholic Church, Balipara as the Chief Guest and Fr. John Berchmans Dungdung SJ, the Principal of St. Xavier's School, Tarabari and the founding Principal of the College as the Guest of Honour on the occasion. During this time, the multi-talented Staff and Students performed colourful cultural programmes. The Chief Guest gave away the medals and certificates to the winners after delivering a very meaningful speech on the Jesuit theme of Magis in the academic and co-curricular activities of the college. Similarly, the Guest of Honour spoke on the theme of CHAITRABAN meaning colourful garden symbolizing St. Xavier's College and

gave away the prizes to the winners of various events. Fr. Alexius Ekka SJ – the Superior of the Xavier Campus and Fr Claber Minj SJ – the Vice Principal of the College also graced the occasion. The celebration ended with great jubilation in the college campus. And to cap the occasion the 115 staff and students went for an exciting picnic to Hathimura Silghat at the Brahmaputra river bank on 14th February enjoying the day amidst singing and dancing besides relishing the delicious food. Two buses were hired for the outing and enjoyment in the college life.

St. Xavier School: The final Geography practical exams of class 12 was conducted at St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School, Sonabheel on 4th February. This year also the External Exams Inspector from other college was deeply impressed by the performance of the students. Then on 8th February class XI students organized a farewell programme for the outgoing students of class XII. Since 11th February class XII students are writing their final board examinations which will continue till 12th March. As regards St. Xavier's Primary School the academic session will conclude with the final examination from 27th February to 12th March 2026.

Spiritual Ministry: Fr. Xavier Lakra SJ was engaged in hearing confessions on 14th February of the FMA Sisters and their girl trainees at Tornkatti and on 16th February of the students of Ursuline College Hostel, Sonabheel including the Sisters besides giving them a Recollection. Similarly, he heard the confessions of the Ursuline Sisters and the hostel girls at Kauripahar Nirmal Niketan Ursuline Convent on 17th February on the eve of Ash Wednesday. He also officiated at the Holy Mass with the villagers of Kauripahar, unit of Dokmoka parish of Diphu diocese on Ash Wednesday 18th February. Finally, he was at Seijusa in Arunachal Pradesh to give a Recollection to the Ursuline Sisters and heard their confessions including their teachers before celebrating the mass.

Fr. Alex Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BOGAPANI, ASSAM

The month began with an important academic event. On 10th February 2026, the Class X students started their Matric Board Examination. They went to their exam centre at Pengaree in a hired bus arranged by the school. Two teachers accompanied them each time. The teachers encouraged and supported the students during their examinations.

On 11th February 2026, the school conducted a practical session on the use of Fire Extinguishers. Experts showed the correct way to use fire safety equipment. Students and staff participated actively.



They learned important safety steps to follow during emergencies. The session increased awareness about fire safety and preparedness.

On 18th February 2026, a Common Mass was held for the Christian students on the occasion of Ash Wednesday. It marked the beginning of the Lenten season. The celebration was solemn and prayerful. It helped students to reflect and prepare their hearts during this holy season.

On 20th February 2026, the school began the Annual Examinations. The examination atmosphere was peaceful and disciplined. Students appeared well prepared under the guidance of their teachers.

Overall, February was a month of responsibility, learning, prayer, and academic focus.

Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

On the 12th of February, Mathew Kawa and Nitin Bilung successfully completed their First Semester examinations and felt deep relief after nearly two months of continuous study and preparation. The examination period had been intense and demanding, requiring a great deal of focus, discipline, and perseverance. The end of the exam period brought not only great relief but also a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. For Nitin, the Semester exam was a particularly special moment, as it was his first experience of examinations at the Gregorian University. Adjusting to a new academic environment and its expectations had been both challenging and enriching for him. Completing his first set of exams marked an important milestone in his academic journey.

To unwind after the demanding exam period and strengthen the bonds of friendship within the Living Groups, the Scholastics of the International College of Gesù were given three days to spend together outside Rome. Going out of Rome was a much-needed break

that allowed them to relax, refresh their minds, and to enjoy one another's company outside the pressure and tensions of academic life. Each group planned its own trip, choosing destinations that would offer both enjoyment and opportunities for learning. Nitin, along with his group members, travelled to Palermo, a southern Italian city. During their visit, they explored the city's rich historical, spiritual, and cultural heritage. They visited significant landmarks, experienced the local traditions, and gained a deeper understanding of the place. The trip was not only educational but also memorable, providing them with new insights and experiences. At the same time, Mathew and his group chose to visit Venice. They enjoyed the beauty of the city, known for its unique canals, historic architecture, and vibrant culture. Walking through its narrow streets, visiting famous sites, and experiencing Venice's atmosphere made their trip both enjoyable and enriching.

All the groups returned on the 15th of February, bringing many joyful memories and shared experiences. These trips helped them to relax after their hard work and also strengthened the sense of community and friendship. The very next day, on the 16th of February, they resumed their academic life and began the new semester with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and motivation. Refreshed from the break, they were ready to face new challenges and continue their studies with greater focus and commitment.

On the 27th of February, Mathew and Nitin witnessed a historic and inspiring moment – the public defence of the doctoral thesis by R.P. Dr. Kulwant Minj. It was truly remarkable and inspiring to see an Adivasi scholar defending his doctoral thesis on Canon Law at the Gregorian University. His achievement was a proud moment for all the Ranchi Jesuits and for all from the tribal communities of Central India, which encouraged them to pursue their academic goals with dedication and perseverance.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

And finally, after nearly 21 years, Ranchi Province had an Academic Doctor from the Gregorian University!!!

It is fitting to begin the academic life of February with the end. On the 27th of February, R.P. Kulwant Minj defended his Doctoral Thesis. It had to be a superb and incredible defence. And, so it was. Nearly 13 years of hard work (First, Second, and Third Cycles) had paid off. He began his Bachelor of Theology in 2013, got ordained a Deacon in 2016, and on the 7th of January, 2017, he was ordained a priest. In October of the same year, he began his Licentiate in Canon Law and completed it in June 2020. By the end of 2020, he began the research on his doctoral topic: "The postulator in

the causes of saints: Historical-juridical analysis of his rights and obligations." Many congratulations to P. Kulwant and his moderator, Dr. Emanuele Spedicato. To mark a truly historic day, a good number of Indian Jesuits, friends from ABHAS Family, and the Well-Wishers of P. Kulwant came to support and congratulate him. A rousing felicitation followed at Collegio San Roberto Bellarmino, with community members, many distinguished guests, and the ABHAS Family. To cap it all off, Alok Ekka and Pramod Bara organised a celebratory dinner on the 28th of February at Collegio Bellarmino, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Central Zone Jesuits.



In addition to Kulwant's milestone, the Bellarmino Community also had some special days in February. On the 14th of February, the Community observed a day of Lenten Recollection with P. Stanislas Kambashi, Superior of San Pietro Canisio. On the 17th of February, "Fat Tuesday" was celebrated in the community. The Lenten Season started with the community Mass on the 18th of February. Alok turned a new page of his life as he celebrated his birthday on the 23rd of February by faithfully attending 8 Hours of classes, which kept him busy from morning till evening. On the 25th of February, the community organised an annual meeting to evaluate and discuss community life and its activities. Many new ideas and projects were proposed to make the Bellarmino Community more friendly and conducive to study and research.

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

The first two weeks of February, from the 1st to the 12th of February, were devoted to semester examinations. Jyoti was fully occupied with his exams during the exam period. Soon after the examinations, from the 12th to the 14th of February, Jyoti participated in a Triduum with the community's students as part of their Annual Renewal of Vows. The Triduum was held at the San Biagio House of Prayer in Subiaco, Lazio, run by the Salesian Sisters. The location was well chosen, as the prayer house is just a five-minute walk from

the Monastery of St. Benedict, also known as “Sacro Speco” (“Holy Cave”). The medieval monastery hangs dramatically between Mount Taleo and the Aniene valley. It is also a place associated with Saint Francis of Assisi, who frequently visited the area for Retreats. The serene, spiritually enriching mountain setting added depth to the prayer experience, complemented by P. Jeevan Mendosa’s points and prayer reflections. After returning refreshed from the triduum, the second semester began on the 16th of February. For Jyoti, the next six months will be the Final Semester of his Licentiate Program. The community began its Lenten observance with the traditional “Martedì Grasso” (“Fat Tuesday”) on Tuesday, the 17th of February, the day before Ash Wednesday. As the day also coincided with the Chinese New Year, the community celebrated with Chinese and Vietnamese cuisine. The term “Martedì Grasso” derives from the Latin Martis dies (day of Mars). The adjective “grasso” refers to the ancient custom of consuming rich and fatty foods, such as meat, lard, and sweets, before the beginning of the strict Lenten fast. On the 25th of February, one of the community members shared prayer points for the Lenten season.

GENERAL CURIA

In May 2025, the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) Carbon Initiative collected data from staff members – both Jesuits and lay employees – to assess the Carbon Footprints of the General Curia. The General Curia received its first comprehensive ecological assessment report in February 2026, which exposed the institution’s carbon footprint and outlined a path toward sustainability reforms. The audit calculates the Curia’s annual emissions at 1,423 tons of CO₂ equivalent, with air travel emerging as the dominant source. The air travel sector accounts for 59% of all emissions, far surpassing energy use, cooling, and material consumption. The report shows that air trips by Jesuits and others to the Curia in Rome for events generate 840 tons of CO₂ annually. Long-haul flights are responsible for the overwhelming share of these emissions. Emissions from cooling systems account for 33% of the total Carbon footprint, with refrigerant leakage from air-conditioning units contributing 255.7 tons of CO₂e. The report warns that real emissions could be higher if maintenance standards decline.

A staff survey with a 76% response rate reveals strong personal commitment to ecological issues but only moderate satisfaction with institutional efforts. Employees rated the Curia’s sustainability performance at 5.8/10, while strongly agreeing (8.7/10) that the institution “should lead by example. The staff priorities include: 1) reducing unnecessary heating,

cooling, and lighting, 2) cutting single-use plastics, 3) improving recycling, 4) reducing flight-related travel, and 5) installing solar panels.

The assessment outlines several reduction pathways: a) Solar installations of up to 420 m² could cut electricity-related emissions by 23 tons per year. b) Replacing high-impact refrigerants could reduce cooling emissions by more than half. c) Shifting away from short and medium haul flights could save up to 65 tons of CO₂ annually. In addition, d) recommendation for a sustainability officer, improved data tracking, and staff engagement.

The report argues that the Curia must take a leading role in influencing ecological action across the worldwide Jesuit Institutions. With coordinated leadership, it could become a catalyst for systemic change and a Jesuit hub for sustainability with global reach.

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

The Semester Exams were concluded on the 11th of February. After a short break, the Second Semester regular classes started on the 16th of February. On the 12th of February, the Online Course in English was inaugurated by R.P. Rector Prof. Mark Lewis of the Pontifical Gregorian University. Prem coordinated and conducted the First Session online. As an exemplary sign of collaboration, Prof. Arturo Bellocq from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross moderated the Session, while two Ursuline Sisters from Ranchi, Shanti Sabina Samad and Prabha Topno led the Opening Prayer. In his welcome address, R.P. Rector reminded the participants of the aim of the Online Course on Integral Ecology and encouraged them to put into practice whatever they learn from the Course. The Resource Persons and Participants from different corners of the world add a distinct colour to the Online Course, making it more enriching, vibrant, and challenging.

After almost two months of rehabilitation at San Raffaele Hospital, Prem was accorded a rousing welcome by community members on his return on the 19th of February. During the period of Rehabilitation, he had profound and highly enriching spiritual experiences and fraternal care. Every single day, one or more community members visited him to express the communitarian proximity, affection, and support. He was overwhelmed by the Community Members’ kind and affectionate gestures, extending their helping hands whenever and wherever required. He has begun his normal routine by taking regular classes and guiding the students in their studies. He has to continue the physiotherapy three days a week

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The second phase of physiotherapy is more based on cura personalis. He hopes to have the best results within the next three to four weeks.

On the 27th of February, the public defence by P. Kulwant Minj of his Doctoral Dissertation at the Pontifical Gregorian University was a historical moment for Ranchi Jesuits. Years back, on the 20th of June 2005, Prem had defended his Doctoral Thesis on Ecology. The theme of Kulwanr's Thesis was "The Postulator in the Causes of Saints: Historical-Juridical Analysis of His Rights and Obligations". In the presence of a large number of his Community members, ABHAS Family, Friends and Well-Wishers, he answered all questions patiently, eloquently, and diligently. The presence of R.P. Johan Verschueren, Delegate of A.R.P.N. Superior General and P. Pascual Cebollada, Postulator General of the Society of Jesus, made the event even more solemn. At the end of the public defence, those present greeted him cheerfully, "HABEMUS IURIS CANONICI DOCTOR". Heartfelt Congratulations and Best Wishes to R.P. Dr. Kulwant Minj for his future endeavours!!

Fr. Prem Xalxo

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA-JAMAICA

With immense joy and gratitude to God, Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage SJ celebrated his 20th Priestly Ordination Anniversary with his parishioners at Ascension Church New Amsterdam on 18 January 2026. Thank you for your years of generous service to the people of God here in Guyana. May your life as a priest continue to be filled with His grace and joy.

From 8 – 18 February, Fr. Augustin SJ, the assistant treasurer and Fr. Zaglul Criado SJ, the general counsellor from Rome visited Guyana to see the apostolic works, community life, financial situations and challenges. They visited most of the Jesuit mission stations in the Diocese of Georgetown and met all the Jesuits individually. On 17 February, the coastal platform had a day of prayer and reflection in Arrupe House Queenstown, Georgetown. They had their faith sharing, Holy Eucharist and social.

Fr. Amar Bage SJ had a special meeting with his Church team members to plan out the yearly events meticulously which will be a great help for them to grow in their spiritual and social life. He is encouraging the young people to bring them back to the church. He has started mass for them in the parish. It is wonderful to see youth and children actively participating in the Holy Eucharist.

From 20 – 22 February, along with Fr. Edwin Anthony SJ, the parish priest of St. Ignatius Mission Lethem,



Sr. Rashmi Kerketta OSU and Sr. Suchita Barla OSU arranged Parish Lay Assistant training programme in St. John De Britto Church Yurongparu, for six village communities of South Pakaraimas, Region. There were 70 participants who learned more about the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was also the occasion for them to grow in their spiritual life during the Lenten season.

Guyana celebrated its 56 Republic Day on 23 February 2026 under the theme "Expressing our culture through innovation and creativity". It was celebrated as Mashramani Carnival.

The consecrated life was celebrated in the Most Holy Trinity Cathedral Kingston on 2 February. Your Grace Kenneth David Richards, DD the Archbishop of the archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica was the main celebrant. There were 200 religious men and women for the celebration. Sch. Pablo Velasquez SJ the first-year regent in St. George's College Kingston, celebrated his birthday in Patrick House Jesuit Residence on 6 February. On 8 February, Fr. Ramesh Vanan SJ the Sectional Superior for the English-Speaking Section, went to Guyana for a month to visit all the Jesuit communities.

Fr. Elias Surin SJ and Fr. Lester Orville Shields SJ celebrated the Holy Mass in St. Ignatius Church Brownstown and St. Boniface Church Alva respectively in the diocese of Mandeville on Ash Wednesday. On 18 February in the evening Fr. Zaglul Criado SJ, came to Kingston for his visitation. Fr. Elias Surin SJ and Sch. Pablo Velasquez SJ met him in the morning and in the afternoon Fr. Lester Shields accompanied him to visit some historical, cultural and religious important places in Kingston.

Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston are very grateful to Fr. Elias Surin SJ for his availability for the sacramental needs and counselling in their communities. He visits regularly to their formation houses and their apostolate centres where they serve the poorest of the poor.

Fr. Elias Surin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH	
01	Roshan Ba'a
05	Fredrick Kujur
	Ravi Bhushan Xess
06	Ranjit Walter Lakra
	Albert Beng
	Priyatam Lakra
07	Alexius Kindo
	Celestin Minj
09	Sudhir Lakra
10	Habil Kujur
	Rohit Paul Kerketta
11	Anil Kullu
13	Aman Tete
16	Christopher Dungdung
17	Henry Barla
19	Sibil Joseph Horo
	Jaywant Soreng
20	Bimal Nag
21	Benedict Lakra
	Anand Amar Beck
23	Brice Bilung
25	George Soreng
	Ranjit Kullu
27	Nicholas Tete
29	Benedict Kiro
	Samir Xavier Bhawnra
30	Tej Kumar Bilung
APRIL	
02	Ajay Arun Minj
03	Prawin Minj
04	Anthres Dungdung
05	Samir Kerketta
06	James Barla
	Anugrah Amar Bage

07	Anand Kumar Kerketta
	Anthony Ekka
08	Sudhir Oreya
09	Cyril Guria
	Pradeep Bara
	Suman Bara
	Nishant Dungdung
10	Ajit Minj

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO ETERNAL ABODE

1. **Fr. Paul Aquilina, SJ (DUR)**, 94/75 passed away on 8 February 2026
2. **Fr. Abraham Puthumana, SJ (PAT)**, 92/72 passed away on 9 February 2026
3. **Mr. Marianus Kullu (75)**, cousin of Fr. Ferdinand Kullu passed away on 10 February, 2026
4. **Mrs. Bina Kujur (71)** aunty of Sch. Hemant Kujur (Tarunoday) passed away on 10 February 2026
5. **Mr. Irenius Tirkey (53)**, cousin of Fr. Alexius Tirkey, SJ passed away on 18 February 2026
6. **Mrs. Saroj Ekka (50)**, cousin of Fr. Alexius Tirkey, SJ passed away on 18 February 2026
7. **Mr. Robert Toppo**, younger brother of Fr. James Toppo, SJ passed away on 21 February 2026
8. **Mr. Amit Roshan Tete (40)**, cousin of Sch. Jyoti Bhushan Soreng passed away on 22 February 2026
9. **Fr. Mathias Dungdung, SJ (RAN)**, 100/79 passed away on 23 February 2026

