



Provincial Circular INE

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD
INDIA-EAST PROVINCE (INE)



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From the Leader's Desk...

INDIA @75... INE @ 74...

Dear Confreres,

Recently we had celebrated our nation's 75th Independence Day. In spite of the Pandemic waves, it was celebrated with great enthusiasm, fervour, and joy by the people all over the Country. Lokmanya Tilak's clarion call: "Freedom is my birthright" encouraged freedom fighters encouraged the freedom fighters by the thousands to shed their precious life to rid their Mother Land from the shackles of the British rule. The Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi (lovingly called *Bapuji*) spear-headed the non-violence movement which inevitably brought about the departure of the British rule in India and the sun set on the British Empire.

With Independence, India became the Largest Democratic Country in the world. Over the years, the country has and is making a steady progress and development in every aspect. Today India is the fastest developing country among the so-called countries in the third world.

India is known for its multicultural living, a land of gods and goddesses, rich in minerals and cultural heritage, natural resources in abundance and a kaleidoscope of languages, music, art, literature, and customs varying from state to state. Its history and all that goes with it dates back to a millennium (BC & CE). With the

above said India becomes Unique. We should uphold our heads high being an Indian.

In the year 1948, the first batch of SVDs set foot in the then called Gangpur Mission, today known as India East Province. After a serious prayerful reflection and keen study, they came to the conclusion that the most urgent and the dire need of the people and in particular, the children of the school going age, was the opening of schools with the aim of eradicating ignorance, replacing it with enlightenment of the knowledge and literacy. Education with quality and holistic approach was given utmost priority. Hence many schools came into existence which are now bearing fruits- thirty, sixty, hundred fold.

The next thrust of importance given was to health care. It was observed that there was a complete lack of basic health care in the remote areas of the Province. Opening of dispensaries manned with qualified nurses and midwives came as a blessing to many. Furthermore, health campaign timely conducted has created an awareness and enhanced the health of the people.

From the social aspect, the mission animation stirred up the awareness in the minds of the people of their rights and duties towards the

society and the Country. This is a fact and is visible.

The personnel involved in the struggle of emancipation of children, women, and the lower strata of the society has brought about a change and transformation in their lives.

Special compassionate love towards the sick and suffering (especially Leprosy, HIV patients, and other contagious diseases) brought hope in many to live on.

Till date, the hard and difficult work for the upliftment of the poor, the needy, and the deprived gave them a respectful status in the society, and many are living today a dignified life.

When, India stands tall by speaking its growth and progress, we must take pride that we have worked and are working for the last 74 years for the growth, the change, and for the transformation of the people. We have played a great and vital role in building up a Just Society and a Strong Nation.

Within these last 75 years, India has proved that it is one of the upcoming Super Powers in

the World. Nevertheless, at the same time, ground realities are something different, we are experiencing a state in which rich are becoming richer and the poor are becoming poorer day by day. There is a vast gap between the so-called the *haves* and the *have-nots*, we too notice, corruption, class-struggles, the poor being exploited in every public sector, youth facing severe unemployment problems, and serious Ecological crisis. All these call for a greater commitment- to build a nation that is 'free from poverty, illiteracy, injustice, corruption, and exploitations, where each will enjoy the joy, and peace, fraternity and brother/sister-hood, respect and freedom of life.

On this same day we have celebrated the feast of the assumption our Lady. Mother Mary's indomitable courage to be the co-redeemer alongside Jesus, reminds us to bring salvation to humanity. This invites each one of us to rededicate our missionary commitment to work for the change and transformation of the society at large

May our Mother Mary continue to intercede for each of us in our missionary endeavours!

ANNUAL SCHOOLS/COLLEGE RESULTS

The Provincial and his team congratulates the confreres and the staff for their hard work and dedication in the Education Ministry of our Society. We also congratulate the parents and guardians for supporting their children to come

out with flying colours. We present to you the complete list of our school results for the academic year 2020-2021.

Schools/College	Class	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang	X	219	219	100%
St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang	XII	178	178	100%
New Orissa High School, Gaibira	X	133	128	96%
New Orissa Higher Secondary School, Gaibira	XII	208	208	100%
Beatrix High School, Puri	X	67	66	98.50%
Nabajyoti High School, Kerjenga	X	119	119	100%
St. Paul's School, Rourkela	X	189	189	100%
St. Paul's School, Rourkela	XII	103	103	100%
St. Lawrence School, Tentoloi	X	118	118	100%
St. Arnold's School, Bhubaneswar	X	52	52	100%
St. Arnold's High School, Turbunga	X	70	70	100%

Appointment

Fr. Silvaraj Duddu - Counselor, St. Paul's School, Hamirpur

Congratulations...

As a Province, we congratulate and appreciate Fr. Dixon Lawrence D'Souza, SVD, for having successfully completed his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Urbe (*Angelicum*), Rome, with 99.79%. He has been awarded *Summa Cum Laude* (With Highest Honours) for his entire Licentiate programme and for his thesis titled "Taking Christ to a Globalised World: Towards a Spirituality for Intercultural Mission." He returned to the province on July 19, 2021 and is appointed to Divya Dham, Katapali, as the Assistant Director and as Province's Arnold Janssen Spirituality Coordinator. We wish him God's blessings in all his missionary pursuits and responsibilities. We whole-heartedly thank the Generalate Team for having subsidized his study programme.



Animation Programmes

1. Ongoing formation for confreres in Pastoral Ministry

Following the pandemic protocol, this year under the leadership of Fr. Luvis Ronald Pereira, SVD, Province Mission Secretary, our province's pastoral animation programme was conducted in three different places to avoid large gatherings.

August 05, 2021- SVD House, Gaibira

August 06, 2021- Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda

August 07, 2021- Divya Jyoti Seminary, Sason

There was great enthusiasm in sharing about the life and the mission work from the participants who were present on those days in those three places. We request you to await the full report of the programme until we publish our next circular.

2. Ongoing formation for the young confreres (2017-2021 Ordination Batches)

Two-day programme was organised for our young *confreres* at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, on August 11 & 12, 2021 by Fr. Luvis Ronald Pereira, SVD, Province Mission Secretary. There were about 12 participants. The energetic sharing by the SVD *confreres* who are involved in different apostolates, gave the young budding *confreres* a total glimpse of the reality of the province and the situation in which they are called to live. The report of the same will be published in the September circular.

Our Departed Relatives

- † Mr. Stephen Dung Dung, Brother-in-law of Br. Remis Tete, died on July 29, 2021
- † Mrs. Eliza Montherio, aged 64, maternal aunt of Fr. Naveen Prasanth Pinto, died on August 04, 2021

Birthdays of Our Confreres

August			
Tomi George	02.08.1967	Mathew Mattappallil	18.08.1934
Cherian Joseph	09.08.1961	John Maliekal	22.08.1940
Marcel Kujur*	10.08.1951	Joseph Kujur	22.08.1962
Petrus Kullu	10.08.1960	Pramodh Kumar Vatti	24.08.1990
Rudolf Crasta	14.08.1956	Luvis Ronald Pereira	25.08.1971
Isidore Kindo	16.08.1950	Joseph Philip	27.08.1955
Ashok Kumar Minj	18.08.1984		
September			
Symphorian Kujur	03.09.1955	Francis Jos	22.09.1981
Damian Jojo*	06.09.1944	Avinash Jadhav	22.09.1986
Lawrence D'Almeida	15.09.1981	Conel Correa (Frt)	23.09.1993
Kurian Puthuparambil	19.09.1945	Pradeep Soreng	26.09.1972
Lucas Kerketta (Bp)	20.09.1935	Anselem Kerketta	29.09.1971
Joseph P. Madanu (Dn)	21.09.1990	Prince Paul	29.09.1982

Scheduled Programmes

Annual Province Retreat

- Group- I** - October 10-15, 2021
Venue - Ishopanthe Ashram, Puri
- Group – II** - October 17-22, 2021
Venue - Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda

My Programme

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| August 25, 2021 | - St. Arnold's School, Remed, Sambalpur |
| August 26, 2021 | - Sub-Zonal & Inter-Zonal Meeting on Mission |
| August 28, 2021 | - KJM Governing Body Meeting, Sason |
| Aug 29- Sep 01, 2021 | - Bezda Mission |
| September 04, 2021 | - St. Paul's School, Hamirpur, Rourkela |
| September 08, 2021 | - Foundation Day Celebrations, Shanti Bhavan |
| September 10, 2021 | - Provincial Council Meeting |
| September 11, 2021 | - Sub-zonal Online Provincial Superiors Meeting |
| September 16-17, 2021 | - Online Formation Board Meeting |
| September 19-20, 2021 | - Inter Provincial Forum |
| September 21, 2021 | - VIVAT India Meeting |



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Convocation of the INE Provincial Assemblies and Chapter 2021

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August 17, 2021

Dear *Confreres*,

Greetings and Prayerful wishes to all.

In accordance with the norms of the articles 628.5 and 630.3c of the Constitutions of the Society of the Divine Word, with the consent of the Provincial Council, I convoke the Provincial Assemblies and the Chapter 2021 of India East Province. I invite all of you, individually and as communities, to reflect together on the theme, **“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”** (Jn 10:10) and to participate actively in all the discussions and deliberations.

Provincial Assemblies

First batch: November 4 – 5, 2021

Second batch: November 7 – 8, 2021

Venue: Shanti Bhavan

Provincial Chapter

Date: November 10 – 11, 2021

Venue: Shanti Bhavan

I also request the District Superiors to convoke the Local Chapters as per the convenience and the report of the same must reach the Provincial Office latest by September 10, 2021.

May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all!

United in prayers
Fraternally yours

Fr. Petrus Kullu
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Convocation of the Local/District Chapter

Dear District Superiors,

I request you all to take note of the following aspects before convoking and opening the Local/District Chapter. These might help you to conduct it in a legitimate way.

- a. Since the Local Chapter helps the local community to exercise solidarity and co-responsibility with the Province and the entire Society, in the light of the “Working Paper”, kindly encourage all the confreres to reflect deeply on our religious-missionary life and activities (Cons. 639).
- b. The Local Superior with the consent of his council convokes the Local Chapter (Cons. 639.1).
- c. Confreres in perpetual vows belonging to the Province and assigned to a given local community are the members of the Local Chapter. Only they enjoy both active and passive vote (Cons. 639.2).
- d. The right and duty to preside at the Chapter, including its voting and elections, rests with the competent superior or his lawful substitute (District Superior/Vice District Superior/delegated confrere). However, he may delegate the chairmanship of sessions to one or more moderators (“Statutes for Chapters,” no. 127 in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*).
- e. Elect the delegates to the Provincial Chapter with a substitute each (Cons. 639).
The Provincial Council has fixed the *quorum* of members in perpetual vows from which a delegate to the Provincial Chapter is to be chosen:
 - i) Up to seven (7) confreres, one delegate
 - ii) Up to fourteen (14) confreres, two delegates
 - iii) Up to twenty one (21) confreres, three delegates
 - iv) Twenty Eight (28) Confreres and above, four delegates
- f. Before electing the delegates and their substitutes, kindly assign two scrutineers/tellers (Canon 173, § 1; “Statutes for Chapters,” no. 126 in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*).
- g. In regard to elections, provided a majority of those who must be summoned are present, what is decided by an absolute majority of those present has the force of law. If there have been two inconclusive scrutinies, a vote is to be taken between the two candidates with the greatest number of votes or, if there are more than two, between the two senior by age. After a third inconclusive scrutiny, that person is deemed elected who is senior by age (Canon 119, 1°; “Statutes for Chapters,” no.125.2 in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*).
- h. To maintain accurately the records of all the proceedings/acts of the Chapter, choose two secretaries who will, once the Local Chapter is closed, without delay submit all the reports

as well as the protocols of the election for the Provincial Chapter to the Provincial Superior. (Canon 173, § 4; "Statutes for Chapters," nos. 126, 410 in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*).

- i. With the consent of an absolute majority of the confreres who are entitled to vote and are present in the house, the Local Superior/District Superior closes the Chapter ("Statutes for Chapters," no. 410 in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*).

Procedure of the Local Chapter

- Opening Prayer
- Declaration of the Chapter open
- Orientation talk on the 'Working Paper' and the Theme
- District Superior assigns two secretaries and tellers
- District Superior chairs the session or delegates another *confrere* for the same
- After the discussion and deliberations, the local Chapter suggests or recommends some points to the Provincial Assembly/ Chapter
- Delegates and their substitutes are elected
- At the end of the above proceedings, the Local Chapter is declared closed
- The report of the Local Chapter is sent to the Provincial Office

(N.B.: For further clarification, kindly refer to "Appendix X1" in *Handbook for Superiors SVD*)



Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD
Provincial Superior, INE

Let us always trust in the Lord. He is very wonderful in all his ways and often that which seems to be a barrier serves to carry forward his holy design in our lives

–St. Arnold Janssen