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A TIME TO SOW; A TIME TO REAP





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Challenge the challenging world. A rolling stone gathers no moss. Swim against the current. The unpredictable ride through the pandemic and many more difficulties made living life quite hard for people across the globe. Believe in the loving providence of God.

Arunima Sinha, a physically challenged girl climb at the highest peaks and hoisted the National flag of India in 2014. She was pushed out from a running train by some robbers in 2011 while she was resisting an assault. As a result, her left leg had to be amputated below the knee; she got rods in the right leg and multiple fractures in the spinal cord. She did not blame the fate, but she conquered heights that many of us can not even think off. In 2015 the government of India honored her with the Padma Shri award, the fourth highest civilian award of India. **If Arunima can, why we can't we?**

मांगन मरण समान है, मत मांगो कोई भीख,
मांगन से मरना भला, ये सतगुरु की सीख - Kabir Das

Begging is like dying, let no one beg; it is better to die than beg, this is the Sat Guru's message. Begging is as bad as death, for you leave your profession and become dependent on others. This is reprehensible conduct on the part of an active living man. We will struggle to exist.

We understand life as a 'Co Existence and Pro Existence', live together and live for the other. The ones that co-exist reciprocally help each-other to exist. This community of existence is substantiated more clearly by the term 'pro-existence', to exist for the other.

We nurture VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM ([Maha Upanishad VI.71-73](#)), a universal brotherhood. In this challenging world we will live for others and die for others.

Stay Safe; Stay Cool
Wish you all the Best



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We began the academic year 2020 – 2021 with lot of enthusiasm and a voluminous programme on the anvil. The bygone year was one of great achievements and we witnessed and participated in a plethora of events in the course of the year. It was heart warming to see our students, teachers and all stakeholders participating and involving heart and soul in all the curricular and co-curricular activities making themselves and the college proud. The management and the administration have left no stones unturned in the pursuit of success with excellence in every field. Our college has carved for itself a niche as an institute of excellence and unmatched quality in the field of education in the city of Bhopal. Our competent staff led this exuberant march with inimitable leadership and set appreciable benchmarks. The results of the University examinations are telltale proofs of the hard work we put in. I sincerely congratulate the Principal, staff, parents and all students for the high standards we maintain in academics. The end of an academic year is a time of stock taking and evaluation. The beginning of an academic year is one of planning, dreaming and setting goals. We look forward to faring still better in the coming academic year. Though the onslaught of Covid-19 impeded the momentum in every sphere of human enterprise in the last year, we have successfully lived through the Pandemic in spite of missing classroom study and all fun of campus life. It was not to be rated a set back as Christ College has always been in the forefront to invent new methods to conduct classes uninterruptedly and hold all programmes online and offline. All our online classes and offline activities were well accepted and rated grand success.

I place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to all students, parents, teachers, staff, the Government and the University Department, the College management, and all benefactors of Christ College for all the success stories we together wrought in the past, the achievements we made and the hopes we shared in unison. We are bent on achieving the vision, mission and objectives laid out in the CMI Education Policy and shall march forward in great strides carrying the legacy of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the great educationist, social reformer and spiritual epitome par excellence. I offer my Best Wishes for the New Academic Year and wish grand success in all our endeavours. May the Light of Christ shine in our hearts and lead our way.

Fr. Dominic, CMI
Director



Christ College observed Bhopal Gas Tragedy Day.....

A documentary, Bhopal '84, showcasing the perils of human suffering was televised to pay homage to the thousands who lost their lives, on the anniversary of the Gas Tragedy Day on 3 December 2020. The documentary was aired on the official You Tube channel of Christ College, 'CHRISTOSPECTRUM'. The purpose was to educate all viewers about the details of the tragedy that occurred in the year 1984 in Bhopal. The coordinator of the program was Mr. Augustin Williams.

Christmas Celebrations - 2020

Christmas was celebrated with piety and gaiety by Christ College on 23 December 2020.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the whole Christ College campus was festooned with colourful decorations. Every wing wore a festive look with the bells, stars, christmas tree, Santa, candles and reindeer. The students and teachers came dressed in different colours, each describing a special spirit of the festival. The essence of Christmas came alive at Christ College when the students and teachers got together and shared the merriment. The delightful celebrations included various activities.

The program commenced with a prayer dance by Ms Nandita Prajapati of B.Com I year. Candles were then lit during the prayer ceremony, in front of Lord Jesus. Dr Diwakar Singh gave a floral welcome to the Chief Guest and extended heartfelt greetings to the audience. The Christ campus then echoed with the carols, sang in the glory of Lord Jesus, spreading love, joy and goodness to all. Prof. Fr. Johnson, Principal of Christ College, delivered the Christmas Message of love, forgiveness and sharing. Rev Fr. Paul, Acharya of Yesu Ashram released the 7th Volume of the college newsletter, titled Christ Link, a journal of all the good works and hard work of the students, staff and management. Students of B.A and B.Com I year under the guidance of Ms. Jaya Saini, Assistant Professor, put up a dance performance which was a beautiful blend of divine music and energetic footwork. Then the Chief Guest, Mr Dwarika Prasad, Principal of the Sanskar Valley Public School, Padariya addressed the gathering. He extended greetings and good wishes of Christmas to all and expressed that the spirit of this great festival renews the whole world and refreshes the world stricken by pandemic Corona-19.

Bringing the celebrations to life the students presented a Christmas play titled 'The Best Gift for the King of Kings'. Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but also of reflection. The play was put up by the Department of English, Christ College, written by Fr N.K Dominic, Director of Christ College, directed by Fr Varghese, Assistant Professor and executed by Ms Pooja Srivastava, Assistant Professor. It was then that Santa made a grand entry and surprised the audience. The delight was unconstrained especially as Santa danced, spread joy and distributed sweets. The celebration culminated with a stunning dance performance by the students of B.Com. with smile on their faces and happiness in their hearts, dancing with joy wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Further all the students of I year were given a warm welcome by the seniors. This ceremony was spearheaded by Ms. Pooja Jain and Mr. Sanjay Mishra, students of B.Ed. II year.

To wind up the celebrations, gratitude for all was expressed by the Program Coordinator Rev. Dr. Varghese K., Assistant Professor, Department of English. Finally everyone was invited for a delicious treat on the occasion. The coordinator of the Christmas celebration was Rev. Dr. Varghese and it was anchored by Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistant Professor, Department of Education.

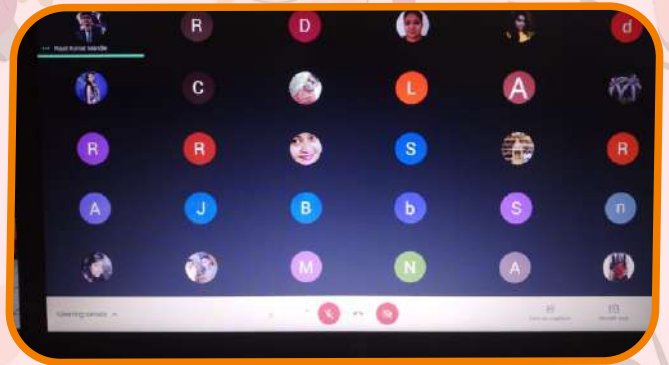
Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrate it with the same fervor, spreading the message of love and joy among all. It was indeed true that the warmth of Christmas was felt from the heart and the actions just proved it right!

New Year Celebrations



New Year was celebrated in the college on 4 January 2021 by the staff and management of the college. Principal Rev. Prof. Johnson greeted everyone with prayerful wishes for the New Year. In his message, Rev Father Johnson said that this new Year would bring new hope and aspiration to the college and wished everyone that this year should be a time of good health and prosperity for all. At the end cake was distributed to everyone present.

Christ College resumes virtual classes



After Christmas vacation Christ College commenced online classes from 4 January 2021. It was with beautiful smiles on their faces, enthusiasm in their hearts and hope in their eyes that both teachers as well as students reunited for teaching and learning. First day began on a lighter note with laughter and sharing of stories on how everyone spent their Christmas vacation and what resolutions they took for the new year. Principal Rev. Prof. Johnson on the occasion greeted everyone and prayed for everyone's wellbeing. He advised all to make plans for the year ahead and to work hard to achieve the targets. Studies then resumed in full swing. Everyone present online expressed their desire to join college as soon as possible.

Awareness Program on Banking Fraud



Two virtual awareness programs on COVID-19, and Banking Frauds were organized by Christ College in association with HDFC bank Bhopal on 25 January 2021.

The resource person on the occasion was Mr. Rajat Mandle, Deputy Manager of HDFC bank Bhopal. The session was attended by 70 students of Christ College along with the teaching and non teaching staff. The purpose of the program was to make the students and the staff members aware of the banking frauds that are happening these days. The Coordinator and the moderator of the program was Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava. The program was of immense benefit for all attendees.

Ms. Nandita Prajapati brings laurels to the College

Ms. Nandita Prajapati secured second position in a dance competition organized by BHEL on 26 January 2021. The program was organized on the occasion of Republic Day where Nandita performed Kavdi Chind, a folk dance from Tamil Nadu.



Republic Day Celebration

Christ College witnessed the celebration of the 72 Republic Day on 26 January, 2021. Students and Staff members imbued with the feeling of patriotism gathered in front of the college building. The celebration started with the hoisting of the National Flag by Rev. Fr. Justin, the President of the St. Paul Society, attended by Rev Fr Dominic, Director of Christ College and Rev Prof. Johnson, Principal along with the staff and students of the college. The cultural program began with a welcome song by the college choir. Then the Principal delivered the welcome address; he highlighted the importance of the Constitution and threw light on its unique features such as Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic as enshrined in the preamble of the Constitution. He also gave an insight into the various accomplishments achieved by the college and motivated the gathering to bring more laurels to the college.

The other events of the day included patriotic songs by college choir, a special rendering by Mr. Sahib Singh, patriotic dances by Ms. Pooja Jain and her group and Ms. Karishma Jigne and her group. A skit on The Fundamental Rights was performed by Ms. Pooja Jain and group.

The program ended with the message to create a great nation through collective efforts of all citizens. Sweets were distributed to all the guests and participants. The Coordinator of the program was Rev. Fr. Varghese and the program was anchored by Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava.

Acharya's Birthday celebrated



75th birthday of Rev. Fr Paul, Pattath, the Acharya of Yesu Ashram, was celebrated on 28 January 2021. The celebration commenced with a prayer for Fr Paul. Then cake was cut and good wishes were showered through songs dedicated to him. Rev Prof Johnson, the Principal on the occasion narrated his priestly life of love and sacrifice and told that this was also Fr. Paul's 50th year of first Vow, as a religious Priest in the CMI congregation. Prayerfully, everyone wished for Father's happy and healthy life ahead.

In the lap of the Nature

The staff of the Department of Education, Commerce and English set out to explore the beauty of the nature by retreating into the Samardha Forest on 30 January 2021. The serene scenery, the sylvan surroundings, the pristine streams and the quiet ambience of the forest refreshed the mind and body of all. The serendipitous wildlife sighting and the hike in the woodlands were a real treat for everyone. We could also interact with shepherds and the rural folk and share their wisdom. Everyone suggested that more of such darts away from the busy academic schedules would be refreshing and replenishing.

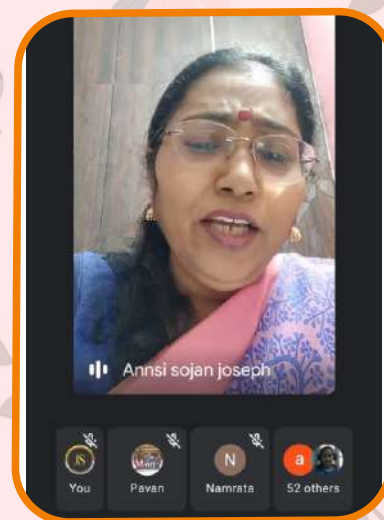


Birthday Celebrations

Christ College celebrated Ms Jaya Saini's birthday on 4 January 2021. Her birthday falls on 1 January but as the college reopened on 4 January the celebration took place then. Rev. Prof. Johnson on the occasion appreciated her services and wished Ms. Jaya a long life. Cake was cut and distributed among all present.



Workshop for B.Ed. students of IGNOU



An online workshop for B.Ed. 2019 and 2020 batch students was organized from 18 January to 30 January 2021. Practical of various topics like Pedagogy of subjects, lesson planning, Research, ICT, Language across curriculum, Critical thinking etc were conducted. The councilors of the workshop were Ms. Ansi Sojan, Ms. Rony Joy, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Ms. Jaya saini, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Ms. Pooja Srivastava and Mr. Adarsh Roushan. The program in-charge was Rev. Prof. Johnson and the Coordinator was Ms. Jaya Saini.



Awareness Program on Traffic Security

Christ College organized an awareness program on traffic security on 4 February 2021. It was organized in association with MP Traffic Police. The resource person of the day was Mr. Vijay Dubey, SHO Traffic, Bhopal District. 70 students from B.A., B.Com., B.Ed. and M.Ed. participated in the program. Mr. Dubey highlighted the importance of traffic security, discussed the traffic rules and also warned the audience against the repercussions of poor driving. Queries of the students were also answered. Principal Rev. Fr. Johnson expressed his concern regarding the increasing accidents and the safety of the students. He also advised everyone present to strictly abide by the traffic rules. The Coordinator of the program was Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava.



Teachers' Day Out



In the lap of the nature



The staff of Christ College were taken on a surprise visit to Ramgarh on 4 February 2021. The staff members were thrilled to visit and witness the scenic beauty of the place. The place was very refreshing after a hard day's work. Everyone enjoyed the day and asked for more such visits. The caves and temple in the hillock, the reservoir and dam, the greenery of the forest etc, were enchanting. Everyone discovered selfie spots and clicked photos to one's heart's contentment.

Special Session for Dissertation Writing

Department of Education organized a Special Session for Dissertation writing on Sunday 7 February 2021 from 11:00 AM. for M.Ed. I and III Semester at Christ College campus. In the Session students of M.Ed. identified their area of research, and learnt the methodology of research. They also interacted with their allotted guides and solved all their queries. The orientation of the students was done by Rev. Prof. Johnson, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor and Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistant Professor.



Mid Term Exam

Mid term exam for the B.A. and B.Com. started on 8 February 2021. The students were given one and a half hours for completing the exam. This gave the students good practice of writing the exam which they had lost due to COVID 19 lockdown. The exams lasted till 13 February 2021. The results are awaited.



***YOUR STRONGEST MUSCLE AND WORST ENEMY IS YOUR MIND.
TRAIN IT WELL***

Basant Panchami Celebrated

The festival of Basant Panchami was celebrated on 16 February 2021 with traditional flare and fervour by the staff and students. Fr. Principal in his message highlighted the religious and cultural meaning and relevance of the festival. Students performed a cultural show depicting the need to pursue true knowledge all life. The program began with Saraswati Vandana a dance performance by Ms. Nandita Prajapati. A street play on the True meaning of Education was performed by the students of B.A. and B.Com. Special Basant Panchami delicacies were cooked and served to all.



Pot Decoration Competition

Department of Education organized a 'Pot' (Matka) decoration competition on 16 February 2021, to mark the occasion of Basant Panchami. Relevant themes were painted on pots and all the entries were exhibited in the hall for the judges to evaluate the artistic work of the students. Attractive prizes were given to the students who won the first, second and the third places.



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Colourful*

Inter College Self Composed Poetry Competition

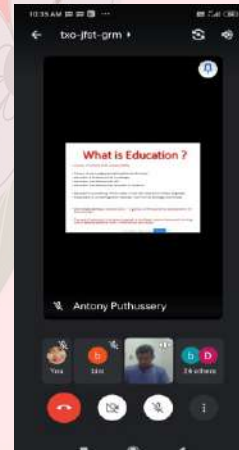
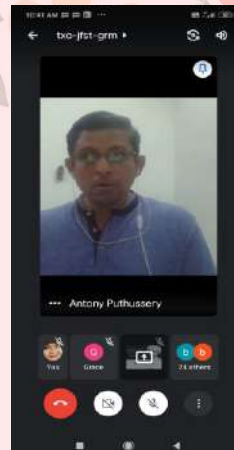
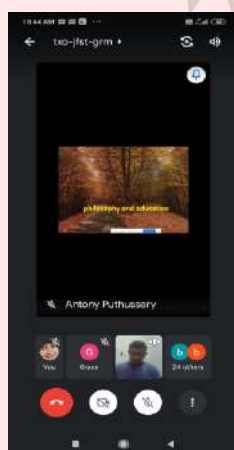
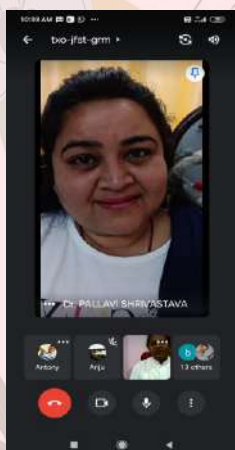
A poetry competition was organized on the 26th birth anniversary of Shri Vichitra Kumar Sinha by Shri Vichitra Kumar Sinha Samiti on 14 February 2021. Five students of Christ College contributed their self-composed poems to the competition.

The competition had 45 participants and out of which the poems of top 20 participants got published in a book titled, 'Uddiyamaan Kavya Suman'. Four students of Christ College who secured a position in top 20 that is, Ms. Roopali Yadav, Ms. Pooja Jain, Ms. Rupali Saha and Mr. Sahib Singh got their poems published in the same book.



Virtual Lecture Series on Philosophical Perspective of Education

A special virtual lecture series commenced on Philosophical Perspective of Education from 28 February 2021. The lectures are delivered by Rev. Dr. Antony Puthusery, Dean, Vidyabhawan College of Philosophy, Bhopal and Rev. Dr. Suresh Dean, KPRP college of Philosophy Bhopal. The lecture series has been exclusively organized for the students of M.Ed. of Christ College. The series would last till 28 March 2021. The Coordinator of the series is Dr Pallavi Shrivastava.



Special session on Basic Interview Skills

The Department of Education of Christ College organized a special session on Basic Interview Skills for the students of B.A, B.Com. and B.Ed. on 25 February 2021. The purpose of the session was to go beyond curriculum and teach students the art of facing the interview. This would prepare them for the job market. The Resource Person and the Coordinator of the program was Dr Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistant Professor. Rev. Prof. Johnson, the Principal of the college asked the students to gain knowledge, develop skills and be market ready for a good career ahead. He also shared his experiences and gave some important tips for facing the interviews. The 2-hour session was attended by 50 students of the college. At the end the students also shared their views and cleared their doubts and queries.



In the New Normal

It was a pleasant scene seeing the students playing volleyball, fighting, laughing, shouting and running around the campus after a year of deep silence and lockdown. It felt as if the campus woke up from the slumber as the voices echoed. 'Yes, we are alive, we are fighting and we will conquer. We shall not be defeated and we shall surely overcome'. This spirit was evident in the eyes of these students who are back with their smile and enthusiasm. Teachers too were seen armed with their weapons of knowledge. Nature also seems to be in a happy state as flowers bloom all around the campus.



Happy Birthday

The Birthday of Mr. Adarsh Roushan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, was celebrated on 23 February 2021. The Principal on behalf of the entire Christ family wished him a happy and a long life ahead. Cake was then cut and shared by all, Mr. Adarsh Roushan expressed gratitude for all the blessings and wishes.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BHOJPUR AND BHIMBETKA

The Department of History of Christ College organized a one-day educational tour to Bhojpur and Bhimbetka on 27 February 2021. The students from all the courses were taken for the tour. The first destination of the trip was Bhojpur. Bhojpur is situated on the Betwa River, 28 km from Bhopal, the state capital of Madhya Pradesh. The site is located on sandstone ridges typical of central India, next to a deep gorge through which the Betwa River flows. We then moved to Bhimbetka in the afternoon. The weather was pleasant. A huge crowd was there including foreigners. Adorned with pre historic caves, paintings and geometric designs, over 500 rock shelters out of the total of 750 are precious connections to our past. Due to their historical importance, the Bhimbetka rock shelters and caves were declared a World Heritage Site in the year 2003. From the ruins, it appeared the Bhimbetka caves were well planned. There are around 750 total caves in the region which comprises mainly of Teak wood & Sal trees. These rock shelters have a large number of paintings. The colours used are vegetable colours which have endured the impact of time as these paintings are generally made inside the nooks & niches of rocks. In most paintings red & white pigments are used. These paintings mainly comprise of figures of animals like antelopes, elephants, buffaloes, lizards etc. Other paintings showed various community activities like dance, religious ceremonies & hunting scenes including animal fight scenes. Apart from the paintings there are various rocks in the region which are in shape of various animals like turtle, lion, bird etc. Students saw the various types of rock formations, structures and karst topography.

Mr. Shivaji Rai, Assistant Professor, Department of History introduced the historical and archaeological perspectives of these place. His guidance added a great deal to the students' knowledge of historical background and acquainted them better with the rich heritage of Central India. 37 students along with the staff members and members of the administration went for the tour. This visit was very informative and interactive. We spent the whole day looking at the wonders of this historical place. Indeed, it was a memorable visit which we enjoyed thoroughly. It will linger on in our memory for a long time.



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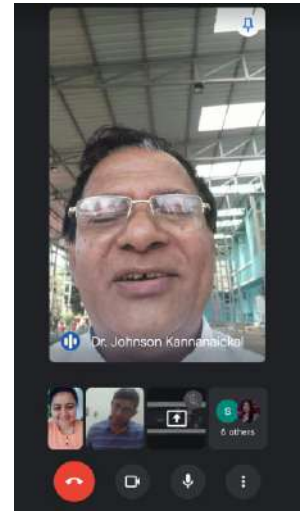
Workshop on Media Education Held

A one day workshop on Media Education and Media in Education was held on 9 March 2021. The workshop covered relevant topics in the course of study of B.Com. and B.A. students such as, film making, editing, news writing, script writing, and career options in media education and use of digital technology in learning and teaching. All students and staff enthusiastically participated in the session of the workshop and expressed excitement for further sessions on Media Education. A special session on Blogging and Vlogging was the highlight of the day. The resource person on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Limson Antony Puthur, the media chief of Navchetna, Bhopal. He oriented students to the practical use and benefits of Blogging and Vlogging and also dealt upon the employment benefits of the same. The session was attended by the students of B.A., B.Com. and B.Ed. Ms. Pooja Srivastava, Assistant Professor coordinated the workshop.



Lecture Series on Philosophical Perspective of Education

The last four sessions of the lecture series on Philosophical Perspective of Education were held on 7, 14, 21 and 28 March 2021. The sessions were taken by Rev. Dr. Suresh and Rev. Dr. Antony Puthussery on various topics including concept of Theory, Indian and Western Philosophy and Educational Philosophies of eminent philosophers like Rabindra Nath Tagore, John Dewey, Krishnamurthy, Rousseau and Bertrand Russel. The sessions were excitedly attended by the students of M.Ed. The Coordinator of the event was Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava.



Birthday Celebration of Mr. Augustin William

With showers of blessings and joy all over Mr. Augustin William's birthday was celebrated on 20 March 2021. The ceremony began with Rev. Prof. Johnson's message of appreciation for his hard work and contribution to the college, and prayerful wishes for a happy and a healthy life. Cake was cut and shared by all. At last Mr. Augustin expressed gratitude for all the good wishes and blessings.



Workshop on Article Writing Organized

A workshop on Writing Articles was organized on 6 March, 2021. The resource person of the session was Rev. Fr. N.K. Dominic, Director of Christ College. The students in the workshop were taught various techniques and steps of article writing. Practical exposure was also given to students, where students went through several types of articles and participated in writing an article themselves. The workshop was very informative and the students appreciably benefitted from the session which was attended by the students of B.A., B.Com. B.Ed. and M.Ed. The coordinator of the program was Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistant Professor.



International Women's Day Celebrated at Christ College

International Women's Day was celebrated at Christ College on 8 March 2021. The program commenced with a traditional welcome where the female teachers and students of the college were greeted with tika and a gift, followed by lighting of the lamp. Rev. Prof Johnson, Principal on the occasion greeted the gathering and said that God created women sufficient enough to take care of herself and her family. He advised women to empower themselves without waiting for any external agency to help them. Surprises began when Rev. Fr. Dominic, Rev. Fr. Varghese, Rev Fr. Antony and Mr. Augustin William sang a melodious song in praise of the Mother. This was followed by recitation of a self composed poem by Mr. Dharmvir Ajay a student of M.Ed. Mr. Royce Paul, a student of B.A. Second year, then narrated an inspiring story of the struggle of a girl in a gender biased family. Mr. Sahil Tiwari, Mr. Arpit, Mr. Nishant, Mr. Royce further put up a fun filled dance performance. Royce Paul gave a presentation on the top 10 Laws for women in India where he cited the significance of various laws enacted for the safety and welfare of women and asked all women to utilize them to protect themselves. After the program all the female teachers and students were called to the stage for a ramp walk. All of them walked the ramp in complete style and elegance. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Arpit, student of B.A. First Year. The program was anchored by Mr. Daulath Thakur. The Coordinator of the program was Mr. Adarsh Raushan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. The program was Co-coordinated by student representative Mr. Sahil Tiwari of B.A. II year.



CMI General Councilors' Visit to Christ College

The CMI General Councilors from Kochi made a courtesy visit to Christ College, Padariya on 5 March and appreciated the educational endeavours of the college. Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarassery, Vicar General said that the college is catering to the marginalized and the needy following the vision of St Chavara, the founder of the CMI Congregation. Rev. Fr. Martin Mallath, the General Councilor for Education appreciated the environment friendly education system adopted in Christ College.

The visit of the CMI General Councilors was a acknowledgement for the noble services of Christ College, Bhopal. Principal, Rev. Prof. Johnson Kannanaickal apprised the visiting dignitaries of the various activities and the future plans for development of the college, while conducting a tour of the campus. They expressed great appreciation on the development of the college and the laurels won by our students.



Beyond Curriculum

The Department of Education organized a Motivational Talk by Mr. Sahib Singh, a student of B.Com. I year on 20 March 2021. The objective of the program was to prepare the students for the challenges of tomorrow and also to give opportunity to students to be forefront performers instead of being mute spectators. Sahib spoke on the 'Belief System' of a human being who can work wonders if his belief system is positive. The session was attended by 40 students from various streams of Christ College. More of such talks will be delivered by the students in future where they will get an opportunity to communicate with their peers.



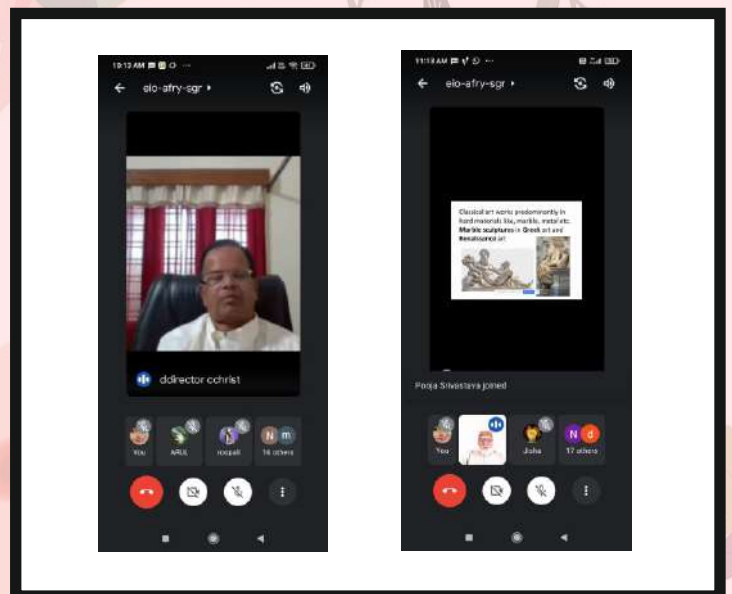
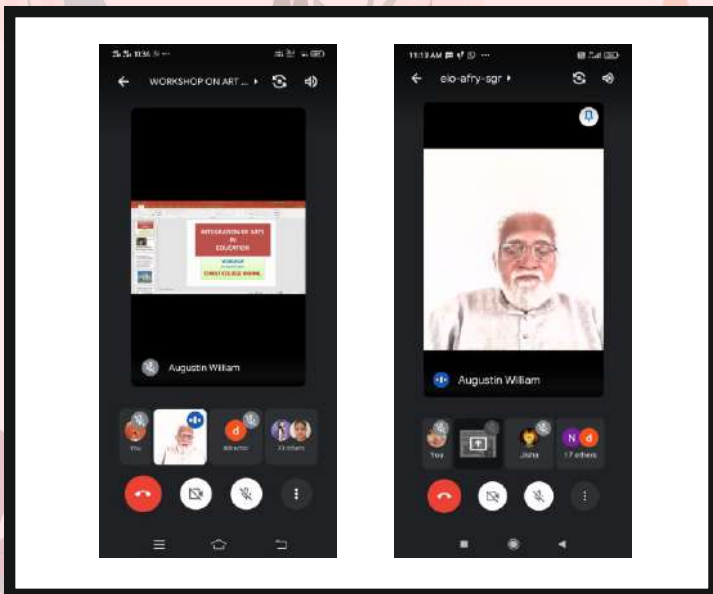
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William Shakespeare

Workshop on Art Education and Art in Education Conducted

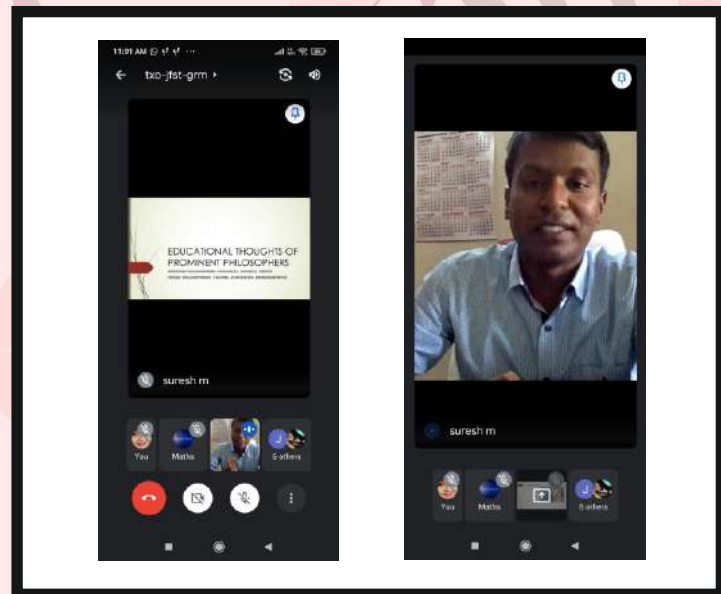
As part of the course of study of the B. Ed students an online workshop on Art Education and Art in Education was held on Saturday, 27-03-2021 at Christ College, Bhopal. The renowned artist and senior professor of Art and Aesthetics, Rev. Dr. Sebastian Elavathingal, CMI was the resource person of the day. Students and teachers from all departments attended the workshop and enhanced their skill and knowledge in the field of art education. The workshop enthused the participants in the various forms of art, mediums of art, history of art dating back to the prehistoric times to the contemporary art schools in India and abroad and the celebrated artists and architects of the western countries. The Indian traditions of art reflected in the monuments and architectural edifices in the past and the prevalent art schools are eternal examples of the relevance of art in human life. Art has always been a serious subject of study and entertainment among all peoples of the world of all times. Art plays a very significant role in all learning and teaching. It is an integral part of human civilization and endeavour. The workshop helped the participants in acquiring skill in enhancing imagination, creativity, art appreciation, criticism and art preservation in every form.

Dr. Sebastian dealt extensively on the application of art in the context of classroom and elaborated the need for art education at all levels of learning. Though the session was the first in a series of workshops, the day covered a major part of the syllabus of the B. Ed students. Dr. Sebastian also showcased some of his own art works done in different mediums in the past fifty years. As he is currently engaged in the preparation of a course of study in Art Education for school students of all grades. This is strictly as per the syllabus prescribed by the CBSE, Delhi in one of its recent circulars. Use of art makes learning easier and interesting; it involves teachers and students and subjects taught become lively and relevant to the learners of all ages. It significantly improves the creativity and productivity of all students in every field. Music, dance, theatre, visual arts, metal craft, wood art, masks, body painting, murals, found art, land art etc were areas of interest for the participants. The queries of the participants were all answered by the erudite artist and professor. He could very well elicit interest in the participants in the subject as was evident from the queries of the teachers and students. All expressed desire to have more sessions in the subject in the near future. Fr. N.K. Dominic, CMI coordinated the sessions of the workshop and thanked Dr. Sebastian for such a fruitful workshop.



Five Days' Session on the Philosophical Perspective of Education Concluded

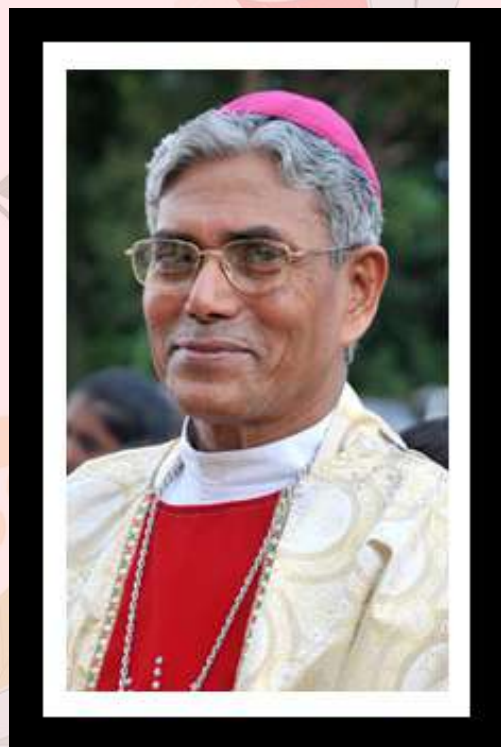
The Five days' special session on the Philosophical Perspective of Education was concluded on 28 March 2021. The last session was taken by Rev. Dr. Suresh, Dean of KPRP College of philosophy Bhopal, on the topic Educational Thoughts of Prominent Philosophers. During the concluding session all the students and the Coordinator, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, expressed gratitude for all the expert guidance and the knowledge that Rev. Dr. Suresh imparted. The five day session proved to be extremely useful for the students of M.Ed. I Year, who have Philosophical Perspectives in Education as their main subject. These sessions were shared by Rev. Fr. Antony Puthussery SVD and Rev. Dr. Suresh SVD. This was the first time that Christ College made such a resource sharing with the SVD Philosophy College and the KPRP Bhopal. These eminent Professors of Philosophy deserve special thanks for their erudition and support. We look forward for more such tie ups.



Holi Celebrations 2021

Christ College celebrated the festival of Holi on 26 March 2021. The celebrations became special by the blissful presence of His Grace Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio, the Archbishop. Though the college was closed for students due to COVID-19, but the teachers present in the college were blessed by Archbishop. The Archbishop and Rev. Dr. Johnson, Principal wished everyone a Happy Holi and prayed that our lives be colourful and cheerful. May the real spirit of Holi linger in our hearts and homes forever. Delicious gujiyas and chakli were distributed to all present. Everyone present greeted each other and prayed for healing of the planet Earth.





Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio Visits Christ College

His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio, SVD, the Archbishop of Bhopal visited Christ College and Yesu Ashram on 25 March 2021. He was given a cordial welcome by the Principal and staff. He interacted with the staff and the management of the college and expressed satisfaction of seeing Christ College growing in leaps and bounds. Prof. Fr. Johnson, the Principal, apprised the Archbishop of the various activities and academic achievements of the college. The Archbishop blessed the staff and wished bright future for the college. As the great feast of Easter was round the corner he imparted the blessings of Easter and asked everyone to live the spirit of Easter in our everyday life. The Archbishop planted a 'Kohitur' mango sapling, the most exquisite and expensive mango of the world, on the campus to commemorate his visit as the day also marked the Feast of Annunciation. The Episcopal visit was a great inspiration for all staff and students.

Easter Celebration

This year Easter was celebrated on the restrictions. But nothing could diminish the celebration of hope, and the victory of life. Jesus is the foundation of all hope and joy in greetings and blessings of Easter to all staff, occasion he said that the COVID Pandemic is tough time of survival. The cloud of way to hope and an eventual celebration of surpasses all calamity, pain and even death. need to rise up victorious every day from all



campus without fiesta due to Covid-19 spirit of Easter as the great feast itself is a over death. The glorious resurrection of Lord life. Principal, Rev. Dr. Johnson wished students and friends of Christ College. On the a testing ground for the whole humanity, and a uncertainty and all human suffering should give solidarity. God still loves the world. Our hope Easter is given to us to rejoice and celebrate as we our failures and hopelessness.

CORONA Second Wave

The second wave of COVID -19 took the country unaware and the death toll this time seems really alarmingly high. The central and state governments, voluntary agencies, health workers and the international communities are doing their best to combat the situation and to contain the pandemic. The unexpected recurrence of COVID-19 once again impacted greatly on the academic temper in schools and colleges across the country, once again jeopardizing the curriculum and career prospects of students. We at Christ College tried our best to carry on with the online classes and complete the syllabus of study, including the practicals in time. The regular off-line classes though had to be called off for COVID restraints. The academic calendar was strictly followed up and all activities have been completed as per schedule to the benefit of the students and teaching faculty. Our preparedness to fight Corona at all levels and by all means paid off. The college has taken all precautions and strictly follows all government instructions on campus to ward off the Pandemic.

Academic Corner

Despite all the disturbances caused by the Covid-19, our academic year was one of great activities and achievements. All Programme Coordinators and Heads of Departments and the students at large meticulously worked out the curriculum and the academic calendar was dotted with activities big and small. We witnessed perfect combination of off-line and on-line classes and other activities. The performance of the teaching faculty and the consummate effort of the students to follow suit in teaching and learning were notably remarkable. The technology assisted teaching and learning were helpful to both as a new paradigm to follow. The students showed added enthusiasm in the e-learning and the teachers found it easier and faster to complete the course. As the academic year comes to the close, remedial teaching is in full swing for weaker students. The teachers and students are at ease as the syllabus of all courses is comfortably completed. Kudos to the Academic Coordinator, Dr. Divakar Singh; Programme Coordinator, Dr. Fr. Vaghese .K, all Heads of Departments and teachers. The University exams are awaited as per the revised schedule and mode. The pandemic did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students in academics. The internal assessments and all practicals have been processed as directed by the University and the Higher Education Department. All regular activities at the college stand cancelled these days due to the lockdown. Students, teachers and parents can call the college office during working hours for any assistance and queries.

Covid-19 Alert

It is advised to all staff and students of Christ College that as the second wave of Covid-19 is peaking up in the state and elsewhere to be extremely cautious about the volatile situation and take adequate precautions. Please follow strictly the guidance from the departments to protect yourselves and others. Avoid public, use face masks, keep social distancing, use all available gears, stick to don't panic. As individual help is available, use it. As the title of the book, an inspirational masterpiece, by Rev. Robert Schuller, goes, "Tough Times Never Last; Tough People Do."



International Mother Earth Day Observed

International Mother Earth Day was celebrated in the college on 22 April 2021. Though the students could not be present on the occasion, the day was observed with due importance. With a view of adding greenery and conducive ambiance to the college campus it was decided to plant more perennials and annuals this year. Under the guidance of Rev. Fr. N.K. Dominic, the Director, saplings of dragon fruit, jackfruit, butterfruit, mango trees and lemon trees were planted wherever space was available, and tree guards and green net shades were put up to protect tender plants from summer heat. The green campus of Christ College is our tribute to Mother nature, and a pledge of our duty to serve her all our life.



Herbal Garden

Principal, Rev. Dr. Johnson takes initiative to maintain a herbal garden on campus with as many varieties of medicinal plants collected from all over M.P. Attempts are under way to identify and enlist the medicinal plants that are naturally found on the campus. There are about 170 herbs that are found on the campus and we have collected from various sources about 80 variety medicinal plants. The college proudly possesses this unique collection of herbal plants. All the herbs are being catalogued for the purpose of research and documentation. It deserves special mention that as the academic session commenced in last July we could prepare and supply about 400 saplings of medicinal plants and vegetable and fruit plants to the staff and students as well as to the people in Padariya village with the support of volunteers. This year again it is hoped that we will be ready with more plants for distribution.



College Parking

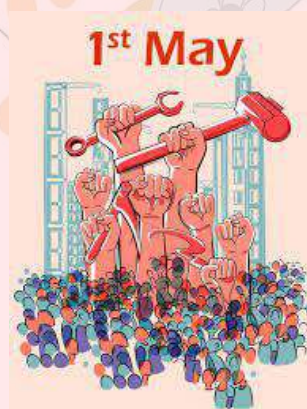
To alleviate all vehicular parking problems the frontage of the main block adjacent to the highway has been cleared and earmarked as 'College Parking'. Also 24 hour surveillance cameras have been installed to monitor the parking areas as well as the whole college campus and teaching departments. This will ensure the safety and security of the students as well as the college property. Special parking facility is arranged inside the front wall for the safe parking of the vehicles of the staff and visitors. As the power transformer has been moved elsewhere more parking space is made available on the campus.



May Day: May 1

May 1 is celebrated as May Day or International Workers' Day to honour all workers who produce goods or serve humanity in all establishments. The dignity of the labourers and all their efforts are acknowledged and upheld universally. The Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated the year 2020 – 21 as the 'Year of St. Joseph', a carpenter by profession and the foster father of Jesus Christ. St. Joseph is the Patron of all workers. The rights and duties of all workers need to be protected; their life, safety and honour are of utmost priority in all work places. The food we serve at our tables, the services we receive and the comforts we enjoy in life are all the fruit of the toil of thousands whom we may not have seen or even justly paid. All workers deserve to be recognized and reciprocated for their effort to serve humanity. These bread winners are the real heroes; all time heroes! We salute them.

International Workers' Day



New Departments and Subjects Added

The college proudly announces the addition of more teaching subjects at the graduate level, namely in Commerce and Arts Departments. Taking into consideration the demand for more subject-combinations at the graduate level to benefit students to take up Civil Services and other professional courses, additional subject combinations are now available for students from the academic session 2021 - 22. Psychology, Sociology and Economics are added to the Bachelor of Arts, and Computer Science added to the B.Com Department. Barkatullah University, Bhopal has granted affiliation to these additional subjects as an approval to the academic temper and commendable standard maintained in Christ College. We look forward to the granting of permission for more subjects in the near future. It is expected that the additional subjects will be a boon to the new applicants at the graduate level.

Two New Power Transformers Installed

Now power is in our hands! Two new power transformers have been installed recently in Christ College as a permanent solution to all power problems. This will ensure uninterrupted supply to and other s on the Rev. Fr. Rev. Fr. t h e and Rev. Fr. Antony, the Administrator, deserve special kudos for all the initiative and hard work. As the old transformer has been relocated, the parking areas have been made more spacious now. We wish to thank the Management of Christ College for the timely support and guidance.



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Brahmakumaris' Visit to Christ College

In their attempt to spread the message of religious harmony and universal brotherhood among all people, the Brahmakumari organization's Raisen Unit visited Christ College on 5 April 2021. Principal, Rev. Dr. Johnson welcomed the group of Brhmakumaris at the college gate. The contingent consisted of a mobile exhibition, floats and discourses with people met on the way. They held a brief session at Christ College and explained the need for promotion of religious amity among people of all faiths. The campaign also prescribes and promotes Yoga to get rid of all physical infirmities. They distributed leaflets with the message of brotherhood and universal love.



Birthday Celebrations

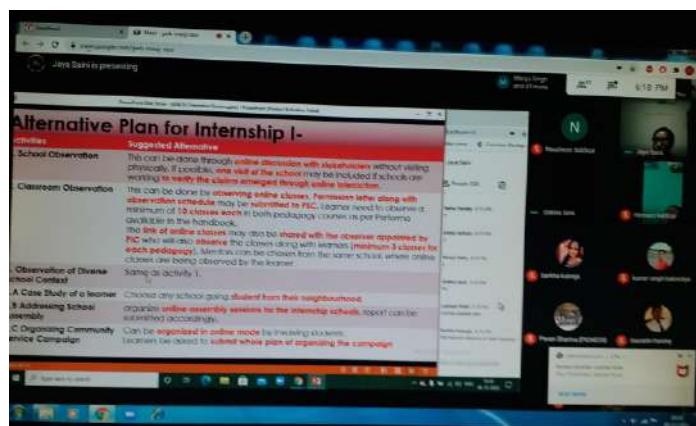
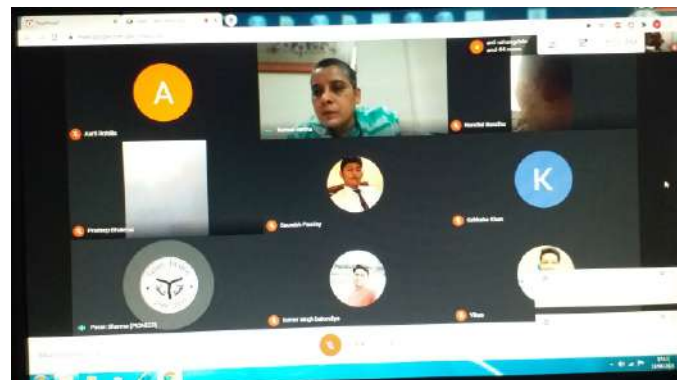
Our supporting staff, Mr. Dadhin's belated birthday was duly celebrated on 6 April at the Principal's office in the presence of all staff. Principal, Rev. Fr. Johnson acknowledged the long and selfless service of Mr. Dadhin at Christ College, and wished long life and many best wishes and blessings. Mr. Dadhin thanked everyone for the fellowship and goodwill, and birthday cake was shared by all present.

Mrs. Munni Lalsingh, a supporting staff, celebrated her birthday on 15 April. Wishing her the birthday greetings and prayerful best wishes, Rev. Dr. Johnson appreciated the hard work and sincere service of Munni Didi. Special home-made birthday sweets were distributed to all. It is a commendable tradition at Christ College to celebrate the birthdays of all staff.



IGNOU B.Ed. Second Year Online Orientation Meeting on EPC and Internship Activities

IGNOU B.Ed. Second Year Online Orientation Meeting was held on Sunday 18th April, 2021. Prof. Fr. Johnson S.V. CMI (PIC, IGNOU B.Ed. Centre, Christ College) welcomed Ms. Kumud Verma (Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU, Bhopal) to the meeting. The main objectives of the meeting were to make the student-teachers aware of the assignments of the second year and its submission date, details regarding examinations, EPC and Internship activities and their submission date. Brief description of Assignments, Internship II and EPC activities was given by Ms. Jaya Saini (Assistant Professor, Christ College). It was followed by a question-answer session where several questions were raised by the student-teachers. Ms. Kumud Verma and Prof. Fr. Johnson CMI answered all the queries of the participants. Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Jaya Saini, the coordinator of the programme.



Obituary

Christ College deeply grieves the sudden demise of Dr. Virendra Pratap Singh, father of Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor, Christ College on 8 May 2021. Dr. V.P. Singh was an exemplary personality, a great educationist and an inspiring human being. Christ College will profoundly remember him for his contributions to education and society. The college community expresses deep grief and condolences to Dr. Diwakar Singh and all the family members. We extend our prayers to the departed soul.



Obituary

Two of the former students of Christ College, Sr. Maria CMC and Mrs. Premlata Minj lost their lives to COVID on 29 April and 10 April 2021 respectively. Sr. Maria was a student of M.Ed. 2016 -17 batch and Mrs. Premlata was a student of B.Ed. 2012 - 2013 batch. Christ College community deeply grieves the untimely death of these promising former students and prays that the departed souls find eternal solace in the bosom of God.



Commencement of the Classes

The new academic session began for B.Ed. and M.Ed. students on 10th May 2021 and with it commenced the virtual classes from 15 May 2021 for B.Ed. II and IV semester along with M.Ed. II and IV semesters. Amidst the challenges of the pandemic, all students participated enthusiastically and were eager to join the sessions to learn. The classes are scheduled for two hours daily for each stream. These virtual classes boost hope for a brighter tomorrow.



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