

Jesuits of Khunti Zone gathered in Kochang (896) By Michaelsj on 06-April-2013

Ranchi, April 1.: It was a rare occasion when Jesuits from the zone came together to celebrate Easter Get-Together at Kochang Burudih on April 1. Except from Maranghada, all were present on this occasion. They received warm welcome and grand hospitality by Kochang community. St. Anne's Sisters also helped out generously to make the event more joyful. There were four novices also who enjoyed the company. From Ranchi Fathers Ranjit Lakra, John Beck and Michael kerketta were present. It was a nice occasion to greet parish priests and St. Anne's Sisters of Bandgaon. It was an enjoyable occasion for all.

Jesus is truly Risen Alleluia. All enjoyed the Easter Get-Together.

Fr. Anuranjan Purty, S.J. among the 320 graduating students from XISS (898)

By Michaelsj on 08-April-2013

Ranchi March 6: Fr. Anuranjan Purty was one of the 320 graduating students, who were given the Post Graduate Diplomas in Human Resource Management, Rural Management, Information Technology, Marketing and Finance. Speaking to the gathering of the students, staff and parents, Mr. A.B. Lall, the Head of the Tata Motors, Jamshedpur who was the Chief Guest, said that success is bound to come to those who persevere and show consistency in their undertaking. He exhorted the students to believe in the uniqueness of individuals, dream big, maintain a good balance of mental, physical and spiritual aspect of life and become evangelists of a better tomorrow. Before that Director Fr. Alex Ekka presented the annual report which underlined some to the achievements during the last academic year. He said that despite rather indifferent economic condition of the country, XISS managed to have 65 percent of placement. Out of eight gold medals six were bagged by the girls, a new power becoming more and more visible. Fr. Xavier Soreng, the Chairperson put a note of welcome to the gathering and dignitaries, and along with the Governing Body members assured continuous support to the growth and success of XISS.

Blessing of the extension of St. Xavier's Doranda. (899) By Fuldeo on

09-April-2013

Doranda, April, 2013 : St. Xaviers School Doranda, has an extended wing with another four new rooms in the third floor of Senior Section. One of them is newly installed staff room and the other three are the class rooms. With the addition of these rooms, now there are sufficient class rooms in the school. The blessing ceremony was held on 1st of April 2013. Rev. Fr. Xavier Soreng S.J., the Provincial of Ranchi Jesuit Province blessed the rooms at 6.30 p.m. and the blessing ceremony was followed by the dinner in the Senior Section. St. Johns High School, Ranchi and Sadbhavna communities were invited for the dinner. We thank all of them for

enhancing our happiness. We thank Br. Gilbert for providing us with the delicious dinner.

**Fr. Emmanuel Barla, S.J. Awarded D. Lit (900) By Michaelsj on 08-April-2013
Ranchi April 8:**

For those of us, who have not heard much about Fr. Emmanuel, it is a pleasant surprise that he has been recently conferred a degree of D. Lit. A professor in the department of Political Science in St. Xaviers College Ranchi, Fr. Manu is a quiet worker. His achievement took his near and dear ones by surprise. Mention was made in the last Province Gathering about his recent book which he got published. He is a keen student of the tribal progress and politics. He is not found proclaiming about himself as any kind of expert, but surely, Fr. Manu wants his works to speak for himself. St. Xavier's College community members celebrated the achievement of Fr. Manu in an informal gathering. Congrats Fr. Manu. Keep us surprising.

**Poor turnout for Ranchi Municipality Elections a sign of dwindling Hope (901)
By Michaelsj on 09-April-2013
Ranchi April 9.:**

Ranchi : April 9. According to the media reports, there was a very poor turnout for the municipality elections in Ranchi city. As per one estimate, only 38 percent voting was registered. Many people did not come out to vote despite holiday being declared by the local administration, whilst some rued the fact that many names were missing from the voters list. Some even found that their normal booths had been changed. People returned without voting. The local administration will have to take cognizance of this anomaly, if they want a better percent of voting.

Meanwhile just before the polling day police arrested two Congress leaders from a hotel who were in possession of huge amount of unaccounted money. Ms. Rama Xalxo, the Congress supported candidate for the post of Mayor was a suspect along with Mr. Subodh Kant Sahay the local Congress M.P. This left a bad taste amongst the voters, who find that no matter what the claims or counter claims might be, there is a lot of money involved in election and position of power.

The Catholic community followed the election campaign with great amount of interest as three serious Catholic contenders were in the race for Mayor. The Christian areas in general saw adequate response for voting, as has always been the case. In order to build up the consensus among the Christian communities, specific contacts of the

tola samities played important role. Since the Christian vote is not sufficient to tilt vote in favour of any candidate, what can be a winning alliance is always a tricky question. Obviously, there was no issue which would tilt votes in this municipality election. People in general do not expect much either from the Mayor or the ward members. They are not aware of the powers vested with the office proper. It was only therefore a question of how any candidate saw the possibility of uniting the communities and second forging alliances with other communities.

Exchange Programme with Antwerp University (902) By Michaelsj on 11-April-2013

Ranchi April, 11: Dr. Rohit Kumar Vishal was given a warm Bon Voyage from his colleagues in XISS as he left for Antwerp University where he will be attending a three-week programme in research on the question of Human Rights. Antwerp University has a regular exchange programme with XISS for students and faculty. Dr. Rohit Vishal is a Faculty of Marketing Department and has his expertise in statistics. This year however, for the first time, two Rural Management students will be going there for a similar course. XISS regularly receives five to eight students from this university. It will be essential to mention here that for the B-School ranking in India, exchange with foreign universities is an important criterion. XISS will have to enter into formal collaboration with many such universities.

Ranjit

Edwin Ritesh cleared NET in Philosophy (903) By davidsj on 12-April-2013

Ranchi, 12 April: : It is a happy and breaking news that Sch. Ediwn Ritesh Ddungdung has cleared his NET exam in Philosophy in his first attempt. He did his Master's Degree in philosophy from Loyola college/Satya Nilayam, Chennai. ranjesu.org, on behalf of the entire Ranchi Jesuit Province, congratulates him for his great achievement. In the history of Ranchi Jesuit Province he is the first one to qualify NET exam in philosophy.

He has been a bright and promising student- hailing from Kanke, Ranchi. He did his Bachelor of Science from the famous college, St. Xavier's, Mumbai. There after he was sent to Satya Nilayam, Chennai for his Master's Degree in Philosophy. Coming from Science background he proved to be a good philosopher. At present he is doing his regency at Apostolic School, Samtoli. Well done, Edwin. May you inspire many more of our young men to excel in such intellectual pursuit.

Ranchi Bulletin uploaded (904) By [davidsj](#) on 12-April-2013

Ranchi, 12 April: : It is to inform the readers of the ranjesu.org that the April issue of Ranchi Bulletin is uploaded in the Newsletter Section. Interested readers can get it downloaded from [News-->Newsletter \(RB\)](#).

Pinch of Loss (906) By [Ranjit](#) on 16-April-2013

Ranchi 16th April 13: After seeking constitutional opinion on the recovery of Rs. 22.65 lakh from a city hotel, where several leaders of Congress Party were meeting, a day ahead of the Municipality elections, the State Election Commission has cancelled the poll for the post of Mayor in Ranchi. It is a big setback for the candidates who must have worked very hard for campaign. Going for re-election would mean additional fund. Candidates not being supported by any political party would find it all the more difficult to contest. Congress Party and BJP have welcomed the move of the State Election Commission but Bandhu Tirkey from Janadhikar Party is of the opinion, if polls had to be cancelled, it had to be done immediately after the recovery of money, a day ahead of the poll. He also alleged that since the seat is reserved for a ST candidate, major parties are not raising any question to the decision. The voter turnout was itself a big issue as many people did not show much interest in the process.

Meanwhile from Gumla Mr. Dheerendera Prasad, a BJP supported candidate has won on the seat of Mayor. Mr. Rajneel Tigga was the sitting Mayor who contested again. Due to lack of support from JMM party, the vote got divided. Similarly, Phul Sundari, a BJP candidate has managed to get re-elected in Simdega. Enos Ekka supported candidate was no where this time. Church looked very divided. The same story was in Khunti where Rani Tuti, supported by Karia Munda BJP won the seat of Mayor. Since, Neelkanth Munda, BJP MLA also fielded a candidate, the BJP vote was supposed to get divided, but even then Churches could not get united. Pawan Tigga seemingly an independent won from Lohardaga.

There has not been any review meeting or planning for the next election. People do feel the pinch of such loss but do not know how to get back to the track which would help political empowerment of the people. There are also detractors, who have serious objection to any involvement of the church in politics.

B.Ed. Entrance Test 2013 (907) By [Patrick](#) on 16-April-2013

Xavier's College, Ranchi, 14.04.2013: Like other years, in the guidance of Fr.

Anand Kerketta the B.Ed. Entrance-Test 2013, was conducted smoothly. More than five hundred candidates appeared for the Test from every corner of India. The girl candidates were in majority. All the Fathers, some Professores and a few B.Ed. Students gave their time for the Test. The Test was followed by a fellowship meal. The result will be out in two weeks time.

POPE FRANCIS: ONE MONTH, FULL OF SURPRISES (908) By Prem on 18-April-2013

ROME 18 APRIL 2013 : The election of Pope Francis came as a great surprise to many. Taking the amount of endless discussions, speculations and predictions into account before and during the Conclave regarding the would-be-Pope, many did not expect Fumata Bianca (white smoke) on the second day of the Conclave. Then the emergence of Pope Francis from the balcony of St. Peters Basilica, a person from the end of the world, took many by surprise. The first surprise was evident from a brief hushed silence when the name was announced followed by the eruption of euphoric applauses and cheers. The next surprise came when he greeted the cheering crowd with simple yet fascinating common words in Italian, Fratelli e sorelle, buona sera (Brothers and Sisters, Good Evening). The greatest of all surprises of that evening was his humble gesture of bowing before the faithful and asking for their prayers to bless him as their Bishop, Let us pray silently, your prayers for me.

Many more surprises have been springing forth from his simplicity, humility and affective proximity to the faithful mingling with the crowd, shaking hands warmly without any inhibition, kissing children and physically challenged persons, exchanging gifts and signs of affection. During the Public Audience of Wednesday 17 April, he even exchanged his white Papal skullcap (zucchetto) with a pilgrim and wore it until the end of the Audience.

Among the many surprises, a sweet surprise was in store also for us. On 16 March, barely 3 days after the election of Pope Francis, we were invited by His Eminence Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo to accompany him for a private audience with the Holy Father. Three Seminarians from Ranchi Archdiocese Pradeep Ekka, Tobias Toppo and Gulshan Minj, and two Jesuits Linus and myself accompanied His Eminence to the room in Casa Santa Marta, where the newly elected Pope Francis was residing. With his kind and loving gestures, he made us feel at home immediately. After greeting each one of us very cordially and affectionately, he exhorted us to be faithful and steadfast in our mission to be able to serve worthily the vibrant Church of India without ever being afraid of taking up the crosses of daily life. His Eminence presented a beautiful Jharkhandi silk handicraft to His Holiness as a sign of love from the people of India, and of Jharkhand in particular. To our surprise, before imparting his apostolic blessing on us, he asked us to pray for him. He accompanied His Eminence and the entourage unto the elevator to see off. A great surprise which has left a permanent imprint on our hearts!

The final surprise at the end of the first month of his Pontificate came in the form of the naming of the eight Cardinals from around the globe to advise him on running the Church affairs and reforming the Vatican bureaucracy. Definitely all eyes are fixed on him his words, gestures, movements, initiatives and decisions. But like all others, we place our trust in Gods ways that just as He inspired the Cardinals to elect Pope Francis from the end of the world, He will also bring to completion the ends of the Church, the body of Christ.

Master Plan for Ranchi Municipal Area: a big debate (909) By Ranjit on 20-April-2013

Ranchi 20th April:

In the recent development conflict is the newly proposed Master Plan for Ranchi Municipality Corporation, which is being drawn in view of 2037. A Noida based company has been given the task of drawing the master plan of the city. Obviously, keeping in the mind the population growth and requirement of the civic amenities, the current demarcation of the municipality has been extended up to 100 more villages. Obviously, the villagers are not aware of such expansion. The architects and city planners have been expressing their views on the proposal and most obvious critique has been that the Noida based company has taken the satellite view for the plan and has not taken the CNT character of land apart from the historical and cultural dimension of the city. What will happen to the villages in the Master Plan has not been made clear. 20th April has been put as the last day for registering any complaint or suggestion. Meanwhile, Adivasi groups have decided to oppose the plan in entirety as the basic premises with which such plans should be developed has not been taken into consideration. Sri Binod Kispotta has registered a complaint that the matters on the web site or any other way must be put in Hindi so that ordinary people understand the nature of proposal. It is learnt that due to heavy lobbying of the business communities having shops in certain areas, the proposed plan of flyovers have been squashed in this plan. The Master Plan should have waited for the declaration of the result of the Municipality Elections. www.ranchimunicipal.com

Fr. Walter X. Minj Pronounced his final vows (910) By Michaelsj on 25-April-2013

Ranchi, April 22 : Khunti, Monday, April 22, on the Feast day of Mary Mother of the Society, Fr. Walter Xavier Minj took his final vows during the solemn Eucharistic celebration in the newly built St. Michaels Cathedral Khunti. Provincial Fr. Xavier Soreng presided over the Eucharist and received Walters vows through which he is

fully incorporated in the body of the Society of Jesus. More than 35 priests concelebrated the Holy Mass. A good number of Walters relatives and well-wishers were present. Many religious men and women were present also on this occasion. The students of Loyola School were actively present in the Eucharist and felicitation programme. Soon after the Eucharist, there was a short felicitation programme in the small hall of the hostel followed by fellowship meal.

Fr. Ajit Xess will take part in WUJA Congress, Columbia. (911) By **Michaelsj** on 27-April-2013

Ranchi, April 26: Fr. Ajit Xess, Principal, St. Xavier's School Doranda, with Mr. Shivendra Mohan Sharma (President, DOX) and Dr. Devendra Singh (Executive Chairman, DOX) will take part in the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) to be held in Columbia, South America in August this year. During this trip the group of 3 will visit some European countries (Italy, Switzerland). The group intend to visit Vatican city and the Jesuit Generalate, Rome. After the Congress in Columbia they will have nine days tour to the USA. Dr. Devendra makes the purpose clear by writing "We shall leave from Delhi on 6th Aug for Italy and shall visit Rome, the Eternal City, the Vatican for Pope's blessings, the Jesuit Curia (Fr. General's Residence), Milan, Venice and Switzerland, before we proceed to Medellin, Colombia for the WUJA Congress from 14th to 19th August. It shall be our endeavour and mission to network with DOX alumnus in Italy and Switzerland too and create a stronger network of our eminent, very successful and acclaimed alumni in Europe too. You all may please start sharing the contacts of all such Old Xaverians with us, and also forward our itinerary to them; so that we may take prior appointments and arrange fruitful and pleasant meetings with them. We feel sure that they would love to re-live their "Xaverian Experiences". He further says, "Our purpose behind this exercise is to share your vision and wisdom on what more we all can do together; so as to create a very strong international network of our own community. This could, in the long run, benefit all DOX, young and old and also our alma mater. "