

**Dr Fr Joseph Marianus to take over the office of Director, XISS**

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*Dear Fr Joseph M*



*To XISS Family and wish you a*

**Ranchi:**Fr Ajit Xess, SJ, the Provincial Superior of Ranchi Jesuits, appointed Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ as the Director of XISS with effect from June 15, 2020.

Dr Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur will take over the office of the Director of Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi on June 15, 2020. He completed the term of Provincial Superior, Ranchi Jesuits on May 22, 2020 and handed the charge to Fr Xess, who was earlier appointed by the Superior General, Rome, as the new Provincial Superior.

XISS was closed down a few days before the national lockdown announced due to the Pandemic Covid-19. However, Fr Kujur was given a warm welcome by the Jesuit Community of XISS on June 10, 2020 in a short evening prayer service, in which the Provincial, Fr Ajit Xess, SJ along with other Curia members were present.

After much serious planning and discussion with all contingency plans the institute is all geared to reopen post lockdown. The non-teaching officers and staffs will be joining the offices from June 15, 2020 whereas teaching faculties will resume from June 17, 2020 with due standard operating procedures.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has disrupted us in every way. Educational Institutions are badly hit too. There are lot of uncertainties and risks ahead. In this difficult and challenging times, the announcement of Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ as the Director of the Institute is a noteworthy move by the management board. With his long years of administrative experience, able and inspiring leadership, the institute will have greater future.

Best wishes dear Fr Marinaus!