

St. John's School, Ranchi

Affiliated to CBSE

Annual Report of (2024-25)

St. John's School, Ranchi, a Jesuit institution under the aegis of St. John's Ranchi, remains committed to its mission of fostering excellence through the principle of "**The Magis**"—the relentless pursuit of more and better. Guided by its motto, "**Pro Fide et Patria**" ("For Faith and Country"), the school envisions an inclusive and equitable learning environment where every student, irrespective of caste and creed, is nurtured to achieve their fullest potential. Since its establishment in **2007**, the school has continued to progress, receiving its first provisional affiliation from CBSE in **2017**, followed by an extension in **2020**, and upgrading to a Senior Secondary School on **30th October 2021**. With the introduction of Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams in Class XI from **2022**, the school has embraced its responsibility to prepare students for academic and professional excellence.

Academic Report 2024 -25

The academic session 2024-25 was marked by significant milestones, beginning with the appointment of **Fr. Ignatius Lakra, S.J.**, as the new Principal. In June, the school reopened after the summer vacation with a farewell to the outgoing Principal, **Mrs. Deepshikha Tirkey**, and a fresh vision for the year. The **Induction Ceremony** for Class XI, held on **22nd June**, featured **Mr. Rahul Sinha (IAS)** as the Chief Guest, whose inspirational address motivated students to strive for excellence. The **Annual Prize Distribution Day** on **29th June** celebrated the achievements of students in academics and their embodiment of exemplary human values.

The academic year began with a series of activities that balanced scholastic rigor with co-curricular engagement. The **1st Unit Test** commenced on **4th July**, followed by an **orientation session** for teachers on "**Ignatian Pedagogy Paradigm**", led by **Mr. C.D. Raju (SXD)**. Parent-Teacher Meetings for Classes 8-10 were held on **6th July**, focusing on self-study practices, technology integration via the School App, and safety enhancements such as GPS-enabled school buses. The school's commitment to linguistic and cultural development was evident in the **English and Hindi Elocution Competitions** held on **12th and 13th July**, respectively, showcasing the talents of students from KG to Class 5. The **Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola**, celebrated from **19th July**, enriched the spiritual environment with the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**", inspiring students and staff alike.

August brought with it a wave of patriotism and exploration. The **Independence Day** celebrations on **15th August** included a flag-hoisting ceremony, eloquent speeches, and

cultural performances by students of Class 9. A highlight of the month was the educational tour to Ooty, Mysore, and Bangalore, where 45 students gained exposure to new experiences and cultures. On **24th August**, the **Science, Arts, Commerce, and Art & Craft Exhibition** showcased innovative projects by students, judged by experts from **St. Xavier's College** and **St. Xavier's Inter College**.

The school's focus on holistic development was evident throughout September and December. The **Teacher's Day** celebration on **5th September** honored the unwavering dedication of educators through heartfelt cultural programs. The **1st Term Examination** began on **9th September**, followed by meticulous evaluations and report card distributions. The **Children's Day** celebration on **12th November** featured cultural performances by teachers, bringing joy to the students. The **Jesuit Schools Athletic Meet (Chakravyuha)** held on **15th and 16th November** at Khelgaon witnessed participation from 28 Jesuit institutions, with St. John's playing a pivotal role in its organization. In December, the school lived its Jesuit mission of compassion through **Christmas sharing** programs, where students and teachers distributed food to underprivileged communities in Hesag, Radharani, Jail Road, and Ulhatu.

The new year began with a forward-looking approach as teachers participated in an **in-house training session on "AI in Education"** on **4th January**, equipping them with tools to enhance learning in a digital era. Sports coaching, educational tours, and pilgrimages continued to enrich students' experiences, while classroom observations and feedback sessions reinforced the school's commitment to academic excellence.

Charity Activities in the Campus

The school has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fostering a spirit of charity and generosity among its students through various activities across the year. Below is an overview of the initiatives undertaken:

- **Teacher's Day Celebration:**

On 5th September, the students celebrated Teacher's Day by sharing their joy and gifts with the brothers and sisters outside St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Ranchi. This act of kindness brought smiles to many and highlighted the values of sharing and caring among the students.

- **Support for Pilgrimages:**

The school arranged buses for middle school students of St. John's Middle School, Ranchi, to participate in a pilgrimage to Jaldega on 15th October. Additionally, assistance was extended to St. Anne's School, Torpa, for transportation needs between Hatia and Torpa.

- **Blessing of New Building:**

On the occasion of School Day and the blessing of the new SMART building, a

solemn Holy Mass was held. Post the celebration, refreshments were shared, further encouraging fellowship and community spirit.

- **Joy of Giving Week:**

The students actively participated in a drive to collect old clothes, which were handed over to social activist Mahendra Peter Tigga for distribution to the needy.

- They also collected essential items such as rice, lentils, potatoes, and soap, which were donated to Charity House Tail. The recipients expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support, reinforcing the importance of giving back to society.

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These initiatives not only provided tangible support to the underprivileged but also instilled values of empathy, generosity, and social responsibility among students. The collective efforts of the school community have positively impacted many lives and set an example for others to follow.

Social and Environmental Awareness Activities

This academic year was enriched with various initiatives aimed at fostering the holistic growth of students and staff, with a strong emphasis on academic excellence, environmental sustainability, safety, and social awareness. The **Environmental Awareness** initiatives began with the celebration of Environment Day on 19th June 2024, where a special assembly and inter-class activities, including quizzes, poster-making, slogan-writing, and essay-writing, highlighted the significance of environmental conservation. A Tree Plantation Drive on 27th July 2024 witnessed enthusiastic participation from teachers and students, leading to the planting of 50 saplings on the school campus. This event was further complemented by an inspiring eco-friendly talk delivered by the Principal Fr. Ignatius Lakra SJ, urging everyone to contribute to environmental protection.

In the domain of **Health and Wellness**, International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2024, featuring Acharya Gopal Ghosh as the chief guest. His leadership in yoga sessions for the entire school underlined the importance of physical and mental well-being. The school also engaged in impactful **Awareness Programs**, beginning with an Anti-Drug Campaign on 26th June 2024. Father Principal Ignatius Lakra SJ delivered a powerful motivational talk, followed by a march by students from Classes VI and VII, promoting a drug-free life. On 5th August 2024, a Seminar on Anti-Drugs featured social activists and former city officials addressing Classes XI and XII, inspiring them to lead healthy, drug-free lives. Additionally, an Awareness Program on Waste Management was conducted on 26th September 2024, where Municipal Officers educated students on proper waste segregation and disposal, encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour.

Career Guidance initiatives included a Workshop on Career and Challenges held on 6th September 2024. This workshop provided Class XII students with valuable insights into diverse

career options and the challenges of the modern professional world, helping them in career planning. For **Teacher Development**, a Workshop on Natural Resources led by Mr. Deepak Rosario creatively enhanced teachers' understanding of resource management. An In-House Training Program on 10th September 2024 focused on "Environmental Education and Conservation," equipping teachers and non-teaching staff with strategies to integrate environmental knowledge into their practices. A Fire Extinguisher Training program on 13th August 2024 further ensured the emergency preparedness of all staff members.

Safety and Infrastructure Development saw the implementation of the Employee State Insurance (ESI) scheme on 17th August 2024, where employees earning below ₹21,000 were educated about the scheme's benefits and enrolment process. The installation of CCTV cameras marked a significant step towards enhancing campus security. The process began on 19th August 2024, with wiring completed by 4th September 2024, and the cameras becoming fully operational on 10th September 2024.

In short, the school has successfully implemented a variety of programs and initiatives, reflecting its unwavering commitment to fostering academic, environmental, and social development while prioritising safety and professional growth. These efforts have laid a strong foundation for the sustainable and holistic progress of the school community.

Sports and Cultural Activities

From July to September 2024, the school organised an array of events and initiatives aimed at fostering teamwork, cultural appreciation, creativity, and safety awareness among students. In July, the Inter-House Football Tournament, inaugurated on 23rd July by Fr. Florence Kujur, S.J., brought students together in a spirited display of sportsmanship. Britto and Xavier Houses tied in the first match, while Berchmans House triumphed over Loyola House. On 25th July, the celebration of Shiksha Saptah highlighted India's rich heritage through cultural events, including traditional attire presentations, a fusion dance by Class 9 students, and a food festival featuring Indian cuisine.

In August, the school's senior football team participated in an inter-school match at St. Mary's School on 18th August, showcasing commendable teamwork despite not securing a win. The following day, students visited St. Mary's to cheer for their team, fostering a sense of unity. On 31st August, essential repairs and maintenance of school buses were carried out to ensure the safety and reliability of student transportation. September featured the Muna Tano event on 26th September, celebrating tribal leaders' contributions through speeches and student participation, which enriched their understanding of tribal culture and history.

The school also prioritised health and safety with COVID-19 safety drills conducted on 11th September, reinforcing hygiene practices, mask usage, and social distancing protocols among students and staff. Together, these activities provided a holistic learning experience, fostering

sportsmanship, cultural appreciation, and safety awareness while nurturing a sense of responsibility and teamwork.

As St. John's School concludes another academic year, it remains steadfast in its mission to shape students into individuals of competence, commitment, conscience, and compassion. With gratitude to the management, staff, students, and parents, the school reflects on its achievements and looks forward to new challenges, ever guided by the Jesuit principle of "The Magis"—to do more for the greater glory of God and the betterment of society.
