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1st Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet 2021



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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that”- Martin Luther King Jr. These words rang true as the IBVM and CJ sisters collaborated to host the very first Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet from 15th-17th January, 2021, creating a milestone. They ignited and enriched many, who were a part of the three days’ meet. There was as many as 365 students from 45 schools, who participated in the event.

This historic conclave helped the CJ and IBVM sisters, teachers and students to learn and grow together as they were rooted to the same cause, responded together and made the meet relevant.

An ice-breaking session was organized on the 9th of January which was conducted by Dr. Fawzia of the TERI Group of Advance Studies. Dr. Fawzia, made it a highly interactive and engaging session for the student. A spark sprang in them, making them enthusiastic for the up coming sessions.

The inaugural session on 15th January 2021 was impressive and inspiring with the motivational words of Sr. Adina Balan CJ, Mary Ward JPIC Coordinator, Rome Office ,as it set the tone for the three days. Our keynote speaker, Mrs. Kamla Bhasin’s address was motivating and replete with common day occurrences. The insight given to us, from her end ,made us sit up and think on areas where we could work towards transforming our stereotyped notions.. Her powerful speech gave much food for thought.

Brother Steve’s session in the evening was a reflective learning for students. It engaged them and they gained a lot of clarity and insight about Child Rights and Advocacy. The case studies that he brought forward were shining examples for the students.

The 16th January sessions were conducted by TERI School of Advance Studies The grade IX students had a valuable awareness session on ‘ Hidden Water ’ which was followed by a session for Grade XI students in the afternoon where students talked , discussed and shared views on ‘Gender Equality’ .While the former saw students work in teams in breakup rooms and come up with solutions creatively which would be beneficial not only to individuals but also at the community level, the latter being the theme for the session, was not only topical and relevant but also highly awakening and thought provoking. Dr. Fawzia’s dedicated involvement with the students in both the sessions was an eye-opener for them and will surely lead to make them responsible citizens.

Finally, the closing ceremony on 17th January, was a fulfilling event .To watch and observe the students becoming confident and open, discussing and bringing forward Action Plans which need to be worked upon by all schools for the next two years ,till the next Mary Ward SAGM was gratifying. It was wonderful to hear UN-JPIC IBVM/CJ Representative Sr. Janet Palafox give her motivating message to all .As she concluded, we felt we could really achieve and reach for the skies unafraid !The Conclave spread over three days, was relevant to today’s times, the response was outstanding and much beyond expectations, taking the rooted students and teachers to step out of their comfort zones ,into the world ,to make a change .

Mrs. Ratna Ranjan

Equality has no Gender...

Equality sees no gender.

To quote Mrs. Kamala Bhasin, "Nature does not create inequality, nature creates diversity."

We should learn to accept these diversities for world's prosperity. We are children of one God and he has treated us equal. Then why should we deny his actions and forget our humanity. Now it's time to leave behind our conservative ideas. We are all flowers of the same garden. We are all stars twinkling in the same sky, in the same galaxy. We are all equal and unique. Let us accept God's creation and His belief that we are equal. Let's not fight to prove the superiority over the other. We are born to make a better change. Let us not make the world a living hell. The struggle is real but life is always greener on the other side. Let's hear the voice of our heart and make this life worth living. Humanity is all that matters.

-Uzma Aalia, Class XI

Loreto Convent, Ranchi.

OUR STAKEHOLDERS



Mrs. Kamla Bhasin

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Br. Steve

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Dr. Fawzia Tarannum

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Dr. Mansi Bal Bhargava

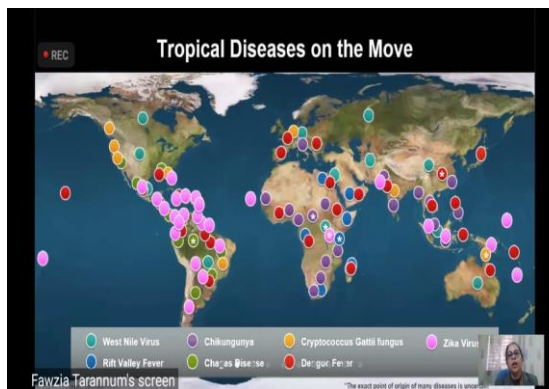
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JPIC SAGM ORIENTATION 2021

9th January 2021 (pre-workshop)

The pre-workshop session on environmental challenges and sustainable development goals was held on 9th January 2021 which was conducted by the CJ and IBVM Sisters, staff and students. The theme of the 1st Mary Ward JPIC SAGM was "Sustainable Development Goals." With over 350 participants the virtual meeting began at 10 a.m. The resource person for the session was Dr. Fawzia Tarannum, assistant professor of TERI School of Advanced Studies. The session began with a welcome prayer which was followed by a discussion on Climate Change and its various aspects. Along with the presentation on the adverse effects of climatic change, Dr. Tarannum highlighted many grave issues which all started after the Industrial Revolution. After a detailed discussion about the harmful effects of climate change and what actions one can take to meet the sustainable development goals, the participants along with the teachers were divided into different groups. Each group was supposed to choose one SDG, state the issue and the action that could be adopted to deal with it..

Numa Hangma Subba (Loreto Convent, Darjeeling)



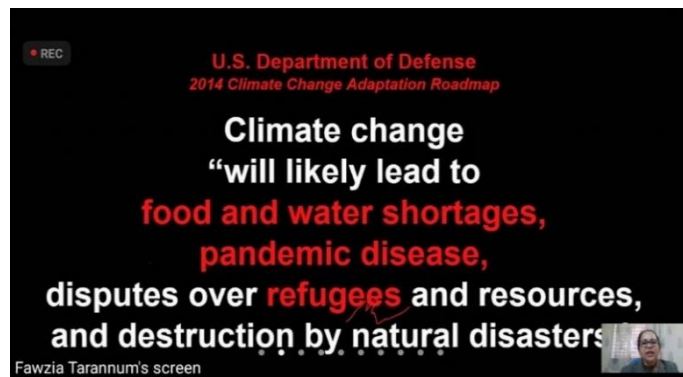
The conceptions shared make one contemplate about the atrophying and smothering Earth, of how this 'blue' is turning 'black' talks about climate change, cutting back on plastic and awareness for both young and old minds sure enough enhanced the way I think.

After all, it is important to renew one's thinking and stay updated on the ongoing ways of the world.

Further we had breakout rooms. Certainly a refreshing thing during this lockdown is to talk to new people about topics of interest. The group I joined settled down on the topic -Climate Change, Pollutions and its disastrous effects. We first put our suggestions forward and discussed about the things we can do to defuse the situation. We talked about spreading awareness and how some people who are already aware, but, decide not to do anything. In the end we had a few points which truly meant what we had on mind and we chose a person from the group to represent the final, curated words to the teachers, which reminds me, the way the teachers explained was perfect, everything was clear and fun.

Aendri Singh

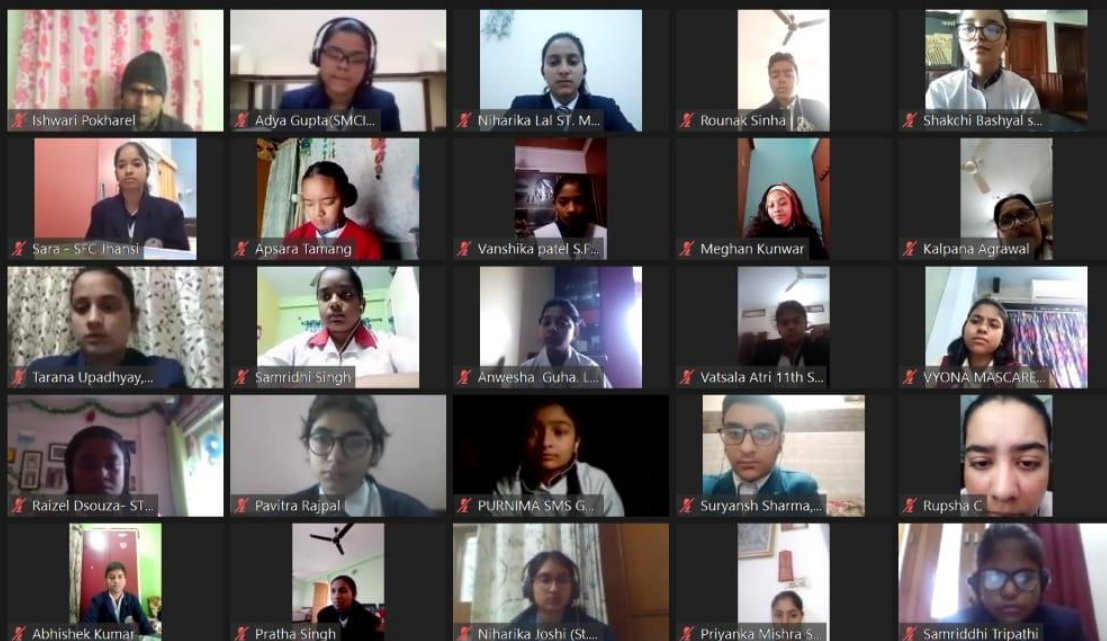
(St. Mary's Convent High School Cant Kanpur)



The one hour workshop session gave a wonderful learning experience as Dr. Fawzia Tarannum an Inter-disciplinary Water professional and an Assistant Professor at Teri School of Advanced Studies was our Resource Person, interacted with all of us. She explained about the deteriorating condition of our environment through a Power Point Presentation. The presentation gave an insight regarding how quickly the viruses are spreading and are mutating at a very fast rate. The tropical diseases which are spreading across the globe, are affecting the humanity on a very large scale. These diseases are less prevalent in temperate climates, due to the occurrence of a cold season which controls the insect population. The World Health Organization has also formed a new road map to completely eliminate the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) by 2030. Overall, it was a very educative and a good session.

Shreya Arora (St Mary's Convent Inter College, Prayagraj)





BRAIN-STORMING SESSION

Antonio Guterres has rightly remarked that, “Humanitarian response, sustainable development and sustaining peace are three sides of the same tringle.” Keeping the motto of achieving a sustainably developed world in mind, the South Asia General Meet Orientation Session was held on 9th January, 2021. In the course of this meeting all the students from the JPIC Mary Ward schools from all over India were divided into various breakout rooms to have a brain-storming session on the 17 enlisted global goals for sustainable development.

Each breakout room headed by a teacher was supposed to identify an issue related to that goal and discuss at least 3 actions that can be taken to address the issue. After the 15 minutes breakout session, the extent of excitement, fervor and amazement evident on the faces of both the teachers as well as the students set the ambience of the meet ablaze.

Thereafter, a student representative from each breakout room was given the opportunity to briefly share the probable actions that his/her group shall take to accomplish their goal for sustainable development. the key points of these goals being gender equality, quality education, no impoverishment and climate change.

Under the able guidance of Fauzia Tarranum ma’am we realized that gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a prerequisite for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building a good governance which requires human ingenuity. We all as students strive to grasp as much as we can from these sessions to live up to the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Devanshi Srivastava (St. Mary’s Convent, Lucknow)

PLEDGE TO BE REMEMBERED

Being Human connects to humanity

But unfortunately it's being crushed under the conservative mentality,

Gender, race and caste drew a boundary

And pushed away the incredible society considered legendary,

Where male female and all other genders

Would be treated with respect and with splendor,

We as activists have taken a pledge

To eradicate all differences and push them to the edge,

Responsibilities distributed in pure proportionality

To amplify the voice of the unheard who are treated with brutality,

'Last child first' is one of the idea behind our action

Livelihood and education to all is our ultimate satisfaction,

Resources are distributed equally is something always said

But unknowingly the planet was getting empty, the mother from
whom we were always fed,

Water was being bought and was no more seen in lakes

Humans were a long way through when they realized their mistakes

But, we have promised to make this situation better

To save the visible and invisible water together

Visible water to be saved by closing the tap and listening to water
alarms

Invisible to be saved by using sustainable products that cause no harm

Now is the time to make a big move

Now all differences have to be disapproved ,

Being human, Sustainable and with equal rights

We desire to build a society which is just, inclusive and filled with
delight

So, let's take the lead in our hand

Before the toxic elements around us expand .

---Aditi Awasthi Class IX, Loreto Delhi

GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but a necessary foundation for a peaceful and sustainable world. Equal access to education, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes are not only rights women should have, they benefit humanity at large too.

“Only making girls aware is not enough, it's high time for boys to be aware of it too”

Samriddhi Singh, Class XI, Loreto Dharmatala, Kolkata

The first step towards change is awareness. The second is acceptance."

The conclave on Gender Equality was an enlightening one as we learned the true meaning of Gender Equality. We saw how Gender Discrimination has affected not only females, but all Genders. We all were divided into breakout sessions where we talked about how we, as individuals can help those in need and educate everyone on how what they are doing is wrong and unacceptable. “Even the little steps we take can make a big difference in the life of those being Discriminated against and this is how we can put an end to this practice – Discrimination”.

---Mannat Sardana, Class XI

Loreto Convent Intermediate College, Lucknow

WE ARE ALL EQUAL

I had the glorious opportunity to attend the Mary Ward South Asia General Meet. Gender equality is something which is talked about in today's world. But still, we fail to understand the importance of it. Every person has the right to choose his/her own gender. And all we have to do is just accept and give them equal opportunities. It was very enlightening to know that there are people who agree with my perspective. The women were very inspiring with their strong speeches. When we mention gender equality, patriarchy is also a problem. I think women need to develop self-respect and understand that they are valuable enough without a man. Women need to understand that they are worth anything and everything. They don't need a man. Water is life and everyone is aware of this fact. We always tend to use and waste more water than is necessary. Water is required to make everything. And the more items that we use, we waste more and more water. If we don't stop now it will be too late. I hope that there will be a day when people will be more conscious. People should appreciate the gifts that God has given us. I hope that people will soon realize the difference between need and greed.

- Saanjdiya Mukherjee, Class IX, Loreto Sealdah

BREAK THE SILENCE

Woman dressed in elegant taste and courtesy

Is said to be an idol for our society.

Those who are bold and loud are liked by none;

She can't look the way she wants,

She can't act the way she demands,

Cause for being a woman

She is being judged by all.

Got hurt in a fight, he can't show his pain;

Got hurt in relationship, he can't show his tears.

He wanted to become a painter

But can't because he is the man of the family.

These are the rules made by our ancestors,

Or so the society says.

We cannot get equality by holding banners;

It just needs one to speak up

To inspire one billion around

So break the silence and speak yourself.

Nature has created diversities and not inequality,

So treat people the way you want to be treated;

Each gender has its own importance in society

So there is no need to prove one superior

Or the other inferior.

- Riya Ghosh, Class IX, Loreto Convent Ranchi

Recognition

We talk of the essence of liberty

Yet there is no gender equality

Don't we deserve to be safe?

In a world where we can show our real face

We are given a great amount of freedom

Yet discrimination rises above wisdom

Both genders deserve recognition

In the end it's only inequality that obtains admiration

The challenging times revealed our true colours

It made gender equality more difficult for our future endeavours

We have to rise above the occasion of unfairness

It is only recognition that can spread awareness.

Nazreena E Sunn, Loreto Convent Shillong



लैंगिक असमानता सामाजिक प्रक्रिया है जिसके द्वारा पुरुषों और महिलाओं को समान नहीं माना जाता है। लिंग वह है जो समाज में जन्मलेते ही एक लड़की और एक लड़के को परिभाषित करता है। लिंग वह है जो हमें बताता है कि मैं क्या पहनूँ, मेरे बाल कैसे होंगे, मेरी चालकैसी होनी चाहिए। लिंग शक्ति के बारे में है। लिंग लड़कों और पुरुषों को स्वतंत्रता देती है और महिलाओं से स्वतंत्रता और अवसर छीनलेता है। लिंग असमानता पैदा करता है। जीवविज्ञान असमानता पैदा नहीं करता है, वो तो हम इंसान हैं जो लैंगिक असमानता पैदा करते हैं! प्रकृति भेद बनती है भेदभाव नहीं, समाज भेद को भेद भाव में बदल देता है। हमें एक साथ इस भेदभाव को मिटाना है। अगर लैंगिकसमानता है तो यह हम सभी के लिए एक जीत की स्थिति होगी क्योंकि हम एक दूसरे की हर तरह से सहायता कर पाएंगे। धन्यवा

-Jigyasa Garhwal, Class XI, Loreto House

1st Mary Ward JPIC General Meet

The world today is traversing through an unprecedented trial. The current pandemic too has disrupted millions of lives. With these thoughts in mind, and hope in our heart, the First Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet was virtually conducted on 15th, 16th and 17th of January, 2021.

With the theme of being *Rooted, Responsive and Relevant*, 45 schools from India and across border regions participated to be a part of various sessions conducted by the TERI School of advanced Studies, Sangat, NINE IS MINE and Pratyek. We focused on improving the quality of nature by implementation of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) proposed by the UN. The main topics of discussion were - SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). In the common session on 15 January these two topics were beautifully depicted by Mrs.

Kamala Bhasin (feminist - session on gender equality), Sr. Adina Balan and Br. Steve Rocha (director of nine is mine - a campaign for the last neglected and unprivileged child). He introduced us to child advocacy and how can we be advocates with the help of 9 steps proposed by him and be the voice of the unspoken. On 16 January, we focused on 'Clean Water and Sanitation'. We were told about those topics which were usually neglected in daily life namely "Hidden Water". The concluding session on 17th January, was a brain storming session hosted by Dr. Fawzia, wherein we made action plan for achieving SDG goals.

Bhavya Singh--St. Francis' Inter College, Jhansi.

JPIC – justice peace and integrity of creation

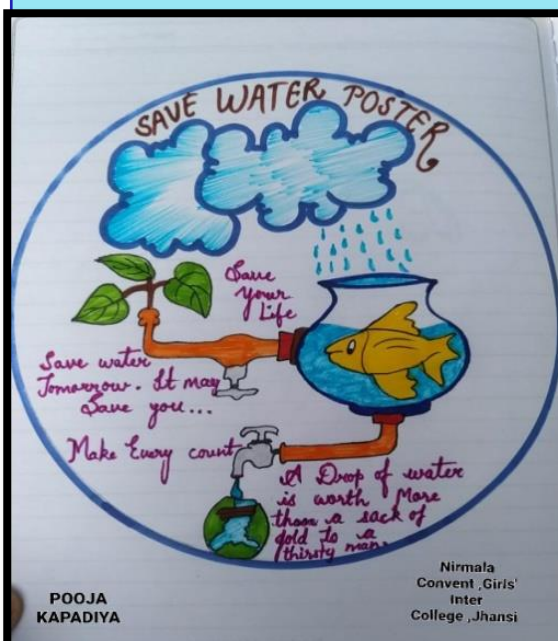
"Isn't it a paradox that we want the new version of everything, yet we fear to change our mind?"

- Carmen Jacob

Recently I got an opportunity to be a part of the JPIC national meet which took place from 15th to 17th January, 2021. JPIC-justice, peace and integrity of creation talks about issues which are deep rooted in our society, are relevant in the present times and tries to find practical and simple ways to combat the same. The highlight for me, with no doubt, was Ms. Kamla Bhasin's speech where she talked about gender equality and the multiple injustices all the genders go through due to the widespread patriarchy. One quote of hers which stayed with me throughout was "nature creates distinction, it's us who construct discrimination." It was as if her charisma and enthusiasm radiated through the screen and filled our pessimistic hearts with hope of seeing a better world. The change always starts with us so we need to be conscious of our unconscious biases. With an increasing number of violence against women of both urban and marginalized sections, seclusion of LGBTQ community and no awareness about water conservation, invisible or otherwise, it has become essential to strive hard to make this world more equitable and a safe place to live in. Be aware and be kind because you matter, what you think matters, what you speak matters, what you do matters and what little you achieve matters. Our thoughts and our ability to make decisions is what separates us from the other species residing alongside us; it can either be an asset if used aptly or if manipulated incorrectly can even lead to termination of mankind. Let's then make sure we use our voice for the right things and to kick-start a positive change. Shall we?

Niharika Josh

St. Mary's. Sr. Sec. School, Delhi



WE ARE NOT DIFFERENT

We are not as different
As we may think we are

Both of our lives are difficult to live

And both of us have scars

I know you face trouble

With your father, as I do

Mine doesn't let me play with you

Yours doesn't let you cry

I wish it was okay

For me to walk alone at night

Just as you wish it was okay

To lose to a girl in a fight

It's frustrating how people assume

That I'm fragile, when I'm not

I know that you'd hate it too

If they belittled the powder you have got

So you see we're not as different

As people make us out to be

I'm not weaker than you

You're not stronger than me

Vatsala Atri, St. Francis' Convent Inter College, Jhansi.

OUR WORLD

The womb of life lay arid and bare,
The song of nature arose with care,
The moment one sparked a flame with flair,
It was the male seed.

The yin and yang, the left and right,
Existed in peace without a fight,
No signs of fear, no path for fright,
Both were an equal breed.

The wagon on which the world was drolled,
Treaded across the murky skies,
The wheels were two which pushed and hailed,
Unaware of its coming demise.

One facet of the track was then repatched,
Stealthily done it left no trace,
With no history to see and mark,
A wheel was stripped of its name and face.

The creatures then of the world emerged,
And sang ballads for the man,
From whose 'compassionate shadow' alone,
Had all life 'set and began'.

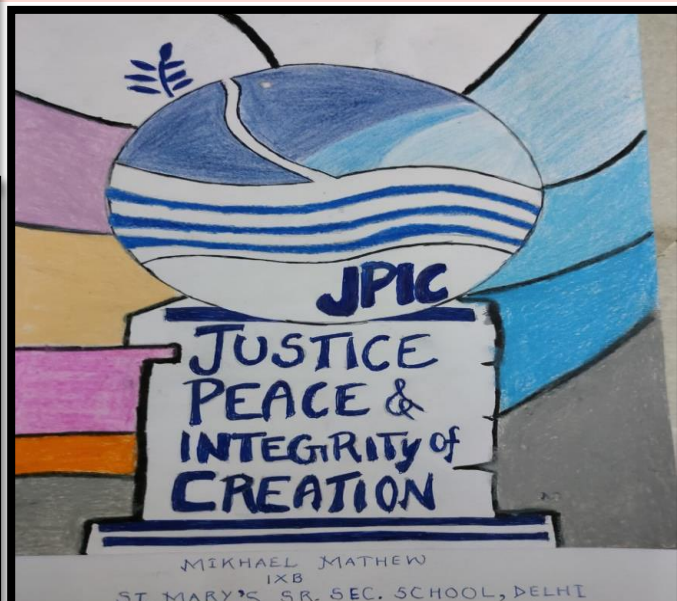
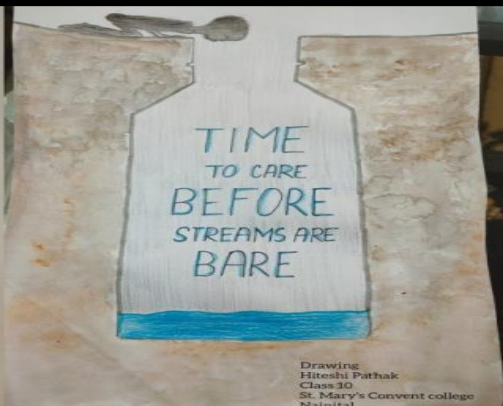
The creatures now stripped of all medley,
Turned their backs on the other wheel,
Who with reluctance now was forced,
To before her equal bow and kneel.

For all of us now reading this,
Look up and turn around,
For the descendants of the latter wheel,
On the Earth are still abound.

They toil and slave at the feet of equals,
And yet you see they earn so little,
You might see them in yourselves too,
Or the ones said to be brittle.

For you see they fear no longer,
From man's 'merciful' touch,
Love them, hate them or stand with them,
Future can't snub them as such.

Avani Joshi St. Mary's Convent College, Nainital



New Beginnings

A leap to endless possibilities

Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation : We - the carriers of transformation

The first day of the initiative brought to us a beautiful saying by Mrs. Kamla Bhasin, "I am learning how to read so that I can read the world not just a word. I am learning how to write so that I can write my destiny not just a love letter. I am learning how to count so that I can keep account of my rights, the world reminds me of my duties as a woman."

This day provided us with gems of wisdom on gender equality and advocacy. All that advocacy is, at its core, is an exercise in empathy. Inspired by Br. Steve Rocha we have learnt to never be afraid to raise our voices for honesty, truth and compassion against injustice, lying and greed. Passionately advocating for pressing issues is how we pledge to bring change.



The second day of the seminar for grade 11 elaborated on integrating human rights and promoting gender equality leaving no one behind. This session gave us hope for the inclusive and egalitarian world to come.

We are motivated to bring this world to life.

For grade 9, a session on the hidden water was conducted. Dr. Manasi Bal Bhargava captured our attention by calculating our water footprint through art. Dr. Fawzia Tarannum also engaged us in a session about choosing a meal plan that was nutritious while being less water intensive. This session was instrumental in helping us recognize our choices that contribute to our water footprint and has indeed inspired us to make thoughtful decisions that will prove to be impactful.

The final day of the initiative established the way forward. We look forward to contributing to bringing this plan of action to life to the best of our abilities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sangat, Nine is Mine, Teri School of Advanced Studies, the exhilarating speakers and the JPIC Core team for bringing us together through this inspiring initiative.

"No honey is sweeter than that of knowledge"-Friedrich Nietzsche

Knowledge is not power. It is only a potential. Applying that knowledge is power. Understanding why and when to apply that knowledge is wisdom.

This webinar has certainly empowered each one of us to become wiser by understanding why and when to apply the constructive knowledge we have gained. The pressing priority of the hour is our necessity for global citizens who think globally and act locally. The very first JPIC Mary Ward South Asia General Meet has enriched our young minds. Indeed this programme has nurtured the attendees who have learnt to be rooted to their core values. This has allowed us to be responsive to changes that we see enabling us to take relevant steps to nurture and secure our nature, our common home.

Nepal

Dear Society

We are the ones who make the society of men and women;

Why treat them then unequally because of their gender? And cause them anxiety.

God is the one who made us all;

Girls and boys;

The difference between them is not much at all.

My daddy didn't want me;

'Because I was a girl'

He killed me inside mama before I could see the world.

You ought to look beautiful;

So, you made my hair and painted my face;

As though I am just for display.

I don't like girls;

You found it such a taboo;

That you beat even kill me.

I don't like boys; That makes me a freak;

By the law of society, I am made guilty;

From boy to girl I changed;

Now I am no longer welcome in society;

Because I am an abomination in reality.

You chained the girl in shackles;

You choked the boy with his own emotions;

When nature made the difference;

But it's society that created indifference.

The girl too wants to open her wings;

The boy too wants to accept all his emotions;

The LGBTQ+ too wants to be accepted.

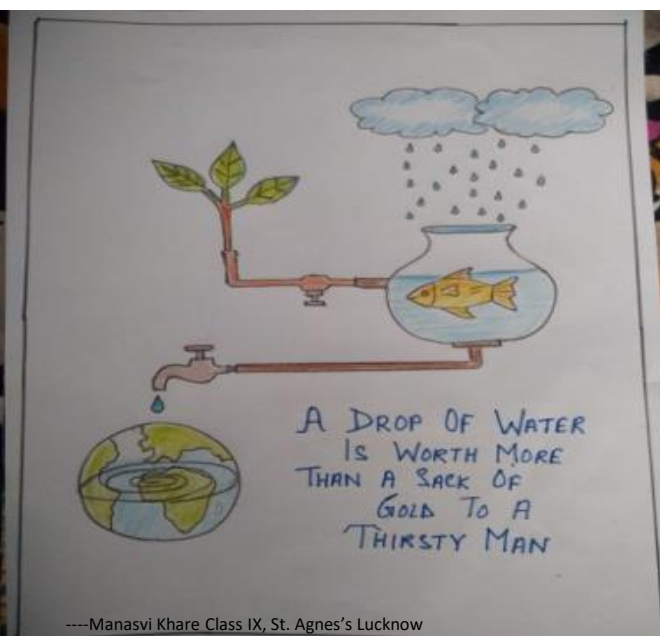
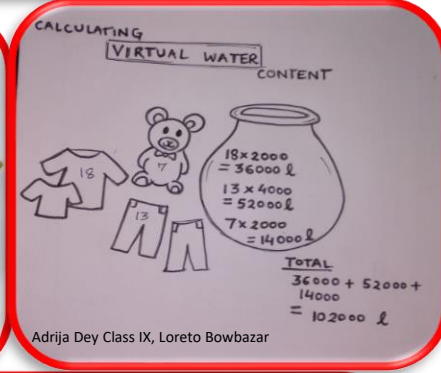
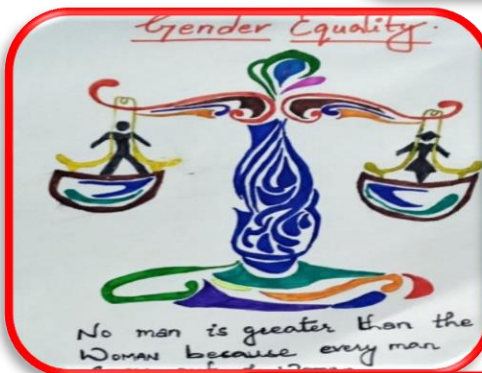
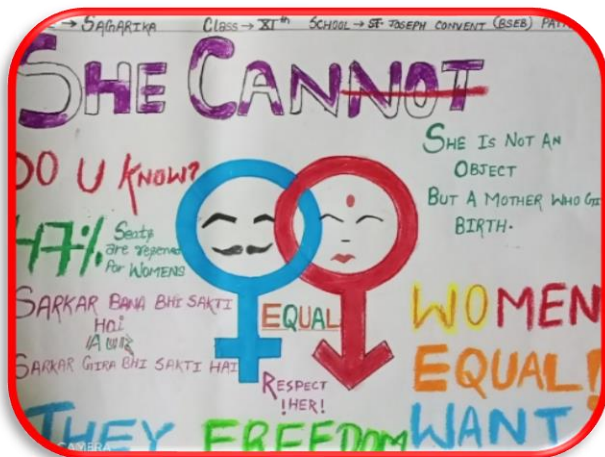
So, society I humbly request you;

To let us to be free;

Unchain us from the shackles;

And treat us like humans.

SJC, JETHULI



Personal Testimony

I, indeed always wanted to be part of a movement which stood for Gender Equality and Sex Education and now I am confident to say that I found such a platform in this conclave "Mary Ward South Asia JPIC Meet" where students like me from 45 Mary Ward schools took part. Since the time I joined the Holy Institution of Mary Ward, I've been taught about Gender Equality and told that everyone is Equal in the Eyes of the Lord, then, who are we to discriminate against others had been disturbing me for a long time. I always dreamed of normalizing these important issues in our society as the motto of my life is to see that everyone is treated and accepted irrespective of the gender, color, caste or creed. Today after 13 years of being a part of this school I really got a chance to talk about these issues in front of so many friends from all over the Country and beyond, I feel very proud in my own self. I felt I'm going on the right path, telling everyone how important it is to Bring Gender Equality in our Society. How important it is to Bring HUMANITY back into the society. I'm grateful to the JPIC team for giving us a Platform where we could talk about it and find creative solutions in the days to come.

SJC, PATNA

जल ही जीवन है

क्यों नहीं समझ पा रहे है लोग,
पानी है हमारे अनमोल ॥
प्रकृति से मिला जल उपहार में,
भावी पीढ़ी को रख ध्यान में, सदा करें
उपभोग ॥

है महासागरो में अनंत पानी,
इसका हम नहीं कर सकते उपयोग
मीठे जल से है, अधिक जल खारा

खारे जल के सेवन से, कोई नहीं रह
सकता निरोग ॥

दूषित जल के सेवन से,
हो सकती है हमें अतिसार रोग
इन बीमारियों से बचने के लिए
करें सदा शुद्ध जल का उपयोग
अगर करते रही इसी प्रकार की
बर्बादी

मच जाएगी चारों तरफ त्राहि त्राहि

फिर हम कल को बहुत पछतायेंगे
पानी की एक बूंद देखने को तरस
जायेंगे

सच कहे तो जल बना,
जीवन की पहचान
व्यर्थ बहाकर न करे
इसका अब नुकसान ॥

NIRMALA SHIKSHA BHAWAN, SHAHPUR, Patna



Water for every creature

Is a gift of nature

For all the wounds it is a
dressing

Disguised as God's blessing.

-Melika Agarwal Class IX, Loreto House,
Kolkata



**When life comes to a halt...introspect...
it may be a new beginning**

<https://youtu.be/evxumKFbws4>

**“Paani ki bachat
aaj ki zaroorat...”**

Sasurah Khan Class IX

Loreto Day School, Elliot, Kolkata

Water Down the Drain

Water drips down sinks
When you're looking away.
It flows out of buckets,
When you're too busy to care.

Spare a thought sometime,
That water is finite,
It too will someday be gone
And you'll regret not saving
When you had the chance.

Water drips down sinks
When you're looking away.
It flows out of buckets,
When you're too busy to care.

There's water in the drains,
There's water in the oceans,
There's water in the sea,
But none of that is for you and me.

Water drips down sinks
When you're looking away.
It flows out of buckets,
When you're too busy to care.

Water, water everywhere but
Not a drop to drink.
The quote could be true someday,
Let's conserve so we don't see it.

-Garima Michael, Class: IX
Loreto Convent Asansol

CONVERSATION OF WATER

Her lovely blue colour, has covered our Earth,
Her existence among us is the cause of life.
Seas have it, much in it, with glorious blue shade,
Possible is the life, with her existence among us.
Loves her the sun so much, as he dives slowly into her;
For his relaxing sleep,
While the dazzling orange dusk, starts fading away.
Pain has the sun, to part with her,
While the beautiful clear dawn, disappears the darkness.
Has she the life in her, which is her pride
Has she the life in her, which is her deep sowed beauty?
Wastes have they dumped, the monster beings,
To cover up her beauty, and-to ruin her glorious existence.
Has he the thought, of the future beings?
Has he the thought, of his own sons and daughters?
Afraid is the sun, now to touch her surface at dusk;
Merry is he now, to part with her at dawn,
Who is now filled with, garbage other than, her purity and beauty.
Selfishness has the man, while contamination is the result,
Possible is the life for now, but is it possible to live, in future?
Though seas have it, much in it, can thou have it,
The salty, impure water, for the survival of living?
It is not too late, and need not worry for a key,
To open the door for survival, as the solution is, 'To conserve it'.
So, to conserve is the only way, and life is the result.
Conserve it for now, to give a drop for future,
And let the future see, the vision of water.
Prayers will they give, to us for our love.
Conserve it for lives ahead,
To let them see the beauty of water,
Let nature have the pride, of having water with life.



Michael Harold Sony, Class IX
Mary Ward EMHS, Puthenvelikkara, Kerala



FROM THE STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

*Visions of the ninth & eleventh grade
activists*

We Are The Change

RAIN WATER HARVESTING

SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINES

TEACHING PROGRAMMES FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE
(JEEVAN REKHA PROGRAMME)

Adrija Mitra Class IX, Loreto Delhi

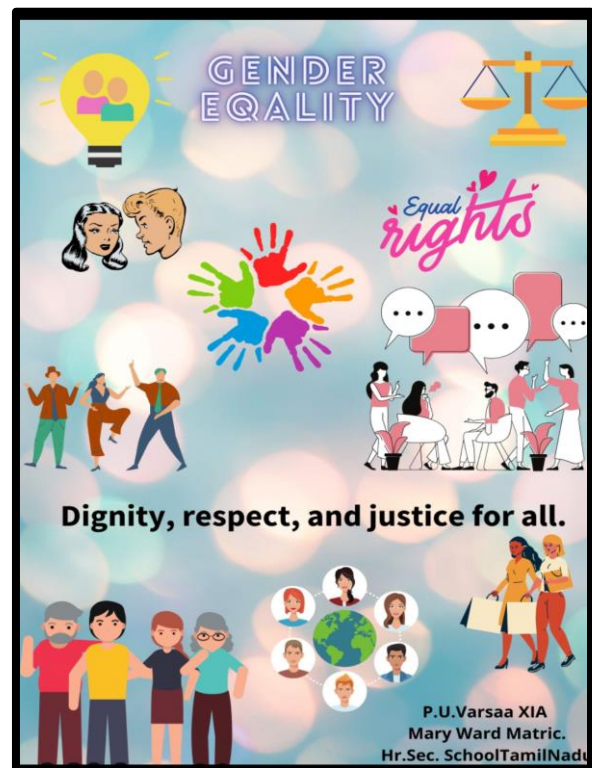
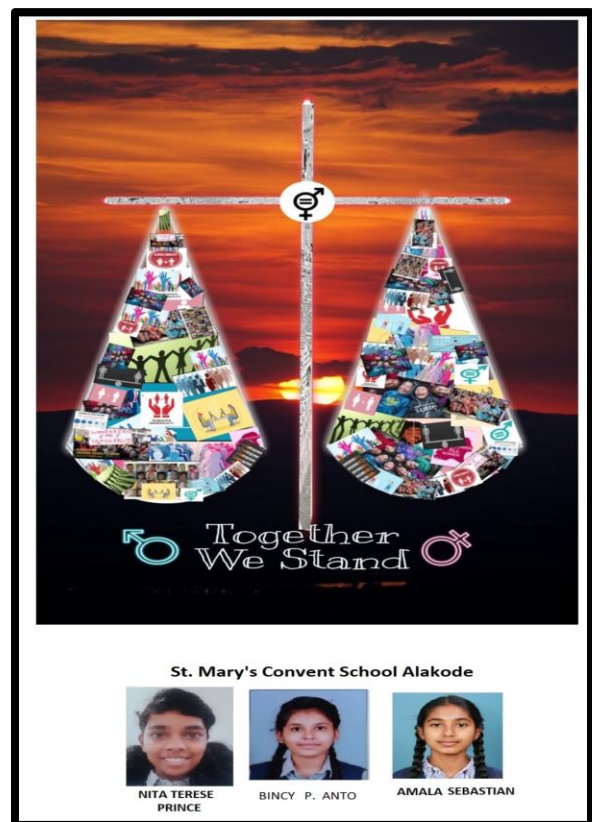
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WILL NOT COME
IF WE WAIT FOR
SOME OTHER PERSON
OR SOME OTHER TIME.
WE ARE
THE ONES WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR.
WE ARE
THE CHANGE
THAT WE SEEK.

THINK
GLOBALLY
ACT
LOCALLY

- Creation of platform for affected people to let their voices heard and thereby raise awareness
- Providing space for LGBTQ+ community
- Giving back to nature – IN A BIG WAY!
- Educating adolescents on gender equality

Aditi Balasia Class XI, Loreto House, Kolkata

May we be the shining light...



people and giving them hope!!

From Unika Panda, Loreto House to Everyone

Taking initiative makes the smallest yet largest difference

From Melika Agarwal to Everyone

try whatever we can do whether small or big doesn't matter . it's the thought that counts

just thinking is not enough, raising voice is also important

From Uzma Aalia, Loreto Convent, Ranchi to Everyone

what kind of permanent change can you bring.

From yasha, LDSB to Everyone

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From Sam Rastal PMAT school to Everyone

I'm today's world women are also a great example of hardworker in way of earning and somewhere there are women running house.

From Gaun Atreya, Loreto Delhi to Everyone

women have always remained unsung and its only been recently that we have recognised their importance .

From Chaynelli Laifons to Everyone

Maam there are two men standing ...but they are not helping the women as they believe that filling water is only a woman's job.

From Pujita Arora - SFC Jhansi to Everyone

we do not appreciate the women who work as house wives although it requires so much hard work and it's their choice which should be respected equally

Virtual Dialogues

From PURNIMA SMS Gorkha Nepal to Everyone

we should change ourselves first and then make a group and they advocate us and then we can change the world

From TUHEENA PRASAD,SJC ICSE PATNA to Everyone

I Believe using Our Rights in a Right way is very important in bringing a change in the Society.



Jonita L.Toppo,XI Arts,LCR

From Anushka Maitra(LORETO HOUSE SCHOOL) to Everyone

Speaking our thoughts out can help us in a much better way than we think

From SHUCHISMITA ADHIKARI, LORETO CONVENT to Everyone

even small things make a great impact if all work together as true global citizens

which needs to be changed to get the best of the world.

From ADITI AWASTHI - LORETO DELHI to Everyone

we should make normal people realize and remind them about their powers and the things which they can do . POPULARITY IS NOT NEEDED TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE . It all starts from a thought and hence converting them to actions .

From Pooja to Everyone

even girls can't say between family decisions

From Shreshtha Chatterjee, Loreto Day School Bowbazar to Everyone

gender mainstreaming is really important as a strategy for integrating gender concerns in analysis. Only then gender equality and women empowerment can be promoted. Shreshtha Chatterjee , XI, Loreto Bowbazar

From Vatsala Atri class 11 SFC Jhansi to Everyone

gender inequality is the most obvious in our homes. whenever my brother's friends come over, I am prohibited to enter the room they're in. we need to ask why this happens

From Gaun Atreya, Loreto Delhi to Everyone

INCREASING A WOMAN'S SENSE OF SELF WORTH AND HER DECISION MAKING POWER IS ESSENTIAL. THOUGH ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES OF MEN ALSO PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE

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From Kajal Singh to Everyone

maam gender equality is must for education as I have met families where boys are educated further but girls are not given to do their graduations also

From Pujita Arora - SFC Jhansi to Everyone

if they will not be educated equally then how will they come to know about the things in which they are discriminated

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We - the carriers of transformation

Every right has its responsibilities. With the right to live in this beautiful planet comes the responsibility of taking care of it. This programme too has given me a newfound appreciation for the responsibility I hold towards our common home, Earth. It has certainly induced a sense of urgency to advocate for issues like gender equality that still plague our nations. On the whole, it has shaped my paradigm on relevant issues for the better.

-Sangya Pandey, Kathmandu

It was a lively learning experience. I found the content of the programme to be well thought out. I am more conscious of the environmental damage I contribute to through my individual actions. Although it was a short seminar, it has been an impactful one.

-Aayusha Gurung, Pokhara



I start with a quote from Emma Watson, "It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals." Gender is a performance act imposed by society. Nature creates beautiful differences in every part of society that has led to create discrimination opposed to celebrating these magnificent differences. Ms. Karika Bharti's inspiring experience working to end this societal construct has indeed resonated.

Pankaj Pandey Chetri, Kathmandu



*If not me, then who?
If not now, then when?
Smash Patriarchy!
The power is in my hands*

Prayusi Gurung, Pokhara

Today's youth is tomorrow's future. Hence, it is imperative that as the rising generation we stand together to combat global issues. This webinar has encouraged me to do the same. Overall, it was an exceptional learning experience that has given me a deeper understanding of the topics discussed.

- Samridhhi Mainali, Kathmandu



Let's not have anyone walk in and out of us like an open door way, there are too many miracles happening inside us. Cherish them, preserve them and flaunt them to the whole universe. Because the moment you remember who you are, the game changes!

-Pranisha Panthi, Pokhara



We say males and females are equal for all
But discrimination is all over the world
We say both are better than other
But no one is less than another
No one is less
We should realize there is only the human race
-Rasmina Kapri,
Gorkha



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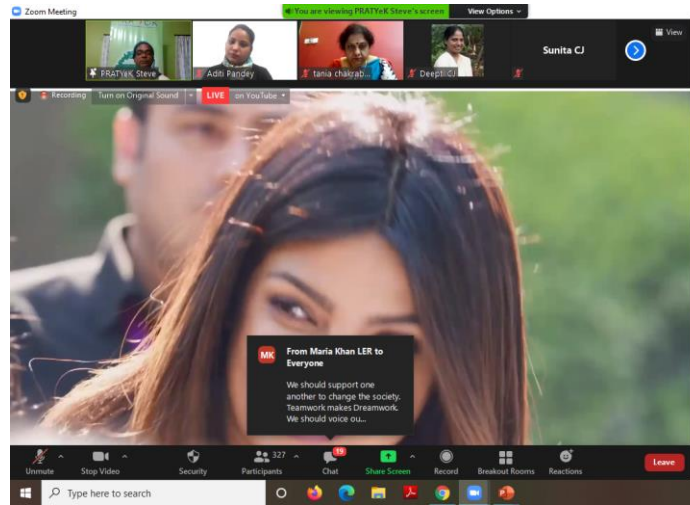
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