



GROWING INTO A SPIRITUAL REPUBLIC

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

Rabindranath Tagore, Gitanjali Poem No. 35

This year India is celebrating her 74th National Republic Day on the 26th of January, 2023. The word Republic comes from the Latin *rēs publica*, meaning “public thing,” characterizing that a state is ultimately run by its people as opposed to monarchy or tyranny. It is a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch. A Republican system is where the people become the true rulers of the state, by electing representatives to take control of the country through direct voting, a system that India has in place.

Republic Day is an occasion to ask ourselves whether the values taught by our Founding Fathers are still alive in us. Pope Francis invites all those at the helm, in politics, economic affairs, media and public institutions to collaborate, to keep ruthlessness at a distance. Religious motivations provide a very strong energy towards world peace. The Supreme Pontiff appeals to leaders of all religions, therefore, to play a dynamic role in guiding their followers on the way of good governance, non-violence and peace (Rite Reverend Thomas Menamparampil).

The Constitution of India offers us the guiding principle towards the flowering of the freedom we have been offered. The Pūrṇa Swarāj we received is not a one-time geographic entity. It is an ongoing process which needs to be arrived at into its fully blossomed state through the rights given to us in form of (i) right to equality, (ii) right to freedom, (iii) right against exploitation, (iv) right to freedom of religion, (v) cultural and educational rights and (vi) right to constitutional remedies. We also need to remember the duties we are called to fulfill. Today we reaffirm

our commitment to unity in diversity, fraternity and equality among all citizens.

Carl Henry rightfully stated that Christians should “work through civil authority for the advancement of justice and human good” to provide “critical illumination, personal example, and vocational leadership.” This has been the historic witness of Christians concerned about government promoting good and restraining evil.

Without doubt, spirituality is the very backbone of India. It is what Vivekananda saw as her special genius. It is that which powered India's pre-eminence in the world. It is this power that Gandhiji used to secure us freedom. Mahatma Gandhi revolutionized India with his concept of *Ahimsa* and *Satyagraha* which means nonviolence and adherence to the truth at all times, in all places and situations.

“Spirituality naturally raises human values and breaks the narrow boundaries of caste, creed, religion and nationality,” says Art of Living founder, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, advocating that a revival of spiritual values alone can ensure a happy and cultured society. A spiritual, all-encompassing perspective alone can inspire peaceful revolutions in society, be it in social, political or economic spheres.

The preamble of the Constitution of India is an introduction of the Constitution which includes the sets of rules and regulations to guide the people of the country. The inspiration and the motto of the citizens are explained in it. The preamble can be considered as the beginning of the Constitution which highlights the base of the Constitution. The nature and spirit of India is found in the preamble to her Constitution which is the supreme law of the country. The preamble invites us to a special vocation to take India to a new height by practicing the values ingrained in it.

The components of the preamble are:

1. The preamble shows that the people of India are the source of authority. It means power lies with the citizens to elect their representatives and they also have the right to criticize their representatives.
2. It states the objectives of the Constitution of India, which are justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity to maintain the integrity and unity of the nation as well as the citizens.

3. It also justifies the nature of the Indian State, which is Sovereign, Socialist, Republic, Secular and Democratic.

In his speech to the students of Isha Home School, on the 68th Republic Day, the Sadhguru said, "On this day, all of you must understand that how strong, resilient, wonderful and capable you become, that is how the nation and the world will become. There is no such thing as building a great nation. We just have to build great human beings. If we build great human beings, then there is a great nation and a great world."

The Constitution of India offers a meaningful vocation to each one of us. Since people of India play a pivotal role in the country, it is of utmost priority to shape and form its people. The ideas embedded in the

constitution can be actualized by a transformation of heart in which love and concern for the other brings about a spiritual transformation. This paves the way to experience and realize the freedom earned through much sacrifice and patriotism. It is a lamp to the feet and light of the way for the people of India. Tagore's dream of reaching "Into that heaven of freedom" is a pilgrimage that takes us through the path of individual and societal transformation, taking the shield of *ahimsa* and sword of *satyagraha*.

On this republic day let us aim for a mind without fear and pray for a Spiritual Republic.

+ Shyamal Bose

PARIBAR JYOTI NEWS

Marriage Preparation Course - 2nd & 3rd December 2022:

Parents and youth of marriageable age are now becoming aware that married life is really very beautiful but there is a lot to know about it. This is why many are coming to attend this course. The participants who attended this course were very bold, enthusiastic, and had many questions and expectations from this course as the would-be couples did not want to keep anything inside that might cause a problem in their relationship in their future married life. Therefore, by Explaining and guiding them on various topics related to securing their future married life they happily returned home with brightened minds and hearts.



Personality Development for Youth of Gostomath - 4th December 2022:

The youth attending this training were between the age group of 14 to 19 years, so there were many different variations which made the training more effective and attentive. They had so many expectations and are eager to achieve their goals in the future.

The trainers asked about the barriers to reaching their goal and they shared that there were so many obstacles in their way to achieving their goal like; the misuse of mobile



phones, love and eloping marriage at an early age and lack of discipline especially towards parents, lack of punctuality, lack of seriousness in studies and lack of religiousness. We were amazed to see how these young children came out with so many points which are really affecting their lives. They also discussed the making up their minds on the responsibilities that they will do hereafter to sustain their personality and achieve their goal in life.

Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting: On 6th December 2022 at Ranigarh Parish family cell meeting was held before the Christmas

celebration. The meeting commenced after a gap of two months which the members were eager and enthusiastic for the discussion and their sharing of experiences and the encounter of visits to different families. Rev. Fr. Sirnus Topno encouraged the members with his guiding speech which helped the members to focus on their activities. Mr. Francis Lobo, the staff of Paribar Jyoti then explained the process of house visits and followed up through power point presentation which the members said- was very useful for their house visits and activities too. The meeting was concluded with a song and prayer.

Personality Development for Youth: Now-a-days it is quite

difficult to get attention from and manage youth of different societies or communities. But the youth of Gosaba were just



the opposite as they were so humble and cooperative, attentive and receptive, questioning and spontaneous which made the bridge for us to enter their minds and hearts so easy to conduct a seminar for youth on 9th December 2022. The youth of this parish are so bold, talented and ambitious. The youth reflecting on some of the points shared by us said these would definitely help them improve their personality to boost their talents and achieve their goals.

In-Laws Programme at Gosaba: It is not always possible to get



elderly people to attend this program but the parents of Gosaba parish made it possible out of their interest to strengthen their family relationship and their role in the family as Father In-Laws and Mothers

In-Laws on 10th December 2022. With the initiative and support of the parish priest Rev. Fr. Prolay Baidya and the family cell members, we conducted this seminar for the In-Laws (Elderly Parents) of the parish. The participants first of all thanked us for remembering them as they said mostly, they are left out or neglected. However, their spontaneous

and active participation really moved us as they shared many practical family life's examples. At the end, they took the oath to contribute from their part their good behavior, help, support and experience to sustain a healthy family bonding between them and their children.

Children Mental Health for Parents at Gosaba -11th December 2022 :



It was a long-awaited program as the members of the family cell had planned for it many months back. So, with the support and cooperation of the parish priest Rev. Fr. Prolay Baidya, we (Paribar Jyoti) successfully conducted the seminar for the parents of small children in the parish.

The parents attending the seminar had so many questions about disciplining their children, like; some nearly get fed-up, others say their children are always busy with mobile phones etc. After explaining each and every point well enough to their satisfaction then the parents shared it was a great help to them to know about these solutions to their problems.

Young Couples Workshop - 16th & 17th December 2022:



It is not always possible to get participants from different backgrounds for young couples' workshops. But this training was a special one as there were participants from different backgrounds and experiences. We had amongst us school teachers, govt. employees, engineers,

cooks, daily labourers, etc. The group was open and spontaneous right from the beginning and shared many of their life's practical problems and situations which were really very helpful for all. The couples really enjoyed their two days of training. They shared that they had learned a lot from this workshop and could also change their lifestyle.

Animators Workshop: The month of December Animator's workshop was before Christmas eve on 18th and 19th December 2022. The animators were very enthusiastic and had joyful hearts for which the workshop was very effective. The animators after sharing and submitting their previous month's activity report were given to think and discuss what more can they do to bring more effectiveness in their respective areas through the activities of Paribar Jyoti. They discussed and brought out many new ways which can be effective in reaching the hearts of people. The director, Fr. Uttam Naskar then focused on some of the points that the staff and animators should keep in mind to fulfill their tasks and responsibilities with ease.

Parenting Seminar for Parents: It was a great joy for having parents of children of different ages to come together for this Seminar on 20th December 2022. The resource person of the day was Rev. Fr. Saumitra Makhal who enlightened in his talk about parenting bonds and caring for children from the model of the holy family of Nazareth. Looking at the present scenario the parents shared some of their problems and sufferings in rearing their children. We were amused to see that they responded well and gave importance to accepting the



points which were discussed by all on the ways to bring up children. Indeed, it was more colourful pleasure to have amidst us Mr. Biswajit Mukherjee who highlighted in his talk on psychological mind of the children on hearing from parents, the empty mind of the child gathers everything. Therefore, parents as husband and wife should be on good terms to give proper guidance to their children.

Seminar and Celebration for Neighbourhood Community-Youth:

It was a great pleasure to conduct a seminar for the youth of the neighbouring community in Paribar Jyoti on the 23rd of December 2022. For the first time, they participated in Christmas celebrations at Paribar Jyoti. They shared many of their ideas because they had never had this seminar in their community and school. Indeed, everyone was very happy and went back with great ambition for their future life.

Seminar for Neighbourhood Community-Mothers:

On 25th, a seminar was organized at Paribar Jyoti for the mothers of neighbouring communities. Parents attending this seminar spontaneously participated and asked questions. They happily expressed that they are very happy to have our midst the Paribar Jyoti because here we are benefiting from any family problems, especially for our sons and daughters-in-law. They thanked Paribar Jyoti for this meaningful seminar.



Christmas Celebration with Neighbourhood Community:

It's a great privilege for us to have a Christmas celebration with our neighbours. Most Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Barupur Diocese, was the chief guest at the Christmas celebration of the neighbouring community. He pointed out in his Christmas message that the baby Jesus has come to give peace and love to all. Everyone was very happy and applauded loudly for his wonderful message.



Everyone was very happy with the Christmas celebration that Paribar Jyoti organized for them to share the joy and love of the child Jesus. The local Brahmin priest also spoke that God

has come to the earth to do good for the whole of humanity. Mr. Pravas Manna one of the prominent persons highlighted that the celebration brings an occasion to have a good time to know each other.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS



The Christmas Get-together for priests and religious was organized by the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur on the 29th of December 2022. All together 138 priests and religious cheerfully took part in the gathering to share and multiply the joy of incarnation. The gathering began with a Holy Eucharist celebrated by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose and con-celebrated by Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo Bishop Emeritus and other priests. In his homily, Bishop explained the core message of Christmas that is God's love to the humanity and how that love is to be shared with one another especially in the season of Christmas.

All the bishops, priests, religious and brothers were felicitated with a short programme where Rev. Sr. Sasmita, the superior of Holly Cross convent and Rev. Br. Uday Mondal, the regent took charge of anchoring the program. Rev. Sr. Ashajoyti conducted some interesting fun games which made the program more enjoyable. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General proposed the vote of thanks and with a delicious lunch the celebration came to an end.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

PALLI UNNAYAN SAMITI BARUIPUR

Major Activities for the Month of December 2022

Rallies and Street Corners on Social Violence against Women and Children

On 15th December 2022, Rallies and street corners were conducted on social violence against Women and Children such as Underage Marriage, Anti Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Abuse at Titkumar village in Amjhara Gram Panchayet under Basanti Block in the District of South 24 Parganas.

Altogether 113 Women and Children participated in those Rallies & Street Corners and raised their voice. The Banners, Posters and Placards were displayed against Under Age Marriage, Human Trafficking, Child Labour and other Social Violence against Women and Children during the processions. The whole community was sensitized about the issues.

The Local PRI member ASHA worker, ICDS and Teacher were invited to participate in this program. The guests and resource persons shared their views and experiences on the issues and also show the ways to mitigate the issues towards better ambiance of the locality. People are requested to contact with local administration and also with the toll free child helpline number 1098 or 100 for police helpline. The rally was concluded with thanks and gratitude to all the participants.



Christmas Celebration - 2022

Christmas brings Love, Peace, Joy, Unity and Hope among the people every year; keeping this sharing of Love in mind, PUS family celebrated the Christmas 2022 in different groups.



The Joy of Christmas among the Children of Free Learning Centre

PUS Baruipur organized Christmas celebration for the children of Free Learning Centre at Panchankhanda, Hotar and Charavidya on 17th, 18th and 21st December 2022. Altogether 350 children and their Parents participated in those celebrations. All the children received Blankets as Christmas gifts.

The selected children took part in different sports and cultural program. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank holders were awarded with prizes.

The program concluded with thanks and gratitude to all the participant guests, parents and children followed by festive lunch.

Christmas Celebration with PUS Baruipur Neighbouring Children

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur shared the joy of Christmas with its neighbouring children on 22nd December, 2022. The program began with lighting of the lamp by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, who was the chief guest. In his speech, he shared Christmas message and encouraged the children to enjoy the day and have a good education for their better future.

The neighbouring children took part in sports and 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank holders in each game were awarded with prizes. At the end of the program, Food packets were served to all the participant children and parents as to share the joy of Christmas.



PUS Baruipur Shared the Joy of Christmas with its Sponsored Children

On 21st December 2022, PUS Baruipur shared the joy of Christmas with its sponsored children. The celebration started at 09:30 a.m. at PUS Baruipur office premises. Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of PUS Baruipur welcomed all the distinguished Guest, Parents and Children. He shared about the role and responsibility of parents to shape bright future of the children in the objective of the Sponsorship project supported by Kolkata Sponsored Aid, Belgium.

It was a Joyful day for all 21 children being together from different communities. All the sponsored students conveyed their love and gratefulness to Mr. Astere & Mrs. Marie Paul of Belgium Sponsor Committee and all those who are allied directly and indirectly in this sponsorship Programme. All the children received Blankets and study materials as a Christmas gifts. The Christmas celebration concluded with festive lunch.



The Joy of Christmas with the People in Need

On 21st December 2022, PUS Baruipur shared the Joy of Christmas with the people in need. Altogether 180 poor people received Blankets as winter cloth and Food packets as an essential commodities as a token of Christmas love.

The Joy of Christmas with SAD Langalbaria Sponsored Children

There was an evening get together among SAD Langalbaria sponsored children supported by FADV ITALY -at Bamangachhi village under Langalberia GP. Altogether 650 sponsored children and their parents were present for the Christmas celebration. A cultural program organized for the children who presented Songs, Recitation and Dance on the theme of Nativity of Jesus. Each of the children received

one Hot Tiffin Box and Tiffin packets as Christmas Gifts.

PUS Organized Christmas Gathering for PUS Family

On 23rd December 2022, there was a Christmas gathering for the PUS family. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo graced the occasion as Chief Guest. All together 127 staff participated in this celebration and exchange their gifts with each other through a game. The PUS staff members presented Songs, Recitation, Dance and performed different games. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo shared the Christmas message. All the 127 PUS staff received Hot Tiffin Box, Diary, Calendar and Cake as Christmas gifts. The Christmas celebrations came to an end with festive lunch. It was a memorable day for the participants.

Certificate Awards Ceremony for Beautician Course

On 20th December 2022, the Certificate awards ceremony for the Beautician Course was conducted at PUS Baruipur. The aim of this Vocational Training course is to develop the skills among the youth and young women as a beautician to earn some money to support their family for better livelihood. The duration of the Training course was for three months.

The program started with lighting of the Lamp at 10:00 a.m. and a Prayer Dance by the teachers from SAD Langalbaria Project. The girls from four centers namely Charavidya, Baria, Manmathanagar and Khari contested Songs, Dance, Sharee Style, Hair Style and Bridal makeup and awarded with prizes accordingly.

Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur shared the usefulness of the course at this present era and possibilities of earning opportunity after the course, which enlightened the girls to take this profession.

Altogether 123 young women from four centers received this training and awarded certificate and a set of Beautician Practice Tool Kits. The program concluded with thanks and gratitude to all the participants followed by a delicious lunch.



World Disable Day 2022

The World Disable Day- 2022 was conducted on 19th December 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur in its office premises at 10:30 a.m. Altogether 210 children with disabilities and their mothers participated in this Celebration.

The program was inaugurated by lighting of the "PanchaProdeep" at 10.30 a.m. as a symbol of divine power by Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of PUS Baruipur, Fr. Uttam Naskar, the Director of Family Commission. Mr. Sanjib Mandal, Rajesh Mandal and Lipika Mandal one of the mothers of children.

In the beginning of the program, Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS welcomed all the guests and Special children and their mothers. The theme of the World Disabled Day 2022 is "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world" was explained to them.

Miss. Dabika Pal, one of the selected girls performed a dance with the rhythm of Tagore song "AgunerParasmoni".

Fr. Uttam Nasker and other invited guests shared the feature and importance of World Disable Day, Rights of Children with Disabilities in the fields of Health, Education, Livelihood, and Sport & Culture. The Government Schemes and its accessibilities related to the children with disabilities were exposed to them.

The second half of the program started with sports and cultural program. All the selected children contested in sports. Altogether four sports-events were conducted for the children. 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank holder of each game were awarded with prizes. Each of the children received blanket as token of Christmas love. The Celebration was concluded with thanks to all the participants' guests, mothers and children followed by a festive lunch.

BLESSING OF NEW CHURCH, CANNING

17th December, 2022 was a day of great joy and happiness for the faithful of St. Paul's Church, Canning. The long awaited day came to an end with the blessing and inauguration of the new church. The day was marked with the cutting of the ribbon by Rev. Fr. Mathew Nayak, C.M., the provincial of North Indian Province and blessing of the new church was done by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur. The present on the occasion were Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the vicar general of the diocese of Baruipur, Rev. Fr. Peter Pradhan, C.M., the parish priest of Canning, Rev. Fr. Rajib Singh, the assistant priest of Canning, Rev. Fr. Ajay Lakra, C.M., the principal of De Paul School, Canning, Rev. Fr. Subasis Mondol, C.M., principal of De Paul School, Bansdrani, Rev. Fr. Junesh Gomango, C.M., the principal of De Paul School, Jayanpur, Frs. Subir Singh, C.M., Prasant Kullu, C.M. and Fr. Proloy Baidya. Number of sisters from different communities such as FC, SCC, AC, SD and MC were present for the holy mass and blessing of the new church. More than fifteen hundred faithful, including neighbouring parishioners were present for the celebration. After the holy mass very short and sweet felicitation program was held to felicitate the dignitaries and the people who were the main instruments for building the new church. The inauguration and blessings of the new church concluded with the fellowship meal. We are grateful to P.O.P.F. and VSO and all our benefactors, workers, the faithful of St. Paul Church, Canning and Bansdrani for their contribution and financial support.



KUMRAKHALI YOUTH CHRISTMAS GATHERING at 10 No St. Thomas Church (sub-station)



On 31st December 2022 at the end of the year there was a youth Christmas gathering at 10 No. St. Thomas Catholic Church, a sub-station of Kumrakhali Parish. There were 75 young people from Parish and sub-station. The day began with the welcome ceremony led by Mr. Rajib Naskar and Ms. Sumana Mondal, the youth member of the church. They welcomed Fr. Indrajit Sardar, the Parish Priest of Kumrakhali Parish, Fr. Bablu Sardar, the assistant Parish Priest of Kumrakhali, Mr. Sarbaswar Chakraborty, the youth advisor of Baruipur diocese, Mr. Mritunjoy Mondal, the Youth President of Kumrakhali Parish, Mr. Ajay Naskar, the Catechist of 10 No. Church with the flowers and the

Chandan Tilak. Fr. Indrajit Sardar was invited to give Christmas message. After the welcome ceremony there was a session on **"The duties of the Youth"** by Fr. Bablu Sardar. He explained the duties of the youth for the Family, Church and for the Society. He also asked everyone to share their problems regarding relationship. Few youth shared their problems and Father assured them that he will help them to overcome the problems. After him Mr. Sarbeswar Chakraborty took a session on **"Prayer Life of Jesus"**. He started with a Beautiful action song. He explained them with many examples how Jesus led his life. He said that as a Youth we have our dreams, future plans, different responsibilities and tensions so we need to have prayer in our lives to be guided by God. After the session there was Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. Indrajit Sardar. He prayed for the Youth and their parents. He inspired everyone with his homily. Everybody enjoyed delicious food at lunch after the holy mass. Few former youth members conducted few games after lunch. The day ended with the vote of thanks by Mr. Sarbeswar Chakraborty.

BLESSING OF NEW CHURCH AT CHUNCHURA



19th December 2022, will remain a great occasion in the history of Chunchura which is one of the sub-stations of Kumrakhali Parish. Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur, blessed a New Church for the faithful of Chunchura in the presence of Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Vicar General of the Diocese, Fr. Indrajit Sardar, Parish Priest of Kumrakhali Parish, Fr. Bablu Sardar Curate of Kumrakhali Parish, Missionaries of Charity Sisters of the Parish, all the faithful of the place and some other people from different sub-stations of the said parish. The people of Chunchura with extreme joy and happiness welcomed Bishop in procession with kirtan and dance to the church. At about 10:45 a.m. Bishop cut the Ribbon of the main Door of the Church. After the welcome note by Mr. Joseph Sardar, the Catechist of Chunchura, Bishop with grateful heart to God, Donor, Bapi Naskar,

the building contractor and all the individuals involved in making the New Church, began Holy Mass and Blessed the New Church. Before the final blessing Fr. Indrajit Sardar thanked Bishop, Donor, Vicar General, Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Treasurer and all the people present on the day. While thanking he also Congratulated all the people of the place for their co-operation to have a New Church.

The faithful of the place were extremely happy to have a New Church for which they were praying since few years. As an expression of their joy and gratitude they provided Biriyan and sweets as a fellowship meal.

- Fr. Indrajit Sardar

DIOCESAN YOUTH CHRISTMAS GATHERING, 2022

On 27th December 2022, the most awaited Christmas gathering was organized for the youth of Baruipur diocese. More than 200 youth from all over the diocese attended in this event. The day began with solemn Eucharistic celebration. Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur diocese was the main celebrant, along with diocesan youth director, Fr. Ramen Pailan, assistant youth director, Fr. Rajesh Bag and other priests.

Soon after the Holy Eucharist, we had photo sessions with Bishop, the priests and all the youth. The program started with welcoming of the chief guest, Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, and other dignitaries. Unlike other years, this year we had conducted a cosplay

competition for all the parishes. Several parishes participated in this competition. The themes for the cosplay competition was taken from different books of the Bible. Each parish had topics based on the incidents from Old and New Testaments. Each parish had presented their cosplay brilliantly. Through the portrayal of different incidents from the Bible, all the youth got to recall and learn the stories of the Bible. It was a great initiative by the Dexco members to have organized this competition.

After the presentation of all the cosplays, our chief guest was called on stage to give a speech. He spoke about Christmas, which in Bengali we call "Borodin". He said that it is not that the day is big, but the event which we celebrate on this day. Soon the results for the cosplay was declared, Keorapukur parish was declared the winner. The first runner-up was Thakurpukur parish and the second runner-up was Morapai parish.

After the distribution of the prizes to the winners and giving our token of love to the dignitaries, our beloved bishop was requested to inaugurate the diocese youth band. The band was named "The Disciples". The objective of the band is to bring more talented youth under one shed. The band's aim is to attract more young people and bring them closer to God. The band will go to all the parishes and perform on different occasions to promote the band. The band also sang a few carols after its inauguration. Overall it was an eventful day.



BLESSING OF A NEW CHURCH, PAKHIRALA



The faithful of St. Joseph's Church, Pakhirala, one of the substations of Gosaba Parish will always remember 18/12/2022 with gratitude. For on that day their hope and aspiration of having a new church was accomplished when Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the bishop of Baruipur diocese blessed within the Mass the newly built church in the presence of Fr. Kanuaj Roy, vicar general of the diocese, Fr. Prolay Baidya, the Parish priest, Fr. Jonas Singha, Fr. Sunil Ray, Fr. Sylvester Xavier, sisters and faithful of the place. We thank all those who have been instrumental in building up of the church specially Propaganda Fide Rome for their support.

- Aloke Purkait

NOTICE BOARD

Marriage Preparation Course from 6th January to 7th January 2023
Young Couples Programme from 27th January to 28th January 2023 • Celebration on 23.01.2023

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of January 2023

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



JANUARY

03	Rev. Fr. Arup Bor
11	Rev. Fr. Sunny George Kunnel, S.J.
15	Rev. Br. Satyajit Naskar
16	Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha
17	Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan
26	Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J.
26	Rev. Fr. Nirmaldo Fernandes, S.F.X.
27	Rev. Fr. Sarojit Mandal
28	Rev. Br. Nayan Bor

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

JANUARY

05	Rev. Fr. Amrit Ekka
06	Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J.
15	Rev. Fr. Sanjay Minj
15	Rev. Fr. Sunny George Kunnel, S.J.
15	Rev. Fr. Lewis Turkey, S.D.B.
16	Rev. Fr. Sarajit Das
17	Rev. Fr. Pradip Dari
19	Rev. Fr. Telesphor Aind, C.M.F.
22	Rev. Fr. Deepak Ekka
23	Rev. Fr. Ajay Kumar Lakra, C.M.
24	Rev. Fr. Rajeeb Singh, C.M.

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

29th January

Catholic Diocese of Baruiপুর Congratulates His Lordship Bishop Salvatore Lobo as he commemorates 25th Anniversary of his Episcopal Consecration on January 29, 2023.

Memorable and Admirable

07 Rev. Fr. Polgar Stephen S.J.

Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of January 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Holy Mass
		02.00 p.m.	Sajnaberia	Inauguration of mela
03	Tue	06.30 p.m.	Entally	Thanksgiving Mass at Entally DSA General Chapter
04	Wed	07.30 a.m.		Departure for Krishnagar
		04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
05	Thu	06.30 a.m.	Amghata	Holy Mass and G. B. Meeting of Regional Propaedeutic Seminary
		04.00 p.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. meeting of Morning Star Regional Seminary
06	Fri	06.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	Holy Mass for the community
		08.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. meeting of Morning Star Regional Seminary
		05.30 p.m.	St. Thomas Ch., Kolkata	Concelebration of Thanksgiving Eucharist
07	Sat	04.00 p.m.	Budge Budge	Silver Jubilee of Carmel School, Budge Budge
08	Sun	08.00 a.m.	Budge Budge	Mass of Jubilee at Carmel School, Budge Budge
09	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass at Cathedral for Christmas celebration for SCC members
10	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Bamangachi	G. B. Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
11	Wed	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance Committee meeting
12	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Board of Consultors
		03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	G. B. Meeting of PUS
13	Fri	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	G. B. Meeting of Dishari
14	Sat	06.20 a.m.	Konchowki	Mass for conferring of Acolyte of 7 brothers at Dhyana Ashram
		04.30 p.m.	Amtala	K. E. Carmel School
19	Thu	08.30 a.m.	Jayanpur	De Paul School
21	Sat	03.00 p.m.	Balarampur	Annual Day of St. Montfort's Sr. Sec. School
23	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Holy Cross Sch., Khasmallick	Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Salvatore Lobo
		05.00 p.m.		Departure for Bangalore
24-30	Tue-Mon		Bangalore	CCBI 34 Plannary Assembly at St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore
30	Mon	06.00 p.m.	Cochin	Meeting with Cardinal George Alencherry

Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of January 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Dum Dum	New Year Mass for Missionaries of Charity
		09.30 a.m.	Tangra	New Year Mass for Missionaries of Charity
04	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	B.R.B.C Meeting in Bishop's House
05	Thu	06.30 a.m.	Amghata	Mass for propeuditic Seminary Followed by G.B. meet
06	Fri	06.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	Mass for MSRS followed by G.B. Meeting
		06.00 p.m.	Kolkata	Mass at St. Thomas' Church - Felicitations to Archbishop
07	Sat	04.00 p.m.	Budge Budge	Carmel School Programme
08	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass & Christmas gathering of Children
10	Tue		Bolpur	A visit to Shanti Niketan
14	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Tollygunge	Mass for the golden Jubilee of Sr. Deepa A.C.
15	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Keorapukur	Mass and First Communion in the Parish
23	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Holy Cross Sch., Khasmallick	Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Salvatore Lobo
29	Sun	06.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Episcopal Anniversary Mass at Holy Cross Convent

Bishop Shyamal Bose and all the Fathers
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a **Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2023.**
May the New Year hold new hopes,
dreams and life's best for one and all.

