

INE SVD SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MEET



A day of SVD School Children's meet was organized by the Divine Word Educational Society of India Eastern Province (INE) on 7 September, 2013, at St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Rourkela. Only a select number of students numbering around 170 took part in the event hailing from 6 SVD INE run major schools in the province. Fr. Thomas Varanathu, SVD, the Secretary of the Educational Society was the person behind all the arrangements of the day.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp and formal welcome to the guests of the day. A modern but graceful prayer dance by the Students of St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang, Rourkela, set the right tone of the day. Welcome song by the Students of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Rourkela and a motivational dance by the Students of St. Arnold's School, Turbunga, Jharkhand, added enthusiasm for the activities of the day.



The Secretary of the Divine Word Educational Society of India Eastern Province, Fr. Thomas, in his message reminded the students that though they study in different schools in different states etc. they are part of a universal family called Society of the Divine Word. Citing the logo and the motto of the previous General Chapter he explained that like the members of the Society of the Divine Word the students studying in our schools too bring alive the logo

& motto "many faces but one heart". He added that they should feel proud of being part of the international family.

The Chief Speaker of the day, Rev. Fr. Joseph Daniel, in his key note address convinced the students through various examples that everything is possible through hard work and commitment. He also stressed the need that students should not limit themselves to local areas or India alone but dream to become international figures. He said that the coming together was the first of its kind in the province and a great opportunity for the students of different schools, run by the SVDs in INE, to know one another.

Fr. Sunil Damor, SVD, the National Communication Coordinator, the second speaker of the day, presented the scenario of the Society of the Divine Word in the world. Through the video presentation he summarised the involvement of the members of the Society in various fields like Education, Justice and Peace, Health & hygiene, Environment, with migrants & refugees, developmental activities and Communication etc. throughout the world in various countries and provinces.

The Students had a very enriching and memorable day with various competitions like Quiz, Speech and games etc. The day culminated with a very colorful cultural programme presented by the students themselves who had gathered from various schools.

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SVD INDIA NATIONAL FORMATION BOARD MEETINGS CONCLUDED

The Annual two days SVD INDIA Formation Board meeting was held at St. Arnold Seva Sadan, Indore, on 16 & 17 September, 2013.

The deliberations began with the words of welcome by Rev. Fr. Nicholas Martis, SVD, the Chairperson of the Formation Board and introductory words by Rev. Fr. T. Xavier, SVD the Secretary of the board. The key note address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Thomas Maliurathu, SVD, the former General Secretary of the Formation Board in the Society of the Divine Word. Developing the theme "Dialogue, Mission and Formation" he stressed that 'Dialogue Ad-Intra' (dialogue among the members of the team of Formators themselves) is a must for better formation of our seminarians in various formation houses.



The discussions on both the days revolved around the suggestions coming from various SVD formation houses around the country, and collated by the National Formation Secretary. Forty SVD priests and brothers including all the provincials, the rectors of various formation houses, National Mission Secretary, ASPAC Zonal coordinator, National Superior Delegate, National Secretaries of various commissions, other delegates, special invitees and two Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit (Sr. Elsy the Formation Secretary of the congregation and Sisters Gracy the Provincial Leader of the Congregation) participated in the deliberations.



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