

Fr. Principal Speaks

St. Xavier's School Doranda, Ranchi

In 2000 the International communities under UNO agreed upon the eight Millennium Development Goals. Their serious efforts are underway to make the student communities take interest and promote the following Millennium Development Goals: -

Eight ways to change the world

- Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education
- Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality
- Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health
- Goal 6: Combat HIV / AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

St. Xavier's School Doranda under the Banner of AROUSE (Animation Rural Outreach Service) an NGO run by Jesuit Society associated itself with the MDG's in 2007. In the year 2007 and 2008, there were international teachers seminar organized in Belgium and Senegal respectively in which three of our teachers took active part. After having attended the seminars teachers started teaching the said millennium development goals in the class room curriculum. In the first stage our students tried to promote these goals through "CARE AND SHARE" club to the students of neighboring schools, such as Sacred Heart, St. Francis, Loreto, St. Anthony etc. In the same year based on the goals Inter-schools debated competition was organized by St. Xavier's where as many as 17 schools took part. Thereafter our students were given the exposure program at two different places namely Rumtukel in Murhu Block and Sunderpur in Gumla District. They had regular visits at intervals to make people aware of Malaria and

saving the environment by planting trees. With these visits they interacted with the villagers and explained them the said goals.

This year two of our students Anirban Dutta and Shivam Kumar along with other students, are making headway in fulfilling these goals in a very concrete manner. They had audio video presentation in BIT and through the news papers they tried to reach as many people as possible. In Kahdi Mela recently concluded along with their companions they presented a dance drama taking the theme of maternal care, one of the goals. Again on 14th November on children's day our boys are airing these goals in 92.7 F.M.

Anirban Dutta and Shivam Kumar will be attending International Youth Camp (April 10 - 17) to be held in Czech Republic in April 2010. The Participating countries are Belgium, France, UK, Poland, Czech Republic, Senegal and India.

The goals of International Youth camp are as follows:-

1. Preparation of the statement addressed to the International press so as to bring a wider awareness of the MDG.
2. Intercultural exchange between students and teachers of participating countries through discussions on the status of the MDGs in the world and through cultural programmes and common activities.
3. Acquisition of knowledge and skills related to MDGs in the process of preparing the statement and participating in the discussion and intercultural programmes the participants will acquire a deeper knowledge of MDGs and required skilled skills to work for the implementation of the MDGs.

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INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

In this age of globalization the whole world is a family. Though we are many but we belong to one world, one nation. The advancement in technology has made more easy and clear to understand the concept of one world, one nation.

St. Xavier's Doranda as an institution itself is a world Organization as it is run by Society of Jesus which is an international organization. It has all its institutions all over the world. All best schools, colleges and universities are owned and administered by Jesuits. Our institutions try to promote unity, peace and harmony among all people of different faith, countries, etc. These institutions aim at the complete formation of human beings. It focuses on the transformation of the whole being which crosses all boundaries of the world. They try to make the bridges between nations of different languages and cultures. Students learn to respect and accept different languages and their cultures and traditions.

In this endeavor, St. Xavier's School is going ahead one step more by sending 12 students of Class IX to Belgium in the month of June 2010 for 15 days with the view of Cultural exchange program. These students will be going there with a theme and the message based on Indian heritage, tradition and culture. They are learning 10 Indian folk dances which they will teach the students of Belgium and perform them at various stages while celebrating Belgian national festivals. Similarly the students of Belgium will teach our students their dances and perform on the stage jointly. Our students also will get chance to visit various places of interest in Belgium while staying with the families. They will come back home enriched in their approach towards life and orientation to make this world a better place to live.

The students are: -

1. Rohit Hansdak
2. Rohit Xess
3. Ravi Prashant Minj
4. Denis Rohit Tirkey
5. Amit Lugun
6. Sumit Kullu
7. Ujjwal Jolen Horo
8. Arpan Josh Minj
9. Himanshu Prabodh Xalxo
10. Rakesh Ranjan Beck
11. Anish Mark Lakra
12. Abhishek Kerketta

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