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NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Rabindranath Tagore, was a Bengali polymath who served as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter. He was born in the year 1861, in Calcutta, Bengal. His mother was Sarala Devi and father Maharsi Devendranath. He reshaped Bangali literature and music as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In 1913 he became the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize because of his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse, by which, with consummate skill, he has made his poetic thought, expressed in his own English words, a part of the literature of the West.

In 1901 Tagore founded an experimental school in rural West Bengal at 'Shantinikethan' (Abode of Peace), where he sought to blend the best in the Indian and Western traditions. Santiniketan embodies Rabindranath Tagore's vision of a place of learning that is unfettered by religious and regional barriers. From its very inception, Santiniketan was lovingly modelled by Tagore on the principles of humanism, internationalism and a sustainable environment.

Tagore, laid great stress and emphasis on the aesthetic development of the senses in his philosophy of education. He argued that development of the senses was as important as intellectual development. He therefore gave prominence to music, literature, art, dance, and drama in the daily life of the school. Tagore believed in an all-round development of personality and in his institution education continues to address the all-round development of the students. Tagore's theory of education is marked by naturalistic & aesthetic values. He had a belief that "The widest road leading to the solution of all our problems is education." Education can develop a new pattern of life which culminates in the realisation of Universal man. Tagore's system of education emphasises the intellectual, physical, social, moral economic and spiritual aspects of human life by which a man can develop an integrated personality

Tagore's ideas of non-authoritarian learning and goals for international education is best understood through his poem he writes:

“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 toward 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.  
In to that heaven of freedom, my father,

LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE!”

Prof. Fr. Johnson  
Principal

## IGNOU 36<sup>th</sup> Convocation 2023

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) conducted its 36th convocation ceremony on 3 April 2023. President of India Mrs Droupadi Murmu awarded meritorious students at the event. IGNOU university conferred a total of 2,79,917 degrees, diplomas, and certificates to successful students in their respective programmes. IGNOU University is well-known for offering various programs in the distance mode. The proposed degree programs are available at UG, PG, and Ph.D. levels. On the other hand, IGNOU also provides non-degree programs as Diploma, PG Diploma, PG and Advance Diploma, PG and Advance Certificate, and Certificate. Besides this, admission to the IGNOU Distance Course is made online. The convocation ceremony took place at 36 Regional Centres along with the headquarters of IGNOU. The Program was telecast through digital mode at 36 selected Regional Centers across the country. The programme was streamed live on GyanDarshan, Swayam Prabha, Doordarshan, webcast through IGNOU Web Site and through social media platforms of the University. At this function the degree was conferred to the PhD and PG IGNOU learners. Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Honourable President of India was the Chief Guest and Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan, Honourable Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India was the Guest of Honour at IGNOU HQ, New Delhi. It is our honor to be a part of the ceremony and witness the program live from Bhopal. Dr Pallavi Shrivastava Sinha, Associate Professor was the master of the ceremony as she got an opportunity to anchor the entire convocation ceremony at Bhopal Regional Office. Christ College Bhopal has been a study centre for B.Ed. program of IGNOU and hence has a very long association with the same. It was an honour to be a part of the 36<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony. Director, Rev. Fr. Dominic, Principal, Rev. Dr. Johnson and all teaching and non teaching faculty of christ college attended the convocation and extended support all though the program.



## Exhibition Cum Sale at the IGNOU Convocation



Christ College Bhopal participated in the Exhibition organized by IGNOU on the occasion of 36<sup>th</sup> Convocation held on 3 April 2023. The teacher incharge of the exhibition was Ms Jaya Saini, Assistant Professor. In the exhibition various art based products like Painted pots, Painted dupattas, hand bags etc were showcased. Along with that the art and craft files of the students were also exhibited. We also highlighted the new education policy 'NEP 2020' and our efforts to implement the same through new teaching learning methods. A flex showing the various courses of IGNOU for which Christ College is the study centre, was also displayed. We at Christ College have a collaboration with an NGO called Ekjut, and through our stall at the exhibition many products like painted dupattas, hand held and sling bags, and purses which were prepared by the under privileged girls from slums who are trained by NGO Ekjut, were sold. The other participants of the exhibition were the jail inmates who displayed products made by them. An NGO of deaf and dumb displayed the paintings and crochet hand bags made by them. All these artisans have been students of different courses at IGNOU and have been active participant of the exhibition. The exhibition stalls were visited by a large number of visitors and all guests at the convocation. It was a laudable attempt to attract the public to a cause.

## Time Table Declared

Barkatullah university declared the time table of B.Ed Fourth Semester and M.Ed. Fourth semester on 19 April 2023. The final exams of B.Ed. will commence from 6 May 2023 and will last till 15 May 2023 whereas the exam of M.Ed will begin from 9 May 2023 and will end by 13 May 2023. Christ College wishes the students '**All the Best!**'.

## Workshop on Critical Reading Skill

Christ College Bhopal and Christ Ex Students' Association conducted a one day workshop on Critical Reading Skills on 18 April 2023. The workshop was organized to provide learners the opportunity to think about and analyze the information critically which means being able to look at the context with a wider viewpoint linked to their critical understanding and getting the chance to evaluate the context they face. The resource person for this workshop was Reverend Fr. Sani K.C. CMI. From Kochi. The Coordinator of the Program was Ms. Jaya Saini, Assistant Professor.



## Super Sunday

Christ College organized, gave a bonanza treat of skill development on Super Sunday on 24 April 2023. Three very essential sessions were kept for the pupil teachers' skill development. First Session was on workshop on ICT for enhancing teaching skills. The resource person was Mr. Adarsh Roushan, Assistant Professor LNCT College, Bhopal. Second session was a Remedial session on Data Analysis through SPSS by Dr Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor, Christ College, Bhopal and finally a Session on Registering and Accessing N-list services was dealt by Mr. Augustin William, Assistant Librarian, Christ College. All the three sessions were very important for enhancing the skills in pupil teachers of B.Ed. as well as M.Ed. The Coordinator of the Super Sunday was Dr. Diwakar Singh.



## Teaching Aid Presentation Competition

A teaching aid presentation competition was organized on 24 April 2023. The competition was for the first and second year students of B.Ed. The objective of the competition was to encourage the students and develop their interest in making teaching aid which will help in the teaching and learning of the subjects that they would be teaching in future. Teaching Aids are the material used by a teacher to supplement classroom instruction or to stimulate the interest of students.

The winner of the competition from First year was Mr S. Amal Kumar and the second position went to Sister Parvatiya. In Second year the first prize was bagged by Ms. Rimsha and second position went to Ms. Roshini. The Coordinator of the competition was Ms. Jaya Saini, assistant Professor, Christ College, Bhopal.



## Newly Elected Provincial and Councillors of CMI St. Paul Province, Bhopal

CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, Kakkanad, declared the newly elected Provincial and the Councillors of St Paul's Province, Bhopal on 22 April 2023.

The newly elected officials are as follows:

- Provincial – Rev Fr. Cyril Kuttianickal CMI
- Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry – Rev Fr John Shibu Pallippatt CMI
- Education and Communication Media – Rev Fr Babu Tharayil CMI
- Social Apostolate and Healthcare – Rev Fr. Linto Vellani CMI
- Finance and Agriculture – Rev Fr Paulson Muthipeedika CMI
- Auditor- Rev. Fr. Nithin Vaidyakaran CMI

Christ College Congratulates all and extends prayerful wishes.

## Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Congratulations & Prayerful Wishes

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St Paul Province, Bhopal



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Provincial



Rev. Fr John Shibu Pallippatt CMI  
Vicar Provincial, Councillor  
Evangelization & Pastoral Ministry



Rev. Fr Babu Tharayil CMI  
Councillor  
Education & Communication Media



Rev. Fr Linto Vellani CMI  
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Councillor  
Finance & Agriculture



Rev. Fr Nithin Vaidyakaran CMI  
Auditor

**CMI PRIOR GENERAL'S HOUSE, CHAVARA HILLS, KAKKANAD**

**“You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you  
that you would go and bear fruit, and your fruit would remain,  
so that whatever you ask the father in my name he may give to you.”**

**John 15:16**

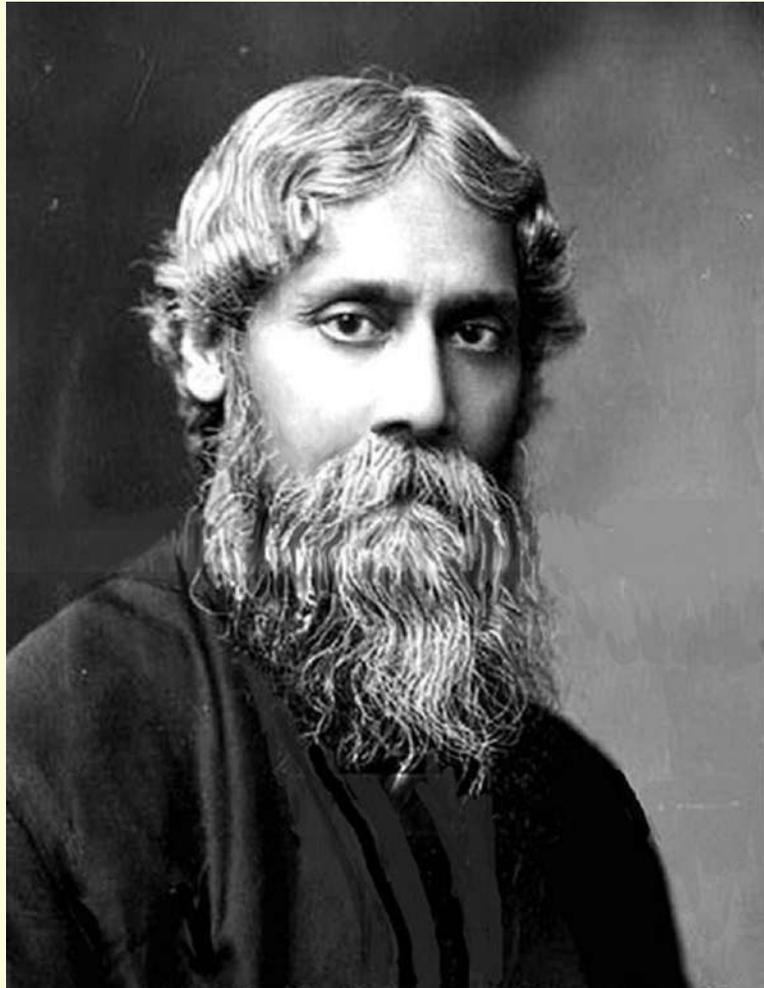
**“The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.” – Rabindranath Tagore.**

A poet, musicians, writer and a painter, Rabindranath Tagore was one of the greatest minds of India. The first Asian to win a Nobel Prize, Tagore composed more than 2,000 songs and penned a large number of poems, stories, dramas, and novels. His works “Gitanjali” and “Jeevan Smriti” are still cherished today. Also known as “Gurudev” and the “Bard of Bengal”, Tagore came from a notable Brahmo family and played a major role in introducing Indian literature to the world. Let's have a look at some of the lesser known facts about him.

1. First Non-European to Win a Nobel Literature Prize - Rabindranath Tagore wasn't just the first Asian to win a Nobel prize, but also the first Non-European to mark his prominence in literature.
2. Tagore Inspired 3 National Anthems- Many people are aware that Tagore wrote 2 national anthems. “Jana Gana Mana” for India and “Amar Sonar Bangla” for Bangladesh. What many people don't know is that he also inspired the Sri Lankan national anthem “Sri Lanka Matha”. Some even hold a view that Tagore composed the anthem in its entirety.
3. Tagore founded Viswa Bharati- With the money that Tagore received with his Nobel Prize, he founded an educational space in Shantiniketan called Visva-Bharati university in 1918. It was an alternative learning space from typical classroom schooling where students could learn amid nature.
4. Conversation with Einstein -Tagore was once invited by Albert Einstein at his home. The two talked about religion and science and their chat has been documented in the “Note on the Nature of Reality”.
5. Tagore was knighted - King George V of England knighted Rabindranath Tagore in 1915 for his great contribution in the field of literature. However, following the tragic massacre at Jallianwala Bagh in 1919, he renounced his title.
6. Title of Mahatma- Rabindranath Tagore was the first one to give the title of Mahatma to Gandhiji.
7. Geetanjali - The preface of Tagore's most acclaimed work, Gitanjali, was written by another greatest poet of the 20th century, W.B. Yeats.
8. There are 3 Tagore museums in India and 5 in Bangladesh. The ones in India are: Rabindra Bharati Museum, at Jorasanko Thakur Bari which is his ancestral home in Kolkata. Rabindra Bhavan Museum, in Santiniketan, which is now a university town with the Visva-Bharati University. Rabindra Museum, in Mungpoo, near Kalimpong.

### Famous quotations by Rabindranath Tagore

1. **Reach high, for stars lie hidden in you. Dream deep, for every dream, precedes the goal.**
2. **Music fills the infinite between two souls.**
3. **Everything comes to us that belongs to us if we create the capacity to receive it.**
4. **You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water. Don't let yourself indulge in vain wishes.**
5. **I slept and dreamt that life was a joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was a joy.**
6. **The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.**
7. **Great calm, generous detachment, selfless love, the disinterested effort: these are what make for success in life. If you can find peace in yourself and can spread comfort around you, you will be happier than an empress.**
8. **The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life.**
9. **If you cry because the sun has gone out of your life, your tears will prevent you from seeing the stars.**
10. **While God waits for His temple to be built of love, men bring stones.**



**"Everything comes to us  
that belongs to us  
if we create  
the capacity to receive it."**

Rabindranath Tagore

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**"The small wisdom is like water in  
a glass:  
clear, transparent, pure.  
The great wisdom is like the water  
in the sea:  
dark, mysterious, impenetrable."**

## Important Days in May 2023

**1 May 2023** : International Labour Day : It is also known as International Worker's Day, International Labour Day, and May Day. It is observed on 1st May every year in several countries across the world to pay tribute to the contribution of workers.

**3 May 2023** : World Laughter Day 2020: It is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year to spread happiness in the whole world. In 2020, it falls on 3 May.

**7 May 2023** : The World Athletics Day-2023 is observed on the 7 May. The first World Athletics Day was observed in 1996. The basic objective of World Athletics Day is to boost the participation of youths in athletics.

**14 May 2023** : Mother's Day 2022: Mother's Day is observed annually to celebrate motherhood in various countries. Mothers are precious and the best gift of God. One day is not enough to thank your mother for her love. This year, Mother's Day is celebrated on May 14 (the second Sunday of May).

**7 May 2023** : Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti 2023: He was a great scholar, novelist, essayist, song composer, and playwright. Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti marks the birth anniversary of the famous writer Rabindranath Tagore. He was born on 7 May, 1861.

**11 May 2023** : National Technology Day 2023: National Technology Day is celebrated across India on 11 May to commemorate India's scientific advancement. On 11 May 1998, India successfully tested nuclear bombs in Pokhran.

**12 May 2023** : International Nurses Day 2023: It is celebrated on 12 May to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale and also to thank the nurses for their tireless efforts and contributions.

**5 May 2023** : Buddha Purnima 2023: Buddha taught the first Wheel of Dharma and explains how to attain liberation from suffering for oneself alone.

**18 May 2023** : World AIDS Vaccine Day 2023: It is also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (HVAD). The day is observed on 18 May and provides an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of preventive HIV vaccine research. An effective and safe preventive HIV vaccine will help to end the HIV pandemic.

**18 May 2023** : International Museum Day 2023: It is observed on 18 May to raise awareness among people about the museums as an important means of cultural exchange and development of mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among people.

**19 May 2023** : Endangered Species Day 2023: It is observed every year on the third Friday in May and is the 18th annual celebration across the world. This year, it will be celebrated on May 19.

**31 May 2023** : World No Tobacco Day 2023: It is celebrated annually on 31st May and is also known as Anti-Tobacco Day.