

REPORT ON JPIC/FMW ACTIVITIES, BANGALORE REGION – 2020-21(Jan-March)

Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet:

THEMES: GENDER EQUALITY & WATER CONSERVATION

Mary Ward JPIC South Asia General Meet (virtual) with 45 schools of CJ and Loreto schools, was held on 15th January to 17th January 2021. At the conclusion of the General Meet, it was decided that the Mary Ward Schools (i.e., all CJ and Loreto schools of South Asia) would adopt the following goals and meet their objectives by September 2024.

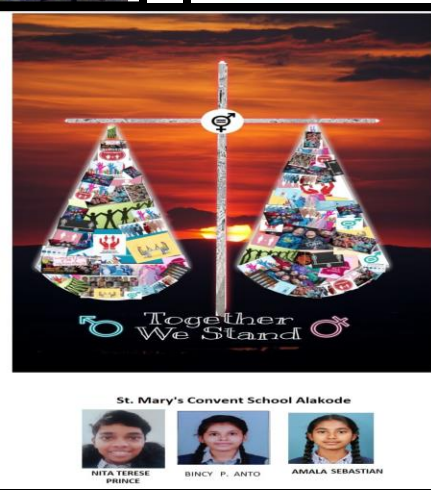
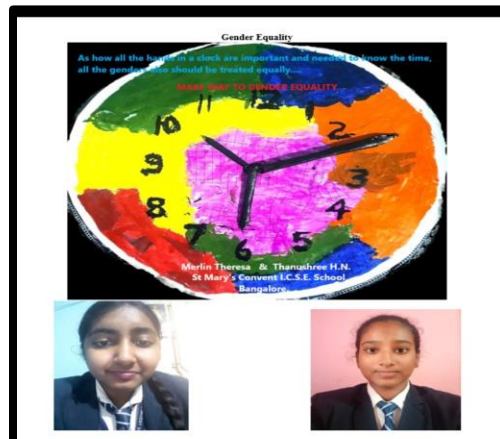
GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED

1. Gender and Water Audit through survey conducted by the students and the staff of all institution.

2. Adopt the green campus program in all institutions and contribute to the SDG.

Green Campus Programme is a Climate Reality project of Government of India. It's a platform where schools and colleges are motivated to improve the sustainability factor and green practices. It also imparts climate change education to teachers and students.

The objective is to achieve the recognition from Climate reality India under Green Campus program and get certified as a green school. 2 schools of Bangalore Region have already registered and have started the process.



Mary Ward Week celebration in the School

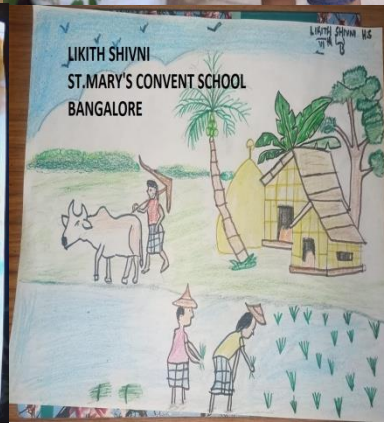
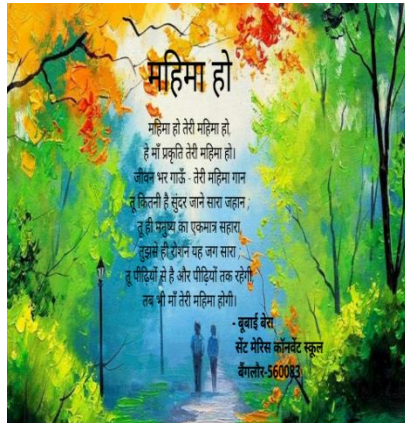
The month of January is special to all the Mary Ward Schools as we celebrate her Birth and Death anniversary to recognize and emulate her invaluable contribution to the lives of many. This year Mary Ward week was celebrated virtually across all 6 schools of Bangalore Region. Unlike the previous years, this year it was live telecasted on you tube. There were variety of events highlighting the values of freedom, Justice and Sincerity.



One Billion Rising (OBR)

A good number of students took part in ONE BILLION RISING global campaign in the month of February on the topic "Rising Gardens". This was to commemorate, to value and protect MOTHER EARTH. Gardens remind us of our enduring connection to life, to each other and to Earth, which protects and nurtures life. The pandemic compelled us to slow down and consider how to live with more empathy and compassion in relation to our environment.

Let a garden bloom in every home.



Local Girls Conversation Circle

The Working Group on Girls (WGG) invited to host Girls Conversation Circle. In the run up to the 65th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)- a unique opportunity for girls to lead and make their voices heard in an event facilitated by girls for girls. The girl-led Conversation Circles brought girls together to have productive dialogue about the issues in the Generation Equality Action Coalitions, their impact on girls' lives and to develop methods for collaborative advocacy within their communities and globally. All our schools participated in it. The main purpose was to encourage conversation and include the views of girls in CSW and to give a voice to our young people, especially those who have no voice.



Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day was observed by all the schools in different ways to empower and celebrate the women around us. St. Mary's Bangalore prepared a short Programme by the self-initiative of our girls. The Programme was telecasted in the school you tube channel. It honored the achievement and role of women in school, of our Country the world down the centuries. It also highlighted the value of girl children in the family and in the society.

<https://youtu.be/JKfXmJe4z2s>



Seeking Justice:



The arrest and Judicial custody of Fr. Stan Samy SJ, the Social Activist had shaken the country and the values it stands for. The Church and many NGO groups had organized Rallies, Inter faith prayer services, Webinars and discussions. Most of us took part in in one or the other ways to show our solidarity and to stand with Fr. Stan though not for much avail. He still remains in Judicial custody.