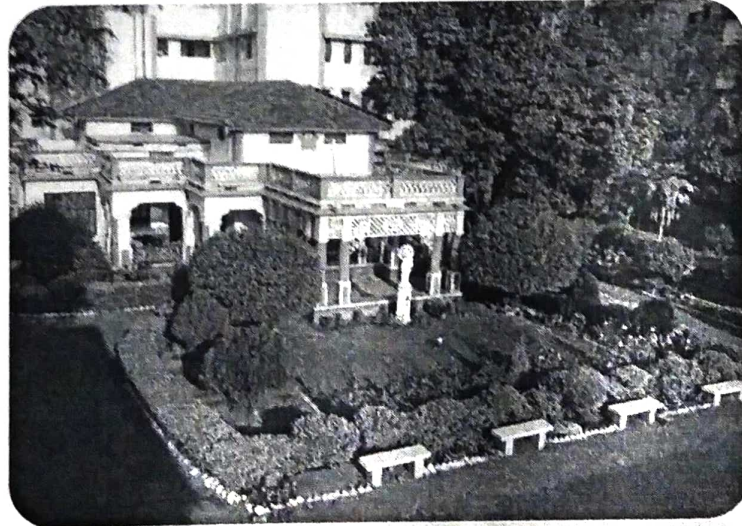


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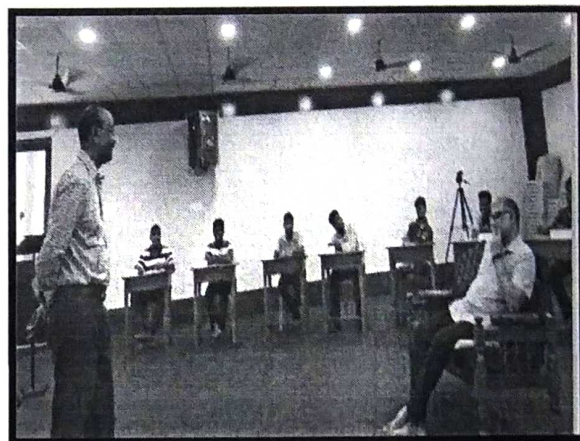
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Introduction: The new academic (formative) year was inaugurated on 13th of July, 2020. Prior to that students had their university semester exams. Eight new students joined the community for the first-year study of graduation and philosophy. The total strength of the house for this year was 15 students and 6 staff members.

1. Social Outreach: During the year the students and staff were actively involved in social outreach programs at following places: Snehaanchal – Unthkhana, Home for the aged and handicapped – Unthkhana, Good Shepherd Social center Mekasobagh, Shanti Bhavan – Katol road and Jagruti Sadan – Vidhya Nagar, Wanjiri, Kamptee. The target groups in these places were mainly children, sick and the elderly. The children were tutored; given classes on hygiene and values. Time to time competitions were organized to bring out their hidden talents. The sick and the elderly were counseled and helped with their daily chores.

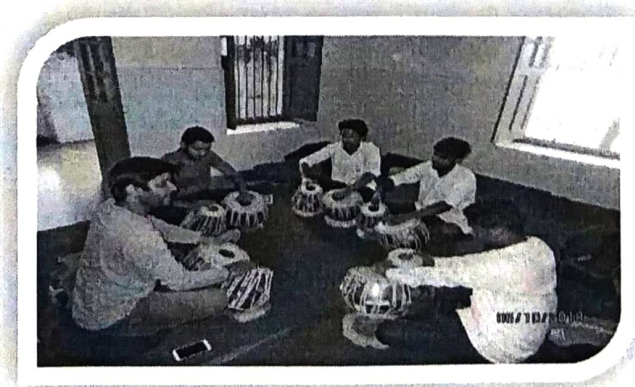


2. Seminar on Time Management: A seminar on time management was held for the students on 28th and 29th of October. Mr. Emmanuel Braggs was the resource person for the seminar. The students were enriched by the input sessions and learnt the art of multi-tasking as well as gainful use of time. It was also an



opportunity for them to pen down their life goals and a concrete plan to achieve them.

3. Music Classes: To harness the musical talents in our students we arranged vocal classes in Hindustani Music and Tabla classes during the year.





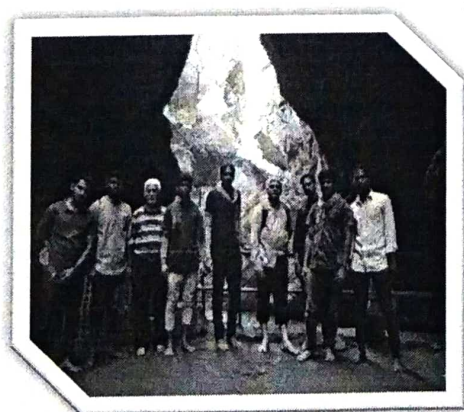
Mrs. Vinita Dolgado and Mr. Gajendra guided our students. All our students successfully answered the first level of Hindustani vocal exam (Praveshika). They are eager to learn more and progress in this field.

4. Elocutions & Debates: Elocution and Debate competitions were held on 11th of August, 29th September and 14th February on socially relevant topics. Fr. Rajen Lakra, Mr. Benjamin and Advocate Wilson moderated these sessions and enlightened the students on the topics under discussion.



5. Study Tour: A study tour for the students to Pachmari in Madhya Pradesh was organized from 30th October to 3rd November.

The tour helped the students to enhance their sense of history and taught them to appreciate the rich heritage of Indian culture.



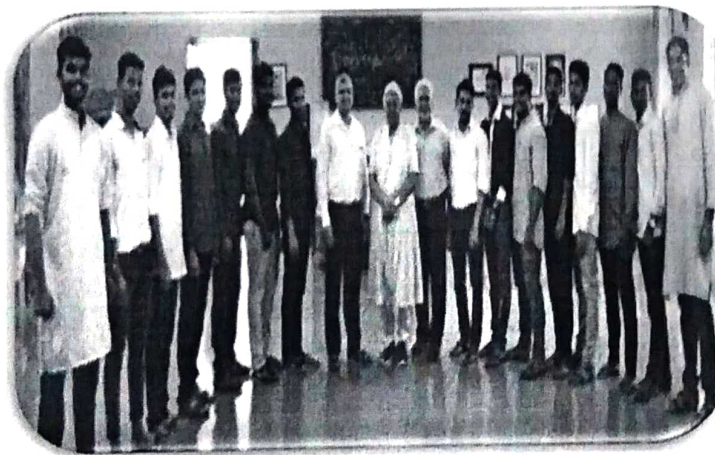
6. Mission Seminar: A seminar on mission was organized for the students of the house and students from other 3 formation houses on 20th of



October. Sr. Loraine Marie was the chief speaker. The in-



house students displayed the posters they had made and shared their visions on mission and future challenges in the field.



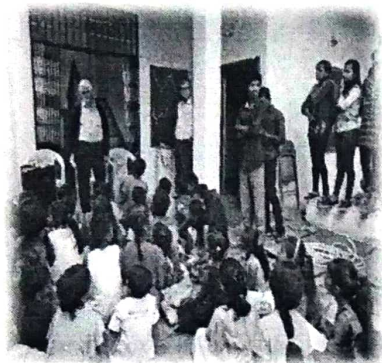
7) Sharing of Christmas Joy: As every year this year too Christmas celebrations attracted many visitors to our place. All those who visited received warm hospitality. Christmas programs to share the joy of



the Christmas with the less privileged of the society were held on following dates and places: On 19th December – Home for differently abled children,



Unthkhana – 200 inmates were served and entertained. On 21st December – Shanti bhavan, a home for elderly – 150 inmates were catered to. On 23rd December – Jagruti Sadan – 100 children were part of the celebration.



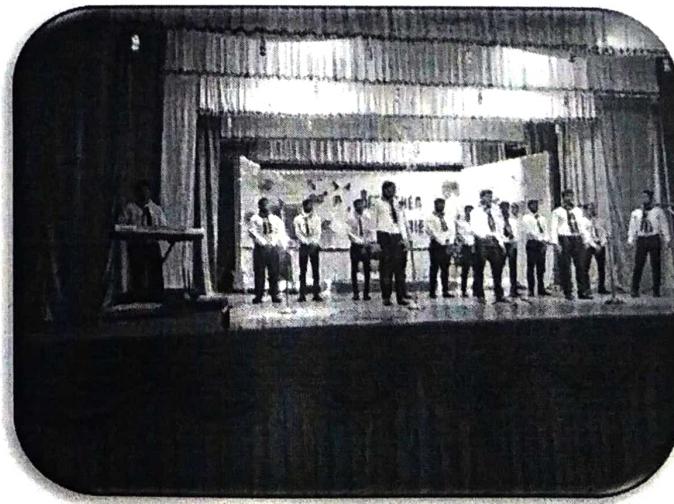
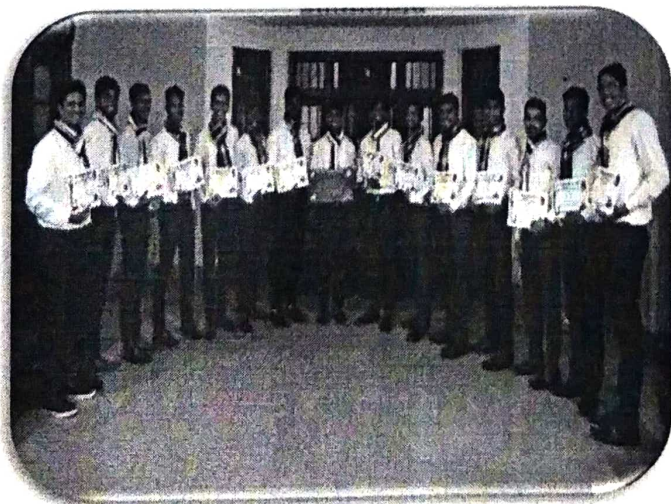
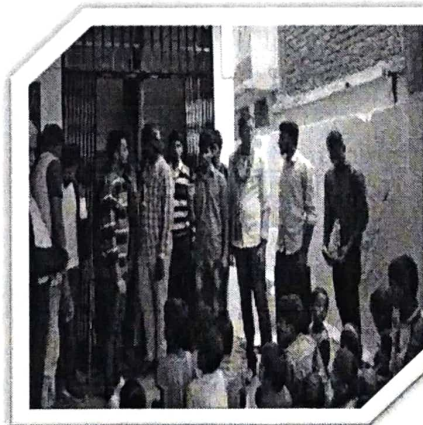
Besides the above Christmas gifts were given to the collaborators and well-wishers of the society.

Our students took part in Carol singing competition at St Charles on 14th of December and they won the 2nd prize.

Our students collaborated with Good Shepherd Sisters and visited the Central prison to share Christmas joy

with the inmates.

Our students also presented carols at the cathedral compound on Christmas eve to spread the joy of the season.



8) Mission Exposure: The students had a week-long mission exposure at Tumsar, Maharashtra. They lived and worked with the



people to get a firsthand experience of life in the village and assisted people in their works. They also conducted classes for children and organized program for the children.



9) Covid-19 Outreach

As the whole world and in specific our nation was reeling under the effect of Covid-19 and was in lockdown since the beginning of March 2020; taking into consideration the difficulties faced by many of our brothers and sisters with regard to their daily needs; we the Pilar Niketan Society decided to join hands with the efforts of the Government and many Non- government organizations in relief and rehabilitation of affected people.

We chose to cater 150 needy families at Kotawalburdi & Raudagaon villages in Katol Tashil of Nagpur district on 17th of April 2020. The entire program was coordinated by the chairman Fr. Herald Mathias. He was ably assisted by Fr. Mahesh Mahala (Treasurer), Shailesh Gavit, Mukesh Soreng and Robinson Pacheco (students under our care); Our friends and collaborators: Mr. Nelson Francis, Sunil John, Vishwajit Sharma, Vineet Bandhu and Francis Peter. The villages of Kotawalburdi and Rudagaon are 70 kms., away from Nagpur town and

were chosen precisely because people of these villages are poor and no material aid had reached there till the 17th of April 2020. We used two four wheelers to reach the place and to cart the relief materials. In fact, we were the first group to reach out to these villages. We distributed ration to 150 needy families at these two villages. The ration kit consisted of 5kg rice, 1 kg. cooking oil, Masala packets and few spices. Each kit was worth of Rs. 375/- The total expenditure of the outreach program amounted to Rs. 60,000/-

We were happy to contribute a little to alleviate the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in these difficult times. Pilar Niketan Society remains committed to reach out to all in whatever way we can with the available resources. We also make efforts to instill in students under our care preferential love for the poor and the marginalized.



Conclusion: All in all, we had a wonderful and successful academic year. We have seen to the all-round development of our students and prepare them for their future tasks to be at the service of humankind. The students and the staff have worked with single minded dedication keeping in mind the objectives of the society and have reached out to all sections of the people in and around the city in their material and spiritual needs. We remain grateful to God for his bountiful blessings on us during the year. We recall with gratitude the generous monetary and moral support received from our well-wishers and parent society. We remain hopeful and confident that we will be able to carry on our work with same dedication and enthusiasm for the years to come.

