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Slide 1 - Greetings from India- We present before you...

Slide 2 - Religious of Jesus and Mary India has 3 provinces in India, Vadodara province, Mumbai Pune Province and Delhi province. We also have Calcutta Vice province

Maps...

Slide 3 - In each of the provinces, there are educational institutions with the mission to educate the women of our country, to empower them for a better tomorrow. Pic- St. Joseph's girls degree college, Jesus and Mary College, St. Bede's college.

Slide 4 - Image of Claudine Thevenet

Slide 5 - Audio – “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire,” said the renowned Poet W.B.Yeats. Such was the fire that was ignited in the heart of Claudine Thevenet, a young woman who founded the congregation of the religious of Jesus and Mary in France, with the aim of imparting Christian education, especially to young girls. The sisters of the RJM congregation came to India in 1842 and set up multiple educational institutions.

The catholic visionaries, well-engaged with communities of different cultural traditions by teaching the economically disadvantaged sections, could transcend the deeply embedded formal colonial division of caste, class, gender and race. The missionaries viewed learning as a stepping stone to prepare children for overall development. Education here, was understood as one of the most effective means to reach the young girls of India, who faced a series of challenges due to their marginalized caste, class and gender location which questioned their participation in the public sphere.

The 19th century marks the beginning of a new era in Indian history with the emergence of reform movements. Christian education and the industrial revolution brought about a new awakening in the minds of Indian intellectuals. The enlightened and educated Indians became conscious about the richness of Indian culture and realized that the existing social evils such as ‘purdah system’ untouchability, a ban on widow remarriage, female infanticide and foeticide, ‘deavdasi’ system and a host of other evil practices were leading to human degradation. Under such circumstances, various social and religious reformers rose to meet the challenge of the times. The schools and colleges would give light on knowledge that in turn would dispel all the darkness of ignorance, fear, and superstitions, and bring about social and gender equality in

North Indian society.





Empowerment through Educational: Institutions in the Delhi Province

Amongst one such institute is Jesus and Mary college, popularly known as JMC. JMC was established in 1968 as a women's college, and is today one of the most prestigious institutions of the country as a constituent college of the University of Delhi. Its motto, "Thou art Light, fill me with thy Light" embodies the resolve to walk the path shown by Saint Claudine Thevenet and this resolve is reflected in JMC's MISSION to accompany and mentor the students so that they develop as women of competence, compassion and conscience, and with ignited minds and hearts, pursue the goal of transformation of our society.

3000 students study in JMC during the weekdays, Monday to Friday. On Saturday we open our doors to 1000 students who are unable to attend regular university classes due to various reasons, financial difficulties being one of them. We at JMC provide them with all the experiences of a college student, even if its for a day. This is in tune with our mission to empower women from all walks of life, especially the weaker sections of the society.

On Sundays also our campus is buzzing with activity. We have 6500 students who visit our college to attend classes and meet the counsellors of Indira Gandhi National open university.

Most of these students are working to support their families. We journey with them in their quest for empowerment. JMC is proud to be a part of 10,000 students every year. Amongst the cool and lush green hill top, lies St. Bede's College which was established in the year 1904 . The college now offers courses in teacher training, science and social sciences Similarly, St Joseph's Girls Degree College was established in Sardhana, in the year 1984 with 60 students in 6 undergraduate programmes. The college has expanded to 820 students and 21 staff members. The college has various cells and committees.

Empowerment through Employment Opportunities

JMC is proud to be the pioneering College of the University of Delhi to set up a Placement Cell in order to provide the students with varied job opportunities and aid them in attaining their professional goals and aspirations. Many leading Corporates recruit a substantial number of our students each year.

In the Mumbai Mission area, The beauty Parlour, mehndi course were conducted free of cost for women with the aim of empowering them and aiding them in earning their living, So that they stand on their feet by providing service to those who need it in their vicinity. At the St Margaret training center in Mumbai, we organize tailoring classes and run a diploma course in teacher training. This institution has brought empowerment in women through education.





Focus on Gender

In these institutes, we recognize that gender is a critical marker of transformation, and Societies like the Women's Study Centre (WSC) supplement the college's gender-sensitive pedagogy. We are committed to sensitizing our students towards gender issues, instilling confidence and self-esteem in them, and enabling them to recognize their strengths as women and transforming agents.

Inculcating in students a sense of social responsibilities

We also strive to inculcate in our students the values of compassion, equality and justice and a sense of social responsibility through our various outreach programmes and extension activities.

The NSS wing of the college regularly organizes Blood and Organ donation camps. More recently, vaccination drives have also been organized on the campus in collaboration with the

Primus Hospital in the neighborhood.

St. Bede's College has an active group of National Cadet Corps. Amongst this many students actively join and pursue the armed forces. On June 4th 2022, the NCC unit organized an event to acknowledge and appreciate cadets who successfully qualified to appear for the SSB interviews.

The NCC group also organized various other activities like combined annual training camps, organizational outreach programmes etc. The National Service scheme group has actively participated in the flagship programme of the Indian government, 'Clean India Mission'. The students actively contributed to the mission through awareness camps.

St Joseph's Girls Degree College NSS and WSC focus more on women empowerment and gender issues. Sports committee plays a vital role in the health and fitness of girls. There are various activities and competitions organized by these cells and committees. The students are excelling in handball matches. The students of the National Service Scheme, Women's cell and students of the SJSEP (St. Joseph's society exchange programme) carry out rallies, awareness programmes, street plays, survey of the local areas, visit the houses and teach the poor children and help the needy children get admission in schools.

JMC celebrates and protects cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic diversities through numerous compulsory and cultural student societies...

Empowerment through outreach work

Another pride for us in our journey in India has been the focus on outreach work in the community. An addition to JMC is the Community engagement center. Through this we extend our campus to the women and children living in 3 slums in the vicinity of our college. The focus of the center is to organize programs for capacity building through skill training and awareness initiatives. Learning new skills, a first step to financial independence.





The Gujarat Mission: In Gujarat we have self help groups of women which are formed, whereby the group members help each other to solve their problems, promote small savings and Exposure programs for all SHG members. Along with that, we organize Panchayati Raj training for SHG members, Awareness program on benefits of SHG by Taluka Panchayat officers, Monthly assessment of the progress made by the women, Seminar on organic kitchen garden, Monthly assessment of the progress made by the women, Women’s day celebration & Leadership

Training.

St. Joseph’s hostel is run by the convent of Jesus and Mary. The hostel is built on the foundation of St. Claudine’s model of empowerment. After the covid outbreak, the hostel has been given greater responsibilities. The aim of the hostel is to consolidate the faith of the girls who are under the care of the sisters, to provide reasonable facilities and to give them an all round development which will enhance their skills and enable them to be prepared for the challenges of the world outside. This year, there have been 32 girls in the hostel, amongst whom are individuals from varied religious backgrounds. Along with that, we also organize monthly meetings, programmes and picnic for the youth in the area, instilling gospel values in them.

The Mumbai Mission: the Garden School where we educate children from the slum, and

Premdhan: a home for children from broken home/single-parent homes.

And the Journey of transformative education continues...

