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Jesuit Eco-campaigns in India 2019

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Hi,

Greetings from the Forest of Tarumitra in Bihar, India.

We have just returned from the ART RESIDENCY in Wagamon Kerala where 20 artists congregated in the mountains for ten days and connected Art to the Earth. Wonderful days they were!

A newsletter prepared by Rappai Poothokaren SJ, spiced with colorful pics of the Art Residency is attached separately below.

Kindly look at the creativity shown by the Indian Jesuits in applying Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* into daily life of students, eco-enthusiasts both old and young.

These workshops and camps were spiced with 8-day Eco-retreats mainly in Gujarat, Western India and Bihar in Eastern India. While Gujarat had five Eco-retreats staffed by Rappai SJ and Lancy D'Cruze Sj, Robert Athickal SJ and team organized eight Retreats across the country from Tarumitra, Patna.

Tarumitra Co-ordinator Devopriya, Siddharth a class IX student from St. Michael's and Fr. Robert visited Rome in connection with *Laudato Si* and met over 500 delegates along with Pope Francis!



Devopriya still says that meeting the Pope was the most unforgettable event of the Roman Days.

The Summer camps were getting organized faster than ever. The Co-ordinator Devopriya and Maggi found themselves fully engaged to organize these memorable camps for students who came from different parts of the country.

One of the regular shows at these camps was the screening of *Journey of the Universe* a film by Brian Swimme and Prof. Mary Evelyn Tucker. The film and discussions stayed on with the participants for long.

Dr. Orla Hazra who visited us on and off added more spice by initiating one of the volunteers Nagesh Anand into organizing the Cosmic Walk Meditation every Saturday evenings. Hundreds of people have already participated in this heart-changing meditation process.



Nagesh with Masters in Social work (MSW) translated the Meditation into Hindi and has been regularly organizing the shows on Saturdays. He plans to join the Asian Big History meeting in Tokyo in November this year.

The Eco-center and Bio-reserve in Bhopal, M.P is getting developed under the supervision of Fr. Ramesh IMS with lots of landscaping and tree plantations.

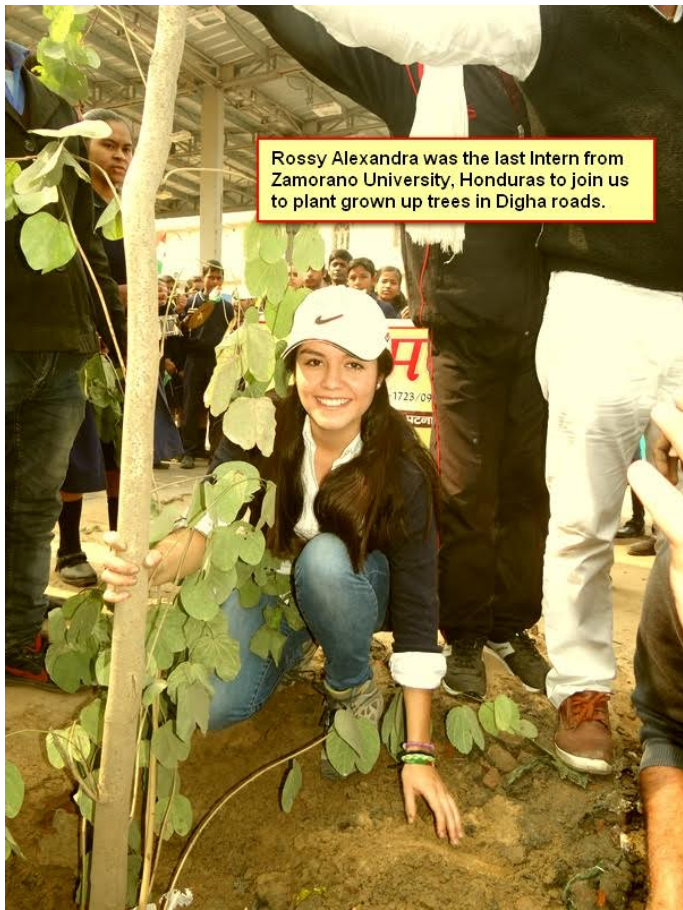


Ramesh is sure to get the plantations under way by the monsoon 2019. He has a plan to do Masters in theology from Delhi starting this year.

PS Antony SJ and team in Kerala have been very active. They had their summer camps along with a National Tribal Fest organized this summer.



Some of you will remember Rossy Alexandra from Zamorano University Honduras who joined us for Internship. She was the last one to share roof with us for four months.



We hope more students would join us this year to carry on this tradition they started way back in 2011. Altogether 16 students have done their stint with us bridging a communion with East and West.

And we have lots of work pending in Jharkhand, neighboring state of the country. The Hazaribagh Jesuits have asked us to help them to set up a larger Bio-reserve like the one in Patna in the spacious 100 acre campus in Sitagraha in Hazaribagh. The students of St. Xavier's high school Hazaribagh have taken up the task under the leadership of Zamir sir.



Ms Devopriya Dutta with Frs. PJ James SJ and Varghese Thamara SJ in the 100 acre campus in Sitagraha.

The Hazaribagh Jesuits have also asked us to help to set up yet another Bio-reserve in the 25 acre campus of St. Xavier's college in Mahuadanr. The students of the college along with the Principal Fr M.K Jose SJ are fully into this pioneering eco-task at the moment.

Last not but not the least, Fr. Robert Athickal SJ got his transfer from the Tarumitra Ashram. His provincial asked him to take a three month Sabbatical from the 20 year old assignment at the Ashram. Fr. Tony Penda SJ, a veteran social activist has taken over as the new director. Life is going on at the Ashram as if nothing big happened!

Fr. Robert Athickal SJ plans to spend his sabbatical in USA, He intends to spend quality time with a leading philosopher of our times, Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and her group of scientists who are attached to the Positive Earth Story in Yale University, Connecticut, catching up with his long time dream of reading more of Teilhard de Chardin and his school of positive philosophers of the Earth.

Regards from the Tarumitra forest this summer when the local temperature is touching 50 degrees Celsius!
Please write back to us if you have a good bright idea to pass on or you liked something at the Tarumitra process in the past.

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Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 10:56 AM

Dear Robert,

May I post your last newsletter on DTN and connect it to your profile? And link to it from our next mailing to members? People will be interested in this.

Hope to see you while you're here. Another person you may be interested in meeting is Mary Coelho, a Quaker who wrote the book *Awakening Universe: Emerging Personhood in an Evolving Universe*. She is a deep thinker and you will thoroughly enjoy and find fruitful any time that you spend with her. Let me know if you're interested and I'll send a message of introduction.

Jennifer

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Let us give the child a vision of the whole universe.

-- Maria Montessori

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Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 12:35 PM

Jennifer ji,

Yes, I would be interested. It's the net works like Deeptime networks that breath life into the Eco-enthusiasts like me and our students!

I am counting on meeting you and am working on a possible date you and I are free.

Please introduce me to M Coelho. I have come across her name in discussions.

Orla is still in USA and she has tremendous energy to connect people. It was Orla who got me in touch with you, two years back. My last meeting with you left me with large chunk of energy...

At a time people are getting overwhelmed with the climate crisis, what we look for are people who are regular doers, like Nagesh and his Saturday cosmic walks. He enthuses more youngsters to join him in his lab of mushrooms and the next door expanding organic farm.

Regards

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Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 2:03 PM

To: Robert Athickal <robertathickal@gmail.com>, Orla Hazra <ohazra@aol.com>

Robert,

OK will do! It may be better to meet in Princeton since it's closer to New York. I'll be there late August. Most of the time I'll be in Maine which is harder to reach.

Question for both of you -- Orla and Robert:

Would you be open to doing a webinar for the Network on the topic "Religious Education in an Evolving Universe"? I'm thinking that Orla would explain religious education is, and Robert could talk about what you're doing at Tarumitra -- deeptime perspective, cosmic walk, eco work -- and how it is religious. I will be moderator. I'm scheduling the entire year so it will not happen tomorrow. What do you think of the idea as a concept? The format would be the same as you saw in the Live Q&A with Mary Evelyn but we can also make some questioners audible. You would need to be in a place with high speed internet.

Please let me know if you're open to the idea since I'm in the process right now of developing our calendar of webinars.

Sending all my best wishes,

Jennifer

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