

## **SEMINAR FOR SISTERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

The long-awaited seminar for sisters in Higher Education was held in Patna Women's college from 19<sup>th</sup> Oct till 25<sup>th</sup> October. There were 33 participants from five degree colleges, three B. Ed colleges, Three D. Ed colleges and one D. Ed college for special education. Dr. (Sr) Doris, former Provincial of Northern Province and former Principal of Patna Women's College was the facilitator of the seminar while the input sessions were taken by Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj Vice chancellor of St. Xavier's Uty, Kolkatta on Autonomy and Uty status for colleges and Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier, the former President of Xavier Board and Principal of Loyola College, Chennai on mentoring the Gen Z in the colleges.

The inaugural session was at 9.am on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. led by Sr. Tanisha and the team of Patna Women's College followed by a welcome song by the student sisters of Patna Women's college. Sister Lilly D'Souza gave the inaugural message followed by the introduction and the theme of the Seminar, MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER, by the coordinator and General Councillor for Education, Sr. Ancilla. The Presence of Sr. Liceria, former Principal of PWC was highly appreciated. Eleven Institutions were given twenty minutes each for the presentation of the history, the best practices and the challenges of the institution. The sessions were moderated by Sr. Doris, followed by a lively discussion. These discussions really benefited the participants to know the history and the mission of the Congregation in higher education. It was an opportunity to learn from one another. The sisters from B. Ed colleges and D. Ed colleges had a session of the new methodology of teaching learning by the faculty of B. Ed department, Patna Women's college

A day of outing and the visit to the ruins of Nalanda University enriched the delegates to know the rich culture, history and tradition of the state of Bihar, known as the City of Enlightenment. The cultural programme of the students of the college in the newly built majestic auditorium was delightful. The Provincial Superior hosted a dinner for the delegates and gifted each one with a packet expressing the joy of welcoming and hosting the event on the campus. The Patna campus with the college of 5000 students, Carmel School with 2,500 students Carmel Jwala, the provincial House and the community college are indeed the assets of the Northern Province. The generosity of the Patna women's

College and the hospitality of the Provincial House and the entire campus was appreciated by all.

Each sister shared her call to be an educator in Higher Education with the symbol she selected was very inspiring. The group discussions and the formulation of the strategies for each institution helped the members to renew themselves to move forward with greater enthusiasm and vigour. The seminar was a time to come together and grow in a sense of belonging to the congregation to continue the CARMEL for MISSIONS



At the Sessions



In The Majestic Auditorium



Outing to the Vishwa Shanti Stupa at Rajgir



Glass Bridge at Rajgir





Dr. Joseph Xavier – Resource person



Welcome to the facilitator Dr. Sr. Doris



Participants for the seminar on Higher Education at Patna Women's College