

## RNDM C.C.HOME News

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## Care for Common Home Newsletter RNDM

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide news of RNDM involvement in actions and activities related to our ministry of Caring for Our Common Home.

## Good news stories from India North East:

To mark the important Season of Creation, the Sisters involved parishioners including children, youth, men and women by praying the season of creation prayer in the house prayer service of the faithful. It was done with a brief introduction from the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the care of creation on the theme "Hope and Act with Creation". The prayer was translated into Khasi which is the local language which has helped people in praying with profound understanding and interconnected with the suffering mother earth.





As India celebrated its 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, St. Agnes Higher Secondary School, Haflong, came together to mark the occasion in a unique way – by organising a plantation drive. The initiative aimed to promote environment awareness, foster community spirit, commemorate the Country's hard-won freedom, and above all the feeling that Mother Earth needs us to take care of it and the cry to plant more & more trees.

The students came together, effortlessly, in the plantation drive, also it is seen that participating in tree planting fills the students with joy and a connection with nature. It evokes a feeling of hope

and renewal in them. A kind of ownership develops in them, as they watch their planted trees grow. It is lovely to see that every student planted a sapling and their love for nature deepens.

It is worth mentioning that the school planted about 100 plants, and in the plantation Drive, about 70 saplings were planted in the premises of the school, guided by the teachers, and Sisters. Apart from that, 30 saplings were handed out to the students to take home, to plant and care for them. With care and enthusiasm, the students planted their saplings in designated areas.

The school believes that every small step counts, and planting trees is a simple, yet powerful way to make a positive impact on our environment. Through this initiative, we aim to not only beautify our surroundings but also raise awareness about the importance of conservation, and sustainability.



"We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone," Pope Francis