

THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF JESUIT ALUMNI / AE



OUR GATEWAY

JAAL MILAN  
A MILAN TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

After the Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations was formed in 1999 in Kolkata, this is the First National Jesuit Alumni/ae Congress, which presents us with an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in the Constitution. This Congress - our MILAN - also sets us with a challenge to harness our National Presence into a National Movement. The spirit of the CONSTITUTION will therefore be our source and inspiration at all sessions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23,  
TO  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25,  
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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2001**

St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra -  
Grounds.

6:00 p.m.

**Inauguration & Inaugural Keynote  
Address:**

**Hon. Soli. J. Sorabjee**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA:

**Invited Dignitaries**

- Mr. Goolam E. Vahanvati,  
ADVOCATE GENERAL OF MAHARASHTRA.
- Cardinal Simon Pimenta
- Justice M.F.Saldanha
- Mr. Julio Ribeiro
- Mr. Keshaub Mahindra
- Mr. Gerson daCunha
- Fr. Lisbert D'Souza s.j.,  
JESUIT PROVINCIAL OF INDIA
- Fr. Francis de Melo s.j.,  
PROVINCIAL, BOMBAY PROVINCE

**DINNER FOR DELEGATES AND  
DIGNITARIES  
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2001**

St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra - Hall.

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

**Inspirational Time**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

**The Role of JAAI: Defining our Position in India**

**Method: Panel Discussion**

**Panel Members:** Mr. Soli Sorabjee, Mr. Goolam Vahanvati, Mr. Julio Ribeiro, Ms. Shabana Azmi.

**Moderator:** Mr. Gerson daCunha.

**Rationale:** To evoke candid opinions from these 'difference makers' on whether Jesuit education made a difference at all to their lives and how it was reflected in the offices they held. The objective of this discussion is to spark off thinking on how JAAI members could keep the Constitution alive in a more dynamic way. More importantly, how JAAI as a body could impact life.

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Focusing on the New Constitution**

**Method:** Fr. Francis de Melo s.j., Provincial of Bombay gives an overview on what Jesuit ideals are and how they need to be carried forward beyond our institutions.

**Group Discussions:** Members will meet in mixed groups to assess the **Strengths & Weaknesses** of JAAI.

**Rationale:** An opportunity to identify our Strengths as a National Body and channelize them into concrete action-plans. This exercise would also help us to evaluate our weaknesses and grow out of them.

The outcome of this brainstorming and introspection would be presented to the entire group in a later session.

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

**LUNCH**

**1:45 – 2:15 p.m.**  
**Can JAAI Make a Difference**

Mr. Alyque Padamsee (Proposed speaker) guides us through positioning ourselves as a National Force and building a vision.

**2:15- 3:15 p.m.**  
**Building a National Identity and Character for JAAI**

**Method:** Group exercises guided by a team of Human Resource experts.

**Rationale:** To evolve a national spirit guided by the constitution and vision.

**3:30 – 4:15 p.m.**  
**Charting a National Agenda**

Mr. Conrad Gonsalves, summarizes the findings of the ***Strengths and Weaknesses*** session. Based on these he guides the group through a question/answer session towards charting out a 'n' point plan for JAAI.

**4:15 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Creating a Zone- wise Action Plan**

**Method:** Break up into groups zone-wise to identify an action-plan in conjunction with the National Charter. (Groups work on presentations for the next day.)

**Rationale:** To build a time-bound, tangible action-plan within our regional milieus. This is with a view to making ourselves accountable and progressing within our geographical areas towards the National vision.

**7:00 p.m. onwards**  
**St. Xavier's College, Mumbai's premiere institution for higher learning will be the venue for a unique entertainment.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2001**

**St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra – Hall**

**8:00 a.m.**  
**EUCHARIST - Cardinal Ivan Dias in St. Peter Church.**

Exhibition by NGOs / Value –oriented Associations on the focus of their Organisations / Associations, Projects related to their Aims, etc.

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Showcasing AGNI / DIGNITY FOUNDATION / CRY / PRATHAM**

A Close View of Associations / NGOs which have made a difference to life and society.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
**Zonal Presentations**

**Method:** The four zones present on slides / power-point / charts / their time-bound 2-year plan drawn out from the deliberations / brainstorming and discussions of the previous day.

**12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Orientation for the International Jesuit Alumni / ae Congress** to be held in Kolkata in the year 2003

**1:00 p.m.**  
**Quieting**  
**Symbolic Closing - Fr Herman Castilino s.j.**  
**Handing over to the New Governing Council**  
**Presentation of Mementos reflecting the National Agenda**

**LUNCH.**

*To help in better participation, a reading of the Constitution would greatly help. Excerpts covering the significant portions are printed below for your reference.*

**Excerpts from the CONSTITUTION of the FEDERATION of JAAI**

**PREAMBLE:** As beneficiaries and as inheritors of the Jesuit/ignatian Legacy of Education, the members of several Alumni/ae Associations, have come together to form a Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations. Bonded in love and fellowship we affirm we shall ever endeavour to be men and women for others and that we shall be Partners in the Jesuit effort of forming human beings grown to their full potential, freed from all bondage, who will give themselves to the service of others.

**NAME AND MOTTO:** The name of the Federation shall be: "Federation Of Jesuit Alumni/Ae Associations Of India". Its motto shall be: "To Give And Not To Count The Cost"

**PURPOSES & OBJECTIVES:** the purposes and objectives of the federation shall be:

To bring all Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India together for consolidating the voice and efforts of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to provide a forum for networking, interaction and exchange of ideas and thoughts between different Alumni/ae Associations of India.

To encourage formation of Alumni/ae Associations in Jesuit Institutions in India where such Associations are not existing and also to revitalize the existing Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations and to make them active.

To foster links with Alumni/ae Associations in other parts of the world, to act as the voice of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to represent them before world bodies like the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae and to participate in the World Congress.

To play a constructive role in shaping of public policies in favour of secularism, alleviation of poverty, empowerment of women, upliftment of the marginalized, safe guarding of human rights, preservation of the environment and spread of literacy.