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Neel Mani Rangesh

President, Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of JAAI

President's Message

Reverend Jesuit Fathers & Brothers,

Dear Jesuit Alumni/ae,

As we stride into the vibrant days of spring, I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you.

It remains our constant endeavour to push forward the vision of creating a vibrant JAAI. Our journey is incomplete and impossible without the participation of all stakeholders – from Jesuit Alumni Associations to Jesuit Institutions to Jesuits to fellow Jesuit Alumni/ae residing in the farthest corners of India. The spirit of common Ignatian pedagogy, moral, values and camaraderie that defines us continues to flourish, fostering an environment where every voice is heard and every contribution is valued. We eagerly share the activities & achievements of alumni associations through this edition of JAAI e-Newsletter – the “Voice of JAAI”.

We have also taken many new initiatives in the recent past and we need your participation and encouragement to achieve the goal of identifying those initiatives to make JAAI more visible, more vibrant with renewed vigour.

A few quick actionable points have been identified which can be completed in a defined time-schedule and in a synchronized and synergized manner by all the member alumni associations across the country. We have planned a calendar of activities and its successful implementation will only result from sincere efforts of our member associations. If we could accommodate these activities in our local alumni association's calendar of activities, it will bring together all Jesuit Alumni Associations of India to work together, endowed with geniality and bonhomie and to have holistic approach to exploit our collective strength. We may, with involvement of all of us, be able to have a National impact and long-lasting impression that may create a new identity of JAAI and also establish JAAI as an

organization for which all Jesuit Alumni of India feel proud to be associated with.

To encourage innovative participation and build healthy competition, we have included our flagship programme, activities to boost initiatives taken earlier and sporting event. The month-wise activities planned up to September 2024 are as follows:

➤ **April 2024:** The Mobile App for JAAI, fully owned and customized for JAAI shall be ready. The features, benefits and other details will be shared in the first week of May 2024. It is requested to all the office-bearers of Jesuit Alumni Associations and Administrative Heads of Jesuit Institutions to popularize it among respective alumni members so as to make it a common platform – an efficient communication channel to connect instantly with each other.

➤ **May 2024:** An orientation session is to be organized in the month of May 2024 by the Governing Council member of each Province along with the respective Province Coordinator for Alumni for the office-bearers of all the member alumni associations of the province. It will be an occasion to make alumni associations of the province aware about structure, objectives and activities of JAAI, the role of member associations and the benefits of associating with JAAI. It is requested to all member associations to ensure your presence and know a little more about JAAI.

➤ **June 2024:** Each Zone of JAAI is to arrange set-up of an innovation/smart start-up lab, under any Government Sponsored schemes such as “Atal Tinkering Lab” or based on any other start-up/innovation model, in one Jesuit Institution of the Zone. The details and modus-operandi will be shared soon by the JAAI GC. The President and Secretary of Each Zone is requested to coordinate with JAAI GC to implement it. The alumni association which implements it first will be awarded during the next JAAI Governing Council Meeting scheduled to be held at Darjeeling on 24-25 August 2024.

➤ **July 2024:** JAAI flagship activity - Blood Donation Camp is to be organized on the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius of

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Loyola this year i.e. on 30th July 2024 by all the member association. The report of the camp with the volume of units of blood collected is to be shared the same day to the GC member of the Province. The alumni association managing collection of the largest volume of units from each zone will be awarded during the next JAAI Governing Council Meeting scheduled to be held at Darjeeling on 24-25 August 2024.

➤ **August 2024:** JAAI will form its own Ecology Audit Team which will perform the eco-audit of one Jesuit Institution in the month of August 2024. The member associations are encouraged to plan such eco-audit of their alma-mater with the support of JAAI Ecology Audit Team after August 2024.

➤ **September 2024:** An Inter-Alumni Football Tournament is to be organized in all the provinces in the month of September 2024. At the first level, alumni associations of the province will play in the month of September 2024. The winner of Province-level tournament will move forward to the second level i.e. Zonal level which will be played alongside the Zonal Congresses to be held in 2025. The winners of each zone will play the finals to be played alongside the JAAI National Congress tentatively scheduled to be held in the month of January/February 2026 at Goa. A booklet w.r.t structure, format, procedures, methods and rules/regulations for the JAAI Inter-Alumni Tournament will be shared in advance with all concerned.

Further, we need feedback and suggestions from all the stakeholders so that we may analyse and derive meaningful insights from the feedback to drive policy changes.

Reflecting on our collective achievements over the past twelve months, I am humbled by the dedication and passion

displayed by our member associations. Your unwavering commitment to our shared goals has propelled us forward, allowing us to reach new heights and make meaningful impacts in our community and beyond. In this edition you will find details about all such activities, achievements and more!

As we look ahead, let us remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence and innovation. Together, let us continue to inspire, uplift, and empower one another, ensuring that Jesuit Alumni Associations remains a beacon of hope and progress.

I am immensely proud to serve as the President of JAAI, and I am confident that with our collective efforts and unwavering determination, we will continue to achieve greatness as truly said in the Rigveda Verse 8.49.4 "समानी व आकूतिः समाना हृदयानि वः। समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥" i.e. "United be your purpose, harmonious be your feelings, collected be your mind, in the same way as all the various aspects of the universe exist in togetherness, wholeness."

I hope the newsletter will be helpful to the readers to know and learn best practices of successful activities from peer associations which allows to gain new insights, new perspectives, innovative thinking and motivation.

Happy Reading!

with warm regards,

[Neel Mani Rangesh]

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Emanuel de Jesus Assis da Gloria da Gama Furtado,
Secretary,
Jesuit Alumni Associations of India,

Dear Reverend Fathers, Reverend Brothers and Jesuit Alumni/ae, I am pleased to note that we will shortly be publishing our JAAI e-Newsletter, 'The Voice of JAAI'. It is in keeping with the plan of action presented by our Hon'ble President, Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh at JAAI Governing Council Meeting held in Jamshedpur on 18th February, 2024. Prof. Edmund Frank was unanimously chosen as Editor which role he magnanimously accepted.

"The Voice of JAAI" is a window for all the Alumni Associations across pan India to showcase the activities they have carried which directly impact the society they live and to highlight the various events conducted by them. These reports are bound to act as

an eye opener and as a catalyst and motivate, encourage and activate many of the alumni/ae Associations and individuals who are not yet activate. It will give others an insight into what they can also achieve.

I wish to convey my deep appreciation to Prof. Edmund Frank for taking up the onerous task in right earnest and extend my best wishes to him and wish him all success in his endeavour.

There is a timeframe for whatever we are undertake as the deadlines have to be adhered to. Any delay, therefore, in submission of information as well as not abiding by the criteria and guidelines spelt out for providing the data along with photographs results in avoidable delays. I would like to appeal to you to please take an active role and assist us in making "The Voice of JAAI" a must read E-letter. Hope you enjoy reading the same. With regards, Fraternally, Emanuel de Jesus Assis da Gloria da Gama Furtado Secretary - JAAI

JAAI NATIONAL ADVISOR'S MESSAGE



Fr. John Ravi, SJ
JAAI National Advisor

Dear Jesuit Alumni,

As members of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI), we are bound by more than mere affiliation; we are united by a shared commitment to the Jesuit values instilled in us during our formative years. Now, as alumni, we have the opportunity and responsibility to embody these values in our actions, particularly in contributing towards the development and progress of our nation.

The Jesuit tradition emphasizes the concept of becoming "men and women for and with others." This ethos challenges us to transcend self-interest and actively engage in service to our communities, recognizing the interconnectedness of all humanity. It calls upon us to not only pursue personal excellence but also to extend our hands in support of those in need, working collaboratively to address societal challenges.

In today's world, characterized by complex socio-economic issues and rapid technological advancements, the need for compassionate and ethical leadership has never been more pressing. As

Jesuit alumni, we are uniquely positioned to answer this call. Drawing upon the principles of Ignatian spirituality, we can approach our roles in various sectors – be it business, academia, healthcare, or public service – with a profound sense of purpose and integrity.

Our contribution to nation building extends far beyond individual achievements. It encompasses a collective effort to foster inclusive growth, promote social justice, and cultivate a culture of empathy and solidarity. Whether through mentorship programs, community initiatives, or advocacy efforts, each of us has the power to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and the trajectory of our nation.

Let us, therefore, recommit ourselves to the ideals of service and solidarity that define our Jesuit education. Let us leverage our skills, resources, and networks to address the pressing needs of our society and advance the common good. By embodying the spirit of being men and women for and with others, we can contribute significantly to the holistic development of our nation, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and positive change.

Together, as alumni of Jesuit institutions, let us strive to be catalysts for nation building, guided by the timeless values of our shared heritage.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the Greater Glory of God)!

THE SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT JAAI GCMEETING

The schedule of the next meeting to be held at Darjeeling on 24-25 August 2024 is as below:

Day-1: 24-08-2024 After breakfast: Full-day local sightseeing tour arranged by the host (details will be shared soon) Evening: Cultural programme at St. Joseph's School, North Point, Darjeeling followed by fellowship with cocktails & dinner.

Day-2: 25-08-2024 Sunday Mass followed by breakfast.
9:30 AM: A session of introspect, reinvent and invigorate to be taken Fr. Adv. Stanley Verghese, SJ - PCA Darjeeling and Rector St. Joseph's, North Point

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM: 4th JAAI GC Meeting with one tea/coffee break from 11:45 AM to 12 noon followed by a group photo session from 12 noon to 12:15 PM.

01:30 PM Lunch. 03:30 PM to 05:00 PM: PCAs meeting.

The stay of all the Jesuits will be at the Jesuit Residence, St. Joseph's School campus.

For others, accommodation options will be shared soon by the host. It takes three hours from the nearest Airport or Railway Station (NJP) to reach Darjeeling.

To pick from Airpot and Railway Station at Siliguri, the host will be

arranging cab and try to club in all or make two groups and pick at a common time. Till that time, they will be arranging a Jesuit place at Matigara to freshen up and take rest.

Therefore, all are requested to plan their travel so as to reach Airport/Railway Station by early evening of 23rd August 2024 (except those who want to skip the sightseeing tour on 24th).

Drop to Airport/Railway Station will also be arranged by the host on Sunday (25th) afternoon after lunch. For PCAs meet, only the President and the Secretary are required to stay. All others can plan their departure on the 25th evening itself as per their convenience.

The accommodation options and a Google form to fill the travel plan, etc. will be shared by the host association in the next week.

Shri Navin Gattani (mobile no 81167 20465), GC Member from Darjeeling and Shri Deven Gurung (mobile no 98320 88921), the President, North Zone, JAAI may be contacted for accommodation, logistics and other venue related support/information.'

The Secretary, JAAI Emanuel jee will soon be sharing the detailed notice and schedule for the GC meeting.

Regards

Neel Mani Rangesh President, JAAI



FROM THE EDITOR

Prof. Edmund Frank



It is a pleasant occasion to release this first issue of the Voice of JAAI during the term of the current tenure (2023- 2026) of the JAAI Governing Council headed by Mr Neel Mani Rangesh. I was also reappointed Editor after a passage of a year. After the successful conduct of the third meeting of the Federation of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India on 18 February 2024 in Loyola High School in Jamshedpur, we are looking forward to the 4th JAAI GC meeting in Darjeeling in the month of August 2024. The first and second meetings of the JAAI GC were held at St Xavier's School in Patna and St Aloysius College (Autonomous) in Mangaluru respectively. We had a colourful and meaningful National Congress of the Federation of JAAI hosted by the Jesuit Alumni Association of Patna Province at St Xavier's School and St Michael's High School in Patna from 10 -12 February 2023 where the office Bearers and members of the present JAAI GC were elected.

A few words of appreciation of the immediate past President Mr S Chenthil Kumar would certainly be in order for leading JAAI through the historic and challenging times marred by constraints posed by Covid 2019 which stretched through the first half of his term. The second half though was full of positive and constructive activity. The friendly JAAI alumni football matches held at St Xavier's College, Thumba, Kerala have become a trend setter for the three-tier province level, zone level and inter zone level foot ball tournament which is all set to begin in September 2024. In consonance to WUJA resolution, was launched the service vertical of "Social Entrepreneurship." A service vertical of industry academia tie-up was launched with the I-Hub, a start up arm of the Government of Gujrat to encourage students in our Jesuit institutions to have startups and internship programmes. A strong initiative was

launched on an all India basis to commence Whatsapp groups of JAAI Doctors Forum led by Dr Suneet Ranawat from the Delhi province-North Zone and a JAAI CA Forum Chartered Accountants led by Chand Agarwal GC member from North Zone Darjeeling province.

It is heartening to say that JAAI is playing a meaningful role in the Confederation of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA). Mr Naresh Gupta, as Vice President of WUJA and Dr Devendra Singh and Mr Pradeep Kumar Madavan as its Regional Representatives in South Asia have been strong players and are playing a very positive role as our ambassadors in WUJA.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the apostolic preferences of the Society of Jesus for the decade 2019-2029 which are:

1. Showing the way to God through discernment and Spiritual Exercises.
2. Walking with the excluded poor, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice.
3. Accompanying the young people in the creation of a hope filled future and
4. Caring for our common home which is the protection and renewal of God's creation and the environment we live in.

There is something to rejoice for Jesuit alumni everywhere. The University Grants Commission and Ministry of education approved Deemed -to-be-University status to the St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru. The Ministry issued a notification to this effect on 19 January 2024.

JAAI has an enthusiastic team of Governing Council members led by Mr Neel Mani Rangesh and Office Bearers. Let us wish them well and offer our whole-hearted support in executing the work that is being taken up.

PATNA_PROVINCE_REPORT



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Inter-House Quiz Competition for High School Students and Sit-n-Draw painting Competition for Primary Students on Saturday, 9 September 2023.

Around 400 primary students participated in the Sit-n-Draw Painting Competition held in two groups - Class I & II in one group and Class III, IV & V in another group.

The Judge for the event was also an alumnus of 1990 Batch - Shri Ashish Asthana, Visiting Faculty at NIFT, Patna and Dr. Ajay Pandey, Principal, College of Arts & Craft, Patna University.

For the Inter-House Quiz Competition, a screening written test was held on 26-08-2023 to select three members of all the four houses viz Panthers, Tigers, Lions and Leopards.

Around 750 high school students participated in the screening test. The finals held on 09-09-2023 was very interesting, exciting and nerve-wracking.



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SXAA Fiesta 2023 - an Inter-School Fest from 23 Nov 2023 to 25 Nov 2023.

Three Inter-School events were organized:

Inter-School Sit-n-Draw Painting Competition.

Inter-School Quiz Competition.

Inter-School Boys & Girls Kabaddi Competition.



Around 30 premier schools of Patna with more than 450 students participated in different events.

Shri Sudhanshu Shekhar Roy, an alumnus of 1976 batch and Former Executive Director, NSNIS, Patiala and Special Advisor, Bihar State Sports Development Authority

was the Chief Guest during the Prize Distribution Ceremony.



SXAA Annual Reunion -16 December 2023



SXAA organizes regular Blood Donation Camp, Eye, Dental, health checkup camp for school students and faculty members This year Free Eye Check up was done for all students, teachers and staffs, Members.



SMAA organized the General Health Check-up Camp for Senior Section Class 6-8 and Class 9-10 on 22 July 2023 and 5 August, respectively. About 2000 students benefitted. Health check-up for Primary Section Class 4-5 was organized on 28 October 2023.

About 1000 primary section students benefitted from Health-Checkup



Career Counselling for Std. 10 Students was carried out on 6 Oct. 2023 by Vice President Mr. Sanjay Pandey and Mr. Sunny Agarwal. Career Counselling for Std. 12th Students was carried out on 13 Oct. 2023 by Dr. Anushree, Dr. Piyush Samui (Associate

Professor, NIT Patna) and CA Abhijeet Baid. Dr Anushree discussed about Career Prospects for students taking Biology while CA Abhijeet Baid discussed on the topic "Commerce Drive Economies". Dr. Piyush Samui gave talk on "Artificial Intelligence and its Future".



SMAA organized Pool Side Party on 3rd September 2023 (Sunday). More than 150 alumni gathered for pool side party in the evening.



SXCEAA, Patna organized the Fr. Dr. Jacob M.A., S.J Memorial Inter-School Elocution Contest on 8 August 2023 in which more than 15 schools participated. The elocution contest was held in four groups.



XAAB organized a vibrant painting competition on August 19th to commemorate the Jubilee Year of its esteemed alma mater, St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School. The event, which showcased the artistic prowess of young talents, witnessed



an enthusiastic participation of approximately 1300 students spanning across grades 1 to 10.

XAAB organized an inspiring Yoga event at St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School Bettiah dedicated to promoting holistic well-being of students on October 14, 2023. The event witnessed active participation from approximately 800 enthusiastic students.



ACTIVITIES OF JESUIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS IN 2023-24



• Doranda Old Xavierians (DOX), the Alumni association of St. Xavier's School, Doranda organized a Blood Donation camp at St. Xavier's School on 26th May, 2023. 41 units of blood were donated by Members and their friends.



• Delhi Old Xavierians Association (DOXA) organized a Blood Donation Camp on 6th August 2023. More than 100 Units of blood donated to the Army Transfusion Centre. Lt. Gen. Phillip Campose, Former Vice Chief of Staff, Indian Army was

the Chief Guest on the occasion.



• Sahebganj Old Xavierians Association (SOXA), Sahebganj coordinated a blood donation camp on September 30th in alignment with JAAI's nationwide annual blood donation drive.



• TEXAS, Surat organized 2nd Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August 2023.



• The Paulites of Belgaum Worldwide (PBW), yet again showcased their unwavering dedication to our community's betterment. Guided by President Dr. Madhav

Prabhu (alumnus 1996) and PBW Medical Committee Chairman Dr. Anil Patil (alumnus 1987), alumni orchestrated a transformative event: the Blood Donation and Super Specialty Health Check-up Camp. A total of 225 units of blood were contributed by kind school alumni and Belgaum residents. This blood aids patients at KLE Hospital, easing Thalassemia and bypass surgery journeys. In emergencies, donors' families receive support. Support from hospitals, Rotaract Clubs, Parent Teacher Association, Paulite alumni, and more organisations, enriched the event.

• SOXA organized a Cardiac Health Camp in August 2023. A devoted team of medical professionals extended exceptional care to the teaching and support staff of St. Xavier's School, Sahibganj, and St. Xavier's School (Hindi Medium), Sahibganj, as well as to the students of these esteemed institutions.



• On 16/12/2023 Team TEXAS, Surat along with XI & XII Std students visited Old Age Home to spend an Evening to bring some smile on their faces with some music & prizes, Students sponsored entire Dinner & distributed blankets. Texas distributed Salampak (Gujarati Winter special Sweet) to them.



• On September 1, 2023 St. Xavier's School Sahibganj and the Sahibganj Old Xavierians Association (SOXA) came together to launch a community-driven response to a severe diarrhoea outbreak in tribal areas. The primary goal of this endeavour was to provide immediate relief to individuals suffering from diarrhoea while also educating the community about preventive



measures. Furthermore, it aimed to address the underlying socio-economic and healthcare disparities that left tribal areas vulnerable to health crises. The initiative earned deep appreciation from both the community and the organizers. The initiative received overwhelming support from the local community and made a positive impact,



assisting approximately 75 individuals at the camp.

- In Memory of their classmate Samuel Kennedy who passed away on 3rd April 2023 the batch of 1982

contributed Rs. 10 lacs to Xavier's Shrirampur for the Chemistry lab to be named as "Samuel Kennedy Chemistry Lab".



- St. Xavier's Alumni Association, Patna organized the Annual Career Counselling Session in the school auditorium for the students of Grades 9, 10 & 11 on 29th

August 2023. The keynote speaker for the event was an alumna of the school - Dr. Neel Sarovar Bhavesh, Professor & Head / Group Leader, Transcription Regulation, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (ICGEB) and an Adjunct Professor, Special Centre for System Medicine, JNU, New Delhi.

- In a rare gesture to promote unity in diversity among school children, Loyola School Jamshedpur, dedicated a first-of-its-kind multi-faith prayer hall at its campus on Friday April 21 and 2 indoor badminton courts above it. The brainchild of former principal



Father Pius Fernandes, the common prayer hall has become a reality today. Father Pius spoke on this occasion highlighting the support and help of the Alumni Association, especially with regard to Santosh Singh Sandhu and his son.

- On 01-May-2023 the Sahibganj Old Xavierians Association (SOXA) and St. Xavier's School Raiganj, belonging to Dumka Raiganj Province of the Society of Jesus, collaborated to form an alumni association in Raiganj.



- On 06-June-2023 APX (Association of Past Xavierites, St. Xavier's High School Loyola Hall Ahmedabad) celebrated World Environment Day on the school campus.



- On 23-July-2023 the first official meeting of St. John Berchman School Alumni Mundli, Tinpahar was held. It was a momentous occasion, signifying a remarkable



milestone in the school's rich history. Established in 1939 as a Hindi medium school nestled in the scenic Rajmahal Hills of Jharkhand the institution has always held a special place in the hearts of its tribal students. St. John Berchmans High School Mundli Alumni Association celebrated its inaugural reunion on September 24th, 2023, at the school premises in Jharkhand. The reunion was organized under the visionary leadership of PCA Rev. Fr. Alban Minj SJ. The journey to this momentous reunion began with a pivotal meeting on June 23rd, 2023, attended by eight dedicated alumni members along with two from SOXA. It was during this meeting that the association was officially christened, setting the stage for a memorable reunion. The Sahibganj Old Xavierians Association (SOXA) played a crucial role by

providing valuable guidance and wisdom, ensuring the event's resounding success. Under the mentorship of Rev. Fr. Sunit Kullu SJ, the Honourable Principal of the institution, engaging discussions unfolded, covering topics such as the appointment of coordinators, strengthening the association, and outlining ambitious plans for the future. A poignant moment of the event was the symbolic planting of a sapling by alumni members, signifying not only the growth of the association but also their commitment to social responsibility.

- Sunny Agrawal of St. Michael's Alumni Association,



Patna conducted 4 days' workshop on how to face an interview, tell your story, and present your internship journey at Indian Institute of Information Technology Vadodara and IIIT Diu campus, where more than 570 students participated.

- On 02/10/2023 45 colleges, 1200 student



participated in the Gujarat University 2-day cultural program, zonal and inter zonal, where JAAL Past President Shri Shapath Shah was the chief guest for the closing ceremony and prize distribution part and coincidentally another Jesuit alumnus Ms Lavina Sinha IPS was the chief guest for the inauguration.

- St. Xavier's High School Loyola Hall & Ellis bridge



Gymkhana together organized the grand Garba held on Sunday 15th October on the heels of a famous INDIA win vs Pak in the ICC world cup a night earlier. A

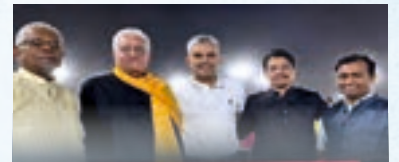
crowd of over 8000 'kheylaiyas' comprising of students and staff, management, alumni, benefactors and parents enjoyed the revelry. The evening started off with the class competition followed by the AARTI invoking and seeking blessings of Mataji. It was indeed a blissful and fulfilling evening which went on till midnight. Prizes in various categories were given away.

- Vibrant Navratri Mohtsav 2023 organised by The Ex-Xavierite's Association Surat



Texas on 21st Oct & 22nd Oct at St Xavier's High School Surat, the atmosphere rich with culture tradition & enthusiasm by school's Children, Teachers, Parents & Ex- Students. Supported by Parents Teachers Association & School Management.

- St. Xavier's Gandhinagar & TEXA (The Ex-Xavier's Association) hosted their garba on Sharad Poonam night on Saturday October 28th, 2023.



- On 28/10/2023 St. Michaels High School Patna Alumni Association team organized a medical camp for their school's Class 4 and 5 students.



- St. Xavier's Alumni Association, Patna organized the SXAA Fiesta 2023 - an Inter-School Fest from 23



Nov 2023 to 25 Nov 2023. Three Inter-School events were organized:

- ❖ Inter-School Sit-n-Draw Painting Competition.
- ❖ Inter-School Quiz Competition.
- ❖ Inter-School Boys & Girls Kabaddi Competition.

Around 500 students from more than 25 premier schools of Patna participated in different events. Inauguration of the SXAA Fiesta 2023 was held at 9:00 AM on 23 Nov 2023 at St. Xavier's High School, Patna. Finals of all the events and Prize Distribution ceremony was held on Saturday 25 November 2023. Shri Sudhanshu Shekhar Roy, an alumnus of 1976 batch and Former Executive Director, NSNIS, Patiala and Special Advisor, Bihar State Sports Development Authority was the Chief Guest during the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

- On 05/09/2023 St. Paul's High School Belagavi emerged victorious in the 55th Fr. Eddie Memorial Football Tournament 2023 after a thrilling penalty shootout. The match was intense, with Love Dale School putting up an impressive performance. The 55th Fr. Eddie Memorial Football Tournament 2023 was a testament to the passion and talent displayed by both St. Paul's High School Belagavi and Love Dale School. It showcased the spirit of competition and the dedication of these young athletes.



- TOXA (The Old Xavierites' Association, Ahmedabad) hosted TOXA NITE, 2023 on 20th



December at St. Xavier's College Lawn. More than 2,000 alumni, staff members and current students enjoyed a thrilling

night with Dance, Music and DJ.

- On 23rd December, 2023, ALSOC. Kolkata organized the 44th reunion on the school grounds attended by over 1000. Dr Harsha Jauhari, Alumni SXCS Kolkata,



Nephrologist and CEO of Ganga Hospital New Delhi was awarded the complete Xaverian award. Dr Jauhari has done over 20000 kidney transplants. Passed out of school in 1966/67, he is a very humble person. He has also received the Dr BC Roy Award.

- On 25/10/2023, APX members present were in rapt attention as Fr Ravi John addresses the audience during the PCE meet at the St Xavier's High School Loyola Hall Ahmedabad. APX presented the Jesuits with a token of love, appreciation & gratitude.



- In Tamil Nadu, the Alumni Association SXC, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, celebrated the 14th Anniversary of Judge Joseph Clinical Lab which is doing a wonderful job.



- St. Mary's SSC, Mazgaon, Mumbai received Yellow rating for GSP audit, an All-India ecology audit for schools guided by Baba Lanka and Gerry Mascarenhas. Teachers Fatima Sabowalla and Rochell D'Sa were felicitated at the 2nd JAAI West Zone Council Meeting held at St. Mary's ICSE on 16 April 2023, which Secretary JAAI Mr. Emanuel Furtado attended. GSP is a meaningful environment education programme. It helps schools audit their use of resources and map their consumption and wastage. The exercise involves collection of information under the following heads: Air, Energy, Food, Land, Water and Waste.

- On 05-June-2023 as part of the diamond jubilee celebrations, St. Xavier's School, Anand, organized a reunion of past students. Nearly 500 former students from the institution had gathered to converse and relive their past school days.



- On September 15, 2023 the Silver Jubilee year celebration of St. Xavier's School,



Raiganj, featured an exciting two days inter-school football tournament, emphasizing the school's commitment to excellence. Behind the scenes, the Raiganj Old Xaverians Association (ROXA) played a pivotal role in ensuring the tournament's success.

- Rev. Fr. John Ravi SJ Secretary, JEA South Asia and National Alumni Advisor Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India, visited Loyola High School, Margao, Goa on Monday, 26th June, 2023 and had a meeting with LESA (Loyola Ex-students Association), Margao, Managing Committee and interacted with their PCA, Rev. Fr. William Rodrigues SJ and all the Managing Committee Members. Mr. Emanuel Furtado, President of LESA and Secretary JAAI welcomed him.



- Rev. Fr. John Ravi, SJ Secretary, Jesuit Education Association, JEA - South Asia Member, International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education (ICAJE) National Alumni Advisor of JAAI had a meeting at office of Principal of Loyola High School Pune with Ex-Loyola Alumni Network (ELAN), Pune, Committee members and WZC Council member, Mr. Nitin Joshi.



- The Secretary JAAI Participated in JAAI - South Zone Executive Committee Meeting held at Calicut on 21st May 2023. The program was hosted by St. Joseph's HSS Alumni Association, Calicut.



- The South Zone JAAI GC Meeting was hosted by Alumni of Loyola Public School, Guntur, on 1st and 2nd October 2023.



- The JAAI WZ Council



Meeting was held in Pune on Sat 9 - Sun 10 December, 2023.

- The 2nd JAAI Governing Council meeting was held at St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru on 20th August 2023.



- Delhi Old Xaverian's Association (DOXA) hosted the North Zone Mid-term Meeting at St. Xaviers School, Delhi between 1st to 3rd March 2024. The theme was Impact of AI on Education. Alumni Associations from the Jesuit Provinces of Kolkata,



Delhi, Patna, Jaipur and Darjeeling participated in the event. An inter alumni cricket tournament was also held in which Delhi, Jaipur, Darjeeling and Kolkata provinces took part.

- Day- Nite Basketball Cup organized by TOXA, Ahmedabad on 16th March 2024. More than 40



alumni came to play basketball with their batch mates. The event pulled nearly 150 alumni to meet and greet their friends and faculties. Total 11 teams of 4 players participated. Among the awards a special award was given to the best Alumni of the Tournament to Vrinda Dave of 2015 Batch.

- The 3rd JAAI Governing Council meeting was held



at Loyola High School, Jamshedpur on 18th February 2024.

- The President, JAAI Shri Neel Mani Rangesh along



with the Secretary, JAAI Shri Emanuel Furtado and WUJA Council Member Dr. Devendra Singh and Past President Shri Shapath Shah had an interactive session with JAAI West Zone President Shri Vivek Gandhi, and other APX, Ahmedabad & JAAG committee members on 23rd December 2023 at St. Xavier's High School Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad.



- Aloysian Youth Icon award held on 11 Jan 2024. 5 young alumni were given the award.

- SXCCAA gets Gurukul award for best Alumni in December 2023.



- The Sahibganj Old Xaverians Association (SOXA) proudly orchestrated a comprehensive eye camp for the students and teachers of St. Xavier's School, Sahibganj. Headed by the esteemed Dr. Rahul Verma, an alumnus of the ICSE Batch of 2005 from St. Xavier's School, Sahibganj, as well as of

Rural Medical College, Shirdi, Bareilly International University, and three Jesuit institutions, the event aimed to provide essential eye care services and foster awareness about ocular health within the local community.



- A Special General Body Meeting with productive gathering

of alumni members of St. Michael's Alumni Association, Patna was convened on 12-Feb-2024 to strategize the way forward. Necessary changes were discussed and embraced for the betterment of the association and its members.

- Raiganj Old Xaverians Association (ROXA) played a pivotal role in ensuring water facilities at two specific



locations during the Inter-House Marathon 2023 – an Intra-School event by St. Xavier's School, Raiganj.

- Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur organized the Annual N. D. Marshall Cricket Tournament. A real tribute to a



cricket legend must have a sound of 'thud' when the bat meets the ball, shouts of 'howzzthat', all on the well laid green field. That's exactly what our old chaps did on the field. Our very own Kohlis and Jadejas worked hard to surpass the score. Four teams representing four houses competed for the coveted N. D. MARSHALL Trophy. Winners: BLUES HOUSE Man of the match: Amol Pareek (2016) Best fielder:- Puneet Sharma Best bowler:- Mohammed Tariq (2002) Best batsman:- Sidharth Lamror (2004) Player of the tournament:- Amol Pareek (2016).

- AAXISS & DOX were recognized for the efforts in Blood Donation camp by Govt of Jharkhand. Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Civil Surgeon of Sadar Hospital Ranchi recognized



both the organizations in an event held at Sadar Hospital Auditorium this afternoon. AAXISS was represented by Jasbir Singh Khurana and Himalay Indraprasth while Dox was represented by Vipul Agrawal & Utsav Parashar.

- The second Fr. Anthony Gatt Memorial Annual Wellness Camp, a week-long initiative, was organized by SOXA, Sahebganj. This achievement underscores the dedication of the medical team, including Dr. Devesh Kumar (ICSE 1992), Dr. Mukesh Kumar (ICSE 1994), Dr. Sulabh Suman (ICSE 1999), Dr. Srijia Krishna (ICSE 2002), Dr. Kumari Snehlata (ICSE 2005), Dr. Manikanat Mani (ICSE 2005), Dr. Rahul Verma (ICSE 2005), Dr. Aman Kumar (ICSE 2008), and Dr. Raman Kumar Choudhary (ICSE 2014).



- Xaviers Alumni Association Bettiah (XAAB) dedicated to promoting holistic well-being of students, successfully organized a rejuvenating yoga event at St. Xavier's

Higher Secondary School on October 14, 2023. The event witnessed active participation from approximately 800 enthusiastic students.

- 7 a side Football festival was organized by Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur - a 3 days of fun, excitement. Overall, a good football and Xavier's Alumini event and very good get together.



- The JAAI Central Zone Conclave took place on 8th October 2023, in the vibrant city of Dhanbad, bringing together esteemed alumni, patrons, and



representatives to discuss the significance, activities, and mission of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI). The event was a resounding success, fostering meaningful conversations and outlining plans for the future. Mr. Rajeev Talwar, the Vice President of JAAI from the Central Zone, eloquently explained the importance of JAAI and its various initiatives aimed at

fostering collaboration among alumni. He emphasized the need to rope in more alumni to strengthen the network and extend the association's reach. Rev. Fr. Bob Slattery SJ, the revered patron of JAAI, shared his insights on the inclusion of vernacular schools within the JAAI framework, emphasizing the importance of reaching out to diverse educational institutions and communities. In an exciting announcement, it was revealed that Ranchi Province will host the next Central Zone Conclave, setting the stage for more collaborative endeavors and meaningful discussions.

- SOXA, Sahebganj Patna reunion was held on 7th October 2023. The Windsor Hotel in Patna witnessed



a heartwarming reunion today as members of the SOXA members came together to celebrate their shared history. The event was marked by nostalgia, laughter, and the rekindling of old friendships. Distinguished guests and members of SOXA from various walks of life converged at the Windsor Hotel for this special occasion. Attendees included the honourable President of Jesuit Alumni Association of India Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh, the President of SOXA Rev. Fr. Arul Doss SJ, Director General Income Tax (Investigation) Mr. Rahul Karna.

- A 3-on-3 Super Xavier's Basketball Championship was organized by Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur. Teams from



all schools, police and army took part in it. The event was sponsored by some the Xavier's alumni of Jaipur.

- LESA, Margaon organized an Osteoporosis Camp 2023 at Loyola High School, Margaon on 7th May 2023. JAAI Vice-President Prof. Edmund Frank graced the occasion with his distinguished presence.





• Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur organized the annual Major H K Sharma Memorial Inter-House Debate Competition 2023 on 2nd September 2023.



• Green chapter was added in the history of Loyola School, Tarumitra and Loyola Alumni Association, Jamshedpur

on 5th October 2023 with the formation and orientation of Eco Club, plantation & inception of Bio-diversity park on 10 acres land at Jesu Bhawan with the support of Fr. Robert Athickal & Ms. Devopriya Dutta from Tarumitra, Patna.

• Doranda Old Xaverians Association (DOX), Ranchi distributed 500



mosquito nets in RIMS, Sadar Hospital, Adim Jaati Seva Mandal, Premashray and Kishorenagar

Outreach Society. The nets were handed over to Director of RIMS and Civil Surgeon at Sadar Hospital.

• VOBA, Pune's two Kothari brothers – Rajendra



(Batch of 1973) & Ashok (batch of 1975) coordinated with Principal and decided to sponsor the project of refurbishing the

Secondary Computer Lab. They also helped supervise vendors to make new furniture, wood paneling, concealed wiring and providing of 60 latest model Lenovo computers for the Lab.

• Sahibganj Old Xaverians Association (SOXA) has achieved the honor of being recognized as the 4th



largest blood donor in the Sahibganj district for the year ending March 31, 2023. This remarkable accomplishment would not have been

attainable without the generous contributions and support of our alumni members, teachers, students, and well-wishers.

• The Association of Past Xavierites (APX, the alumni association of the St. Xavier's High School Loyola Ahmedabad) organized a blood donation drive partnered by Red Cross, on the school campus on 22 July 2023. 40 units were collected on the campus.



• Green Xavier's Day was organized by TOXA (Ahmedabad) on 31st of July, 2023



• Fr Castellino Memorial Basketball Tournament was organized by LESA, Margaon in May 2023. 11 teams took part in the tournament.



A few achievements of Jesuit Alumnus in 2023-24.

• Mr. an alumnus of St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra and St. Xavier's College, Bombay contributed as an assistant editor to Paul Rogers, Editor-in-Chief for the film "EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE" which won SEVEN OSCARS including one for editing.



• A Jesuit alumna was the editor of the documentary "The Elephant whisperers" which won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Film at the 95th Academy Awards, making it the first Indian film to win an Academy Award in that category.



• On 25-March-2023 in response to the implementation of the New National Education Policy 2020 (implemented effective 2022-23), the Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JSCA) has created a Seven-Member South Asia Conference-Level TASK FORCE with the following persons of eminence that includes two Past Presidents of JAAI: -

1. Rev. Fr. Joe Arun SJ: Convenor of Task Force, South Asia Secretary for Higher Education & Director, LIBA, Bengaluru.

2. Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj SJ: Vice Chancellor, St. Xavier's University Kolkata.

3. Dr. Raj Kumar: Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal University, New Delhi.



4. Rev. Fr. John Ravi SJ: South Asia Secretary for Secondary Education and National Jesuit Alumni Advisor.

5. Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ: Provincial Superior, Ranchi Jesuit Province.

6. Dr. Devendra Singh: Governing Council Member from South Asia at World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) and Past President of Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI).

7. Mr. Shapath Shah: Past President of Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI).

The first physical meeting of the TASK FORCE was hosted by and held at St. Xavier's University Kolkata, New Town, Kolkata from 17th to 19th March 2023.

- The new Parliament building in New Delhi inaugurated on Saturday, May 27 has been designed by, an alumnus of St. Xavier's School, Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad. The Gujarat-based architect Patel is also designing the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and was part of the first-of-its-kind Sabarmati Riverfront project. The Central Vista Redevelopment project is Dr. Bimal Patel's crown jewel.

- Mr UT Khader an Alumnus of St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangalore has been appointed Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.



- JAAI GC Member, Dr. Jagatheesan representing Madurai Province, as well as the President of

Alumni Association of St Mary's, Madurai, has been elected 15th time as the President of the.

- On 5/10/2023 that St. Joseph's Trichy's illustrious Jesuit alumnus former Professor of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) who had done his Pre-university to B.Com. from St. Joseph's College (1976 Batch) has been appointed as the chairman of the high-powered Committee constituted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to study about – Expected Credit Loss (ECL) frame working for banks. Hearty congratulations to Prof. R. Narayanaswamy.



- On 22/11/2023, Shri. Vijay Tonse our illustrious Jesuit alumnus from St. Joseph College of Commerce Bangalore has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI).



- Alumnus Vasanth Karthick Bharath of St. Joseph's College in Trichy secured 90 marks in the Audit and Assurance paper of the U.K.-based ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) the highest score in the world. He a final-year B.Com. (Honours) student of the college. He was felicitated by the Principal Fr. Arokiasamy Xavier SJ.



REPORT OF THE ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION – 2023-2024

St. Joseph's College(Autonomus) Tiruchirapalli – 620 002

The St. Joseph's College (SJC) Alumni Association, led by Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, who serves as the Director & Principal, has undertaken various initiatives to connect and engage alumni from around the world. Alongside office bearers Dr. M. Armairaj (President), Dr. S. Britto Ramesh Kumar (Secretary), and Mr. S. Anand (Treasurer), as well as a dedicated team of 35 Executive Council members, including Rev. Fr. Director, they actively reach out to and involve alumni globally. The Executive Council regularly convenes to discuss and exchange ideas about upcoming initiatives and association plans. Currently, the association proudly boasts 14,093 registered members, including 13,691 life members and 402 patron members. Noteworthy is the establishment of distinct chapters in the USA, Europe, the Middle East, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Chennai, and Northern Tamil Nadu by the SJC Alumni Association.

The SJC Alumni Association undertook the following major activities during the year 2023-2024:

- **Reunion Meetings at the Departments**
- **USA Alumni Chapter Reunion - Sangamam 2023**
- **SJC Alumni Lawyers' Gathering 2023**
- **Retired Professors Reunion 2023**
- **Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy SJ Endowment Lecture**
- **Alumni Coordinators' Meet**
- **Josephites' Global Reunion 2024**
- **Breakfast Scheme**

Reunion Meetings at the Departments

Numerous departments have successfully conducted alumni reunion meetings, where esteemed alumni from these departments actively participated, sharing nostalgic memories. The departments have also welcomed alumni experts from various subjects into their board of studies. Motivational talks featuring alumni were organized for current students, fostering inspiration and connection. In a special event, the Department of Computer Science orchestrated a Silver Jubilee Reunion celebration for the 1995-98 batch of MCA alumni.

Throughout the academic year, several departments organized reunion meetings, including:

- The Department of Chemistry, which hosted an

alumni reunion for the 1991-93 batch of M.Sc. Chemistry on July 21, 2023.

- The 1995-98 batch of MCA celebrated their remarkable 25th-year reunion, aptly named "Siragugal'23," on September 8, 2023.

25th Year Reunion of MCA 1995-98

On the 8th of September 2023, a joyous celebration unfolded at the grand reunion of MCA 1995-98 (Day) at St. Joseph's College, Trichy. The event marked a significant milestone for the batch and was graced by the esteemed presence of our cherished alumni.



The day commenced at 10:00 am with a soulful prayer song followed by the rendition of Tamizh Thaa Vaazthu, evoking a sense of unity and nostalgia among the gathering. Peter, with warm enthusiasm, delivered the Welcome Address and outlined the agenda for the day. This was followed by an endearing moment of self-introduction by the participants from MCA 95-98, as old friends reconnected, and new connections were formed.

The event was punctuated by captivating reminiscence videos, masterfully curated by Martin, which beautifully captured the cherished moments of



days gone by. The day was further immortalized with a group picture that forever etched the smiles and camaraderie of our alumni. A significant highlight of the event was the heartwarming gesture of honouring our mentors. Sundaresan, Suresh, Rajesh, and Jerome took the stage to felicitate the esteemed ex-Principal, Rector, VP, and Secretary, as well as the current Principal, Rector, and Secretary.

The spirit of giving and gratitude permeated the gathering as our alumni extended their support to the Department of Computer Science with a generous contribution of **Rs. 7.5 lakhs**. This includes a significant sum of **5.5 lakhs** in honor of the **Rev. Dr. S. John Britto SJ Endowment Scholarship**, **1 lakh** for the Endowment Lecture in tribute to **Dr. D. P. Jeyapalan**, and an additional **1 lakh** earmarked for the upcoming International Conference organized by the Department. This act of generosity stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of benevolence that characterizes our alumni community. The 25th Year Reunion of MCA 1995-98 was not just an event; it was a celebration of cherished memories, a rekindling of friendships, and a reaffirmation of the enduring bond that unites us all.

USA Alumni Chapter Reunion–Sangamam 2023



The USA Alumni Chapter Reunion 2023, known as Sangamam 2023, was a resounding success held on August 19, 2023, in Nashville, TN, USA. This vibrant event was hosted by our esteemed alumnus, Actor Napoleon Duraisamy, who also serves as the Chairman of Jeevan Technologies. The occasion was graced by the presence of **Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ**, the Principal and Director of the Alumni



Association, who took on the role of the Guest of Honour. He extended warm felicitations to the USA alumni, emphasizing the profound impact they've had on the alma mater's legacy. **Dr. M. Arumairaj**, the President of the Association, was also in attendance and received heartfelt acknowledgments during the gathering. It was truly a momentous occasion, bringing together nearly 500 alumni residing in various parts of the USA, along with their cherished family members.

Following the formal program, a delightful get-together was hosted by Actor Napoleon at his picturesque farm. This provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reconnect, reminisce, and

forge new memories. The event not only celebrated the accomplishments of our alumni but also strengthened the ties that bind us all together. The USA Alumni Chapter Reunion 2023 was a testament to the enduring bonds forged at our alma mater. It served as a reminder of the rich legacy we share and the promising future that lies ahead. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Actor **Nepoleon Duraisamy** for graciously hosting this gathering and to all the alumni who made this reunion a truly memorable event.

SJC Alumni Lawyers' Gathering 2023



The SJC Alumni Lawyers' Gathering 2023 convened on September 23, 2023, and was a testament to the enduring connections forged through legal education at our esteemed institution. The event was meticulously organized with a structured agenda that encouraged meaningful engagement and exchange of ideas.

The gathering commenced with a poignant prayer song, setting a reflective ambiance for the proceedings. Prof. Arumairaj, the President, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished legal minds in attendance, expressing gratitude for their continued involvement in the activities of the alumni community. Dr. S. Britto Ramesh Kumar, the Secretary, skillfully outlined the dynamics of the meeting, ensuring that discussions were focused and productive. A pivotal segment of the gathering was the open forum, allowing participants to share their experiences and provide forward-looking insights. This session not only facilitated a reconnection with the alma mater but also showcased the valuable contributions alumni lawyers can make towards the advancement of the college and society at large.

The event received the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, the Director, whose address underscored the profound impact of legal education in shaping not just careers, but also societal values. Dr. Simi, the Joint Secretary, brought the event to a close with a gracious vote of thanks, acknowledging the enriching contributions of all participants. With 23 lawyers in attendance, the gathering not only celebrated legal expertise but also

reaffirmed the enduring bond between the legal fraternity and their cherished alma mater. The SJC Alumni Lawyers' Gathering – 2023 stands as a resounding testament to the invaluable contributions of legal professionals to our alma mater and society.

Retired Professors Reunion 2023

The Retired Professors Reunion, held on the vibrant morning of October 7, 2023, at 9:30 am, stood as an exhilarating and triumphant



gathering, uniting more than 30 esteemed retired professors. This meticulously orchestrated event not only served as a platform for reconnection but also as a grand celebration, acknowledging the profound academic contributions of these distinguished individuals. The atmosphere resonated with the vibrant spirit of shared experiences and mutual respect, fostering a robust sense of community among the retired faculty. It was a joyous occasion that reverberated with the echoes of a rich academic legacy.

The inaugural session unfolded with a poignant prayer song, setting the stage with a contemplative atmosphere. Prof. Arumairaj, in his role as the President, extended a gracious welcome to the distinguished legal minds in attendance. His heartfelt expression of gratitude for their ongoing commitment to alumni activities infused the event with a positive and welcoming ambiance. Following this, Rev. Fr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, the Director, skillfully delineated the meeting's dynamics, ensuring that discussions were both focused and productive.

The Rector, Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ, delivered a compelling presidential address, urging retired professors to generously share



their wealth of expertise with the younger faculty members and the student community. The session not only marked a formal beginning but also resonated with the spirit of collaboration, wisdom, and a shared commitment to academic excellence.

The second session served as an enriching platform for retired professors to introduce themselves and share cherished memories. The exchange of experiences not only fostered meaningful connections but also facilitated informal discussions among the participants, creating a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie.

As the reunion reached its culmination at 1:30 pm, a sincere vote of thanks was extended, expressing gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement. Without a doubt, the event successfully achieved its primary objectives of fostering connections, celebrating academic accomplishments, and providing an enjoyable experience for all attendees. It stands as a testament to the enduring bonds forged among the academic community and the collective appreciation for the rich tapestry of shared experiences.

The outcomes of the reunion are:

- Successful reconnection of more than 30 retired professors.
- Cultivation of a robust sense of community among the retired faculty.
- Meaningful exchange of experiences and memories.
- Encouragement for retired professors to contribute their expertise to the development of younger faculty and students.

The planning committee extends heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and contributions. Special appreciation is extended to Prof. Arumairaj, Rev. Fr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, and Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ for their leadership and guidance. The planning committee eagerly anticipates future reunions, continuing the tradition of fostering connections and celebrating the rich legacies of the retired professors within the alumni community.

Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy SJ Endowment Lecture



SJC Alumni/ae Association, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India organized an endowment lecture in honouring of Rev. Fr.

Stan Swamy SJ on 21.12.2023 at 5.15 pm in SAIL Hall. Rev. Dr. S. Pavulraj Michael SJ, Rector, presided over

the function which begins with Prayer Song followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu. Prof. M. Arumairaj, President, SJC Alumni/ae



Association, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The administrators and the Chief Guest were honoured by the EC members of the association during the event. Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal



& Director, SJC Alumni/ae Association, presented the purpose and need of the endowment lecture and ensuring that topic was focused and productive. Rev. Dr. K. Amal SJ, Secretary, St. Joseph's College, offered felicitations. Rev. Dr. S. Pavulraj Michael SJ, Rector, delivered the presidential address and emphasizing the dedication of Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy for the upliftment of Adivasis in eastern tribal states.

The esteemed resource person Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Advocate, Executive Director of People's Watch and National Secretary of Human Rights Defenders' Alert India delivered the Endowment Lecture on "India's Contribution to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 and its relevance today". The event received the esteemed presence of Mr. Tiphagne, whose address highlighted the significant contributions of Indian people to the formation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The speaker was also outlined the fruitful lives of Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy SJ.

The association's Vice President, Mr. Pannai Karthikeyan, contributed Rs. 3 lakhs to a breakfast scheme. Dr. S. Britto Ramesh Kumar, Secretary of the association, brought the event to a close with a gracious vote of thanks, acknowledging the enriching contributions of the management, the director, the chief guest and the participants. The day was further immortalized with an interactive session that followed the lecture. With more than 400 participants including alumni and professors, the program concluded with the National Anthem at 6.45 pm.

Alumni Coordinators' Meet

SJCAA organizes the meetings for the alumni coordinators during the months of December 2023 and February 2024 representing the college departments with the officer bearers. The meeting serves the purpose of coordinating the activities of parent association and department activities, expanding the alumni network and discussing the functioning of the Association.

Josephites' Global Reunion 2024



The third Josephites' Global Reunion, meticulously organized by the SJC Alumni Association on February 24, 2024, marked an extraordinary gathering of esteemed alumni. The event unfolded in two distinct sessions, with the Departments' Reunion kicking off at 3:30 pm, followed by the second session commencing at 5:45 pm.

The Global Reunion 2024 commenced on a solemn note with a prayer, setting a reflective tone for the proceedings. Dr. M. Arumairaj, President of the Alumni Association, warmly welcomed the participants in his address. Each delegate was honored with a memento and shawls, symbolic tokens of love and appreciation for their enduring connection to the alma mater. The ceremony

embodied the spirit of unity and nostalgia, creating a memorable experience for all those in attendance.

Rev. Dr. S. Pavulraj Michael SJ, in his role as Rector, led the proceedings with grace and authority. From the dais, he imparted his visionary perspectives on the construction of new facilities for the School of Commerce and the administrative block, making a heartfelt appeal to the participating alumni. Adding to the eloquence of the event, Rev. Fr. K. Amal SJ, the Secretary, stepped forward to deliver a felicitation. His words served as a source of motivation, prompting the gathered alumni to reflect fondly on their student life within the campus.

Justice Dr. S. Rajeshwaran, an esteemed alumnus and Former Judge of the Madras High Court, Chennai, adorned the occasion as the chief guest, infusing an air of prestige into the event. Joining him in this distinguished gathering was Thiru N. Ravikumar, Retired Superintendent of Police, Puducherry. Their presence as Guests of Honor added an additional layer of significance, enriching the gathering with their illustrious contributions and experiences.

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, the Director, offered a heartfelt welcome to the administrators, awardees, and esteemed alumni of the association. During his warm welcome, he shared the recent developments that have taken place in the college, highlighted academic achievements, and provided insights into the various activities undertaken by the alumni association leading up to the gathering.

Following this engaging introduction, Rev. Dr. S. Pavulraj Michael SJ, the Rector, took the stage to inaugurate the European chapter, marking a significant moment in the event. Dr. Sebastian Lourdudoss, President of the European Chapter, then addressed the gathering, presenting the forthcoming action plans for the chapter. His insights and plans added an extra layer of excitement and anticipation to the event, setting the stage for future endeavors within the European alumni community.

A standout moment during the event was the prestigious presentation of the coveted Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam award (Alumni) to the following distinguished individuals, acknowledging and honoring their exceptional contributions. This recognition served as a testament to their remarkable achievements and the lasting impact they have made in their respective fields.

- USA-Chapter: (Art & Society)
Shri. D. Napoleon, *Cine Actor & Former Union Minister, Govt. of India*
- Chennai Chapter (Judiciary)
Justice Dr. S. Rajasekar, *Principal District Munsif Court, Puducherry*
- European Chapter (Field of Science)
Dr. Sebastian Lourdudoss, *Emeritus Prof. of Applied Physics, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden*
- Middle East Chapter (An Extraordinary Entrepreneur)
Mr. S. Mohamed Jaleel, *Entrepreneur, Dubai*
- Singapore Chapter (Information Technology)
Mr. A. Antony Velankanni, *IT Industrialist, Singapore*

Trichy Chapter

- Mr. R.N. Joe D'Cruz (Tamil Literature and Human Rights)
Tamil Writer & Novelist, Chennai
- Dr. V.K. Boominathan (Education)
Former Head, Dept. of Commerce, Bishop Heber College, Trichy
- Mr. P. Chinnasamy (An Extraordinary Entrepreneur)
Managing Director, KKP Textiles, Namakkal
- Mr. R. Manoharan (An Extraordinary Entrepreneur)
Managing Director, Banana Leaf Restaurants, Trichy

Furthermore, the Annai Teresa award (Non Alumni) was bestowed upon the following exceptional individuals. Despite not being alumni, they have made substantial impacts in various fields within the city. This recognition highlights their outstanding contributions and dedication to the betterment of the community.

- Sr. Teresa Elenjical (Empowerment of Women)
I.C.M., Social Worker, MPEVDS Trust, Trichy
- Dr. S. Gnanatilakan (Field of Medicine)
ENT Surgeon, Tilak Hospital, Trichy
- Dr. D.A. Jeyakar Chellaraj (Education)
Executive Director, ImPart, Trichy
- Smt. T. Jayanthi Rani (Welfare of Women and Children)
Senior Advocate, Madras High Court, Madurai Bench.

Mrs. Irudhaya Pushpam and Dr. G. Ravindran, EC Members of the College, introduced the commendable services of these individuals. In a gesture of recognition, all of them were honoured by the Jesuit administrators, further acknowledging their significant contributions.

The Chief Guest, Justice Dr. S. Rajeshwaran, expressed his delight at the efforts made by the alumni association team and pledged continuous support in the future. Thiru N. Ravikumar, Guest of Honour, shared his cherished memories and experiences from his time on campus. The reunion also included comprehensive reports from the USA, Middle East, and Chennai chapters, offering valuable insights into the activities and achievements of each.

The event was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests and awardees, namely Mr. D. Napoleon and Mr. R.N. Joe D'Cruz. Both expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the efforts put into organizing the alumni reunion. In a gracious gesture, Mr. D. Napoleon generously pledged to contribute Rs. 25 lakhs as an advance for the construction of the building for the School of Commerce. Their support added a significant dimension to the event, showcasing a strong sense of camaraderie and commitment to the alma mater.

With an impressive turnout of approximately 500 alumni and alumnae, the event stood as a heartwarming testament to the enduring bonds and cherished memories shared by the St. Joseph's College community. It served as a vibrant platform for reconnection, reminiscence, and the forging of new meaningful connections among the attendees. The collective spirit and enthusiasm showcased during the event highlighted the profound impact of the alma mater on its alumni network.

Third Josephites' Global Reunion was a wonderful and well-organized event, bringing together alumni to celebrate their shared history and look ahead to a promising future. Dr. S. Britto Ramesh Kumar's vote of thanks likely expressed gratitude to everyone involved and highlighted the significance of the occasion. The dinner that followed probably

provided a great opportunity for participants to socialize and reconnect.

Morning Breakfast Scheme

The SJC Alumni Association stands as a beacon of generosity and a strong commitment to social responsibility. One noteworthy initiative involves offering support to economically disadvantaged students, including the provision of free breakfast for those commuting from distant areas. This initiative has garnered wholehearted support from the association's office bearers, esteemed alumni, dedicated faculty members, and well-wishers. Their collective efforts have resulted in an admirable contribution of Rs. 8,17,000/- for the academic year 2022-23 towards the Free Breakfast Scheme. Presently, 85 students are benefiting from this program, showcasing the association's unwavering dedication to enhancing the student community.

Rising Tides of Relief: Assistance for People Affected by the Floods

In response to the recent floods that have left a profound impact on communities in the southern regions of Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, and Kanyakumari this year, the compassionate decision was made by the dedicated Fr. Director and EC members to extend a helping hand. A substantial amount of Rs 3,50,000/- has been diligently collected and officially handed over to Fr. Rector for the purpose of immediate assistance.

This financial support has been channelled through STAND (Students Training and Action for Neighbourhood Development) at St. Xavier College, Palayamkottai, a commendable organization actively engaged in providing essential relief and rehabilitation efforts in the affected areas.

Noteworthy is the significant contribution of Rs 1,10,000/- made by the ME Chapter of SJC Alumni towards alleviating the hardships faced by those affected by the devastating floods. This gesture underscores the solidarity and unwavering commitment of the SJC community during times of crisis.

SJC Alumni Association's Green Strides

In an eco-conscious move, the SJC Alumni

Association has embraced new green initiatives for its activities this year. Notably, the registration process for final year students has transitioned to an online platform, streamlining the process for enhanced efficiency. A dedicated software has been developed, facilitating seamless registration for new members and enabling existing members to update their details effortlessly.

Further aligning with sustainability goals, the association has released its newsletter exclusively in a digital format. Accessing the content is made convenient through a QR code, promoting a paperless approach to information dissemination.

To foster communication and collaboration, more

than 60 WhatsApp groups have been established, providing a dynamic platform for alumni interaction. These initiatives reflect the association's commitment to both environmental responsibility and modern, efficient engagement with its members.

The Alumni association is forging ahead with unwavering dedication, channelling their selfless commitment towards propelling the growth and development of students and society. Their initiatives are dynamic and purposeful, aiming to make a substantial impact and cultivate a robust sense of community within the alumni network.

12.03.2024

Director



St Joseph's College, (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli

Brief report on activities of SJBHS OBA held during the Year 2023-24

The year began with the Oba hosting our flagship sporting event - the Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 7.0 at the 18-hole Prestige Golfshire Club. 94 Golfers teed off to a shotgun start on April 29, 2023. The event was well received by all who attended.

This was followed by the much-awaited OBA Buzz 2023— the cultural and literary fest for the students, where we had participation of over 300 enthusiastic students in events ranging from creative writing, quiz, Air crash, Dumb Charades, debating, Dramatics, Mad Ads and many more.

In the run up to the OBA Day on 3rd September, we had the Blue & White Ball at the Taj M G Road. The event was graced by over 250 Josephites and their friends who attended and had a smashing good time.

The OBA Day on 3 September, 2023 began with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Francis Sera – Bishop of Shimoga and concelebrated by Fr. Dionysius Vaz, Provincial of the Society of Jesus, Karnataka and Fr. Sunil Fernandes, Principal – SJBHS. This was followed by the laying of the wreath at the War Memorial, unfurling of the School Flag and singing of the School Song. At the A.G.M., awards were given out for Lifetime Achievement, after which the main Meeting began. The meeting was followed by the election of the new Managing Committee and the traditional camaraderie, which went on for a long time.

The OBA Centenary Football Tournament for the alumni was held on 5th November, 2022. About 320 players across 32 teams spanning 4 decades took part in the event, which saw a footfall of over 400.

The traditional Christmas Dinner was hosted on 15 December, 2023. The residents of Jesuit Nivas and senior teachers were special invitees of the OBA. The event saw an attendance of about 250 Old Boys and Girls with their families.

The OBA Jimmy Anklesaria Cricket Tournament was held on the 17th of December. Eighteen teams across batches took part in the day-long event and saw an attendance of about 250 plus alumni.

The Chennai Connect to be held at the residence of Dr. Chinny Krishna on 3 December, 2023 had to be

called off due to inclement weather conditions. However, an informal connect was held at the residence of Dr. Chinny Krishna on 4 February, 2024. About 10 Old Boys across different batches attended the meet.

The traditional Welcome to the OBA was held on 20th December 2023 and clubbed along with the Josexcel Awards for the graduating students of 2023. Students who excelled in various sports were honoured at the event. For the first time coaches engaged by the school for the various teams were recognized and honoured.

The students were welcomed into the OBA fold by Old Girl Roshni Gera of the 2013 batch and member of the OBA Managing Committee. 460 graduating students were formally inducted into the OBA. Inspiring messages were delivered to the graduating students by Mr. Rishi Pardhal, Old Boy of the 1989 batch and Dr. Tony Rahul of the 2013 batch. Each of the students was given a Certificate of Membership, lapel pin and a snack box.

The Inaugural Josephite Run was conducted in association with the PTA on 21 January, 2024. The event saw an overwhelming response and received over 2,800 registrations. The event was well received by all participants and appreciated for the professionalism with which it was conducted.

The Delhi Connect was held on 17– 18 February. About 30 Old Boys and their families attend the event. The event started with a round of golf for the golfers and included visits to the National Museum, Akshardham and Thematic Gardens, Swagatam Entry into Visitor Centre, Neelkanth Darshan – Giant Screen Film, Sahajanand Darshan, Sanskruti Darshan – Cultural Boat Ride, Sahajanand Water Show and dinner at Akshardham Food Court, visit to the Rail Museum followed by a fellowship lunch at the Sabre Mess. The event was well received by the participants. Fr. Sunil Fernandes attended the meet.

The OBA Boarders' Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament was held at the mini turf at the KSHA Stadium on 2 March 2024. Six teams participated in the event that was very competitive. About 100 alumni and their families graced the event.

The Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated on 17 March beginning with a Holy Mass followed by breakfast and the OBA Cynthia Britto Basketball Tournament along with the OBA Maini Aquatics Meet. 8 teams with over 80 participants took part in the basketball event and the aquatic meet had over 50 registrations from Old Boys and Girls spanning over five decades. The day concluded with a sumptuous fellowship lunch served to all present on the occasion.

The Managing Committee of 2023-24 looks forward to hosting the following events for the Old Boys of SJBHS over the coming months:

- The Kerala Connect (18-19 May, 2024)
- The Chikmagalur / Sakleshpur Connect (12-13 July, 2024)
- OBA Buzz (June / July 2024)
- Blue & White Ball (31, August, 2024)
- AGM & OBA Day (01, September, 2024)

Greetings from St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University) Mangalore

It is with great contentment and gratefulness to God, I am happy to say that St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru which had applied for the deemed to be University status in 2016 was declared St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University) on 19 January 2024 by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education. This historic announcement came ten months after the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited St Aloysius College (Autonomous) with A++ grade with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.67 out of 4.0 in the fourth cycle of accreditation in April 2023. The status enables the institution to adopt globally competitive curricula, high end research innovations and entrepreneurship-initiatives. It provides unprecedented opportunities to explore possibilities for robust collaborations with regional, national and global partners to facilitate interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary under graduate, post graduate and doctoral studies with joint twinning programmes providing cross cultural learning exposure to students.

This achievement has certainly added a golden jewel in the golden crown of the Federation of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India. JAAI has become a forum for networking between alumni across India, in preservation of environment, spread of

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor,
Director SACCA



literacy, poverty alleviation and upliftment of the marginalised. I am happy that St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) has a strong bond and a strong presence in the JAAI Governing Council. I attended the 10th JAAI National congress in Patna, along with Prof. Edmund Frank, Dr Richard Gonsalves and Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, which was hosted by the Jesuit Alumni Association of Patna province from 10 to 12 January at St Xavier's High School and St Michael's High School in Patna. St Aloysius College also hosted the 2nd JAAI GC meeting in August 2023.

JAAI is stepping into the Pearl Jubilee of its founding and I am sure preparations to celebrate this landmark are on. I understand that the JAAI National Congress is held by zone-wise rotation and that the 11th JAAI Congress is planned to be held in Goa in January/February 2026. I am looking forward to the year when the JAAI National Congress is hosted at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) in Mangalore especially when St Aloysius Institutions will be celebrating the Sesquicentennial (150 years) Jubilee year of its founding in 2030.

St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA)

St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) Executive Committee has 30 members. The Rector Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ is the Patron and the Vice Chancellor, Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ is the Director. The office bearers are: Mr Sunil Kunder-President, Mr Allan Colaco-Vice President, Mr Anil Kumar Maruti-Secretary, Dr Arati Shanbhag-Treasurer and Mr Arjun Mascarenhas-Joint Secretary.

Dr Richard Gonsalves President JAAI South Zone and Prof Edmund Frank Vice President of JAAI are members of the SACAA executive committee.

SACAA in association with the management for the first time instituted and organised the "Aloysian Youth Icon Awards" on 11 January 2024. The following youth icons were chosen and honored during the program: 1. Lt Col. Laishram Tony Sigh, 2. Mr Shashank Rai, 3. Ms Vaishnavi



Pavithran, 4. Capt. Michael Saldanha 5. Ms Tanvi Rao.



A golden reunion was organised by 1973 and 1974 batch students on 11 January 2024 on a grand scale.



A medical camp was organised by SACAA for

teaching and non-teaching staff in association with Yenopaya Medical College in which over 300



members of the staff presented themselves for medical check-ups. (September 20, 2023)



A felicitation program was organised to the speaker of the Karnataka assembly Shree U T Khar, an Eminent alumnus of the institution. - July 24th 2023



SACAA celebrated the Annual Reunion on 12 January 2023 on a grand scale. Over 500 old students of the college participated with their family members. Capt. John Prasad Menezes and Mr Jeevan Saldanha, both members of the SACAA Executive Committee were honored for their exceptional role as ambassadors of the College. Ms Ancita Manisha Gonsalves, daughter of Dr Richard Gonsalves the convener and staff member and Ms. Navya Shetty, daughter of Mr Sharat Shetty, Staff member were honored for clearing the Chartered Accountancy examination in the very first attempt. The Rector Rev Fr Melvin Pinto, the Vice Chancellor, Rev, Dr Praveen

Martis, the President Mr Sunil Kunder and the Convenor Dr Richard Gonsalves were on stage and administered the honoring ceremony. Mr Manoj..... was the Master of Ceremonies. The programme was replete with fun, entertainment, games, and variety entertainment and concluded with fellowship and dinner.



SACAA hosted the governing council meeting of the federation of Jesuit Alumni Association of India on March 2023



SACCA under the leadership of Mr Arjun Mascarenhas, Joint Secretary is taking an active role in Alvana in a section in the campus demarcated for the purpose. The highlights of this project are raising a forest using the Miyawaki method, butterfly garden, insect hotel, bird hotel, petting zoo, fish farming, apiculture, organic farming, fish farming, and "own your tree" with QR Code and Geo tagging facility for the alumni of the college



SACAA organised the annual picnic for the members and their families at River Roast on 25 February 2024.



As part of the Reunion, a cricket tournament was organised in which 8 teams from St Aloysius Institutions participated. For the ladies throwball tournament was organised. Regular coaching camps in athletics and sports were conducted during the year by the Benjamín D'Souza Memorial Sports Foundation.



- St. Aloysius College Alumni Associations (SACAA) Mangalore organized a Felicitation Programme of Staff with 25 years of dedicated and committed Service to St Aloysius Institution on 26th April 2023. 46 Staff members representing 6 different sections of the institution were felicitated with Memento, Sash, Certificate of Appreciation and a hamper.



- St. Aloysius Deemed-to-be University celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the National Service Scheme (NSS) with esteemed guests and dignitaries. The event honored past NSS officers and alumni for their contributions to community service and leadership. Keynote speeches highlighted NSS's achievements over fifty years and emphasized the importance of serving society. Cultural performances by NSS

volunteers and an alumni interaction session added to the event's significance.



- Annual bird count at the bustling green St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University) 32 students guided by Glavin Rodrigues, Alumnus and Associate Prof. in its annual bird count for the 6th consecutive year tracked down and identified a captivating spectacle of 36 bird species in the thriving ecosystems and havens for avian life at the Aloysius main campus and 71 bird species in its twin campus at AMIT Beeri. These included the Indian grey hornbill, Buff throated babbler, Racket tailed Drongo, Green tailed bee eater, Jungle myna, Purple-rumped sunbird, Glossy Ibis, Paddy field pipit, Stork billed Kingfisher, Green pigeon, little comorant and predators like the Black kite, Brahminy kite and Shikara. The abundance of fruiting plants and trees to pitch their nests provides a safe haven and balanced sanctuary to these feathered residents. These bird counts apart from contributing valuable data to the national and global bird conservation efforts is also an inspiring example for other Institutions to emulate. (Photographs, courtesy team member, Kiran Vatik, St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University)).

- Rev Fr Praveen Martis SJ, Principal, Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar, Dr. Denis Fernandes, Director Arrupe Block, and Dr. Ronald Nazareth, RISHII coordinator, participated in the sixth general meeting of the RISHII project held at JNU, New Delhi from December 6 to 8, 2023. The RISHII project, co-funded by the Erasmus



program of the European Union and facilitated by Deusto University Bilbao, Spain, aims to foster international collaboration in higher education. During the meeting, the strategic Internationalization plan of St Aloysius College was presented showcasing the institution's commitment to global engagement and academic excellence. This collaborative effort including that of alumni association indicates the college's dedication to embrace international perspectives and enriching the academic experience for its students.



- Capt. John Prasad Menezes, Director, Mission to Seafarers (MT's) India and an Executive Committee Member of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA), Mangalore, interacted with Princess Royal HRH Princess Anne, President MtS at the reception hosted by British Dy High Commissioner in Mumbai on 17th October 2023.

- On 08-August-2023 St Aloysius Prakashana, the publishing unit of St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore published a book titled, "Pride of Kanara;



True Son of India, Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ" on 7 August 2023 at the Eric Mathias Hall. The book is authored by Prof. Edmund Frank, Dean, PGDBM at St Aloysius College, Mangalore and Vice President of the Federation of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India and former President of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA).

Unique and historic Convocation Ceremony in the District Prison in Mangalore. St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University) in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Mangalore and the Prison



Authorities organised a 120-days duration training course in "Integrated Agriculture and Organic Farming Methods" for the inmates of the District Prison from 2 October 2023 to 31 January 2024. The



practical oriented training was mainly intended for the transformation, rehabilitation and skill development of the trainees and to prepare them for a dignified living after their release. The Convocation Ceremony to distribute the Diploma Certificates was held on 11 March 2024 at 10.00 am in the Jail premises. The programme was inaugurated by

Mr. Ravindra M. Joshi, Hon. PRL District and Sessions Judge Mangaluru. The Bishop of Mangalore Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha presided. The Chief Guests were Fr Francis Kodian, National Coordinator, Prison Ministry India, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar, Smt. Shoba BG, Senior CJ and Member Secretary District Legal Services Authority and Rev. Francis Kodian, MCBS, Co-Founder and National Coordinator, Prison Ministry India. Mr. BT Obleshappa Prison Superintendent and Mr Bharat Nayak Assistant Commandant, KSISF and Prof. Edmund Frank were present on stage.



The President and Chief Guests awarded the Diploma Certificates to 31 trainees. The newly constructed open air stage on which the Convocation ceremony was conducted was sponsored by Prof. Edmund Frank and was inaugurated by Mr. Narendra Joshi in the presence of the dignitaries. The training programme was initiated by an agreement between Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor and Mr Obaleshappa, Prison Superintendent. The team members included Prof Edmund Frank Course Organiser, Prof Glavin Rodrigues, Course Coordinator, Mr Blany D'Souza and Mr Prasanna D'Souza, Resource Persons. All the team members are SACAA members. Eminent Philonthropist Mr Michael D'Souza was the Course Sponser. Such a Convocation Ceremony is the first and only one of its kind organised in prisons across India.



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HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Holy Family High School, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400093

Report of activities 2023-2024

1. Old students from the 1973, 1977 and 1995 batches donated funds acquire IT equipment such as CPUs, projectors, speakers and cupboards for 8 classrooms.
2. Ex students from 1981, 1984 and 1997 batches contributed generously towards the payment of fees of students from economically backward families. The Association contributed Rs.192K towards the school fees of students from 12 families.
3. The Association organised a Vocational Guidance Programme on 10 September 2023 in the school hall. The attendees included parents and students from standards 10 and 12.
4. The Association provides breakfast to needy students on school days.
5. On 1 December 2023, the Association in collaboration with the Parents Teachers Association and Holy Spirit Hospital organised a highly successful blood donation drive in the campus of the Holy Family School. Generous Alumni from the 1985 batch provided the sponsorships to organise this event.
6. The 11th Annual Ex Students Football league tournament was organised on 5 November 2023. * teams consisting of 88 ex-students participated.
7. The Annual Ex-Students Cricket tournament exclusively for Holy Family ex-students on 4 February 2024. Nine teams participated.
8. St Ignatious football tournament was conducted to

bring together on one platform various communities of Holy Family like the School, Junior, College, PTA, teachers, [parish youth, Snehasadan,, Vinayalaya priests, Jesuit novitiates and Ex Students. 80 players participated in the knock out tournament.

9. St Francis Cricket Box tournament was conducted 21-24 January.

10. Ex-Students ID cards were presented to 325 students to the 10th Standard students on their farewell day on 7 February 2024.

11. Personalised greeting cards were handed over to the teachers on Teachers Day.

12. A Quiz competition was organised on 3 December 2023 for neighbouring schools. Eight Schools participated.

13. An ex student of 1977 batch sponsored the participation of a student in the Maharashtra Junior/sub junior Wushu Championship 2023. The student won a silver medal.

14. The Alumni Association presented a gift to two retiring teachers as a token of appreciation for their service.

15. On 10 December 2023, two association members attended the JAAI West Zone meeting in Pune.

16. A website for Holy Family Ex Students was launched on 31 January 2023.

17. After a gap of two years consequent to the COVID Pandemic, an alumni reunion was organised on 18 February 2023 attended by around 180 participants. Golden Jubilarians from batches 1971, 1972 and 1973 were felicitated. Silver Jubilarians from batches 1997, 1998 and 1999 were also felicitated. Tin Jubilarians from batches 2011, 2012 and 2013 were felicitated as well. Joseph Nathan from 1974 batch was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association for his exemplary service since the inception of the association in the year 2000.



A Report on 10th National Congress of JAAI – JAAI Milan Patna 2023

by Neel Mani Rangesh, President, Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI)



The 10th National Congress of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) – JAAI Milan Patna 2023 commenced in the evening of 10 February 2023. This Congress of hosted by Jesuits Alumni Associations of

Patna. The first two days' event was hosted in Patna's prestigious and iconic St Xavier's High School while the last day's event was held in St Michael's High School, Patna and St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna. Around 250 Jesuit Alumni delegates and more than 50 Reverend Jesuit Priests from different part of the globe assembled in the Main Ground of St. Xavier's High School, Patna to witness the JAAI Milan Patna 2023 – the 10th National Congress of JAAI. A ceremonial procession with school flags and Bihar Home Guard band in attendance started from the ground escorting the dignitaries to the dais of the open stage of St. Xavier's High School, Patna. The inaugural session was started with the National Anthem followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by reverend fathers and valued dignitaries of JAAI and World Union of Jesuits Alumni (WUJA). A beautiful welcome song was presented by the students of St. Xavier's High School, Patna. Following the welcome song, the outgoing President of JAAI, CA S. Chenthil Kumar delivered the welcome address. This was followed by the report by the Secretary, JAAI, Mr Neel Mani Rangesh who also extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests and participants of the Congress who have come from various parts of India as well as from a few other countries in Europe, Australia, Africa, Asia, North and South America. He also highlighted the activities of JAAI in last term and some recent developments such as organizing of First Inter Zonal Alumni Football Tournaments and launching of different networking forums for professionals like Doctors, CA & Sports and also recent industry-academia tie-up, social entrepreneurship insights. PCA, Patna Fr Peter B. Arockiasamy, SJ, Rector of the School Fr. Daniel Raj, SJ,

Principal of the School, Fr. K. P. Dominic, SJ and Secretary, St. Xavier's Alumni Association, Patna Shri Abhay Krishna Kanoria also welcomed the guest. The inaugural session was marked by release of the Souvenir by the Chief Guest, Mr Sunil Kumar, Minister for Prohibition, Excise & Registration, Govt. of Bihar, and addresses by various dignitaries and Guests of Honours – Rev. Fr. Donald Miranda, SJ, Provincial, Patna Jesuit Province, Rev. Fr. John Ravi, SJ – Secretary, JEA-SA & the National Advisor, JAAI and Shri Francisco Gaurner, President, WUJA, who came all the way from Spain to attend the JAAI Milan Patna 2023 and also scheduled a Governing Council meeting of WUJA at Patna alongside the National Congress. He heartily congratulated organizers of the congress for the successful organization of the National Congress and asked all the Jesuit Alumni to collaborate and work together. Rev. Fr. John Ravi, SJ in his address expressed the importance of the theme and highlighted the challenges of new risk, new inequalities and new ethical dilemma as technologies are rapidly transforming every aspect of our lives and society. He also expressed that Jesuit Alumni have a rich heritage of social responsibility to shape the technology

In ways that are responsible and equitable. The Very Reverend Fr. Donald Miranda SJ - the Provincial of Patna Jesuit Province who blessed the occasion with a speech that indicated purpose and intent. In his address to the august gathering, he emphasized on the importance of meditation contemplation called "contemplation to obtain divine love" that the founder of the Society of Jesus Saint Ignatius of Loyola practiced 500 years ago. He also elucidated the clarion calls of the Society of Jesus during the general Congregation (GC 35 & 36) to collaborate, call to network, call for discernment in common and call to reconciliation as the Jesuit and Jesuit Alumni are journeying together as co-pilgrims building up and strengthening each other. On this grand occasion, the Chief Guest Shri Sunil Kumar, Minister for Prohibition, Excise and Registration, Government

of Bihar assured the full support of Government to Jesuit Institutions and shared the values & knowledge he gained at St. Xavier's & St. Michael's, Patna like "a little thing is a little thing, but to do a little thing is a great thing" which always guides during any circumstances. He congratulated the organizers for the wonderful organization of the National Congress at Patna and requested one to all to come up with concrete suggestions and assured that Government will surely study it and see to it how a movement forward can take place.

The vote of thanks for the inaugural session was proposed by the Joint Secretary, SXAA, Dr Ashutosh and the inaugural session was ended with a glittering scintillating one and half hours cultural programme by the current

young students at the St Xavier's School, Patna, St. Michael's School, Patna and St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna which was commended by all those present in the evening. The culture programme showcased the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Bihar with folk dances such as Jat-Jatin, Sama-Chakwa, Jhijhiya, Kajri, Magahi Jhumar, Paika etc., folk songs on chath, sohar, hori, a prayer dance, a beautiful ganga Dance and a mesmerizing skit on Lord Buddha which showed that after defeating the forces of the demon Mara, how Siddhartha reached enlightenment and became a Buddha at the age of thirty-five by controlling his desires. After the inaugural session, fellowship and dinner followed.

The business of the second day i.e. 11 Feb 2023 began with a prayer service led by the Rector, St. Xavier's, Patna, Fr. Daniel Raj, SJ in the morning and the Keynote address by Shri Abhyanand, IPS (Retd.), former Director General of Police, Bihar, and the co-founder of the famous "Super 30". Shri Abhyanand spoke at length on the congress theme – "Shaping India's TECHADE: challenges and opportunities". He argued for suitably planning use of the technology affordances, especially in the context of the marginalized students. Shri Abhyanand himself is a distinguished alumnus of the St Xavier's School, Patna. After the keynote plenary session, four business sessions followed – the first among these was Shri Utpal Sinha, current Global Head of

Transformation at Barclays, New York and also an alumnus of St Xavier's Patna. His talk was relevant with examples where he argued how the transformative power of networking, which is a strength of JAAI can actuate TECHADE as a marker of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The second business session presentation was by Prof. Sanjay Shrivastava, Director (2013-2023), NIFT, Patna who emphasized on rethinking creative for the young minds to achieve TECHADE. The third business session was a remarkable talk by eminent scholar Prof Shankar Ashish Dutt, former Head, Department of English, Patna University who unpacked various nuances of educational technology particularly arguing in favour of blended learning as a way to achieving empowerment of the marginalized communities of the country. The fourth and final business session of the day was by Fr Sebastien Raj, SJ, Indian Social Institute, Delhi who underscored the value of caring through sharing and called upon all Jesuits Alumni for coming forward with financial support for the round-the-year development activities of the Jesuits Research and Development Society (JRDC). All the resource persons responded to many queries raised by the audience and clarified their doubts & queries and welcomed their suggestions.

Later, all the delegates were divided into four groups on the basis of Zone they were representing. All the groups were given topics on various facets of the congress theme and were requested to deliberate over the topics. Later, a representative from each group presented a brief report of the group-discussion which are guiding light for future action-plans of JAAI. The WUJA Governing Meeting also commenced simultaneously.

The South Zone delegates discussed on the topic "Role and Relevance of Jesuit Alumni Association in innovation, entrepreneurship & startup ecosystems" and Prof Edmund Frank, the group coordinator summarized that the Alumni of the institution who are business persons and entrepreneurs or have expertise in any functional area of a business should be encouraged to associate themselves with the incubation centers and spend time with persons with

start-ups and assist and motivate them start small businesses and colleges that assist these young entrepreneurs can in turn get funding from the government through the MSMEDs. Further, it was felt by the group that it is very essential to extend all these facilities to transgenders, differently abled and special mothers i.e. mothers who have special needs children with physical or mental disability and are restricted to one's homes.

The North Zone delegates deliberated over the topic "Blended Learning in Educational Technology: Challenges and Opportunities – India's perspective". Dr. Partha Sarkar, the group coordinator informed that the group discussed the pros and cons of blended learning and considered it as an imperative for educational institutions in India. However, the delegates also felt that problems and constraints with respect to the Indian perspective need to be appropriately considered by all stakeholders. The role of the Jesuit alumni associations needs to be synchronized in addressing the challenges and for utilizing the opportunities. Issues like digital divide and inclusivity, level of education, mobile addiction, disciplining the mind of students, resource constraints etc. need

to be considered in the right perspective. The blended learning system can be considered in providing additional information along with the available knowledge resources. The alumni associations need to forge inter alumni collaboration and help students accrue the benefits of blended learning.

The West Zone delegates worked on the topic "Transformative Power of Networking in Actuating TECHADE sustainable development goals". The Group Coordinator, Mr. Benison Vaz concluded that while technology and networking can be used in all the sustainable goals, we should focus on one and that is ecology. For a sustainable ecology the west zone has already initiated multiple projects in the provinces. He informed that the Gujarat Jesuit ecology mission has been working on various programs in the areas of eco education, organic farming, tradition medicine, promotion of renewable energy and communication for the last 8 years and is heading to become net zero carbon institutions.

Bombay province along with Pune province have initiated energy audit with a goal to reduce energy consumption by utilising energy efficient methods, tools and products including conversion to Solar Energy.

The Central Zone delegate discussed on the topic "New India for Young India: TECHADE of opportunities". The report for this group was put together and presented by Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra. The group felt that The Jesuit Alumni Associations have the potential to provide significant opportunities to the youth. Although the World Union of Jesuit Alumni Association is currently in the preliminary stage of establishing a Youth Wing, individual Alumni Associations can create their own youth wings and provide training to young people to enable them to take over the association at an early age and advance aggressively. This would allow the youth to gain valuable leadership experience and contribute to the development and progress of the association, while also providing a platform for their personal growth and development. The youth wing can also act as a bridge between the older members and the young, ensuring that the association continues to move forward with fresh and innovative ideas. The high potential of the youth in India has made it possible to pursue multiple courses at the same time, breaking away from the traditional notion of focusing on only one field. If such opportunities were not provided, the growth and potential of some children would be limited. By allowing young people to pursue multiple courses, they can expand their knowledge and skill sets, unlocking their full potential and driving progress and innovation in various fields. This highlights the importance of investing in the education and development of the youth, as they are the future leaders and creators who will shape the world. According to the group, the vision of "New India Young India" calls for a positive outlook towards the future, with a focus on sustainable development and responsible citizenship. This vision recognizes the immense potential of the young generation in shaping a better future for humanity. By empowering the youth with education, skills and opportunities, we can unlock their full potential and unleash a wave of

progress and prosperity that benefits not just India, but the world at large. With a strong commitment to this vision, we can create a brighter and more equitable future for all.

The evening sessions also was the time for presentations of the Zonal activities in which all the four zones elaborated the activities carried out by their respective provinces and alumni associations. Later in the evening a light musical entertainment programme was organized which was followed by a sumptuous Congress dinner.

The Day-three i.e. 12th February 2023 began with the Holy Mass in the morning followed by the second session of the WUJA Council Meeting and JAAI Governing Council & Accredited Delegates Meeting. The day-three events were held at St. Michael's High School, Patna and St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna.

The meeting of accredited delegates was held early morning which approved the accounts of JAAI for last three financial years, ratified the activities of JAAI during the term 2020-23, passed resolutions for long-term policies and action-plans of JAAI and approved nominations for JAAI Governing Council 2023-26. Later, the new Governing Council of JAAI for the term 2023-26 in its first meeting elected office bearers for the term 2023-26 unanimously. Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh was elected as the President, Prof. Edmund Frank, Mr. Bobby Jacob & Mr. Rajiv Talwar were elected as Vice-Presidents, Mr. Emanuel Furtado was elected as the Secretary, Dr. Himanshu Sharma was elected as Jt. Secretary, Mr. Amit Kumar Mishra was elected as Treasurer, and Mr. Mathew C. Das was elected as Jt. Treasurer of JAAI Governing Council. Mr. Santosh Kumar Agrawal was appointed as the Financial Advisor for JAAI. It was also decided that the next Congress of JAAI will be held at Goa in 2026.

Subsequent to this, the fifth business session of the Congress was an illuminating talk by Shri Vivek Kumar Singh, IAS, the Development Commissioner, Govt of Bihar. Shri Singh is an alumnus of Patna's prestigious St Michael's School and he focused on the role and relevance of the Jesuit Alumni Association in creating innovative entrepreneurship and start-up

ecosystems.

The last session of the Congress was the Valedictory session which got off to a wonderful start with playing of the National Anthem, welcome song by students of St. Michael's, Patna and welcome address by Fr Norbert Menezes, SJ and Fr Christu Savarirajan SJ, the current Rector and Principal of St Michael's School, Patna. This was followed by the felicitation of the WUJA Council members. Later all the old office bearers, PCAs, Past Presidents & GC members of the JAAI for the term 2020-23 were gratefully honoured & felicitated and the new office bearers of JAAI for the next three years were installed ceremoniously. The outgoing President of JAAI, CA S. Chenthil Kumar presented the new JAAI GC members to the Congress and handed over the President's Baton & Badge to the new President Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh. The new President of JAAI Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh in his acceptance speech thanked everyone for their cooperation & continued support for the growth of JAAI and assured all to give his more than hundred percentage to the Jesuit Alumni movement to live up to the motto of the JAAI i.e. to give and not to count the cost. The new Secretary of JAAI Mr. Emanuel Furtado expressed his gratitude and invited all to the next JAAI Congress at Patna in 2023.

JAAI awards for 2020-2023 were also presented during the Valedictory Session. Mr. Rajiv Talwar, Vice-President, JAAI announced the names of winners of JAAI Awards for 2020-23 in various categories such as Social Champion Award, Landmark Legacy Award, Glory to alma mater award, Evolving Education Award, Alumni/ae for Institute Award, Success in synergy Award, Supporting Spirit Award, special award for Covid-19 activities & Sports activities and Congress Champion Award for Highest Attendance by a province in the Congress. More than 50 nominations were received. Loyola Alumni Association (LAA), Jamshedpur won the Glory to alma mater award and supporting spirit awards. St. Joseph's High School Alumni Association, Bengaluru won the Social Champion award and ELAN, Pune won the Landmark Legacy Award. Doranda Old Xaverians, Ranchi bagged the Evolving Education Award and St. Xavier's College Alumni Association, Thumba

received the Success in Synergy Award. Madurai province with more than 50 registered delegates at the 10th National Congress won the Congress Champion Award. St. Xavier's Institutions, Jaipur and St. Joseph's Institutions, Bengaluru were given Special Recognition Awards for activities during COVID-19 pandemic and St. Xavier's College, Thumba was given Special Recognition Awards host the First Inter Zonal Alumni Football Tournament. Also, special felicitations were done for setting up of JAAI Doctors Network forum, JAAI CA Network Forum, JAAI Sports Vertical, St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dindigul and St. Xavier's College, Thumba.

The session was addressed by the Chief Guest, Shri Yashovardhan Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner

of India who highlighted the immense contributions of Jesuit Institutions and spoke about the moral values and education that he learnt during school times and shared his nostalgic relationship with both the leading Jesuit Institutions of Patna. He also congratulated the organizers for their efforts to bring together all the Jesuit Alumni Associations of the country under one umbrella to commemorate the contributions of Jesuit Institutions and Alumni Association and also to plan for future activities. The concluding address was given by Mr. Vivek Kumar Sinha, Secretary, St. Michael's Alumni Association, Patna who thanked one and all for their contributions and participations for the successful 10th National Congress of JAAI.

10th National Congress of JAAI – JAAI Milan Patna 2023



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JAAG warmly and prayerfully greets Fr. General of the Society of Jesus, Arturo Sosa SJ who celebrates his 74th birthday. Born in Caracas-Venezuela on 12 November 1948, he is now serving as the 31st Superior General of the Society of Jesus.



The JAAG Committee formed at Zhankhvav

- § Mr. Vivek Gandhi of APX–President
- § Mr. Keshav Chaudhari of SESA-Vice President
- § Ms. Bina Shah of APX-Secretary
- § Mr. Kartik Chaudhari of SESA-Joint Secretary
- § Ms. Jasmine Dakaria of TEXAS-Treasurer
- § Mr. Vipul Macwan-an internal auditor from Anand



JAAG-West Zone Council Meet held at St Mary's Mumbai. The Gujarat team was also present for this meeting



Activities carried out by TEXA-Gandhinagar



A Volleyball Tournament was organized wherein the alumni associations participated. This was to develop better bonding & networking between the representatives and associates.



Activities carried out by APX-Ahmedabad



JAAG took an initiative to propose and form an alumni association at Sevasi Baroda under the name of "XAATIS" (Xavier Alumni Association Technical Institute Sevasi)



Activities carried out by TEXAS-Surat



Medical Kit Distribution



TEXAS Blood Donation Camp



Medical and relief Camp in Rural Area



TREE PLANTATION DRIVE



Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Activities carried out by KEXA-Kalol



Activities carried out by SESA-Zankhvat



Activities carried out by ROSA-Baroda



Activities carried out by TOXA-Ahmedabad



JAAG committee conducted several online meets & efforts were made to reach our own alumnus & the society. Be it vaccination, blood donation drives, or medical assistance & helping the needy in the best capacity.



The national advisor Fr. Ravi John has an interactive session with the JAAG team in Ahmedabad



The West Zone President Mr. & Mrs Richard Manual-ROSA JAAI VP & Gujarat Province GC member Mr. Bhaumik Thakar Zonal Joint Secretary & APX President Mr. Shridhar Derasari Former WUJA council member-Mr. KK Vijh APX Chairman-Fr. Francis Macwan SJ & Permanent Invitee, Past President of JAAI & APX, former WUJA council member-Mr. Shapath Shah



JAAI President, Vice President & Past President meeting Mr. M.Nagarajan-IAS Commissioner of Higher Education Department Govt of Gujarat & Hon. Executive Director of I-HUB Gujarat along with Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta CEO I-Hub Ahmedabad on the eve of the Zonal Congress



JAAI TEAM AT 10TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF JAAI, PATNA



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JAAI TEAM AT JAAI WEST ZONE COUNCIL MEETING, MUMBAI



St Mary's School in Surat



JAAI AGM AT SURAT DURING 6TH JAAI WEST ZONE CONGRESS



Activities carried out by KEXA,
KALOL TREE PLANTATION GREEN CAMPUS DRIVE



TREE PLANTATION GREEN CAMPUS DRIVE



GREEN ENVIRONMENT DRIVE

Activities carried out by
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SURAT



SOLAR ROOFTOP
GENERATING 165 kWh PER DAY

Activities carried out by TEXAS, SURAT



SAVE TREES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



DONATED TREE GUARD TO INSTITUTE



TREE PLANTATION BY TEXAS CRICKET TEAM



ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

Activities carried out by APX - Ahmedabad



Actor Aditya Lakhia participating in a environment
day program and inspiring the students to
do their bit too. He is also an alum of the
St Xavier's High School Loyola Hall Ahmedabad



Tree Plantation drive on the campus in the presence of Ms Kriti Pandey (IRS) & staff, management and alumni.



The campus is being cleaned by the management and the waste too will be used as per environment norms.



APX partnered many leading associations and institutes like GCCI, HLCCA, JITO, CA association & GUJARAT POLICE etc.

Activities carried out by Vimal Mata school Dhandhuka



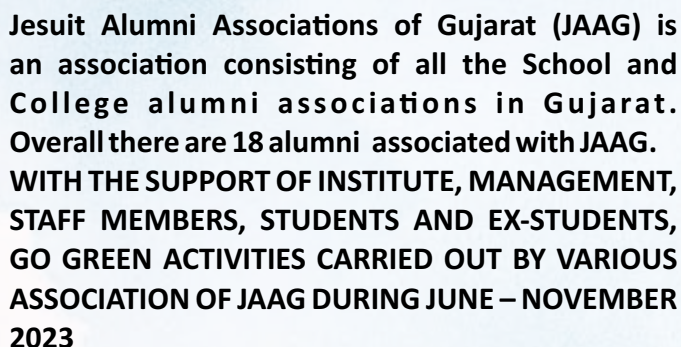
TREE PLANTATION MORE THAN 1400 PLANTS PLANTED

**JAAI-West Zone Council Meet held at St Mary's Mumbai.
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St. Mary's School Mumbai





St Xavier's School is the patron of Nature. The lush green campus proves its endeavor. The School Principal, Headmistress, Teachers and Students along with the TEXAS members undertook 'Tree Plantation' on various occasions like- 'VasudhaVandan' as a part of Azadika Amrut Mahotsav and in the month of June to celebrate 'World Environment Day' to mark our Gratitude to Mother Nature and our Motherland India.



#GoGreen & #SaveEnvironment is an ongoing initiative at St.Xavier's High School Loyola Hall Ahmedabad, and the APX along with all stakeholders & collaborators are at the helm raising hands for a green and clean environment as well as partaking as well as organising related programs on and off the campus. These are some pictures of the recent programs on the campus. Every bit counts and the alumni/ae, management, staff, students, parents & benefactors all together do their bit for this most important cause.



Anand Xavierites Alumni Association organized a tree planting program on July 8 as part of the celebration of 75 years of Amrit Mohotsav of St. Xavier's School. The rally was organized to create awareness.



Eco tourism was organized by the team of Anand Xavierites Association on 27-30 of last July. Along with this, he visited the interior areas of South Gujarat like Subir, Dang, Jankhawav, Ahwa, Dediapada and distributed AXAA notebooks and study material free of charge to the tribal students there and encouraged the children everywhere through educational seminars.



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Activities carried out by ST. XAVIER'S - BHILODA



On 21st August the students, staff and the parents celebrated tree plantation day at St. Xavier's high school bhiroda. The posters marking pertaining to tree plantation too showed lot of interest and enthusiasm among the students.

Activities carried out by Jagruti High School, Mandal



Activities carried out by ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL KALOL



TREES PLANTATION AT VARIOUS OCCASSIONS

Activities carried out by ST. JOSEPH HIGHSCHOOL- BARODA



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Activities carried out by ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - VIJAYNAGAR



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LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

General Body Meeting 17th FEBRUARY 2024

FLAGSHIP ALUMNI CLINIC

Every Saturday from 5: 30 PM to 7: 00 PM, Alumni Doctors and volunteers run the Free Clinic within the school premises , giving free consultation and free medicines .

The Clinic has been running successfully for the past 37 years non stop apart from 3 short gaps which were due to Covid-19 Government Guidelines .



ALUMNI MEDICAL CAMPS



LAA regularly holds Medical camps in the interior area or at various schools in the rural area .

5 such Camps have been held in 12 months . A team of Doctors and volunteers go and conduct the Free Medical camps . All patients are examined and free medicines distributed by LAA .

Medical Camp Activity 1

LAA held a medical health checkup camp at St. Joseph Hospital , Bhilaipahari , Mango on 19th February 2023 . 305 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed by LAA . There were 11 doctors and 10 volunteers in that camp .

Medical Camp Activity 2

LAA held a medical health checkup camp at St. Barnabas Church in Parsudih on 26th February 2023 .



129 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed by LAA .

There were 10 doctors and 12 volunteers in that camp

Medical Camp Activity 3

LAA held a medical health checkup camp at Loyola School, Jhilling at West Bengal, on 3rd December 2023. 402 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed



by LAA . There were 10 doctors and 15 volunteers in that camp .

Medical Camp Activity 4



LAA held a medical health checkup camp at Loyola School, Gurabanda, Dhalbhumgarh, on 17th December 2023. 116 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed by LAA . There were 10 doctors and 12 volunteers in that camp .

Medical Camp Activity 5



LAA held a medical health checkup camp at St. Paul Mikki School at Pandabir, Chaibasa, on 28th January 2024. 238 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed by LAA. There were 9 doctors and 11 volunteers in that camp.

LAA donated Free Medicines to Fr. Nelson for Claver Social Welfare Centre, AMDA on 1st March 2023



Medical Assistance was given to 7 Jesuit institutions in the form of medicine. Medicines worth approx. Rs. 53,000 were sent to the locations as per their need.

Medical Assistance

L.A.A. received a request from Mr. Soumitro Banerjee, (Retired Teacher of Loyola School) who was suffering from stomach cancer.

An Appeal was made and immediately Funds started pouring in.

L.A.A. has paid Apollo Speciality Hospital in Kolkata Rs. 75,000/- towards treatment but sadly he passed away a week later.



A Wheelchair was donated by LAA to Loyola School on 22 June 2023



May Day Program on the occasion of "Labour Day" with Loyola School Administrative Staff on 1st May 2023. 38 School Staff were present.



Cake cutting Program at LAA Saturday Free Clinic on the occasion of "Doctors Day" on 1st July 2023.



JAAI CENTRAL ZONE Meeting was hosted by LAA at Loyola School on 15th January 2023



A Farewell & Welcome Program was organized in School on 1st April 2023, 110 LAA members attended the same



Cake cutting Program for "Feast Day" on the occasion of Loyola Day at Saturday Free Clinic on 29th July 2023.



LAA donated Free Sports Equipments and Kit to Students of Tepasai School on 14th August 2023.

Sponsor Education Fees of Needy

Every year LAA sponsors a few children who are unable to pay their school fees. This year we have sponsored Rs. 65,000 towards fees of 16 children.

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We are targeting a larger amount this year and hence appeal to all Alumni to sponsor some amount which will help the needy students in a big way.

Fixed Deposits of L.A.A. stands at Rs. 68.50 Lakhs as on date

❖ A group of 80 tribal students (class 7 to 11) from remote area Rampur, Gumla visited to Jamshedpur on 4th & 5th February 2023. Fr. Kalyan SJ, at Gumla has extended his heartfelt gratitude and blessings.

❖ They visited to Zoological Park, Jubilee Park, XLRI, Musical Fountain, Modi Park on 4th February 2023.

❖ On 5th February 2023 they visited to Dimna Lake & Nicco Park.



LAA North America Chapter (US & Canada)

On the evening of 4th August 2023, the formal Launching of North America Chapter took place. Mr. Yash Maroli organized the Zoom meeting. Lots of Members took part in it. Father Vinod, Father Pius, Rajiv Talwar and Savak Patel joined in from Jamshedpur and blessed the new Chapter.



LAA conducted 2nd time "Cyclothon 2023" Program at Loyola School on 3rd September 2023. Nos. of 750 School students participating.

LAA HEALTH AWARENESS

T-shirt and snacks were given to all the participants by L.A.A.

A DJ Music system was also arranged by L.A.A.

After the cycle ride, all danced and enjoyed for about an hour.



Loyola provided LAA with a large Room at Inigo Block above the LAA office. This room has been tiled and Air Conditioned. This was inaugurated on 3rd September 2023.



LAA conducted friendly football match between President XI vs Secretary XI at Loyola Ground on 3rd September 2023 & 10th December 2023 & (LAA with Young Indians) on 10th January 2024. LAA wins 5-1



Traffic Duty is being handled by our Alumni regularly and hats off to all for coming at odd hours to help out. Especially Mr. Iqbal Alam for being In-charge and managing it



Tarumitra Program with LAA members held on 05th October 2023



A meeting for the Tarumitra Program held on 5th October 2023 at A. V. Room. LAA honored to Fr. Robert Athickal & Ms. Devopriya Dutta (Tarumitra Team)



JAAI Central Zone Meeting was held on 8th October 2023 at Dhanbad 7 LAA members attended the day long Program



LAA members were meet the Old Fathers & Brothers of Jesuit Community in XLRI on 24th December 2023
“NEW YEAR 2024” Cake cutting Program at LAA



Saturday Free Clinic with Doctors & Volunteers (LAA members) on 6th January 2024

LOYOLA PREMIER LEAGUE Matches between the 4 houses took place today in Loyola Ground in which Leopards House won the tournament.



Loyola High School, Jamshedpur

St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru is now St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University).



Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ
Chancellor
Provincial Karnataka Jesuit Province



Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ
Rector
St Aloysius Institutions



Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor



Rev Dr Melwyn D'Cuna SJ
Pro Vice Chancellor

The 144 year old St Aloysius College was granted the status of 'deemed to be University' by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education in a gazetted notification on 19 January 2024 that stated that St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru was granted Deemed to be University status. This achievement showcases the constant commitment and excellence in education. The status enables the college to create a sustainable ecosystem, driven by globally competitive curricula, high end research, innovations and entrepreneurship initiatives. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ is appointed the first Vice Chancellor of St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) Rev. Dr Melwyn D'Cunha is appointed Pro Vice Chancellor. Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ, Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province is the Chancellor. Karnataka Jesuit Province thus becomes the first Jesuit province to have two Jesuit Universities, the other being St Joseph's University in Bangalore.

St Aloysius College established in 1880 by the Jesuit Fathers, has been a premier higher educational institution having distinctive achievements serving the youth of this region and moulding them into

persons with commitment, competence, compassion and conscience. The college was elevated to the autonomous status in 2007, considering its top-notch credentials not also in academics, but also in sports and games and cocurricular activities. After scoring excellent accreditation ratings, the college had applied for a deemed to be University status in 2016. The journey of the institution includes four highly successful NAAC accreditation cycles, notable achievements in sport, drama, culture, collaboration with TEDx, international events and numerous memorandums of understanding (MOU). The University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education after making a thorough study of the college proposal on various parameters like physical and digital infrastructure, curricular design, research and innovation, graduate outcomes, student attainment levels, placements, vision and mission of the institution and its impact on the society along with the considerations of the higher levels of successive NAAC accreditations, NIRF and distinctive ratings and achievements have all combined together in attaining the deemed to be University status to the college.