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## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Karavali Milana, the special edition of this Newsletter is particularly designed to relive the meaningful, joyful yet intense memories of the 16th JAAI - South Zone Jesuit Alumni Congress held at St Aloysius College (Autonomous) from 27-28 May 2022. With the theme 'Accompanying Youth in the Creation of a Hope Filled Future', organisers, speakers and delegates from five provinces came together in exploring different aspects to echo the Motto of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI), that is 'To give and not to count the cost'. The Provincial of Karnataka Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ said "Our alumni will be like salt, like leaven – who will take their place at the heart of the world, at the epicenter of the storm, in the thick of the battle, on the frontiers of every conflict, at the crossroads of ideologies". This Congress was indeed a motivation for each attendee to reflect and realign to rejuvenate into a renewed-self, taking up the responsibility to give themselves to the service of others.

This Newsletter contains meaningful reflections on what the resource persons spoke by the guests of honour of the sessions. Keeping in mind the optimum benefit for all the delegates and those who could not attend the Congress, the reflections shall help in critical thinking, analysis and need for application of the knowledge, experiences and ways to adopt them by internalizing the system for change. As Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ mentioned in his talk, "Today's World needs people to discern the right from the wrong by critically analyzing the situation", Karavali Milana was an event which helped everyone to critically analyse their own stand to the call of various serious situations in the present world.

The quality moments captured by the photos help us to revisit the entire Congress. The Teamwork of the Organising Committee of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) headed by the Convener Dr. Richard Gonsalves, the Organising Secretary Mr Michael D'Souza and the Treasurer Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, has created a bench-mark and is appreciated by many delegates by providing their valuable feedback. Impressive moment for SACAA indeed!

A special thanks to the Province Coordinators of Alumni (PCA) of Andhra and Telangana Rev. Fr Bujji Babu SJ, the PCA of Chennai Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ, the PCA of Kerala Rev. Fr Jose Mathew SJ for writing the reflections and sharing their thoughts with us! A big thank you to all the encouraging feedback we received from the participants!

I convey my best wishes to all the newly elected members of the General Council of the South Zone, President, Dr Richard Gonsalves from Karnataka Province, Vice President Mr D Ramesh from Andhra Province, Secretary, Mr Thomas from Chennai Province, Joint Secretary, Mr Ramprakash from Kerala Province and Treasurer, Mr S Mani from Madurai Province.

Wishing you a Happy Reading!!



# St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA)

## Patron, Director and President Speak

### Karavali Milana

John F Kennedy, the 35th president of US had said “I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life”. It was a very warm feeling when the Alumni of the Jesuit Institutions of the Southern Indian States met for a convention that was marked by joy and enthusiasm of a shared vision. One experiences an extraordinary synergy when we meet as alumni who have all schooled in that Jesuit ethos which has shaped our lives. That was evident during the Karavali Milana where sessions were held, topics discussed and the interactions that ensued, that would make us men and women for and with others which is part of the Jesuit philosophy and parlance. I suppose the convention has provided us a clarified vision of the way forward, until we meet again to discuss our success stories of making a difference to our alma maters and thereby to our national life.



**Rev Fr Melwin J Pinto SJ**  
**Rector - St Aloysius Institutions,**  
**Mangaluru &**  
**Patron- SACAA**



**Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ**  
**Principal - St Aloysius College**  
**(Autonomous) &**  
**Director - SACAA**

St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) was proud to organize the 16th South Zone Jesuit Alumni Association of India ( JAAI) Congress with a title ‘Karavali Milana’ and the theme ‘Accompanying youth in the Creation of Hope filled Future’. We were extremely happy to organize it at St Aloysius College premises after about 15 years and are overwhelmed to meet Jesuits and Alumni attending from five southern Jesuit provinces. The talks and the participation were praiseworthy. The objective of the congress was fulfilled as it happened as mentioned in the title ‘Karavali Milana’, the confluence of minds and hearts of all our stakeholders from five southern Jesuit alumni expressing their solidarity to reach out to the youth and accompanying them in their future endeavors. I would like to thank all those who supported the event and all those involved in organizing the event successfully.

Dear Friends,

It was a great joy to meet my Jesuit Alumni friends from various institutions during the recent KARAVALI MILANA alumni meet. Frankly speaking, I never expected to have such a wonderful and encouraging response from the alumni of South Zone institutions. The overwhelming joy and the overall experience has been a most memorable one for all of us.

While I am grateful to Mr Krishna Reddy our past president of South Zone for his voluntary service to the betterment of the Alumni, I convey my profound gratitude to him and his team. At the same time, I joyfully welcome Dr Richard Gonsalves, our next president of the South Zone. Dr Richard, knowing him personally, I am sure he will do his best to enhance the relationship and growth of the Alumni.

KARAVALI MILANA has been an enriching experience to all of us to know each other and let us look forward to build on this great opportunity.



**Mr Stephen J Pinto**  
**President - SACAA**



## Karavali Milana - A Success Story of SACAA

At the last South Zone - Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) Congress at Guntur in 2017, four alumni delegates from St Aloysius College Association (SACAA) representing Karnataka Province agreed to host the 2020 JAAI Congress at Mangalore. The preparations for Karavali Milana began under the guidance of our then Rector and Patron Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ. The country later experienced a lockdown owing to the Covid Pandemic. The congress was therefore postponed indefinitely.



**Dr Richard Gonsalves**  
**Convener- Karavali Milana**  
**Treasurer - SACAA**

In January 2022, the SACAA Executive Committee led by our Patron, Rev. Fr Melwin J Pinto SJ and our Director, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ decided to hold the Congress on May 27 and 28. Michael D'Souza was appointed Organising Secretary and I, Dr Richard Gonsalves as the Convener. There were several committees, which included Program Drafting, Accommodation and Transport, Cultural, Registration, Food, and Logistics.

Every SACAA Executive Committee member was participating in one or more committees. The job began with establishing the schedule and preparing the brochure. Rev. Fr Rector guided in finalising distinct and relevant topics, and accordingly speakers were shortlisted and approached. After the Executive Committee approving the presented budget and sanctioning the initial amount, the Alumni were approached for funds, and many of them very generously contributed. With adequate cash in hand, it was decided to organise the conference in a very grand manner.

Accommodations were reserved for the delegates' convenience and comfort. Mr Arjun Prakash, Mr Regi John, Mr Ajith, Mr Conrad T Nazareth, Capt Patrick Pais, and I provided vehicles and services for transportation of delegates arriving from various provinces. There were 168 delegates from five provinces, and about twenty Jesuit Fathers in attendance. We would like to thank all the five Province Coordinators of Alumni (PCA) for encouraging their alumni to attend the Congress in a good number. The Congress was attended by 94 Karnataka Alumni. Thanks to Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva, PCA of Karnataka, for his constant attempts in inspiring various alumni units to participate.



**A few members of the Organising Team headed by the Convener Dr. Richard Gonsalves, and the Organising Secretary Mr Michael D'Souza**

A well-started programme was well accepted by the participants. With thought provoking and relevant educational input sessions everything was well planned and meticulously executed, with a strict schedule to adhere to. The inauguration ceremony was highlighted by release of the book on 'St Ignatius of Loyola canon Balled to Sainthood' marking the Ignatian Year authored by Prof. Edmund Frank. The efforts in producing this book are greatly appreciated. The cultural programme and fellowship meal were moved to the St Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT) Campus in Beeri. Buses were arranged to transport the delegates to and fro. The evening's highlight was an hour's cultural spectacle, which was followed by a grand fellowship dinner. The Organising Secretary, Mr Michael D'Souza, the Secretary of SACAA, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, the President of SACAA, Mr Stephen Pinto, and the Ex-President of SACAA, Prof. Edmund Frank, deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts.



**Delegates settle down for the cultural extravaganza at AIMIT Campus Beeri**

Karavali Milana's success was due to the hard work of SACAA members and college staff. At the end of day two, we were delighted and content with the thumping success of organising this mega-event. We are certain that SACAA has set a new standard in organising this Congress. It has strengthened our ties with South Indian Jesuit Alumni Units. Let this Congress to serve as a springboard for alumni to reaffirm their commitment to their alma mater. Long Live the Alumni Movement!



**Participants at the Dinner Counter at AIMIT Campus, Beeri**



## Capturing History Making Moment!



**Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Province Coordinator-SZ and Rector St Joseph's College, Bangalore leads the March to the Karavali Milana venue - Fr LF Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Building**



**Showers of rose petals from the students of St Aloysius College (Autonomous)**



**Mr MV Nair with Prof Edmund Frank both from Golden Batch 1971, and Eminent Aloysian Awardees -2022, greeting each other!**



**Registration in Process !**

**Capt John Prasad Menezes and Mrs Arati Shanbhag fully engrossed at the registrations!**



**Mr Allen Pereira, Eminent Aloysian Awardee-2014 and former Chairman and Managing Director of Bank of Maharashtra lending a helping hand. Seen along side are Mr Conrad T Nazareth and Mr Peter Rodrigues, Executive Committee members -SACAA**



## KARAVALI MILANA – FIRST DAY REPORT

The countdown to our much awaited Karavali Milana event fruition with a two days extravaganza on 27th and 28th of May, 2022.

The registration counters opened at Gelge Hall by 1.30 PM on 27th of May 2022. There was an overwhelming response from five provinces – Karnataka, Kerala, Madurai, Chennai, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Twenty five Jesuit Priests among 168 delegates participated in this event.

The inauguration commenced at 3.00 PM IST at the Fr. L F Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block. Rev. Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ, the Provincial of Karnataka was the Chief Guest at the inaugural presided by the Rector Rev. Fr. Melwin Pinto SJ. Mr Centhil Kumar, National President JAAI; Rev. Fr. Swebert DSilva SJ, Province Coordinator Alumni, Karnataka and Mr Krishna Reddy, President, South Zone JAAI were the special invitees.

The welcome address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Principal, St Aloysius College (Autonomous) and Director, SACAA. Rev. Fr. Swebert D'Silva SJ summarised his impressions at the launching of the Congress. The introductory remarks were proposed by Mr. Centhill Kumar. The programme highlight was the book release by Rev. Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ attributed to the IGNATIAN YEAR titled 'St Ignatius Loyola Cannon Balled to Sainthood' authored by Prof. Edmund JB Frank. The Chief Guest emphasized on the alumni network at the global context. The presidential remarks were delivered by Rev. Fr. Melwin Pinto SJ followed by vote of thanks which was elaborately moved by Convenor of the Congress Dr Richard Gonsalves. Mr Stephen Pinto, President, SACAA and Mr Michael Dsouza, Organising Secretary were on the dais with the dignitaries.



**Mrs Arati Shanbhag**  
**Dean, BBA Department**  
**St Aloysius College**  
**(Autonomous)**



**Session I : Resource Person Mr MV Nair, Chairman - Trans Union CIBIL, Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022**

Topic: The Role of Alumni In Promoting Entrepreneurship Among Youth -Start Ups -Incubation.

Chief Guest : Rev. Fr Bujji Babu SJ, Moderator: Prof. Edmund Frank

The session had a short tea break at 4.45 PM IST. The first session commenced at 5.15 PM. The resource person was Mr M.V Nair, Chairman- Trans Union CIBIL, Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022. He deliberated on the role of alumni in promoting entrepreneurship among youth – start ups – incubation. Mr Nair presented a few case studies wherein academic partnerships are successful in building start-ups. He highlighted on training programmes, state-of-the-art physical infrastructure and access to a network of like-minded collaborators and partners. He focussed on rigorous research and data driven tools, learning resources and shared insights for enterprising. The areas to focus for NGOs with their proven models was presented. The Digital Health is an area of prominence for research was emphasized. Overall it was an intellectually enriching session. The session was effectively moderated by Prof. Edmund JB Frank, Dean, PGDBM, Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022. The guest of honour being Fr. Bujji Babu SJ, the Province Coordinator of Andhra and Telangana.



**Marching towards the Venue of Karavali Milana - Fr LF Rasquinha Hall LCRI Building, led by College NCC Cadets**

Soon after this session concluded. The delegates were taken to AIMIT (Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology) campus, Kotekar, Beeri, in college buses. The cultural programme was organised for an hour from 7.00 PM onwards which exhibited the talents of the faculty and students of our esteemed institution. The cultural programme was appreciated by the audience. The cultural programme was followed by fellowship dinner at 8.00 PM . The delegates were commuted back in the same buses to the accommodation provided at COPD, Fathima Retreat House and St Aloysius College Residence.



**Capturing with a Click, special moments gone forever impossible to reproduce!**



**Inauguration of the Congress by Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ Provincial - Karnataka Jesuit Province**

**Welcome address by Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ Principal -St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Director - SACAA**



**Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ Rector-St Aloysius Institutions & Director -SACAA with Mr Krishna Reddy Alumni President, JAAL South Zone**



**Beauty of South Indian  
Classical Dance  
A Wonderful  
performance by  
St Aloysius College  
Students**

**Marking the Ignatian Year  
A book release, the author  
Prof. Edmund Frank gives  
a bird's eye view of the  
contents of the book**



**Delightful Delegates  
from five provinces**

## KARAVALI MILANA – SECOND DAY REPORT

The second day began with a delicious breakfast at the Gelge Hall, which included the world-famous sumptuous Idli-Vada Combination. The second input session of the Congress held at Fr. Robert Sequiera Hall was delivered by Dr G Srinikethan, the Director of Technical Research, NITTE Education Trust and former Professor from NITK Surathkal. He spoke about 'Engaging the youth in Sustainable Development'. The session was moderated by Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022, Dr Cletus D'Souza the adjunct professor at St Aloysius College (Autonomous) and the former professor of Biochemistry from Mysore University.



**Mr Naveen Mascarenhas**  
**Treasurer - Karavali Milana**  
**Secretary - SACAA**



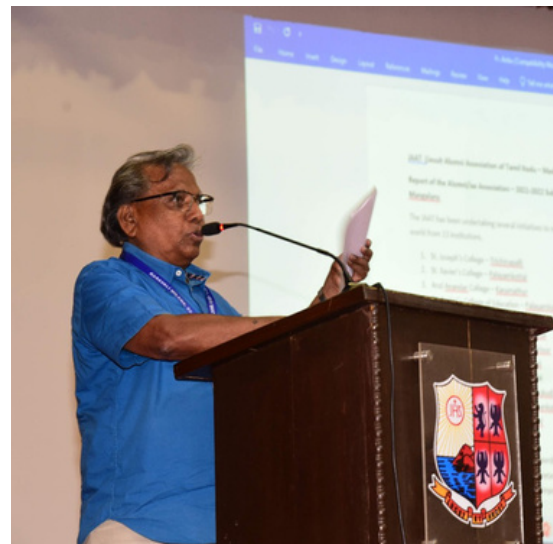
Along with the introductory remarks, Dr D'Souza summed up the entire session towards the end and delivered the vote of thanks. Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ, Province Coordinator of Alumni (PCA) of the Chennai Province was the Guest of Honor and welcomed the speaker, and shared his thoughts on 'engaging the youth in sustainable development'. Through the interactive session the delegates from the audience paused questions on the topic.

**Session II: Resource Person: Dr G Srinikethan, Director - Technical Research, NITTE Education Trust**

**Topic: Engaging the Youth in Sustainable Development**

**Chief Guest: Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ, Moderator : Dr Cletus D'Souza**

At 11 a.m. the Report Presentation from all provinces began following the tea break. The contributions made by each alumni organisation in their regions towards Covid-19 relief efforts during the Pandemic, the alumni meetings, blood donation camps, tree plantation, as well as the recognition of staff and exceptional students were the key features of the reports. Andhra and Telangana reports were presented by Dr Mariadoss, of Chennai by Mr Thomas, Rev Fr Jose Mathew the PCA of Kerala province presented reports of Kerala, Mr L Regis of Madurai, and Me, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, presented of Karnataka. Mr Candy, Mr Roger, and Dr Charlet Rose Mary Vijaya from Madurai augmented their work at their alumni organisation. Mr Regis personally requested that the congress delegates consider the role that alumni associations should play in nurturing alumni, as little is being done for the student community once they leave the institute's portals. He urged the Office Bearers to take up the issue and consider holding significant programmes and sessions to contribute towards the psychological and emotional well being of the alumni, as they have a vital role to play in the family life and society at large.



**Presentation by Mr L Regis of Madurai**  
**Province**

Er Pradeep Kumar Madhavan, the JAAI Governing Council member from Kerala Province and also the representative of JAAI in the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA), spoke on the WUJA matters and the upcoming Barcelona Congress to be held in July 2022. He Requested the members of the South Zone to attend this Congress in large numbers.

The Mango curry entrée was enjoyed by all, coupled with payasam and deegujje podi. Mrs Brinda Adige, a leading social activist from Bengaluru, kicked off to a grand start of the congress' third input session at 1.45 p.m. She lectured on 'Gender Sensitivity, Families, and Me'. Her presentation, which included real-life scenarios and statistical data, captivated the audience. "I am not for Gender Neutrality, but I am for Gender Sensitivity" she said answering the question from the audience. This session was ably moderated by Dr Rose Veera D'Souza the Dean of Arts Faculty of St Aloysius College (Autonomous) who introduced the speaker to the gathering. The guest of honour, Rev. Fr Jose Mathew the PCA of Kerala Province, welcomed the speaker and spoke his mind on the very topic.



**Er. Pradeep Kumar Madhavan**  
Member - JAAI Governing Council  
Representative of JAAI in WUJA



**Session III: Resource Person : Mrs Brinda Adige**  
Social Activist , Bengaluru

**Topic: Gender Sensitivity, Families and Me**  
**Chief Guest: Rev. Fr Jose Mathew SJ**  
**Moderator: Dr Rose Veera D'Souza**



**Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ Addressing the gathering at the Business Session**

The business session of the Congress began at 3 pm piloted by Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ the PCA of Karnataka Province. He read out the guidelines of the session which were unanimously agreed upon with small suggestions like adding WUJA member as permanent invitee to the General Council (GC) of South Zone and Voting Rights of the permanent invitees. Each Province nominated five members to the GC and thus 25 members were chosen for the southern zone. The five PCA Jesuit fathers were also present along with JAAI National President CA Chenthil

Kumar and South Zone President Mr GVSR Krishna Reddy. During this meeting new GC members and office bearers were elected for the term 2022-2025.

The house unanimously elected Dr Richard Gonsalves from Karnataka Province to lead the GC as President, Mr Thomas from Loyola Chennai as the Secretary, Mr D Ramesh from Andhra and Telangana Province to be the Vice President, Mr Ram Prakash from Kerala Province to be the Joint Secretary and Mr Mani S from Madurai to be the Treasurer. JAAI President spoke on the occasion and congratulated the outgoing team lead by GVSR Krishna Reddy for the last 5 years and the Newly elected President and its Office Bearers. The outgoing president GVSR Krishna Reddy on this occasion thanked all he members for their support. He conveyed his special gratitude to the secretary Dr Richard Gonsalves for the systematic organization of the six GC meetings in all the provinces during his term. The Business session ended with a photo session to capture the unforgettable moments. The other delegates were taken for a Campus tour to visit the world-renowned chapel known for its famous Fresco paintings, museum and Olympic size swimming pool.



**Newly elected General Council Members of South Zone JAAI along with Province Coordinators of Alumni and JAAI President CA Chenthil Kumar**



**Delegates at the Aloyseum -  
A Museum started in the  
year 1913 by the Italian  
Jesuit Fr Chiapi**

The valedictory ceremony began at 4. 15 pm with CA Chenthil Kumar, President of JAAI as the Chief Guest. Two delegates Dr Mariadoss from Andhra and Mr Mani from Madurai gave the feedback of the 2 days congress. Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institution congratulated one and all for their presence in the congress and urged the members to implement the suggestions and ideas shared, in developing the youth especially the student community at the respective provinces.



**CA Chenthil Kumar, President JAAI, the Chief Guest of the Valedictory Ceremony addressing the delegates**

Mr Stephen Pinto, President SACAA welcomed the gathering. Mr Naveen Almeida from English Department of the College compered the programme. The two days event was video recorded by the Post Graduate students of Journalism and Mass Communication and the day wise highlights were prepared and circulated to all the delegates. The event came an end with me delivering the vote of thanks.

The delegates then gathered at the Chapel area for a group photograph and from there they visited Al-Vana comprising of Miyawaki- the Urban Forest region. Mr Arjun Mascarenhas explained the concept of the forest and its benefits. Two days event was brought to smooth finale with a dinner complete with Mangalorean delicacies 7pm to 8.30 pm.

It was then time to bid adieu to all the guests, who returned to their destinations with fond recollections of this well-organized two-day event and a vow to serve society without cost and meet in Chennai in 2025 for the 17th Congress.





**Rev Fr Melwin Mendonca SJ  
with his Gulburga Team**



**A coastal meal a perfect fuel  
to light up the congress**



**One for the camera in  
between sessions with  
Rev. Fr Francis Almeida SJ**

## An attentive audience at the sessions



## St Ignatius Loyola Cannon Balled to Sainthood

My book 'St Ignatius Loyola Cannon Balled to Sainthood' takes the readers into a journey that strides along the events in the life of the soldier turned saint, St Ignatius Loyola from his birth to his death. The inspiration to write this book came from three sources: 1. The ongoing Ignatian Year 2. The Karavali Milana, the 16th JAAI South Zone Congress and 3. St Ignatius Loyola himself.

Ignatius was born on 23 October 1491 in an aristocratic family in the ancestral castle of Loyola in Spain. Groomed to be a knight in the court of the Spanish King and as a soldier in the Spanish army, he had high worldly ambitions. The event that utterly changed the course of Ignatius's life came on 20 May 1521. In the battle of Pamplona he was struck by a cannon ball that shattered his right leg and seriously injured his left leg.



**Prof Edmund Frank**  
Author  
Ex-President - SACAA  
GC Member - JAAI



**From left Dr Richard Gonsalves, Mr Stephen Pinto, Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva, CA Chenthil Kumar, Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ, Prof Edmund Frank, Mr MV Nair, Mr Krishna Reddy, Rev. Fr Praveen Martis SJ, Michael D'Souza, all holding the newly released 'St Ignatius Loyola Cannon Balled to Sainthood' Book**

As he was recovering in his home, the Loyola castle he read two books 'The Golden Legend' a collection of the stories of saints and 'De Vita Christi', a commentary on the life of Christ and the Gospels. He realized these books had given him peace and a spiritual tranquility and observed that these thoughts came from God. He decided then and there to become a disciple of Christ. After ten months Ignatius recovered from his injuries and as a pilgrim journeyed to and arrived at the Benedictine monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat, a shrine in the mountains above Barcelona. He spent three days in prayer, fasting and penance before the altar with the statue of the legendary Black Madonna holding child Jesus, made his general confession and surrendered his sword before the altar of the Madonna. He gave his fine clothes to a beggar and wore rough sack clothing.

He heard Mass in the morning at the chapel of the Black Madona, received Holy Communion walked to Manresa in Catalonia which is 66 kilometers from Barcelona. In Manresa Ignatius moved to different places but mainly settled in a cave. In this mystical cave in Manresa he meditated, prayed, fasted and did penance. Here he experienced enlightening divine visions and “spiritual ruptures” which had mystical overtones which were the key to his writing the Spiritual Exercises.



**Prof. Edmund Frank presents the book to Rev. Fr Leo D'Souza SJ**

From Manresa Ignatius went to Rome and then visited Jerusalem. He came back to Spain and at the age of 33 went back to school to learn Latin and continued his college studies at the Universities of Alcala and Salamanca in Spain. To continue his university studies he moved to France and at the Paris University obtained the coveted M.A. Degree in 1535. Ignatius was ordained on 25 January 1538. He gathered six companions who included Fr Peter Faber and Francis Xavier and they decided to form a religious Order. On 27 September 1540, Pope Paul III officially approved the Order of the Society of Jesus as an official religious order in the Catholic Church.

Ignatius was elected Superior General. He then wrote the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. From 1550 Ignatius experienced serious health problems. His condition worsened in 1556. On the afternoon of 30 July he saw his death coming and told his secretary about it. No one believed him because two doctors who examined him that morning declared him in no danger and that he would survive the summer. After midnight on 31 July his senses had turned numb and in the quiet early hours of the morning, he was heard gasping “My God...My God” and died. St Ignatius was canonized saint by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. His feast day is celebrated annually on 31 July, the day he died.



**Prof. Edmund Frank next to St Ignatius Loyola's bust in St Ignatius' room**



## Delegates' Count

<i>Province Name</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>	<i>Thanks to Province Coordinators</i>
<i>Andhra and Telangana</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Rev. Fr Bujji Babu SJ</i>
<i>Madurai</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Rev. Fr Anbarasu Mariaraj SJ</i>
<i>Chennai</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ</i>
<i>Kerala</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Rev. Fr Jose Mathew SJ</i>
<i>Karnataka</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>Rev. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ</i>

**Total : 168 Delegates**



**Delegates from five provinces - No better place to be- Posing before the St Aloysius Chapel!**

## The Role of Alumni in Entrepreneurship among Youth – Start-ups, Incubation

An incubation centre provides you facilitative assistance to small enterprises or start-ups. It is geared towards small business development, innovate and application of technology promotion of growth from within local economics.

Andhra Loyola College is located in Coastal Andhra region by the side of a rich fertile flourishing Agricultural Area, survived with Krishna river waters. College was established in the year 1953, Over the years it has drawn its students mostly from rural area background whose parents themselves belong to entrepreneurial classes. The products of our college in the early phase were attracted to study Engineering and Medical fields many of them were successful in Medical and Engineering fields.



**Rev. Fr N Bujji Babu, SJ  
PCA - Andhra & Telangana**

Many have settled down in U.S.A and other European Countries. Some of our Alumni also took to public life as representatives of State and Central Legislatives. Some also from Civil Services both at Central & State level.

We also have in our Alumni, a group of Industrials late Shri. S.P.Y.Reddy, former M.P. was an Industrialist, producing water pipes for irrigation purposes, Mekhapati Rajamohan Reddy, former M.P. and Kavuru Sambasiva Rao are industrialists. Sri Y. Harish Chandra Prasad, promoter of Malaxmi group of industries who have executed power plants, Real Estates, construction companies. This firm also has established an incubation startup company called Sedibus in Vijayawada. Sri Gorantla Punnaiah Chowdari, in Guntur, established and successfully runs a Cottage Spinning and Weaving Mill.

Many of our students have set up Medical Laboratories and some have established residential schools, colleges, hotels etc. Keeping in view the potentiality our Alumni their Success stories and based on the Socio-Economic-Climatic condition of the region in which our college is situated.

We get a picture that with the help of our Alumni who are successful entrepreneurs, the college with their support and guidance can initiate an Incubation Centre. This Incubation Centre can focus on providing commercial information. In addition they can provide information and guidance regarding the availability of financial approval from the Banks, marketing facilities and the products to be developed such as:

- a) Agricultural / food processing
- b) Cotton, textile, manufacturing of clothes
- c) Automobile, Servicing Centre
- d) Software Parks
- e) Hospitality and Tourism projects.



## Captures of the session I, The Role of Alumni In Promoting Entrepreneurship Among Youth - Start-Ups- Incubation



**Mr MV Nair the Resource Person and Rev. Fr N Bujji Babu SJ**



**Interaction with the Resource Person**



**More clarifications and queries from the audience**

## Nurture the Nature –Care for the Future

The ministries of the Jesuits all over the world are directed with the four Universal Apostolic Preferences. Care for the nature and Accompaniment of the youth are two preferences that caught the attention of the South Zone JAAI Congress 2022 held at St. Aloysius College in Mangalore. The Congress attempted to integrate these two preferences with the input session on “Engaging the Youth in Sustainable Development” by Dr. G. Srinikethan, former professor of NITK, Surathkal.



**Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ**  
PCA - Chennai

India is one of the fast developing nations. The developmental works are carried out in full swing in different spheres of life. Science and technology have improved the life style of the people. While we appreciate the enormity of growth that we undergo through the modernity proposed by the developments, we also need to think about the massive depletion of nature and its resources. India is one among the seven largest emitters in the world. India contributes 7% of the global emission. During the past few decades we have witnessed that for the sake of economic growth, the health of the environment has been endangered. As a result of this, the environment had got affected and polluted. The quality of natural resources like water, air and land has decreased. The climate change occurs due to the emission of greenhouse gases. These factors compel us to think of sustainable development at this point in history. Otherwise the profit driven economy in the name of strong economy through the developmental projects can cause irreversible damage to our environment.

“Environment is no one’s property to destroy; it’s everyone’s responsibility to protect”, says Mohith Agadi. We have a greater responsibility to protect and preserve nature. Our approach to this task is not against the developmental projects, but to focus on sustainable development. Sustainable development refers to that development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future. Let us not forget the words of the father of our nation, “Earth provides enough to satisfy everyone’s need but not everyone’s greed”.

India having the highest population of youth in the world has the potency to bring about a change in the present scenario. The youth play different roles in the society. The Indian youth as entrepreneurs should venture into recycling revolution of the household wastes and converting them into reusable material or energy. They can propose the change of the manufacturing systems that do not affect the environment. They should also come up with some technology start-ups on thermo-electric stoves, etc. The youth as politicians should influence the way the policies are designed and the bills are passed in the houses. The youth as managers in companies should realize the social responsibility in their production units and also direct the CSR funds for the wellbeing of the society in particular caring for the nature. The youth as civil servants should responsibly carry out their tasks in terms developmental works without compromising the preservation of nature. Youth as academicians, be it teachers or professors, should sensitize the students towards their role in building the healthier society with right values.



By and large the youth have been and ought to be the active architects of the sustainable development in its implementation, follow-up and review. The youth have the capacity to be critical thinkers, change makers, innovators and leaders. The 2030 agenda proposed by the UN will be actualized if the youth are given ample opportunities and training. The institutions have this greater responsibility of forming the young minds to be socially responsible citizens with suitable training. The youth as responsible citizens have to play their role sincerely. They have to create an economy that is sustainable and growing in the right direction enhancing the natural environment by minimizing pollution and waste and reducing carbon footprint to provide facilities for the future generations.

Thinking on these lines, the speaker Dr. Srinikethan suggested the following to the participants and the common public;

- Insulate your homes
- Switch to renewables
- Buy energy efficient appliances and gadgets
- Use less water
- Follow healthy diet
- Use bicycle at least once a week instead of fuel vehicles
- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Eliminate use plastics as much as possible

Let these recommendations guide our life style. Let the youth of our nation be guided and moulded in our institutions with this great task of accomplishing sustainable development.



## Captures of the session -II, Engaging the Youth in Sustainable development and Interactive Session



**Dr G Srinikethan the Resource Person and Rev. Fr Paul Benedict SJ, Chief Guest for the session**

**Eg Pradeep Kumar Madhavan, JAAI Member at the session**



**Dr Cletus D'Souza, Moderator of the session and Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022**

## Gender sensitivity, Families and Me

*Of all the themes that we discussed during these days two topics one on ecological sensitivity and the present topic on Gender sensitivity, Families and Me are related and are very important. In both cases exploitation and manifold dimensions of injustices are common. The topic today we deliberate is on Gender sensitivity, Families and Me*

Gender sensitivity is the process by which people are made aware of how gender plays a role in life through their treatment of others. Simply put, gender sensitivity is behaviour that avoids discrimination by understanding and accepting the multiple differences between men and women. Before starting off with what pertains to gender sensitivity, let's look at the difference between sex and gender. Although both terms are closely related and used as synonyms, they are actually different from each other. According to WHO sex refers to biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women. In simpler terms, it states the anatomy an individual is born with. Whereas gender according to WHO refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women. A major difference between sex and gender is that sex is biologically determined, whereas an individual chooses the gender they wish to identify as. Now that sex and gender have been distinguished, let's look at what is gender sensitization. Gender sensitization is a concept of gender sensitivity, where there is recognition of gender roles, identification of privilege and discrimination within genders, and most importantly creating gender awareness. Gender sensitization is important because representation is important. Representation of a person and community not only advocates equality but also adds a sense of inclusion to the previously marginalized community. For a healthy performance oriented culture, organizations need a right mix of talent which is not bound by gender. Gender sensitization is extremely important as it helps employees feel valued and cared for within the organization. Lastly for the betterment of the society, organizations have an ethical responsibility in shaping the current structures by breaking the previous norms. Organizations that do not focus on gender sensitization have cultures where Inequality and discrimination have become normal.

Creating the right kind of gender-sensitive environment leads to mutual respect regardless of their gender. Ours being a Patriarchal society major gender issues are there. But we are not aware of it. Much of the gender related issues are taken for granted. India being a developed country needs gender sensitivity. Issues are there in the society at all levels, it is there in families and in our personal lives.

The problem exists not because of the lack of knowledge but is due to the lack of interior knowledge about the injustices involved in it. Ms Brinda Adige is a champion in the field and she has fought many cases in Bangalore city against gender related issues. She stood against gender insensitivity and fought many cases in the city and around the city of Bangalore on the topic in discussion. We are glad to have her in our midst to enlighten us on the issue. We look forward to listening to you dear Ms. Brinda.



**Rev. Fr(Dr) Jose Mathew S J**

Rector and Manager  
St Xavier's College  
Thumba, Trivandrum

## Captures of the session - III, Gender sensitivity, Families and Me Interactive Session



A progressive discussion with the resource person

Resource Person Mrs Brinda Adige with the Moderator Dr Rose Veera D'Souza and the Chief Guest Rev. Fr (Dr) Jose Mathew SJ



Deeper queries from the audiences

## **Karavali Milana 2022**

### **The Organising Secretary Speaks**

The 15th South Zone JAAI Alumni Congress was organized by Andhra and Telangana Province in Hyderabad in the year 2017. Karnataka Province Coordinator Fr.Denzil Lobo SJ accepted the task of organizing this event at St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangalore in the year 2020. The SACAA delegates present there joyfully accepted this responsibility to host this event.

At a SACAA Executive Committee meeting a resolution was passed to host the 16th JAAI South Zone Alumni Congress with Dr.Richard Gonsalves Convener, Mr Michael D'Souza as Organizing Secretary and Mr. Felix D'Silva as Treasurer.

It was decided to name the Congress as Karavali Milana with the theme 'Accompanying Youth in the Creation of a Hope Filled Future'

Unfortunately though, because of the Corona pandemic and the lock down that followed the event had to be postponed. With the situation normalizing towards the closing months of 2021, it was decided to organize the Congress on 27 and 28 May 2022.



**Mr Michael D'Souza**  
Organising Secretary -  
Karavali Milana



**Organising Team with the Guests**

Mr Felix D'Silva informed us about his inability to continue as Treasurer on health grounds. Mr Naveen Mascarenhas was nominated as the Treasurer of the event. Preparations got underway in right earnest keeping in mind the following:

1. To extend very good hospitality to the guest delegates
2. To provide delicious food
3. To have the fellowship dinner at the AIMIT Beerli Campus preceded by a short cultural entertainment programme by college students depicting the culture of the Southern states in dance form.

As per plan the South Zone Congress got to a magnificent start on 27 May and concluded on the evening of 28 May, surpassing all our expectations. Appreciation and accolades to the hosts poured in from the delegates. Perfect team work in the right team spirit had worked a miracle. The JAAI President CA Chenthil Kumar exclaimed that he had participated in all zonal congresses and this one was the best that he had witnessed.

As Organizing Secretary, my words of thanks and gratitude go to each and every one of the SACAA Executive Committee members, the SACAA Office Manager and staff, members of the College staff, volunteers, the maintenance department and to each everyone who helped in this effort. My special thanks to our generous sponsors and donors.



The Organising Team



## Cultural Programme at 16th SZ JAAI Congress- A Sharing By the Student

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

-Henry Ford

The inauguration of the 2-day Karavali Milana which is the 16th South Zone Jesuit Alumni Congress hosted by St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) was held on 27 May, 2022. Alumni representatives from Jesuit Schools and Colleges from the Provinces of Karnataka, Madurai, Chennai, Andhra & Telangana and Kerala participated, I feel extremely proud and lucky to be a witness and be the master of ceremony of the cultural program.

The Cultural program, took place at the AIIMIT campus, Beeri, and I must say, I was in awe looking at the campus, the infrastructure, the interior and how well it was maintained. The program began at sharp 7, with a brief welcome speech by our rector, Rev. Fr. Melwin J Pinto followed by the cultural program, that was led by Lisha Periera and myself.



**Noorain Shaikh**  
Student - III BA

**St Aloysius College (Autonomous)**



**Tribal dance - Kaadar Nritham**

The only way to worry about nothing, is to pray about everything. As we know, any programme is incomplete without seeking God's blessings, we began with a beautiful prayer dance, followed by the tribal dance group, from God's Own country, Kerala by our PG students. Tribal dance form of Kerala that is Kaadar Nritham, which is the primitive dance form of the kaadar tribe in Kochin forests, where only women partake and reflect the tradition and rituals of the land.

I was mesmerized on how beautiful our Indian culture is, and especially, how some cultures go unnoticed. After two power-packed performances, we had a melody of flute notes, all around the hall, as we had our very own sir from the department of Journalism, Mr. Rueben Machado, with a beautiful song which made all of us, jingle, clap our hands and tap our feet.

Like a seed that blooms into a flower being submissive to metamorphosis, life blooms to be inspiration and legacy owing to innumerable challenges. Give yourself out and life gives you immense to conquer, keep yourself in and it has hardly anything to offer. The team, Shreeshta, captivated our hearts and minds with their performance with a message to the LGBTQ+ community. The last and breathtaking performance, was done by our students, as a tribute to the Covid Frontline Warriors, that is our doctors and medical staff. It was super rocking; super cool, super uber 'Hip Hop dance performance which marked the respect for the covid 19-warriors. Lisha and I concluded the cultural programme. As the quote by Henry Ford said that working together is success, definitely this program was a huge success and I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our mentor, our sir, Dr. Dinesh Nayak who was there with us from the beginning and motivated us to do our best. Thank you for being the backbone.



**Mr. Rueben Machado with melody of Flute Note**



**A Tribute to the Covid Frontline Warriors**

with each other. As I write down my experience on how beautiful the cultural programs are, I feel melancholic on how these small moments have made me cherish and retain them as a book of memories, I will always look back to.

Cultural Extravaganza, is a platform given to all the students, to showcase and witness different styles, talents, forms and cultures of different regions. As we belong to our mother land, India, 29 states, came together at one platform, and I must say, I'm lucky to be an Aloysian to be part of this extravaganza of Culture. It brings a sense of unity, understanding, belongingness and a connection

Definitely, once an ALOYSIAN always an ALOYSIAN!!.





**Glances of the rich culture and heritage of India expressed through dance,  
music and song**



**Ms Noorain Sheikh and Ms Lisha Pereira beautifully compered the programme**



**Cultural Team with Rector  
Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ**



**The Magic of music  
and dance captured the  
minds and hearts of the  
audience**

# Delegates Speak



**Prashanth Kumar**

President, St. Joseph's Evening college Alumni Association  
Karnataka Province

“Dear Organizers of Karavali Milana, The 16th South Zone Jesuit Alumni Association Congress was wonderfully coordinated and organized. We had an enriching experience. The speakers were really good and provoked our thoughts to look at our surrounding with a new perspective.”

“I am extremely happy to have attended the 16th South Zone Jesuit Alumni Congress. The programme was arranged in a Systematic manner from inauguration up to Valedictory Function. The Hospitality was really Superb. I have no words to express it. Thanks a lot to the Organisers. Well planned and well Organised. Beloved thanks to Rev. Fr. Provincial, Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Principal, CA Chenthil Kumar -President, Dr. Richard, Mr. Naveen and all his Team for their Fantastic Team work. Eagerly Expecting the Next JAAI soon.”



**Dr M Charlet Rose Mary Vijaya**

Head and Assistant Professor  
Department of B. Com. Corporate Secretaryship  
St. Xavier's College ( Autonomous), Palayamkottai  
Tirunelveli ,Tamil Nadu

## Appreciation Galore

“**Karavali Milana 2022 was an opportunity for Jesuit Alumni/ae in South India to meet and interact physically after a long gap due to Covid pandemic. The Organizing Committee has done well in terms of organizing Talks by eminent people from various streams, followed by interactive sessions. Needless to say, the hospitality demonstrated was excellent for transport, food, fellowship and accommodation arrangements.**”

**Congratulations, Team SACAA!**



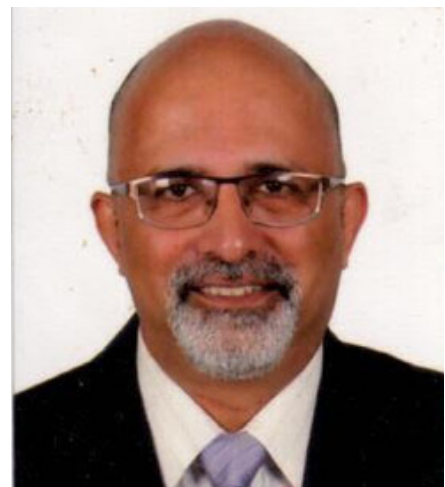
**Er. Pradeep Kumar Madhavan**  
JAAI GC Member - Kerala  
WUJA Representative - South Asia



**Mr. Thomas**  
PRO Loyola, Chennai

“**Dear Organisers, thank you for both the days...days of inspiration, days of fraternity and days of oneness as Jesuit Alumni. The whole programme has been a well planned and well executed one. Thanks to Rev. Fr .Provincial, Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Principal Mr. Chenthil Kumar President, Dr. Richard, Mr. Naveen and all the Team members. Welcome to Chennai the Land of St John De Britto.**”

“**Coming home to the Alma Mater is always emotional. At the JAAI South India Congress hosted by the St Aloysius College, Mangalore Alumni it was more than just a reunion. The registration and hospitality were handled down to the minutest details with personal calls. Pick up at arrival in personal vehicles made me feel like an honoured guest - though I was coming home. Choice of topics and worthy speakers, the entertainment, involvement of present students enriched the delegates. Thank you SACAA and your marvelous team for setting very high standards, and leaving heartwarming memories.**”



**Mr. Naveen Joseph Fernandes**  
Certified Financial Planner  
Karnataka Province

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**From left Mr Ram Prakash (Keral Province), Mr D Ramesh (Andhra and Telangana Province), Dr Richard Gonsalves (Karnataka Province), Mr Thomas (Chennai Province), Mr S Mani (Madurai Province)**

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## MS. LILLY PAIS

### ALOYSIUS ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH APRIL 2022

For the extraordinary achievements and service to the  
cause of sports and games . . .



**M**s. Lilly Pais, an all-rounder who excelled in a variety of sports, used to travel to college at 6 a.m. in vegetable and fish vans and return home by 7 p.m. after Volleyball and athletics practice. This alone shows her level of dedication to sports. A sports prodigy, she would regularly compete in state and national level Women's Kabaddi Tournaments, winning medals on the go, while also representing Mangalore University in Volleyball Tournaments. She garnered numerous accolades from St. Aloysius College, including "Excellence in Sports for Best-Outgoing Student of the Year," and was named the college's first woman to accomplish tremendous

heights after the introduction of women's sports.

Ms. Lilly Pais retained good academic credentials while thriving at sports. Following her tenure at St. Aloysius College, she earned B.P.Ed and M.P.Ed degrees from Mysore University, as well as an M.A. in Sociology from the same institution. She was appointed as a Physical Education Teacher at a government high school in 1997, and was also handed the role of Sub Inspector around the same time. In order to support the sports department, she picked the former and under her tutelage several students went on to excell at the National Level in volleyball, kabaddi, and athletics.

Notwithstanding her triumphs, Ms. Lilly Pais stays humble and thanks her family, teachers, Benjamin Sir, Fr. Leo, Fr. Alphonse, and Donnett Sir for their contributions to her career as a sportsperson. She thanks everyone, right from her mother and uncle getting her ready for the day, to Benjamin sir treating her as his daughter. She considers these notable individuals to be the backbone of her athletic journey.

When asked about her motto, she says, "I believe that we should always leave our ego aside and be ready to sacrifice ourselves to face any obstacle that comes in our way". She believes that in order to progress we must pay heed to our elders, and keep trying even when we fail. She strongly believes that participation and not winning is what counts in life. As she expresses her gratitude to St. Aloysius College for guiding and helping her pursue a great athletic career, we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

  
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