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Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor-ST. Aloysius "Deemed To
Be University".
Director -SACAA

Message from the Director...

My dear Members of SACAA and the alumni community,

At the outset, let me place on record the invaluable service rendered by the current President, Secretary, Treasurer and each and every member of the Executive Council. They are beacons of light and inspiration to the Alumni of this University. It has been a year filled with a lot of meaningful projects and events that have enhanced the name and image of the institution.

We are at a crucial transition period moving with passion and excitement into the University ecosystem for the last few months. It is with great satisfaction that I like to inform you all that several new UG & PG programmes have been initiated in the very first year of attaining the University status. The ambitious project of the construction of the University Administrative Block has already started. The university is seriously working towards starting the School of Engineering with cutting edge select programmes from the upcoming academic year. Besides, we have been working towards initiating the School of Legal Studies integrated with some of the undergraduate programmes. It is our earnest endeavour to put in place some of the trending and job-oriented programmes as well as significantly increase the student enrolment. I would like to invite all alumni of the institution to continue to support the University. Your engagement, support and goodwill will definitely boost the effectiveness of our efforts and motivation. The University invites all alumni chapters to join hands in evolving a robust academic, infrastructural, extracurricular and outreach initiatives.

I am especially impressed with the collaborative efforts of SACAA during the last few months. Your engagement will go a long way in enhancing the public image and visibility of the University at the national and international levels.

I like to thank all the alumni of this prestigious University for their constant and generous support. Let us add value to this association by infusing added diversity, equity and inclusivity for higher and global recognition.

Congratulations to Team SACAA for standing by the University.

Regards.

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor-ST. Aloysius "Deemed To Be University".
Director- SACAA





Mr Sunil Kunder K.
President- SACAA

President speaks.. Conclusive phase..

Dear All...

Hearty Salutations and Warmest greetings!

Time flies...At this moment of gratitude and gratification for completion of my tenure, as I am due for handing over the baton to the next leader, I am engrossed in my introspective thoughts on the time that flew by!

At the outset of bringing my gushing thoughts into words I wish to express my gratitude towards the University, Faculty and Fellow Alumni for giving me an opportunity to serve the association at the helm of affairs.

My tenure began in September 2022., with all the meticulous planning in place.

Our Mission was to keep the interaction between Alumni and Students, effervescent and well organized.

We needed to create a permanent, invaluable niche for SACAA.

At the top of our focus, was to gain immense results in keeping SACAA an active, vibrant and a continuously nonstop integral part of the Institution.

Our Mission ahead was,

- *To provide overall voluntary leadership to all activities of the association. Work throughout the tenure of 2 years to see that goals are implemented and outcomes are shared broadly.*
- *To Chair the meetings, participate in strategic planning.*
- *To Oversee the activities of all the committees.*
- *To Share, promote and solicit feedback about the University's needs with SACAA.*
- *To Make an attempt to attend many events of our Alma mater, both on the campus and regionally as possible.*

We conducted number of Knowledge Sharing/Awareness talk /Career guidance sessions, mostly our successful Alumni were at the center stage, as resource persons.

I feel very much content and glad to Summarize our total activities so far as detailed herewith:

- 1. Awareness talk programs: 10 numbers.*
- 2. SACAA Participation events: 32 numbers.*
- 3. Felicitation programs: 5 Numbers.*





4. Social Responsibility: 6 events.

- i) Free Medical Camp - 1 number.
- ii) Planting Fruit bearing saplings- 4 events.
- iii) Diploma course on 'Herbal medicines & Prevention of diseases' for Prison inmates.

5. SACAA Traditional events:

- i) SACAA Sports Day(Cricket & Throw ball) - 2 numbers -2023 & 2024.
- ii) SACAA Reunion Days- 2 Numbers - 2023 & 2024.
- iii) SACAA Picnic - 2 Numbers- 2023 & 2024. iv) Our interaction with Jesuit Alumni all over India.

Now, soon to be a “bygone era”; my tenure has been an accumulation of memories which are carefully ensconced and they keep traversing in regular random directions as definitely a permanent treasure for the remaining times of my life.

Be it the company of scholarly faculty,

Recurrences of feelings of formative days and importing of the school moments into the mind, as a “back to school” experience; while frequenting our high school environs as our office of SACAA situated there necessitates were all precious.

An opportunity to share the dais with Rev.Fr.Head master and Rev.Fr.Rector on the high school annual day-2023 as a Chief guest was the epitome.

Conducting Reunion events successfully in 2023 and 2024 gave immense feelings of gratification.

SACAA participation during NAAC audits and thereafter being an all time moral support until the Institution reached the coveted 'Deemed to be University' status has etched an indelible imprint in our mind.

The felicitation of Staff - Teaching/Non teaching for 25 years of service and Felicitation of renowned alumni;

My participation in the hearty moments of farewell to passing out batches in both the years of 2023/24, of our college; speaking candidly about my formative years of schooling and sharing the memories of my “Adolescent - turning point years” in the PU college, are all unforgettable. All the moments in my term are blessings to my repertoire of golden memories.

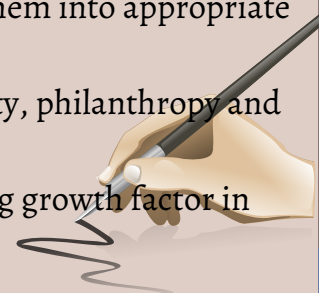
In coming days, as part of my constant association, I aim to encourage alumni and friends of the University to generously support the institution by means of leaving a glowing legacy. Our goal of fostering a lasting connection with the Alma mater shall result in a stronger Alumni Association.

Common goals for an alumni engagement plan shall include to identify and cultivate partnerships with alumni and enhance the impact of the alumni community globally.

Evaluate the needs, expectations, and attitudes of various alumni groups, and segment them into appropriate groups for better engagement.

Alumni is not only a bundle of nostalgia. He is bound by the gratitude, social responsibility, philanthropy and he is always a catalyst in bringing better tomorrow for the future generations.

All along the growth trajectory of the Institution, Alumni can be instrumental in providing growth factor in academics and sports.





While encouraging more and more abroad chapters, we shall strive to magnify the magnitude of our annual Reunion event so as to have multitudes of Alumni interaction.

I am very confident that, in coming years SACAA will grow exponentially, while all the time keeping in pace with the growth of our Institution.

'The true measure of success is the impact we make on others.'

Let us continue to support and uplift each other, and our beloved university.

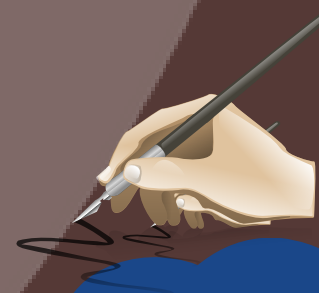
Thanking each and every miniscule of help,awakening, guidance, expertise, knowledge from exemplifying beacons,morale boosters, consolations, awareness and all the bright spots which we can gain by being with the universe of our Alma mater.

I wish all the very best to all.

“Keep shining!”

Sunil Kunder K.

President - SACAA





Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa
Editor-SACAA

"Editor's Note..."

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do." — Steve Jobs

My dear friends in SACAA,

Last few months have been eventful and vibrant for SACAA. The plethora of activities, events, volunteering and collaborative initiatives with like-minded individuals and organizations, was the hallmark of this season. It has been a time for coming together, working together and having fun together. The members of SACAA had wonderful opportunities to share delightful moments with their peers in the true Aloysian spirit. It is heartening to know that SACAA continued its commitment to society by initiating some of the enabling and meaningful projects during this season. The collaboration with the University projects and with the University Students' Council for observing the Teachers' Day, partnering for the Aloysian Fest-2024 and felicitation to Sri Ivan D'Souza, MLC have been some of the exemplary moves towards deeper engagement with the alma mater. While some of the members have been leading from the front, others lent their supportive and accompanying hands for the success of the activities.

The membership drive for SACAA has yielded rich dividends and the enrolments are increasing significantly in the recent past. The Placement Cell has facilitated this enhancement. Their service is to be commended. The visibility of SACAA in the events and initiatives of the University needs a special mention.

The University has been taking giant strides in the right direction in the last season. We have launched a unique series of Public Lectures called "Arogya Vahini" wherein eminent doctors with expertise on various issues and concerns of healthcare are roped in to interact with the staff, students and also members of the public of Mangaluru. Our esteemed alumni are cordially invited to take benefit from these interactive sessions.

Our heartfelt gratitude is due to the President, Secretary and Office bearers as well as the vibrant Executive Council members for a year for their dynamism and creativity facilitating eye-catching events and socially oriented initiatives throughout the year and for keeping the SACAA flag fluttering high.

Long Live SACAA!

Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa
Editor-SACAA





**GET TOGETHER OF BBA STUDENTS AFTER 25
YEARS
GRADUATED IN THE YEAR 1999 AT ST
ALOYSIUS COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS.
ON 13-07-2024**



Fruit bearing plants- planting of saplings.

From 1st July to 14th July.



ST ALOYSIUS INSTITUTIONS

MANGALURU 575003 - INDIA

FRUIT TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Let's plant a sapling for a better tomorrow!

St Aloysius Institutions invites all environment enthusiasts from Mangaluru to participate in our exciting new initiative: a **fruit tree plantation drive** that aims to turn Mangaluru into a fruit city.

Fruit tree saplings (locally grown) will be provided **free of cost**.

REV FR. MELWIN PINTO SJ
RECTOR

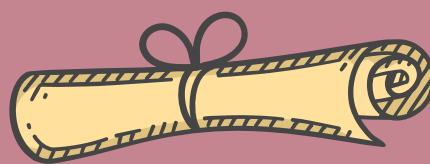
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Date : 12th August 2024

**Felicitation for Ivan D'souza -
Member of Legislative Council,
Karnataka..
An alumnus of St.Aloysius College.**



To Commemorate St Aloysius Deemed to be University in
securing 58 th rank in NIRF.



**ST ALOYSIUS**
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
ESTD : 1880 MANGALURU 575003 - INDIA

**St Aloysius College
has been Ranked**

58

**in NIRF 2024 by Ministry of Education,
Government of India**

(Significant improvement from 80th Rank in 2023 to 58th Rank in 2024)

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Management, Staff, Students and Alumni

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor



THE LAUNCH OF THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN 'HERBAL MEDICINES AND DISEASE PREVENTION' FOR THE PRISON INMATES IN THE DISTRICT JAIL AND THE INAUGURATION OF THE 'SASI MARATA KENDRA' BY MULLAI MUHILAN MP THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, IN THE PRESENCE OF RAVINDRA M JOSHI, PRL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE.. ON 20-08-2024







St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University) Mangaluru in Association with District Legal Services Authority Organizes

*For the Transformation of Mind and Self Reliant living with dignity,
For the Jail inmates of the District Prison in Mangaluru*

**Diploma Course in
"HERBAL MEDICINES AND DISEASE PREVENTION"**

**Date 20.08.2024 Time 10.00 am
Venue: District Prison, Mangaluru**

**Inauguration: Sasi Marata Kendra
Sri Mullai Muhilan MP
Deputy Commissioner, DK, Mangaluru**

**Inauguration: Diploma Course in
"Herbal Medicines and Disease Prevention"
Sri Ravindra M Joshi
Prl. District and Sessions Judge**

Chief Guests
**Book Release: Herbal Medicines & Disease Prevention
Srimati Shobha B.G.
Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mangaluru**

**Dr Ronald Nazareth
Registrar, St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University)**

**Dr Alwyn D'Sa
Registrar, St Aloysius College (Autonomous)**

**Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
President
Vice Chancellor St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru**

**Prof. Edmund Frank
Course Organiser
St Aloysius (Deemed To Be University)
Mangaluru.**

**Sri B.T. Obaleshappa
Superintendent
And Staff District Prison,
Mangaluru.**



**PROF EDMUND FRANK ATTENDING THE JESUIT
ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA, GC MEETING AT ST.
JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NORTH POINT, DARJEELING.
SCHEDULED ON 24TH - 25TH AUGUST 2024**



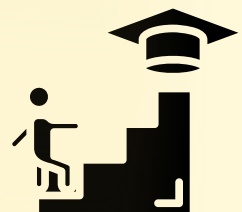
**ANNUAL GET TOGETHER OF B .COM 1970 BATCH
ORGANISED AT ADEEPA COMFORT
on 29th AUGUST 2024.**



**TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION STONE OF "DEEMED TO BE
UNIVERSITY" - VIDYA VANDHAN.
ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2024**



**LAUNCH OF BOOK TITLED "HERBAL MEDICINES
AND DISEASE PREVENTION "AUTHORED BY
PROF. EDMUND FRANK.**



Felicitation programme of Capt. Brijesh Chowta on 12th September 2024 Hon. Member of Parliament - Alumnus of SAC



ARTICLES BY ALUMNA

Position : i. TV / Movie actress.
ii Artist- Bharathanatyam Dance.
Pass out year : 2014-2016



“Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu GururDevoMaheshwaraha
Guruhsakshath ParaBrahma Tasmayee Shree GuraveNamaha”

We sing this shloka every time before we practice or perform. Traditionally, we first invoke the Nataraja and then proceed to thank our teachers for putting us in touch with this spirituality. I think this shloka forms the gist of this article and the journey I have traversed. From when I was a little girl who simply wanted to learn dance, to the girl I am now who has given speeches as Chief guest at both Aloysious and Nitte Deemed to be University, I believe my teachers and elders have worked really hard so that my path would get easier. My parents were my first and the most important teachers. My father had keen interest in movies and respected the performing arts very much. He used to bring me CDs of dances by Vyjayanthimala, Madhuri Dixit, Sridevi, Rekha, Aishwarya Rai etc. Watching them, I developed a curiosity towards dance and a flair for storytelling. Amma was not a dancer but she would help me decode all these dances I watched, and would go out of her way to teach me whatever she could. Soon, I demanded that I wanted to learn dance formally and my parents took me to visit all the dance teachers in Mangalore so we could find someone who would teach me at the age of 4. As the feet are very soft until the age of 6, most teachers asked me to come back later. But my teacher, Guru Shreemati Geetha Saralaya gave me an option. I could sit and watch my seniors perform until I was old enough to learn myself. I agreed heartily! I would therefore watch my seniors perform in class, then come back home and perform everything I had seen, for my mother. And through this, my dance teacher taught me her first lesson- that art forms need patience, passion and persistence, and that you cannot fix a period of time or shell out money to achieve them. And thus began my odyssey of dance and performance!

When I began 11th std at St Aloysius PUC, I took up PCMB. But I was rarely in classes. Always busy in a show or rehearsals, I spent most of my time on stages and in front of the camera. If not for the wonderful teachers that guided me, I would have been lost! Whether it was practicing during and after class hours, or deciding the theme for our play, or even performing for college day with absolutely no rehearsal before (due to my shoot schedules), my teachers placed immense trust on me. When I feared and doubted myself with regards to studies, they filled me with confidence. They stayed at the campus for extra hours, provided me with extra coaching just before my board exams (because I had missed months of classes due to shoot), with no expectations at all but from a simple desire to see me

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achieve. No matter where I go today, when someone stresses on the fact that I scored 98% in PCMB despite my involvement in cultural activities, I always feel a warm gratitude in my heart towards my teachers who went beyond their way so that my biodata could have this wonderful line etched on it. I was no brilliant student. I was simply passionate, hardworking and respected my teachers deeply from my heart. In return, I have always received great love and support from St Aloysius institution. Recently, I was awarded as one of the first five Aloysius Youth Icons. This was a very big moment of celebration and gratitude for me. My alma mater's appreciation felt like a warm hug from a father. It filled me with more drive for my journey ahead. I hope I can make my alma mater proud in my own little ways and live up to this trust and responsibility it has gifted me.

Success, as we loosely define it, came to me differently at different stages. I spent many years trying to learn my craft. I invested a lot of time in honing my skill. I still don't think I am a great dancer or an actor. Art is an unbelievably large ocean of knowledge and possibilities, and every day there is something new to learn. I always try to keep my focus on learning and submitting my service to art, and not on the returns I get. But art has always given me gifts I cannot put a value on. In recent times, through the medium of television, I have received more love and appreciation than I ever expected. This love comes with its own responsibilities. The most important and the most difficult one, that I struggle with and constantly remind myself about, is to be a good person. It is overwhelming when strangers place you at a pedestal and look at you as an inspiration. And hence, like the motto of St. Aloysius- "Lucet Et Ardet" says, I always try to shine so that I can enkindle my society, my country and my fellow human beings. It is something that I will have to practice all my life, but when I am able to bring even the smallest positive change in someone else's life through my art or through an act of goodwill, it truly feels rewarding.

Pursuing a career in performing arts is, I think, as difficult as any other field. Every job comes with its own set of challenges. I have had times when I was doubtful, times when I decided to give up. But I always had people around me that motivated me to step into unknown waters, to do something that I was fearful of, and who patted my back no matter how small my achievements. My truest achievement therefore, is finding these people and holding them close in my heart. And to all these teachers who taught me about subjects, humanity and life, I extend a heartfelt letter of gratitude. Whenever I do well at something, I see their eyes shine with pride and their smiles reflecting unconditional love, and it is in these eyes and smiles that I define my success.

ARTICLES BY ALUMNUS

DR. SURYA N R ADDOOR

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PROJECT SCIENTIST, EMPRI, BENGALURU, GOVT. OF KARNATAKA
EX-MEMBER, STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE, KARNATAKA
ALUMNUS: 1974 SSLC BATCH.
1979 B.SC.(CBZ) BATCH.**



Estuaries – A Unique Ecosystems

Climate change is damaging many important ecosystems around the world. It may cause sea level rise, resulting in massive sea erosion, loss of seashore habitat, an increase in seawater level and water temperature, and alter present-day patterns of rain, water, and wind circulation. Estuaries are one such unique ecosystem of the world that is drastically changing due to anthropogenic and natural interventions. Estuaries can be defined as semi-enclosed coastal water bodies connected to the sea and have a salinity different from the adjacent sea due to freshwater input; in other words, estuaries are typically found where rivers join the sea. It harbours unique plant and animal communities due to their brackish water – a mixture of freshwater draining from the land and salty seawater. The estuaries tend to be tide-dominated. It provides a wider variety of ecosystem services and an increased delivery of societal benefits than many other ecosystems. Hence, estuaries are one of the most valuable aquatic ecosystems serving human needs. Estuaries are one of the most productive ecosystems in the world. The estuaries comprise only 8% of the total area of the ocean. However, estuaries and near sea shore areas accounted for 50% of the world fisheries harvest. Many faunal species rely on estuaries for food and as places to nest and breed.

Estuaries have more human-induced pressure than other ecosystems; they need to respond to the consequences of external, natural and anthropogenic influences. The recent anthropogenic pressure, particularly after globalisation, has resulted in significant land use and land cover changes. These threats negatively impact the ecology of estuaries. The following photographs substantiate the above findings.



THE ALTERED ESTUARY DUE TO HUMAN INTERVENTION



The natural estuary

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In the case of a natural estuary, the mouth of the estuary shifts due to tidal and seasonal changes. It creates different kinds of benthic habitats with a certain amount of wilderness and harbours a variety of living organisms. But, in an altered estuary, the mouth of the estuary is fixed by the construction of the sea wall using boulders and concrete structures thereby altering the benthic habitat.

The main anthropogenic activities which are a threat to the ecology of the estuarine ecosystems are identified. They are sand mining, real estate activities, construction of roads, check dams, industries, industrial effluents and petroleum by-products, sewage, unscientific ways of fishing, and tourism. Another major issue that is negatively contributing to the estuary includes the removal of mangrove vegetation. Mangroves are found in the estuarine portions where unique trees and shrubs have grown and they are resistant to saline habitat, strong tidal currents and fluctuations of water levels. Mangroves stabilize the estuarine embankments against erosion. They play a very important role in maintaining a healthy estuarine ecosystem by providing shelter, breeding place and protection for aquatic and marine species, and an ideal habitat for a variety of terrestrial fauna. Mangroves play a major role in estuarine protection and act as a source of nutrients that sustain many complex food chains. The area under Mangroves has rapidly decreased in recent years due to fishing and agricultural activities, fuel wood, fodder and other human activities.

The ecological threats that have been identified could be useful in developing conservation strategies to save estuaries. Because the estuaries' distinct ecology is so delicate, a science-based conservation strategy is required. Furthermore, it is impossible to put a monetary value on the aesthetic and recreational value of estuarine habitats.



Release of T shirts - Merchandise to commemorate the attainment of "Deemed to be University" status.



Recognitions and Accolades

Rev.Fr.Prashanth Madtha was Principal of SAC.



HALL OF FAME

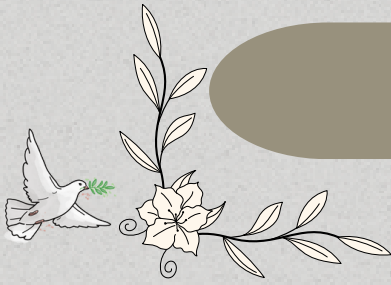


FR PRASHANT MADTHA SJ

RENOWNED WRITER IN KANNADA & KONKANI
AUTHOR OF 'PADANIDHI' THE VERY FIRST EVER KANNADA THESAURUS
KNOWN FOR HIS COLUMN 'CHAKITACHITTA' IN UDAYAVANI – KANNADA DAILY
THE INDIA TODAY WEEKLY, IN 2008,
SELECTED HIM AS ONE OF THE '50 PIONEERS OF CHANGE IN INDIA'.

PROUD ALOYSIAN





Memories never Fade Away



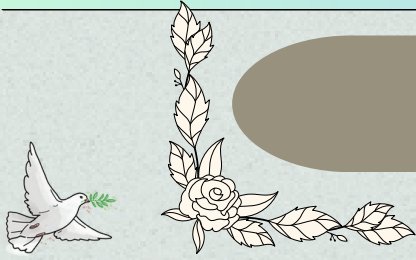
Mr. John B. Monteiro - Past Secretary of SACAA
Renowned author, 'Laughter Guru' John B Monteiro
passes away at 86



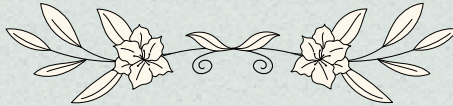
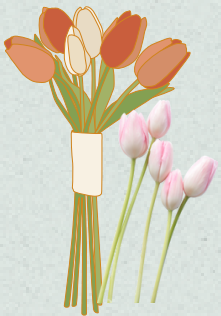
Alfie D'Souza - Press Reporter,
Alumnus of SACAA and close associate of SACAA



Memories never Fade Away



Fr. Anand Pereira SJ - A known close
associate of SACAA



Samosa ajja (Mallikarjuna Magundappa Malagi)
Thank you for all the memories created in the last 44
years at St Aloysius Campus

