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# Alumnus of the Month

**January 2022**



**Brigadier I. N. Rai**

**February 2022**



**Mr Roy Castelino**

*Congratulations*

**We are proud to call you Aloysians!!**

# Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

SACAA wishes you the best of health and safety.

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of the SACAA Newsletter! This newsletter will keep you up to date on what's going on at the Aloysius campus. Our previous newsletter was well-received by our valued readers. We received numerous recommendations from you all, which we gratefully adopted. This issue is exceptionally unique since Mr Sunil Kunder, a SACAA Executive member, has written an article on 'Alvana.' We ask that you continue to send us your views, ideas, and stories so that we can include them in our upcoming edition.

As always, the Men at the Helm section of the Newsletter continues. The next Rectors and Principals in the series are mentioned here. We have the Alumni of the month (January & February). We congratulate them for their achievement. Activities of different Institutions are also brought for you all.

SACAA website is also active now. You can register yourself and become a member. The link for the same: [Register](#)

SACAA Reunion 2022 was held on 26 February 2022, You can read about the same in this issue. We hope to hear from you all with further recommendations and comments. If you have any stories and thoughts to share, you can write to the editor at [vaishputh1997@gmail.com](mailto:vaishputh1997@gmail.com)

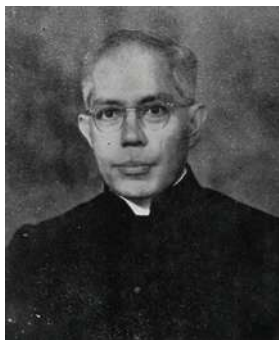
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Ms Vaishali Puthran  
Editor



# MEN AT THE HELM

## PRINCIPALS



Fr Emmanuel J. Jacques SJ

1949-1955

Fr Emmanuel J. Jacques knew he had inherited a bundle of responsibilities from Fr Joseph Coelho. A highly placed Gazetted Officer Fr Emmanuel renounced his exalted office and joined the Jesuits. He was able to consolidate, stabilize and keep smoothly going the big enterprise that St Aloysius had become.

An astute administrator, a lecturer of Astronomy in the college, he had established a name for himself for the thoroughness with which he prepared his lessons. He was also an eloquent and impressive public speaker.

## RECTORS



Fr Emmanuel J. Jacques SJ

1949-1955

During the tenure of Fr Albert Saldanha it was an uneasy period of transition in the history of our college. First the college was affiliated by the Government to the Karnataka University- which lasted for one year. Next it was tagged on to the University of Mysore.

It was Fr Albert's courageous trust in God, determination and energy that enabled him to guide the Institution during this difficult period. For the boys and the general public, Fr Albert was the 'The Bandmaster,' as music was his hobby and joy.



Fr Albert J. Saldanha SJ

1955-1959



Fr Albert J. Saldanha SJ

1955-1959

Fr Sylvester Monteiro was an ardent exponent of human relations in education. During his tenure, the portico to the admin block was added. He was also behind the construction of the main auditorium 'Deva Mahime Gelge' and 'Open Air Stage.'

Two years is a very short period for any Rector or Principal to leave a mark on his work. But not for Fr Monteiro. He had his share of vision and ideas that went with it.



Fr Sylvester Monteiro SJ

1959-1961



Fr Sylvester Monteiro SJ

1959-1961

# ALVANA- Sustainable Biodiversity Arboretum

- Mr Sunil Kunder

Source: Mr Arjun Mascarenhas



**Mr Sunil Kunder K, SACAA Executive Committee member, is a versatile and active member of SACAA. In 1983, he received his B.Tech (Mechanical) from NITK. For the past 34 years, he has worked as a Mechanical Engineer on different Oil & Gas Exploration Projects. He has worked on numerous projects in the Middle East, Africa, and Kazakhstan, among other places. He is also a member of the Red Cross and a member of the Rotary Club.**



**AL is short form for Aloysius & Vana means forest in Kannada, mononymously called as ALVANA is an enthusiastic vision being brought into reality in stages, under the umbrella of St Aloysius Institutions.**

**SACAA has conceptualized this project and under the constant pursuit of our alumnus and SACAA rep. EC member Mr Arjun Mascarenhas, this, one of the rarest kinds of confluence of varied parameters of Biodiversity venture, is being shaped up at peripheral terrains of St Aloysius Institutions.**

**Our aim is to create an ambience of Biodiversity with all the possible motivation to achieve a natural balance in the eco systems surrounding our Alma mater. We will constantly endeavor to enthrall the patronage of our Alumni and We hope to achieve constant support from one and all of any sections of the Society.**



# Salient Features:



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## Miyawaki plantation (Urban mini-forests):

As compared to conventional plantation techniques, the Miyawaki approach can plant up to 30 times more trees of diverse native species in the same area. Our emphasis will be imparted mostly on endangered flora from the Western Ghats which are medicinal, flowering & fruit bearing.

Miyawaki's biggest advantage is that it requires no maintenance after the first three years of plantation. They help lower temperatures in concrete heat islands aka concrete-jungles, reduce air and noise pollution, attract local birds and insects, and create carbon sinks.

Three areas are earmarked for Miyawaki method of plantation at Alvana.



Miyawaki Plantation

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## Fruit Garden

We had planted several fruit bearing saplings in the initial stages of the project, at the land scape that we created by levelling the slopes designated for the Fruit Garden. In order to gain the participatory energy and patronage from our Alumni and from all the members of Institution, we have a scheme of 'Own a tree'!

Members who have owned a specific tree or trees have financially helped us. They have donated stipulated amount in Rupees and this will assist us in maintaining the trees.

Every plant has a QR code which reveals all the information such as name of the species, owner's name and many other details. It also has Geo tagging facility, which helps in enabling the owner to trace his adopted plants.

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## Butterfly Garden

An area designated will have some specific host plants which primarily bear vivid colors and alluring scented flowers.

This section will be constantly upgraded to provide a hospitable environment for butterflies. Periodical sighting of butterflies will be carried out to gain statistical information of different species of homecoming butterflies.

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## Bird Hotel and Insect Hotel

Another major part of nurturing Biodiversity is to create hospitable habitat for the Birds & Insects. It is alarming to know that, currently millions of species are on the verge of extinction. We are aiming to entice the Insects and Birds back into their natural habitat by means of outdoor furniture called Bird and Insect Hotels.

These hotels are crafted to provide their requirements, for them to set up their homes. For example for insects, these structures contain holes that are of varying diameters on wooden blocks, hollow trunks, and diverse materials that offer ventilation inside the structures. As different insect species prefer different sized holes, the holes are 5, 10, 15, and 20 millimetres in diameter.

Bird Hotel will have Bird Nests (hanging coir weavings and wooden box, hollow wooden logs), Bird Baths and Bird Feeders.

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## Fish Ponds

Old defunct tanks - 3 numbers, are going to be revamped and they will be resurrected into lively fish ponds as we have planned to foster edible fish in them.

Areas are already marked up for these activities.

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## Bee farming

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## Organic farming

100% organic and natural! No chemicals and synthetic origin fertilizers. Only cow dung, composted leaves mixture used.

Currently 15 varieties of vegetable seeds are sown. Another 15 varieties can be easily added.

Apart from yield, it is mainly for purpose of education for our students.

Currently, we have initiated 3 hives and the bees are successfully inducted into the environment. The readymade hives are arranged so that bees have comfort zone in getting acclimatized to the environment. For example, bees need small holes of 150 mm depth. If the holes are too small, they will lay only female eggs, not final male egg. This prevents the particular colony from perpetuating itself.

It is expected to have abundant sources of nectar from the whole garden, which will be resulting in thriving of bees and consequently, the honey which is the sweet outcome can work as a catalyst for supporting this effort monetarily, on preserving this whole flora. Also this endeavor provides immense information to the students & visitors to cultivate their own ventures.

# Epilogue

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To use Biodiversity in a sustainable manner means, to use natural resources at a rate that the Earth can renew them. It's a way to ensure that we meet the needs of both present and future generations. We can imagine the pressure on the eco systems. We have reached the limits of earth's capacity.

Our National population was 34 crores in 1947. And as of today 2022, it is 140 crores; apparently exponential growth of the population has had its impact on nature. Rapid gorging of natural resources resulting in crash of eco systems is alarming.

Look at this one of the recent examples in our coastal area: Ransacking sand from river bed and resultant price had to be paid as we have scarcity of edible clams due to their reduced multiplication as their habitat has been plundered! Although it is an ubiquitous phenomenon to have rules like 'predator- prey' or an order of 'survival of the fittest' ; each and every living being has significant role in nature.

Imbalance in eco systems occur time to time and catastrophe results. It is our collective responsibility to protect our mother earth. What if we still do not think many times before using a single use plastic wisely and consequently we get to hear that micro plastics are conquering to such an extent that they have been found to have entered even the cells of placenta!

Let us all pledge to protect our environment for the present generation and for our future generations.

**Source: Arjun Mascarenhas  
Compiled by: Sunil Kunder K.**



**Fruit Garden**



**First yield of SPINACH in Alvana**



**Insect Hotel**



# What's Happening at Aloysius ?

## St Aloysius Gonzaga School's Shinead Fernandes' book 'The Incident' released



Age Doesn't Matter to Be an Author proves 14-Yr-Old Shinead Fernandes who released her maiden book 'THE INCIDENT' on 24th February 2022, at St Aloysius Gonzaga School.

She is a child prodigy and an exceptionally gifted student. She will be definitely an inspiration for all the Gonzagaites. 'The Incident', by Shinead, is the first edition of a six book-long series, Celestium, and is going to be followed by five more books.

## Beach cleanliness drive organized by St Aloysius P U College

The student volunteers of the Centre for Social Concern at PU College conducted a beach cleaning drive recently at Tannirbavi.

The members cleared the plastic and other non-biodegradable waste which was later handed over to Mangaluru City Corporation. The drive helped to create awareness among the students on cleanliness in the public places.

Active and enthusiastic participation of the students and staff made the beach clean-up drive an inspiring success.



# What's Happening at Aloysius ?

## 'Musical Day - 2022' held at St Aloysius PU College

The campus of St Aloysius PU College, Mangaluru was buzzing with energy as the vibes of music created a euphoric moment for the students with the celebration of 'Musical Day - 2022' in the College Pretorium.

Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector, St Aloysius Institutions presided over the programme and Mr Joel Rebello J, Music Director and Composer was the chief guest.



The event was a witness to the ebullient performance of talented young musicians, singers, dancers and a wide variety of budding talented performers. The band, songs, dance and the witty emcees created electrifying moments which the students savored to the content of their hearts.

The hard work of the student convenors, Anoop Rao, Manhitha Sunil, Joel Pinto, Russell Rodriques and Krithin Kamath made this well organized event a memorable one. Musical day was fabulous experience for the students, a day filled with music, dance, lots of fun and entertainment.

Rev Fr. Clifford Sequeira SJ, Principal, Rev. Fr Sujay Daniel SJ, the Campus Minister, Vice Principals Mrs. Charlotte D'Souza and Mr Muralikrishna G.M. , Dean, Dr. Pradeep M, Staff convenors and Mrs Fiona Moras and Mrs Aleen Crasta, Mr. Aaron Prince, Hip- Hop Rapper, representative of Dept of Culture, Mangalore and Student Convenors were also present on the occasion.



# What's Happening at Aloysius ?

## Campus Bird Count held at St Aloysius Institutions

Campus Bird Count 2022 was held in various campuses across India from the 18th to the 21st of February as part of the 'Great Backyard Bird Count' hosted by Bird Count India in collaboration with eBIRD. This year, over 262 colleges participated in this massive birding event to document the avian fauna on their campuses.

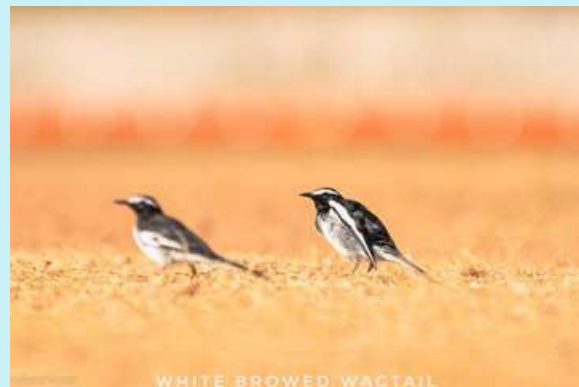
This is the fourth year that St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru has participated in this event. This year, in addition to the main campus, campus bird count was done for the first time at St Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT) in Kotekar Beeri, which is spread across 17 acres. The Department of Zoology organised the Campus Bird Count 2022.



The three-day birding event (19th to 21st February) resulted in the identification of 26 species of birds in St Aloysius College Mangaluru Campus and 35 species of birds on the AIMIT campus.



Rose Ringed Parakeet



White Browed Wagtail

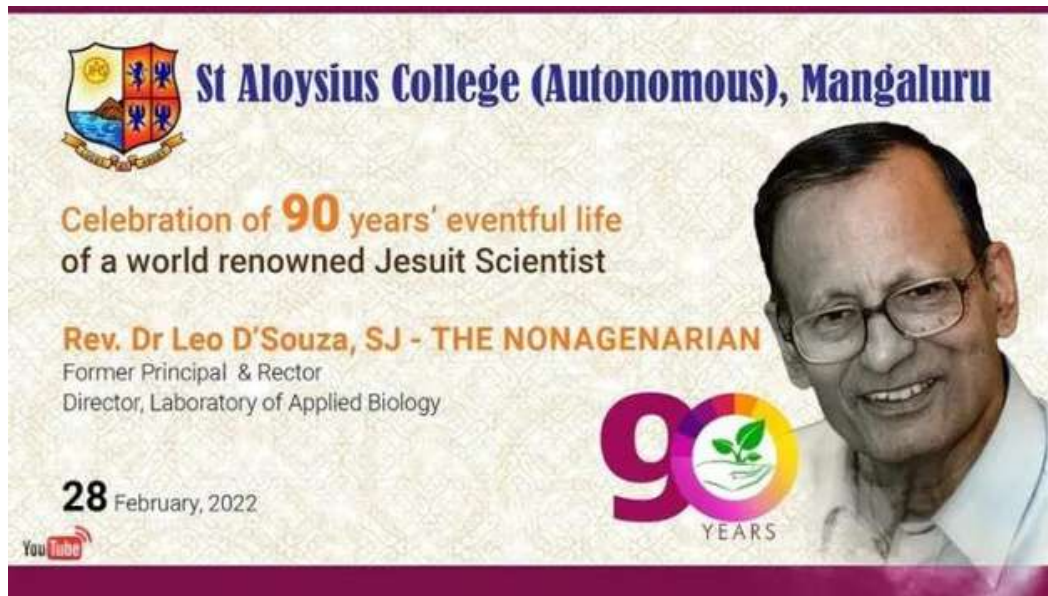


Golden Oriole



Asian Koel

# What's Happening at Aloysius ?



## Celebration of 90 years of Rev. Dr Leo D'Souza SJ



# SACAA Activities

## Bird Feeder and Bird Nest Making Competition

A Bird Feeder and Bird Nest Making Competition was organised by St Aloysius Institutions and the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA). Students from various institutions (Gonzaga School, Primary School, PU College, High School, and Degree College) actively participated. Innovation, usability, and the use of environmentally friendly materials were among the judging criteria.

The judgement was done by Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar, St Aloysius College, Mr J. S. Stephen Pinto, President, SACAA, Mr Anil Kumar J, Joint Secretary, SACAA, Ms Vaishali Puthran, Office Administrator, SACAA along with Mr Arjun Mascarenhas, SACAA Executive member and Co-ordinator, Alvana.



The prize distribution was held on 8th February 2022, where Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector, St Aloysius Institutions and Mr J. S. Stephen Pinto, President, SACAA gave the certificates and cash prizes to the winners. The First Prize winners are also going to own a tree on their name.

Participants from various institutions came for the Prize Distribution ceremony. There was also an exhibition at the SACAA Office, which exhibited all of the bird feeders and nests. Some of the bird feeders and nests obtained from students will be placed for study purposes at Alvana and other locations around the Institution.

# SACAA Activities

## SACAA REUNION

### The Annual Dinner Meet





After a long break from the pandemic, the much-awaited SACAA Reunion bash was organised on 26 February 2022 at St Aloysius High School ground. The Chief Guests for the event were Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions and Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, the Principal of St Aloysius College. Following an invocation to seek God's blessing, the welcome address was delivered by Prof Edmund Frank, the Convener of SACAA Reunion.

The patron of SACAA and Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, Fr Melwin Pinto SJ in his speech stressed the importance of the Alumni Association in an educational institution and invited the members to strengthen SACAA further by actively participating in their activities.

On the occasion, the 90th Birthday of Fr Leo D'souza SJ, a nonagenarian and an Aloysian scientist, was also celebrated. He was felicitated for his contribution in the field of science for the institution. Mr Santhosh Hegde, a well-known singer, was the major attraction for the audience. Everyone in the audience was captivated by his sweet voice.

The Vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Stephen Pinto; the President of SACAA. The programme was beautifully compered by Mr Manoj Fernandes, Lecturer from BBA Dept.



# 'OWN A TREE' Campaign



St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) has taken an initiative where we have launched a campaign called "Own A Tree." This campaign will create among the Alumni/ae, Staff & Students, a sense of belonging to the college and environment. The main attraction of this campaign is that you have a chance to get your name on the tree, also you have an option of tracking the tree through the use of Geo-tagging. All plants would be fruit-bearing trees with QR code facility (plant information). You can also sponsor trees for your dear ones.

The funds collected by this initiative will also be used for the following purposes:

- ☐☐ 'Miyawaki Method of the plantation,' which is a one-of-a-kind forest-growing technique☐
- ☐☐ Organic farming☐
- ☐☐ Beekeeping 
- ☐☐ Bird Hotel 
- ☐☐ Insect Hotel 
- ☐☐ Butterfly Garden 

The Sponsorship Amount for the Campaign:

- ☐☐Alumni/ae - Rs 3000
- ☐☐Staff & Students - Rs 2000

We believe that small steps taken together by the college, Alumni/ae, and students can go a long way towards connecting students with their peers, elders, culture, and environment.

Please find the bank details below.

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Account No. 0046053000057587

Name of the Bank: South Indian Bank

Branch: Hampankatta

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