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Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa
Editor, SACAA



With great delight and pride we place before you yet another issue of the SACAA E-Bulletin covering the events and achievements of SACAA during the past three months.

It has been a period teeming with life and vibrancy. The association was privileged to host and conduct several programmes and events involving various stakeholders of the institution. As we enhance the credibility of the association we have also been indulging in activities that provided visibility to SACAA.

The ultimate test of any association or institution is the impact that it has on its immediate surroundings. SACAA has reinvented itself by creating platforms for people to experience the joy of giving through its philanthropic and outreach events in the past few months. The reports of the events would give you a glimpse of its service activities. SACAA has been closely associated with and deeply engaged in the activities of the College and it is wonderful to know that the registration to SACAA has been increasing in a big way in the past few months.

We are all looking forwards to the Golden batches of 1973 & 1974 in a few months from now leading to their culmination on the Annual SACAA Reunion on 12 January, 2024. All are eagerly waiting for the exciting event.

Long live SACAA!

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Dear members of the alumni,

It is with great joy and pride that I pen a few words for yet another issue of the SACAA E-Bulletin. Last few months for SACAA have been very active brimming with meaningful and gratifying activities. I am happy to inform you that the members of SACAA are like their alma mater always striving after excellence making its existence relevant and useful to the society that it represents. I like to congratulate the office bearers, executive committee members and our dear collaborators in continuing the tradition, reinventing it and serving the society in a significant way.

The alumni of any institution are the flag bearers and custodians of the long cherished vision and mission of its alma mater being ambassadors of the core values and ethos of the institution. I am happy that SACAA has been doing it for successive years incrementally enhancing the benchmarks set by the leaders.

We are approaching the festive seasons leading to the Golden Alumni Celebrations of 1973 & 1974 batches culminating in the Alumni Reunion- 2024. The excitement is in the air and all are geared to become an integral part of these festivities and get-togethers.

May the almighty shower His choicest blessings on all of you and your dear ones

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ



Dear Aloysians,

My loving greetings to all!

As usual the New academic year began and now going gorgeous all the way!

It was in last July, during the Felicitation program of one of our successful alumni, Mr.U.T.Khader, newly elected as Hon'ble Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, a valid point and definitely as an awakening to me, I heard our proud alumnus, candidly admit that neither academic excellence nor extraordinary accomplishments in co curricular activities would ensure the successful future of a student!

With all out efforts and priorities of bringing their progeny into prime time, in academics and in co curricular activities, the parents have been all the time vying to succeed to no end in all it's rightful essentiality! However the base line is that, a student who is in the making to be a successful entity in his future can never ignore the importance of cultivating following key aspects as well: communication skills, socialising traits, humanitarian-outreach and overall leadership approach which always comprises of sacrifice, practically as much less of 'self centered approach' as possible and cues manifested in organizing and unifying the communities, at the early stages of a student!

Another important milestone is of successful completion of yet another SACAA year 2022-23 and it is high time, for an introspection over the beautiful fleeting dance of moments in which, we tried our best to dedicate whatever possible service to our Alma mater, be it in felicitation programs, be it student welfare efforts, be it knowledge sharing events or activities through which we have been trying to be integral part of the Institution!

Yours Sincerely,

Sunil Kunder K.

Felicitation Program for Shri U T Khader



St Aloysius College (Autonomous) in association with St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) came together to honor the remarkable achievements of Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker U T Khader on Monday, July 24. The felicitation ceremony was a moment of pride and inspiration for all Aloysians.

Reflecting on his days at St Aloysius institutions, Shri U T Khader emphasized the vital role it played in shaping his path to success. He also shared the news that the Government of Karnataka will be introducing a programme for students on public administration and governance and the same will be implemented soon. He requested the College authorities to implement the same in the degree syllabus as a subject so that the students can benefit from it.

The enthusiastic support for this idea was evident as Rector Fr Melwin Pinto SJ warmly welcomed it and assured Speaker U T Khader of the college's commitment to implement the program in collaboration with the government, turning this vision into a reality in the near future.

The felicitation ceremony not only celebrated the accomplishments of a remarkable alumnus but also ignited the spirit of ambition and leadership among all Aloysians, inspiring them to make a positive impact on society.

Free Medical Camp for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of SAC Institutions



On September 20, 2023, St Aloysius College (Autonomous) in Mangalore, along with the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) and in collaboration with Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) Medical College and Hospital, organized a comprehensive free medical camp at the Sahodaya Hall. This event was specifically aimed at providing health services to the teaching and non-teaching staff of St Aloysius Institutions.

The initial concept for this medical camp was conceived during one of the SACAA meetings with the primary objective of ensuring the well-being of the institute's staff, particularly for early detection of cancer. The coordination and execution of this endeavor were meticulously handled by Mr. NG Mohan, the convenor, who worked closely with SACAA committee members and college staff.

The honorable Chancellor of Yenepoya University, Dr. Abdullah Kunhi, an alumnus of St Aloysius College, inaugurated the program. The event received active participation from various departments. In total, there were 305 participants, and teams from Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) Medical College and Hospital conducted a day-long medical camp that included general health screenings, dental check-ups, dermatology, oncology, and ophthalmology services.

As part of the camp, a blood donation drive was also organized, and both students and staff enthusiastically took part in this initiative.

SACAA TALKS



ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
 Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade with CGPA 3.67/4 (cycle 4)
 Ranked 80 in college category - 2023 NIRF, Ministry of Education, Government of India
 Recognised as Centre for Research Capacity Building under UGC-STRIDE Scheme
 Recognised under DBT - BUILDER Scheme, Government of India
 College with "STAR STATUS" Conferred by UGC as "College with Potential for Excellence"
 ESTD : 1880

**DEPARTMENTS OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH SACAA
 ORGANISES A GUEST TALK ON**

**MICROBIOME AND
 ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**

24/08/23
10.00 AM-12.00PM
SANIDHYA HALL

RESOURCE PERSON:
Dr. Maneesh Paul S, CEO Microvioma

Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ	Dr Hemachandra
PRINCIPAL	DEAN
Dr Vaishali Rai M	Mr Sunil Kunder K
ORGANISING SECRETARY	PRESIDENT SACAA

In collaboration with SACAA, the Undergraduate Departments of Biological Sciences and the Entrepreneurship & Consultancy Cell organized a guest lecture on "Microbiome and Antimicrobial Resistance" scheduled for 10 AM at Sanidhya Hall on August 24, 2023. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Maneesh Paul, the CEO of Microvioma, co-inventor of Enmetazobactam, and a distinguished alumnus of our institution. Dr. Paul, who initially started his career as a Clinical Microbiologist and later delved into research, shared his remarkable journey with 80 participants. During the talk, he provided an extensive overview of antibiotics, highlighted the consequences of overuse, and emphasized the importance of preserving antibiotics for the betterment of humanity's future.

Membership Drive

The outgoing students from the class of 2022-2023 have made a significant contribution by registering for lifetime membership with SACAA. This remarkable addition has boosted SACAA's total membership to well over 14,000. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these students and warmly welcome them into our community. We also encourage our esteemed alumni to consider registering with SACAA, as their participation will play a pivotal role in fostering the growth of our alumni community and enhancing the various initiatives and activities we undertake for the benefit of our students and staff at St. Aloysius Institutions

To become a part of our community, kindly follow these steps:

1. Visit our website at www.aloysiusalumni.com.
2. Select the "Lifetime Membership" option.
3. Sign in using your Gmail account.
4. Complete the necessary registration information.
5. Proceed to make your payment and then submit your registration.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member of our community.



"ALMA MATER TO HER SONS"

Members of the Association,
Know ye with what jubilation
Throbs your Mother's heart today?
What tender things she has to say/
Friends, your Mother weeps for joy.
And she sends a little boy
To greet her children in her name
And her kindest love proclaim.
"O say! Could my joy be greater" -
Thus she speaks, your Alma Mater
"Than to see the sons I bore
Unite in love for evermore!
Sing, my children, fill the fife
On this gladdest day of life!
Beat the drums and trumpets sound,
Merrily ring the joybells round!
For my sons from far and near
Gaily are assembled here.
My scions form a glorious band
Scattered all o'er India's land.
To North and South. to East and West
I send the hopefuls I have blessed.
Where'er they roam. by land or sea
My children fondly speak of me.
They spread my fame from town to town,
They are my glory and my crown.
Children. you have well begun,
Noble is the race you run.
On. on! From strength to strength advance

And your prestige ever enhance.
Play the hero in the strife
That must rage throughout your life.
Climb the summit of all knowledge.
Do all honour to your College.
The golden chain of esprit de corps
Bind you ever more and more.
One in heart and one in soul.
Forge ahead for the common goal.
Friends in weal and friends in woe.
Brothers' love to each other show.
In days of storm and wintry weather
Stand ye firmly knit together.
When blessings crown you from above
And all is smooth and peaceful love.
Know your Mother then rejoices.
Mingles with your grateful voices.
But when bewildered and forlorn.
Dark, benighted, travel worn.
When your dearest friends have parted.
Think not you're by me deserted.
Desert the child my womb hath bore!
Or its ill-fate cease to mourn!
When grief distracts and foul despair.
O think of all my love and care.
Think of the tender words I've spoken,
And now to give my last behest
To offspring nourished at my breast.
Children love ye one another
For the love ye bear your Mother.
Peace and love among you reign.
Is the burden of my strain

This message was delivered by Master John Rego during the first social gathering of Ex Aloysians on Tuesday 17th December, 1901 in the College Hall in the view of forming the Aloysian Association

Data Source: On Eagle's Wings
By Prashanth Madtha SJ



Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India(JAAI) GC meeting Hosted by St Aloysius College Alumni Association(SACAA)



The Governing Council meeting of the Federation of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) took place at Sanidhya Hall, St Aloysius College (Autonomous) in Mangalore on August 20, 2023. A fellowship and dinner for the delegates was graciously organized by the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) on August 19 at Gelge Hall. Professor Edmund Frank Convenor, gave a brief introduction. Mr Sunil Kunder President, SACAA welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Patron Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Director and SACAA Executive Committee members. The National Advisor of JAAI, Rev. Fr John Ravi, Rev Fr Melvin Pinto Rector, Mr Neel Mani Rangesh, President of JAAI spoke on the occasion. Mr Emmanuel Furtado, Secretary JAAI gave the vote of thanks and profusely thanked SACAA for hosting the event. Arrangements for the transportation of delegates to and from the airport and railway stations were expertly managed by Mr. Naveen Mascarenhas and Dr. Richard Gonsalves and the EC members of SACAA also pitched in.

The JAAI Governing Council meetings are held once every six months on a rotational basis. Last JAAI GC meeting held on 12 February 2023 in Patna. It was the turn of the South Zone this time and SACAA from Karnataka Province took up the responsibility of hosting this event. The venue for the next JAAI GC Meeting is Jamshedpur to be held on 20 February 2024.

A total of twenty-three delegates from across the Zones in India, attended the meeting. There was the zoom virtual facility for members who could not attend the meeting. After the welcome address by the President Mr Neel Mani Rangesh, Fr John Ravi, the National Adviser placed before the members his observations. Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions was a special invitee and released the book, "Pride of Kanara True Son of India, Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ" authored by the JAAI Vice President Prof. Edmund JB Frank, and took leave from the meeting venue soon after. The Secretary, Mr Emanuel Furtado, read the minutes of the last JAAI GC meeting held on 12 February 2023 in Patna and the meeting continued and concluded by 1.30 pm followed by lunch.

Seminar on National Education Policy by JHEASA



The Jesuit Higher Educational Association South Asia Conference (JHEASA) organised southern level Seminar on the topic 'Strategic Response to NEP 2020' on 14 and 15 September 2023 at St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu. Province Coordinators of Higher Education (PCHE), Representatives from the 5 Southern provinces namely Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra and Telangana, Madurai and Chennai gathered in the Toulouse Hall to learn and deliberate on the topic. Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, Staff at St Aloysius College and EC Member of SACAA represented our college at this Seminar.

While 2 out of the 5 states have implemented NEP, others are preparing towards the same. The provinces learned from each other the good practices, challenges, strategies and possible opportunities. The need to strengthen the Jesuit network further at the province and National level, by upgrading the institutions both from academic and infrastructure front, was felt. Upgradation of the institute's either as Autonomous or University (Public/Deemed/Private) is the need of the hour.

JAAI South Zone GC meeting



South Zone JAAI GC Meeting was hosted by Alumni of Loyola Public School, Guntur, on 1st and 2nd October 2023. The second issue of the newsletter Voice of South Zone-JAAI edited by Prof Edmund Frank was released on the same date.

MEN AT THE HELM

RECTORS

PRINCIPALS



Fr Leo Dsouza SJ

1992-1998

Before being the Rector, Rev Fr Leo D'souza guided the college as principal for 10 years from 1980-1990. He was par excellence an educationist. He has become leonine in his efforts in giving to St Aloysius a touch of serious scientific research. Many cottages were built for the inmates of the Aloysian Boys home. A computer Centre was started and his own Laboratory for Applied Biology earned recognition for research at PHD level.



Fr Joseph C Nelapaty SJ

1990-1994

He had a reputation for silent pursuit of difficult situations. During his tenure, new courses of Microbiology, Business Management and Journalism were started. He modernized the laboratories and set up new laboratories in Electronics, Microbiology and TV technology. He doubled the library area and increased the staff and student strength and added a touch of greenery to the college. Konkani course, Loyola Gymkhana, Peace run was organised in 1990.



Fr Ralph DaCosta SJ

1998-2001

Served as Rector for a short term of 3 years. During his tenure, the Gonzaga Block and the High School Hall was inaugurated. The foundation stone was laid for IT block. A connecting bridge between the Loyola Block and the Old Science Block was constructed. The most memorable event during his tenure was the Bicentennial celebrations of the freedom from Tippu's bondage and the centenary celebrations of Brother Moscheni's paintings with the commemorative stamp, released by the central government.

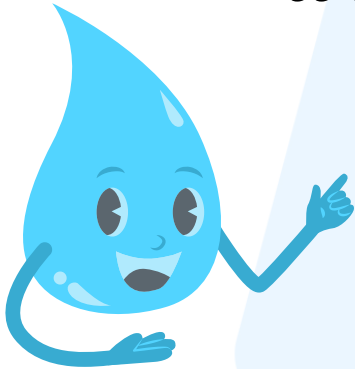


Fr Prashanth Madtha SJ

1994-2003

During his tenure, the college implemented a faculty system with Deans, and faculty-wise fests and mentorship programs like Spinout, Imprints, Artbeat, Acme fostered a strong student-staff relationships. Al-Vana, a biodiversity park, and a greenhouse were established. Outreach programs like Sahodaya and Sangathi was initiated and a mini-bus was acquired for this purpose. Aloyseum was revived, and a new audiovisual room, Teletorium, was established during this period. The college actively geared itself for NAAC accreditation.

Water - The Elixir of life!



Water conservation- A dire need at this very moment!

Exact genesis of the life form on this earth began in water!

Water is the reason why life exists on planet Earth, without it life is unimaginable. The texture of life gets ransacked abruptly, subsequent to the dearth of water.

Currently, Every Summer in the recent years have been teaching us lots of lessons. What minutest service we can render at this point of time?

We can value the earth's water supply by reducing our quota of water usage.

1 Let us start with our simple Oral care routine. Here are some ways you can conserve water during your Oral care routine — because every drop counts



i Turn off the water while you're brushing. Sometimes the most obvious solution can have the most significant impact. You can save up to 64 cups of clean drinkable water each time you brush your teeth by turning off the tap.



ii You might be surprised at how little water you need to brush your teeth. Fill up a reusable cup with just enough water to get your toothbrush wet before brushing and rinse it afterwards with the same water.

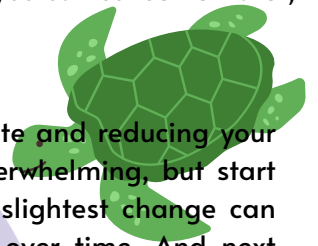


iii Don't rinse your mouth too much, after brushing. Did you know you don't actually need to rinse your mouth after brushing? In fact, it's better to let your toothpaste's ingredients — like fluoride — stay on your teeth and do the important work of remineralization. And as a bonus, you can conserve water, too.

iv Check your plumbing. While you're brushing your teeth for the optimal 1 minute, you might also check to see if you have any leaky faucets or pipes. Household leaks can waste mammoth gallons of water annually nationwide!



v Limiting your oral care waste and reducing your water usage might feel overwhelming, but start with baby steps. Even the slightest change can have a significant impact over time. And next time you're mesmerized by a baby turtle relaxing on an immaculate beach, you will know you're playing an important part in saving our oceans.



2 Our routine shower regimen Optimum usage of water can be achieved by limiting our water quantity to 1 or 2 buckets. Instead of water spraying by using shower, we can use bucket and mug routine for shower.



3 Laundry and Dish wash Opt for appropriate functions in the washing machine. Use eco-friendly detergents so that the water consumption for wash and spin will not take exorbitant volume of water. Dish washer need not have exaggeration in use of dish washing soap. Because of the hot water spray the oil stains will vanish even if there is less soap.



4 Rain water conservation

Roof top Rainwater Harvesting:

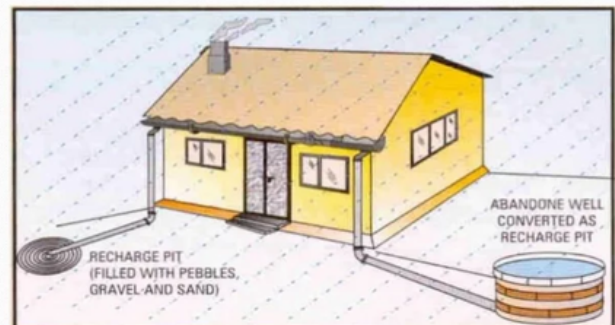
Rooftop rainwater harvesting is the most popular of all harvesting options in urban areas. The system can be installed in an individual home environment, schools, colleges, and other institutional buildings that have more available roof space. The underlying concept of rooftop rainwater harvesting is pretty simple and easily doable. Rainwater Harvesting is a sustainable process that helps in preserving rainwater for different purposes and for future needs as well. Rainwater Harvesting is a method of collecting and storing rainwater to be used for various purposes while it can be used in future as well.

A container needs to be constructed or placed beneath the roof level, which will store the rainwater intercepted and redirected towards it through pipes made out of wood, bamboo, or PVC. Though this is the basic concept, industrial-grade rooftop rainwater harvesting in big complexes is somewhat more complex.

Rainwater harvesting is a perfect solution as it allows groundwater levels to recharge, which in turn aids in enhancing greenery. By capturing runoff rainwater from the rooftop, you can harvest rainwater at your home. Surface runoff harvesting is the most suitable method in urban clusters. Here, streams of surface runoff rainwater are redirected and stored for future use in specially-built reservoirs, either on the surface or underground. This provides a steady supply of clean, potable water, and also water for normal domestic uses.



Recharge Pits



As part of Rain water conservation Recharge Pits can be arranged.

Another common rainwater harvesting process is constructing recharge pits to hold the rainwater. Recharge pits can be of any size and shape, depending on the intensity of rainfall in a particular area. It is important to fill these recharge pits with coarse sand, boulders, and gravels, which act as natural filters that keep away dirt and impurities usually carried by the first flow of rainwater.

Rainwater could be easily collected in plastic tanks. They are easy to install and handle. They are comparatively cheaper than underground tanks, but definitely take up space. For harvesting rainwater you first calculate the possible rain, you can do this by getting information from the Meteorological Bureau of the area. They would give information about the average rainfall over the whole month.

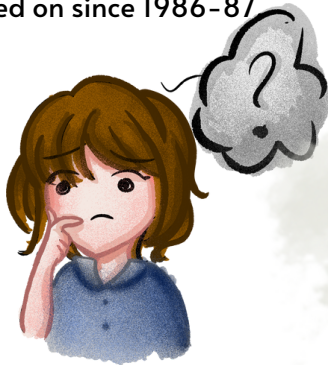
For instance, if the region has 600mm rainfall every year and area of the roof is 200 square meters and the motive is to catch the whole area for one-month storage, the tank volume must be 10,000 litres. This quantity of water will give $10,000/30$ about 333 litres water per day. The harvested water can also be used as drinking water, longer-term storage, and for other purposes such as groundwater recharge and irrigation purpose.

5 Irrigation apprehensions

A large quantity of water is used for irrigation and there is an urgent need for proper water management in the irrigation sector. Over-irrigation through canals has led to water-logging in many states of India. Seepage along the canals can be checked by lining them. The overdraft by tube-wells has resulted in lowering of the water table in a number of villages.

In arid areas, wherever irrigation water mismanagement causes, emerging of saline and alkaline tracts rendering the soil infertile. Wasteful use of water should be checked. Sprinkler irrigation and drip irrigation can play a crucial role in conserving scarce water resources in dry areas. Drip irrigation and sprinklers can save anywhere between 30 to 60 per cent of water.

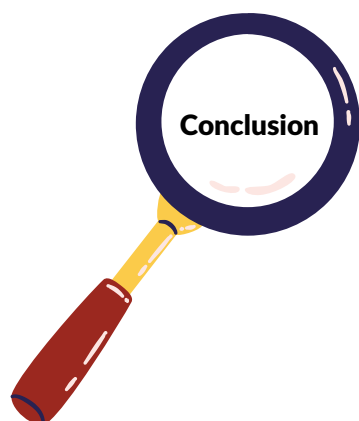
Although one-eighth of India is declared as flood-prone, there are several thousand villages in India which do not have potable drinking water. The basins should be treated as one unit for planning water utilization. Dry farming should be practiced in dry areas. The experimentation under the National Watershed Development Program for Rainfed Agriculture is being carried on since 1986-87



Did you know that about giant gallons of water runoff from your roofs (depending upon roof surface area) goes into the street, streams and then finally into seawater? This water can be filtered and harvested into your well or tube well boundaries. Freshwater sources are becoming scarce with the passage of time. Reports of several global agencies including United Nations indicate that if the current situation of water does not change and preventive measures are not taken, then the world will start to run out of fresh water by 2050.

6 Industrialization/ Urbanization outcomes:

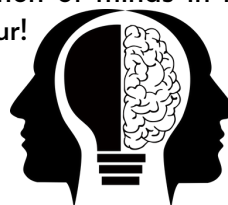
There is large-scale pollution of water as a result of industrialization and urbanization. This trend has got to be checked. There is a great demand of water in industries and the industrial sector must call for different effective methods of conservation of water.



Conclusion

Overall exactly pertinent and appropriate policy from the government with time to time and stagewise revision of our national policy and also mandatorily on strict implementation of norms is the need of the hour.

Above all a transformation of minds in masses about respecting each drop of water is a need of the hour!



Compilation from various sources.
Sunil Kunder K.

St Aloysius ITI Alumni Meet



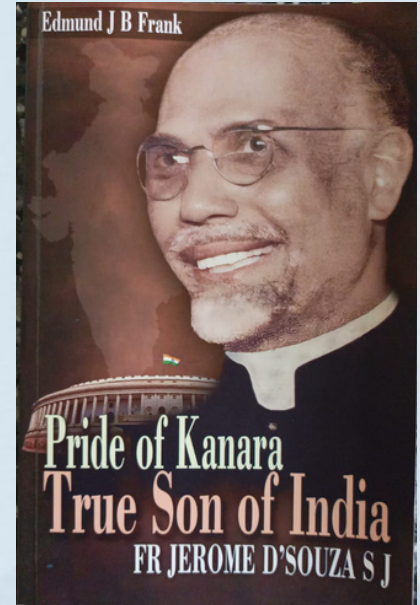
The St Aloysius ITI hosted its annual alumni gathering on September 18 at the college auditorium. The event featured a formal program and the establishment of a new Alumni Association Committee.

The elected members of the Alumni Association Committee are as follows:

- President: Naveen Rasquinha
- Vice President: Mohammed Saifulla
- Lady Vice President: Zunira Banu
- Secretary: Rajith Kumar
- Joint Secretary: Shawn Sebastian D'Souza
- Cultural Secretary: Sneha Shetty
- Sports Secretary: Sharoon Monteiro
- Old Student Coordinator: Romius D'Souza
- Treasurer: Kiran D'Souza
- New Committee Members: Sagar P Pandya and Mohammed Raif

Book Release “Pride of Kanara, True son of India Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ”

The book titled "Pride of Kanara, True son of India Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ" authored by Prof. Edmund JB Frank was released by the Bishop of Mangalore Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha on 7 August at the Fr LF Rasquinha Hall. The book is published by St Aloysius Prakashana.



Who was Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ?

Rev. Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ, former Rector and Principal of St Joseph's College, Trichy and former Rector and Principal of Loyola College, Chennai and former Rector of Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, was born in Mulki township thirty kms away from Mangalore. Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ was an Alumnus of St Aloysius High School and College during the years 1913 to 1916. He was also a member of the Indian Constituent Assembly from 1946 to 1950 and played a major role in drafting the Minority rights and Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India.

Diploma Course for Prison Inmates



St Aloysius College (Autonomous) launched an innovative 100-hour diploma in 'Integrated Agriculture and Organic Farming Methods' for the prison inmates. This is a purely practically oriented 'learning by doing' programme spread over four months. The primary goal of this training is to help the prison inmates earn a dignified and decent living after their release.

The course commenced on 3rd October 8.00 to 10.00 in the mornings Monday to Saturday which will be for the duration of 4 months

The Superintendent of the District Prison Mr Obaleshappa who is the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Prison Administration and his Staff organised this event.

The Principal Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ and Director of the St Aloysius College Alumni Association SACAA, in his address explained about the objectives and Course content. He was accompanied by Dr Alwyn D'Sa Registrar and also SACAA Executive Committee member, Prof.Edmund Frank JAAI Vice President who is actively involved with prison activities since the last ten years and Mr Glavin Rodrigues, Course Coordinator. All are Alumni of St Aloysius College.