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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The South Zone Provincials visited Sri Lanka from 16-23 January for their annual meeting. The purpose of the visit was to have a first-hand experience of the situation in Sri Lanka, to enhance our collaboration in the South Zone, and to be in solidarity with Sri Lanka in this time of economic recession and crisis.

Sri Lanka is geopolitically of strategic importance for the larger world and especially for India. It has been exploited both within the country by corrupt politicians as well as by other nations including China and India. With the nationalization of education in the 1960's, Jesuits handed over their educational institutions to the government and were left with parishes, social centres and retreat houses. The 40-year ethnic conflict and war divided the country ending in bloodshed in 2009. The tsunami in 2004 hit the country and many lost their lives. Sri Lanka's economy is dependent on tourism and the production of tea. With the pandemic badly hitting tourism and the Sri Lankan government's decision to go for organic farming resulting in lower production of tea, the economy had a downslide and the recession has left the country in shambles.

Visiting Sri Lanka province was an eye-opener for all the provincials of the South Zone. On the one hand, the topography of Sri Lanka is beautiful, green and scenic. On the other hand, people are very poor and the rich have migrated. Shops are open but people have no buying power. Most of the Jesuit communities and institutions in the North of Sri Lanka are managed by only one Jesuit, their houses are rented or dilapidated, their people are poor and the students are unable to pay the fees during this time of economic crisis.

Sri Lanka province is requesting support from the South Zone provinces in terms of Jesuit personnel, funding the formation of scholastics in India, financial support for their Learning Centres that is run with the help of JWL and support for the construction of their school building in Galle.

There is a lot of connection between the provinces of Sri Lanka and Karnataka. Many of the senior Jesuits did their Novitiate and Juniorate in Mount St Joseph. I appeal to our communities and well-off institutions to lend a helping hand to the province of Sri Lanka. Any Jesuit who wishes to volunteer for a year or more are welcome to begin a conversation with me.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Ronald Pais: Consultor of Karnataka Province

Fr Shane Daly: Provincial of the Province of Ireland

Fr Attila András: Provincial of the Province of Hungary

Fr Rafael Garrido, (VEN): President of the Conference of Latin American Provincials (CPAL)

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Vishwas Misquith: Secretary and Treasurer of MJES

Committee for Province Sammelan: Frs Prashanth W D'Souza ©, Anthony Joseph UG, Joseph D'Souza, Ronald Pais and Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

February 2023

17: Regent's Meet, Manvi

19-26: JCSA, Jamshedpur

27-01 March: Visitation: Vidyajyoti, Delhi

March 2023

03: Workshop on Christian Cultural Centre: SJU, Bengaluru

04: Meeting of Major Superiors with the Archbishop

05: Meeting of Office Bearers of Alumni Association: SJU, Bengaluru

06-09: Visitation: MSJ Novitiate, Bengaluru

11-12: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Prerana, Bengaluru

13: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru

14-15: Programme for Priests of Gulbarga Diocese

15: Approval of Budgets: Kalaburagi

16: Approval of Budgets: Vijayapura

18: GBM: ISIB, Bengaluru

19-20: Programme on Discerning Ignatian Leadership: Prerana, Bengaluru

22: Approval of Budgets: Mundgod

23: Consultation on Siddi Project, Mundgod

24-15: Visitation: XTC, Belagavi

26: Meeting of Young Priests awaiting Final Vows

28-29: Meeting of would-be theology students

30: KRCCR Executive Meeting, Bengaluru

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr Ronald Pais** on your appointment as the Consultor of the Province.

THANK YOU

Fr Anthony Dass for all that you have been to Karnataka Province as the Consultor of the Province.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholastics **Arvin Jeevan Pais, Ashwin D'Silva, Avinash D'Souza, Jaison Lobo, Leston Baptist Lobo, Vishal Melroy Pinto** and **Vinod Mathias Saldanha** will be ordained deacons on the 18th February 2023 at 3.00 pm by Most Rev Anil J.T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, in the Millennium Hall of St. Xavier's School, Delhi. Scholastic **Aravind Royce J** will be ordained deacon on the 19th February 2023 at 8.30 am by Most Rev Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Poona at De Nobili College Pune.

Pope Francis has reappointed **Fr Frédéric Fornos** for a new three-year term as International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

March 04: Meeting of Major Superiors with the Archbishop

March 05: Meeting of Office Bearers of Alumni Association: SJU, Bengaluru

March 11-12: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Prerana, Bengaluru

December 28-30: Province Sammelan: Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru

Province Retreats:

May 14-22, 2023, Place: Prerana, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Cedric Prakash, SJ (GUJ)

July 01-09, 2023, Place: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, **Preacher:** Fr Amalanadan, SJ (AND)

The Jesuit Family Get-together: 14 May 2023 in Bengaluru; 21 May 2023 in Mangaluru; 28 May 2023 in Hassan.

CHANGE OF E-MAIL ID: Fr Vijayaraju S: <vijayarajusj@jesuits.net>

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): FEBRUARY 2023

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT AND ANIMATION PROGRAMME (LEAP)

Leadership Enhancement and Animation Programme was held at Prerana, Bengaluru for Jesuit School Principals and Managers of Southern Jesuit Provinces (Kerala, Karnataka, Madurai, Chennai and Andhra) from 19 January to 22 January 2023.

Fr Joseph A D'Mello, SJ, the Vice-Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province, in his inaugural address highlighted the role of Jesuit Institutions



in the VUCA world (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity). Fr John Ravi, SJ, Secretary, South Asian Jesuit Conference Secretariat for School Education along with Fr John Kennedy (MUD), Fr Henry Saldanha, Fr Joseph Lobo, Dr Vincent A, Mr Mark D'Souza, Mr Britto and Fr Rohan D'Almeida (co-ordinator) were the resource persons. The themes for the four day seminar were: Ignatian leadership, Transformational leadership, Pedagogical leadership and Organisational leadership. The 31 participants visited SJU (St Joseph's University Campus), St Joseph's Boys' School, Jesuit Nivas, and St Joseph's Indian Institutions, Bengaluru.

The participants felt that the whole programme was well organised, very informative, transforming and rejuvenating. It was a blend of both theory and praxis. Needless to say that the participants enjoyed the great hospitality at Prerana offered by Fr Anthony Joseph, Rector, MSJ and Fr Prashanth D'Souza, Director, Prerana.

- Fr Rohan D'Almeida

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF SJU BOYS' HOSTEL, Bengaluru

January 26, 2023 was a remarkable day in the history of St Joseph's College Hostel as it celebrated the Republic Day, along with the 75th anniversary of inception of the Hostel. The foundation of the hostel building was laid by the late Fr Charles Andrade - the first warden of the hostel - on 12 March 1947, a few months before our country's first Independence Day. The semi-circular building, designed by a Jesuit from Visakhapatnam, had a basement and three floors, and the area enclosed by the semicircle was converted into a beautiful garden with a magnificent statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the center.

Since then, the Hostel has been a home away from home to generations of students from far and near who have been shaped and molded under the guidance of towering personalities as

wardens, directors and staff, continuing the legacy of all-round formation etching itself in the annals of history.

The Platinum Jubilee celebration of the hostel was graced by the presence of Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, as the chief guest, and former hostellers



C.A. Vittal Rao, and C.A. Ravi Lobo as the guests of honour. Other dignitaries present were Fr Victor Lobo, Vice-Chancellor of SJU, Fr Swebert D'Silva, Rector of Arrupe Nivas, and Fr John Baptist, Director of the Hostel. The invitees to the grand celebration were SJU Faculty, ex-hostellers of SJCH and hostellers of St Joseph's Girls' Hostel.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp, and a prayer service followed by a prayer

dance. All stood in solemn silence as the Preamble to the Constitution was read aloud. The hostellers showcased their talents through dance and music performances. This was followed by the unveiling of the 'Miniature SJU Model', and a Video Presentation that left everyone mesmerized. By way of conclusion, a ramp walk on the theme of "unity in diversity" brought out the ethnic and cultural diversity of our country.

- Fr John Baptist

MEETING OF JHEASA in SAC, Mangaluru



Jesuit Higher Educational Association South Asia (JHEASA) Conference was held at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru from 26-28 January 2023 with the theme "National Education Policy 2020 and Jesuit Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities" All the higher education Principals of JCSA – 87 altogether - attended the meeting. On the 26th Evening, while Fr Melwin J Pinto, the rector of SAC, presided over the inaugural Mass, Fr Joe Arun (CEN), the JHEASA secretary conducted the dispositional prayer and Fr Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, POSA inaugurated the meeting.

Dr Valson Thampu, former Principal of St Stephen's College, Delhi, who was the keynote speaker, invited us to be proactive and to respond in an adequate manner reading the signs of the time keeping with the biblical values and Jesus' prophetic message of love going beyond any narrow barriers. Higher education is a powerful tool to empower the marginalized in the society and need to utilize it to its optimum capacity. The cultural performance by the St Aloysius College Folk Troupe, was excellent depicting the diverse art forms of South Kanara and the entire western coast of India.

On the second day of the conference, Fr Joye James (KER), the former JHEASA secretary ex-

plained about Implementing JHEASA Conference Apostolic Plan. There was also discussion among the various institutions of higher education on domain areas for Collaboration. In the afternoon, the delegates visited the NITK Suratkal beach and



enjoyed the marine beauty of Arabian Sea. The meeting was organised well, by St Aloysius Community under the stewardship of Fr Melwin Pinto, the rector and Fr Praveen V Martis, the principal of the College, who provided all the logistic support for the entire conference and helped us feel at home. All the delegates were grateful for the generosity and commitment of all at St Aloysius, especially the volunteers at travel desk and accommodation and food coordinated by Frs Royston Madtha, Felix Victor, Ms Flona and team.

- Fr Melwyn D'Cunha

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



On the 13th and 14th of January the AICUF leaders from SAC organized a half-day leadership program in Puttur and Vamanjoor to animate the respective AICUF units. The uniqueness of this programme was that it was initiated, planned and executed by the youth leaders themselves.

Between 12-15 of January, two representatives from Karnataka - Ms Viola Lewis (SAC) and Terrence Lawrence (SJU) - along with other pilgrims

from the South Asian Assistency participated in a preparatory workshop for the Global MAGIS and World Youth Day which will be hosted in Portugal later this year. Sch Reuell Paul (DAR) and Fr Brian Pereira were the resource persons for the event which was held in Baroda, Gujarat.

The PCYM organised its annual Integral Formation Programme (Jan 12-24) for SJU students. Over 70 resource persons took charge of sessions

on Soft Skills, Social Analysis, and Life Skills catering to over 9000 students. The feedback from the students, collated on a daily basis, was found to be very positive.

The PCYM also conducted the ILP-2 (Ignatian Leadership Programme) at Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru on January 27-28. Over sixty students from ten different Jesuit institutions participated in this training programme. The areas covered ranged from Jesuit charism - through our way

ARRUPE NIVAS



A team from Boston College, Massachusetts, visited SJU to explore avenues for mutual collaboration. Our B.Voc student Shashank Trivedi's film 'Dava' won the Best Short Film award at the international Film Festival JIFF 2023. Mr Zou Zhengxin, the first Chinese scholar to visit SJU, delivered a lecture on "China's Neighborhood policy: Special Focus on China and South Asia". An MOU was signed to mark the proposed collaboration between SJU (Dept. of Management) with St Vincent Palotti College, Bengaluru.

The resource person at the orientation programme for the III Shift students and their par-

BIJAPUR



Bijapur Mission Consultation (Jan 28-29) was held at St Anne's Church with the theme: 'Journeying Together with Christ to Make a Difference.' Present at the Consultation were: the Bishop and the Vicar General of Gulbarga Diocese; and 7 provincials and 2 councilors of religious congregations working in collaboration with us. Among the Jesuits present were Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, Consultors, Treasurer, PDD, and Province Coordinator for Justice and Ecology. Fr Francis Menezes, Mission Superior, meticulously planned the event with the assistance of Jesuits of the mission.

At ITI, most of the girls were selected for an apprenticeship at HAL. Fr Provincial blessed the new tools and equipment in the Electrical Lab. A new tailoring batch has been started. The students of 10th Std had their cultural tour to Bengaluru. They also had sessions on 'How to face Exams' by Mr Purushottam.

The AICUF team of 22 students of St. Joseph's College of Law, visited CNFE for the exposure programme. A massive protest was held at the

of proceeding, personality types, time and habit management, NLP skills, IPP - to Jesuit leadership.

Fr James (KHM), the Chaplain for the North East Ministry in Karnataka, oversaw the investiture of the office bearers of the North East and Tibetan Student Forum at SJU. The audience was addressed by the Vice Chancellor - Fr Victor Lobo.

- Fr Maxim Dias

ents/guardians was Dr Greta D'Souza (Assoc. Professor, School of Education, Christ Deemed to be University). Bembala, in collaboration with the Association for People with Disability and AOL, organised a Disability Employment Awareness programme. Free medical cards were distributed to villagers and refugees. Students were actively involved in creating awareness among the public - by displaying placards - on traffic rules and safety. To reduce use of plastic and to create awareness on single usage of plastics, our students prepared paper covers and distributed them to street vendors in Shanthinagar.

- Fr John Baptist

District Govt. hospital, Bijapur, on the issue of an attempt to privatize nine district hospitals in Karnataka. People from various collectives and progressive groups gathered and voiced their concerns.

At Sangama, the process of grading of Self Help Groups is going on. One new SHG group is formed in Kakalmeli. Construction workers were conscientized about student scholarships and bus pass facilities. An awareness programme on Road Safety was held for construction workers.

An Art Exhibition was organised at Loyola, CBSE, to showcase the creative dimension of students. Mr Rayan Miranda was the resource person at the career guidance workshop for grade IX & X students. The Passing Out Parade for the outgoing batch of Grade X was held on January 31st with Mrs Shahimol T Robin (Principal, Prerana Group of Institutions) as the chief guest. Our newly formed NCC Unit and Scouts and Guides made us proud by winning first and second prizes respectively in the march past at the Taluk level Republic Day Celebrations held at Sindagi Stadium.

- Fr Lancy M Fernandes

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



After having his cataract removed, Fr Louis D'Souza's vision acuity is sharp as an eagle. Don't be surprised when he peers up at you, almost looking through you. Fit as a fiddle, he is already back to Dharwad - his community. Fr Joseph Rodrigues directed a two-day seminar on spiritual leadership to provincial team of the Queen of the Apostles (SRA). He, Fr Joseph Monteiro, and Terence Farias guided groups of Sisters through their retreats. Sch Christon Gonsalves from Gulbarga was with us for some days, attending to his ear. With his presence, our age-average plummeted

drastically, while the cheer in the community shot up.

78 people - youth and couples from Hyderabad had a four-day resident retreat here with their own preachers. About 60 select students of Jesuit colleges in Karnataka had a two-day "Ignatian Leadership" programme here, conducted by a team of Jesuits led by Fr Joyson Vas. We hear, the programme was so mesmerizing that some of the girl students are keen to become Jesuits. Vocation promoters, seize the moment!

- Fr Thomas Quadras

JESUIT NIVAS



Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, was the chief guest at the celebration of the Annual Day of St Joseph's Boys' High School. The solemn and impressive Valedictory Ceremony for the students of Stds 10 and 12 will indeed be a memory the outgoing batches will cherish for a long time to come. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr Prithvi Reddy (Alumnus 1986 Batch). With the increasing need to adapt to a fast changing society, parenting sessions were conducted on topics like 'Reducing your Child's Overdependence on Gadgets' and 'Parenting Tips to Manage your Child in the Absence of the other Parent'.

At St Joseph's PUC, as the college activities for this academic year drew to a close, Valedictory Ceremony and College Day were held in the campus.

At the College of Law, the Debating Society conducted the first inter-class Model Youth Parliament. The AICUF unit organised an outreach visit to Bijapur for three days. The Constitution Club hosted a lecture on 'Custodial Torture, Police

Accountability and Human Rights of Under-trial Prisoners' by Justice K Chandru, Former Judge of the High Court of Madras. Visits were organised to Blessed Claire Special School, St. Joseph's Nivas Children's Home and Little Sisters of the Poor, Hennur as part of student outreach programme.

At St Joseph's College of Commerce, 'Chanakya' - inter-collegiate business fest at St Joseph's College of Commerce had over 500 students from 20 colleges participating. The members of the Student Council visited an orphanage at Jana Mandir on the occasion of National Girl Child. All the teaching staff who took part in the wellness session organised at the Samagra Holistic Wellness Centre were appreciative of the 'self-positivity' they experienced at the session. The veterans of Jesuit Nivas, Fr Michael John and Fr Oswald Mascarenhas have offered to render their services to the staff of the college. While Fr Michael renders counselling service to the staff, Fr Oswald has opened shop for academic consultation on any topic!

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Fr Valan C Antony (CCU) took classes for the scholastics on the Gospel of Matthew. On January 15, we joined the parishioners of Anekal to celebrate the feast of Vanachinappa (St Paul the Hermit). Fr A Thomas, native of Anekal Parish, presided over the Eucharist. Fr Francis Fernandes, PCF, was with us for his annual visit. Fr Ivan Mendonca, the parish priest of Anekal, joined the priests of Begur deanery on a two-day pilgrimage to Goa. The entire community was united in prayer with Fr Francis Noronha, who lost his father, and with Fr Cyprian Tellis, who lost his mother. The community hosted the meeting of the Religious of Anekal

parish on the occasion of the Day of the Consecrated. Sch Joswin Pereira participated in the Deccan Herald flash film challenge and won the third place. Frs Jeevan James and Vincent Jaison have resumed their classes after their semester break. Fr Konrad Noronha (BOM) is with us teaching a course on 'Child Care Ethics' for the JFCT scholastics.

CIRW has started a campaign called "Go Green Challenge" in all its working villages. 200 Neem saplings, donated by a village resident, have been distributed to people who have promised to

take care of them. CIRW in collaboration with the St Joseph's College of Law organised a day's legal training programme for the villagers at Muthsandra. The students put up a street play and conducted door-to-door survey on the following

LOYOLA MANDIR



The members of the Province Finance Commission came down to the headquarters to scrutinize the budgets of the houses and units under the leadership of Fr Jason Furtado. Fr Jerome Veigas (KHM) spent a few days at Pratiksha looking into

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE



The pre-novices had their annual outing on 21st January. The spirit of the outing continued as they paid a visit to the Minor Basilica of St Lawrence, Attur, on 26th January.

Fr Anush D'Cunha visited Manvi and Mundgod where a few pre-novices had been sent for

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



The visitation of the provincial was a grace filled time for the community to rejuvenate, revive and refresh ourselves in our ministry. Fr Vinod Paul, the director of SXPUC - with the help of the college staff - is engaged in promotion and publicity in the neighbouring schools so as to ensure more admissions to our college in the forthcoming academic year. Sch Christon Gonsalves underwent

MANVI



The 2nd year novices Harrison Linus and Jeevan Santhosh arrived at Manvi to have a month's experience in our Mission. Fr Marcel Rodrigues was with us for a few days to pursue his research work.

About 700 children from villages surrounding Manvi and Pannur were brought together at Lokas for Balamela by Fr Don Lobo and his team helped by the college staff. Officers from Taluk Panchayat and Child Development Manvi were special guests.

Fr Francis Fernandes, PCF, and Fr Anush D'Cunha Director of Loyola Pre-novitiate were here to meet their charges. Fr Jeevan James from Anekal and Fr Anthony Arul from Ashirvad spent a couple of days with us studying our Mission. Fr Nithin Machado, Socius to the Novice Master, paid a visit to the two novices at Pannur.

day. It was a proud and joyous moment for all of us at Anekal mission to felicitate Mr Satish Kumar, Alumnus of Balajyothi hostel, who has been selected as the Judicial Magistrate of First class (JM FC).
- Sch Paul Anand

his medical needs. Fr Joseph D'Mello took classes on "Interiority and Community Life" for the SRA Sisters in Mangaluru. Fr Joy Rodrigues visited the community as revisor.
- Fr Olvin Veigas

three months of mission experience. The 2nd year pre-novices are nearing completion of their studies and awaiting final examinations. In the meantime, they are busy with the preliminaries such as four-sheet interviews, autobiography, etc.
- Fr Peter Pinto

treatment in Fr Muller's Hospital for his perforated eardrum. The construction of the new hostel block (above the SXPUC building) is in progress. The staff of SXPUC had a great time enjoying and rejuvenating themselves as they had an excursion to Wonderla, Hyderabad.
- Sch Christon Gonsalves

Representatives of six colleges, including Harihar and Gulbarga, took part in the Loyola College Empowerment Programme. Fr Melwyn D'Cunha was in Mangaluru as the organising committee member for the meeting of All India Higher Education at St Aloysius College.

Loyola Institutions had a common assembly on republic Day. Mr Thayappa Hosuru (editor of "Jana Koogu") gave the message. Loyola Hostel Day was held on 27th January. Mr Mallesh, our all-round support from Konapur, gave the message. Fr Leo Pereira was the man behind the scene flanked by Schs Santhosh Kumar and Pradeep D'Souza.

Thanks to Fr Don Lobo's initiative, 30 of our tailoring students are selected for training in jute bag stitching in Raichur. They will soon be certified as tailoring teachers.
- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



It was a joyous occasion for the community to celebrate the birthday of Fr Hilario Fernandes – 92 years young!!! Greetings poured in from near and far all through the day! 90 Trainees with nine staff members of Loyola ITI visited Vijayapura for a two day Industrial Visit as part of NCVT. Loyola Degree College organised a workshop on “The Idea

of India” along with Dr B R Ambedkar Study Centre and Mahatma Gandhi Study Centre together with the Constitution Club of India on January 30, 2023 in the Aula of MSJ. The Guest Speaker was Mr Sasikanth Senthil, a former IAS officer.

- Fr Clarence D’Souza

MUNDGOD



At Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fr Melwin J Pinto, the Rector of SAC, enlightened our staff on the topic “Education Today.” On the occasion of Constitution Day, Fr Harry Terry delivered a lecture to our staff and students on the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The affiliation of the school to CBSE has been extended up to 2028.

Loyola Vikas Kendra (Mundgod) organised two days of ‘Kalamela’ to celebrate the art and culture of seven different communities (Siddi, Gouli, Lamani, Koravar, Gollar, Valmiki and Vaddar). A week-long HIV awareness campaign in the villages was organised by LVK to promote health and hygiene. Youth of ‘Yuvaratna’ federation conducted Swatchata Abhiyan in collaboration with Mundgod Taluk Panchayat. They were honoured by the Tahsildar during the republic day parade. Novices Abhishek and Anvil were in Mundgod for their mission experiment. We are grateful to



rural immersion programme, went back with rich experience. Frs Melwyn S Pinto and Alwyn R D’Souza paid a visit to encourage the students. Lokmanch has initiated more community level involvement to respond to the local needs.



pre-novice Edmund for his service in the mission for three months.

In collaboration with the health department, LVK (Hanagal) organised an AIDS Awareness Drive in its working villages. Fr Harry Terry gave a talk to the youth on Constitutional values. The students from AIMIT, Mangaluru, who were here for their

The late Fr Lawrence Pinto, Founder of Loyola Educational Institutions, was remembered on the occasion of his first death anniversary. Several alumni, staff and well-wishers paid their respect to their departed hero. Fr Ronald Serrao addressed the SSLC students and motivated them with his inspirational words.

Loyola Children’s Home celebrated ‘LCH Day’ in high spirits. Mr Balachandra Hegde (a government school teacher) was the chief guest of the day. The sound-and-light programme, put up by the children, stole the show. The credit goes to Fr Leo Florence for his guidance.

The finalized apostolic plan for Mundgod Mission is now ready thanks to the efforts of the working committee and encouragement of the Mundgod Jesuit Community. Frs Harry Terry and Leo Florence went around to Loyola institutions to brief the staff about the Service Rules of NKJECs. The community made a pilgrimage to Goa and spent some quality time together.

- Fr Leo Florence

NAVASADHANA



An excursion to GRS Fantasy Park and the Snow Park was the highlight of this month. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza is visiting different colleges and schools in and around Hassan in search of promising candidates. As the second years are busy with their four-sheet exams, the first years have tak-

en up the household responsibilities. A day of recollection on "Synodality" was facilitated by Fr Melvin Lobo, Superior Mundgod Mission, for the pre-novices. Now that the preparatory exams are over, the pre-novices are preoccupied with preparing for their final exams. - Sch Chethan Kumar

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



It was a matter of pride for St Aloysius PU College that its NCC Cadet Aashna of II PU was honoured with the NCC Best Cadet Award at the Prime Minister's Annual NCC Rally held at New Delhi. SAPUC bid adieu to the outgoing II PU students (batch 2021-23) with a ceremonial valedictory programme. Brigadier I.N. Rai (alumnus) unfurled the national flag on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day Celebration.

Students won prizes in fests and competitions like: the International Cultural Jamboree by Alvas Education Foundation, National Level Talent Search Examination, Moscheni Art Fest by St Aloysius High School, District Level Painting competition by Shakthi PU College and 'Namma Ooru, Namma Samskruthi' drawing competition by News Karnataka Channel. Amica Racheal Frank of I PU was

elected to represent Young Christian Students' (YCS) National Executive Committee from Karnataka Region. AICUF students attended a two day Ignatian Youth Leadership Training Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works at Fatima Retreat House. Saptha Pavor of I PU has played the central character in Tanuja, a Kannada movie to be released in February 2023. National Youth Day, Martyrs' Day, Indian Army Day and National Girl Child Day were duly observed.

The session on Scientific Temper, organised in the Institute of Education (B.Ed College), had Mr Narendra Nayak (social activist) as the resource person. The college bade farewell to forty-nine prospective teachers of its fifteenth batch. Dr Fr Praveen V Martis was the chief guest.

- Fr Leo D'Souza

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, Hassan



Our High School students participated in the rally to abolish the sale and consumption of tobacco. With an eye on promising results, we have started special coaching for the 10th Std students. On Republic Day, the students had an outreach programme to Balamandira, a remand home for boys. Fun games and cultural activities were put up. Fr Henry Saldanha took sessions at the LEAP programme in Bengaluru.

St Joseph's English Medium School celebrated Swami Vivekananda's birthday as National Youth Day. Students had great fun flying kites on the school grounds on the occasion of Makara Sankranti. Martyrs' Day was celebrated with the

singing of the bhajan "Vaishnava Janato" and by students dressed up like freedom fighters. Fr Cyril Castelino exhorted the students to follow the ideals of Mahatma in their daily life.

In collaboration with the Gram Panchayat, the NSS wing of St Joseph's College organised a "clean city drive" in the city municipal corporation. Our students visited the school for the visually impaired children with the intention of imbibing the spirit of gratitude and also a concern for the less privileged in society. The interaction was indeed a transformative experience to many of them. The building construction work is on the verge of completion.

- Sch Avin Anthony

SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Frs Sunil Fernandes, Rohan D'Almeida, Vishal D'Souza and Edward Philip were the guests of honour at the Annual Sports Meet of Holy Angels School. The visitation of Fr Provincial was indeed a moment of grace and blessing. He not only enthused each member of the community but also assured his support for the institution's growth and expansion. We are grateful for his assistance and encouragement. At the close of the visitation, the

community celebrated the birthdays of Frs Anthony Dass and Norwin Pereira. Fr Jason Furtado, Province Treasurer, unfurled the national flag and addressed the students at Holy Angels' School on the 74th Republic Day. Fr Anthony Dass presented a research paper on "digital disparity in rural Karnataka", at a conference organised by the Central University, Tamil Nadu.

- Sch Steven Joseph

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



The New Year 2023 was graced by the arrival of the provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz on visitation which was indeed a time of grace and joy for all of us here. All the Tamil scholastics came together on the occasion of Pongal to organise a meaningful

liturgy followed by traditional games and a festive meal. Mr Harold D'Costa (CTO, Cyber Security Corporation) gave an informative and empowering talk to the community on 'Cyber Security and It's Influence.'

- Sch Aravind Royce

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



A two-day informative and enriching workshop on Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults was organised here at Satya Nilayam and we had Sr Dr Anna Mary Thumma from NVSC Pune as our resource person. The visitation by our Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz was truly a graceful and spiritual event for us all. We celebrated Pongal with gaiety and a festal lunch. On this occasion, we invited the Transgenders to join us for this celebration. A major event of this month was the two-day national seminar with the theme "The contemporary debates on reasonable disagreements in philosophy: multi-dimensional perspec-

tives". Sch Vivian Saldanha was in the core team that organised this successful seminar. Sch Ovin Rodrigues went to Mangaluru for the convocation ceremony at St Joseph's Engineering College and returned with the gold medal, having ranked first in his college. Congrats, Ovin!

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with due solemnity and in the company of our neighbours. Fr Lawrence Fernandes travelled this month to Pune to attend the JFFSA meeting and then to Mangaluru to attend the JHEASA meeting at St Aloysius College.

- Sch Pratap L

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



The fieldwork committee of Vidyajyoti organised Balmela-2022 at St Xavier's School campus, which witnessed the active participation of about 300 children and 50 volunteers from various slums and fieldwork centres. The classes at Vidyajyoti resumed after the Christmas break. As part of the Jubilee celebration of Vidyajyoti, the Jesuit Community of VJ organised a day of recollection

for the clergy of Delhi Archdiocese in which three bishops and about sixty priests participated. The community celebrated the Pongal festival with traditional pomp and gaiety. The third-year theologians are busy preparing for the Ad Auds examinations and Diaconate Ordination.

- Sch Jaison Lobo

VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum



Spiritually renewed with a triduum, we ushered in the New Year 2023 with a new team of officials led by Sch Avinash (RAN) and entered the 3rd term with great academic zeal. We witnessed the rich cultural heritage of Chennai and Madurai Provinces during Pongal celebration and of Ranchi and Darjeeling Provinces on the Karam festival. Fr Manesh Jerald (KER) was the main celebrant

and chief guest at the 74th Republic Day celebration. Sch Basile (CEN) enlightened the gathering, on this occasion, with his powerful and passionate message. We have expanded our scope for ministry by lending our services in Santhwana, a rehabilitation centre run by Claretian Fathers.

- Sch Little Merinth Aamose A

REST IN PEACE

Fr Casper J. Miller, SJ, (NEP), 90/72 on 15 January 2023, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Fr Paul Vaz, SJ, (BOM), 77/55, on 16 January 2023, in Mumbai.

Fr Robert Menezes, SJ, (BOM), 76/48, on 26 January 2023, in Mumbai.

Mr Charles Cordeiro, 90, brother-in-law of Fr Thomas Quadras, on 19 January 2023, in Mumbai.

Mr Saturnine Rodrigues, 60, paternal uncle of Fr Joy Rodrigues, on 22 January 2023, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Christine Tellis, 89, mother of Fr Cyprian Tellis, on 24 January, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Alice Monteiro, 82, mother of Fr Lancy Monteiro, on 28 January 2023, in Banakal, Mudigere.

Mr Mariyappa, 71, paternal uncle of Fr Cyril Raj, on 29 January 2023, in Silvepura, Bengaluru.

Mrs Mavis D'Sa, 81, wife of Mr Eddie D'Sa, (donors of Asha Kiran property) 01 February 2023, in Bengaluru.

Mr Joseph Raj R, 69, father of Fr Cyril Raj, 10 February 2023, in Silvepura, Bengaluru.