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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**W**e are celebrating Christmas this year in an anxious world. Our world right now is trapped between a growing environmental crisis, atrocious regional wars, record numbers of displaced migrants and refugees, unprecedented levels of loneliness and depression, and deep political polarization. The sobering hope is that although death seems to reign supreme in this world, this is not the final chapter in God's cosmic story of redemption. As we approach Christmas, we are seeking light amidst the darkness that exists in the world. Pope Francis emphasizes that the birth of Jesus represents the light overcoming darkness, a beacon of hope for all who are burdened by fear or sorrow. We begin the Jubilee Year at Christmas with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Every year the Christmas season reminds us of crib, carol, celebration, competitions and colourful decorations. However, a careful examination of the incarnation also reveals that it is a season and festival of *justice*. Most of the great Christmas carols focus not only on the downward movement of the incarnation, but the upward movement of man to God. Whatever justice looks like in this world, the beginning of it looks like Christmas: choosing light over darkness, joy over sorrow, and life over death.

May the Child Jesus help us to: put aside our differences and *love* one another, rise above our selfish desires and *help* one another, transcend our despair and fill one another with *hope*, reject deceit and uphold the *truth* boldly. May this Christmas be a *Boundary Shattering* and *Border Crossing* experience for all of us. As we usher in the New Year, let us embrace it with gratitude for the past and optimism for the future.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very **Happy Christmas - 2024** and a **New Year - 2025** filled with health, peace, and happiness.



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

## APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Fr General has approved **Frs Balaraju R, Felix Anand, Kiran Cotha** and **Roshan Castelino** for the profession of final vows in the SJ

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### December 2024

01: Talk for Alumni Leaders of South Zone: SJII, Bengaluru  
04: Meeting of KJES, BJES, SJU, MSJ representative  
05-07: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru  
09-13: Visitation: SAC, Mangaluru  
16-17: Visitation: SAC, Harihar  
18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru  
19-20: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru  
21: Annual Day: LVK, Mundgod  
22: Silver Jubilee: Loyola School, Vijayapur

### January 2025

02-03: Visitation: SRN, Pandithahalli  
04: Meeting of KRCR Executive  
06-07: Visitation: Loyola Sadan, Kalaburagi  
08-10: Visitation: De Nobili College, Pune  
13-14: Community Picnic  
16-18: Meeting of South Zone Provincials: B'luru  
19: Final Vows: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru  
20: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru  
21: SJ PhD Colloquium: SJU, Bengaluru  
24: Talk to UFS Chapter, Hubli  
25-26 Regents' Meet: Hassan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**19 January 2025:** Final Vows of **Frs Balaraju R, Felix Anand, Joy Rodrigues, Kiran Cotha Praveen Kumar, Rayappa M, Roshan Castelino**, and **Wilson Kishore Bennis** at SJBHS, Bengaluru. Holy Eucharist will be at 10.30 AM.

**16 May 2025:** Province Jubilee Celebration at Mt St Joseph, Bengaluru

## THE DSS TRIDUUM FOR SCHOLASTICS IN THREE ZONES

**26-29 December 2024:** Mangalore Zone: at Ryshivana, led by Fr Pradeep RS

**01-04 January 2025:** Bangalore Zone: at Mount St Joseph, led by Fr Freddie D'Silva

**12-14 January 2025:** North Karnataka Zone: at Vidya Niketan, Dharwad, led by Fr Ronald Pais

Scholastics **Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves** and **Sharun D'Souza** have applied for their diaconate ordination. If anyone has information or suggestions for a discerned decision on this matter, please send them to the Provincial by 08 January 2025.

**Fr Felix Victor** is attached to Loyola Mandir Community *ad tempus*.

## POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): DECEMBER 2024

**For Pilgrims of Hope:** Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthens us in our faith, helping us recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, and transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



## AICUF, Karnataka



The AICUF Karnataka State Convention, held at St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, on November 16, was a remarkable gathering of over 500 young leaders from across the State. Themed "Marching Together in Reconciliation and Peace," the convention celebrated AICUF's centenary with a renewed vision to inspire youth leadership and foster democratic and social values.

The keynote address delivered by Ms Bhavya Narasimhamurthy highlighted the power of youth in driving transformational change. The workshops that followed were led by esteemed speakers and had the themes of leadership, constitutional awareness, and gender equality. This milestone event left participants inspired, unified, and committed to upholding AICUF's mission of justice, reconciliation, and peace in society.

- Fr Maxim Dias

## Meeting of Superiors, DOWs and CCMs



We had two enriching days (November 9-10) of prayerful reflection, discernment in common and ministerial sharing during the meeting of Superiors, DOWs and CCMs at Prerana. The meeting began with a talk by Fr Shantharaj Thomas on Synodal Conversion emphasizing Mary as the model for listening, prayer, meditation, dialogue, accompaniment, discernment, decision-making, and action. This led to fruitful sessions on key issues such as the proposal for SJCC University, and feasibility studies on Vidyaniketan, Xavier Sadan, and Navasadhana. In group meetings of Commission Coordinators, we reflected on internal and external challenges, while sharing the best practices to inspire, appreciate and challenge one another.

Fr Jose` Mesa, the Global Secretary for Secondary Education, shared his valuable insights on secondary education, guiding the group



to be authentic Jesuits and educating pastors with care and competence. Fr Brian Pereira presented the roadmap for the post-process of RRSJA and plans for JESCOL. The meeting concluded with a thought-provoking address by the Provincial. The participants were grateful to Fr Sunil Fernandes for keeping the time and tempo as the MC and Fr Arun Kumar, Socius, for the meticulous planning of the meeting.

- Fr Lancy Fernandes

## YUVOTSAVA - 2024



The JFCT scholastics and the Jesuits of Jnana Jyoti community jointly organized Yuvotsava-2024, a gathering of Catholic youth of the parishes around Anekal. It brought together nearly 240 youth from the eight parishes of the Begur deanery including those of Loyola PUC and Degree College. "ಸಹಪ್ರಯಾಣ: ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯುವಧ್ವನಿಗಳು" (Journeying Together: Youth Voices in Faith and Action), was the theme of the event, which emphasized unity, faith, and active engagement. The programme which began with the unveiling of the Yuvotsava logo and a prayer

and worship session, was followed by a talk by the resource person, Fr Joseph Rodrigues, SDB, who invited the participants to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and life. The icebreaking session conducted by AICUF animators created an atmosphere of excitement. The participants, divided into 12 groups, interacted in various activities which fostered teamwork and creative expression. The day concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr Shantharaj Thomas.

- Sch Arun Lobo

## KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



The 15th Foundation of NECCB (North East Catholic Community, Bangalore) had Fr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice Chancellor, as the main celebrant at the Eucharist. Around 600 people (including 15 priests and 20 religious sisters) participated in the Mass which was followed by cultural performances representing the North East.

KJES Youth Works joined hands with the Province Commission for Ecology & Justice to organise the three-day Yuva Milana at Nelamangala. The

event brought together 250 youth from across Karnataka, including Mundgod, Anekal, Bijapur, Sindagi, Manvi, and Hangal. The talks covered such topics as the values of Dr Ambedkar (by Chetan Kumar, actor and activist), transgender issues (by activist Akkai Padmashali), human rights (by Lt Bhavya Narasimhamurthy) and career planning (by Mr Sanjay, Manager at ITC). The programme was coordinated by the Jesuit youth ministry animators.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

## ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



The celebration of the 69th Karnataka Rajyotsava at SJU was graced by the presence of Kannada actor Sharan Krishna as the chief guest and Fr Prashanth Madtha, SJ, Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardee as the special guest. Ms Swathi S Narayan (Secretary

of our IQAC) had the distinction of her winning poem "badhalaagabeku" (on the theme of women's dignity) being recognized at the Rajyotsava celebration. The NSS Unit-4, in collaboration with CARE (Centre for Amenities Rehabilitation



and Education) observed Children's Day on campus. It also organised an awareness rally at K S Garden in Sudhama Nagar, to enhance public understanding of the Preamble and Fundamental Rights as enshrined in the Constitution. NSS Unit-3 celebrated National Constitution Day at Nanjappa Circle. Dr Madappa M B and Ms Poonam Ahuja represented SJU at The Hindu Group's India Education Fair in Dubai. Dr Sivakannan S and Dr Annie Syrien, (Department of Advanced Computing), hosted a six-day FDP on Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare, for faculty members from across India.

SJU organized JESCOL-1 Seminar for the newly recruited faculty and for others who were yet to complete the programme. Dr B G Prashanthi (School of Information Technology) conducted a seminar on Cybersecurity at Surana College. Dr Swetavalli Raghavan participated in the panel discussion on Technology and AI organized by Karnataka Ministry of IT-BT, concerning the role

of technology and artificial intelligence. Professor Dr Jayarama Reddy (Department of Botany) has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association, Karnataka.

Arrupe Nivas Community felicitated the newly ordained auxiliary bishops of Bangalore Archdiocese - Bp. Susainathan and Bp. Satis - by hosting a dinner in their honour. Archbishop Peter Machado graced the occasion with his presence. The pilgrimage of the community Jesuits to Goa to visit the relic of St Francis Xavier was truly an intimate God experience for all and also a time for community building. Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza presented a paper at the conference at Indira Gandhi Institute of Developmental Research in Mumbai, on the Socio-economic Status of the Siddi Tribal Community in Karnataka. JESCOL programme (Nov 4-6), organized by Fr Swebert D Silva had 80 faculty members participating.

- Fr Aravind Royce

### ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Ashirvad organized a three-day JESCOL programme for High School teachers. Young Priests of the Province had their meeting at Ashirvad on November 23. We also hosted the meeting of Jesuit Social Scientists on November 29 which was attended by 16 Jesuits. Fr Brian Pereira left for Hazaribagh to conduct RRSJSA meeting.

Fr Anthony Arul (Director of MAIN Karnataka)

and his team, provided vital support to the families of four migrant workers who passed away in Karnataka, by arranging for the transportation of their bodies back to Jharkhand and Odisha. With the collaboration of SJBHS, SJCC and SJEC, Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern organized Balamela 2024. The event, held at SJCC on December 1, brought together 600 children from 18 study centers.

- Fr Elvis Lewis

### FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



The community bid farewell to our beloved Fr Devadatta Kamath who, on November 16, passed from this world to his heavenly abode, a few days after his 90th birthday. The funeral Mass was attended by a large gathering of well-wishers, friends, family and religious. Bishop Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop Emeritus of Mangalore Diocese, was the chief celebrant at the requiem mass. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, spoke movingly of Fr Devadatta's life and legacy. Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius College, in his touching panegyric, paid a fitting tribute to the departed soul. In his homily, Fr Edward Rodrigues reflected on Fr Devadatta's consistent and life-oriented mission. In accordance with his wishes, Fr Devadatta's eyes and body were donated to the hospital as his lasting gift to the world.

Fr Shantharaj Thomas from Jnana Jyoti, Anekal, addressed the FRH community and neighbour-

ing religious on "Synodality in Action: A Call to Synodal Conversion."

Our community picnic to Summer Sands was an occasion for us to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing closeness to the seashore, in the company of our dedicated caretakers. Fr Joseph Rodrigues attended a one-week course on "Formation towards Psychosexual Integration" in Bengaluru. Fr Edward Rodrigues addressed the Ursuline Sisters at their zonal assembly on the topic "Embracing the Beauty of Creation." Fr Ajay D'Silva gave a talk on Effective Learning Strategies at St Sebastian Primary School, Permannur. Fr Anil D'Mello conducted a day's training programme for the commission members of the Ursuline Sisters. Fr Joseph Monteiro is, as always, a much sought after guide for retreats, recollections and Masses.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

## HOMBELAKU, Manvi



Important visitors to Manvi during the month of November were Fr Jose Mesa (Global Secretary for Secondary & Pre-Secondary Education), accompanied by Fr John Ravi (Assistancy Secretary, Jesuit Secondary Education) and Fr Rohan DAlmeida (Province Secretary, Secondary Education). They addressed the students and staff separately. Other welcome visitors to our mission were our friends from England: Mrs Dinah, Mr Peter, Ms Lali and her fiancé Mr Peter, and Mr Andrew Luis. They stayed with us for a week visiting our institutions, our students and villages, and taking part in various celebrations. They were the guests of honour in the celebrations of the Annual Day of LKS Pannur, Loyola Hostel Day. Fr Leo Pereira was at the helm of affairs in organizing and conducting the entire programme. In one of these celebrations, Peter and Dinah's 34th wedding anniversary was celebrated.

Xavier School had its Annual Sports Day with Mr Khasim Sab (Vice-Principal of Loyola College) as the chief guest and Fr Leo Pereira as the President. The Eco Club of Loyola College organized a marathon for a green future. In the district-level sports and athletics competition organized by the Degree College for PU students nearly 400 students from 15 colleges took part. Loyola Centre for Social Concern, along with other progressive organizations, held Constitution Utsav on November 26 in Manvi town. Around 2,500 people took part in it, thanks to the initiative from Fr Don Prem and his team. Fr Francis Menezes was with us for doing the audit on 'safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults' in our institutions. Frs Leo Pereira and Rayappa represented the Jesuits at the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Bellary Diocese on November 27-28.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

## INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



The visit of Fr Jose Mesa (Global Secretary of Secondary Education, Society of Jesus) and his informal sharing of snippets of wisdom with us was a matter of joy for the community. On completion of their semester exams, the scholastics went to Bijapur, Manvi and Harihar for a first-hand experience of our mission coupled with the warm hospitality of the Jesuits. Nearly 500 children from different slums participated in the one-day Balamela conducted by the Centre for Social Concern in collaboration with other units in the campus. The High School observed Interact Club Week and Children's Day with programmes and activities to mark the occasion. The X Std students had a three-day tour of the scenic sites in Coorg while their younger counterparts had a one-day trip to the historical sites in Hassan.

Our PUC students had an enriching experience with their twinning partners in Bijapur. It included a two-day cultural exchange, visits to slums, local institutions, historical sites, and participation in discussions and activities. On the occasion of Children's Day, members of Interact Club collected 81 books and distributed them to the students of Government Kannada Primary School. The Annual Day was graced by the presence of our alumnus Mr Vishal Pereira. The celebration included honouring the student

achievers in academics and sports.

Our CBSE School organized a Fun Day to foster the spirit of joy and creativity in students. The twinning programme with Loyola School, Sindagi, served to broaden the horizons of students. The presence



of Fr Prashanth Madtha, recipient of the Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2024, made our celebration of Rajyotsava doubly joyful. The Inter-School Football Tournament organised by the school had six schools vying for the top spot. The outreach programme at Government School, S.R. Nagar was an opportunity for our students to engage with the local community.

The primary school students brought laurels to the institution by winning the second place in the Prathibha Karanji competitions. The success of the science exhibition was the talk of the town.

- Fr Vishal Melroy Pinto

## JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



The visitation by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, has rejuvenated the community. The JN community

went through safeguarding policy updates from Fr Jerald D'Souza.

SJBHS is ranked No.1 in Karnataka by TIMES School Survey 2024-25. The events celebrated with the customary festive spirit were: Children's Day, Constitution Day, Pre-Primary Annual Day, Christmas Musical, and 'Chilgala' the Primary School Fun Fest. Our Inter School STEM Fest 'Aurum' had 10 Jesuit schools from rural Karnataka participating. Loyola Technology Centre, Social Innovation Lab and Project Avani worked in collaboration on vermicomposting. Our U-16 Football team are the champions in the Baldwin Shield Inter-school tournament and the U-12 and U-14 teams were the runners up.

Students of SJCC from UG and PG, accompanied by the teaching staff, visited industries and companies for their "industrial visits." The Placement Cell, in collaboration with Goldman Sachs, organized "Possibilities Summit 2024-25" for the BCOM/BBA students. The Department of Psychology organized a film festival (Animum 2024 - Frames of Mind) as well as a workshop on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention. At the Kannada Rajyotsava celebration, organized by Kannada Sangha, Rajyotsava Awardee Fr Prashanth Madtha, SJ was felicitated. The BBA Department arranged the Management Fest "Virtuoso-2024." The SJCC Student Council, in association with Ashirvad, organized Bala Mela at the SJCC campus in which over 600 tiny tots participated in the daylong fiesta. A memorial service was organized at SJCC for Mr V T Rajashekar, a Veteran Dalit Activist. Prominent politicians and dignitaries attended the service. SJCC Men's Basketball Team won the Esturi Nithil

Memorial Cup. Students won bronze and silver medals at the 6th Bengaluru City University Intercollegiate Athletic Meet at Sri Kanteerava Stadium.

At SJCL, an inter class debate competition was organized on "Emancipation of the Individual from the Caste Matrix." Lectures and discussions were held on "Kanakadasa, Bhakti Movement and Caste Reformation," and on "One Nation, One Election." The college hosted the state AICUF convention. A quiz competition "Consti Q" for government school children in Kannada saw 300 students from 30 government schools participating. An outreach programme for students was organized at a brick factory in Anekal, Preethi Nivas and Blessed Claire special school for students.

At SJIM, all the first year PGDM students, 300 in number, went through four days rural immersion programme in Bijapur, Hanagal, Harihar, and Sindagi. Fr Manoj D'Souza has been awarded the "Visionary Leader" by the Education Heros Foundation. Fr Olvin Veigas presented a paper at the Ignatian Scholars' Meet at DNC, Pune, on the Late Fr CCA Pai's contribution to literature, art and culture. On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Fr Prashanth Madtha was honoured for his literary contributions to Kannada and Konkani. The student chapter of National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) was established at SJIM for the first time in its history.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

## JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



CIRW organized an outreach programme for 60 students of St Joseph's College of Law at the Brick Factory in Anekal, enabling the participants



to have a hands-on experience of the challenges faced by the labourers. The students donated ration kits to the families. The Job Mela held at CIRW attracted 16 companies and over 200 job seekers. Nearly 170 aspirants secured placements in different companies. The CIRW staff, SHG women and tailoring students took part in the celebration of Constitution Day. Talks on the occasion by Fr Lawrence Fernandes and Advocate Ananda Chakravarthi captivated the gathering.

- Sch Arun Lobo

## JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



Kannada Rajyotsava, celebrated at St Joseph's English Medium School, had the renowned literary figure, Mr Appaji Gowda, as the chief guest. Our 6th and 7th grade students participated in AURUM (Science & Technology Fest at

St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru) and learned a great deal from the science exhibition, a visit to the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, a quiz, a research competition and a treasure hunt. Our children of the 3rd and 4th grade went on



an educational trip to Srirangapatna and Mysuru. On the occasion of Annual Sports Day, held on November 23, a retired PT teacher, Mr Chinnappa Kambli, was the chief guest. On Constitution Day, our students proudly recited the Preamble and were made aware of the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The Nursery Section held a prize distribution ceremony during which the young Josephites were awarded with prizes for their achievements.

Our high school students attended the one-day inter-school competition held on November 30 at Kuvempu Vidhyaniketan ICSE School, Chikmagalur, and returned with prizes in singing and essay-writing. They cherished the opportunity they had of interacting with students of many different schools. The students' outing to GRS Fantasy Park in Mysore drew 103 students, accompanied by their staff, for a day of fun and frolic.

On Children's Day, all our staff members – teaching and non-teaching - put up a grand cultural

programme and entertained the students. The chief guest on the occasion of Constitution Day was Fr Vinod Saldanha who encouraged the students to read the Constitution and abide by the values it upholds.

St Joseph's College celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava. It was marked by festivity, lively procession and a series of cultural programmes. A district-level inter-PU College cultural fest brought together around 460 students from 21 PU colleges across Hassan and neighbouring talukas. The quiz competition held on the occasion had 60 participants from 11 colleges. The celebration also served as a means of promoting the college and attracting prospective candidates from PU colleges in and around Hassan. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University and St Joseph's College, marking the beginning of a new chapter of collaboration between these two institutions.

- Fr Santhosh D'Souza

## LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Jose Mesa (Global Secretary for Secondary and Pre-secondary Education of the Society of Jesus) was on a visit to the province and toured North Karnataka missions. At the dinner hosted in his honour by Loyola Mandir for Bengaluru Jesuits, Fr Jerome D'Souza's new translation of the Bible into Kannada was released by Fr Mesa. In early November, our promising Jesuit lawyer, Fr Harry Terry Noel, began his internship at the Civil Forum in Bengaluru. Fr Lalith from Darjeeling province was at Pratiksha recuperating after his pacemaker surgery. He was accompanied by Fr Kennady (DAR).

Fr Royston Pinto and Ms Alphonsa are working on indexing the particulars about departed

Jesuits of the province and sorting archived photos. Fr Louis D'Souza, currently archivist at SAC, Mangaluru, paid a visit to Loyola Mandir after a long time. Our friends and sponsors of Manvi-Pannur Mission - Dinah, Peter, Rosanna, and Andrew - visited Loyola Mandir along with Frs Eric Mathias and Don Prem Lobo.

Fr Arun Kumar attended a seminar (November 26-27) on "mental health for religious leaders" at CBCI, and a meeting of Religious Superiors with the Archbishop of Bangalore. Frs Praveen Kiran Martis and Felix Victor have joined Loyola Mandir ad tempus.

- Fr Royston Pinto

## LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



The day that remains etched in the memory of Jesuits who have passed through the portals of our pre-novitiate is LOYOLA DAY. This year the celebration, held on November 24, was a combination of Parents' Day as well as Benefactors' Day, rendered more auspicious by the fact that it was the feast of Christ the King. Director Fr Leston and Regent Sch Vivian spared no pains to prepare the pre-novices for the joyful event. The main celebrant and homilist at the festive Eucharist was Fr Suraj Lobo (Assistant PP of Kumbala parish).

The social gathering and entertainment programme, held after Mass, was presided over by

Fr Melwin J Pinto, Rector of SAC. The highlights of the entertainment programme were: a skit ("Appa You Are Great") directed by Mr Lloyd Monis, and an "orchestra" presented by the pre-novices with improvised musical instruments. Surprisingly, the list of 150 guests present included 6 pre-novices of the Apostolic Carmel, clad in their impeccable white habits and accompanied by their formator! A sumptuous fellowship meal brought the celebration to a successful conclusion. Three Scholastics from Asha Kiran - Joel, Sikandar and Andrew - helped us in promoting vocations in a few schools in Mangaluru. We look forward to the fruit of their labour.

- Fr Peter Pinto

## LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



St Xavier's English Medium School, Sirnoor, celebrated Children's Day with a variety of activities. Recalling the memory of Chacha Nehru, our teachers organized a special assembly, followed by a cultural programme in which the teachers themselves performed for the children, making the day lively and unforgettable. The Pre-Primary children took part in *Yellow Day and Our Helpers Day*, while a Spell Bee Competition for 1st Standard students boosted their vocabulary and confidence. Ten of our students participated in the STEM programme at St Joseph's Boys' School, Bengaluru, which engaged them in hands-on experiments, robotics sessions, and problem-solving activities - thus sparking their interest in science and technology.

The 6th Annual Day Celebration on November 29 had for its theme "ಅವಳು ಅರಳಲಿ, ಸಮಾಜ ಬೆಳಗಲಿ" (As She Blooms, Society Shines). Gracing the occasion were Smt. Pramila M.K., KAS



(Chief Administrative Officer of GIMS Kalaburagi) as the chief guest, and Dr Sadanand Perla (Senior Program Executive and Doordarshan Programme Coordinator) as the guest of honour. Nearly 400 students (from Stds I to VIII) participated, showcasing their talent and creativity. The programme drew a crowd of over a thousand, who were served meals after the event, making it a truly memorable celebration.

The College organized a Parents-Teachers Meeting on November 16 & 18, coordinated by Mr Jagadish Doddamani and Mr Sujeeth Kumar. Kanakadasa Jayanthi, celebrated on November 18, saw Mr Jagadish Doddamani delivering an insightful speech on the life and philosophy of Kanakadasa which evidently resonated with the students. In observance of Constitution Day, celebrated on November 26, we had Mr Siddaram Patil and Mr Nagaraj Nilogi as chief guests. Their enlightening speeches left a profound impact on both students and staff. The study tour to Sannathi, organized by the Arts Department, provided the students with a rich experience and a historical sense of the Buddhist stone sculptures.

Fr Francis Menezes was our welcome guest at Loyola Sadan as he visited the campus on November 23 to conduct an Audit on Safeguarding.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

## MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



Fr Josephvaz, having spiritually prepared the Christabhaktas, accompanied them on a pilgrimage to Bhalki. Along with the members of the Parish Council, he is also trying to bring together the pastors of different churches in Vijayapura to ensure the security of the property of Christian cemetery.

Loyola School, Sindagi, hosted a two-day festival, 'Talenton 2024,' providing students with opportunities to showcase their creativity and abilities. The chief guest on Children's Day was Revanasidda Pulari (of Sa-Re-Ga-Ma-Pa fame). The celebration of Constitution Day had Fr Suman Balu as the chief guest. Grade IX students participated in a twinning programme with St Joseph's CBSE School and enjoyed a two-day educational tour to Bengaluru and Mysore.

In a variety of programmes and activities organized by Sangama CIRD for empowering youth, the following were prominent: a cricket tourna-

ment involving eight village teams to combine sports with leadership and skill training; inter-religious celebration of Deepavali in four villages fostering peace, fraternity and mutual respect; observance of Constitution Day in collaboration with Lawyers' Association, promoting, among 130 participants, an awareness of the values enshrined in the Constitution. Nine special children's Gramsabhas in Sindagi Taluka enabled rural children to voice their concerns and assert their rights before local representatives. The highlight of the month was Chinnara Mela which brought together 540 children from 10 tuition centers and 8 children's clubs and engaged them in folk dance competitions, games, child right awareness sessions and the POCSO Act. The resource persons were: our own lawyer Fr Suman Balu and Gururaj from Bijapur. Children received school kits and Preamble-themed bags, making the event both educational and memorable.





CNFE, Vijayapura, organized an Inter-Religious Programme on November 15 in the *Rangin Masidhi* slum, bringing together around 200 people from diverse faiths to celebrate the Festival of Lights. Constitution Day was observed in *Bara Kaman* with nearly 800 participants from various walks of life featuring a shared meal in the spirit of unity and equality.

Loyola PU College recently organized a series of events chief among them being: Deepavali celebration which brought together staff and students; one-day leadership workshop for AICUF students led by Stevan Supreet; a well-attended PTA meeting; the visit of Fr Jose Mesa (SJ Sec-

retary of Secondary Education) which brought the campus alive with engaging interactions; a "traditional" Sports Day featuring rural games like Lagori and Tug of War; celebration of Constitution Day with competitions to deepen one's understanding of the Constitutional rights and duties; and a workshop highlighting the importance of a drug-free lifestyle. All these initiatives, as you can see, underscore Loyola PU College's dedication to academic, cultural, and social growth.

The month of November was quite eventful for Loyola English Medium School as well. Children's Day had a special programme by the teachers. Our students excelled at the Aurum Fest at SJBHS, Bengaluru. The Scouts and Guides made the school proud at the zonal-level event in Dharwad. The painting project which has given the campus a fresh look brings us a step closer towards the celebration of the upcoming Silver Jubilee of the Mission.

- Fr Suman Balu

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



The Community witnessed special grace and companionship during the Annual Visitation of Fr Provincial. Fr Provincial also blessed the new Loyola Degree College Building. The Novices gained fresh insights through a three-day course offered by Fr William Sequeira on Psycho-spiritual-sexual integration. They celebrated the feast of their patron, St Stanislaus Kostka. The liturgy on the feast day was presided over by Fr John Pradeep and the homily was delivered by Fr Pradeep Crasta. In the evening, the Novices put up a cultural programme 'ನಮ್ಮ ಹಬ್ಬ' for the senior Jesuits. The Novices were delighted to go on a pilgrimage to Goa to participate in the 18th exposition of the relic of St Francis Xavier. The Novitiate community is deeply grateful to the Jesuits of Goa, especially to Fr Felix, the Superior of the Jesuit community at Raia for extending a warm hospitality during the pilgrimage.

Following the memorial Mass on All Souls Day, we visited our Cemetery remembering and praying for our departed Jesuits. Fr Gerald Furtado had a successful eye surgery related to the retina at Narayana Nethralaya. Fr Balaraju, along with parish priests of the Bangalore South Deanery visited Srinagar and Kashmir and enjoyed the short break of four days. Fr William Sequeira directed retreats, one at Carmelaram and another for Apostolic Carmel Sisters at Jayanagar.

In Loyola Degree College, the highlight was the Gloriam '24 graduation day held in the new building, which was blessed by Fr Provincial in the presence of the college staff, Jesuits, and the Novices of MSJ. Among other key events, the college celebrated Constitution Day, and Cancer Awareness Programme. Final year students attended seminars and workshops relating to their respective subjects. The College actively participated in a Career Guidance event at Holy Spirit School. Janapada singer Rajesh Anekal graced the event as the chief guest of the Kannada Rajyothsava Programme.

Loyola ITI conducted a Training of Trainers (TOT) session on Electric Vehicles (EVs) by Ms. Arockia Marie Jacqueline from Ma Foi Foundation. The Institute launched a 4-month EV course (in collaboration with Ma Foi Foundation and Mahindra Rise) in the presence of Mahindra executives and blessed by Fr Mohan Joseph, SJ. A skill development session was conducted by Sr Malar Joseph (research scholar from Mangalore University). Loyola ITI renewed its MOU with Vidya Integrated Development for Youth and Adults for 2024-2026. Tech Fest 2024, with the theme "Save My Earth," featured participation from local schools and colleges. It was inaugurated by Fr Kanikiaraju, Director of Loyola PU College.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

## NAVASADHANA PRE-NOVITIATE, Hassan



The month of November began with the joyous celebration of All Saints' Day. Having completed their mid-term exams by mid-November, the pre-novices enjoyed a few days of well-deserved holidays. Fr Francis Lobo (PUN), the vocation promoter of his Province, paid a visit to Navasadhana and conducted enriching sessions and exciting competitions to prepare us for

Navasadhana Day.

Schs Akash Kujur (MAP), Sachinta Raneera (SRL), and Royal R.K. (KAR) spent a week of their holidays with us. Their contributions by way of academic mentoring, community activities and documentation added immense value to the life of the house.

- Sch Princen Michael

## SADHANA, Mundgod



The visit to Mundgod Mission, of three distinguished Jesuit educators - Frs Jose Mesa, John Ravi, and Rohan D'Almeida - created much interest in our educational units. While appreciating our missionary zeal and focus on option groups, Fr Mesa highlighted the importance of global citizenship. Fr Leo Florence delivered a talk on "Showing the Way to God" at the CRI Zonal meeting in Mundgod. Sch Ovin Rodrigues made a quality assessment of the LCH buildings to assist us in our decision-making process. Our twinning association with St Aloysius College brought 35 PG students of the departments of English and Journalism for a rural immersion programme. Four scholastics from Ashakiran also participated in rural immersion. Likewise, Fr Joyson Vas brought twelve youth from OLPS Parish in Dharwad for a rural exposure camp. We celebrated Children's Day in eight community centres involving the cooperation of the local communities. Constitution Day, held in Hangal, was marked by a youth-led rally and a stage programme, attended by Taluka officials and SHG members. As part of the Siddi Development Project, we presented the Household Survey Report to Siddi leaders and discussed with them the recommendations. We have also initiated AA

(Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings to address alcohol addiction in some villages.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya CBSE held the Annual Sports Meet with the theme "Strive, Drive, and Always Thrive." Over 100 students participated in the HDNKS (Hubli Dharwad North Karnataka Sahodaya - CBSE) Sports Meet. The new student cabinet had their investiture ceremony in the presence of Dr Gladys Menezes. Fr Francis Menezes led a safeguarding audit training session for the staff. Loyola Children's Home had an inter-religious prayer session to celebrate Deepavali. Hostel students had an exclusive sports day followed by Children's Day celebration.

The School Development and Monitoring Committee attended an intensive training at LVK-Hangal. Forty-five youth from Hangal participated in the 'Yuva Mela' at Nelamangala. To mark the celebration of Constitution Day, over 300 students participated in speech competitions across BCM hostels in Hangal Taluk, with winners advancing to the final round. St Joseph's Institute of Management students spent time in villages, gaining valuable insights into grassroots issues.

- Fr Melvin Lobo

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



Kannada Rajyotsava, jointly celebrated by St Aloysius International School and PU College, had Mr. C. V Patil (President of Kannada Sahitya Parishad, Harihar) as the chief guest. Mr Wanboklang, a full-timer of Jesus Youth, has volunteered to train the Catholic students of our institutions for a month. The School and the College had combined celebrations of Children's Day and Constitution Day. Students of our school

took part in the Aurum Fest organized by SJBHS, Bengaluru. The first Sports Day of St Aloysius International School had Mr M. K. Karunakar (former Principal of Ambedkar Degree College, Harihar) as the chief guest. Our friends from the UK - Mr Peter and Mrs Dinah - were our guests of honour on this occasion.

- Fr John Baptist C

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



At St Aloysius Gonzaga School, the month of November began with the celebration of Karnataka Rajyotsava for all the staff and students. For a change, our SAC Jesuit community meeting was held in the school premises so as to include an

interaction of the Jesuits with the staff. The celebration of Deepavali was an occasion to foster, among students and staff, a deep respect for all religions. Other important events celebrated were: Children's Day and Annual Sports day.

Class X students had a session on career guidance. The teachers had a capacity-building programme (mandated by CBSE) on 'Happy Classroom.' Other programmes conducted were: a workshop for NCC; and a Social Analysis session for Class IX students (with Ms Vidya Dinker as the resource person). We are happy to note that our senior staff, Ms Aparna Suresh, completed the Cohort Course (on Four Key Practices of Ignatian Spirituality) on the online portal of Educate Magis.

The 69th Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated at St Aloysius PU College with the usual enthusiasm and a vibrant cultural programme. Pre-Unique, a two-day inter-school and inter-collegiate fest, attracted over 1000 students from more than forty institutions, to display their talent and creativity. Our alumnus Mr Badekkila Pradeep (actor and voice artist), and our alumna Ms Vaishnavi Pavitrana (special assistant to the UN World Programme) were the guests of honour at the inaugural and valedictory functions respectively. Likewise, Music Day (celebrating creativity and harmony in vocal and instrumental music) had another distinguished alumnus, Mr Sweethin Hartman, as the chief guest. The 145th Annual Sports Meet featured a spectacular march past, exciting athletic events, and outstanding sportsmanship. Harmony Week and Constitution Day were celebrated with expert talks, workshops, and interactive sessions on youth rights, social justice, and constitutional values - with a view to foster-

ing mutual respect, tolerance and unity. Students from government and aided Kannada medium schools participated in the Balamela organized by the Centre for Social Concern to promote community engagement and social responsibility.

St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University organized FDPs for research scholars on topics like Publication Ethics, Intellectual Property Rights and Mastering Systematic Literature Review. Karnataka Rajyotsava was celebrated with staff and students. A pre-placement training has been started for MBA and MCA students. The new administrative block had its Foundation Stone laying ceremony on November 6. Among the distinguished visitors to our University campus was Admiral Nelson D'Souza, Commandant for Tri Services. The naval wing of the NCC took a significant step toward environmental sustainability by planting saplings. The All-India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) has recognized and honoured Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice-Chancellor of our University, with the best principal award for outstanding contributions of heads of higher education institutions across India, and Dr Alwyn Vincent D'Sa for Best Innovative Faculty. Students and staff from Carmel College and St Xavier College, Goa, visited the campus as part of their Campus Tour. The 75th Indian Constitution Day was celebrated on campus by the staff and students.

- Fr Melwyn A Lobo

## VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The month of November commenced with our celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava. The vocational discernment camp, organized and conducted at VN by Fr Joyson Vas with the help of VN Scholastics, had 40 participants (high school boys and girls). The colleges which our scholastics attend had a Youth Fest (inter-collegiate competitions) in which most of our Brothers took part. Having secured prizes in many events, they are now selected for the next stage of competition. Our celebration of Constitution Day had 'Constitution and National Unity' as its theme, on which we held a variety of competitions. Several college students of Dharwad took part in these competitions.

Fr Pratap Chandru travelled to Pune to meet the philosophers at DNC. Fr Joyson attended the South Asian PWP/ EYM annual training programme in Lucknow. YUVA, an interreligious youth programme organized by Fr Joyson, had nearly 150 youth participants from Hubli and Dharwad; it was, for us, a pinnacle experience. Fr Francis Fernandes conducted a monthly recollection for the priests of Hubli deanery. Fr Provincial's canonical visitation of our community helped us review our life and mission in the past year and prepare us for the coming year.

- Sch Harrison Sera

## DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



We had a rejuvenating monthly recollection on November 8, preached by Fr Peter Ignatius. We were happy to have our PCF Fr Pratap Chandru with us for a few days when he was here on his official visit. The JD Day which we celebrated on

November 15 started with a Eucharistic celebration in the Syro-Malabar rite, and concluded with a captivating evening programme. Fr Stanislaus D'Souza (POSA) was here at DNC on his official visitation. In the JD-SN Seminar, jointly organized



by Jnana Deepa and Satya Nilayam, and hosted by JD, three scholastics Steven Joseph, Melvyn Joseph and Maria Divij - presented their research papers. A new edition of DNC hymnal, "Sacred Melodies" was released, and the DNC website was launched, on the feast of St Cecilia. Among the scholastics felicitated on the feast of St John

Berchmanns by Fr Rector for their achievements in specific fields, are Schs Agil Roy and Maria Divij (for publication), and Sch Sanson D'Souza (for art). The vibrant month of November came to a joyful conclusion with the celebration of the North Zone Cultural Evening.

- Sch Maria Divij

### SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



We, here at Satya Nilayam, are happy to relay the news that Loyola College has declared the semester results and that the Department of Philosophy has secured 100% pass results. The Community Days, as expected, fostered a sense of togetherness and deepened our fraternal bond. The community pilgrimage to Goa on the occasion of the exposition proved to be a profoundly spiritual experience.



Fr Lawrence Fernandes taught a course at KJFTC on Sociology of Religion. In the Inter-Faculty (JD-SN) student seminar held at Jnana Deepa, Pune, Sch Rudolf was one of the paper presenters. His paper was on the theme of Addiction. Currently Rudolph is busy directing the play "The Book of Mormon" scheduled to be staged in mid-December. Transitioning into the 2nd and 4th semesters,

we have embarked upon our academic journey with optimism and enthusiasm. To facilitate this journey, we had an inspiring talk to all the staff and students at the beginning of the semester, by Fr Louis Arockiaraj SJ (Principal of Loyola College) urging us to seek excellence and social concern in our undertakings.

- Sch Prakash

### VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



November began with a monthly recollection guided by Fr Jimmy Dhabhi and concluded with another recollection directed by Fr Edwin Rodrigues. The latter prepared us for Advent and Christmas. Mid-November was marked by a week-long semester examination. The Feast of Christ the King was celebrated at the diocesan level, and our entire community participated in the celebration. Fr Anil D'Almeida travelled to Prayagraj to direct an eight-day retreat for the CJ sisters.

We had the privilege of attending the book launch of Mr Rajdeep Sardesai, 2024: The

Election That Surprised India, which was followed by a panel discussion. Vidyajyoti organized a thought-provoking two-day national seminar, Theo-Tech 2024, on "Artificial Intelligence and Its Inspirations for the Pilgrims of Hope." Fr Nithin Monteiro was invited to present a paper titled "The Sacred Discomfort in Befriending Frankenstein." Vidyajyoti also observed Constitution Day, during which Sch Johnson R delivered an inspiring speech. Fr Jason Furtado, who was in Delhi for some work, visited us. Fr Shantharaj Thomas is currently at Vidyajyoti, teaching second-year theology students.

- Sch Preethesh Misquith

### VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



Fr Stephen Louis (MDU) led us through a two-day course on Basic Financial Management. The juniors displayed their intellectual talents in



a competition called Scribblings, presenting a variety of innovative write-ups, drawings, jokes, and more. Fr Kunnappalli Sunny Tomas, Rector of Loyola College, guided us through a day of recollection. We experienced a time of grace with the presence of all the South Indian Provincials, and more importantly, Fr Dionysius Vaz, our provincial.

A team of delegates from PWPN and EYM visited VN. The members of the team were:

Fr Cristobel Fones SJ, Mrs Bettina Raed, accompanied by Fr Jagdish Parmar SJ (National Director) and Mr Jesu Raj. They enlightened us on the importance and functions of PWPN & EYM. The visit concluded with the Eucharist celebrated

for us by Fr Cristobel.

Our cultural tour of places of interest in central Kerala was an occasion for us to learn about Kerala's rich culture. - Sch Avin Fernandes

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### REST IN PEACE

**Fr Devadatta Kamath, SJ, (KAR)**, 90/69, on 16 November 2024, in Mangaluru.

**Fr Theodore Minj, SJ, (MAP)**, 92/64, on 23 October 2024, in Ambikapur.

**Fr William Dwyer, SJ, (HAZ)**, 94/76, on 12 November 2024, in Ranchi.

**Fr Dasari Papaiah, SJ, (AND)**, 63/42, on 21 November 2024, in Hyderabad.

**Fr Phimu Ashuli Joseph, SJ, (KHM)**, 48/29, on 23 November, 2024, in Shillong.

**Br Petrus Minj, SJ, (MAP)**, 67/39, on 26 November 2024, in Kunkuri.

**Fr Arul M. Varaprasadam, SJ, (MDU)**, 100/82, on 04 December 2024, in Dindigul.

**Fr P.J. Joseph Paimpallikunnel, SJ, (CCU)**, 62/38, on 7 December 2024, in Kolkata.

**Fr Scotus Fernandez, SJ, (KHM)**, 77/57, on 10 December 2024, in Guwahati.

**Mrs Anthony Mary**, 73, beloved mother of Fr Cyril Raj, on 20 November 2024, in Silvepura.

**Mrs Lourdu Mary**, 75, beloved mother of Fr John Lang Bosco, on 04 December 2024, in B'luru.

### FR DEVADATTA KAMATH, SJ (90/69) (08 NOV 1934 – 16 NOV 2024)

Father Devadatta SJ was a devoted servant of God, a tireless scholar, and a beloved brother in the Society of Jesus. Father Deva was not just a priest but also a historian whose life's work illuminated the rich tapestry of our faith and the legacy of the Jesuits.

I saw Fr Devadatta as both a philosopher and a historian. Once he perceived something as truth, he pursued it relentlessly, expressing it no matter the cost. It is said, "*The historian's task is to unveil the mystery of God's work in human history. In life, he sought the truth; in death, he now meets the Truth itself.*"

One of our young Jesuits, Fr Olvin Veigas, who considers himself a privileged student of Fr Deva, describes him as a "*poet, priest, composer, writer, philosopher, scholar, teacher, professor, grammarian, translator, and historian.*"

I last met Fr Deva, as he was fondly called, at his 90th birthday celebration just 10 days ago. He was eager for the celebration and appeared cheerful despite his physical frailty. Though he was delighted by the presence of many Jesuits around him, his body betrayed signs of weakness. During my tenure as Superior of Fatima Retreat House (2017–2019), I interacted with him often. He would share his life with a great sense of pride and fulfilment, yet he could also get deeply philosophical, questioning everything—even what most consider absolute truths or non-negotiable values. He believed in expressing his opinions fearlessly, with little concern for diplomacy. But despite his intellectual pursuits he still nurtured affection for his friends, relatives and the poor.

On rare occasions, he would recall his childhood with poignant emotion, particularly the struggles he faced. He held his elder sister and brother in the highest regard for their sacrifices, which enabled him to pursue his education. Fr Deva was born to Anthony Piedade D'Mello and Mary Magdalene Pinto of Kulshekar Parish on November 8, 1934. During his scholastic years, he changed his baptismal name, Joseph D'Mello, to Devadatta Kamath as a gesture of inculturation. He often lamented having to learn English, which he considered a colonial imposition, and instead developed a deep love for Kannada. His natural scholarly talents emerged early—he wrote novels in Kannada even while still in school.

Although he initially aspired to join the Capuchins, familial pressures led him to the diocesan seminary. It was there that he discerned God's call to join the Society of Jesus. Despite facing significant obstacles, he succeeded in his efforts to become a Jesuit.

Fr Deva ultimately pursued studies in Sanskrit, earning a doctorate from Karnatak University, Dharwad, despite his initial desire to specialize in Kannada. Owing to his studies in Sanskrit, for over 20 years, he served as a professor of Indology at St Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore, teaching both philosophy and theology students. A brilliant and versatile mind, Fr Deva had even translated the Gospel of St John from the original Greek into Kannada during his theology studies, a hand-written work preserved in the Karnataka Jesuit Province archives.

As a professor, he was respected for his erudition and exacting standards. His students admired him not only for his knowledge but also for his human touch and genuine concern for their well-being. A taskmaster with a keen eye for perfection, especially in language and grammar, Fr Deva set high standards for his students. He is remembered by the diocesan clergy for his precision in language as the editor of 'Unitas', the Annual seminary magazine, and for being the regular director of the annual play on Seminary Day. Known for his hard work and thoroughgoing ways, he would never produce anything second rate, nor would he tolerate that in his students.

Fr Deva was also a gifted composer of hymns. Some of his well-known Konkani liturgical hymns include "E Deva Mogala Taroka"—a hymn inspired by the *Principle and Foundation* of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises—and "Bodvya Sangi Karya Naman," dedicated to Mother Mary. Many of these hymns, along with his Kannada compositions, are still sung in churches today, preserving his theological depth and musical genius.

Recognizing his historical insight, with his compilation of the history of the Ursuline Franciscan Congregation at the time of their centenary, his superiors entrusted him with documenting key milestones of the 125-year history of the Karnataka Jesuit Province, and the history of the Diocese of Mangalore.

He spent a sabbatical at the Gregorian University in Rome, enriching his spirituality and equipping himself to guide retreats and mentor young Jesuit Juniors after the Seminary administration was handed over to the Diocese.

Fr Devadatta has meticulously recorded the History of the Karnataka Jesuit Province in two parts. Part I "Burning Bush" in two volumes is published and the other four volumes of Part II are yet to see the light of day. He is perhaps, the first Jesuit to do such a meticulous and well-researched work on the history of the province in recent years.

His other works include:

Janakana Manadanna – Kristayana (ಜನಕನ ಮನದನ್ವ) -2012

Defiant Submission. A History of the Diocese of Mangalore Vol-I and II

Dharmakanda (ಧರ್ಮಕಾಂಡ) – 2017

As a versatile personality, he kept himself busy and fully occupied during his years of retirement. He was often engaged in putting his thoughts down on paper some of which he said, should be published after he left this world. Despite his academic commitments, Fr Deva never ceased to nurture his personal growth. His desk was always adorned with the Bible and the Oxford Dictionary, tools that symbolized his enduring thirst for knowledge. He always wanted to be useful and productive until his last breath. When he was hard of hearing, he used a radio with high volume giving him news along with newspapers and journals, which he read daily.

Fr Devadatta Kamath passed away on November 16, 2024, at 7.00 a.m. at Santrupty, Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore, at the age of 90. Last month, he suffered a fall that left him completely immobile. Despite his condition, he will be remembered for enduring his suffering silently, with full cooperation and gratitude toward his caregivers. Fr Deva's profound sense of social responsibility was evident in his decision to donate his body for medical research to Fr Muller's Medical College, Mangalore.

He was undoubtedly an inspiring Jesuit, a man of simplicity and hard work, who leaves behind a remarkable legacy of deep commitment to God and the mission entrusted to him. As a true man of the *Magis*, he consistently strove to do more for the greater glory of God. Goodbye, Fr Deva. You have scripted the history of our Jesuit province and land, and your name will forever stand out prominently in its annals. May your soul rest in peace.

Fr Melwin J Pinto SJ

(Delivered on 17 November 2024 at Divine Mercy Church, FRH Mangaluru)



**Fr Provincial and Loyola Mandir Community  
wish all the readers of KS, a very Happy Christmas-2024  
and a Grace-filled New Year-2025**

**May the Babe of Bethlehem bless each one of you!**