



St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

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St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA)

Report for the Year 2021-2022 (June 2021- August 2022)

SACAA is a registered association registered under the society/association act (Regn. No 105/99-2000). It has over 14,000 members. The staff, old students and their spouses, Students of Jesuit institutions residing in Mangalore are the members. Rector of the Institution is the Patron and the Principal of the College is the Director.

SACAA is affiliated to JAAI (Jesuit Alumni Associations, India) at the National Level and World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) at the International Level. Dr Richard Gonsalves, our member is the Secretary of South Zone - JAAI. Prof. Edmund Frank is the Governing Council member of JAAI and also the Editor of JAAI Journal – 'Voice of JAAI.' Mr Michael Dsouza is the Treasurer of JAAIKAR (Jesuit Alumni Association in Karnataka).

Collaboration with Alvana

Under the leadership of Mr Arjun Mascarenhas from SACAA Committee, St Aloysius College Alumni Association started various environmental campaigns like Own a tree, Miyawaki, Bird Nest/ Bird Feeder making.

1. Miyawaki – Urban Forest

St Aloysius College Alumni Association officially launched the 'Miyawaki- Urban Forest' campaign on July 24, 2021. The objective was to use the Miyawaki method of plantation, a technique developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki that allows for the rapid growth of dense, natural forests. It involves planting dozens of native species in the same area which becomes maintenance-free after the first three years.





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P Shridhar, Range Forest Officer, launched the campaign and spoke about the Miyawaki Plantation process as well as numerous environmental factors. Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector, St Aloysius Institutions, served as the program's President.

2. Own a Tree

The 'Own a Tree' campaign was launched on October 2, 2021. This initiative was headed by the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA). The main attraction of this campaign is that you have a chance to get your name on the tree; also you have an option of tracking the tree through the use of Geo-tagging. All plants would be fruit-bearing trees. You can also sponsor trees for your dear ones.

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

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

The Sponsorship Amount for the Campaign for alumni is Rs 3000 and for staff & students, it is Rs 2000. Mr Prashanth Kumar Pai, Range Forest Officer, launched the campaign and congratulated the college and SACAA for a wonderful green initiative.

3. Bird Feeder & Bird Nest Making Competition

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





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

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

Launch of Promotional Items

Customized Aloysius-theme-based products can play a game-changing role in creating awareness and kindling interest of the alumni, students and staff. The idea is to make Aloysians stay connected with the institution.

SACAA launched Mugs, Badges, Pens, T-Shirts, and Caps for all the Aloysians to reminisce their memories. SACAA has also planned to launch hoodies very soon.

Annual General Body Meeting- October 2021

The 31st Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) was held on 22 October 2021 at St Aloysius College Auditorium (Gelge Hall), St Aloysius College, Mangalore. Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institution, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Principal of St Aloysius College, Mr J.S. Stephen Pinto, President of SACAA along with other office bearers and SACAA members were present at the AGM.

Cricket & Throwball Tournament 2021

St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) organised the Cricket and Throwball Tournament on 5th December 2021 at the centenary ground. This annual event is conducted as a part of Reunion. The idea behind the tournament is to bring together all the units of St Aloysius Institutions and have sports competitions such as throwball and cricket.





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The cricket match is held in the memory of Mr Bennett Pinto who was a commerce lecturer and a well known singer. Whereas the throwball event was in the memory of Mr Benjamin D'Souza, one of the Physical directors of the college.

The SACAA team emerged as winners for cricket as well as throwball. The runners-up for cricket was AIMIT-Beerri whereas for throwball it was PUC. SACAA Treasurer Dr Richard Gonsalves, and Secretary Mr Naveen Mascarenhas were also present for the event. SACAA Executive Committee Member Mr Michael DSouza was the Convener of the tournament and Mr Conrad Nazareth was the scorekeeper.

Eminent Aloysian Alumni Awards 2022

Six achievers from different fields were conferred the 'Eminent Aloysian Alumni Awards' at L F Rasquinha Hall, St Aloysius College (Autonomous) on 12 January, 2022 by the management of St Aloysius Institutions and St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA). This year the organizing committee with the help of the Jury had chosen six more eminent Aloysians. M V Nair, Dr L C Soans, Dr Cletus D'Souza, Prof Edmund Frank, Lt Gen. Ravi Eipe (virtually present) and Jeeth Milan Roche.

Mr C G Pinto, Mr Jayaram Bhat, Mrs Marjorie Texera, and CA Chandramohan K Y were the Jury. Archibald Menezes congratulated and praised the jury members for their work. Out of the four, C G Pinto was present at the programme, he was presented with a memento and a bouquet.

Following were the recipients of the 'Eminent Aloysian Alumni Awards':

- Mr Mavila Vishwanathan Nair is the non-executive chairman of the Trans Union CIBIL, India's largest credit bureau and also the non- executive chairman of KFINTECH Pvt Ltd, a leading registrar and transfer agent.
- Dr L C Soans is a renowned practitioner of organic farming in Moodbidri. He is also a recipient of Karnataka Rajyotsava Award -2016
- Mr Jeeth Milan Roche is an accomplished entrepreneur and renowned environmentalist. He is the founder of Mangalore Green Brigade and has been on a mission to make Mangaluru a green city.





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- Lt General (Rtd) Ravi Eipe fought in the 1962 China war at battle of Namkachu as a 22 year old captain. He took part in 'Operation Pawan' in Sri Lanka for which he was awarded 'Ati Vishist Seva Medal' in 1989 and was awarded 'Param Vishist Seva Medal' in 1997.
- Prof Edmund J B Frank has donned various managerial positions of some of the top notch business organizations. He lives the true vision and mission of the college, being a person for and with others involving in several philanthropic and charity ventures.
- Dr Cletus J M D'Souza is a renowned professor of Biochemistry known for his erudition and superior research credentials. He has established himself as one of the most sought after mentor and research guide in the field of Biochemistry.

SACAA Reunion 2022

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

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

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

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

Inauguration of 'Study Purpose - Ground Water Recharge Setup'





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St Aloysius Institutions in collaboration with St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) inaugurated the 'Ground Water Recharge Setup' meant for the study purpose for students on March 14, 2022.

The goal is to teach students about the value of ground water and how a recharge well may help society manage its water resources. A QR code displayed near the Recharge Well provides additional information about the concept when scanned. The management intends to have additional recharge wells throughout the campus. The objective is that the rainwater should not go out of the campus.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Rev. Fr Valerian D'Souza, Advisor of Educare. He discussed how St Aloysius Institution has always been concerned about the environment and has always valued such unique initiatives. He stressed the significance of informing the next generation about such activities so that they are aware of them.

Students and staff from various institutions, as well as members of the SACAA Committee, attended the event.

Book Launch of 'Magadi Acres-A story of Coffee'

St Aloysius Alumni Association along with Christian Planters Guild (CPG) hosted the book launch ceremony of 'Magadi Acres – A Story of Coffee' by Mr Maxwell Pereira IPS at Sanidhya Hall in St Aloysius College (Autonomous) on 6 June 2022 at 4.30 pm.

The President of (SACAA), Mr Stephen Pinto welcomed the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions and Patron of SACAA Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, the Principal of St Aloysius College and the Director of SACAA Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, the Author of the book 'Magadi Acres – A Story of Coffee', Mr Maxwell Pereira IPS, the president of CPG Ms Marjorie Texeira, Premier epic writer and an author Ms Giselle Mehta, a well known genealogist Dr Michael Lobo, Members of Christian Planters Guild, all SACAA members and the students. The President of CPG, Ms Marjorie Texeira introduced Mr Pereira and opined that the influence of lush green surroundings of Sakleshpur, Coffee and Aroma stimulated Mr Pereira to author the book. She explained that the academic story of Mr Pereira began in St Aloysius School and continued through St Aloysius PU College. The Rector Rev. Fr Melvin Pinto SJ formally released the book. Dr Michael Lobo spoke about literary aspects of Mr Pereira by providing details of his multitalented personality and how well he writes about different subjects. Mrs Ratna Pinto





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compered the entire ceremony very well. Ms Giselle Mehta led Mr Pereira into conversation which helped the audiences to understand the background of the Author well. She asked different types of questions that unfolded the author's deep love for coffee, his extensive research on coffee around the world, how best was the title of the book than any other, influence of his parents, his good old college days, his love for animals and nature, his thoughts on preserving and protecting the nature. Having read the book Ms Mehta said that the 'Magadi Acres' is called the creative non-fiction which has rapid flow and strong pace. The book launch ceremony was ended with the High Tea for all the guests.

16th JAAI – South Zone Alumni Congress 'Karavali Milana'

St Aloysius College Management and Members of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) Hosted the 16th JAAI – South Zone Alumni Congress 'Karavali Milana' at St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru on 27th and 28th May 2022.

The objective of the Congress 'Karavali Milana' was 'Accompanying Youth in the Creation of a Hope Filled Future' and with this prime focus the Congress was inaugurated on 27 May 2022. The Provincial of Karnataka Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ as the Chief Guest and the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ as the Pesident inaugurated Karavali Milana. The inaugural was attended by the President of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) CA Chenthil Kumar, the Karnataka Province Coordinator Alumni, Rev Fr Sweebert D'Silva SJ, the President of South Zone Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) Mr Krishna Reddy, Principal of St Aloysius College and Director of SACAA Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, the President SACAA Mr Stephen Pinto, the Organishing Secretary Mr Michael D'Souza, the Convener Dr Richard Gonsalves and the Alumni from five provices. Rev Fr Dionasius Vaz SJ carried out the book release marking the Ignatian Year authored by Prof Edmund Frank. Addressing the gathering Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ said "It is the deep desire of Jesuit institutions to present to the world and our nation, men and women who think intensively and critically and who have hearts burning with genuine love and concern for others". He continued by saying "Our alumni will be like salt, like leaven – who will take their place at the heart of the world, at the epicenter of the storm, in the thick of the battle, on the frontiers of every conflict, at the crossroads of ideologies'. Mr MV Nair the Eminent Aloysian Awardee 2022 shared his thoughts, insights and importance on 'The role of alumni in promoting entrepreneurship among youth-start ups-incubation'.





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The programme on 27 May 2022 was ended with a fellowship dinner at Aloysius College, AIMIT Campus, at Beeri . The second session on ‘Engaging the youth in sustainable development’ was conducted by Dr G Srinikethan. Resource person for the third session, Mrs Brinda Adige addressed the topic on ‘Gender sensitivity, families and me’. The Governing Council Members of JAAI –South Zone, held a meeting and Dr Richard Gonsalves was elected as the President, Mr D Ramesh as the Vice President, Mr Thomas as the Secretary, Mr Ramprakash as Joint Secretary and Mr Mani as the Treasurer for the South Zone- JAAI for the next term that is year 2022 to year 2025. The event ended with a Valedictory Function was presided by the President of Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) CA Chenthil Kumar as the Chief Guest and the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions and Patron of SACAA Rev Fr Melwin Pinto SJ was the President. The President of SACAA Mr Stephen Pinto welcomed the gathering by introducing the dignitaries on the dias. The secretary of SACAA Mr Naveen Mascarenhas rendered the Vote of Thanks.

Secretary

Mr Anil Kumar J

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