

## WORKSHOPS

### Workshop on Quality Assurance and SSR Benchmarks

A Workshop on Quality Assurance & SSR Benchmarks was organised by St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru and St Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Mangaluru in association with Na-



xavier Board of Higher Education in India and All India Association for Christian Higher Education at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru in Sanidhya Hall on May 5, 2023.

The workshop began with a prayer invoking God's blessings by St Ann's College of Education students. The welcome address was delivered by Dr Rose Kiran Pinto, the coordinator for Xavier Board Network collaborators and coordinator of the Workshop, where she also introduced the two resource persons of the Workshop, Prof Gabriel Simon Thattil-the Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, School of Business Management and Legal Studies, Director, IQAC University of Kerala; and Rev Dr Gigi Thomas- the Dean of studies, Head of the department, PG and research, Department of mathematics, Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram. Rev Dr Joji Reddy SJ, President, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, who had played a significant role in organizing the workshop and also emphasizing a platform highly proliferating quality assurance, addressed the participants of the Workshop online.



The other dignitaries on the dais for the inaugural of the Workshop were Principal, Rev Dr Praveen Martus SJ, Registrar and Controller of Examinations, Dr Alwyn Dasa, Sr (Dr) Dorothy Dsouza AC-the Principal, St Ann's College of Education, Mangaluru; and Sonal Steevan Lobo-the IQAC Coordinator, St Aloysius College.

Mangaluru. Sr Dorothy in her introductory speech said Higher education is the source or feeder system in all walks of life and therefore supplies the much-needed human resources in management, planning, design, teaching and research".

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Sonal Steevan Lobo-the IQAC Coordinator, and the programme was meticulously and eloquently compered by Mrs Wilma D'souza- Assistant Professor, St Ann's College of Education.

In the morning session, Prof Gabriel Simon Thattil spoke on the subject " Systems Approach to NAAC Accreditation", where he said, " The Vision of NAAC is to make quality the defining element of higher education in India through a combination of self and external quality Evaluation, Promotion, and Sustenance Initiatives.

In the afternoon session, Rev Dr Gigi Thomas spoke on the 'Revised SSR Manual and Benchmarks'. Participants, Sr (Dr ) Josephine (Assistant Professor, St Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women-Kerala) and Dr Kiran Prasad ( Assistant Professor at Roshini Nilaya of Social Work, Mangaluru) gave their experiences about the workshop. The overview of the whole workshop was given by Dr Rachael Natasha Mary, the Assistant Professor at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru. Around 50 participants took part in the workshop.

*Reported by Dr Rachael Natasha Mary*

The Department of Zoology organised a hands on workshop on Bioinformatics Tools and it's Application on April 5, 2023 in computer lab LCRI block. Ms Sonal Miyola Dsouza, M.Sc Bioinformatics student, REVA University, Bangalore was the resource person. Second year BSc 75 students were part of the hands-on workshop.



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## Workshop on State and Prospects of Political Science

Venue: Robert Sequena Hall, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru  
September 06, 2022 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The Department of Political Science at St. Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru organised one-day workshop titled, "State and Prospects of Political Science".



Renowned Political Scientist, Prof. Valerian Rodrigues was the resource person. About 130 B.A students from the Political Science major and students opted for open elective in Political Science attended.

The word 'politics' is the most contested and berated word in common conversations. And often the subject is miscalculated for future prospects. The workshop essentially engaged the students about the various research and employment possibilities given the vast opportunities it offers. Besides, the discipline has a greater outreach of helping an individual to learn life skills and improving one's own self.

Prof. Valerian Rodrigues asserted that the study of Political Science or its subject matter should revolve around the concept of 'public life' where the word public is recognised as a noun. He walked the students through the beginnings of the study right up to doing research and the kind of job prospects. One of the significant aspects that Prof. Rodrigues pointed was that research in areas like Tulunadu as a political region, the Idea of Konkani, etc are severely lacking while works on Karnataka thinkers like Alur Venkat Rao, Hardekar Manjappa,



Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya or Pandita Ramabai are sparse.

The workshop was segmented into sessions like Appreciating Our Discipline and Interdisciplinary Learning; Components of the Discipline-An Overview, Political Science and Practice; Political Science as a Discipline Today in the World and India; Doing Research in Political

Science Today; and Political Science and Employment Prospects. At the end of each session, students summarised the content with their respective observations facilitating interaction.

A scholar of great repute, Prof. Valerian Rodrigues was the first Ambedkar Chair at the Ambedkar University, Delhi. He has been one of the renowned faculties of Centre for Political Studies at JNU, New Delhi and Mangalore University. He was the Visiting Professor at the University of Erfurt and University of Wurzburg in Germany, Simon Fraser University in Canada, and Fellow at Max Weber Center for Advanced Studies, Germany. He was influential in securing land titles for the landless farmers and farm worker of Coastal Karnataka under the Karnataka Land Reforms.

Dr. Rose Veera D'Souza, HOD Dept. of Political Science and the co-convenor welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, the Principal of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru in his presidential message emphasised on the significance of the subject. The entire program was coordinated with the efforts of the students.

*Reported by Dr. Joyce Sabina Lobo*

## Workshop on Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS)

Department of PG studies and Research in Social Work organised a Workshop on Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) on June 23, 2022 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm for MSW Students. Mr. Joyan D'Souza, Asst. Professor & HOD, Department of M Com Finance and Ana-



lytical was the resource person. The purpose of this workshop was to understand and learn the different statistical methods and data analysis with the help of SPSS. Dr. Roshan Monteiro Asst. Professor introduced and welcomed the resource person and Ms. Agnas Abraham, a second year MSW student proposed the vote of thanks.

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