

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MANGALURU, KARNATAKA

## INTERNATIONAL E-KONKANI BHAAS & CULTURE ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

## ABOUT THE ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

This international E-Konkani Bhaas and Culture online certificate course was launched on November 13, 2020 and was held once a week from 6 pm to 8 pm. People from diverse cultures, languages and nationalities and passionate Konkani lovers attended the classes enthusiastically. At the end of every session, there was an interaction among the participants which helped them grow in fluency in Konkani and understanding its unique culture.

This course contained contents like linguistics, 3 scripts of Konkani (Kanadi, Romi, Nagari) teaching Konkani, Western and Eastern literary criticism, short stories, novels, films, drama, poetry, journalism, Kudumi, GSB, Catholic Konkani folklore, Yakshagana, Gumtan, Vovyo–verse, theatre, history of Konkani etc. Renowned resource persons from Goa, Mangaluru, Bengaluru and UAE were roped in to share their knowledge and experience to the online classes. The same team of teachers will engage classes to the upcoming batches as well.

43 students irrespective of caste, creed and religion successfully completed the course. This course was organised by the department of Konkani, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), here, in association with the UGC STRIDE project under the able leadership of Flora Castelino, the course co-ordinator.

Proudly announced that it reached the goal to gather interested aspirants who were passionate to learn Konkani and culture from USA, Ireland, Kuwait, UAE, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Cochin, Eranakulam, Goa, Mumbai, Udupi and Mangaluru.

Fr Dr Praveen Martis SJ, the Principal of the college, appreciated the efforts of the Konkani department for taking such a noble initiative. During the programme, he released an e-magazine called 'E-Thupen' which was brought out by the first batch students of the international E-Konkani Bhaas & Culture Online Certificate Course.

Dr Austin D'Souza Prabhu, the first editor of this e-magazine 'E-Thupen' highlighted the aims and objectives of the e-magazine and expressed his gratitude to all the contributors to the e-magazine.

Dr Alwyn DSa, the registrar/controller of examinations of the college explained the vision of UGC STRIDE project and released a brochure for the aspirants of the upcoming batch which will commence from July 16. Fr David Crasta, Bramhavar, Sapna Saldanha Vamanjoor, Vibhav Naik, Mumbai and Wilson Pinto, Abu Dhabi expressed their views regarding the course.

The digital drama, 'Poishyak Yek Ser', directed by Arun Raj Rodrigues, was performed as a unique experiment by the participants on this occasion. Roshan Vas and family performed music from Dubai, Sannu Monis and team performed Gumta show from Abu Dhabi.

Flora Castelino, coordinator of the certificate course welcomed the virtual gathering. Avinash D'Souza, a participant, compered the programme. Sannu Monis, organiser of the course rendered the vote of thanks.

The valedictory of the international E-Konkani Bhaas & Culture online Certificate Course was held on June 11 on the Zoom virtual platform.







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