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Former Union Minister Welcomed Ahead of Samprathi National Seminar

Dr Sanjay Paswan, Former Union Minister and Chief Guest of the upcoming Samprathi National Seminar, along with Dr Pramanshi Jaidev, was warmly welcomed at the airport on June 11, 2025, by Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, Vice Chancellor, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar, and Dr Shwetha Rasquinha, Head of the Department of Social Work.



Orientation on CPA Enlightens Commerce Students

the School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy conducted an orientation programme titled "Think Big, Earn Bigger: The Power of CPA in a Changing World" on March 25, 2025, at Fr. Robert Sequeira Hall. The session featured Uttam Pai Umesh, CPA, and Assistant Vice President of Academics, University, and Corporate Relations at Miles Education, as the resource person. The programme was convened by Ms. Anisha A. Kulal and it witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 100 BCom students, who gained valuable insights into the global relevance and opportunities offered by the CPA qualification.



University Campuses Celebrate Bird Diversity During 2025 Campus Bird Count Event

From February 14 to 17, 2025, University campuses in Mangaluru and Kotekar Beeri participated in the global Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) through the Campus Bird Count (CBC), transforming into vibrant hubs for birdwatchers. Students, faculty, and alumni took part as citizen scientists, documenting avian life with cameras, binoculars, and notebooks.



The 37-acre Mangaluru campus recorded 31 bird species, while the 17-acre AIMIT campus at Kotekar Beeri recorded 45, including greater racket-tailed drongos, jungle and common mynas, rock pigeons, sunbirds, flowerpeckers, koels, magpie robins, bulbuls, and Indian golden orioles. AIMIT also saw rare species like serpent eagles, black-naped monarchs, Nilgiri flowerpeckers, paradise flycatchers, Asian brown and brown-breasted flycatchers, golden-fronted leafbirds, orange-headed thrushes, and kites. The CBC, coordinated by Bird Count India in collaboration with eBird, encourages educational institutions to contribute to global avian data. At Aloysius, the initiative was led by the Department of Zoology, with Assistant Professors Ms. Savia D'Souza and Mr. Kiran Vati K, guided by Dr. Hemachandra (HoD), and supported by Dr. Hariprasad and Mr. Glavin Rodrigues. Twenty-five students from various disciplines and alumni, Ms. Shlaghana Jain, Mr. Mrinal, and Mr. Reginald actively participated. A consistent CBC participant since 2018, the University once again highlighted the importance of urban green spaces in preserving bird diversity through this collaborative effort.

Aloysian Volleyball League Season 5

The Aloysian Volleyball League Season-5, organized by the Department of Physical Education, was held on February 14-15, 2025, and witnessed enthusiastic participation and sportsmanship. The event featured eight men's teams and three women's teams competing with great energy and teamwork. The valedictory ceremony was held on February 15, 2025, at 2 pm, with Dr. Denis Fernandes, Director of the Arrupe Block, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Melwin D'Cunha SJ as the President of the program. The tournament was successfully coordinated by staff coordinators Mr. Harshith Kottary and Ms. Aldina, and student coordinators Mr. Steve Cardoza and Ms. Deena Riya Dsouza. In the men's division, Aloysian Hazels emerged as champions, followed by Aloysian Teakwoods, Aloysian Olives, and Aloysian Maples. In the women's division, Aloysian Rowans secured first place, followed by Aloysian Oaks. The event concluded on a high note, celebrating athletic excellence and camaraderie.



Aloysius Got Talent-Season 5

The inauguration of Aloysius Got Talent Season 5, in collaboration with the Student Council, was held on February 03, 2025, at 10:00 am in Eric Mathias Hall, Maffei Block. The event was graced by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, along



with Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, and Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University. The Chief Guests were Mr. Sachin Kumble, Choreographer and Director of Dazzling Elites Academy, and Ms. Shanthi Priya Lasrado, Actress and Singer. The event was coordinated by Ms. Poojari Nisha Gopal and Ms. Anisha Kulal, with student coordinators Mr. Shaan Hussain and Ms. Vishnuja Ganesh. The Vice Chancellor officially inaugurated the event and addressed the gathering, after which the AGT Season 5 auditions commenced.

Aloysius Got Talent (AGT) Season 5 Grand Final Showcases Student Excellence

Launch of "The Bridge" - Showcasing Creative Talent

The Department of Animation & Multimedia under the School of Vocational Studies launched its first edition of "The Bridge" on March 14, 2025, at Robert Sequeira Hall. The 52-page magazine was unveiled by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, in the presence of faculty, dignitaries, and students. Showcasing the creative talents of B.Voc. Animation & Multimedia students, the magazine features artworks, comics, design projects, and articles. It was curated by Editor-in-Chief Aldrina AM, Creative Head Chirag Nair, Student Editor Alaikha, and Student Reporter Deepak Sivan. The event marked a proud moment, establishing "The Bridge" as a platform for expression and innovation.



The Aloysius Got Talent (AGT) Season 5 Grand Finale was held on February 25, 2025, at the LCRI Block. Organized in collaboration with the Student Council, the event featured performances by 8 student teams and was graced by dignitaries including Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ; Vice Chancellor, Dr. Alwyn Dsa; Registrar of the College, Dr. Ronald Nazareth; Registrar of the University, Dr. Anup Denzil, Ms. Poojari Nisha Gopal, Ms. Anisha Kulal, and special guests Mr. Robin Sequeira and Mr. Rynel Sequeira. In his address, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing student talent. The program included an introduction to AGT, trophy inauguration, speeches, and enthusiastic performances. The event concluded with the announcement of winners and the distribution of certificates to core members and finalists. Ms. Aaliya, II BCA, served as the Master of Ceremonies.



University Celebrates 145th Annual Day

The University celebrated its 145th Annual Day on February 20, 2025, on the University Campus. This year's event also marked 75 years of the Constitution of India, with the theme "Our Constitution, Our Pride." The celebration highlighted the history and significance of the Indian Constitution in shaping the nation's democracy. Ms. Oshanie Fernandes Saldanha, a social entrepreneur, was the Chief Guest. In her address, she emphasized the importance of understanding the Indian Constitution, calling it the backbone of democracy that ensures justice, equality, and fundamental rights for all citizens. She



shared a personal connection with the institution, recalling that both her grandfathers received their early education here and later went on to achieve great heights. She appreciated the University's long-standing commitment to providing quality education and shaping young minds with values of service and purpose. She also encouraged students to keep a copy of the Constitution at home, just as religious books are kept, to understand and uphold its principles. Reflecting on her activism journey, Ms. Oshanie spoke about her efforts in HIV awareness campaigns as a teenager. Guided by her father, late Oscar Fernandes, a Parliamentarian, she organized a youth movement to spread awareness. She urged students to recognize their potential to create change, emphasizing that the platforms provided by the university should be utilized as opportunities to contribute to society. She called students the architects of tomorrow, encouraging them to stay disciplined and work for the betterment of the nation. Rev. Fr. Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ, Rector of St. Aloysius Institutions, in his Presidential Address, said, "We, as Jesuits, take pride in remembering the contribution of Fr. Jerome D'Souza, a Jesuit and member of the Constituent Assembly, whose efforts reflect our institution's commitment to service and nation-building. As students, through NSS, NCC, and other associations, you have already served society, bringing hope and pride to the nation. This university is not just an institution; it is a beacon of hope for the nation, shaping individuals who will lead, serve, and contribute to society with integrity and passion." Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, presented the Annual Report, highlighting the university's achievements and initiatives. A total of 265 students were felicitated for their outstanding performance in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. A cultural program showcasing 75 years of the Indian Constitution was the highlight of the event, with a large number of students participating.

Dr. Dennis Fernandes, Convenor, welcomed the gathering, while Dr. Ishwara Bhat introduced the Chief Guest. Mr. Vance Rion D'Souza, Student Council President, delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. Alwyn D'sa, Registrar of the College, and Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, Dr. Loveena Lobo, Dr. Asha Abraham, Dr. Charles V. Furtado, Dr. Rev. Kiran Kotha SJ, and Rev. Fr. Vishwas Misquith, Finance Officer and Directors of different blocks, were present on the dais. Jenishya Sabha and Reuben served as the MCs for the formal program, while Wencita Dias, Carol Riona, Dilroy Mascarenhas, and Pavan Kumar were the MCs for the cultural program. The event saw enthusiastic participation from faculty, students, parents, and guests, making it a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Department of Hindi Organizes Alumni Meet 2024-25

The Department of Hindi organized the Alumni Meet on March 01, 2025, graced by Dr. Denis Fernandes, (Director, Arrupe Block) as Chief Guest and presided over by Dr. Alwyn D'sa, Registrar of the College. Dr. Mukund Prabhu, Head of the Department, along with faculty and alumni, participated in the gathering. The program commenced with a prayer, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Mukunda Prabhu. In their addresses, Dr. Alwyn D'sa and Dr. Denis Fernandes emphasized the significance of alumni giving back to the institution and guiding current students. A reel showcasing alumni experiences and their journey through the University was presented. A total of 16 alumni actively took part, sharing heartfelt reflections on how their campus life influenced their personal and professional paths, while current students also shared their experiences. The program was coordinated by Ms. Roicy Rekha Braggs, hosted by Dr. Nadaf, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Lilu Kumari. The alumni and faculty also visited Aloyseum – The Aloysius Museum.



International Happiness Day Celebration - School of Education (B.Ed)

The School of Education (B.Ed) joyfully celebrated International Happiness Day on March 20, 2025, with a vibrant lineup of activities. Students highlighted the historical evolution of the day,



conducted interactive games that spread joy among the audience, performed a happiness-themed song, and staged an impactful mime. Dr. Farita Viegas, Dean, delivered an inspiring address on the essence of happiness, emphasizing its importance in leading a fulfilling life.

Job Preparation Training Session for Final Year BBA Students

The Department of Business Administration, in collaboration with the Placement Cell, organized a Job Preparation Training Session on March 20, 2025, at Robert Sequeira Hall, LCRI Block. The session aimed to equip final-year BBA students with essential skills to enhance their employability and perform effectively in job inter-

views. Ms. Fiona Soans, the resource person, offered insights into resume building, interview techniques, professional communication, and workplace etiquette, stressing the importance of confidence, body language, and industry-specific skills. The session featured interactive mock interviews and group discussions. A Q&A segment addressed doubts related to job applications, networking, and career growth. The department and Placement Cell thanked Ms. Soans and expressed their intent to conduct more such programs. Ms. Sahana and Ms. Sowmya coordinated the programme.



The event began with an inaugural program where Dr. Denis Fernandes, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Arrupe Block, spoke on the significance of blood donation as the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Vishwas Misquith, the university's Finance Officer, encouraged donors and appreciated the efforts of the NCC and YRC in his presidential address, while Mr. Antony from the Blood Bank explained the donation process and its benefits.



The camp was attended by Wenlock Hospital Blood Bank staff, YRC officers Ms. Kavitha and Dr. Mahabubali Nadaf, NCC officers Flying Officer Dr. Alwyn S. Misquith, Capt. Shakin Raj, and Lt. Cdr. Dr. Hariprasad Shetty, along with NCC cadets and YRC volunteers. A total of 69 units of blood were collected from 82 donors, making the initiative a significant contribution to the community.

St Aloysius University Hosts Catalyst 2025 - A Three-Day Entrepreneurial Extravaganza

The University successfully organized Catalyst 2025 from February 13-15, 2025, a dynamic entrepreneurial program designed to nurture budding startups through expert mentorship, funding opportunities, and practical learning. The event brought together 13 innovative student teams, over 750 participants, and 9 industry experts for intensive sessions on startup ecosystems, AI integration, and



sustainable business strategies. The inaugural ceremony featured addresses by Ms. Erica Thomas (Chair of Entrepreneurship), Mr. John Monteiro (President, Rachana Catholic Chamber), and keynote speaker Mr. Harikrishna Thodinnya (Ecchanna Dairy Services). Over the three action-packed days, attendees engaged in nine interactive technical sessions, including Mr. Karthik Attavar's funding strategies, Ms. Preksha Thej's AI workshop, and Mr. Kiran Sham's scaling masterclass. Day two's highlight was the electrifying pitch competition judged by industry leaders, where Team OneTap emerged as double winners (Best Pitch and Seed Funding), alongside EcoParatham (Most Sustainable Plan) and Jarmiya (Best Video Ad). The final day focused on practical entrepreneurship with sessions on government funding by Ms. Pratiksha Pai, student-startup balance by Mr. Mithun Kakunje, and social entrepreneurship by Mr. Nithin Vas. The valedictory ceremony, graced by Dr. Charles V. Furtado (Director, Arrupe Block) and Dr. Alwyn Dsa (Registrar of the College), capped off an event that successfully bridged classroom learning with real-world business execution, providing student entrepreneurs with invaluable tools to transform ideas into viable ventures.

Orientation Programme for Second-Semester B.Ed Students

To mark the beginning of the second semester, the School of Education (B.Ed) organized a one-day orientation programme for second-semester students on February 27, 2025. Rev. Fr. Ashwin Cardoza, Director of ICYM, Mangalore Diocese, conducted a session on "Embrace, Engage, and Excel in the Teaching Career", followed by Dr. Farita Viegas, Dean of the School of Education, who led a session on "Self-Awareness and Communication". The event aimed to prepare students for their teaching journey with valuable insights and skills.



St Aloysius University Holds Successful Blood Donation Camp

The NCC Army, Navy, and Air Wings, along with the Youth Red Cross Association in collaboration with the Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, District Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, organized a blood donation camp on March 18, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Sahodaya Hall to address the increasing demand for blood and raise awareness about its importance.

School of Commerce Hosts Successful Interclass Paper Presentation Competition

The School of Commerce, Finance & Accountancy organized an Interclass Paper Presentation Competition on March 14,



2025, at 10:30 am across multiple venues, including Arrupe AV Room, Conference Room, and AR 416. The event was expertly moderated by a distinguished panel comprising Mr. Ayush Kottary, Dr. Mamatha, and Mr. Mahammad Thauseef, all faculty members of the University. With 51 students demonstrating their research and presentation prowess, the competition proved to be highly engaging and productive. The seamless coordination by Ms. Vinita Lobo, Dr. Caroleena Janefer, Dr. Smitha Shetty, and Ms. Nisha Poojary ensured the event's smooth execution and ultimate success.

Department of Sociology Hosts Impactful "Cramp Swap Season 3" for Women's Day Week

Marking Women's Day Week celebrations, the Department of Sociology organized its flagship "Cramp Swap" program on March 13, 2025, at Mother Theresa Park, featuring an eye-



opening demonstration of period pain simulators for students across campus. Under the leadership of Dr. Joan O'Brien (HOD, Sociology), this third edition of the innovative initiative saw tremendous participation, successfully driving home its powerful message: "Periods are normal but Period Pain is NOT". The event created significant awareness about menstrual health while fostering empathy and understanding among the student community through its unique experiential learning approach.

Third Doctoral Committee Meeting Convened Under Vice Chancellor's Leadership

The Third Doctoral Committee meeting was successfully held on February 24, 2025, with the Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, presiding as chair of the session. This important academic gathering brought together committee members to deliberate on doctoral research matters and advance the University's research agenda.



Department of Economics Hosts Insightful Budget Analysis Session

The Department of Post Graduate Studies and Research in Economics organized an expert session on 'Highlights of the Budget, Government of India 2025-26' on February 13, 2025, at Joseph Willy Hall. The event saw active participation from economics students across programs, including final-year BA, BSc, MA in Business Economics, and Commerce. Dr. Daniel Frank, Associate Professor from MAHE's Department of Commerce, delivered the keynote address, offering a comprehensive breakdown of the Union Budget 2025-26 with a detailed analysis of fiscal policies, sectoral allocations, and significant economic implications. His expert interpretation provided valuable insights into the budget's strategic initiatives and their potential impact on India's economic landscape.



Department of Hindi and MRPL Successfully Host Hindi Essay Writing Competition

The Department of Hindi, in collaboration with MRPL, organized the "Hindi Nibandh Lekhan Pratiyogita" (Hindi Essay Writing Competition) on February 28, 2025, focusing on the theme "Hindi Ki Badhti Lokpriyata Evam Uska Bhavishya" (The Growing Popularity and Future of Hindi). The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 220 students representing 40 colleges, showcasing their writing skills and insights on the Hindi language.



School of Business Hosts Innovative Model Exhibition for Educational Outreach

On March 24, 2025, the School of Business and Management organized an inspiring Model Exhibition at the BBA Department, featuring creative student-designed models illustrating core concepts in Logistics, Human Resource Management (HRM), and other academic topics. The event was honored by the presence of Dr. Denis Fernandes (Director, Arrupe Block), who motivated participants and provided valuable feedback, along with Dr. Mamatha (Associate Dean) and Ms. Claret Pereira (HOD, BBA Department), who commended the students' innovative efforts. Fr. Vishwas also praised their dedication to academic excellence. The exhibition served a noble purpose: donating these educational models to government schools and colleges for the upcoming academic year. The projects were developed under the mentorship of Ms. Binni Chan, Mr. Ayush Kottary, and Ms. Tripthi, making the initiative a perfect blend of creativity, learning, and social responsibility.



St Aloysius University Celebrates Silver Jubilee with EYECONIC 2025

The SAHODAYA Association organized 'EYECONIC 2025 - Empowered Beyond Limits' on March 12, 2025, at Fr L.F. Rasquinha Hall to mark its Silver Jubilee, featuring inspiring achievers with disabilities. Chief guest Rev. Fr Prashant Madtha and presiding officer Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ (Vice Chancellor) inaugurated the event alongside dignitaries including Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Dr Ronald Nazareth, and founder Dr Charles V. Furtado. The program spotlighted two remarkable individuals: Ms. Kanmony S., a limb-different Carnatic vocalist who performs using her feet and has entertained at Rashtrapati Bhavan, and IAS officer Ms. Meghana K.T., who overcame 70% vision loss to clear UPSC twice (AIR 465 & 425). Kanmony demonstrated her artistic talents live while Meghana shared her philosophy that "life is 10% what happens and 90% how we react."



"The event marked the inauguration of the university's Accessibility Center and featured alumni reflections from filmmaker Abhaya Simha, with Fr Madtha tracing SAHODAYA's 25-year disability service history. Dr Martis called for inclusive education while Dr Furtado advocated "heart-oriented learning," referencing Helen Keller's legacy. The program, compered by Ms Alita Maria D'Sa and Ms Bhoomika, concluded with Kanmony's powerful message that "wings aren't necessary for flight, just determination," leaving attendees deeply inspired by these stories of extraordinary resilience and achievement.

University Hosts Vibrant Hindi Cultural Fest 'PRERANA - 2025'

The Department of Hindi and Hindi Sangha of the School of Arts and Humanities successfully organized the Hindi cultural festival 'PRERANA - 2025' on the theme 'Kshitij Ke Paar' on February 18, 2025, in the university campus. The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by chief guest Dr. Sukanya Mary Joseph Martins (Principal, Pooranrajna Evening College, Udupi) and presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha, SJ (Pro-Vice Chancellor), along with distinguished guests including Dr. Denis Fernandes (Director, Arrupe Block), Dr. Charles Furtado (Director, Administration Block), and Dr. Mukunda Prabhu (HOD, Hindi Department). The festival saw enthusiastic participation from over 200 students representing 21 colleges and universities competing in eight diverse cultural events. A highlight of the program was the release of the 'PRERANA' magazine, showcasing creative literary works by students and faculty. The valedictory ceremony, attended by chief guest Dr. Alwyn D'Sa (Registrar of the College), concluded with prize distribution to outstanding performers, marking a fitting culmination to this vibrant celebration of Hindi language and culture.



Ranga Adhyayana Kendra

Ranga Adhyayana Kendra in collaboration with Geleyara Balaga, Mangaluru, staged the play "Jothegiruvanu Chandira" on February 16, 2025, at 6:45 pm at the LCRI Block. The play, directed by Hulugappa Kattimani and performed by Team Sankalpa, Mysuru, enthralled the audience with its compelling storytelling and powerful performances.



INSPIRE - Chapter 4 Highlights Power of Unity and Global Excellence

The Department of History hosted INSPIRE – Chapter 4, its flagship program celebrating individuals who bring about societal change, on March 20, 2025 at Maffei Hall. The chief guest was Mr. Terence Andrade, based in Silicon Valley, USA, and son of Mr. William Andrade, an early migrant from Mangalore to Karachi. Educated at St. Patrick's High School & College, Karachi, from 1956 to 1968, Mr. Andrade was an accom-



plished hockey player and represented the Karachi University Degree Colleges Team in 1971. He earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from NED College in 1973 and later completed his MS in Electrical & Computer Engineering at Oregon State University. He joined AMD in 1979 and contributed to eight generations of microprocessors, playing a key role in global production operations. In his address, he reflected on his upbringing in Pakistan, the value of friendships, and the need to reject divisive narratives. He encouraged students to appreciate shared heritage and work toward unity. The event, organized under the leadership of Dr. Mona Mendonca, was attended by Dr. Alwyn Dsa, Dr. Charles Furtado, and Mr. Kishore Chandra. The session saw the enthusiastic participation of more than 90 students, who engaged actively with the guest.

ISIRI Chapter 2: The Legacy of Festivals - A Dance Drama Celebration of Culture and Creativity

ISIRI Chapter 2: The Legacy of Festivals, a vibrant celebration of storytelling through dance, was held on February 27, 2025 at LCRI Block. The event showcased the talent and creativity of eight exceptional teams who brought unique narratives to life through expressive dance dramas. The competition was inaugurated by Mr. Vijay Kumar Kodialbail, the esteemed chief guest, alongside Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, with Teacher Coordinators Mr. Akshith Kumar and Dr. Sandhya Sirsikar, and Student Coordinators Kaushik Suvarna, Hansh S. Amin, Chirag Bajal, and Sneha D'Souza also present on stage. Pranavi Amin gracefully hosted the inauguration. In his address, Mr. Vijay emphasized the importance of integrating education with cultural events to enrich learning and offer meaningful platforms to young artists.

A special felicitation ceremony was held to honor Mr. Bennet Ammannu, Mr. Abdul Hameed, and Mr. Umesh Salian with the ISIRI Award and Juri Shawl for their outstanding contributions to the arts and culture of Tulunadu. With the support of title sponsor Edusphere Overseas, the event was a resounding success, profoundly impacting participants and spectators alike and celebrating the enduring legacy of regional festivals and artistic heritage.



BIBLIOPHILIA - Portable Magic Celebrates the Joy of Reading

The Library Department organised 'BIBLIOPHILIA' on March 11, 2025, at Sanidhya Hall, celebrating the love of books and reading. The programme began with a prayer and a video presentation on the library's resources and services. The Best Library User Award was presented by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, who chaired the event and shared his personal reading experiences.



The chief guest, Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), spoke about the transformative power of books. Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, and Mr. Udaya, the Librarian of the University, were also present. Ms. Renuka S., a student, reflected on her library experience and reading habits, while a quiz competition engaged student participants in testing their library knowledge. The gathering was welcomed by Ms. Sunitha Machado, Assistant Librarian, and the list of winners were announced by Mr. Sanjeeva, Assistant Librarian. The event was compered by Sr. Trinitha from the Department of Journalism.

Konkani Play "Poyinn Porvatak" Staged for Theatre Diploma Students

Ranga Adhyayana Kendra in collaboration with Astitva (R), Mangaluru, staged the Konkani play "Poyinn Porvatak" on February 12, 2025, at Rangotsava, Parichaya, Pamboor. Directed by Ms. Sweedal Dsouza, the play was presented as part of the Diploma in Theatre Skills programme and offered students a meaningful learning experience through live performance and cultural engagement.



National Science Day 2025 Celebrated with Enthusiasm

The School of Physical and Life Sciences organised the National Science Day Celebration on February 28, 2025, at the Robert Sequeira Hall, based on the theme "Scientific Empowerment of Young Scientists for a Developing India." The chief guest, Dr.

Raviprakash, Professor of Physics at the MIT Institute of Technology, Manipal, and Co-Director of Academics,

inspired the audience by highlighting India's scientific milestones—from Aryabhata and Shushrutha to ISRO's modern successes and the digital revolution. He emphasized the legacy of Sir C.V. Raman and his globally celebrated Raman Effect, the foundation of National Science Day. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, presided over the function and encouraged students to contribute to national development through scientific research. Dr. Ishwar Bhat, Director of Xavier Block, welcomed the gathering, explained the significance of Science Day, and led an oath pledging the use of science for the welfare of humanity. Dr. Aruna Kalkur, Dean of the School of Physical Sciences, introduced the chief guest, and Valina Jenisha Dalmeda compered the programme.



Distinguished alumni included Dr. Divya Adiga (Aurigene Oncology), Ms. Pooja Nayak (Bhami's Research Laboratory), Dr. Bhagya N (Yenepoya DU), Mr. Bharath A.P. (CFTRI), Dr. Prakash P. Yegneswaran (Kasturba Medical College), and Mr. Rithan Bopanna (Agumbe Rainforest Research Station), whose insights motivated students to explore diverse career paths in life sciences. The event was presided over by Rev. Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Pro Vice Chancellor of the university, and graced by Dr. Hemachandra Amin, Dean of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Asha Abraham, Director, LCRI.

The University celebrated International Mother Language Day

The Department of Konkani, School of Language and Culture Studies, in collaboration with Konkani Sangha and CASK, organized a workshop titled "Konkani Vovio & Verse" on February 21, 2025, at the University Auditorium to mark International Mother Language Day. The program was symbolically inaugurated by Dr. Alwyn

D'Sa, Registrar of the College, while Shri Ronald Gomes, President of CASK, entertained the audience by singing Vovio and re-affirmed his commitment to serving the Konkani language. The

workshop was conducted by Sapna Crasta, an alumna, teacher, and actress, who demonstrated traditional wedding songs to an enthusiastic group of around 200 student participants. These Voviyo-Verse songs hold cultural significance among Konkani Christian speakers and continue to be an integral part of wedding traditions. The event was organized by Mrs. Flora Castellino, Head of the Konkani Department. Ashelle Tellis, Cultural Secretary, welcomed the gathering; Vilona D'Cunha compered the program, and Anvita D'Cunha, Editor of Parjal magazine, delivered the vote of thanks.



Aloysian Chronicles: Alumni Inspire Future Biologists



The School of Life Sciences organized "Aloysian Chronicles: Past, Present & Future" on March 08, 2025 at Eric Mathias Hall, creating a vibrant platform for alumni to engage with current students and share their professional journeys. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 27 alumni from reputed institutions and organizations, who provided valuable career guidance and inspiration.

Pi Day Celebration Sparks Mathematical Curiosity

The students of MSc Mathematics organized a Pi Day celebration on March 14, 2025, engaging 50 BSc Mathematics students in a fun and educational program aimed at deepening their interest in the subject. The event

began with an introduction to Pi and its mathematical significance, followed by a series of competitions that tested participants' logic, memory, and reasoning skills. Winners were awarded prizes for their outstanding performance, making the celebration both intellectually enriching and rewarding.



World Theatre Day Celebrated with Konkani Play and Cultural Performances

On the occasion of World Theatre Day, Ranga Adhyayana Kendra and Astitva (R), Mangaluru, in collaboration with the Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, staged the Konkani play "Poynn Porvatak" on March 27, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the LCRI Block. The play, directed by Ms. Sweedal Dsouza and performed by the students of Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, was part of the celebrations that highlighted the importance of theatre in cultural education. The event also featured Ranga Sangeeta and dance performances by students, followed by the distribution of certificates by the Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, making the celebration both artistic and memorable.



Department of Food Science Organizes Skill Development Programme

From March 14–17, 2025, the Department of Food Science conducted a Skill Development Programme on food safety and quality assurance for M.Sc Food Science and Technology, M.Sc



Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, and B.Sc Food Science students and faculty. The programme included sessions on HACCP Level-3, ISO 22000 IA, FoSTaC, and practical quality assurance training. Trainers Ms. Anly Achenkunju, Ms. Seema, and Mr. Yeshwanth Murthy from Aspire Training Research Consulting, Kochi, led the sessions with hands-on activities and expert insights. 70 participants benefited from the programme, gaining essential skills and industry-relevant knowledge to enhance their career opportunities in the food sector.

Exhibition on Immune Response Enhances Student Learning

The undergraduate students of the Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, organized a one-day exhibition titled "Visualizing Dynamics of Immune Response" on March 2025 at the Xavier Block Lobby under the guidance of Rev. Fr



Royston Madtha. The exhibition aimed to strengthen students' conceptual understanding of the immune system through creative and informative chart presentations. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Director of Xavier Block, in the presence of Dr. Sreejesh P. C., Program Coordinator, Dr. Renita Maria Dsouza, Associate Professor, and Rev. Fr Royston Madtha, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology. In his address, Dr. Bhat highlighted the importance of such interactive learning platforms and encouraged similar initiatives across departments. Each chart was presented and evaluated by Rev. Fr Royston Madtha, with the exhibition remaining open throughout the day for students from different departments to explore.

VocXify-2025: A Showcase of Creativity and Skill-Based Learning



VocXify-2025 was an exhilarating initiative by the School of Vocational Studies, designed to showcase the diverse talents and entrepreneurial spirit of students through a vibrant pop-up store that promoted creativity, innovation, and skill-based learning. A total of 15 stalls were set up, offering handcrafted products and unique experiences ranging from delicious food items and potted plants to intricate handmade goods, all reflecting the students' passion and dedication. The grand valedictory ceremony was graced by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, who inspired the gathering with his words, along with Dr. Alwyn D'sa, Registrar of the Autonomous College, and Mr. Chethan Shettigar, Dean of the School of Vocational Studies, who acknowledged the commendable efforts of the students and faculty in making the event a resounding success.

School of Education Celebrates International Women's Day



The School of Education (B.Ed.) celebrated International Women's Day on March 08, 2025, with the theme "Empowered Women, Empower the World." Mrs. Corrine A. Rasquinha, Founder of White Doves Trust, Kulshekar, Mangalore, was the Chief Guest, while Dr. Farita Viegas, Dean, presided over the programme. The celebration featured a dance-drama and a song performance by the students, both creatively highlighting the theme and portraying the multifaceted roles of women.

Valedictory of Women's Day Week Activities by Department of Sociology

The Women's Day Week activities organized by the Department of Sociology culminated with a valedictory programme on March 14, 2025, at Mother Theresa Park. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, addressed the students, emphasizing the

strength and significance of women. Anvita D'Cunha (II BA) was awarded a cash prize for her entry in the photography contest. The event



featured two impactful performances by students—a dance and a mono act—on the theme "Even Ardhanarishvara is Not a Half." The programme concluded with an additional round of cramp swap demonstrations, conducted upon student request. The Women's Day Week activities were held under the guidance of Dr Joan O'Brien, Head of the Department.

Launch of the Mathematics Department's E-Magazine

The Mathematics Department has released its latest e-magazine Pi_Zine, featuring a diverse collection of academic articles, mathematical puzzles, and insightful contributions that reflect the subject's depth and interdisciplinary relevance. The publication serves as a platform for both students and faculty to present their analytical perspectives and creative explorations in the field of Mathematics.

Shooting Stars 2025

The School of Arts and Humanities, Department of Journalism and Visual Communication, in association with Karnataka Bank, organized Shooting Stars 2025, a national-level film-making competition and seminar at the University campus on January 30, 2025. Chief guest Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar, a renowned Kannada Director and screenwriter, inaugurated the event and stated that cinema is a blend of art, science, and commerce. He mentioned that cinema becomes a product and the end stage, and it is a thread of science, language, and literature. He emphasized that cinema becomes successful only when all these elements come together. He further shared his belief that a movie should not carry a message or become a tool of propaganda, but rather should entertain people and



transport them into a world of imagination, while building a critical sense and fostering a creative mindset. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, who presided over the programme, stated that in the current media landscape, three Cs—Creativity, Confidence, and Collaboration—are essential. He explained that creativity plays a vital role and is a key element in Jesuit pedagogy, which values experiential knowledge alongside reflection, action, and evaluation. He pointed out that a movie has the power to influence and that collaborative efforts can bring about change in today's world. Guest of honour Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, appreciated the efforts of the department in organizing such an event. The programme included interactive sessions with speakers Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar and Badekkila Pradeep, a voice artist and actor, and featured several competitive events. The valedictory programme was held with chief guest Deekshith K Andinje, popularly known for the film Daskath, who expressed that the roles of producer and director are as important as that of the actor. He shared his happiness about the success of the Tulu film Daskath, which completed its 50th day, and thanked cinema lovers for their support. Dr Charles V. Furtado and Dr Alwyn Dsa, guests of the programme, wished the participants success and congratulated the winners. Alva's College Moodabidiri won the overall title while St Agnes College (Autonomous) secured the runner-up position. Bhavya Shetty, Head of the Department of Journalism and Visual Communication, Prajath Kumar Hegde, staff convenor, student coordinators Anirudha Mannaje and Govind, and others were also present.

Retail Renaissance

The Department of Retail and Logistics Management, School of Vocational Studies, organised RETAIL RENAISSANCE: Changing the Retail Landscape on 10th March 2025 in Robert Sequeira Hall. Chief guests Prof. Maria D'Costa, Retired Professor and Founder of Prajna Counselling Centre, Mangalore, and Ms Vathika Pai, Founder of Vathika International Travels, graced the occasion. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor,



Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, Dr Denis Fernandes, Director of Arrupe Block, Mr Chathan Shettigar, Dean of Vocational Studies, and Ms Sharolin Avil Menezes, Head of the Department of Retail and Logistics Management and Convenor of the Programme, were present on the dais. During the programme, the department released a magazine titled Women of Mangalore, which was unveiled by the dignitaries. The magazine features stories of 30 exceptional women of Mangaluru. Editor-in-Chief Mr Aaron Freidar Heri guided a team of nine students in successfully launching the publication as part of their academic project. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address, congratulated the team for their creativity and shared insights on the University's Incubation Centre and the seed funding provided to student entrepreneurs. He also mentioned successful women entrepreneurs, including Prof. Maria D'Costa, who is both an educator and entrepreneur, and Ms Vathika Pai, a dynamic leader in the travel industry. Prof. Maria D'Costa, in her address, spoke about her journey in education and the establishment of Prajna Counselling Centre, sharing valuable entrepreneurial insights and the secrets behind successful women-led ventures. Ms Vathika Pai discussed entrepreneurship opportunities available to students and highlighted funding agencies like KSFC that support women entrepreneurs. She elaborated on the impact of technology and social media in growing businesses and encouraged students through her personal experiences. Dr Alwyn D'Sa and Dr Denis Fernandes also shared their reflections on the magazine and the programme. The event was compered by Ms Jane Olivera, a first-year BVoc Retail and Logistics Management student. Ms Sharolin Avil Menezes, Convenor of the programme, delivered the welcome address, and Ms Mariyam Hannan, a third-year BVoc Retail Management student, proposed the vote of thanks.

Professional Day and Valedictory Ceremony Of Eccellenza-Realms of YGGDRASIL



The School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy, in collaboration with ISDC and the Business Intelligence Lab, hosted Professional Day and the Valedictory Ceremony of Eccellenza – Realms of Yggdrasil on February 08, 2025. Dr Denis Fernandes, Director of Arrupe Block, was the Chief Guest, and Ms Aishvarya C K, ACCA member and Audit Senior at KPMG Global Services, was the Guest of Honour. The event was presided over by Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor. The programme highlighted the importance of professionalism, lifelong learning, and adaptability in today's business environment. A total of 13 ACCA affiliates, one rank holder, and 100 students were honoured for their academic achievements. Dr Denis Fernandes and Dr Alwyn D'Sa were also felicitated during the event. The programme was compered by Ms Larrel, the welcome address was delivered by Dr Manuel Tauro, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Sanjana D.

CPR Training held at the University to Promote workplace Safety

The University, through its Human Resource Department, organized a CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training session on February 12, 2025, as part of Arogyavahini, a year-round health and wellness initiative aimed at educating non-teaching staff on physical and mental well-being through expert-led and interactive sessions. The session was designed to equip non-teaching staff with essential life-saving skills, reinforcing the University's strong commitment to workplace safety and emergency preparedness. The initiative is actively supported by Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor who emphasizes the need for equipping all staff members with health knowledge and emergency response skills to create a safer and healthier work environment. The session was conducted by medical experts from Fr Muller Medical College, led by Dr Vishma K and assisted by Dr Priya, Dr Surya, and Dr Merwin, and included hands-on CPR training. Participants were given practical instruction that could prove vital during emergencies, and an interactive Q&A session addressed common concerns. HR Chairperson Ms Sahasra Rao and Co-Chairperson Dr Dinesh Nayak highlighted the role of such training in creating a culture of safety in the workplace, with Ms Maria assisting with the event. Through such health-focused initiatives, the University continues to prioritize the well-being and preparedness of its staff, setting a benchmark for workplace safety in academic institutions.



Champions of RDC-Delhi 2025 Cadets Grandly welcomed at the University

The RDC-Delhi 2025 cadets, who brought immense pride to the institution, were grandly welcomed at the University by Rev Dr Praveen Martis, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Dr Ronald Nazareth and Dr Alwyn D'Sa (Registrars), and the Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) of the University. The celebration honoured the cadets' exceptional performance and representation at the prestigious Republic Day Camp in Delhi, acknowledging their discipline, determination, and patriotic spirit.



Radio Sarang

FEBRUARY 2025 REPORT

Radio Sarang captivated its audience throughout February 2025 with a vibrant mix of cultural, health, and community-focused programs. The station featured a powerful lineup of Yakshagana performances, including "Chanakya Chandragupta," "Sorkuda Ponnu," "Koti Chennayya," "Chaturjanma Moksha," and "Brugu Shapa," celebrating regional heritage and storytelling. In the health awareness program 'Hello Wenlock,' conducted in collaboration with The Wenlock Government Hospital of Mangaluru, several esteemed experts addressed important medical topics. Dr. Jyothi M discussed root canal treatment and other dental procedures, Dr. Naveen Kumar V explained the causes and remedies for white spots on the skin, Dr. Naveen Chandra Kulal provided insights on water- and foodborne jaundice, and Dr. Juliyan Saldana cautioned listeners about using fever medications without a doctor's advice. The musical segment Hrudaya Raga featured Pooja Nair, a versatile talent who charmed listeners with her presence. In the Konkani live show Thalo Umalo, the guest was Vinsent Fernandes, an acclaimed singer and writer. The Tulu program Binnere Pathergathe featured Surendra Kotyan, a passionate book lover who runs a community library. The newly introduced show Namma Samvidhana aimed to spread constitutional awareness, focusing on rights, duties, and civic values. Another new initiative, Voice of Manjula, provided a platform for storytelling, interviews, and discussions centered on social issues and community narratives. The program Samajamukhi addressed themes of environmental conservation, sustainability, and social responsibility. Radio Sarang was also selected for a special project titled "Namma Hiriya Namma Gaurava" under the State Action Plan for Senior Citizens by the Community Radio Association. As part of this initiative, the station conducted both broadcasts and narrowcasts across various locations in Mangaluru city, amplifying the voices and experiences of senior citizens.

MARCH 2025 REPORT

Radio Sarang captivated its audience throughout March 2025 with a variety of engaging and socially impactful programs. The station featured a compelling series of Yakshagana performances including "Ambarisha Charitre," "Tyagoda Tirl," "Hasya Vaibhava," "Pahlada Charitre," and "Bangar Bodedi," showcasing the richness of traditional art forms. In the health-oriented program 'Hello Wenlock,' conducted in collaboration with Wenlock Government Hospital, guests such as Dr. Renita Fernandes, who discussed essential information about anaesthesia, Dr. Sunil, who spoke about bipolar disorder, and Dr. Jyothi, who addressed thyroid nodules, provided valuable insights. The musical segment Hrudaya Raga featured Dinesh Kumar Marnemikatte, a retired police officer and bandmaster. In the Konkani live show Thalo Umalo, the guests included Vishalin Saldanha and Chetan Saldanha, Aloysius Loysal Dsouza, Louis Rodrigues and Belinda Tina Rodrigues, and Denis Fernandes, who engaged listeners with their stories and experiences. A newly introduced program titled Namma Samvidhana focused on creating awareness about the Constitution, its values, rights, and duties. Another new initiative, Samajamukhi, highlighted community welfare and environmental issues with guests such as Dinesh Holla, environmentalist, Jayaprakash Yekkuru, animal lover, and Usha Suvarna, social worker. In the special program Margadarshi, Dr. Vasanth Kumar Shetty, Chief Veterinary Officer, and Guruprakash Shetty, Deputy General Manager, were invited as guests. The culinary show Aduge Mane continued to delight food enthusiasts with traditional recipes and tips, presented by Mangala Ananth Alve and Divya Rai. The comprehensive health program Arogya Sarang featured expert discussions on topics such as gastroenterology with Dr. Anuraag Shetty and Dr. Sandeep Gopal, naturopathy with Dr. Shobharani and Dr. Prakash A.J., hemorrhoids with Dr. Shreevarsha P., Panchakarma with Dr. Basavaraj Shirur, PCOS and daily Ayurvedic routine with Dr. Yashwitha Ramesh, fasting and sprouted grains with Dr. Vasanth Kumar, homeopathy with Dr. Sridevi D. Venkatapura, Ayurvedic nutrition with Dr. Chintana Kajjari, Abhyanga with Dr. Basavaraj Shirur, home remedies with Dr. Sahana Panduranga, and cool summer recipes with Dr. Sukanya M.S. The live phone-in programme Radio Sanje hosted inspiring achievers Meghana K.T. and Kanmani S., who have overcome disabilities and shared their experiences. A new program titled Voice of Manjula was also launched, which aimed at spotlighting social issues, personal narratives, and community concerns.

Distribution of Research Grants And Seed Money

MJES Student-Teacher Research Grants and Seed Money for Minor and Major Research for the staff were distributed by Prof. Charles Furtado, Director, Admin Block, on February 13, 2025.



Felicitation Ceremony of NCC Cadets of Mangalore Group

A grand felicitation ceremony was held at the University on March 08, 2025, to honour the outstanding achievements of 71 NCC cadets from the Army, Navy, and Air Force Junior and Senior Wings, who represented the Karnataka & Goa Directorate with discipline and dedication at prestigious national-level camps. Organized by the NCC Mangalore Group, the event recognised the cadets' hard work, leadership, and commitment, and also celebrated the involvement of their parents, who were present to witness the proud moment. The event was graced by several dignitaries including chief guest Captain Brijesh Chowta, Member of Parliament, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, Col. Viraj Kamath, Group Commander, NCC Mangalore Group, Col. Gratian Sequeira, Commanding Officer, 18 Kar Bn NCC Mangalore, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, and Ms Shilpa D'Souza, Institutional Development Officer of the University. Col. Viraj Kamath, in his motivational address, urged the cadets to continue striving for excellence and stressed the values of discipline, patriotism, and hard work as key traits of success. He also lauded the role of parents in shaping the cadets' character and journey. The ceremony included the presentation of mementoes and cash incentives to both boy and girl cadets in recognition of their contributions and achievements. The presence of parents added warmth to the event, making it a memorable celebration of youth dedication and national pride.



AI AUSHADHI VANA-Medical Garden Inaugurated at The University

The Inauguration of AI Aushadhi Vana, the medicinal garden of the University, was held on February 04, 2025. The event reflected the University's commitment to environmental conservation, traditional wisdom, and sustainable living. It was graced by Mr Walter Nandalike,



Founder of Daijiworld, and Mr Walter D'Souza, entrepreneur and distinguished alumnus. Rev. Fr. Melwin J Pinto SJ, Pro-Chancellor, and Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ,

Vice-Chancellor, also attended, with the latter highlighting the garden's role in promoting research on phytochemicals and integrating science with traditional knowledge. The event began with a prayer song, followed by a welcome address and expressions of gratitude. A symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony, using twine and a money plant, reinforced the university's dedication to sustainability. A traditional grinding of seven medicinal herbs marked the significance of holistic healing. Mr. Glavin Thomas Rodrigues, Chief-Coordinator, Centre for Environmental Concern, explained the garden's research prospects and use of QR codes for accessing plant information. Eco Warriors, a student group instrumental in executing the project, were specially acknowledged. Also present were Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar, Rev. Fr. Vishwas Joy Misquith SJ, Finance Officer-Secretary ex officio, Ms. Jennifer Ida Mascarenhas, Chair of Extension Services, and other Deans and HoDs. Special appreciation was extended to Mr. Arjun Mascarenhas and Prof. Vishwanath Badikana for their contributions. The AI Aushadhi Vana, envisioned as a living laboratory, promotes academic research, environmental awareness, and traditional medicinal knowledge. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Vice Chancellor, celebrating collaborative efforts and inspiring future sustainability initiatives.

Blessing of newly built facilities for research scholars

The newly built facilities for research scholars were blessed by Rev. Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Pro-Vice Chancellor at the LCRI Block on February 07, 2025. The event was attended by the Registrar, Finance Officer, research guides, and research scholars.



Blessing Ceremony of Renovated Facilities at Xavier Block

The blessing ceremony of the renovated UG Biochemistry lab, Microbiology Department staff room, and Mathematics Department staff room was held at the Xavier Block on February 04, 2025.



Student Corner Inaugrated at Maffei Block

The Student Corner was inaugurated on March 21, 2025, inside the Maffei Block as a dedicated space for students to spend time together and build meaningful connections. This initiative was funded by the Final Year UG Batch of 2024–25 and the Student Council 2024–25.



Sangam 2025-A Cultural Extravaganza at St Aloysius University

Sangam 2025, the interdepartmental cultural extravaganza for postgraduate students of St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), was inaugurated on February 11, 2025, at Mother Teresa Peace Park.

The event was inaugurated by Pruthvi Ambaar, a renowned Kannada-Tulu film actor and proud alumnus of the University. In his address, he reflected on how his journey from a dancer to a radio jockey to a film actor was shaped by the nurturing environment and encouragement from faculty during his MA (Media and Communication) days at the University. The inauguration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Melwyn Joseph Pinto SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Pro Vice-Chancellor, along with Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, Dr. Asha Abraham, Director, LCRI Block, Dr. Loveena Lobo, Director, Maffei Block, and Dr. P. P. Sajimon, Dean of PG Studies. Staff coordinators Ms. Devishree Shetty and Ms. Clarett D'Souza, and student coordinators Ali Musba and Riyola Nishal Monteiro were also present. A riddle book titled Twisted Logic by Melisha D'Souza (M.Com) was released at the event. MJES scholarships were awarded to meritorious students. Competitions held throughout the week included Wealth out of Waste, Rangoli, Debate, Folk Dance, Creative Writing, General Quiz, Group Singing, Photography, Collage, and sports events like Shuttle Badminton, Volleyball, and Throwball. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Dr. Fr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, and Rev. Fr. Vishwas Misquith SJ, who commended the participants for their enthusiasm and team spirit. The overall championship was won by MSc Biochemistry, with MSc Food Science securing second place and MA (Media and Communication) coming third.



Insignia 2025-National-Level Undergraduate Management Fest at AIMIT

The MBA Department of AIMIT, Beeri Campus, organized IN-SIGNIA 2025, a national-level undergraduate management fest, on February 25, 2025. Centered on the theme 'Infinium: The infinite journey of Innovation', the fest witnessed the participation of 20 teams from various colleges across states. The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony where Dr. Rajani Suresh, Dean, delivered the welcome address, highlighting DeepSeek's innovations in AI and introducing the dignitaries. The Chief Guest was Mr. Ratheesh R, Principal, Staff Training



College, Karnataka Bank, and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Gautam Pai, Chairman, ICAI Mangaluru. The event was presided over by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, and also attended by Rev. Dr. Kiran Cotha SJ, Director, AIMIT. The chief guest emphasized the evolving trends in the banking industry and the importance of knowledge and skills, while the guest of honour stressed balancing academics with extracurricular involvement and staying current with technology. In his presidential address, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ spoke about the value of Knowledge, Skills, and Wisdom (KSW), asserting that wisdom and the right attitude lead to greater altitudes. The fest featured seven competitive events, including Best Management Team, Business Quiz, Best Manager, HR, Finance, Marketing, and Filmmaking. The cast and producer of the movie Middle Class Family were also present, with Mr. Sharan Chilimbi as the chief guest for the valedictory. Rev. Dr. Kiran Cotha SJ addressed the gathering, and prizes were distributed. The overall championship was won by Yenepoya Institute of Arts, Science, Commerce, and Management.

Research Interaction With Prof. Tad Gonsalves

The research scholars of the School of Information Science and Technology had an interactive session on March 22, 2025, with Prof. Tad Gonsalves from Sophia University. The session was inspiring, informative, and insightful, offering valuable perspectives on research. The interaction was coordinated by Dr. Jeevan Pinto, HOD of MCA, and Dr. S. Ruban, HOD of MSc Software Technology.



Research Articles Published By School Of Information Science And Technology

The School of Information Science and Technology has successfully published the research articles presented at the international conference in an ISBN-numbered book, marking a significant academic achievement. Each article in the publication is assigned a DOI, ensuring global accessibility and recognition of the scholarly work.



Gratitude Circle Session for Final-Year BA and BCA Students

The Department of Counselling organized an insightful session titled "Gratitude Circle – Being Thankful, Forgiving, and Appreciating the Wonder of Me" for the BA and BCA final-year students on February 04, 2025.

The session for BA students was conducted from 9:00 to 10:30 am, and for BCA students from 11:00 AM to 12:30 pm in Arrupe Block. Mr



Binoy Stanley Peters, a Creative Consultant and Theology Teacher, facilitated the sessions. Counsellors from all blocks and the concerned faculty members were also present. A total of 189 BA students and 237 BCA students attended the session. The sessions focused on helping students heal from past emotional wounds, cultivate gratitude for life's blessings, and embrace a positive vision for their future. Through interactive discussions, reflective exercises, and guided activities, participants were encouraged to let go of negativity, practice forgiveness, and recognize their self-worth.

Gratitude Circle Session for Postgraduate Students



On February 03, 2025, the Department of Counselling organized a transformative session titled "Gratitude Circle – Being Thankful, Forgiving, and Appreciating the Wonder of Me" for the Postgraduate students of Maffei Block and LCRI Block. Held from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, the session was facilitated by Fr Robin Santhumayer, who guided students on a journey of self-reflection, healing, and personal growth. The session aimed to help participants heal from past emotional burdens, cultivate gratitude for life's blessings, and embrace a positive vision for their future selves. Through interactive discussions, reflective exercises, and guided activities, students were encouraged to let go of negativity, practice forgiveness, and recognize their self-worth. 151 students from Maffei Block, 189 students from LCRI Block, and 12 faculty members actively participated in the session.

Gratitude Circle Session for Final-Year BBA and BCom Students



On February 06, 2025, the Department of Counselling hosted a Gratitude Circle session for the final-year BBA and BCom students in Arrupe Block. The session, led by Fr Richard D'Souza, aimed to promote reflection, forgiveness, and appreciation as students approached graduation. The BBA session was held at 9:00 AM, followed by the BCom session at 11:00 am, with a total of 244 BBA students and 240 BCom students in attendance. The session included three core activities: reflecting on gratitude, letting go of negative thoughts, and writing a letter to their future selves. This meaningful experience enabled students to reflect on their three-year academic journey, prepare for life beyond college, and embrace a positive and hopeful outlook for the future.

Gratitude Circle Session for Final-Year BCom, BSc, and BVoc Students

On February 11 and 12, 2025, the Department of Counselling conducted a Gratitude Circle session for final-year BCom, BSc, and BVoc students in Arrupe Block, led by Fr Anisio Mota and Fr Roshan D'Cunha. A total of 338 BCom, 300 BSc, and 132 BVoc students participated in the session. The activities included reflecting on gratitude, letting go of negative thoughts, and writing letters to their future selves, all designed to help students revisit their three-year academic journey and embrace a positive and hopeful outlook on life after graduation.



Students Attend International Animation Conference GAFX 2025



Third-year BA, BSc, and BVoc Animation students attended the International Animation Conference GAFX 2025 in Bengaluru from February 27 to March 01, 2025. Organized by the Department of IT BT, Government of Karnataka, and supported by the AVGC sector of the Government of India, the event featured interactive sessions with international animation artists. As part of the visit, students also toured the Vidhana Soudha, met the Honourable Speaker Mr. U.T. Khader, and interacted with Mr. Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council. Additionally, the staff discussed with the IT Minister, Mr. Priyank Kharge. A total of 45 students participated in the visit, accompanied by 4 staff members.

St Aloysius University Holds ALMUN 2025

The second edition of Aloysius Model United Nations (ALMUN) was held on March 18-19, 2025, at the University. In just two years, ALMUN has emerged as one of the city's premier MUN conferences, fostering critical thinking, diplomacy, and policymaking skills. The event was guided by Dr. Rose Veera D'Souza, Chief Advisor and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and smoothly coordinated by Secretary General Ronston Sequeira and Director General Anita Sara Aniyen. The inaugural ceremony featured Dr. Smithi Hegde as Chief Guest, and was addressed by Rector Rev. Fr. Melwin Pinto SJ, Dr. Denis Fernandes, and Dr. Ratan Tilak Mohunta, who all emphasized the importance of MUNs in preparing future leaders. ALMUN 2025 hosted four committees—Lok Sabha, UNGA, UNODC, and the International Press—where delegates deliberated pressing issues with passion and diplomacy. The International Press documented sessions and conducted interviews, promoting transparency and accountability. The second day concluded with resolution adoption across committees and a press conference where journalists engaged delegates on their stances. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Shri Mullai Muhilan MP, Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of Dakshina Kannada, who visited committee sessions and addressed the gathering with insights on governance and youth participation. He was accompanied by Shri Sudhir Shetty K, Former Mayor of Mangaluru, who highlighted the need for civic leadership. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, delivered the closing remarks, commending delegates and encouraging them to uphold the spirit of diplomacy. ALMUN 2025 concluded on a high note, establishing itself as a leading platform for discourse and global engagement in Mangaluru.



Seminar series on Women Entrepreneurs

The Department of Retail and Logistics Management successfully conducted a Seminar Series on Women Entrepreneurs on March 15, 2025, featuring three accomplished women entrepreneurs who shared their insights on business, leadership, and innovation. Attended by 90 students, the session aimed to inspire and educate students on the challenges and opportunities in women's entrepreneurship. The event fostered meaningful interaction between students and speakers, encouraging young minds to explore entrepreneurship while acknowledging the vital role women play in the business landscape.



One day NIPM HR Conference Held at Hospete



Dr. Roshan Monteiro, Assistant Professor, along with ten students from the Department of Social Work (PG), represented the University at the One-Day NIPM HR Conference held in Hosapete on March 08, 2025. The conference served as an enriching platform for gaining insights into Human Resource Management, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and industry best practices, while also encouraging discussion and collaboration to benefit both student careers and academic advancement.

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (ICAIH 2025)

The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (ICAIH 2025) was inaugurated on March 20, 2025, at the AIMIT Campus, Beerli, or-

ganized by the School of Information Science and Technology. The conference



brought together researchers, healthcare professionals, and AI experts from across the globe to explore the transformative role of AI in healthcare. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Hemalatha N, Dean of the IT Department, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp. Dignitaries, including Prof. Tad Gonsalves, Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Rev. Dr. Kiran Cotha SJ, and Dr. Sreekumar, were felicitated with floral welcomes and saplings, symbolizing growth and sustainability. Keynote addresses were delivered by Dr. Sreekumar, who highlighted the value of knowledge-sharing and noted the success of the virtual format with 32–50 quality research paper submissions, and Prof. Tad Gonsalves from Sophia University, Tokyo, who emphasized the ethical dimensions of AI in healthcare—calling for fairness, transparency, and accountability. The presidential address by Rev. Dr. Kiran Cotha SJ underlined the potential of AI in early disease detection and stressed the need for collaborative research to develop AI-powered healthcare solutions.

International Conference on Industry & Innovation



The School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy in collaboration with ISDC (International Skill Development Corporation), organized an International Conference on “Industry & Innovation – Building Resilient Leadership for Inclusive & Sustainable Development” on February 12, 2025, at L. F. Rasquinha Hall, LCRI. The event brought together academicians, industry leaders, and researchers to discuss innovation, resilient leadership, and sustainability through keynote speeches, technical sessions, and paper presentations. The inaugural began with a solemn invocation and welcome dance, followed by an address by Dr. Manuel Tauro, Dean, who emphasized balancing industrial growth with environmental well-being. Chief Guest Dr. Anand Edward D’Souza encouraged students to embrace commitment and resilience, while Guest of Honour Mr. Joseph Santhosh Sequeira spoke on IT advancements and the power of perseverance. Rev. Fr Vishwas Joy Misquith SJ, Finance Officer, presided over the event, urging young leaders to remain agile and innovative. Video messages from Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Pro-Chancellor, and Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, reaffirmed the University’s commitment to industry-academia synergy. Mr. Ronald Olivera, in his keynote, highlighted the importance of communication and continuous learning. Mr. Shujath Bin Ali, in the technical session, discussed sustainable leadership and aligning business with the people-planet-profit framework under the UN SDGs. The conference featured 143 research papers (70 offline, 73 online) across 11 tracks, covering Management, Finance, HR, Marketing, and IT. The event was successfully coordinated by Ms. Poojari Nisha Gopal and Ms. Renita Joyce Fernandes. At the valedictory ceremony, Dr. Denis Fernandes and Dr. Alwyn D’Sa urged participants to champion sustainability and adaptability, while Dr. Ronald Nazareth, who presided over the event, appreciated the relevance of the conference theme. The conference concluded with a call for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable leadership in the evolving business landscape.

University Holds National Seminar Samprathi 2025

The Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Social Work organized a one-day national seminar 'SAMPRATHI 2025' on the theme 'Building Inclusive Societies: Social Management Strategies for Sustainable Development' on March 25, 2025 at L. F. Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block. Dr. Sanjay Paswan, Former Central Minister, Ministry of HRD and Professor of Management, Patna University, Bihar, was the chief guest, and Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, presided over the programme. Dignitaries on the dais included Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Dr. Loveena Lobo, Dr. Shwetha Rasquinha, and Vinola Pinto, student coordinator of SAMPRATHI 2025. In his presidential address, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ emphasized five dimensions of learning that promote inclusivity and sustainability. Dr. Sanjay Paswan, in his keynote, critically addressed social exclusion and stressed the need for inclusion in all dimensions of life. The seminar featured three panel discussions with Mr. Aby Augustine, Ms. Divya Hegde, and Ms. Deepa Sasidharan, who spoke on media, voluntary organisations, and corporate responsibility in environmental justice, respectively. The first plenary session by Dr. Pramanshi Jajadeva focused on inclusive leadership from a historical perspective, while the second plenary session by Dr. Poornima Venkat engaged participants in an interactive discussion. Dr. Shwetha Rasquinha welcomed the gathering, Dr. Loveena Lobo briefed about the seminar, and Vinola Pinto proposed the vote of thanks. The valedictory ceremony, held at 4.15 PM, featured Dr. Farita Viegas, Dean, School of Education, as the Chief Guest, and was presided over by Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar.



Alumni Interaction Session by Sr Stephy Joseph for BA (SW) Students

On March 26, 2025, the UG Department of Social Work organised an alumni interaction session for the first and second-year BA (SW) students, featuring Sr Stephy Joseph, who is currently pursuing her MSW at St Albert's (Autonomous) College, Ernakulam. The interactive session offered students practical guidance, motivated them to consider MSW as a viable academic path, introduced various specialisations available in the MSW programme, and addressed their queries about the social work profession.




Alumni Lecture by Dr Ninaad Lasrado for Biotechnology Students

The Department of UG Biotechnology organised an alumni lecture series on February 10, 2025, featuring Dr Ninaad Lasrado, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Barouch Lab, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. His lecture, titled "Student to Scientist: Taking Risks and Making Discoveries on the Path to Innovation," aimed to inspire students by highlighting his journey from St Aloysius College to the forefront of biomedical research. Dr Lasrado shared insights from his academic path, including his Ph.D. in Integrative Biomedical Science from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and his current work in vaccine development at Harvard. The event was coordinated by Dr Sreejesh P.C., with Dr Renita Maria D'Souza serving as the convenor.




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With profound sadness, we regret to inform you that Jeslita has gone to her eternal rest, leaving us with her cherished memories.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the grieving family and pray for the eternal rest and peaceful repose of the dearly departed.

Alumni Interaction and Talk by Dr Kshama Shetty

The Department of Chemistry organized an alumni interaction and a talk on "From Student to Mentor: The Journey of Becoming a Teacher" on March 07, 2025, at 11:00 am in Robert Sequeira Hall, LCRI Block. Dr Kshama



Shetty, Associate Professor at Nitte Deemed to be University, Bengaluru, shared valuable insights into the challenges faced while transitioning from a student to a teacher and discussed effective strategies to navigate and overcome them.

Alumni Interaction Series on Career Opportunities in Food Science

The SYNERGIA Association of the Department of Food Science organized an alumni interaction series on “Navigating Your Future: Career Preparation and Job Opportunities in Food Science” for postgraduate FST and FSND students on February 01, 2025, in L-403, LCRI Block. The keynote speaker, Mr Vittal Nayak, alumnus (Batch 2015–2017) and professional at Herbalife INCOE, shared his expertise and experiences, offering valuable guidance to the students. This session enabled students to gain meaningful insights into potential career paths and the real-world journeys of their predecessors.



The event included engaging discussions on sportsmanship, perseverance, and redefining success in athletics, followed by an interactive Q&A where students and alumni shared their views. The session concluded on an inspiring note, highlighting the role of resilience in sports and encouraging ongoing dialogue on the subject.

Alumni Interaction on Bird Identification for Campus Bird Count 2025



As part of the Campus Bird Count 2025, the Department of Zoology organized an alumni interaction session on February 10, 2025 to train and prepare students in bird identification, promoting awareness of avian diversity and encouraging participation in citizen science initiatives. The resource person for the event was Ms Shlaghana Jain, an alumnus of the department and an avid birder with six years of experience. Her expertise in ornithology, field observation techniques, and bird documentation made the session highly insightful for students passionate about avian biodiversity.

Alumni interaction on Leadership in the Modern Era

On January 27, 2025, the Department of Hindi organised an alumni interaction on the topic “Adhunik Yug mei Netrtav” by Fr Shailen Minj SJ and Fr Jacob Hembrom SJ from the Dumka-Raiganj Jesuit Province. The session was attended by second-year B.Com students, who actively participated and engaged in meaningful interaction with the speakers.



First Alumni Meet of the School of Arts and Humanities



Alumni Interaction and Talk on Heroism in Sports

The Department of Physical Education organized an alumni interaction and a talk on “Heroism in Sports: Myths and Realities” on February 24, 2025, at 10:00 am in Robert Sequeira Hall, LCRI Block. The session featured Rev. Dr Robin Xavier VC, Principal of DIMS Media College, Thrissur, as the keynote speaker, who offered valuable insights into common misconceptions and the true essence of heroism in sports.



The School of Arts and Humanities hosted its First Alumni Meet on March 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm in Sanidhya Hall, bringing together 55 alumni to reconnect and celebrate shared memories. Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of alumni engagement and encouraging members to bring more classmates to future events. The first Alumni Committee was formed through voluntary participation to plan and execute upcoming programmes. The event was coordinated by Dr Vidya Vinutha Dsouza, Assistant Dean – School of Arts and Humanities.

Alumni Meet of the Department of Hindi

Alumni Meet of the School of Vocational Studies

The School of Vocational Studies conducted the Alumni Meet on March 22, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Arrupe Block, fostering



a strong sense of community among attendees. The event began with warm greetings and registration, followed by a heartfelt inauguration that included a prayer, a welcome speech by Mr Prajwal Rodrigues (B.Voc Student), and inspiring addresses by Dr Denis Fernandes (Director) and Ms Sharon D'Souza (Former Lecturer, B.Voc). The interaction session brought moments of nostalgia as staff and alumni shared memories and achievements. Networking activities such as games and photo sessions added joy and strengthened connections. The event concluded with refreshments, providing a relaxed space for informal conversations. The smooth coordination by the organising team ensured a memorable and meaningful experience for all.

Department of Administration

The School of Business and Management organized an Alumni Meet on February 08, 2024, bringing together 24 former students from the batches of 2013 to 2023. The event served as a platform for alumni to reconnect, share experiences, and engage with current students and faculty. It began with a warm welcome, followed by an interactive session where alumni shared their professional journeys and insights. Faculty members expressed their pride in the achievements of their former students and highlighted the importance of alumni connections. The alumni appreciated the opportunity to relive memories, reconnect with peers, and contribute to the institution's continued growth and success.



Alumni Award

Ms Swetha Kumari N S, a 2009–2011 alumna and Deputy Manager – CSR at Bangalore International Airport, was honoured during the alumni meet for her notable achievements.



Workshops

The MBA Department of the School of Business and Management, AIMIT, organized workshops on "Raising Capital for Startups" and "Legal & Ethical Steps in Setting Up a Startup" on March 20, 2025, at the AIMIT campus, Beeri. CA Prasanna Shenoy, a renowned Chartered Accountant, and Adv Nikesh Shetty conducted the sessions. Nikesh Shetty is a well-known legal expert in the field. They provided valuable insights into the various funding avenues available for startups and elaborated on the legal and ethical frameworks essential for establishing a new business. The workshop, held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., was organized as part of the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) activities, aiming to equip budding entrepreneurs with essential knowledge and practical strategies for launching and sustaining successful startups.



The Department of MBA, School of Business and Management, AIMIT organized a one-day workshop titled "Crafting Excellence: A Workshop on Research Paper Development" on March 21, 2025, as part of the Research Interaction Series. The session was conducted by Dr. Amitabh Anand, Professor at Excelia, France, who enlightened researchers on the topic 'Search to Submission'. The workshop was attended by research scholars and faculty members of the University. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Rowena Wright, Research Coordinator of Management, in the presence of Dr. Beena Dais, Head of the Department, and research participants. Dr. Anand began the session by highlighting ten essential steps in developing a research paper, followed by an explanation of how established researchers conduct literature searches, map literature, and build well-structured papers from abstracts and keywords. Dr. Anand showcased a few of his own published papers and demonstrated how they were developed, offering hands-on training using the topics provided by research scholars to create basic research paper flows from abstracts within minutes, followed by plagiarism and AI detection checks. The session concluded with a Q&A session and a vote of thanks by Mr. Vinay Krishna, Program Coordinator.





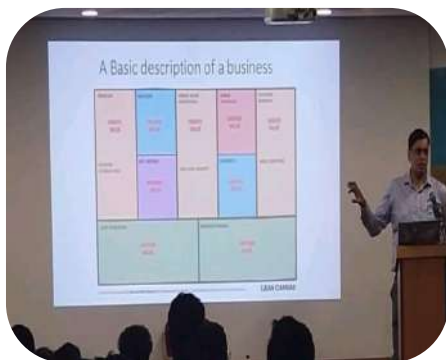
A three-day workshop on **ED9AUVE182: Art and Drama in Education** was conducted on March 13, 14 & 15, 2025, at the School of Education (B.Ed). Mrs. Puspanjali Rao, Representative of Pidilite Company India, Bangalore, served as the Resource Person and trained students in various artistic techniques, including Mandala Art on Canvas, Fabric Painting Techniques, Tie & Dye, Stencil Work, Stamping, Salt Technique, Bottle Art with Moulding, and Coconut Shell Craft. Students attentively observed each demonstration and actively participated in creating their craftwork, skillfully applying the techniques they learned during the sessions.

The **School of Education (B.Ed)** organized a workshop on **Preparing Teaching Aids** on March 17, 2025. Mr. Sudheer Balepuni, Visual Art and Drawing Instructor at Indira Gandhi Residential School, Belthangady, was the Resource Person. He provided valuable guidance on the effective use of colours and sketch pens to enhance the clarity and visual appeal of charts. He also emphasized the importance of accurate measurement and proportion in chart design to ensure precision and readability.



The School of Business and Management and the School of Information Science and Technology, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Cell, organized a workshop on **"Business Model Canvas"** on March 13, 2025. The session aimed to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to develop innovative business models using the Business Model Canvas (BMC) framework.

Mr. Vinay Krishna, Assistant Professor at Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT), served as the Resource Person, sharing his expertise on business model development through a hands-on approach. Approximately 87 students from BBA, BCA, and B.Sc Computer Science and Data Science programs benefited from the interactive session, gaining valuable insights into the practical application of the BMC model. The workshop was convened by Mr. Ayush G Kottary from the School of Business and Management and Dr. Archana Yashodhar from the School of Information Science and Technology.



The Departments of UG Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Microbiology organized a workshop for students titled **"Lifesavers in Action: Essential First Aid and CPR Training"** on February 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm. in Sahodaya Hall. Around 75 students and 6 staff members benefited from this informative and hands-on session.



The Department of PG Biotechnology organized a one-day workshop for Canara College students on **"Basic Bioinformatics and Molecular Techniques"** on February 28, 2025. Dr. Santhosh Goveas and Dr. Jiji George served as the resource Persons for the workshop, showcasing their expertise through engaging and insightful session.



The Aloysius Institution of Civil Service Examination organized a workshop on **"How to Crack Civil Service Examination"** on February 08, 2025 at Eric Mathias Hall. Mr. Pradeep, an experienced and senior faculty member from INSIGHT IAS Academy, Bangalore, and Miss Jasmin Lobo, a successful student of the Aloysius Institution of Civil Service Examination (UPSC Main – 2024), served as the resource persons for the session.



Addressing the students, Mr. Pradeep provided insights into the structure of the UPSC Civil Services Examination and shared strategies for effective preparation. Miss Jasmin Lobo shared her journey towards success in the civil services examination and emphasized the significance of public service, inspiring students to consider a career in civil services. The session concluded with a Q&A segment, during which students interacted with the resource persons and gained valuable guidance on preparing for the UPSC exams. The event was well-received, with more than 200 students participating in the workshop. Mr. Sharath Kumar Shetty, Coordinator of the workshop, and Miss Josna, Coordinator of the Institution, were present on the occasion.

The School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy organized a Workshop on Technical Analysis on March 14, 2025, at L.F. Rasquinha Hall, LCRI. The session was conducted by Mr. Vinith D'Costa, a PGPM, Finance & NISM Certified expert, who shared valuable insights into financial market trends, stock price movements, and technical indicators used in trading and investment decisions. The workshop commenced at 1:30 pm and covered various aspects of technical analysis, such as chart patterns, moving averages, support and resistance levels, and trading strategies. Mr. Vinith D'Costa engaged the audience with practical demonstrations and real-world market examples, making the session highly interactive and informative. The workshop was successfully coordinated by the staff convenors, Mr. Akshith Kumar, Ms. Poojari Nisha Gopal, and Mr. Deepak KV, and provided students and faculty with an in-depth understanding of technical analysis and its application in financial decision-making. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the speaker. A total of 280 students participated in the workshop.



The School of Business and Management and the School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy, in association with the Research and Development Cell, organized a workshop on **"Tools and Techniques for Scientific Research"** on February



22, 2025, at the Arrupe Block. The resource person was Dr. Amitabh Anand, an accomplished researcher, globally acclaimed as a full-time Professor at Excelia Business School, La Rochelle, France, and Permanent Research Fellow at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Dr. Anand provided hands-on experience to research scholars, students, and faculty members on Bibliometric Analysis meticulously and practically. A total of 82 participants benefited from the session, with attendees representing various academic disciplines both within and outside the university.

The **School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy** organized a Stock Market Workshop on February 28, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:50 pm, in the Arrupe Block, to provide students with fundamental knowledge of stock trading and mutual funds. The workshop was convened by Mr. Akshith Kumar and

conducted by Mr. Vinith Oscar D'Costa and his team from VD & Associates, Mangaluru. It was structured into three sessions: the first, led by Ms. Anvitha, introduced the basics of the stock market; the second, conducted by Mr. Athish, provided insights into mutual funds and their workings; and the



final session, presented by Mr. Vinith, offered hands-on training on buying and selling shares along with various investment strategies. Participants also had the opportunity to interact with experts and clarify their doubts regarding investments. The workshop was highly informative, featuring interactive discussions and real-market demonstrations that made complex concepts easier to understand. Overall, it was a valuable and enriching experience, equipping students with practical financial knowledge and investment skills.

The Department of English organized an Alumni Workshop on **"Power of Words"** on February 15, 2025, at 9:00 am in Saanidhya Hall. The resource persons for the program were Ms. Ruth Dsouza Prabhu, Independent Journalist and Culinary Blogger, and Ms. Vaishnavi H. S., Programming Head at Udaya TV. Ms. Ruth shared her journey of becoming an independent journalist, highlighting the challenges and triumphs of her



career, while Ms. Vaishnavi provided insights into the workings of the TV industry, emphasizing its deep connection with audiences. Dr. Charles Furtado, Director of Admin Block, introduced the guests to the audience, and Ms. Alita D'Sa welcomed the gathering. Dr. Alwyn Dsa, Registrar of the college, delivered the Presidential Address, and Ms. Merlin Dsouza delivered the vote of thanks. Around 60 students took part in the workshop.

On March 26, 2025, the Entrepreneurship Cell organized a workshop on "**The Prototype & Process Design Development**", conducted by Preethi Nayak, founder of Joos Botal. She provided an insightful, hands-on experience for participants eager to bring their ideas to life. Over three hours, attendees explored the fundamentals of prototyping, the importance of iterative design, and strategies for optimizing processes to create market-ready products. Preethi Nayak shared her entrepreneurial journey, offering real-world examples of how Joos Botal developed its products through experimentation and refinement. The session covered design thinking principles, rapid prototyping techniques, and process improvement strategies, equipping participants with practical tools to refine their concepts. The workshop was successfully conducted, leaving participants inspired and better prepared for their entrepreneurial ventures.



Department of Food Science, in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, organized a one-day workshop on **PCR Technique and Its Application** for 2nd-year M.Sc. Food Science, Nutrition, and Dietetics students on March 07, 2025. The workshop featured

Dr. Santhosh Goveas and Dr. Jiji George as resource persons, who provided an in-depth understanding of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and its significance in food science and biotechnology.



A total of 28 students and the Convenor, Ms. Jovita Carrol, Assistant Professor, participated in the workshop, which included a theoretical session explaining the principles of PCR, followed by a hands-on practical session where students gained experience in performing PCR techniques. The workshop effectively strengthened students' understanding of molecular techniques and their application in food, fostering an engaging environment where participants actively participated in discussions and clarified their queries with the experts.

The School of Physical Sciences, Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with IQAC, organized a workshop on "**The Art of Research: Igniting Innovation, Cultivating Collaboration, and Mastering Scholarly Writing**" on March 15, 2025, at Sanidhya Hall. The speakers for the day were Dr. Gurumurthy S. C. and Dr. Sudhakar Y. N. from Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal. The topics addressed during the workshop included Fueling Innovation: The Drive behind Research, Bridging the Gap: Turning Projects into Published Research, United for Discovery: Importance of Collaborative Research Culture, and Anatomy of a Review Paper: Structure, Analysis, and Writing Tips.

A total of 60 participants, including research scholars and PG students from various science departments, took part in the workshop.



A two-day workshop titled "**Workshop on Child Rights, Mental Health, and Digital Safety for Karnataka Journalists**" commenced on March 27, 2025, at Sanidhya Hall with the aim of sensitizing journalists from Karnataka on key children's issues, including child rights, non-communicable diseases, mental health, and digital safety. The workshop was organized by UNICEF in

collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore,



and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the University to enhance media awareness and promote responsible reporting on children's concerns. Sri Prosun Sen, Communication, Advocacy, and Partnership Specialist at the UNICEF office for Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, was the chief guest, and Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, was the guest of honour. Dr. Swapna, Professor at the University of Mysore, welcomed the gathering. Manju Sumeda, a research scholar, compered the event, while Bhavya Shetty, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, delivered the vote of thanks.

The Department of Journalism and Visual Communication, in association with Springs Dronitics, organized a session and workshop on **Drone Dynamics and Functionality** on February 03, 2025, at Xavier's Auditorium. Students of UG Journalism and Visual Communication actively participated in the session, which provided insights into the working principles and applications of drones. Following the session, students were given hands-on training, allowing them to gain practical experience in operating drones and understanding their functionalities.



A digital Kannada workshop was conducted by the Department of Kannada for 3rd-year Kannada Optional students. The session was led by Mr. Ashay V. B., B.E. in Computer Science and Co-founder of Pulsecode Technology Pvt. Ltd., who provided valuable insights into the integration of Kannada language with digital technology, enriching students' understanding of the digital possibilities in regional language computing.



The **Department of Mathematics and Statistics, in collaboration with St. Joseph Engineering College**, organized a One-Day Workshop on Python for Mathematics on February 07, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, at the Computer Lab, Admin Block. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Ishwara Bhat and Ms. Anupriya Shetty, Head of the Mathematics Department, and was coordinated by Ms. Priya Monteiro and Ms. Akshatha Shenoy. The Resource Persons were Dr. Ramananda H. S., Professor & Dean, Dr. Shubha V. S., and Ms. Shivani S., Assistant Professors from St. Joseph Engineering College. The sessions covered the basics of Python, mathematical computation and problem-solving techniques, plotting of mathematical functions, and some advanced programs. This workshop provided an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their skills and apply theoretical knowledge in a practical setting. A total of 80 students participated, along with faculty members, engaging actively in hands-on exercises. The collaborative environment and expert guidance made it a productive and enriching experience, and the workshop concluded with participant feedback.



The Skill Sprint: Aloysian Sports Leagues (AVL, APL, and ABL) Workshop, organized by the Department of Physical Education was held on February 22, 2025, at Sahodaya Hall. The event began with an engaging ice-breaker session conducted by Mr. Elson Hirgan, faculty member of the Department of Commerce, setting an interactive tone for the workshop. The workshop featured expert speakers, including Mr. Prashanth B, Head Coach, Sneha Cricket Academy, for the Aloysian Premier League, Mr. Aditya Mahale, Professional Basketball Coach, for the Aloysian Basketball League, and Mr. Arun Baptist, Physical Education Teacher, St. Aloysius Higher Primary School, for the Aloysian Volleyball League.



The session, attended by students and sports enthusiasts, aimed to enhance sports education by providing valuable insights into training methodologies and the dynamics of each game.

The inaugural ceremony of the Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on "**Ever Young Topics in Physical and Chemical Sciences**", organized by the School of Physical Sciences, was held at 9:00 am on February 17, 2025, at L.F. Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block. The Lecture Workshop aims to promote scientific innovation among young minds. The programme was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest and Con-venor, Prof. N.



Suryaprakash, Eminent Scientist from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, along with President Rev. Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Prof. S. V. Krishna Kumar, Scientist at TIFR, Mumbai, Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the University, Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Director of Xavier Block, Dr. Aruna Kalkur T, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, and the Coordinator, Dr. Roshan D'Souza. The inaugural session was followed by a keynote address on NMR Spectroscopy by Prof. N. Suryaprakash.

A workshop on "**Hands-on Robotics: Designing the Future**" was organized by the Department of M.Sc. (Software Technology) on March 17, 2025. The session aimed to provide students with practical exposure to robotics design and development, encouraging innovation and problem-solving through interactive, hands-on learning experiences.



The School of Vocational Studies, Department of UG Sports Management, in collaboration with the Sports Association, organized a workshop on "**Life-Saving Skills: CPR Training**" on February 19, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The session was led by Dr. Shamana Shetty, Senior Resident at Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru, and Dr. Deeksha Nayak, and aimed to equip students with essential CPR skills to handle emergencies effectively. All students of B.Voc Sports Management and members of the Sports Association were required to attend this hands-on training, which included practical demonstrations and interactive learning sessions. The workshop focused on understanding the importance of CPR, learning correct techniques, and practicing on mannequins to build confidence in responding to cardiac emergencies. This initiative provided valuable knowledge, enhancing students' ability to act swiftly and effectively in life-threatening situations, particularly in the context of sports and physical activities.



TEDX

TEDX StAloysius 2025 – “A Twist of Tales” was launched on February 22, 2025 at L. F. Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block. Ms Giselle Mehta, former IRS officer, author, and entrepreneur, was the chief guest, inaugurating the event and addressing the gathering with an inspiring speech aligned to the theme, “A Twist of Tales.” She highlighted the importance of embracing life’s twists that shape one’s journey, helping individuals discover their spark and passion. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions. Other dignitaries on the dais included Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor; Dr Smitha D K, staff convenor; Mr Mithun Bloor, guest of honour; Dr Alwyn D’Sa, Registrar of St Aloysius College (Autonomous); and Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of St Aloysius (Deemed to be University). The inaugural was attended by speakers Dr Manu Melwyn



Joy, Ms Kiran Dembla, Ms Poonam Vaidya, Mr Pavan Joshi, and Ms Wencita Dias, along with the announcement of all eight speakers for the event. The fourth edition of TEDX StAloysius was held on February 23, 2025 at L. F. Rasquinha Hall with K Nikhitha Pai and Neha Anna Bino as comperes. The event featured eight distinguished speakers. Sadashiva K Shetty, Co-founder and Chairman, Heranba Industries Ltd, spoke on entrepreneurial mindset, resilience, and social responsibility. Kiran Dembla, celebrity fitness expert, photographer, and mountaineer, highlighted self-belief, consistency, and goal-setting in fitness. Dr Yusuf Kumble, Founder and Chairman, Indiana Hospital, shared his journey of revolutionizing healthcare and making government schemes accessible. Adv. Sanjay R Hegde discussed resilience, unity, and religious freedom under the Constitution. Poonam Vaidya, senior analyst featured on BBC, advocated for accessibility and respect for people with disabilities. Pavan Joshi, Founder and Conservationist, Adavi Alert Foundation, spoke of his 25-year wildlife protection journey and the challenges faced by frontline workers. Wencita Dias, actress and beauty queen, encouraged self-acceptance, stepping out of comfort zones, and embracing life’s unpredictability. Dr Manu Melwyn Joy, gamification expert and cancer survivor, showcased innovations in education, e-commerce, and social causes. The event was further enriched by performances from Inception, Nrithya Ensemble, and Crescendo, concluding with a vote of thanks by Vinay Mayekar, Student Coordinator.

Industry Academia

Industry Academia Interaction Series on “Cybersecurity Awareness” was hosted by the MBA Department, AIMIT, on March 07, 2025 at 3.00 PM. The lecture highlighted various aspects of cybersecurity and the opportunities in the field. The resource person, Mr Harsh, CTO of Techo and a first-generation entrepreneur who designs and develops digital and cyber products for companies, governments,



and academia, was introduced by Mr Justine, first-year MBA student, in the presence of Dr Rajani Suresh, Dean of the MBA Department, and programme coordinator Mr Vinay. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Pearl. Mr Harsh shared insights and real-life experiences of individuals affected by cyber fraud, explained the evolution of the cyber and meta world, and highlighted tools used by criminals and hackers. He stressed that safety begins with awareness, followed by self-protection, and finally reporting incidents for necessary action. He also discussed key dos and don'ts in the cyberworld, especially in the era of AI-enabled crimes, urging participants to verify information before making decisions. The event ended with an engaging Q&A session.

FDP

The School of Life Sciences organized an **FDP for Research Scholars on March 04, 2025**, marking the second FDP conducted for the second batch of PhD scholars. The program focused on the theme “Research towards UN SDG Goals”, aiming to guide scholars in aligning their research with global sustainable development priorities



The Research Development Cell (RDC) organized an **Orientation and FDP for New Research Scholars on February 03, 2025**. The program was inaugurated by **Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ**, Vice Chancellor. Sessions were conducted by Prof Rashmi Kodikal, Dr Mahesh M. G., Dr Mona Mendonca, and Mr Arjun Prakash, covering key aspects relevant to research scholars. The event concluded with **Dr Ronald Nazerath, Registrar of the University**, distributing certificates to the participants.



Memorandum of Understanding

The Kanachur Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), operating under the Kanachur Islamic Education Trust, and the **St Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT)**, Koteekar, Beeri, formalized a significant partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on March 17, 2025. This strategic agreement aims to foster collaboration between the two institutions in the areas of education, research, and innovation.



Memorandum of Understanding between **St Aloysius (Deemed to be University)** and **Hiveminds Innovative Market Solutions Pvt Ltd** was signed on March 28, 2025 in Bangalore. Dr Rajani Suresh, Dean of School of Business and Management, represented the institution. The MoU enables Hiveminds Ltd to provide digital marketing classes, workshops, and hands-on training for final semester MBA students.



Memorandum of Understanding between **St Aloysius (Deemed to be University)** and **Infosys Springboard** was exchanged on March 20, 2025. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, and Mr Santhosh Anathapura, Head & Chief Lead for Government Partnerships at Infosys Springboard, signed and exchanged the MoU on behalf of the two institutions. Infosys Springboard, a flagship digital learning platform, offers content on digital learning, emerging technologies, and life skills. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in providing free access to world-class educational resources, internship opportunities, and faculty development programmes for students and faculty. Mr Santhosh later addressed the students at Sanidhya Hall, briefing them on the various digital resources available and the importance of the partnership. Dr Roshan F D'Souza, Chair, Domestic and International Relations, coordinated the event.



Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Economics, School of Arts & Humanities, **St Aloysius (Deemed to be University)**, Mangaluru and the **Department of Economics, Shree Mallikarjun and Shri Chetan Manju Desai College, Cancon, Goa**



was signed on March 10, 2025. The MoU signing ceremony was followed by discussions on student and faculty exchanges and joint research projects. Dr Manohar V Serrao, Head, Department of Economics, Dr Alwyn Misquith, and Dr Reji P John, Faculty of Economics, were present for the event. Dr Reji P John also conducted a session on career opportunities in economics, highlighting emerging trends and employability skills.

Memorandum of Understanding between **St Aloysius (Deemed to be University)**, Mangaluru and **Department of Science and Technology, NITTE University Technology Enabling Center (DST NU-TEC, NITTE)** was signed on March 14, 2025. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in promoting academic excellence, research innovation, and entrepreneurial growth between the two institutions. Dr Roshan



Fredrick D'Souza, Chair of International and Domestic Relations, along with Dr Daniella Anne L Chyne and Dr Feby Luckose, Assistant Professors, Department of Food Science, played a pivotal role in coordinating and executing the collaboration under the guidance of Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, and Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar. The MoU was signed in the presence of Prof. Dr M S Moodithaya, Vice Chancellor, NITTE (Deemed to be University), Dr Iddya Karunasagar, Advisor (Research and Patents), and Dr Indrani Karunasagar, Director – Projects & Coordinator, DST Technology Enabling Centre, NITTE (Deemed to be University). The agreement is expected to contribute significantly to capacity building, innovation, and career development for students and faculty.

Scaling business horizon strategies for students

The MBA Department's AIMIT hosted an Industry Academia Interaction Series on "Scaling Business Horizon Strategies for Students" on February 06, 2025, at 9.00 am. The lecture shed light on various aspects of the job market, highlighting the importance of creativity, networking, and quick-thinking skills, with Mr Jayaraam S, Deputy Manager, Business Standard, as the resource person. Mr. Jayaraam was introduced to the gathering by Ms. Chandhana Thota, a Second-Year student, in the presence of Dr. Rajani Suresh, Dean of the MBA Department, and program coordinator Mr. Vinay. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Vinesha Fernandes. He discussed the role of MBA and management colleges in helping students become more competitive, emphasizing that with the vast talent pool available and intense competition among potential recruits, companies seek individuals who can identify and solve real problems. He further stated, "MBA stands for Mastering oneself, Branding oneself, and Accelerating oneself towards what they want to achieve," encouraging students to stand out by taking initiatives and networking effectively, before concluding the session with an engaging Q&A segment



Planned activities include HR Quiz and Debate, Recruitment Simulation, Group Discussion Practice, and Case Study Challenges. Ms Glancil Monteiro led an engaging session sharing insights from her professional journey at BCG, both as an intern and full-time employee, highlighting the importance of soft skills and technical expertise in securing opportunities. Her address inspired students to develop a balanced skill set for career success. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Pratheeksha, HR Club Coordinator, ending on a note of gratitude and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

INVICTUS - Intra-department Business

On February 17, 2025, the MBA Department hosted 'Invictus', Beginning the day on a positive note by invoking the blessings of God to set the tone for the event. Rev Fr Dr Kiran Cotha SJ, Director of AIMIT, graced the occasion and addressed the gathering, emphasizing the meaning of Invictus. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr Adithya M, Student Coordinator, Invictus, followed by a bird's eye view of the event presented by Dr Poulami Saha, Faculty Coordinator, Invictus. An engaging skit narrated the story behind Invictus and its inception. The fest featured exciting competitions including Best Manager, Best Management Team, Marketing, Finance, Human Resource, Business Quiz, and Videography, each showcasing participants' creativity, problem-solving skills, and leadership abilities. The energy, passion, and teamwork displayed made Invictus a memorable and enriching experience. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Gowthami, Faculty Coordinator, Invictus.



HR Club Inauguration

The MBA Department of the School of Business and Management, AIMIT, inaugurated the Aloysius HR Club 2024-25 on February 08, 2025. The event began with an introduction to the significance of human resources and the club's vision for the academic year, emphasizing the vital role of HR in shaping the corporate world and the club's aim to enhance students' knowledge and skills. A warm welcome was extended to Guest Speaker Ms Glancil Monteiro, an esteemed alumnus of the institution, along with the faculty and students, followed by a welcome address by Sayanth, HR Club Coordinator. The inauguration was formally conducted by Ms Glancil Monteiro, Dean MBA, Dr Rajani Suresh, HOD, Dr Beena Dias, and HR Club Faculty Coordinator Dr Swapna Rose, and featured the unveiling of the HR Club Kit Box prepared by Nidhi Shetty, HR Club Coordinator, marking the start of the year's initiatives



ACCOLADE 2025: Kannur University Hosted a National Fest

Kannur University, Centre for Management Studies conducted the national-level ACCOLADE 2025 on 20th February 2025, where our students achieved remarkable success, emerging as overall winners.

They secured 1st place in Best Management Team,

Marketing, and Finance, 2nd place in HR and Business Quiz, along with the Best Manager title. Best Manager – Joel Leander Pinto; Best Management Team – Bianca Viola Saldanha, Anish Salvius Dsouza, Mohammed Thashir, and Melon Dsouza; Marketing – Janak Mohan, Angad Nayak, Ishal Monteiro, and Nidhi K Shetty; Finance – Prinson Cardoza, Prathiksha Shetty, Royal Sequeira, and Ibrahim Shameem; HR – Jayalakshmi, Santhanu, Mohammed Farhan, and Viraj; Business Quiz – Prajwal Shetty and Pratheek KP.



MAGMA 2025: A Grand National Fest by Srinivas University

Srinivas University, Institute of Management & Commerce conducted the national-level fest MAGMA 2025 on February 21 and 22, 2025, where our students excelled by securing 1st place in Best Management Team and Marketing. Best Management Team – Reda Sheriff, Godwin Sandesh, Azmiya Banu, and Mohammed Sahil; Marketing – Angad Nayak and Melon Dsouza.



INSIGNIA 2025

On February 25, 2025, the MBA Department, AIMT, Beerri Campus, organized the national-level undergraduate management fest INSIGNIA 2025 with the theme Infinium: The Infinite Journey of Innovation. Twenty teams from various colleges across states participated in the event, which commenced with an inaugural ceremony. In her welcome address, Dean Dr Rajani Suresh spoke about DeepSeek's role in revolutionizing AI, introduced the dignitaries, and welcomed the gathering. Mr Ratheesh R, Principal Staff Training College, Karnataka Bank, Ex General Manager, Union Bank of India, was the Chief Guest, and Mr Gautam Pai, Chairman ICAI, Mangaluru, was the Guest of Honor, with Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, and Rev Dr Kiran Cotha SJ, Director, AIMT also present. The Chief Guest emphasized the importance of knowledge, skills, and abilities to meet industry needs and adapt to the changing trends in the banking sector, while the Guest of Honor highlighted the value of balancing academics with extracurricular activities and staying updated with current technology. In his presidential remarks, Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ stressed the significance of knowledge, skills, and wisdom (KSW), noting that above all is the wisdom to make the right decisions with the right attitude to achieve greater heights. The fest provided a platform for undergraduates to showcase analytical, strategic, leadership, and filmmaking skills through seven events: Best Management Team, Business Quiz, Best Manager, Human Resource, Finance, Marketing, and Videography.



Managerial Skill Development Programme Report for MRPL Employees

A two-day Managerial Skill Development Program for the employees of MRPL was conducted by the MBA Department, School of Business and Management on February 27-28, 2025. The inaugural function was graced by Mr Sandesh Coutinho, CGM HR, MRPL, Rev Dr Kiran Cotha SJ, Director AIMT, Dr Rajani Suresh, Dean School of Business and Management, and Ms Poonam Shetty, Junior Officer, Training HR, MRPL, along with participants, faculty members, and staff. Session 1 was

led by Mr Sandesh Coutinho and Ms Poonam Shetty, setting the tone for the program. Session 2,

"Leading a Value-Driven Life", by Rev Fr Roshan Pereira SJ, highlighted the power of value-based living, followed by Session 3, "Co-Creating a Value-Based Organization", by Dr Steevan D'Souza, where participants committed to aligning actions with organizational values. Day 2 began with Session 4, "Organizational Commitment with Emphasis on Peer Involvement and Employee Ownership of Quality Issues", by Dr Swapna Rose, stressing the role of organisational culture, followed by Session 5, "Creating a Culture of Quality and Cost Consciousness", by Dr Justine James, which used an activity-based approach to promote peer involvement. Session 6, "Enhancing Engagement at Work", by Dr Rajani Suresh and Dr Annette Maben, introduced personal branding and aligning it with brand MRPL, while Session 7, "From Engagement to Flow – Embracing Agile", also by Dr Rajani Suresh and Mrs Annette Sonia Maben, focused on negotiation skills for dynamic environments. The valedictory session concluded with certificate distribution and feedback, with participants expressing appreciation for the interactive sessions and their positive impact on work outcomes.



Vist

Students of II BA Journalism visited V4 News 24/7 in Mangalore, accompanied by faculty member Ashwini, where 30 students learned about green screen setup, news reading techniques, and studio lighting, gaining hands-on experience in a real-world news channel environment during their practical hour.



The **Department of Biochemistry**, School of Life Sciences organized an institutional visit to Manipal on **February 21, 2025** as part of the practical curriculum, where 25 students accompanied by Ms. Shameena K.A (Biochemistry), Dr. Sana Sheikh (Botany), and Mr. Kishore (Lab Assistant) visited



the museum showcasing scientific exhibits and anatomical models, the Manipal Institute to gain insights into advanced research and academic activities, and the planetarium for an engaging session on astronomy, making the visit enriching and insightful while enhancing students' practical learning experience.

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Major General V.T. Mathew, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Karnataka and Kerala Sub Area, visited the University and shared his valuable experiences and insights with the Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, reinforcing the institution's commitment to nurturing talented and disciplined individuals while showcasing its rich heritage, cultural significance, and strong connections with esteemed leaders, fostering patriotism and discipline among students.



Students from **III B.Sc. Microbiology**, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, visited **DKMU Dairy Unit, Kulashekara**, on **February 28, 2025** as part of their Industrial Visit, with 34 students accompanied by four staff members.



Col. Viraj Kamath, NCC Group Commander, visited the University, commending the institution's NCC presence and commitment to future collaborations, while emphasizing the importance of balancing academic excellence with extracurricular activities for holistic student development.



As part of the curriculum, **PGDBM students** accompanied by faculty member Mr. Sharat Shetty, visited leading retail store chains in Mangalore on **March 14, 2025**, to gain first-hand knowledge of Supply Chain Management. During the visit, the students interacted with Retail Store Managers, Operations Managers, Purchase Managers, and Human Resources Managers, gaining insights into the operational aspects of the retail industry. They had the opportunity to learn about store management processes, career growth opportunities, and visual merchandising practices. The visit included experience sharing from the Manager of Pantaloons, Aditya Birla Group, and Spar Supermarket, allowing students to understand real-world applications of their academic learning.



On **March 13, 2025**, **Dr. Ronald Nazareth**, Registrar of the University, along with the IQAC/NAAC team of the University, visited the School of Business & Management and the School of Information Science & Technology at the AIMIT campus. The program commenced with introductory remarks by Rev. Dr. Kiran Cotha SJ, Director, AIMIT. The visit included an interactive session with faculty members, where discussions focused on the importance of systematic and effective documentation as a key component in institutional quality enhancement. The team emphasized the role of continuous quality improvement measures and highlighted the significance of faculty contributions towards accreditation processes and institutional ranking achievements.



On **March 22, 2025**, the **Sahodaya Association** organised a visit to Olavina Halli – Old Age Home and Rehabilitation Centre, Talapady, as part of its outreach programme. A total of 40 students participated in the initiative, engaging with the elderly residents through conversations and shared activities. The students also assisted the staff in harvesting cashew nuts, clearing dried leaves from coconut and areca nut plantations, and tending to gardening tasks. The experience offered valuable insights into the importance of caring for the elderly, with many students reflecting on how such acts of service can positively influence their own lives. The visit was coordinated by Association President Dr. Roshan D'Souza and Mr. Vinay D. R.



On **February 04, 2025**, the students of **I B.A. Visual Communication** visited SPAR Hypermarket at Fiza by Nexus Mall, Mangalore, as part of the practical component of their Branding course. Mr. Pranai, Team Leader – Food & Grocery, briefed the students on various aspects of store branding and identity, brand positioning, private label branding, and promotional and seasonal branding. Students then explored the store floor to analyse and study specific topics assigned to them. The visit was facilitated by Mr. Thilak, Assistant Store Manager, and made possible through the support of Mrs. Maria, Store Manager of SPAR Hypermarket, Mangalore. The field visit was led by Mr. Wilson Pereira, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication.



On **March 09, 2025**, 13 students from the **Fisheries and Hydrobiology Laboratory and the Certificate Course on Aquarium Maintenance and Fish Breeding Techniques** participated in a field visit to Gurupura Lake. Guided by Mr. Glavin Thomas Rodrigues, Assistant Professor of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, and In-Charge of the Fisheries and Hydrobiology Lab, the students gained practical exposure to fishing techniques, species identification, and sampling methods. The visit offered valuable insights into native fish diversity and promoted awareness of sustainable fishing practices.



On **February 09, 2025**, 17 NSS volunteers and 2 NSS officers participated in a Shramadhan activity at Government High School, Nainadu. The team worked on removing unwanted weeds and grass from behind the school building with the aim of preparing the area for the development of a vegetable garden for the students in the future. This initiative not only improved the cleanliness and usability of the school premises but also promoted environmental awareness and sustainable practices among the participants.



Forty-five NSS volunteers from the University visited Snehalaya in Manjeshwara as part of their community service initiative. They donated 51 kilograms of usable clothes that had been collected through a campus-wide clothing drive. The volunteers spent quality time with the inmates, conducting a one-hour entertainment programme that included music, games, and interactive activities, fostering joy and human connection. Additionally, they contributed to the upkeep of the facility by assisting in cleaning activities. The group was accompanied by Ms. Carrel Pereira and Ms. Shwetha Bangera, who guided and supported the volunteers throughout the visit.



Sahaaya

Sahaaya Exposure Activity at Government Higher Primary School, Kavalamuddur was conducted on **March 16, 2025**, with 65 mentees accompanied by Ms Harini S, Ms Aldrina A M, Ms Vidyarani H, and Ms Mahammayi from the Department of BVoc Animation & Multimedia and BVoc Software Development. The students painted educational designs on the school walls and created informative charts covering various subjects, aimed at enhancing the learning environment for the children. This activity not only enriched the school's atmosphere but also provided practical experience for the BVoc students, enabling them to apply their creative skills in a meaningful community service project.



Sahaaya Exposure Visit to Plastic Fisher and Begre, Kasaba was conducted on **February 22, 2025** for 40 students from the Retail and Logistic Management programme. At Plastic Fisher, Joppinamogaru, students observed the stages of plastic waste collection, segregation, and recycling, learning about innovative techniques to convert plastic waste into reusable materials, thereby contributing to environmental sustainability. This was followed by a visit to Begre, Kasaba, where students received an overview of waste collection, segregation processes, and methods used to manage and recycle plastic waste. The visits provided valuable insights into the challenges and solutions of plastic waste management and highlighted the importance of community participation in creating a clean and sustainable environment.



Sahaaya Exposure Activity – Creation of Vocational Tools was conducted on **February 26, 2025** at the University. Students of CCC-2 (Konkani Sangha) with mentor Ms Lovelyn Pinto, and CSC (Hopkins Association and Hindi Association) with mentors Ms Merlin Flavy Dsouza and Ms Arundhathi Ramesh, participated in the session. The program began with a briefing on their upcoming visit to the Riya Foundation, followed by mentor addresses on the importance of vocational tools for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Students worked in groups to design and create interactive puzzles, sensory stimulation toys, and learning aids aimed at improving the cognitive and motor skills of the children. The activity fostered creativity, teamwork, and social responsibility, while producing resources tailored to the children's developmental needs.



Visit to Riya Foundation by CCC-2 and CSC Associations was held on **March 08, 2025**. Students of CCC-2 (Konkani Sangha) with mentor Ms Lovelyn Pinto, and CSC (Hopkins Association and Hindi Association) with mentors Ms Merlin Flavy Dsouza and Ms Arundhati Ramesh, visited the Riya Foundation to continue their outreach initiative. They were welcomed by the management and briefed on the foundation's mission, the challenges faced by the children, and the role of structured learning and vocational training. The students engaged the children in games, action songs, and creative activities to enhance motor and cognitive skills, distributed vocational tools they had prepared, and donated first aid kits for caregivers. They also participated in a cleanliness drive to ensure a safe environment. The visit concluded with a reflection session where students shared their experiences and learnings.



On March 08, 2025, students of the Hopkins Association, accompanied by their mentor Ms Rouchelle Tauro, visited

Vatsalya Animal Care Trust in Shaktinagar.

With the shelter preparing for an adoption drive the following day, the students assisted by clearing the surrounding area, arranging the premises, and cleaning the facility. The ten volunteers, divided into groups, completed the tasks with dedication over a span of two hours. Following the cleanup, they toured the shelter to gain insights into its operations and the care provided to animals. The visit concluded with a reflection session, where students shared their learnings and experiences from the day.



On February 22, 2025, 64 students from the IT Club and IT Developers Club participated in the **Sahaaya Exposure Activity at D. K. Z. P Government Higher Primary School, Matadakani, Bockapatna**. The initiative aimed to provide engaging and practical learning experiences for the school's students through simple scientific experiments, mathematical tricks, computer fundamentals, and essential rules and regulations. The interactive sessions were designed to spark curiosity, strengthen problem-solving skills, and enhance basic knowledge in STEM-related areas. The team was accompanied by mentors Ms Rashmi, Ms Joyline, Ms Rishal, Ms Sherley, and Ms Reema, whose guidance ensured the smooth execution of the activities.



On **February 23, 2025**, 50 students from Hindi Sangha and Kannada Sangha participated in the Sahaaya Exposure program at **Manasa Rehabilitation and Training Centre, Pamboor**, where they interacted with 65 children through conversations, games, and cultural performances featuring dance and music.

The afternoon included a visit to Malpe Beach for a cleaning drive, during which students

actively collected litter and raised awareness about public cleanliness, fostering teamwork, environmental responsibility, and social awareness. The group was accompanied by mentors Dr Govind Thapa Chetry, Ms Shyla Pinto, Ms Lilu Kumari Rajak, and Dr Prabhu Kumara.

As part of the Sahaaya Exposure program, 38 students from the Nutrifood Association, AI Fine Arts, and Entrepreneurship and Employability Association visited **Thumbe Government Higher Primary School** on February 22, 2025, where they engaged the school-children in various



activities and shared insights on topics such as healthy and unhealthy foods, daily hygiene, and personal safety. The students were accompanied by mentors Ms Staphny Snowy Dsouza, Ms Delma D'cunha, and Dr Sana Sheikh.

On February 26, 2025, 40 mentees accompanied by Ms Savitha Dsouza, Dr Shakila Hegde, and Ms Kavya M participated in the **Sahaaya Exposure program at Father Muller Homeopathic Medical College Hospital and Father Muller Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Division**. The program began with a briefing by the Administrator, Fr Faustine Lucas Lobo, followed by Dr Deepa Pais, Deputy Medical Superintendent, explaining the concept of palliative care. Students were given a tour of the Palliative Care Centre and



the General Ward, where they interacted with patients and observed various therapies, pain management interventions, and support services. They then visited the hospital's medicine garden to remove weeds before proceeding to the Pharmaceutical Division, where Mr Rathan explained the production and storage process of homeopathic medicines. The program concluded with a reflection and feedback session.

On **February 23, 2025**, as part of the Sahaaya Exposure program, 52 mentees along with mentors Mr Naveen Mascarenhus, Ms Shilpa Shetty, Ms Vidya Kumari, Secretary Mr Linto Mani, and Ms Gopika (CSC) participated in an art initiative at DKZP School, Madhwa. They created educational-themed artwork on the school premises, showcasing creativity and teamwork, and earning appreciation from the school staff for their contribution to enhancing the learning environment.



On **February 16, 2025**, 43 students from CCC-2 participated in the Sahaaya Exposure Programme, beginning the day with self-enhancement and empathy-building exercises at Tree Park, Thannirbhavi Beach, led by Ms Sahasra Rao, followed by a poster-making activity on traffic rules at Majis Hall, with mentors Ms Charleen, Ms Greeshma, Ms Delilah, and Ms Mariyam guiding the students throughout the programme.



On **February 22, 2025**, 42 students from the Youth Red Cross Association participated in the Sahaaya Exposure Activity at Pilikula Artisans Village, engaging in a cleaning drive to help maintain the cultural and environmental integrity of the village under the guidance of Dr M. A. Nadaf and Mrs Kavitha B., with the objective of fostering social responsibility and raising awareness about cleanliness and environmental conservation.

Guest Talk

Shwetha Kumari NS of the 2009-2011 batch of MBA, visited the AIMIT campus on March 14, 2025, and delivered a guest lecture on the topic “Women in the Changing World of Work”. At present, Shwetha Kumari works as Deputy Manager-CSR at Bangalore International Airport Limited. This lecture was conducted as part of the International Women’s Day week celebration.



A session on “**Job Interview Etiquette**” was organised by the School of Business and Management, Department of MBA on March 18, 2025, at 2.00 pm at Arthur Shenoi Auditorium, AIMIT campus. The resource person for the session was Mrs. Matharani Mathias, Hospitality Educator and Trainer in Professional Etiquette and Social Skills.



On March 03, 2025, the School of Business and Management, Department of MBA, organised a technical session on “**JMP – Statistical Discovery**” at AIMIT, Beeri Campus. The session was delivered by Mr. Muralidhara Anandamurthy, covering software installation, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), and Sentiment Analysis. Participants received hands-on guidance in installing JMP and utilising its features for advanced statistical analysis. The introduction to SEM helped in understanding complex relationships between variables, while the Sentiment Analysis segment showcased methods to extract insights from textual data—relevant to marketing, social sciences, and customer feedback analysis. The training supported SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by equipping participants with data analytics skills, promoting technology-driven tools, and fostering knowledge-sharing. Overall, the session was informative and engaging, enhancing participants’ capabilities in statistical modelling using JMP.



The **AI Fine Arts Association** hosted a session with esteemed guests **Mr. Mathew C Ninan** and **Mr. Anil Varghese** on **February 28, 2025**, from **10:45 am to 12:30 pm**. Mr Varghese delivered an inspiring talk, sharing valuable insights and experiences, and showcased his remarkable artwork, leaving students in awe. The session was attended by family members of the guests, AI Fine Arts President Vidya Kumari, and the Secretaries. The guests also answered queries from staff and students, making it a unique and interactive learning experience. The programme was a resounding success, motivating students to explore their creative potential.



The Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Chemistry organised **ANALYST-2025**, a one-day national-level intercollegiate fest, on March 11, 2025 at the Fr L F Rasquinha Auditorium, LCRI Block, with participation from over 400 students from various undergraduate and postgraduate colleges.



Heranba Industries Ltd. was the primary sponsor. Sri Kanyan Sadashiva Shetty, alumnus and founder of Heranba Industries Ltd., was the Chief Guest, and Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, presided over the programme, along with other dignitaries. The event began with a prayer, a classical dance, and the unveiling of the ANALYST-2025 banner designed by PG Chemistry students. In his inaugural address, the Chief Guest shared his journey from an agricultural background to becoming a successful industrialist, emphasising the role of chemistry in daily life and encouraging students to explore careers in the field, while Rev. Dr Praveen commended the department and urged students to pursue research in basic sciences. A total of 12 events, including Ice-breaker, Seminar, Quiz, Fashion Walk, Escape Room, Rangoli, Face Painting, Collage, Documentary Making, Video Juggling, Auction, and Star of Analyst, were conducted separately for UG and PG streams. In the UG section, the overall championship went to Vivekananda College, Puttur, with St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru, as runners-up, while in the PG section, SDM College (Autonomous), Ujire, emerged champions, followed by University College, Hampankatta, Mangaluru. The valedictory, presided over by Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar of the university concluded with encouragement for students to pursue careers in basic sciences and appreciation for the organisers' dedicated efforts.

The staff and students of the **School of Education (B.Ed.)** participated in an online talk organized by **St. Mary's College (Autonomous)**, Thrissur District, Kerala, in collaboration with the **School of Education, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University)**, on **March 21, 2025**. The session focused on **"The Effectiveness of Social Cognitive Skills Training Programmes for Late Adolescents on Social Cognition"**, during which **Dr. Farita Viegas**, Dean, shared her insights on the topic and delivered the concluding remarks.



A guest talk was organised by the School of Physical Sciences, Department of Chemistry, on February 14, 2025, at the Xavier Auditorium. The esteemed speaker, **Prof. K. Geetharani**, Associate Professor, Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, delivered an insightful lecture on **"Chemistry of Life"**, highlighting the significance of elements in daily life, the revolutionary properties of graphene, and the applications of boron nitride in aerospace technology and green fuel advancements, with a vision for carbon-free vehicles. She also shared details on student research programmes and academic opportunities at IISc, encouraging students to pursue careers in chemistry and related fields. The interactive session saw active student participation, making it a highly enriching experience. Dr Ishwar Bhat, Director of Xavier Block, Dr Aruna Kalkur, Dean of Physical Sciences, and the faculty of Chemistry were present for the talk.



The **School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy** organised a guest talk on **Sustainable Development Goal 3: Health and Well-being for B.Com** students on **March 22, 2025**, at **Joseph Willey Hall**. **Dr. Edmond Fernandes**, Pre-

ventive Health Physician and CEO of CHD Group, a public health organisation with UN Special Consultative Status, served as the resource person, providing valuable insights into unhealthy habits and their prevention, and emphasising the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. The session, convened by Ms. Metilda Pais and Dr. Zeena Flavia Dsouza, was attended by 75 B.Com students, who benefited from the informative and engaging discussion.



The **School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy** organised a guest talk on **"Filing of Income Tax Returns"** for **B.Com** students on **March 27, 2025**, at **Eric Mathias Hall**. The resource person, **Mr. Abhiram K S**, Chartered Accountant, Mangalore, provided valuable insights on recent changes in tax laws and guided students through the process of filing returns, offering hands-on experience. The session, convened by Ms. Renita Aranha and Dr. Bhathathi R., was attended by 230 B.Com students, who benefited from the informative and practical discussions.



The Department of Food Science organised a Guest Talk Series on **"Role of FSSAI in Ensuring Food Safety and Addressing Current Challenges in the Indian Food Sector"** on February 13, 2025 at Fr. Robert Sequeira Hall, LCRI Block for undergraduate (B.Sc. Food Science) and postgraduate (M.Sc. FSND and M.Sc. FST) students. Dr. Divya Suresh, Technical Officer at FSSAI, shared her expertise on the role of FSSAI in ensuring food safety, offered guidance on career opportunities, and provided insights on recruitment under various FSSAI postings. Students actively participated in the Q&A session, seeking advice on career prospects and challenges in the field.



The Department of History organised a Guest Talk on the theme, "Genetics and History: A Holistic Understanding of Human Migration and Civilization" on February 05, 2025, at Sanidhya Hall. The speaker was Fr. Jason Joseph Pinto SDB, Licentiate in Pastoral Theology, Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, and currently a Research Scholar in Linguistics at the university. The talk aimed to highlight how genetics can provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of historical events and processes. It was exclusively organised for the second- and third-year History students under the leadership of Dr. Mona Mendonca, Head of the Department of History. More than 70 students actively participated and interacted with the speaker. Dr. Denis Fernandes, Associate Professor, Department of History, and Director of Arrupe Block, along with Mr. Kishore Chandra, Assistant Professor, Department of History, were present at the event.



The **Human Rights Cell** of the University organised a **guest talk on Cyber Awareness for Safe Coexistence** on **February 21 2025** at **3:00 pm** in **Joseph Willy Hall**. The session was led by Ms. Sarik Ankitha, Head of the UG Department of Criminology at the School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangaluru. Ms. Maria Shaila Dsouza, President of the Human Rights Cell, welcomed the gathering and introduced the guest. Ms. Ankitha elaborated on various forms of cyber-crimes, including OTP scams, loan and investment scams, identity theft through social media, UPI scams, SMS scams, and more. She emphasised the importance of online safety, particularly for girls, and explained how to navigate cyberspace cautiously. Using real-life examples, she highlighted the need for immediate reporting of cybercrimes to ensure justice and security. During the interactive session, students and faculty shared their experiences, and Ms. Ankitha addressed their queries on cyber security concerns. This programme is part of the **Sahaaya** initiative, under which each student will reach out to ten vendors to create awareness about cyber security using a pre-designed questionnaire. Dr. Charls V Furtado, Director of the Administrative Block, was present for the session, and Dr. Joan Rita O'Brien, President of the Human Rights Cell, proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 50 students benefited from the programme, which concluded at **4:30 pm**.



The **Department of Life Sciences**, in collaboration with **Lions Club Mangalore**, organised a **Career Guidance Program on Higher Education and Employment Opportunities in Life Sciences** on **February 06, 2025** at **2:00 pm** in the **Xavier Auditorium**. The event aimed to provide students with valuable insights into higher education pathways and career prospects in the biological sciences, and a total of 130 students attended the programme.



The **Postgraduate Department of Physics** organised a **guest talk on February 13, 2025**, at **Magis Hall**. Dr. Raghavendra Bairy, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Physics at Nitte (Deemed to be University), delivered an enlightening session on **"Recent Advances in Semiconductor Thin Films."** During his talk, Dr. Bairy inspired students to pursue research careers, providing valuable insights into the field. The session also offered an interactive platform where students and faculty members engaged with the resource person, gaining motivation and a deeper understanding.



The **Department of Physics** under the **School of Physical Sciences** organised an **invited lecture** on **March 01, 2025**, at **Robert Sequeira Hall**, delivered by Prof. Alex Hankey, Professor Emeritus, MIT World Peace University, Pune.



On March 10, 2025, the **Department of Retail and Logistics Management** organised the event **Retail Renaissance**, bringing together academicians, industry experts, and students to discuss advancements in the retail sector. A key highlight was the unveiling of 'Women of Mangalore', a magazine celebrating the achievements of women in business and society.

Presided over by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martin SJ, the event featured Prof. Maria D'Costa and Ms. Vathika Pai as chief guests and shared insights on vocational education



and women's impact in retail. Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Dr. Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, and Dr. Denis Fernandes, Director of the Arrupe Block, were also present. Reinforcing the institution's commitment to industry-academic collaboration, the event successfully highlighted the role of vocational education, celebrated women's contributions, and provided a platform for student-industry engagement.

The **School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy** organised a Guest Talk on **"Career Prospects and Guidance"** on **February 04, 2025**, at **9:00 am** in **LF Rasquinha Hall**. Mr Manoj Loui, Associate Professor, Dr P Dayananda Pai, P Satisha Pai Government First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru, was the guest speaker. He emphasised the importance of choosing a career based on one's passion and strengths rather than peer pressure and provided an in-depth overview of diverse career opportunities for B.Com graduates as well as information on entrance exams for postgraduate courses in commerce and management. A total of 400 students attended the guest talk.



The **School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy** organised a **guest talk** on **"Strategies for Success: Preparing Students for the ACCA Competitive Exam"** on **February 14, 2025**, at **10:00 am** in **Arrupe Block**.



The session featured Ms Mishal Lenita Dsouza, an ACCA Affiliate, who shared valuable insights on structured preparation, effective study techniques, resource utilization, time management, and stress control. She emphasized that adopting these strategies can help students build confidence, optimize performance, and achieve ACCA certification. The talk witnessed enthusiastic participation from 175 students, reflecting strong interest in effective ACCA exam preparation.

On **February 21, 2025**, the **School of Information Science and Technology** hosted a guest talk titled **"From Data to Decisions - The Role of AI in Supercharging IoT"** at **Joseph Willy Hall**, exclusively for **BSc Data Science students**.

Vineeth Kumar, Program Manager at Vahak, Bangalore, was the resource person. The talk attracted 80 students who gained valuable insights through real-time examples on the role of data science in decision-making, career options, AI tools used in data science, ethical considerations, and guidance on career paths in the field.



The **Department of Sociology**, as part of the **Women's Day Week** events, organised a talk on **"I Am Not A Half"** by **Dr Ketaki Chowkhani**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Manipal Centre for Humanities, MAHE, Manipal, on **March 12, 2025**, at **Robert Sequeira Hall**.

The talk highlighted the completeness of women by themselves, breaking the stereotype of being helpless and powerless without a partner. It was followed by an interactive session with first, second, and third-year BA Sociology students. The occasion was graced by Dr Rose Veera D Souza, Dean of the School of Arts & Humanities, in the presence of Dr Joan O'Brien, HOD Sociology and staff coordinator, Ms Savitha D'Souza, Assistant Professor, and Fathima Nidha, student coordinator.



Dr Vidya Vinutha Dsouza, Department of Social Work, School of Arts & Humanities, was invited to address the women employees of JSW-Infra, NMPT on the occasion of Women's Day. She spoke on the issue of Domestic Violence and shared practical strategies for self-safety.



To mark **International Women's Day 2025**, the **Women's Forum** organised an insightful talk on the theme **"Empowering Women Through Social Entrepreneurship"** on **March 14, 2025**. The speaker, **Ms. Mamatha Rai**, Founder & President of Kadike Trust, Handloom Revivalist & Environmentalist, spoke about creating a business model, **"The Udupi Saree Revival Project,"** which focuses on profit-making alongside social and environmental responsibility. She shared actionable points to build an inclusive and sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem. About 150 students, secretaries, and presidents from various associations attended. Women's Forum coordinator Ms. Kavya M. and members Ms. Helma Rodrigues, Dr. Divya Shetty, and Ms. Niveditha were present.



The **Department of Zoology** organised a guest lecture on **"Molecular Basis of Heart Failure"** on **February 14, 2025** in the **Zoology Lab**. The session featured Prof. N. Ravi Sundaresan of the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, a distinguished researcher in molecular biology and disease pathophysiology. Prof. Sundaresan provided deep insights into molecular mechanisms underlying heart failure, emphasizing the role of NAD-dependent enzymes—Sirtuins and Poly (ADP-ribose) Polymerase (PARP) in cardiovascular and skeletal muscle diseases. He discussed advanced research methodologies like cell cultures, transgenic mouse models, proteomics, and bioinformatics used in his lab to explore therapeutic targets. He also introduced students to research and academic opportunities at IISc, encouraging careers in biomedical sciences and molecular research. The session was highly interactive, with students and faculty engaging in thought-provoking discussions.



On **February 06, 2025**, the **Department of Counselling** hosted a **Gratitude Circle session** for final-year **BBA and BCom A, B, and C** students in **Arrupe Block**. Led by **Fr. Richard D'Souza**, the session aimed to promote reflection, forgiveness, and appreciation as students neared graduation. The BBA session was held at **9:00 am**, followed by the BCom session at **11:00 am**. A total of **244 BBA** and **240 BCom** students attended. The session included three activities: reflecting on gratitude, letting go of negative thoughts, and writing letters to their future selves. This experience helped students reflect on their three-year journey, prepare for life after graduation, and embrace positivity for the future.



On **February 11-12, 2025**, the **Department of Counselling** conducted **Gratitude Circle sessions** for final-year **BCom, BSc, and BVoc** students in **Arrupe Block**, led by **Fr. Anisio Mota** and **Fr. Roshan Dcunha**. A total of **338 BCom, 300 BSc, and 132 BVoc** students attended.

The activities included reflecting on gratitude, letting go of negative thoughts, and writing letters to their future selves, helping students reflect on their three-year academic journey and embrace a positive outlook on life after graduation.



The **Department of Counseling** organised an insightful session titled **"Gratitude Circle – Being Thankful, Forgiving, and Appreciating the Wonder of Me"** for final-year **BA and BCA** students on **February 04, 2025**, in **Arrupe Block**. The BA session was held from **9:00 am to 10:30 am**, and the BCA session from **11:00 am to 12:30 pm**, facilitated by **Mr. Binoy Stanley Peters**, Creative Consultant and Theology Teacher. Counselors from all blocks and concerned teachers were present. A total of **189 BA and 237 BCA** students attended.

The sessions focused on healing from past hurts, cultivating gratitude, and embracing a positive future through interactive discussions, reflective exercises, and guided activities encouraging forgiveness and self-worth.



On **February 03, 2025**, the **Department of Counselling** organised an insightful session titled **"Gratitude Circle – Being Thankful, Forgiving, and Appreciating the Wonder of Me"** for postgraduate students of **Maffei Block** and **LCRI Block**. The session, held from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm**, was facilitated by **Fr. Robin Santhumayer**, who guided students on a journey of self-reflection, healing, and personal growth. The session focused on helping students heal from past hurts, cultivate gratitude for life's blessings, and embrace a positive vision for their future selves.

Through interactive discussions, reflective exercises, and guided activities, participants were encouraged to let go of negativity, practice forgiveness, and recognize their self-worth. A total of **151 students from Maffei Block, 189 students from LCRI, and 12 faculty members** took part in the session.



FAREWELL

III BA Farewell 2025



The III BA Farewell 2025 was organized by the **School of Arts and Humanities** and the **School of Languages and Cultural Studies** on **March 10, 2025**, at **Fr L F Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block**. The event was graced by **Mr. Anil Kumar, President of SAACA**, who delivered a heartfelt and meaningful message to the graduating students. Also present on the occasion were **Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the College, Dr Charles Furtado, Director Admin Block**, and the **Deans of the respective schools, Dr Rose Veera D'Souza and Dr Mahalinga Bhat K**. The event was convened by **Dr Joan O'Brien**. As the programme concluded, the outgoing students were blessed and presented with a memento in appreciation of their journey and accomplishments during their time at the university.

III BCom (Professional)

The farewell ceremony for III BCom (Professional) students, organized by the **School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy**, took place on **March 13, 2025**, at **Fr L F Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block**. The event was graced by **Mr. Anil Kumar, President of SAACA**, who delivered a heartfelt message to the outgoing students. It was attended by distinguished guests including **Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the college, Dr Denis Fernandes, Director of Arrupe Block, Dr Manuel Tauro, Dean of the School, Dr Zeena D'Souza, Associate Dean, Dr Shobha, Head of the Department**, and **Dr Paul, Morning Batch In-charge**, along with the programme convenors **CA Jason Castelino and Ms Daphney Sequeira**. The ceremony concluded with a blessing for the students, who were presented with a memento as a token of appreciation.



III BSc Farewell for Life Sciences and Physical Sciences

The farewell ceremony for the **III BSc Life Sciences and Physical Sciences students**, held on **March 10, 2025**, at **Fr L F Rasquinha Hall, LCRI Block**, was a heartfelt tribute to the graduating batch. The event was graced by **Mr. Anil Kumar, Presi-**



dent of SAACA, who delivered a meaningful and reflective address to the students. It was further honoured by the presence of **Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Alwyn Dsa, Registrar, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Director of Xavier Block, Dr. Aruna Kalkur, Dean of Physical Sciences, and Dr. Hemachandra, Dean of Biological Sciences**. Program coordinators **Dr. Nagaraj and Mr. Shawn Dsouza** also joined in commemorating the occasion. As part of the program, **Dr. Narayan Moolya** delivered an inspiring message, offering encouragement and guidance to the outgoing students.



Farewell Programme for Final-Year Postgraduate Students

The Department of Postgraduate Studies organized a farewell programme for the final-year PG students on **March 12, 2025**, at **Fr L F Rasquinha Hall**. **Mr. Conrad Nazareth** shared an inspiring message on the importance of staying connected with their alma mater. **Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor**, presided over the event. **Rev. Dr. Melwyn D'Cunha SJ, Pro Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Vishwas Misquith SJ, Finance Officer, Dr. Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar of the college, Dr. Loveena Lobo, Director of Maffei Block, Dr. Asha Abraham, Director of LCRI Block, and Dr. P. P. Sajimon, Dean of PG Studies** were present. The students received blessings and mementos as the event concluded.

Faculty Excellence

The oral presentation titled "**Assessing the Larvicidal Potential of Seaweed Extracts: A Study on Chloroform Fractions Using *Drosophila* as a Model**", co-authored by Anjishnu Mukhopadhyay, Gourav Desai, Fathima Rida, and Dr Asha Abraham from the PG Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, won the Second Prize at the National Conference on Recent Advances and Innovations in Biological Sciences. The conference was organised by the Department of Biotechnology, Alva's College (Autonomous), Moodubidire, and was held on March 21, 2024. The study presented novel insights into the larvicidal potential of seaweed-derived chloroform fractions using *Drosophila* as a model organism, contributing to the field of eco-friendly pest control strategies.



The **Department of Economics** completed the **3rd batch of the Certificate Course on 'Personal Wealth Management'**. Conducted offline, the course focused on equipping participants with practical knowledge in personal financial planning and wealth management. **Mr Ruben Menezes**, a Certified Personal Finance Professional, served as the resource person and delivered insightful sessions covering real-world scenarios, case studies, and strategies. The course had **25 participants**, including students, who actively engaged and benefited from the interactive learning experience.



Prof Edmund Frank, former SACAA President and Vice President of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI), participated in the JAAI Governing Council meeting held at Fr Pedro Arrupe Institute, Goa, on February 02, 2025. On this occasion, the JAAI Newsletter, edited by him, was also released.



Mr Santhosh Notagar, Head of the Department of Computer Animation, has been selected to represent South Asian countries at the Wikisource Conference to be held in **Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, from February 14 to 16, 2025**. In recognition of his contributions to Wikimedia projects, he has been awarded a full scholarship for the event. As the **South Asian Ambassador** for Wikipedia Asian Month, he has contributed to creating over **1,000** articles across regional languages. He also serves as **President of the Wikipedia Students' Association** at the university and collaborates with **Dr Vishwanatha Badikana** on student training initiatives. Mr Notagar has represented Wikimedia at major conferences, including **Train the Trainer (Cochin, 2023)** and the **Wikimedia Technology Summit (Hyderabad, 2024)**. His accolades include **first place** in the **2024 Kannada Wikipedia Article Writing Competition**, and he has led projects such as **Wiki Loves Mangaluru** and the **Movement Charter Ambassador Program**. Passionate about cultural preservation, he is recording folk songs and documenting Karnataka's heritage for Wikimedia Commons. His participation in the Bali conference underscores his commitment to promoting regional languages, digital knowledge sharing, and global cultural representation.



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1349	ABE_MSC_0038	FORMULATION OF A SEAWEED-DERIVED LARVICIDE WITH ANGIOGENIC ATTRACTION PROPERTIES FOR TARGETED VECTOR CONTROL	M.Sc.	BIO-TECHNOLOGY	DR. ASHA ABRAHAM	Ms. ANUSHRI MUKHOPADHYAY Ms. SOHANY NARAYANSHORE DESAI Ms. FATHIMA RIDA	5,300.00
1350	ABE_MSC_0142	DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A HALOPHILIC BIOFILM-BASED INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR SEAWATER DESALINATION AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF PORTABLE WATER AND ELECTRICITY	M.Sc.	BIO-TECHNOLOGY	DR. JIJ GEORGE	Ms. PRATHEESHA M Ms. SAJAN S P Ms. AARADHYA R	5,300.00

Dr Hemalatha, Dr Asha Abraham, and Dr Jiji George are commended for their valuable guidance in mentoring students whose projects have been selected under the **Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST)** student project scheme.

Mr Ayush G Kottary, from the School of Business and Management, was invited to serve as a peer reviewer for the Asian Journal of Advanced Research and Reports, where he reviewed a manuscript titled "Role of Digital Media Influencers on Market Reach and Consumer Behaviour".



Ms Ashwini, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism, participated in a two-day National Conference on "Mass Media Professionalism: Contemporary Experiments, Socio-Cultural Dimensions and Future Avenues" held at SDM College (Autonomous), Ujire on March 14, 2025. She presented a research paper titled "Challenges of Digital Technology to Cable TV Operations: A Case Study in Mangaluru."



Ms Shyla Dsouza, Ms Lilu Kumari Rajak, and Dr Govind Thapa Chetry from the Department of Hindi, participated in a one-day National Seminar held at MRPL, Mangalore, on March 12, 2025. The seminar, focused on "Latest Technical Tools for the Use of Hindi", brought together **180 faculty members** from various university colleges and **TOLIC members**. The event offered valuable insights into advancements in Hindi language technology and its applications in academics and research.



Dr Roshan Monteiro, Assistant Professor from the Department of Social Work (PG), along with ten students, represented the University at the prestigious One-Day NIPM HR Conference held in Hosapete on March 08, 2025. The participating students were Alister Shaun Dsouza (24210106), Ayshath Mishal H (24210116), Ashin P Ullas (24210114), Keerthan A (24210128), Likith B Poojary (24210131), Lucy Syiemiong (24210132), Sahana AC (24210139), Wida Pohlynjar (24210149), Shrushtiraj DK (24210155), and Johnson Thomas (24210156). The conference served as an enriching platform for both faculty and students to gain valuable insights into various aspects of Human Resource Management, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and industry best practices. It also fostered meaningful discussions and opened doors to potential collaborations, contributing significantly to the students' career growth and enhancing the academic and professional engagement of the department.



Faculty members of the School of Education (B.Ed) participated in a One-Day International Conference on the topic "**Diversified Transformation in Educational Practices and Challenges**" held at St Ann's College of Education, Pandeshwar, Mangalore, on February 24, 2025. The faculty members presented papers in their respective fields of research: Mrs Delna Lobo presented on "Critical Thinking and Academic Achievement", Mrs Sandhya on "Listening Comprehension and Academic Achievement", Mrs Joshna B on "Gamified Learning and Problem-Solving Skills", and Mr Jerome D'Souza on "Attitude of School Teachers towards Inclusive Education".



Ms Sharolin Avil Menezes, Assistant Professor, Department of Retail and Logistics Management, and Ms Kavitha B, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics participated in an online One-Day National Conference on "Fostering Entrepreneurship in India – Challenges, Opportunities and the Road Ahead", held on March 11, 2025 by SDM College of Business Management, MG Road, Mangalore – 3. They also presented a research paper titled "Women Entrepreneurship in India – Twists and Turns".



The following staff and students participated in the two-day National Youth Convention titled "Beyond Boundaries: Breaking Limits and Achieving Dreams", hosted by St Clare College (Autonomous), Bangalore, and the Xavier Board of Higher Education. The participating faculty members were Ms Sherley Andrade from the Department of Computer Science and Data Science, and Mr Kishore B N from the Department of BBA. The



student participants included Hansh S Amin (2nd BCom D, 2334033), Sanathsarvesh (2nd BBA A, 2341038), Amulya WK (1st BSc C, 24126101), and Devangana Santhosh (2nd BCA C, 2353029). The event aimed to empower young people to overcome challenges and achieve their goals, offering valuable insights through a variety of sessions and engaging activities.

Ms Nimmi I, Assistant Professor, Department of English, successfully defended her doctoral thesis titled "A Place in Time: Muziris in History, Literature and Archaeology" at **Ja-waharlal Nehru University (JNU)** on **February 10, 2025**. Her research was guided by **Dr Saugata Bhaduri** and **Dr Udaya Kumar**.



Mrs. Flora Castelino, Head of the Department of Konkani, was honoured for her remarkable service in promoting Konkani language and literature among the youth in Mangalore and Goa during the occasion of **International Women's Day** organised by **CODP, Mangalore** on **March 08, 2025**.



Ms Meghana A, from the **Department of Chemistry**, was felicitated for her extraordinary and exemplary work in theatre at **Rangapanchami 2025**, a festival organised by the theatre group **Lavanya (R.), Byndoor**, on the occasion of its **48th anniversary**. This recognition was awarded in appreciation of her significant contributions to theatre music and artistic excellence.



A one-day workshop on Translation was conducted by the **Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy** at **Kalangann**. **Dr Alwyn DSa**, Registrar of the College, **Flora Castelino**, Head of the Department of Konkani, and **Joachim Pinto**, Program Coordinator, **Institute of Konkani**, attended the session.

Four faculty members— **Dr Renita Dsouza**, **Mr Glavin Rodrigues**, **Dr Shobha**, and **Dr Roshan Fredrick Dsouza** – attended a one-day workshop on "Application of AI in Higher Education" organised by the **Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka (CCCK)** on **February 07, 2025** at **Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru**.



Rev. Fr Royston Madtha SJ participated in a seven-day hands-on workshop for college teachers on using *Drosophila melanogaster* for biology laboratory classes. The workshop, organised by the **DBT-sponsored Centre for Training Teachers**, was held from **February 23 to March 01, 2025** at **Banas Hindu University, Varanasi**.



Mr Akshith Kumar and **Dr Caroleena Janefer** from the School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy presented a paper and won the **Best Paper Award** at the **National Conference on "Revolutionizing Commerce Education: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Business Innovation"** held on **February 04, 2025**. The conference was organized by the Department of Commerce with Computer Application and Commerce with E-Commerce, **PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore**.



The paper titled "**Isolation and Identification of Soil Microbes for Production of Laccase Enzyme**", co-authored by **Diya S Bangera**, **Monika Malatesh Jadar**, **Vinisha Maria Crasta**, and **Dr Asha Abraham** from the PG Department of Biotechnology, secured **Second Place** in the poster presentation at the **National Conference on "Recent Advances and Innovations in Biological Sciences"** held on **March 21, 2025**, hosted by **Alva's College (Autonomous), Moodubidire**.



Ms Binni Chan presented a paper titled "Community-Based EdTech Solutions for Gender Inequality: A Systematic Literature Review" under the guidance of Research Guide **Dr Rashmi Yogesh Pai** and Co-Guide **Dr Rajani Suresh**. Another paper titled "The Role of Media and Popular Culture in Perpetuating Stereotypes and Discrimination against the Koraga Community" was presented by **Dr Arati Shanbhag**, **Mr Kishore B N**, **Ms Tripti**, **Ms Nayanshree**, and **Ms Binni Chan**. Both papers were presented in the **6th Rajagiri Management Conference** on "Innovate and Adapt: Building Business Resilience in a Dynamic World" held in online mode on **February 14, 2025**.



A paper titled "Awareness, Perception, Adoption and Challenges of Solar Energy in Rural Communities" co-authored by **Ayshath Mishal**, **Anisha Swenita Dsouza**, and **Dr Prithwi M** of the MSW Department received the **Best Paper Award** at the **International Conference on Fostering Sustainability: The Convergence of Education and Ecological Responsibility** hosted by **St Agnes College (Autonomous)**, **Mangaluru** on **February 25, 2025**.



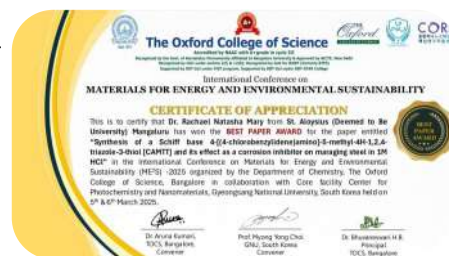
A paper titled "Enterobacter Bioinoculant Enhances Flood Resilience and Growth in Kaje Jaya Rice Variety by Modulating Physiological and Molecular Responses", co-authored by **Snehal**, **Ammanuvel**, **Rachael**, and **Dr Jiji George** of the PG Biotechnology Department, secured the **Third Place** in the **Oral Presentation** category at the **National Conference on Recent Advances and Innovations in Biological Sciences**, hosted by **Alva's College (Autonomous)**, **Moodubidire** on **March 21, 2025**.



Dr Mahabubali A. Nadaf presented a research paper titled "Transliteration Problem and Solution in Kannada to Hindi Language Translation" at the **One-Day National Level Seminar** on "Status and Prospects of Academic Translation in Indian Languages", held online on **March 12, 2025**. The event was organized by the **Central Hindi Institute, Mysore**, under the **Ministry of Education, Government of India**.



Dr Rachael Natasha, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, presented a paper and won the **Best Paper Award** at the **Online International Conference on Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability – 2025**, held on **March 05-06, 2025**. The event was organized by the Department of Chemistry, **The Oxford College of Science, Bangalore**, in association with the **Core-Facility Centre for Photochemistry & Nanomaterials, Gyeongsang National University (GNU)**, **South Korea**.



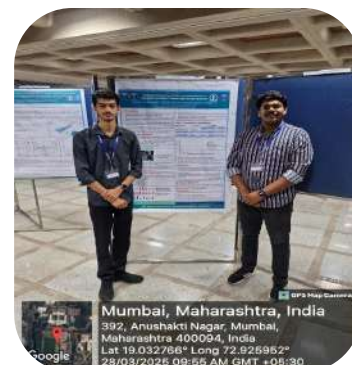
A paper titled "**Antioxidant, Antibacterial and Phytochemical Screening of Three Seaweeds: Exploring Bioactive Potential**", co-authored by **Shriya Rao**, **Deeksha A**, **Anagha G**, and **Dr Santhosh Goveas** of the PG Biotechnology Department, secured the **Third Place** in the **Poster Presentation** category at the **National Conference on Recent Advances and Innovations in Biological Sciences**, hosted by **Alva's College (Autonomous)**, **Moodubidire** on **March 21, 2025**.



The PGDBM students, accompanied by **Mr Sharat Shetty** from the teaching faculty, participated in a full-day workshop on **Intellectual Property Rights** conducted by the **Ministry of MSME and DSIA**. The workshop was held at the **DSI Hall, Yeyyadi Industrial Estate**, on **March 12, 2025**.



Mr Vinay D. R. and Jostol Len Pinto, research students from the Department of Physics, presented a paper titled "**Radiological Assessment of Environmental Matrices in Mangalore and Udupi: A Gamma Spectroscopy Approach**" at the **24th National Symposium on Radiation Physics (NSRP-24)**, which focused on **Reactor and Radiation Physics**. The symposium was organized by the **Indian Society for Radiation Physics (ISRP)** in association with **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)** and the **Board of Research in Nuclear Science (BRNS)**. Their research was conducted under the guidance of **Dr Rita Crasta**.

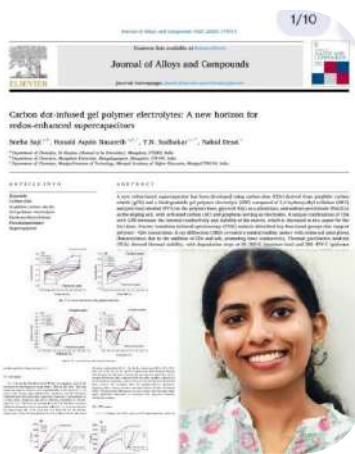


An article published in **Kannada Prabha**, authored by **Mr Kiran Vati K**, Assistant Professor, **Department of Zoology**, and **Mr Mahim**, an alumnus of the University, has brought critical attention to the urgent issue of wetland protection and conservation. The piece emphasizes the ecological significance of wetlands and the need for collective efforts to preserve these vital ecosystems for future generations.

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Ms Sneha Saji, Research Scholar, and **Dr Ronald Nazareth**, Department of Chemistry, have published a research article titled "Carbon Dot-Infused Gel Polymer Electrolytes: A New Horizon for Redox-Enhanced Supercapacitors" in the *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, a Q1 journal published by Elsevier with an impact factor of 5.8 and a CiteScore of 11.1.



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Dr Chandrashekhara Shetty, Department of Chemistry, has published a research paper in the *Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Electronics* titled "Structure–Property Relationship of an Organic Crystal (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one through Linear, Nonlinear Optical, Molecular Docking, and DFT Investigations for Optoelectronic Applications." The study investigates the material's potential for optoelectronic applications through a comprehensive examination of its structural, linear, and nonlinear optical properties, supported by molecular docking and density functional theory (DFT) analyses.

Mr Arun D'Souza was the Chief Guest for the KSA Hockey Tournament held at Police Ground, Mangalore, on February 02, 2025.



On the occasion of **International Women's Day**, **Ms Ashwini**, Assistant Professor of Journalism, **School of Arts & Humanities**, was the esteemed Chief Guest at **Samyak Health Care**, Kottara Chowki, Mangalore. During the event, she addressed



the staff on various facilities and government schemes available for women's empowerment and welfare, promoting greater awareness and inclusivity.

Dr Daniella Anne L Chyne, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Food Science, was invited as a panellist at the National Conference "Samudaya Sambrahma-2025", organized by the School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore. The panel discussion on "Conscious



Living: Re-thinking What We Eat, Wear, and Protect" focused on sustainable lifestyle choices. Dr Daniella highlighted the importance of mindful eating for both health and environmental sustainability, emphasizing the need to consume locally sourced, seasonal foods, reduce food waste through mindful consumption and composting, and preserve indigenous food traditions by promoting nutrient-rich, traditional diets. She also addressed the health benefits of mindful eating in preventing obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases.

At the **job fair for the differently abled and transgender community** organised at **Loyola College, Chennai**, on **March 15, 2025**, **Prof Edmund Frank, PGDBM, School of Business Management**, was invited as the **Guest of Honour**. The event witnessed an overwhelming response with **3,700 pre-registrations** and additional **on-the-spot registrations**. A total of **112 companies** participated, represented by their HR teams and recruitment officers. By the end of the day, the footfall at the venue was expected to reach approximately **7,000 visitors**, highlighting the scale and inclusivity of the initiative.



Dr Farita Viegas, Dean of the School of Education (B.Ed.), officiated as the moderator for the panel discussion on "The Role of Inclusivity and Equity in Transforming Education" held at **St Ann's College of Education** on **February 24, 2025**. The session was part of the International Conference on "Diversified Transformation in Educational Practices and Challenges," bringing together thought leaders to deliberate on inclusive and equitable strategies for advancing educational systems.



Dr Florin Shelomith Soans, from the Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Economics, was invited as a Resource Person for the one-day workshop on Second Semester SEP Courses of the BCom Programme for Commerce teachers of Mangalore University, held on **February 22, 2025** at **Besant Evening College, Mangaluru**. The workshop aimed to enhance academic preparedness and course delivery for the upcoming semester.

Mr Kiran Vati K, Assistant Professor, **Department of Zoology**, was invited to **Bandipur National Park** on **February 02, 2025**, to interact with **forest watchers** and engage in fieldwork related to **human-wildlife conflict**. During his visit, he discussed key issues with the frontline staff and conducted surveys across various conflict-prone zones in collaboration with the **Adavi Alert Foundation**, contributing to data collection and research aimed at mitigating such conflicts.



Dr Loveena Lobo, Director of **Maffei Block**, was the Chief Guest for the **Kindergarten Convocation of Lourdes Central School**, **Bejai, Mangalore**, held on **March 20, 2025**. On this joyful occasion, she addressed the children, parents, and teachers, delivering an inspiring message that highlighted the importance of early education, encouragement, and nurturing young minds.



Dr Mona Mendonca, Head of the **Department of History**, was invited as a **speaker** at the **35th Annual Karnataka History Congress** held at **Bhandarkar's Arts and Science College, Kundapur**, on **February 22, 2025**. She delivered an **endorsement lecture** on "Life and Times of Umabai Kundapur: An Unsung Freedom Fighter," shedding light on the contributions of a lesser-known figure in India's independence movement. Additionally, she was invited to present a **special lecture** on the same subject at **Radio Kundapura**, which was broadcast live on **89.6 FM**.



Dr S. Ruban, Associate Professor, **School of Information Science and Technology**, chaired a session and delivered a **keynote address** at the **International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology (ICCTIT-2025)**, organised by the **School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru**, on **March 10-11, 2025**. His contribution added significant value to the academic discourse on emerging trends and innovations in the field of Information Technology.



Dr Rose Veera D'Souza, Associate Professor, **Department of Political Science**, delivered an insightful talk titled **"Empowered Women Empower the World"** at the **School of Education (B.Ed)** on **March 07, 2025**, ahead of **International Women's Day**. She discussed the four pillars of the Union Budget 2024, emphasizing economic growth and social equity, and proposed the observance of Rural Women's Day. Highlighting the power of collaboration in women's empowerment, she also shared real-world insights from Vellore Hospital and screened impactful documentaries like *Soldier of Peace* and *Coolie Women*. Addressing the five faces of oppression—exploitation, marginalization, powerlessness, cultural imperialism, and violence—Dr D'Souza elaborated on key indices such as the Gender Development Index (GDI) and Gender Empowerment Measures (GEM). She concluded by emphasizing the crucial role of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the pursuit of gender equality.



The **Department of Hindi, St Joseph's Commerce College (Autonomous), Bangalore**, organised a **two-day International Seminar** on **February 28 and March 01, 2025**. **Dr Sandhya U. Sirsikar**, Assistant Professor, was invited as a speaker on this occasion. She delivered a thought-provoking address on **"विकसित भारत 2047 के परिप्रेक्ष्य में भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा,"** exploring the relevance of India's traditional knowledge systems in the vision of a developed India by 2047.



Dr Shakila Hegde, Associate Professor, **Department of Political Science**, was the Guest of Honour at the International Conference on **"India as an Emerging Global Power: The Journey Towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047"**, held at **Shri Venkateswara University, Tirupati**, from **February 14 to 16, 2025**. During the conference, she presented a **research paper** titled **"Inclusive Politics in India: With Special Reference to Women"** and also served as a **co-chair** for one of the academic sessions, contributing meaningfully to the discussions on India's



Dr Smitha D K, Assistant Professor, **School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy**, was invited as a moderator at the **National Level Conference** on **"Revolutionizing Commerce Education: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Business Innovation"**, organized by the **Department of Commerce with Computer Application and Commerce** with **E-Commerce**, **PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore**, on **February 04, 2025**. Her role as moderator contributed to insightful discussions on the integration of AI in commerce education and business innovation.



Dr Vaishali Rai, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Head, **School of Life Sciences**, was invited as the **Chief Guest** at **St Theresa's School, Bendur, Mangalore**, for the **Einstein Expo Science Exhibition** held on **February 27, 2025**, as part of the **National Science Day Celebrations**. Her presence inspired young minds to engage actively in scientific exploration and innovation.



Dr Vidya Vinutha Dsouza, from the **Department of Social Work, School of Arts & Humanities**, was invited as the **Chief Guest** at **St Mary's School, Falnir**, to address the **Women PTA members** on the occasion of **Women's Day**. She delivered an insightful talk on the role of women in fostering family life, emphasising their contributions to nurturing strong, value-based families and building compassionate communities.



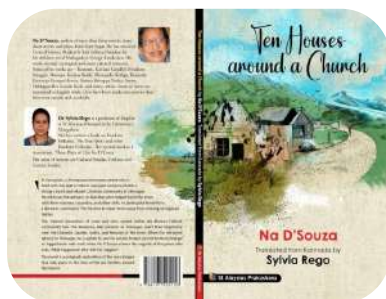
Dr Vidya Vinutha Dsouza, Assistant Professor of **Social Work, School of Arts & Humanities**, was the **Chief Guest** at the **Southern Railways Women's Day Celebration Programme** held on **March 10, 2025**. Her presence added significance to the occasion, celebrating the achievements and contributions of women in the workforce.



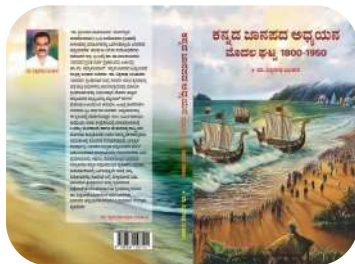
Dr Vishwanatha Badikana was the resource person for a workshop on Tulu textbooks conducted by the Tulu Academy on March 12, 2025. His expertise contributed significantly to the discussions on curriculum development and promotion of the Tulu language.



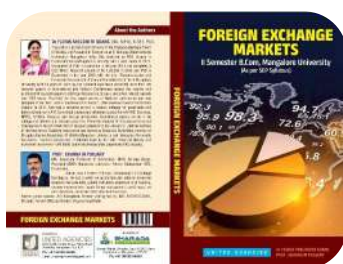
The book **Ten Houses around a Church**, translated by **Dr Sylvia Rego**, Department of English, was released on February 06, 2025, during the Literary Festival KENSHO, organised by the Department of English and published by St Aloysius Prakashana. It is an English translation of Igarji Suttalina Hattu Manegalu, a Kannada novel by acclaimed author Na D'Souza, known for over forty novels reflecting ecological and socio-cultural themes, with several works translated and adapted into award-winning films. Dr Rego, a veteran faculty member with over 30 years of teaching, is a research guide at Mangalore University and has authored *The Tree-Spirit and Other Konkani Folktales* and *Three Plays of Cha Fra D'Costa*. With over seventy research paper presentations, several journal publications, five UGC-sponsored minor projects, and expertise in Cultural Studies, Folklore, and Gender Studies, she continues to contribute significantly to literary and academic fields.



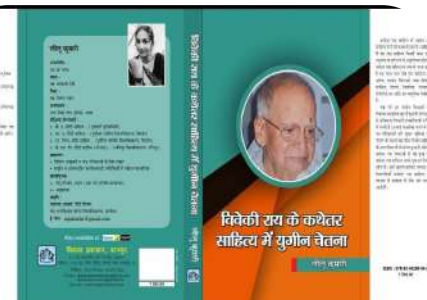
A major research study titled **Folklore Study in Karnataka: 1800–1950** by **Dr Vishwanatha Badikana**, Department of Kannada, is set to be released on **February 14, 2025**. The work offers significant scholarly insight into the evolution and academic engagement with folklore traditions in Karnataka over one and a half centuries and stands as a valuable contribution to Kannada literature and cultural studies.



Dr Florin Shelomith Soans from the Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Economics, has co-authored and published a book titled **Foreign Exchange Markets** for II Semester BCom students under the SEP paper of Economics. The book is a valuable academic resource aimed at enhancing students' understanding of international financial systems and foreign exchange dynamics.



Ms Lilu Kumari's book titled **Viveki Rai ke Kathetar Sahitya mein Yugeen Chetna** (ISBN: 978-93-48200-94-5) has been published by **Vikas Prakashan, Kanpur**. The book explores the era-consciousness reflected in the non-fictional writings of Viveki Rai and will soon be available on Flipkart, making it easily accessible to readers online.



Ms Rakshitha K. from the Department of Mathematics has co-authored a textbook titled **Quantitative Techniques – II** for II Semester BCom students of **Mangalore University**, as per the SEP syllabus. The book has been published by **United Agencies Publications** and serves as a comprehensive academic resource for students pursuing commerce.



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Thank you for dedicating 35 remarkable years to our institution. Your selfless contributions in various roles have left an indelible mark. As you retire, we wish you a joyful and fulfilling life, filled with love, peace, and happiness.


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We express our heartfelt gratitude to you, for rendering 33 years, of selfless service to this institution in different capacities. On your superannuation, we wish you a life filled with peace and contentment.



Dr. Denis Fernandes
Professor in History
Director of Arrupe Block

Student Excellence

Students from IT were the runners-up in the IT Fest conducted by Shreedevi Institute of Technology on 28 February and 1 March 2025.



Students from the University participated in the **National-Level ACCOLADE 2025** conducted by **Kannur University, Centre for Management Studies** on **February 20, 2025**, securing the **1st place in Best Management Team, Marketing, and Finance, 2nd place in HR and Business Quiz**, and emerging as the **overall winners**.

The winners were Joel Leander Pinto for Best Manager; Bianca Viola Saldanha, Anish Salvius Dsouza, Mohammed Thashir, and Melon Dsouza for Best Management Team; Janak Mohan, Angad Nayak, Ishal Monteiro, and Nidhi K. Shetty for Marketing; Prinson Cardoza, Prathiksha Shetty, Royal Sequeira, and Ibrahim Shameem for Finance; Jayalakshmi, Santhanu, Mohammed Farhan, and Viraj for HR; and Prajwal Shetty and Pratheek K.P. for Business Quiz.



Students from AIMIT Campus participated in the National-Level MAGMA 2025 conducted by Srinivas University, Institute of Management & Commerce on February 21-22, 2025, securing the 1st place in Best Management Team and Marketing. The winners were Reda Sheriff, Godwin Sandesh, Azmiya Banu, and Mohammed Sahil for Best Management Team, and Angad Nayak and Melon Dsouza for Marketing.



St. Joseph Engineering College is conducting its Management Fest TIARA 2025 on March 20, 2025. The following students participated in the event and won the 1st place in Pitch Crafters: Bianca Viola Saldanha, Calvin Gonsalves, and Mohammed Taiseer.



Ms Ashwini, an alumna of the MBA 2020 batch, has been recognized for her achievement in becoming the Bank Manager of HDFC's Bangalore branch.



Ms Remona Evette Pereira (2311059) from II BA A batch has been selected for the Sandesha Talent Awards, to be held on 10th February 2025, in recognition of her contribution to the field of Arts and Dance. She is the youngest awardee in the history of the Awards to be felicitated for her talents.



The following BSc students participated and won the Overall Runners-up Trophy at the Chemistry Fest UTHKANAN-2025, organised by NITK, Surathkal, on 8th February 2025:

Big Bang – 1st Place: Gagan (III BSc), Ashwin (III BSc), Nikhil (II BSc); Fashion Show – 2nd Place: Nidha (III BSc), Disha (III BSc); JAM – 2nd Place: Mevan (II BSc); Treasure Hunt – 1st Place: Thasreena (III BSc), Shaima Mariam Konila (III BSc), Rukyath Shaima (III BSc).



The following M.Sc. students participated and won the Overall Championship at the Chemistry Fest UTHKANAN-2025, organised by NITK, Surathkal:

Big Bang – 1st Place: Vaishak (II MSc Chemistry), Sukesh (II MSc Analytical Chemistry), Sai Krishna (II MSc Chemistry); Treasure Hunt – 1st Place: Karthik Shetty (I MSc Analytical Chemistry), Shaina (I MSc Chemistry), Raksha P Shetty (I MSc Analytical Chemistry); Fashion Show – 1st Place: Sybil (II MSc Analytical Chemistry), Smrithi Hebbar (I MSc Chemistry); Reels Making – 1st Place: Vinitha (I MSc Analytical Chemistry); Just a Minute – 1st Place: Rebecca (II MSc Analytical Chemistry); Stress Interview – 1st Place: Radhika (II MSc Chemistry); Rangoli – 2nd Place: Shravya (II MSc Analytical Chemistry), Neha (II MSc Analytical Chemistry).



The students of MA Journalism and Mass Communication of the University, in collaboration with **Belaku Alva's Counselling Centre**, organised a **guest talk** on 'Mobile Addiction and Facing Examination Stress' for students at **Cascia High School, Mangaluru** on **February 27, 2025**.

Sujan Shetty, counsellor at Belaku Alva's Counselling Centre, served as the resource person for the event. He emphasised the importance of using mobile phones as a tool for accessing information rather than merely for leisure. He also addressed strategies for managing examination stress and shared valuable tips with the students.



The students of the Konkanni Department and **Konkani Sangha** attended a **two-day National Conference** at **Rosary College, Goa** along with Mrs Flora Castelino, HOD of Konkanni.



The cadets of **NCC Army Wing** of the university participated in the **Inter-Collegiate NCC Fest 2025** held at **Shri Mahaveera College, Moodbidri**, and secured the **overall championship trophy**. The cadets won **first place** in Guard of Honour and Contingent Drill, and also secured the **runner-up position** in Obstacle Training.



NSS volunteers of the university participated in **SRUJANA 2025**, an inter-collegiate NSS fest held on **March 27, 2025**, at **Canara College, Mangaluru**. **Gautham**, I B.Voc, secured first place in the Documentary event. **Nisha Golla**, I B.Sc, and **Tania Devadiga**, II BBA, secured second place in the Face Painting event.



NSS volunteers of the university participated in **AA-KRITI 2025**, an inter-collegiate NSS fest held on **March 29, 2025**, at **St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru**. **Gautham**, I B.Voc, secured first place in the **Reel Making event**.



DKMS BMST Foundation conducted a stem cell collection programme for cancer patients at Tannirbavi Beach during the beach festival. From the University, 12 NSS volunteers participated in the project from January 31 to February 2, 2025 between 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm, engaging with the general public to find donors and collect swabs to match with patients in need. The volunteers successfully registered 225 people who are ready to donate their stem cells.



The following students from the **School of Business and Management** presented their research papers at the **International Conference on 'Fostering Sustainability: The Convergence of Education and Ecological Responsibility'**, organised by **St Agnes College (Autonomous)** on **February 25, 2025**:

The Role of Technology in Bridging Gender Equity in Government Schools – Ms Sanjana Bangera, III BBA, and Ms Nicole Fernandes, II BBA.; Climate Change & the Role of Media in Spreading Awareness – Mr Darren Roche, II BBA, and Mr Aryan J Shetty, II BBA.; Access and Excellence: Comparing Deemed and Government-Aided Higher Education – Mr Arun, I BBA, and Mr Kshithij, I BBA.; Carbon Market and Sustainable Policies: Balancing Economic Growth and a Greener Future – Mr Sam Y Das, II BBA, and Mr Rylan Sequeira, II BBA.



The above research papers were guided by **Ms Binni Chan** and **Mr Kishore B N**.

The following **BBA students** presented their research papers at the **22nd AIMS International Conference**, held at **IIM Kozhikode** on **January 3, 2025**.; Influence of NBFC on Spending Behaviour: Study with Reference to Digital Wallets – Prajna P.B. and Swati Prabhu, III BBA D, under the guidance of **Mr Ayush Kottary**.; Factors Influencing the Investment Decisions in New Age Investment Products – Kudpi Anirudh Shenoy and Rajath R. Shetty, III BBA D, under the guidance of **Ms Ashitha Pinto**, **Mr Ayush Kottary**, and **Mr Kishore B. N**.; The Evolution of Teaching: Past, Present and Future – Shahnaz Mustafa and Rithik S. Rao, I BBA B, under the guidance of **Ms Binni Chan**.; Remarketing, Retargeting, Repurposing: Future of Digital Marketing – Amit Shenoy and Samridhi S., I BBA B, under the guidance of **Ms Binni Chan**.



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Mr Navaneeth Nandanam, M.Sc. Physics student, presented a paper titled “Numerical Analysis of the Radial Schrödinger Equation for a Free Electron in a Core-Shell TiO₂ Nanoparticle Using the Nikiforov-Uvarov Functional Analytical Method” at the **NCBMPM 2025 National Conference**, organised by Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College (Autonomous), Ujire, on **March 15, 2025**. The research was conducted under the guidance of **Dr Praveen Prakash Dsouza**.



Ms Shruthi, II B.A. (Kannada Optional), and **Ms Renuka Sangappanavar**, I B.A. (Kannada Optional), presented literary research papers at a seminar organised by **Karavali Lekhakiyara Sangha**. Dr Vishwanatha Badikana guided both papers.



Students of the **M.Com** program participated in ‘**Ascendant**’, a management festival organised by the **Manipal Institute of Technology – MAHE, Manipal**, on **March 07-08, 2025**.

Mr Ravi Kiran, I M.Com, won second place in the Best Manager event. **Mr A.K. Assaan** and **Ms Ayisha Sana**, I



M.Com, secured second place in the Finance event. The team also emerged as the **Overall Runners** in the PG category.

PGDBM students, accompanied by Mr Sharat Shetty from the teaching faculty, participated in a full-day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights, conducted by the Ministry of MSME and DSIA at the DSI Hall, Yeyyadi Industrial Estate, on **March 12, 2025**.



Fifteen students from the **Sahodaya Association** participated in the **Science Fair**, organised by the Roman and Catherine Lobo School for the Blind, as part of the **Science Day** celebrations on **February 28, 2025**. They interacted with the children, offering words of encouragement and support.



Ms Agnes Janet, **Mr Allan Donald Rebello**, **Ms Neema Sasidharan**, and **Ms Anjana K.** from the Department of Physics (PG) presented a poster titled “Structural and Optical Properties of Mg-Doped MnS Thin Films” under the guidance of Dr Emmanuel Deepak D’Silva at the International Conference on ‘Optoelectronic and Nanomaterials for Advanced Technology’, held at Cochin University from February 11–14, 2025.



Alcita Fernandes and **Nisarga Gowda**, II M.Sc. students of the Department of Biochemistry, won the **Best Poster Award (First Prize)** for their paper titled “Extraction of Polysaccharides from Macroalgae of Dakshina Kanada Coast” under the guidance of **Dr Lyned Lasrado** at the **National Conference on ‘Recent Advances and Innovations in Biological Sciences’**, held at **Alva’s College, Moodbidri**, on **March 21, 2025**.



Ms Roshni Shenoy, III B.Com E batch (223557), received the Global Bharath Talent Award, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and affiliated to Yoga Samskruttham, Florida, USA, held at Bengaluru on February 15, 2025.



The final-year students of the Department of Sociology (2022–25 batch) planted a sapling of Abiu fruit in Alvana-Arboretum on **March 21, 2025**, as part of the department’s annual best practice, which began with the 2020–23 batch under the mentorship of Dr Joan Rita O’Brien, HOD of Sociology. This initiative helps students contribute to a greener environment, leaving a lasting green footprint on campus and fostering a sense of gratitude and belonging to their alma mater. Dr Alwyn Dsa, Registrar (Autonomous), Dr Charles Furtado, Director, Administrative Block, and Dr Rose Veera D’Souza, Dean School of Arts and Humanities, along with Dr Joan O’Brien and Ms Savitha D’Souza from the Department of Sociology, were present to encourage and support the students.



The Scientific Street Dog Survey was conducted in Mangaluru by the Mangalore City Corporation (MCC) in collaboration with Animal Care Trust (ACT), Mangaluru, and Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS). The survey was carried out in two phases – Phase 1 (January 27–30, 2025) focused on mapping routes, and Phase 2 (February 9–19, 2025) on conducting surveys in 60 wards. Thirty-seven students from the University, including NSS and CCC 2 members, actively participated as volunteers. To appreciate their efforts, ACT and WVS organised a get-together at the Council Hall, MCC, Lalbagh, where certificates of appreciation were personally distributed by the Honourable MCC Commissioner and Mayor. The initiative recognised the volunteers' dedication and their contribution to the first-ever scientific street dog survey in Mangaluru, which generated valuable data for street dog management and welfare initiatives.



Ms K Anannya Joishy and Delisha Miranda, both from II BCA, emerged as winners in the **Badminton Women's Team** event at **Tech Yuva**, a national-level techno-cultural and sports fest hosted by **Srinivas Institute of Engineering and Technology** on **March 11, 2025**.



Ms K. Anannya Joishy (Reg No: 2352041), II BCA 'B', participated in the **Karnataka Women's Badminton Premier League**, organised by the **Karnataka Badminton Association** in **Bengaluru** on **March 01-02, 2025**, and secured third place in the tournament.



Mohith Dsilva and Shashank Amin, both from I B.Voc, emerged as winners in the **Badminton Men's Team** event at **Tech Yuva**, a national-level techno-cultural and sports fest hosted by **Srinivas Institute of Engineering and Technology** on **March 11, 2025**.



The **Throwball Women's Team** emerged as winners at **Tech Yuva**, a national-level techno-cultural and sports fest hosted by **Srinivas Institute of Engineering and Technology** on **March 11, 2025**.



The **University Volleyball Team (Girls)** achieved **third place** at the **Mulky Sundaram Memorial Tournament**, organised by **MSRS College, Shirva**, on **February 25, 2025**. The team members were Aarlyn Riyona Lobo (3rd BCA), Deena Ria D'Souza (3rd BCom), Krithika Devadiga (3rd BCA), Vinushree (2nd BSc), Samruddhi (1st BBA), Sinchana (1st BCA), Priyanshi (1st BCom), Devika (1st MSc), and Raksha (1st MSc).



Shree Devi Institute of Technology, Department of Management, conducted a national-level fest, **Echelon 2025**, on **February 27- March 01, 2025**. The following students participated in the event and secured top positions. **Bianca Viola Saldanha**, **Melon Dsouza**, and **Joel Leander Pinto** won 1st place in **Best Management Team**, while **Laveena Nightingale Kunder** and **Shravya** won 1st place in **Marketing**. **Rohith R**, **Edwin Shaju**, and **Sharanya Das** secured 2nd place in **Spark Tank**. The team was also declared the **Overall Runners of Echelon 2025**.



MBA students of **AIMIT Campus** emerged as the **Overall Champions** at **Bizwaves**, the **National Level Management Fest** organised by **NITK, Surathkal**, on **March 15, 2025**. In the **BMT** event, **Melon D'Souza**, **Joel Pinto**, and **Janak Mohan** emerged as winners. **Manoj S R** and **Sharanya Das** secured the winning position in **PR**. In **Finance**, **Alan George** and **Sania** were the runners-up. **Laveena Nightingale** and **Mahalakshmi Bhat** were the finalists in **Marketing**. **Angad Nayak** reached the semi-finals in **BM**. In **HR**, **Shaima Razak** and **Rohith R** advanced to the semi-finals, while **Vaishnavi Prabhu** and **Poorvika Rai** reached the semi-finals in **B-Quiz**.



PG students of I and II year MCA, MSc (Software Technology, Data Science, Big Data), AIMIT, Beeri Campus, participated in **NITK INCIDENT 2025**, a prestigious IT fest organised by the **MCA & Engineering Department of National Institute of Technology, Surathkal, Mangaluru**, on **March 07-08, 2025**.

INCIDENT 2025 fostered an environment of innovation, technical excellence, and collaborative learning, allowing students to engage with peers from other institutions. Participants excelled in several events, securing

first place in Rangoli (Aishwarya and Ananya), **first and second place in Kite Flying (First – Rakesh and Priya; Second – Rahul and Megha)**, and **second place in Face Painting (Divya and Sneha)**.



Students from the **Department of Hindi** participated in **Umang – the Hindi Fest**, organised by **Alvas College**, held on **March 12, 2025**. Moham-

mad Ismail (II B.Com) and Noel (II B.Com) won **first place in the Debate Competition**.

Noel (II B.Com)

secured the **second place in Stand-up Comedy**. In Drama, Noel (II B.Com), Royson D'souza (II BBA), Sheldon Floyd (II BBA), Henrita D'Souza (II B.Com), Santhoshi S (III BBA), Jenisha Pinto (I B.Com), Prajwal Monis (II B.Com), and Dhriti Rao (I B.Com) together won **second place**.



Students of the University emerged as the Overall Winners in **Ettin 2025**, organised by Justice K S Hegde Institute of Management, NITTE, on February 21-22, 2025. In the **Business Quiz**, Jordan Mark (II BBA C) and Sanketh Alva (III B.Com B) secured first place. In **PR**, Anshul Shetty (II BBA E) and Shaina Dsouza (II B.Com) were the runners-

up. In **Finance**, Madhav Shenoy (II BBA C) and Sindhoor D K (II BBA C) were runners-

up. In **HR**, Rakesh V (III BBA A), Ahmed Uwais (III BBA A), and Sanath Sarvesh (II

BBA A) were runners-up. In the **Best Manager** event, Ashton Sherwin D'Souza (II BBA E) reached the finals. In **HR**, Harsha Jyothi (I B.Com G), Shesna Santhosh (III B.Com F), and Nionna Lisa (I B.Com G) reached the finals. In **Treasure Hunt**, Prathinidhi Shetty (III B.Com F), Macquin Rosario (III B.Com F), Afeef Ahmed Ashraf (III B.Com F), Khushi R Makwana (III B.Com F), and Arhaan Abbas (III B.Com G) reached the finals. In **Roadies**, Sameen Raj (I B.Com G) reached the finals. In **PR**, Velessca Alona Pinto (I BBA D) and BK Raihan Rafique Hassan (II BBA C) reached the finals.



Students from the University participated in **Kalarava-2024**, an intercollegiate fest held at SDM College, Ujire, on **February 24, 2025**, and won the following prizes:

Sandhya (2328012) secured the **2nd place in Mono**

Acting. In **Group Dance**, **Thanvi (2351067)**, **Advika**

(2351047), **Varsh (2351069)**, **Chrislin (2321107)**, **Nidisha (224747)**, **Yashashvi (2414249)**, **Nidhi (223339)**,

Casimir (24150135), **Divith (2344077)**, and **Neel (2342030)** together secured the **2nd place**.



Elvis Franklyn Lobo and Chirag J Sunil of **I BA A**, along with Tej S H of **III BA C**, secured the **first place** in the **Quiz and WordFlame** competition held as part of **La-Fet **

2025 at Kristu Jayanthi College, Bangalore, on **February 18, 2025**.



The Yakshagana team of the University secured the Overall 3rd Place in **SDM Yakshotsava-2025**, an intercollegiate

Yakshagana competition held on March 22–23, 2025, at **SDM Law College, Mangalore**. This marks the first time in the history of the University that an overall prize has been won in Yakshotsava. In addition to the overall position, the team achieved four individual prizes, highlighting their dedication and excellence in this traditional art form. This accomplishment reflects the consistent efforts of the students, the guidance of the faculty, and the support extended by the institution.

The University created history by securing 3rd place overall at **SDM**

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The students also bagged four individual prizes, adding to this proud moment. Building on this success, the team delivered yet another outstanding performance at **AJ Yakshakalotsava-2025**, held on **March 27, 2025**, at **AJ Institute, Kottarachowki, Mangalore**, where they secured overall 2nd place. This back-to-back achievement reflects the dedication, talent, and passion of the students in keeping the art of Yakshagana alive and thriving.




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