

The other highlights of the meeting were the presentations on the Eco-policy and on the De-addiction and Renewal programme by Fr John Kennedy and Fr Francis Jayapathy respectively. They enlightened the house on the crisis in homes and in the common home, and ways to address them. Along with these, we had a series of sharings on Nepal region, Bangladesh Mission and Sri Lanka province by the respective Major Superiors, on the Jesuit Conference of the European Provinces by the Conference President, Fr Renic Dalibor, on the Discernment in Common and the Magis Digital Home by Fr John Dardis and on the Apostolic Plan of the Curia Communication Department by Fr Chuks Afiawari, the Director of Communications. It was indeed food for thought and an opportunity to widen our horizons.

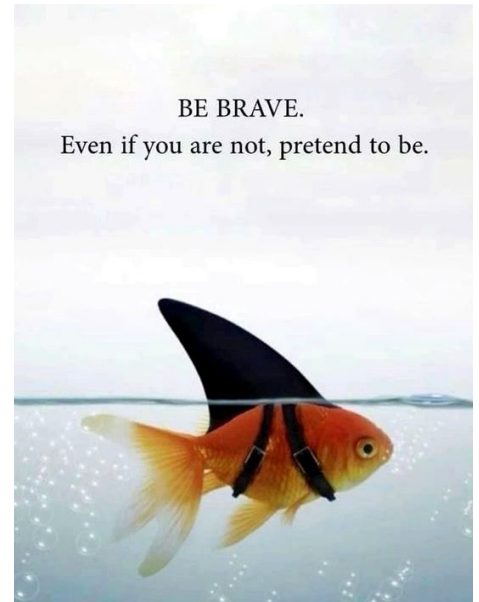
The privileged moment of the Chennai JCSA meeting was the presence of Fr General, who, during the two sessions, interacted with the Major Superiors on various issues. He began with the general issues like the health of Pope Francis and the ethnicity that is all pervasive in the Society and need to combat it, and then proceeded to reflect on the governance in the Society from the perspective of reimagining. He observed that our life and activities are

defined and directed by the mission and hence, there is bound to be tension. He invited the Major Superiors to focus on the mission and explore various ways to serve our mission more effectively.

The session with the Regional Assistants, as usual, was informative and enlightening. Fr MK George made a few general remarks on our way of proceeding and Fr Vernon D' Cunha clarified some issues related to finances and property in the Society of Jesus, and gave a historical perspective on the October 2025 meeting of the Major Superiors in Rome. He also spoke on the spiritual governance in the Society of Jesus as a way of being, doing and witnessing.

Of course, as the curtains were drawn to the JCSA meeting we bade goodbye to three of our outgoing Major Superiors, Fr EP Mathew, the provincial of Kerala, Fr Jebamalai, the provincial of Chennai and Fr Ranjit Tigga, the provincial of Madhya Pradesh, who, with their experience and expertise always made a difference in the JCSA meetings.

As a whole this JCSA meeting was relaxing and refreshing. The visit to Satya Nilayam and an outing to a resort enlivened the group. The time for prayer and sharing inspired the group



BE BRAVE.
Even if you are not, pretend to be.

and of course, the generous hospitality with a personal touch of the Chennai province and Loyola Community made the Major Superiors happy and the JCSA meeting memorable.

*Thomas Perumalil, S.J.
Socius to POSA*



Appointments by Fr General

1	Fr Dolichan Kollareth (KER)	President of Jnana Deepa, Pune
2	Fr Amal Kulandaisamy (MDU)	Rector of Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Appointments by POSA

1	Br Patrick Fernandes (GUJ)	Minister, Sadhana Institute, Lonavla
2	Fr Alexander Toppo (HAZ)	Minister, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
3	Fr Alphonse Kispotta (MAP)	Tertianship, SHC Shembaganur
4	Fr Anderson Fernandes (GOA)	Tutor, Jnana Deepa, Pune
5	Fr Anthony Joseph (KAR)	Spiritual Director, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
6	Fr Cyril Antony Swamy (MDU)	Director, ISI Delhi
7	Fr Dominic Savio (CCU)	Secretary, CSHE
8	Fr Doni Raja (MDU)	Masters in Philosophy in Boston `(US)
9	Fr Francis Fernandes (KAR)	Tutor, Jnana Deepa, Pune
10	Fr George Beck (DUM)	Spiritual Director, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
11	Fr Gideon Warisa (KHM)	Doctoral Studies, Pontificio Instituto Biblico, Rome
12	Fr Ilanko Xavier (CEN)	Tertian Director, SHC Shembaganur
13	Fr Jagdish Parmar (DAR)	Spiritual Director, Papal Seminary, Pune
14	Fr James Kulvi (KHM)	Doctoral Studies (US)
15	Fr Jerome Francis (CCU)	Spiritual Director, De Nobili College, Pune
16	Fr Joseph Victor Pitchai (DAR)	Director, CDO (ISID)
17	Fr Leander Xalxo (MAP)	Spiritual Director, De Nobili College, Pune
18	Fr Neelam Kerketta (JAM)	Masters in Psychology, SJU Bengaluru
19	Fr Kala Pavan Vinay (AND)	Licentiate, Gregorian, Rome
20	Fr Rakesh Kumar Bara (MP)	Staff, Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru
21	Fr Raneesh Jose (PAT)	Tutor, Jnana Deepa, Pune
22	Fr Ravi Sagar (KHM)	Superior, Indian Social Institute, Delhi
23	Fr Robin Vazhaparambil (DEL)	Doctoral Studies, Trinity College, Dublin
24	Fr Roshan Kiro (DAR)	Tutor, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
25	Fr S Krishnamurti (CEN)	Licentiate in Philosophy, Jnana Deepa, Pune
26	Fr Santosh Minj (HAZ)	Tertian Director, SHC Shembaganur
27	Fr Valentine Sinduria (RAN)	Researcher, Indian Social Institute, Delhi
28	Fr Vibin Padayadan (KER)	Asst. Professor, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
29	Fr William Britto (BOM)	Director, CSHF Pune
30	Fr Wilson Kandulna (RAN)	Licentiate in Theology, Jnana Deepa, Pune
31	Fr Xavier Tharamel (KER)	Continental Coordinator, PWP/N/EYM
32	Sch Anupam Dhan (DEL)	Licentiate in Philosophy, Jnana Deepa, Pune
33	Sch Paulus Marandi (DUM)	Licentiate in Philosophy, Jnana Deepa, Pune
34	Sch Stanislas Turkey (RAN)	Staff, CHRL, Indian Social Institute, Delhi
35	Sch Thomas Philip (KER)	Digital Library Project, Jnana Deepa, Pune
36	Sch Vikas Lakra (MAP)	Licentiate in Philosophy, Jnana Deepa, Pune
37	Sr Sylvie Rodrigues BS	Lecturer, Jnana Deepa, Pune

SATYA NILAYAM FEBRUARY, 2025

The second half of December was a time, to prepare spiritually and to celebrate Christmas with joy along with socio-spiritual fervor. The social thrust of celebrating Christmas was very visible this year at Satya Nilayam. We took time to visit Ashaniketan, a home for mentally challenged, Karunai Illam, home for dying destitutes by M.C. Brothers, Christmas with our neighborhood and slum children were some of the key celebrations. We as a community too took time to share the joys as we had community Christmas celebration sharing a festive meal and gifts. We took a day off to Queens Land, an amusement park nearby to spend time together as a community and celebrate the Christmas season. Our staff and students reached out to many parishes in and around Chennai helping out in Christmas and New Year services and programs. The staging of the annual drama on 'The Book of Mormons' gave us an opportunity to exhibit our talents and to be connected to the neighbors as they came to witness the drama in big numbers. We joined in prayer and at Mass to remember two of our men who had served in Satya Nilayam and have now marched to eternal life - Fr K.C. Philip SJ from Ranchi Province who had served SN as spiritual father and Registrar and Fr Antonysamy from Madurai Province who had served as Minister here. May they rest in peace. The New year began with a Triduum for us as we desired to spend time in quietness to herald the New Year. The



Pongal celebration, festival of Tamils was celebrated in the community as well as at Loyola college. Our students from department of Philosophy participated in Pongal and Rangoli competition and at SN we had a festive Mass followed by variety of games ending with Pongal meal. This was an occasion to celebrate the local culture with all the fun, color and gaiety. Apart from the festivities we took time to host an international seminar with the theme: Hope for a better world: Philosophical Reflections on social and Ecological justice. We wanted to



carry forward the jubilee theme Pilgrims of Hope reflecting on social and ecological concerns. It was a two-day seminar – the first day was in Loyola College and the second day was at Satya Nilayam. Apart from students from in and around the city of Chennai we also had paper presenters from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, and other parts of the nation. Two papers from Africa gave an international fervor to this intellectual exercise. We celebrated the Republic Day with all the solemnity and fervor. As part of the study of Constitution of India we invited a High Court lawyer from Madras to speak to us on constitution and the civic society. The interdepartmental sports competition held at Loyola college gave much opportunity to us to exhibit our talents in sports. We were the football champions and played well in Cricket and basketball too. The first continuous assessment is now over and we are all set to welcome Fr General Very Rev Arthuro Sosa who is to visit us on 18th February.



Lawrence Fernandes SJ

VISITS OF FR. ROBERTO JARAMILLO BERNAL, SJ



FR. ROBERTO J. BERNAL, SJ, Secretary, SJES (Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat), Rome visited our Social Action Centre(s), operational areas and interacted with our men in Social Action, young Jesuits, and our collaborators (religious, men, women, and youth) from January 20 to February 17, 2025. He visited Ranchi, Dumka-Raiganj, Patna, Bombay, Karnataka, Madurai, and Chennai Provinces. His travels across different Provinces, his sensitivity and energy to put up with various difficulties, his visits and meetings have been very encouraging. His visits culminated in his sharing about his findings in the JCSA meeting on 17th February, 2025. He appre-

ciated the work that the Provinces have been doing in the area of non-formal education, i.e. in Patna, Bombay, etc. He insisted that we must continue to invest our time and energy in the service of our priority groups. Regarding the lack of human and financial resources, he said that if the Society wants, if a Province wants, it can make the resources available for social action ministry. He appreciated the works of Lok Manch and MAIN (Migration Assistance Information Network). He emphasized that there was a need of professionalism in our approaches and works of social action.

THE TRAINING OF CCFFS BY SCOPE

On 11th Feb, 2025, the SCOPE, one of the ESP partner organisations of Pune, organized an awareness program for the CCFF (Community Convergence Facilitating Forum) of a village called Wadgaon Bande and distributed the IEC materials on government schemes to 10 women, including 3 Community Leaders (CLs), who hosted and organized the program for the day. The Pension & health issues were taken up for the discussion and it was decided to follow them up. All women from the village have a plan to organise a meeting of Gram Sabha and invite the government officials for passing a resolution to have a

Mahila Asmita Bhavan in the village for having different programs.

On this day, the participants had three programs: (1) Haldi Kukum with sharing of gifts for all the women participants, (2) Awareness program on pension / health schemes and PDS grocery scheme and (3) Soyabeen food processing demo training. The duration of the program was 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Thanks to the Community Leaders (CL) Ms Punam Khunte, Priyanka Jadhav and Swatitai for organising the program. The training by Community Trainers: Capacity Builders and Campaign Facilitators was very enriching and the presence of the local IBC Team was very encouraging for the trainers and participants.

MR. JAYANTA KUMAR PATRA LEAVES THE NETWORK

Mr. Jayanta Kumar Patra, National Coordinator of Lok Manch has voluntarily resigned and left the National Office of the Network on 19 February, 2025. He was given an online farewell by the representatives of

100 partner organisations. He joined Lok Manch on 01/03/2020 and offered his rare and valuable services to the network for about five years. He came in when the COVID 19 had the whole world by its sway. Mr. Jayanta took charge and carried out his responsibilities of a leader through the critical period very courageously for which the Lok Manch will remain ever grateful to him. He himself went through some tragic experiences on the family front, but patiently and with lot of resilience continued to inspire and guide the network so that Lok Manch / ESP was able to pull through the difficult times and offered credible services to those affected by the pandemic. He was quite approachable and known for his involvement with the people at the grass roots. He coordinated and guided the activities of the network at the National, State, Unit and Organisational levels quite well. The 100 partner organisations will remember him for his valuable contributions to the capacity building of the State Level Trainers, Community Trainers and Communi-

ty Leaders and strengthening the Lok Manch / ESP in various ways. The network thanks him profusely for all his services, friendship, accompaniment and leadership and wishes him well for his future.



DE NOBILI COLLEGE (DNC) PUNE

DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025



December and January were months of rich spiritual, academic and community activities at De Nobili College, Pune. December opened with the celebration of the feast of St. Francis Xavier. It was a moment not only to honor this great Jesuit missionary but also to mark the transition of office bearers; a time of reflection on leadership and service in the Jesuit tradition. The month continued with an inspiring session on Ignatian Leadership by Fr. Jose Marie Guibert, S.J., from Spain. The celebration of Christmas was a moment of deep faith and community bonding, followed by cultural and spiritual excursions, including a pilgrimage to Goa and a visit to the historic Ajanta and Ellora caves. January welcomed the new year with the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a friendly basketball match. The cultural evening by the South Zone was a vibrant expression of diversity and mission, while the Republic Day celebration instilled a renewed sense of patriotism.

December 2024

Feast of St. Francis Xavier and Change of Offices
On December 3, the community joyfully

celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier with a solemn Mass. It was a time of gratitude and transition as the community expressed deep appreciation for the outgoing office bearers, acknowledging their dedication, leadership and selfless service. Their invaluable contributions to the growth and well-being of the community were sincerely recognized. Following this, the newly elected office bearers were warmly welcomed and entrusted with their responsibilities.

Talk on Ignatian Leadership by Fr. Jose Marie Guibert, SJ

Fr. Jose Marie Guibert, S.J., from the



University of Deusto, Bilbao, delivered an inspiring talk on “Ignatian Leadership” on December 6. He emphasized the core principles of self-awareness, discernment, and service-oriented leadership, drawing from the wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Leadership, he explained, is not just about guiding others but also about fostering personal growth and driving social transformation. His insights on ethical decision-making and compassionate action struck a chord with the audience, underscoring the need to lead with integrity, purpose and a deep commitment to the greater good.

DNC Media team met Fr. Venard, SJ

Fr. Venard, S.J., Media Coordinator for JCSA, visited DNC on December 12 and interacted with the DNC Media Team. During his session, he shared valuable insights on media ministry, communication strategies, and digital evangelization. His guidance inspired the team members to harness media more effectively for mission and outreach, reinforcing their commitment to creative and meaningful storytelling.



Pilgrimage to Goa and Cultural tour to Ajanta/Ellora

As part of their annual cultural tour, the second-year philosophy students went on a pilgrimage to Goa from December 27 to 31. A highlight of their journey was the rare privilege of witnessing the exposition of the body of St. Francis Xavier. They also visited several historic churches and cultural landmarks, immersing themselves in the rich heritage of Goa. Meanwhile, the first-year philosophy students had a cultural tour to Ajanta and Ellora, where they explored the breathtaking rock-cut caves and ancient sculptures. The experience was deeply enriching, offering profound insights into history, art and spirituality. It was a journey of learning and companionship, fostering a deeper appreciation for India's rich cultural and religious heritage.

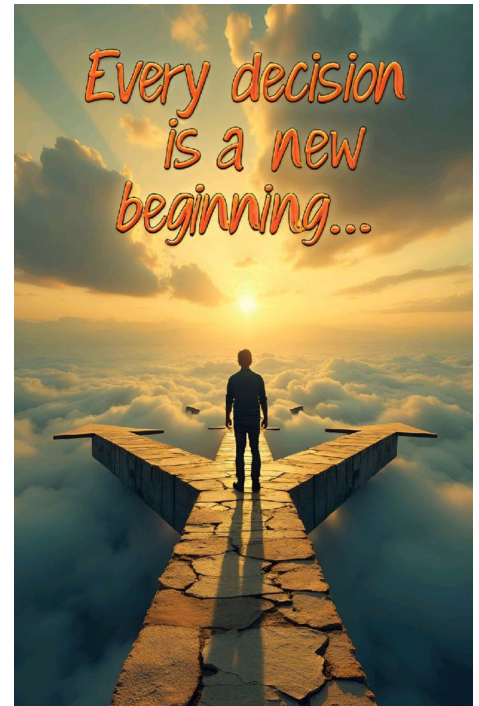
January 2025

Felicitation to Fr. Dolichan (President), Fr. Henry and Richard (25 years of priesthood) A special celebration was held on January 8 to felicitate Fr. Dolichan Kollarath on his appointment as President of Jnana Deepa and to honor Frs. Henry D'Almeida and Richard Lopes on the Silver Jubilee of their priesthood. The joyful occasion began with a thanksgiving Mass, followed by a heartfelt felicitation programme that recognized their dedicated service to the Church and community.

Awareness program on Gadget Addiction On January 10, the community hosted an awareness programme on "Gadget Addiction" led by Mr. Shubham from Lokayat. He shed light on the impact of excessive screen time and emphasized the

importance of mindful use of technology. The session encouraged the community members to develop healthier digital habits, promoting balance, focus and more meaningful real-world issues.

Cultural evening by South Zone The provinces of Madurai, Chennai, and Andhra came together to organize a vibrant Cultural Evening, celebrating the significance of the Indian festivals Makar Sankranti and Pongal. The event offered the community a glimpse into their rich history, diverse ministries, and new initiatives. It was an evening of learning, appreciation and unity that reinforced our commitment to faith and social transformation.



National Seminar on Climate Change, Health and Disadvantaged Groups in India

The Research Department of the Indian Social Institute, Delhi, organised the above seminar from 6 to 7 February 2025. Fr. Stany D'Souza gave a message, and Dr Edmond Fernandes, Hon. Director of Edward and Cynthia Institute of Public Health, proposed a keynote address. There were four sessions and a panel discussion. The first session addressed un-



derstanding climate change and its impact, chaired by Dr Shashikant Kumar. The second session had the theme of marginalised and disadvantaged groups: refugees, displaced people, migrant labourers, PwDs, LGBTQ+, tribal communities, and individuals. Dr Edmond Fernandes chaired it. The third session had the theme: Climate Crisis and Health: state, civil society, policies and way ahead, chaired by Dr. Lancy Lobo. Dr. Denzil Fernandes chaired the fourth session. He also shared his overall reflections on the seminar. The panel discussion had three eminent panelists, Professors Virginius Xaxa, Sonajharia Minz and Amit Mitra. There were 35 participants.

The entire seminar brought to light empirical details of how the health of disadvantaged groups in India was affected by climate change.

Lancy Lobo s.j.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF NEW PRESIDENT OF JNANA DEEPA

DR. DOLICHAN KOLLARETH SJ
12:00 NOON, 15 JAN 2025



John Karuvelil SJ, the Dean of Theology. Then Prof. Dr. Nishant Irudayadasan, the Dean of Philosophy, felicitated both the outgoing and the new president and Prof. Dr. John Karuvelil SJ, the Dean of Theology, honoured the outgoing president with a shawl and sapling. Following this Prof. Dr. Francis Gonsalves SJ, the outgoing president shared his deep words of wisdom and encouragement. Following the speech, Fr. Francis Gonsalves handed over the key and file to the new president as a sign of handing over the responsibility. Thereafter Dr Dolichan Kollareth SJ, the new president professed the Nicene Creed while the people stood in silence and prayed for him, after which, he addressed the gathering and expressed his vision for the Institute. Finally, Br. Glanson D'Souza, the JDSK Chairperson proposed the vote of thanks, and the programme concluded with the JD Anthem.



The installation ceremony of the newly elected President of Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune, Dr Dolichan Kollareth SJ was held on Wednesday, 15 Jan 2025. Br. Anmol Lakra of III year STB did the MC for the day. The programme also included felicitation to the outgoing President, Prof. Dr Francis Gonsalves SJ. The occasion was graced with the presence of Most. Rev Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Shimoga, Rev. Agnelo Mascarenhas S.J., the provincial of Pune, guests, campus superiors, esteemed faculty members, and students. The programme began at 12:00 noon with the prayer song which was led by JD women's forum and the JD student body. Prof. Dr. Nishant Irudayadasan, the Dean of Philosophy, read out the rescript from the Dicastery of Culture and Education, Rome, in Latin which was then followed by reading it in English by Prof. Dr. Peter Ignatius SJ, the Registrar. It was followed by honouring the new president with a shawl and saplings by Prof. Dr.



REPORT OF GEORGE LOBO MEMORIAL LECTURE FOR THEOLOGIANS



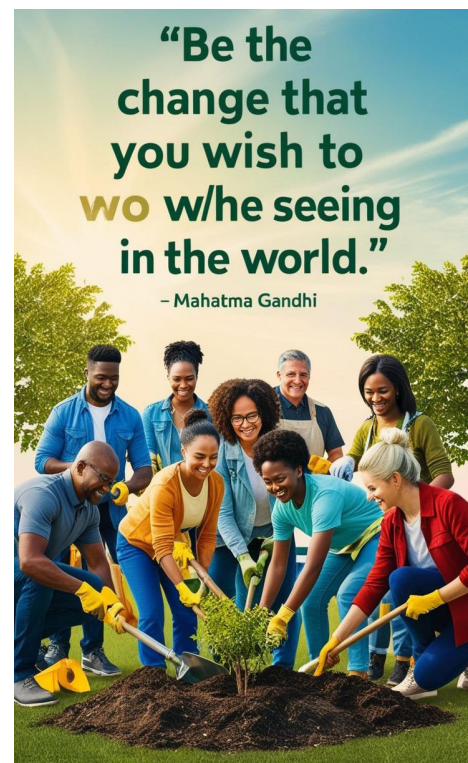
The George Lobo memorial lecture was held on Friday, January 10, 2025 on the topic 'Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and its possible impact on the Indian society and the Catholic Church'. The speaker was Adv. Nolenca Pereira-Dharmai. The lecture was attended by all the Baccalaureate, Licentiate and Doctoral students of theology faculty as well as theology faculty members.

The lecture began with a prayer song, followed by the lighting of a lamp. Dr John Karuvelil, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, formally welcomed the speaker and the participants. He also introduced the speaker, Fr George Lobo, in whose memory the lecture was organized.

The lecture was divided into two sessions. In the first session Adv. Nolen-



cia spoke about the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the changes it has brought about in the Indian judiciary. In the second session, she spoke on the other two new laws i.e. Bhartiya Nagrik Sureksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bhartiya Sakhsa Adhiniyam (BSA). Again, she highlighted the changes that have been brought about. She also spoke about the implication for the Indian society and especially for the Catholic Church in India. At the end of the session, she answered all the questions and clarifications. At the end of the memorial lecture, a vote of thanks was given and the lecture ended with the singing of the JD anthem.



“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Report on Prof. Richard De Smet and Prof. Jean de Marneffe Memorial Lecture for Philosophers

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The Prof. Richard De Smet and Prof. Jean de Marneffe Memorial Lecture was held to honor two great scholars known for their contributions to Philosophy and Theology. This year's theme "Philosophies of Resistance and Freedom: Exploring Buddhist and Bhakti Poetry", aimed to explore how poetry can express deep philosophical ideas about freedom and resistance.

The program started with a prayer song. It created a peaceful and reflective atmosphere for everyone. Fr. Doni Raja gave the welcome address. He greeted everyone warmly and spoke about the importance of the theme. He also gave a brief introduction about the speaker. Fr. Henry explained the legacies of Prof. Richard De Smet and Prof. Jean de Marneffe. Their work in philosophy and theology was praised, and



their influence on the field was highlighted.



Gayatri Mendanha delivered the first lecture on Buddhist poetry. She explained how these poems reflect ideas of resistance, freedom, and spiritual depth. Her examples and explanations were easy to understand and kept everyone engaged. After the lecture, there was a question-and-answer session. Many participants asked interesting questions, and Ms. Mendanha responded to them thoughtfully. In the second session, Ms. Mendanha focused on Bhakti poetry. She explained how Bhakti poets used their words to challenge unfair practices in society and promote equality and love. The audience enjoyed her clear and passionate explanations. The session ended with another lively Q&A session where the audience shared their thoughts and asked meaningful questions. The memorial lecture was a great success. It was a day of learning and inspiration for all who attended.

Youth Seminar and ToT (Training of Trainers) at Dumka-Raiganj Province



Youth Seminar on the theme 'Know yourself and set a goal for your life,' was held on 03-04 January 2025 at Nunbata Parish, Dumka-Raiganj Province. The aim for this seminar was to help the youth for building self-awareness and a clear sense of direction in life. Fr Shailen Minj, Dumka-Raiganj JYMSA Coordinator, led interactive sessions, including thematic dance, group sharing, and discussions. Fr Solomon Thomas SJ delivered a talk on "The Importance of Our Rights," urging the youth to stay vigilant and seize opportunities. Fr Ajit Hemrom SJ expressed gratitude to the speakers and the youth for their active participation, making the seminar a meaningful and enriching experience.

Fr Vernard Antony SJ, JCSA Youth Coordinator, interacted with the youth both at Nunbatta and Kajaladahamre, encouraging the youth to take leadership roles in both the Church and society for fostering a sense of responsibility and active participation in community development. This created a great platform for young people to reflect on their aspirations and responsibilities. JYMSA Dumka-Raiganj Province organized Training of Trainers (TOT) for the Youth Leaders at St Xavier's School, Sahibganj on 11-13 January 2025. About 62 youth from Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar participated in it, benefiting from sessions designed to boost confidence, leadership and responsibility. Fr Ignatius Buntly Tudu

spoke on "Relevance of Faith in Daily Life," and Fr Pratap Samad SJ explored career possibilities. Fr Vernard Antony SJ, JCSA Youth Coordinator, the resource person for the Youth TOT, discussed "Youth Empowerment." He then spoke on the four Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus emphasizing the importance of being a leader focusing more on unorganized youth. Big thanks to the Youth leaders Joseph Marandi, John Marandi, Charles Hembrom and Martin Kujur who engaged the youth with MAGIS dynamics, focusing on its five pillars, the four pillars of the Catholic Church, group discussions, skits and reports and making them a transformative experience. JCSA Youth Coordinator Visit to Jaspur,



Kunkuri, Pathalgaon, and Ambikapur Accompanied by Fr Virendra Xalxo SJ, Madhya Pradesh JYMSA Coordinator, Fr. Vernard Antony SJ, the JCSA Youth Coordinator, visited Jaspur, Kunkuri, Pathalgaon, and Ambikapur on 16-19 January 2025, where he actively engaged with the youth through meetings and interactions. During his visit, he encouraged young people to take on leadership roles, emphasizing their responsibility both in the Church and society. A key focus of his message was the importance of working for the unorganised youth, urging those present to reach out and support young people who lack guidance and opportunities. His words served as a motivation for youth leaders to be proactive in creating inclusive and empowering spaces. Through his interactions, Fr. Vernard inspired the youth to reflect on their roles, set meaningful goals,



and contribute positively to their communities. His visit left a lasting impact, reinforcing the commitment to building a strong and responsible youth community.

Vernard Antony, SJ.



News from Papal Seminary, Pune

On 3rd December, Papal Seminary celebrated the feast of our patron, St. Francis Xavier, with great enthusiasm and grandeur. We honoured his unwavering dedication and faithful service to the Church of Christ. The day concluded with a fellowship dinner, fostering a sense of community among all. On 4th December, we had a lecture on St. Francis Xavier to deepen our understanding of our patron saint. Fr. Jose Guibert SJ presented a scholarly article highlighting the saint's exemplary leadership qualities. During their annual visitation, Fr. Stany D'Souza, our POSA, and Fr. Somy, the CSIF, met separately with the philosophy and theology brothers. This was a grace-filled opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts, ideas, and feelings about academic, formative, and other aspects of life at Papal Seminary. The Seminary expressed gratitude to POSA for his encouragement and financial support to the House. Papal Seminary consistently



nurtures the spiritual life of its members through daily practices such as the breviary, Eucharist, special prayer evenings, adorations, and Rosary at the grotto. Rite Masses are celebrated to help everyone learn about different liturgical traditions. Language Academies also celebrate the Eucharist in a special way on their allotted feast days. Recently, the Hindi Academy celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady on 8th December, with Fr. Alphonse Kisputta presiding over the Eucharist.

Similarly, the Marathi Academy celebrated the feast of St. Consalo Garcia, the first saint of India, on 7th February, with Fr. Roland Coelho celebrating the Marathi Mass for the community. Our Tamil Academy hosted the Pongal Celebration for the community, with a meaningful program and a traditional festive meal.

On 26th January, we joyfully celebrated Republic Day, paying tribute to our nation, its rich democratic values, and its remarkable diversity. Our co-worker, Simon, was the chief guest and unfurled the National Flag. Patriotic speeches by our brothers reminded us of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the architects of our Constitution. The celebration deepened our love for the nation and inspired us to uphold its ideals with pride and responsibility.



*Br. Archmedis Pradhan
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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, ROME 2025



tius. Each one of us had enough time to present our homework through PPT. The meeting had begun with an hour of personal prayer and concluded also with an hour of Review and prayer. I celebrated the concluding Eucharist. Though the weather was cold the warmth of the General Curia people and familial atmosphere that pervaded our meeting made it a memorable event.



Each year we meet in January for this kind of meeting. This year the meeting was from 21st to 25th January at the Jesuit General Curia in Rome. We were 8 participants: International Director, Fr. Cristobal Fones SJ, six Continental Coordinators from 6 Jesuit Conferences and Mr. Juan Ignacio of Argentina, who is the Communication in-charge. The main topic was formation in PWPN and Pedagogy of EYM along with the initiative to produce the General Regulations based on the new Statutes approved by the Holy See last year. The highlight of the meeting was the Papal Audience on 23rd morning where we were given the English translation of the Pope's speech to us and individual meeting with him. Same day we had a pilgrimage to the Gesu and Eucharistic celebration by the International Director in the room of St. Igna-

*Jagdish Parmar SJ
National Director, India,
S.A. Coordinator, PWPN (EYM).*



SADHANA INSTITUTE, LONAVLA, PUNE



Tanmaya Sadhana Course (6th Jan to Feb 28, 2025) (Age Group: 35 – 50)

This renewal course aims to help participants to become aware of the potential they have for wholeness and to move towards becoming one's unique person (Tanmaya). The course began with basic orientation followed by Journeying with Self exercises which creates inner awareness for what follows, namely, (a) intense inner process work that helps participants to look at the factors that hinder the call and task to become more and more one's own true self; (b) reflection, sharing, and discussion on Human Sexuality and Affectivity that gives the participants the opportunities for personal exploration as to how one's affective energies can be channeled for mature and fulfilling relationships and be at the service of a deeper spiritual life; (c) communication skills that will

help participants to become aware of their unhealthy communication patterns and to initiate new ways of communicating—expressing themselves with honesty and clarity, while simultaneously paying others a respectful and



empathic attention and; (d) reflection on Psycho-Spiritual Maturity as manifested in one's attitudes and behaviors. The course concludes with a few days of reflecting together on the new orientations to life the participants are beginning to experience and the new behavior patterns they are ready to initiate. We had 26 participants for the course.

(In the photo staff of the course with POSA Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza sj. Sr. Philo John DPMT is the visiting staff for the course.)

Vincent Crasta SJ
Superior
Sadhana Institute,
Lonavla.
07-02-2025

VIDYAJYOTI'S PILGRIM JOURNEY OF HOPE

EXTENSION LECTURE ON INTEGRAL BIBLICAL ECOLOGY was a very useful engagement for the college. The theme: Integral Biblical Ecology: A Necessary Task. It was delivered by Prof. Dr. Dominic Sundar, SJ, from Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome. During the lecture, Dr. Sundar talked about the need for Biblical ecological hermeneutics. He pointed out various ecological crises that are unfolding around the world. Also, various responses initiated by the Catholic Church and other Christian faith related organizations were highlighted. Encyclical and exhortation by Pope Francis, and Earth Bible Project etc. are some of the faith-based initiatives.

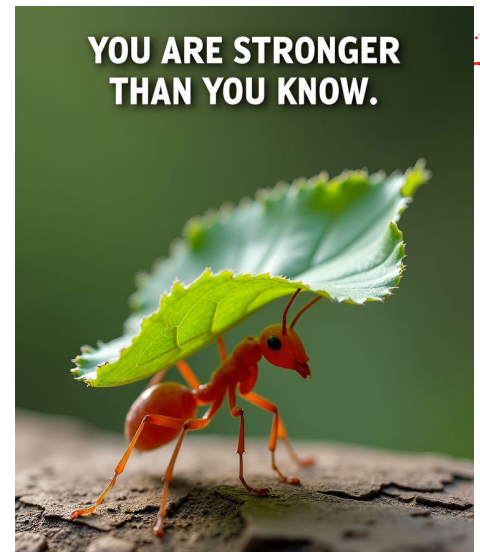


EXTENSION LECTURE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, JESUIT LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRAL ECOLOGY by Fr. Peter Rozic, SJ, Director of the Integral Ecology Research Network at the Laudato Si' Research Institute, University of Oxford, was another important turn in theological dialogues and growth. It took place on 27th Sep, 2024. He delivered a compelling lecture on the necessity of personal, communal, and systemic conversion for addressing environmental challenges. He introduced the Bilan Carbone carbon accounting method, highlighting its importance in assessing carbon footprints.



- In order to help our Day scholar students, VJ organized **RECOLLECTION FOR LAITY STUDENTS** was organized. Fr. Augustine Perumalil, SJ, Rector of St. Xavier's School Community, led a recollection talk attended by laity students, sisters from St. Stephen's Hostel, and brothers from Anthyodaya. This gathering provi-

ded a valuable opportunity for reflection and communion among the diverse attendees. In December, there was another recollection.



- **VJ SPORTS MEET 2K24** was another exciting time at VJ. It was organized on three different days beginning from mid-September. The event was hosted by Sandeep Gonsalves, with class captains Sonet William and Johnson K. representing the first years, Joachim and Savy for the second years, and Ashish Paul and Ramen for the third years. The chief guest was Fr. T.J. John, the Principal of St. Xavier's School. T-shirts for students and staff were generously sponsored by Frs.

Arok and Sangeet Raj from St. Xavier's School, Nevada. The overall champions were First years. The energetic sports meet concluded on 8th October.

- **WEBINAR FOR LAITY, PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS OF NORTH INDIA** is a new beginning. It took place on 9th oct, 2024, with the theme: **"Covenantal Spirituality,"** presented by **Fr. Jimmy Dabhi** for the laity, priests, and religious of North India. This event was organized in collabo-

ration with the Regional Commission for Theology and Doctrine (CCBI) and the Regional Office for Doctrine (CBCI). Over 175 participants attended online, including Bishop Jose Puthenveetil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Faridabad Diocese. The presentation received positive feedback, and the subsequent Q&A session generated numerous insightful queries.

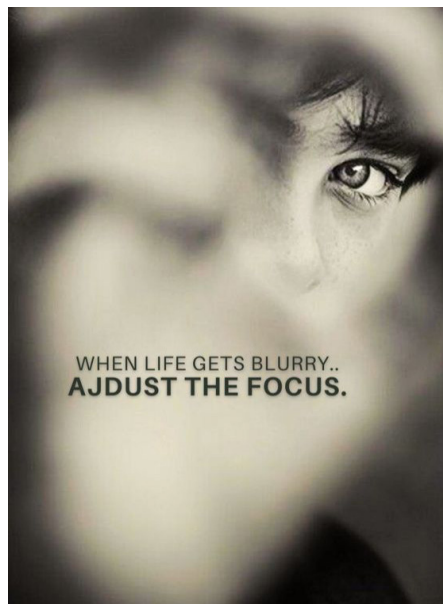
• **5th Convocation of Distance Education Programme** took place on 12th October 2024. There were about twelve who had travelled to Delhi to receive their Diploma in Theology Award. First Secretary to the Finance Department of Irish Embassy was the Chief guest. Dr. Colin Gonsalves, a Senior Advocate of Supreme Court also encouraged the students along with Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto, who appreciated the entire programme. Congrats to Fr. Anil D' Almeida for successfully organizing the programme. Those who travelled from faraway places to receive their graduation award were immensely grateful to VJ-DEPTH.

• **C ONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION** was organized on 26th of November at Vidyajyoti by Sch. Julius Tudu and Sch. Joseph V. Julius gave an introduction, explaining the importance of the day. He displayed the shorter constitution text and the larger text which includes the case studies on the Constitution. The program began with the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of the Indian Constitution, led by the principal, Fr. Rajkumar, accompanied by staff and student representatives. Sch. Johnson R. delivered a brief yet inspiring message highlighting the enduring values and vision of Dr. Ambedkar. Later, Fr. Joseph, Registrar opened the link to the video on Ambedkar's contributions.

• **N ATIONAL SEMINAR - THEOTECH 2024** was organized from 28th to 29th of November, 2024. Vidyajyoti College hosted a National Seminar 'TheoTech 2024', on the theme, '**Artificial Intelligence: Inspirations and Challenges for the Pilgrims of Hope.**' Fr. Rajakumar initiated the process and the event was organized under the leadership of Fr. Jesu Thason, the staff coordinator, and Sch. Reuell Paul, the student coordinator. The seminar proved to be a valuable and enlightening experience for all attendees, offering deep insights into the significance of Artificial Intelligence in today's world. It explored how to navigate this technological landscape thoughtfully, encouraging participants to utilize AI wisely and responsibly.



• **B**AL MELA 2024: The theme for this year's Bal Mela was "उम्मीद की रोशनी." Students from various ministry centers, along with their in-charges, gathered for the event, which was organized by Fieldwork Coordinators Schs. Prakash Masih and Reginald Kurkalang, under the guidance of Director Fr. Anil D' Almeida. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Lalitha S. A. Nayak, Vice President of the Society for Participatory Integrated Development (SPID), while Roseline D. Osana, Project Director of the Urban Refugee Project at JRS, was the Guest of Honor. The programme was marked by Hope-giving message, games and cultural items and Prizes. As a token of appreciation, each student received a blanket and snacks as they left. This is a fruit of most of the ministries that VJ undertakes throughout the year.



ARRUPE HOUSE, INTERNATIONAL TERTIANSHIP, KANDY, SRI LANKA, JANUARY, 2025



Visit to Orange Tea Factory

On 1st January, 2025, all the tertiaries returned from their Ignatian experiment with the elderly and children, in homes, at different places. To reflect on these experiences, they had a day recollection in the light of the Spiritual Exercises. This was followed by two days of sharing, where each tertian spoke about their journey. Through this sharing, they enriched one another by listening and learning from each other. Fr Sajeew introduced the Letters of St Ignatius. After his introduction, the tertiaries made group presentations. This session helped them understand the rich tradition of letter writing and how it fostered connection among fel-

low Jesuits during the time of Ignatius and afterwards. Fr Baylon SJ from the Sri Lanka Province conducted a three-day class on *Pratica Quaedam* and gave Instructions on Ad-

ministration and Financial Management. These sessions provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of Jesuit life. Fr Donald Miranda SJ gave an introduction to the History of the Society of Jesus, helping the tertiaries deepen their understanding of its history, mission, and values.

The tertiaries also went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Matara in Galle. As part of this journey, they visited Mount Calvary School, Loyola Academy, Jesuit community and the Dutch Fort, which gave them an opportunity to witness and appreciate the Jesuit educational mission. They also had the privilege of meeting Most Rev. Dr Raymond Wickramasinghe, Bishop of Galle.

Session by Fr Anthony Pillai S J





**Tertians with Rev Bp Dr Raymond
Bishop of Galle**

Fr Anthony Pillai SJ conducted sessions on Non-Violent Communication. These helped the tertians learn effective ways to communicate with compassion and understanding. Another key event was the presentation on the Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus. Each soul-group pre-

pared and presented on different Jesuit saints and blessed, deepening their knowledge of these inspirational figures. The Arrupe House community had the privilege of visiting the Orange Tea Factory in Gampola. They learned about the process of making

tea and celebrated Mass for the factory workers. A special thanks to Mr Sebastine for organizing this enriching visit. Fr Donald has also started classes on the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. These classes are helping the tertians understand the foundational documents that guide Jesuit life and mission. The community received a special blessing during the visitation of Fr Stany D'Souza SJ, the President of JCSA. His visit was a time of encouragement and grace for the tertians. A special thanks to Fr Lasantha SJ from the Sri Lanka Province for sharing his experiences on the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and Fr Arrupe's contributions to this mission.

- Kevin

Fr Roy Alex with inmates



Justice in Mining Network in 2024: a difficult year that we face with hope

For the Justice in Mining Network, 2024 has been a year of transition. In June we published the 2019-2023 Progress Report and began to define the next stage. However, due to some important absences, the 2025-27 action plan has not progressed at the desired pace. Three members who until now had represented Latin America, Canada and Asia-Pacific in the steering group have moved on; and in the case of the representatives of Africa and Madagascar and Europe, there have been temporary absences for family or academic reasons. Nevertheless, we would like to thank Heriberta Fernandez, Victor Reyes, and Jack Piper for their work over the years, their Social Centres and the rest of the people who have kept the network alive.



To stop violence we have
to stop poverty.
Frank O'Gorman

Among our plans for 2025 we included the territorial strengthening of the network and the identification of common priorities. In this respect, the advance in India has been significant. The Indian government has announced the opening of 35 new coal mines in the next five years. The Bagaicha Social Centre, together with other Jesuit social centres, warns of the constant pressure these projects exert on the indigenous/Adivasi communities of the central-eastern states of India (Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh). Field visits to districts such as Godda and Dumka show how the violation of the right to consultation, forced displacement and the harassment of their populations are commonplace. With the help of the Australian Province and following the legacy of Father Stan Swamy, these social centers are maintaining regular contact with local communities, organising capacity-building projects and strengthening the traditional local government system within indigenous communities. They also plan to organise a national meeting in March 2025.

In Latin America, similar problems have been also identified with the advance of extractivism in indigenous

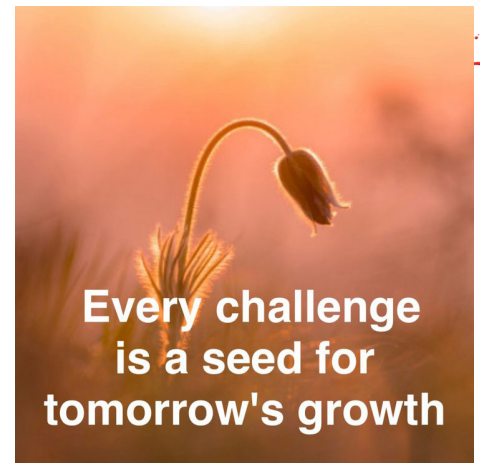


When wealth is centralized,
the people are dispersed.
When wealth is distributed,
the people are brought
together Confucius

territories. Representatives of 25 indigenous peoples offered similar testimonies at the meeting 'Abyayala: Extractivism, Women and Resistance' organised by the Network of Solidarity and Indigenous Apostolate (RSAI) in Manaus (Brazil) last September. The meeting is part of the Common Apostolic Project of the Conference of Provincials of Latin America (CPAL). Canadian International Jesuits supported the production of the report, which includes three case studies, and the presence of the Alboan Foundation at the meeting also helped to forge alliances between the RSAI and the Justice in Mining group with a view to disseminating the report. In the Global North, the main

achievements took place in the field of corporate regulations. After more than five years of negotiations, the European Union approved the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, which incorporates human rights and environmental due diligence obligations for global value chains. During this time, the Alboan Foundation, the Jesuit European Social Centre and the Network of Centres in Latin America have collaborated with CIDSE and other faith-based organisations to gather the support of more than 200 religious leaders and show their support for the law. Similar laws are being discussed in other countries, such as Canada. That is why we also celebrate joint training projects on advocacy and corporate accountability that

are being carried out between Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLIHR) and the Arrupe Centre for Research and Training (CARF) in the D.R. Congo. At a global level, in 2024 we have also collaborated on a joint project between the Catholic Peacebuilding Network and the Kroc Institute (at the University of Notre Dame) and the Laudato Si' Research Institute at Campion Hall (University of Oxford) entitled "The Catholic Church and Mining: Exploring Pathways Towards an Integral Ecological Peace". So far, three regional online seminars have been held, specifically for Latin America, Asia and Africa, with the participation of regional Bishops' Conferences, Catholic organisations, Jesuit



**Every challenge
is a seed for
tomorrow's growth**

Social Centres and research institutes. As a result of this process, a guide document entitled 'Catholic Approaches to Mining: A Guide for Reflection and Action' will be published in 2025. It is designed to help Catholic organisations that accompany communities affected by mining to advocate in defence of human rights, peace and integral ecology. In 2025 we will focus on strengthening the capacities of members with this document and finalising the 2025-2027 action plan. Among the main challenges is the participation in the People's Summit to be organised in Brazil, during COP30, and the coordination with the rest of Jesuit institutions that will be attending this event. At the organisational level, on the other hand, we will begin a reorganisation process to facilitate the integration of Justice in Mining as a working group in the Integral Ecology network. In this way, we hope to open up participation to more social centres, gain in impact and deepen the spirit of collaboration between Jesuit works.

