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# Rallying Point

Prof. Julia Pradeepa

## Saffronisation of Education

Hitting back at allegations of “saffronisation” of education, Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani on Monday said “everything Indian” should be valued and we should not shy away from our “inherent strength”. <http://indianexpress.com/article>

## Meat ban: The politics of food

After the banning of beef in March which drew limited protests from largely Muslims and Dalits, the state is witnessing yet another attempt to curb non-vegetarian eating habits.



### Climate Change Impact in India

- Rajasthan- Drought
- Rann of Kutch - sea level rise
- Mumbai- Salt water intrusion
- Kerala - Productivity of Forest
- Tamil Nadu- Coral bleaching
- Ganges - Sedimentation problem
- Sunderbans- Sea level raise
- Northwest India- reduction in rice yield

How do we respond and react to these local and global issues as AICUFers? As mentors and facilitators what is our role ?

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# AICUF IN SOLIDARITY

Fr. S. Emmanuel SJ.  
National Adviser

**MY HEART** is overwhelmed with joy for there were participants from 11 states including Manipur for the 27<sup>th</sup> National Council, 2015. The theme was 'Student Leadership for Sustainable Development' and the inaugural address by Prof. Bernard D' Sami, historian and former AICUF National Animator elaborated on the problems of internal migration and set the ball rolling for the successful conduct of this national council.

In the Indian context, free movement is a fundamental right of the citizens of India and internal movements are not restricted. The Constitution states "All citizens shall have the right (...) to move freely throughout the territory of India; to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India"- Article 19(1)(d) and Article 19(1)(e), Part III, Fundamental Rights, The Constitution of India, 1950. India's total population, as recorded in the recently concluded Census 2011, stands at 1.21 billion. Lead source states of internal migrants include Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu, whereas key destination areas are Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab and Karnataka. There are conspicuous migration corridors within the country: Bihar to National Capital Region, Bihar to Haryana and Punjab, Uttar Pradesh to Maharashtra, Odisha to Gujarat, Odisha to Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan to Gujarat (UNESCO/ UNICEF, 2012b). People from Assam are moving over to South India

Migration in India is primarily of two types: (a) Long-term migration, resulting in the relocation of an individual or household and (b) Short-term or seasonal/circular migration, involving back and forth movement between a source and destination. Estimates of short-term migrants vary from 15 million (NSSO 2007–2008) to 100 million (Deshingkar and Akter, 2009). Women constitute an overwhelming majority of migrants, 70.7 per cent of internal migrants as per Census 2001, and 80 per cent of total internal migrants as per NSSO

(2007-08). Marriage is given by women respondents as the most prominent reason for migrating: cited by 91.3 per cent of women in rural areas and 60.8 per cent of women in urban areas (NSSO 2007–08). About 30 per cent of internal migrants in India belong to the youth category in the 15-29 years age group (Rajan, 2013; Census, 2001). Child migrants are estimated at approximately 15 million (Daniel, 2011; Smita, 2011). Furthermore, several studies have pointed out that migration is not always permanent and seasonal and circular migration is widespread, especially among the socio-economically deprived groups, such as the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Castes (OBCs), who are asset-poor and face resource and livelihood deficits (Deshingkar and Akter, 2009). The intensity of migration is expected to increase in the future as a response to economic crises, political instability and global environment change (Deshingkar and Sandi, 2012). In particular, global environment change, especially climate change impacts will directly affect population mobility. Estimates indicate that by 2050, 200 million people worldwide may become permanently displaced due to environmental factors such as sea level rise, floods, more intense droughts, and other climate-driven changes (Myers, 2002). In such a scenario, migration should be seen as an appropriate and manageable adaptation strategy to cope with environmental, socio-economic and political stress (UNESCO, 2011; Foresight, 2011). There is an urgent need to develop a governance system for internal migration in India, i.e. a dedicated system of institutions, legal frameworks, mechanisms and practices aimed at supporting internal migration and protecting migrants.

AICUF must get involved in the plight of the internal migrants of respective states and do the needful for the betterment of internal migrants. I owe my sincere thanks to all the State Advisers of AICUF for all your achievements and co operation shown towards national level programmes. Rally

# 27<sup>th</sup> AICUF National Council Report

Day-1 – 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

The 27<sup>th</sup> National Council of AICUF was inaugurated at AICUF HOUSE, in Chennai and National Team members, National Commission members of 11 states, State Advisors, Animators, National Advisor and House director participated in this memorable event. The council meet started with a candle light procession at 9:30am followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Paulraj s.j. (Tamil Nadu State Advisor), Fr. Roy (State Advisor of Maharashtra), and Fr. Virendra (State Advisor of Bhopal). After the Mass there was lighting of the lamp by Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, Prof G John, Fr. A. Louis, (House Director), Jackson (Tamil Nadu NT), Priya and Kennie (student representatives).

After the welcome speech given by Fr. S. Emmanuel - National Advisor, instructions were given to the gathering by Sudhir (NT of West Bengal) and Fr. Louis – the House Director. In the inaugural session, Mr. Jackson (NT of Tamil Nadu) introduced the Chief Guest Dr. Bernard D' Samy and it was a rare opportunity to listen to a learned scholar and social worker Dr. Bernard D' Samy on the power of youth of our nation and internal migration problems of India. Mr. Bijo . the NT of Kerala felicitated the



chief guest with a shawl and proposed vote of thanks. The National Council appointed Grace and Abin and Prof. Vimal as Recording Secretaries and Prof G John, as the Credential Commit-

tee member. The job of Recording Secretaries was to record all the suggestions and decisions taken by the National Council and that of Credential Committee was to report the veracity and validity of convening the National Council as per the constitution of AICUF.

The Credential Committee reported that 27<sup>th</sup> National Council was duly constituted as per the provisions of AICUF constitutions and members who were eligible to attend were present and those who were not eligible needed the permission of the council. It was approved that those members not entitled to attend the National Council could attend, but could neither express their opinion nor take part in discussions in matters relating to decision making which is the sole prerogative of the National Council members only.

At 12:40 pm Fr. S. Emmanuel SJ took a session on the ideology of AICUF by giving examples of Gandhi, Karl Marx, and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. He emphasized the point that every AICUF student must act as instrument of social change. After the lunch break, there was ice breaking session conducted by the NTs. There was also a quiz competition on AICUF history for an hour and out of four groups, Team Paradise won the quiz and they were given prizes. Later Prof G John gave us a talk on the importance of the National Council and told us about why we should know the constitution. The next session started at 5:25pm and it was about the Encyclical of Pope popularly known as '*Laudato si'*' (means "Praise be to God" which is a line of a canticle by St Francis and also about the impact of globalization on environment which went on till 6:15 pm and later there was a group discussion wherein members were divided into five groups and were given topics like 'sustainable living of dalits', 'sustainable living of refugees', 'sustainable living of Adhivaasi' 'sustainable living of women', 'sustainable living of transgender'.

The five groups presented their reports. After supper, we had evaluation session wherein



student representatives appreciated the schedule and Prof G John thanked all the NT's.

**Day 2- 14th August, 2015.**

After the statewide photo-sessions at 9.a.m, Fr. Roy Pereira SJ (State Advisor of Maharashtra) took the opening session of the day. He explained clearly how AICUFers can get to know about themselves as well as understand the intricacies of social problems. During the lecture he also conducted fun games and action songs. Soon after this session, Prof. John spoke about the importance of Rally Magazine and encouraged the budding journalists to take active part in contributing various types of write-ups to Rally.

After the tea break at 11.05 am, Fr. Brian (State Advisor of Karnataka), the moderator gave an introduction as well as gave the instructions of how to go about in presenting the AICUF STATE REPORTS. The first report was presented by the Bihar AICUF followed by Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh. In the next session Kerala and Karnataka presented their reports which was moderated by Fr. Naveen Macwan- the new Gujarat State Advisor.

After the lunch break, the report presentation resumed at 2:30 pm by Maharashtra AICUFers followed by Kolkata, Tamil Nadu and Manipur. The session was moderated by Fr. Babu Paul- the Kerala State Advisor. The next report presentation was by Jaipur

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and Dumka AICUF States. This session was moderated by Ms. Rene (State Animator of Karnataka). After the presentations, as gap fillers, there were action songs and dance led by Karnataka AICUFers as well as Manipur AICUFERS. After the tea break at 4:40 pm there was report presentation session by Jharkand and Dumka state. The session was moderated by Sr. Deepa Mathew FCC (State Animator of Manipur). This was followed by report presentations by National Team members comprising of Inian Roy (National full timer), Jackson (NT of Tamil Nadu), Bijo (NT of Kerala), Sudhir Kisku (NT of Kolkata). The session was moderated by Sr. Deepa Mathew FCC (State Animator of Manipur)

After the report presentation by all the State AICUFers there were annual report presentation by the National Secretariat Office Bearers namely Office Unit, Training Unit, Documentation unit and Publication unit. There was a Panel Discussion on Dalit Commission, Advasi Commission and Women commission. The insights were presented by Fr. Paul Raj, Fr. Virendra, Prof. Julia Pradeepa and Prof. Vimal



Gerald. . The session was moderated by Fr. K. O Sebastian SDB (State Advisor of Manipur). Soon after the session we proceeded for dinner and free time was given to prepare for the cultural evening. The day ended on a high note of joy

and enthusiasm with various cultural performances by AICUFers from different states. There was an active and energetic participation by all. At the end of the Cultural evening there was 'in camera' election of National Convener and Co- convener. Mr. Rajat from Kolkata was elected as the National Convener and Ms. A. Sahaya Rani from Tamil Nadu Unit was elected as National Co –Convener for the year 2015-16.

**Day 3 -15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.**

On 15th August Flag hoisting took place at 9.a.m. In the first session, the previous two days minutes were read and passed in the council. Prof. G. John summarized the overall activities of AICUF (2014-2015) schematically and highlighted the salient achievements of AICUF India. In the final session thirty eight suggestions were taken up for discussion. The council was formally closed at 1.30.p.m. There was also a special meeting for national team members in the forenoon session.

**Report of Recording Secretaries of 27<sup>th</sup> AICUF National Council**

- 1) The national team members proposed the formation of:
  - Recording Secretaries
  - Credential Secretaries
- 2) The idea of digitizing documents of National Council was proposed.
- 3) It was recommended that each state takes up at least 10 activities related to the environment during this upcoming year.
- 4) The introduction of two more commissions, namely the Environment Commission and Migrant Workers Commission was proposed.
- 5) It was suggested that this year AICUF work more on secularism and the environment, as it is the need of the hour.
- 6) The reports should contain activities from one end of one National Council to the beginning of another.
- 8) MOU's between organizations/institutions having similar ideologies to AICUF can be established.
- 9) The National team members should be well aware of the responsibilities that come with a national post.
- 11) There was a suggestion to conduct a journalism workshop on creative writing to train AICUFers in effective writing.
- 12) A suggestion was put forward for the State Dalit and women coordinators, along with their representatives, to have meetings immediately after the National Council. One elected member should be a part of the NT.
- 14) A request to the Center to organize a few commissions based programs.
- 15) Revival of street theatre and screening of movies for Dalit students.
- 16) A suggestion to create more Christian political leaders.
- 17) There should be commissions in all units.
- 18) Proposal to appoint National Women Commission coordinator and Animator and Convener immediately.
- 19) Increase the amount of time for the State reports so that detailed reports can be presented
- 21) Each state or unit can be given a social project to be completed within one year.
- 22) NT meetings using social media should be held at least once a month. Eg: Skype/WhatsApp.
- 23) Other than during the National Council, at least one Advisors meeting should be held in a year.
- 24) Trainee program for the State full-timers, Conveners.
- 25) Celebration of Environment Day, Ambedkar Jayanti, Women's Day, Indigenous people day and refugee day could be made mandatory.
- 26) A request was put forward that the individual units of every state should encourage the members to subscribe for the Rally.
- 27) It was proposed that if all members of a particular unit subscribe to the Rally, then the unit pays only half of the original amount.
- 28) It was suggested that one state could take up the responsibility of bringing out a particular issue of Rally.
- 29) At least one member from each state should be on the Editorial Board.
- 30) The themes for the various issues of the Rally could be decided on by the NT's during the Council itself.
- 31) The Rally should throw light on various environmental issues during the coming year.
- 32) The Rally could be evaluated by an expert committee.
- 33) The Rally should have a couple of fixed pages for every commission.
- 34) AICUF Day could be celebrated at the national level on a particular day.
- 35) Full-fledged website for AICUF, acting as a portal for all AICUFers.
- 36) Common format for State reports could be thought of.
- 37) This could be the year for the National Convention.
- 38) All States shall try to become full-fledged AICUF states as per the constitution.

# NATIONAL CAMPS 2014-15 – A REPORT

National Women and Dalit Commission Meet (28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2014)

The NWC and NDC '14 was held at AICUF National Secretariat, Chennai from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. The day began with the inauguration ceremony and the lighting of the Lamp by Fr. Albert William SJ, Secretary, Loyola College, Chennai. It was followed by a prayer service invoking God's blessings. Fr. Paul Raj, Tamil Nadu State Advisor and National Dalit Co-ordinator welcomed the gathering. Finally Election for dalit commission and women commission conveners was conducted.

Topics	Speakers
Impact of Globalisation on Dalits and Women Women beings discriminated from womb to tomb	Fr. Dr.S. Emmanuel.sj. National Adviser Aicuf, Chennai
Communalism and Hindutva	Fr. Kumar, Director of Social Watch, Chennai
Women Rights	Mrs. Ajeetha High Court Advocate , Chennai
Caste analysis and Ambedkherism	Durgam Subba Rao Dalit Activist and Ex Aicufer, Hyderabad
Child Rights	Mrs. Virgil D'Sami, Director Arunodhaya, Chennai
'Women must Assert'	Prof. Julia Pradeepa , Women commission Coordinator
The Ethos of AICUF	Prof.Vimal Natioal Dalit Commission Co ordinator
Neuro Linguistic Programming and Entrepreneurship	Mr Arul Raja. Professor and NPL specialist
1.Janodayam, a Dalit NGO – For Eradication of manual scavenging. 2.National Domestic Workers Forum	Exposure programme at two NGOs

NATIONAL SUMMER CAMP at Kunkuri, Chhattisgarh.

ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015 the longtime dream of conducting a special summer camp for the tribal regions became a reality and it was conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at Loyola College, Kunkuri, Chhattisgarh, thanks to the efforts and hard work of Fr. VirendraXalxo, the State adviser of MadyaPrasdesh and Fr. Martin, the Unit adviser of Loyola College. The Central Zone AICUF students consisting of M.P., Chhattisgarh, Dumka, Jharkhand and Gujarat took active participation in this summer exposure camp titled, 'Water, Land and Forest is ours'. There were about 60 participants including the local organizing committee members. The input topics included analysis of Land Acquisition Bill, Anti reservation of Christian tribals, the trafficking of tribal girls, globalization and its impact on the rural people. The participants were divided into 10 groups and sent to ten different tribal hamlets to have a real time exposure. Though it was a short exposure, it has left indelible marks in the memory our students. They were struck by the overwhelming hospitality and the joy with which the tribal folk accorded a warm welcome. And at the same time the woes and worries arising out of land displacement problems opened the eyes of our students to the rural tribal realities. Though almost all the students were tribals, the rural exposure and social analysis have given them new insights. I am greatly indebted to Fr. Dr. J. Felix Raj, SJ, Principal and the Jesuit management of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata for sponsoring this camp.

NATIONAL SUMMER CAMP AICUF Centre, Trivandrum

The second summer camp was conducted at AICUF Centre, Trivandrum, Kerala from the 26<sup>th</sup> of May to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Presence of M.A. Social Work students from Satara Maharashtra, AICUFers from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Gujarat made this camp a grand success This camp focused on the fishermen issues. Heavy showers of rain created cool climatic conditions, which warded off tiresomeness of long sessions. Students enjoyed the special hospitality of Fr. Babu Paul, Mr. Bijo, the Kerala National Team member and other Local Organizing committee members. National AICUF expresses wholehearted thanks to Fr. Francis Jeyapathy SJ, Rector and Fr. E. Albert William SJ, secretary of Loyola College, Chennai for sponsoring the summer camp held at Kerala.



# Bihar State Report

**INSPIRED BY CHRIST TO SPREAD  
THE VALUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE**



## Introduction

Drawing inspiration from the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, Bihar AICUF plays a vital role in the lives of the youth, to develop a critical awareness and analysis of the present situation of our society, to promote a deep and genuine concern for the marginalized and oppressed and to commit ourselves to the task of building a new society where the gospel values of peace, justice and brotherhood reign. Keeping this vision Bihar AICUF has undertaken various activities during the year 2014 to 2015 and we are happy to present the report of the same.

1. AICUF's 26<sup>th</sup> National Council Fr. Sabu Davis, Bihar AICUF state advisor along with the National team member Mr. Rajan, National council member Miss Pragya Thomas and state full timer Miss. Seema Kumari attended the AICUF National Council 2014, held at AICUF Secretariat Chennai from 12<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and presented the reports of the various activities organized by Bihar AICUF

during the year 2013 - 14.

## 2. Orientation Programme:

One day orientation programme was organized for the students of St. Xavier's college on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The programme began with inaugural Mass by Fr. Sabu Davis followed by gathering. Fr. Sabu gave the orientation programme on AICUF.

After the session election for the Office Bearers was conducted. Ms. Anamika as President, Mr. Peter as Secretary and Mr. Melvin as Treasurer were elected. Fr. Jose Thadavanal, the

Rector of the XTTI presented them with AICUF constitution. All the 107 students took the AICUF oath and the orientation programme ended with thanksgiving and refreshments.

## 3. Bihar AICUF State Core Team Meeting

AICUF Core Team Meeting was held at youth Centre Chakaram on 25 October 2014. The meeting began with a short prayer by Ms. Seema Kumari, the State Full

timer. There after she welcomed the Participants. In this meeting we had evaluation of the AICUF Council which was held in Chennai. Then different agendas like election of N.T member, Jesus Youth Programme at Kerala, NWC Commission Convention, and future plan of AICUF activities, etc were discussed.

## 4. Orientation Programme

One day AICUF Orientation Programme was held at Catholic Church Patliputra on 16 November 2014.

There were 26

AICUFers who participated actively in this Programme. Fr. Devasia Chirayil the Parish Priest welcomed the participants. Senior AICUFers and Fr. Sabu Davis took the sessions on various topics like the History of AICUF, Leadership and Motivation etc. The programme was concluded with thanksgiving Mass

5. Evaluation of AICUF Activities AICUF Meeting was held at youth centre, Chakaram on 8<sup>th</sup> Febru-





ary 2015. There were 12 AICUFers who participated in this meeting. The purpose this meeting was to evaluate the different activities of AICUF. The evaluation team and the AICUF Students from different colleges and core team had fruitful interaction with regard to AICUFers' activities.

#### **6. Bihar AICUF Core Team Meeting**

AICUF Core Team Meeting was held at youth Centre Chakaram on 22 March 2015. Core team members came together to plan out and discuss about the forthcoming programme. They also discussed on the following Agendas: Women commission Seminar, Election of Dalit Commission President, and Election of Women Commission President.

#### **7. Bihar AICUF Core Team Meeting**

AICUF Core Team Meeting was held at youth Centre Chakaram on 19 April 2015. 20 AICUFers' participated in this Meeting. We discussed elaborately about the Women Commission Camp and finalized the date, month and the number of participants. We also planned out the denary wise AICUF programme. It was scheduled as follows: Gaya Deanery on 13 to 14 May 2015, Nalanda Dean-

ery on 22 to 24 May 2015 and Magadha Deanery on 12 to 14 June 2015.

#### **8. AICUF Summer Camp**

AICUF Summer Camp was organized at Loyola College, Kunkuri from 5 to 9 May 2015. 16 AICUFers from Patna participated in this camp. The Theme of the camp was "Jal, Jangal, Jameen Hamara Hai."

#### **9. Gaya Deanery AICUF Programme**

A three day summer camp was organized for the college students of Gaya Deanery at Catholic Church Jehanabad from 13 to 15 May 2015. There were 50 youths from different parishes of the deanery. The aim of this summer camp was to organize and motivate college youths to take up the challenges and to dedicate their time and energy for the formation of a just society. Fr. Antony Osta, the Dean of Gaya Deanery inaugurated the camp. Leadership, Personality development and Faith Renewal of the youths were the main aspects on which we concentrated in this camp. Other topics like Consecrated Life, Human Trafficking, Peace and harmony and Word of God and Youth, were also taken for the youth by different personnel. Teize Prayer and confession were also organized in which all the youths participated with the great devotion. Action plans were discussed and finalized which they could implement in their own respective parishes as dedi-

cated AICUFers. The camp came to an end by thanking one another for their support and collaboration.

#### **10. Nalanda Deanery AICUF Programme**

Bihar AICUF team organized yet another summer camp for the college going girls and boys for the Nalanda Deanery from 22 to 24 May 2015 at Catholic Church, Harnaut. 90 youth from different parishes of the deanery attended this summer camp. Fr. Jose Edavazhy parish priest of Harnaut parish inaugurated the camp. The Theme of the summer camp was "Personality development and Faith Renewal". Fr. Sabu had a session on AICUF history in which he stressed the need for the youth to live by AICUF ideology. He also instilled in their hearts the fire to become the voice for the voiceless. Sessions were also taken on topics like Consecrated Life, Human Trafficking, Peace and harmony and Word of God and Youth by different persons. A very prayerful Teize Prayer was conducted which touched the hearts of many youths that led them to make beautiful confession. Concrete action Plans were made by the youth for the coming months. This deanery level summer camp came to an end by offering a valedictory Mass and thanks giving.

#### **11. Magadh Deanery AICUF Programme**

Magadh Deanery youth camp

was organized at Catholic Church Nawada from 12 to 14 June 2015. Fr. Martin Anand, the Dean of Magadh Deanery was Chief Guest. The Camp was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp. Session on topics like, Consecrated Life, Personality development, Women empowerment, Human Trafficking, Peace and Harmony and Youth and Word of God were conducted by experts. Action plan was discussed and finalized. The camp came to end with a thanks giving Mass and group photo session.

#### 12. Bihar AICUF Meeting

AICUF Core Team Meeting was held at youth centre, Chakaram on 21 June 2015 to have final preparation and action plan for the Women Commission Camp.

#### 13. Bihar AICUF State Women Commission Camp

Patna youth commission organized a four days of Bihar AICUF women commission camp for the college going girls on the theme "Women a mere word or more" from 26 to 29 June, 2015, at youth centre, Chakaram. College girls from Patna Women's college, St. Xavier College, Digha and from Barh and other parishes of Patna as well as from Muzaffarpur and Purnea dioceses took part in the camp. There were 80 participants. Rev. Fr. Prem Prakash, the Vicar General offered the inaugural Mass and was the chief guest for the inaugural ceremony. Different topics like social analysis on women, women empow-

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erment, women and their rights, women and media and women and health were taken by the expert resource persons. Fr. Jose Vadassery S.J. the provincial of Patna province was the chief guest for the concluding ceremony. He gave away the certificates to all the participants. The women commission camp ended with a colorful evening programme, which was a memorable one.

#### 14. Patna Women' College AICUF Activity Report

1. AICUF Students actively participated in Carmel feast day programme conducted in the college

2. Vocation Day was observed on 10 August 2014 and nearly 150 students attended the programme. Father Raymond Cherubim S.J. gave a talk and conducted the group discussion, followed by Holy Mass. The movie on Mother Veronica was also screened for the students after which a brief discussion was conducted by Sister Tanisha A.C.

3. Ms. Pragya Thomas who was selected as the National Council Member attended the National Convention along with other team members of the Bihar



AICUF, held at Chennai from 12 to 16 August 2015.

4. On 7th September a General Assembly was held for AICUFers and Holy Mass was celebrated, to mark the Birthday of Mother Mary

5. Sister Celine Crasta A.C and Ms. Ashrita Kandulna along with 16 students attended National Hindi Youth Convention held at Jeevan Jyothi Ashram Burari Delhi from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5 October 2014.

6. On 17th October 2014 the AICUFers celebrated the Birthday and Feast day of Sister Doris D' Souza A.C. A short programme was held to thank her as she was superannuating on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2014. She addressed the students, after which the students attended the Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. James Shekhar.

7. Three AICUFers along with Ms. Ashrita attended a leadership training programme organized by AICUF House, Chennai from 28 to 30 October 2014.

8. On 19th November 2014 a poster competition was held to mark the death anniversary (16/11) of Mother Veronica founder of the Apostolic Carmel.

9. On 21st November 2014 the AICUFers welcomed the new Principal Sister Marie Jessie A.C. A short programme was held on the occasion. This was followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kuldeep.

10. An Inter College Bible Quiz was conducted in the College on 28 November 2014 in which six

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teams three from St. Xavier's College and three from Patna Women's College participated. Ms. Pragya Thomas and Ms. Menesa Surin bagged the first prize followed by Ms. Shuba Shah and Ms. Ancy Joseph secured second Position. Third prize was won by the St. Xavier's team.

11. Several AICUFers participated in various sports activities and won prizes on the Sports Day held in the College on 6 December 2014

12. On 12th December, 2014 AICUF Christmas Get-Together was held in Carmel Hall. The students put up a colourful performance for

the sisters of the college and Avila Convent. The students were also given Christmas gifts.

13. Christian Parents' Day and Christmas get-together was conducted on 15 December 2014. The day began with a talk by Fr. Alwyn Vaz S.J. after which there was sharing session by the parents. Confession, Adoration and Holy Mass was arranged for the parents and students. Students conducted games for the parents. The Get-together ended with lunch.

14. AICUFers put up a dance "Nachunga Gaunga" on the occasion of Christmas-Milan with the transgender on 17th Decem-

ber and sang a carol on the occasion of Christmas-Milan with the Rickshaw pullers held in the college auditorium on 22 December

15. More than eighty five students participated in the Christmas programme conducted on 20 December 2014. The opening dance and the Special Platinum Jubilee Christmas Choir was performed by the AICUFers.

16. Two AICUF teams participated in the Carol Singing Competition "Songs of Joy" held at Ravi Bharti, and the English Carol won the Second Prize.

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# Santal Pargana (Dumka) Report

## YOUTH UNITE, UNDERSTAND TO EDUCATE THE MARGINALIZED

Santal AICUF has witnessed the best of times and the worst of times; at times filled with activities and bright future and other times like an unresponsive muscle cramp unable to become active slumping the person. Youth work in the province and the diocese do not have a predictable pattern but the youth are visible in activities, in our programmes; Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch (AYCM) is gaining ground and AICUF is alive to us AICUFers, to the people outside and the youth in the colleges.

Our joys know no bounds and our grateful hearts look forward to future with hope. Here we present short report of the activities, challenges and our hope to future.

**A SHORT HISTORY:** Dumka Raiganj Jesuits have organised the youth from the time of their entry into the educational and pastoral apostolate in the area. It grew from YCS, YSM and other faith based organisations. The government colleges spread out in the district headquarters of Dumka, Pakur, Sahibganj, Godda have semi- government hostels; the students in these colleges were the first to wake up to the call of the AICUF to unite, understand and educate the marginalised for the service to the nation and society.

Fr. Hilarius Tigga, Fr, Jisu Benjie, Fr, Chrysostom Hembrom, Fr.David Raj, Fr, Ravi and Fr.Solomon were and are working tirelessly to build AICUF. Mr.Paulus Murmu, Mr.Laus Hasdak, Mr.Joseph Baskey, Mr. Anil Soren, Mr. Neeraj Besra, Mr.Amul Augustine, Mr.Barnabas Malto were some of the prominent AICUFers who have played significant roles to build the AICUF.

### ACTIVITIES :

- (1) Regular monthly meetings in Dumka, Sahibganj
- (2) Occasional meetings in their districts of Pakur, Godda and Jamtara
- (3) Leadership camps, preparation for competitive exams, proficiency in English
- (4) Social analysis, participation in protests Marches and regular reflections on the major problems of Displacement, identity and ecological problems confronting the tribals.
- (5) Association with NGOs.
- (6) Annual AICUF Days and conventions.
- (7) Picnics, cultural tours

DATE	NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES	PLACE
10 .05.14	AICUF Day	St.Xavier's School Sahibganj
30.06.14	Essay writing competition and Pilgrimage to Martyr's place	Sahibganj, Dumka, Bhognadi
07.09.14	Youth Camp	Johar HRD centre
13.08.14	Youth Camp - Motivation,	

	Career Counselling , Tribal World	Johar HRD Centre, Dumka
25.08.14	Social analysis - school boys	Johar HRD Centre,
18-19.09.14	Social Analysis & Leadership Village youth with college youth	
21.09.14	Legal training	Johar HRD centre, Dumka
16-17 .11.14	Conference on Santali Literature	Johar HRD Centre
29.30/11/14	Youth camp- Motivation and future	Johar HRD centre
12.02.14	Christmas Gathering	Johar HRD centre
18.01.15	Picnic	Sundar dam, Godda
21.01.15	Protest for the tribals in ASSAM	Dumka, Sahibgnaj
29-31.1.15	Leadership camp	Government Colleges Youth
31-01.15	Sohrae Festival Dance Competition	Johar HRD centre
07.02.15	Preparation for competitive exams	Johar HRD centre
10.-11.05.15	Regional AYCM Camp	Chattishgarh
18.07.15	AICUF-AYCM New members	DUMKA
07.08.15	Indigenous People's Day	Johar HRD Cente,

### CHALLENGES

1. Students often are very seasonal and temporary in their attendance. Hence we are not able to conduct sustainable activities. There are too many organisations trying to capture the students for their political ends. New members are not forthcoming to take up activities other than their academic ones.
2. We have not been able to appoint part timers, full timers for the youth activities. The linkages between various units of Dumka, Sahibganj, and Pakur are very weak. We have not succeeded in getting the students staying in the lodges, or rented homes. How do we link our college youth with dropout youth in the villages?
3. Our students are too poor to financially contribute for the formations and for the activities of the group.
4. There is a growing gap between the students of various religions and classes. We are unable to get good resource persons.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE:

Dumka AICUF- AYCM shall try its best to continue the activities in spite of the difficulties faced. Santal

AICUF will definitely move forward in collaboration with other organizations. We have set in a motion dialogue with other organizations so that the objectives of the AICUF can be fulfilled. Some of the planned activities are : making use of the technology and social media for contacting our youth and conducting activities. We also shall emphasize more on leadership, social analysis and publication of their writings. *Rally*

*Anil Soren, AICUF- Part- timer, Johar HRD Centre.*



# Gujarat State Report

## TOWARDS THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH



### 1. JESA Animators training programme 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014

JESA animators training programme was held in pastoral centre, Nadiad. Around 300 participants were guided through different life scoping skills. The sessions were conducted by Fr. Vijay.

### 2. PDC 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014

PDC camp was organized at Sevasi, Baroda. The programme was conducted by Fr. Vijay, Vimal and Jitu Lata. The students were given input on goal orientation, time management, self respect, small project management etc.

### 3. Journalism training programme 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Journalism training programme was organized for AGSDM students. Twenty-two students participated in this training programme. Mr. Hashmukhbhai Christian who is a journalist was the resource person. The students learnt about how to write effectively in the news papers as well as in magazines.

### 4. Teachers Day 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

A meaningful teachers' day was celebrated at St. Xavier's College, Chavdapura. Sessions were on "how to improve interaction between students and teachers and also teacher- student relationship."

### 5. PDC at Ashadeep 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014 AGSDM organized PDC camp at Ashadeep human development center for AGSDM's new students. Thirty three students were present for the programme and Mr. Michael Paul was the resource person.

### 6. Right to Information Seminar at Vidyanagar – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

One day RTI seminar organized by AGSDM, GJYM, AYCM in collaboration with S.P University's political science department at M.P Patel auditorium hall on 17 Sep 2014. Students representative from affiliated colleges of S.P. University participated in the seminar. The resource persons were from Janpath foundation Ahmedabad -Mr. Harnesh Pandya and Ms. Pankti Jog. More than 450 students participated in this seminar



AGSDM students got a very good platform to interact with other collage students.

### 7. Journalism training programme - 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### 8. AGSDM gathering on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Borsad unit organized AGSDM gathering. Vimal Dabhi, Deepika Parmar, Ranjeet Vasava and Jigar Pipalia conducted the meeting at Borsad. Women of Chetna Mahila Sangh inaugurated the new unit of AGSDM in their area.

### 9. NWC-Gandhi Jayanti – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

NWC organized Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2014 at Ashadeep Human Development Center. 28 students participated and discussion took place about women empowerment and women awareness. The participants watched a film "Mary Kom" for further discussion on women empowerment.

### 10. Film appreciation and journalism training programme 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

AGSDM and GJYM organized a film appreciation and journalism training programme for St. Xavier's boarding students at Anand (Gamdi). Film appreciation session was conducted by Fr. Vijay. They screened two movies: 1. Standly ka dabba and 2. Tare Zameen Par. After that discus-

sion was held on these movies. Mr. training programmes for the students effectively in the news paper.

11. AYCM meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October  
AYCM organized its first ever meeting at Mittal Katara and Mr. Naresh Dodiya inaugurated the new unit of meeting.

12. MAGIS Programme - 30<sup>th</sup> October  
MAGIS programme has become

an annual programme for GJYM. This year 38 students and six Jesuits were part of it. Fr. Ashok Vaghela gave introduction and explained about Society of Jesus and Gujarat Province. We had a pilgrimage to Kahmbolaj and had a faith experience. One day we had work experience at Baroda graveyard. All of us Jesuits and students cleaned the graveyard and decorated some graves of our Jesuit brothers to pay our homage to the departed souls. Third day was dedicated to prayers and silence guided by Fr. Jitu D'monte.

13. JYMSA Meeting at Bhopal – 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

Seven students from AGSDM along with Fr. Vijay participated for the national JYMSA summit. It was a new experience for our students. JYMSA vision and mission was explained to us and we submitted our annual planning to National Secretary of JYMSA

14. AGSDM Convention & RTI Seminar 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Annual Convention of AGSDM was held at Ashadeep from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014. 45 old & new members participated. Two days RTI workshop in collaboration with JANPATH Ahmedabad was part of the Convention. Mr. Harinash Pandya & Mr. Pankti Jog were resource persons. All the members had practical experience of writing a RTI Application. Some of them vowed to practice it in their hostel or personal purposes.

15. AGSDM Christmas Celebration at ASHADEEP – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015

AGSDM celebrated Christmas at Ashadeep human development center on 11 Jan 2015. 80 students took part in various light-hearted activities and performed many action songs, cultural dance and other performance. Students had lots of fun throughout the celebration.

16. Utarayan Celebration 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015

AGSDM celebrated Utarayan at Adshadeep Human Development Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. 20 students were present on that day. They had fun together by flying kite.

17. Film appreciation program at Baroda on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015

AYCM unit arranged film appreciation program at Baroda on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015. 35 students participated. The resource persons were Fr. Ashok Vaghla, Grenac Christian and WAVES team. The students learnt about role of media in our life.

18. Social work day celebration At Ashadeep 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

AGSDM celebrated World Social Work Day at Ashadeep Human Development Centre. Vidyanagar on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015. 35 students took part in the programme.

19. National women commission cell of AGSDM at Gujarat level Planning activities for girls. (21<sup>st</sup> of March):

NWC members met for a day and discussed on different issues related to girls who are studying in college. They planned a few activities for girls for the coming year. This programme was conducted by Ms. Dipika Parmar and Ms. Priti Macwana.

20. Rally to protest atrocities against minorities and women



Hashmukhbhai Christian conducted journalism training programmes for the students the next day and taught them how to write

for the next day

AYCM meeting for Gandhinagar unit. Fr. Vijay, Prof. conducted a meeting at Gandhinagar. Mr. Arun AYCM. More than 78 students participated in this

meeting from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014

an annual programme for GJYM. This year 38 stu-







Five students participated in a rally to protest atrocity against minorities and women on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Ahmedabad. All over Gujarat people joined in this rally and many priests and nuns spoke about attack on Christians and their churches. The main purpose of the was justice for the 71 year old nun who was raped.

21. AGSDM students participate in a rally to protest atrocities against minorities and women on 26<sup>th</sup> March (Anand). AGSDM students participated in a rally to protest atrocities against minority and women on 26<sup>th</sup> March at Anand. All over Anand district people joint in this rally for protest Christian and their churches and themselves and present scenario of the minority society to destroy by others.

22. Ambedkar Jayanti at Ambedkar Hostel Karamsad 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

AGSDM organized Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Jayanti at Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Government Boys Hostel at Karamsad. Fr. Vijay and Hostel Rec- tor were present as guests. All the students shared their own experience about their present situation, why they were backward and discussed Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts and views for their upliftment.

23. AGSDM members participated in National Camp of AICUF

On 17<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 AGSDM students participated in National summer camp at Trivandrum (Kerala). Six students participated in this camp. The theme was Preservation of Secularism & Protection of Environment through Students leadership.

From 5<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 10 AGSDM students participated in the National summer camp at Kunkuri (Chhattisgarh).

24. AGSDM/AICUF State level camp At Katkuva 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

AGSDM/AICUF and GJYM jointly organized state level workshop at Katkuva. 55 students participated from all over Gujarat. The theme was 'Land Acquisition Act and social responsibilities'. The chief guests were Mr. Anand Mazgavkar (Gandhi Social Activist), Mr. Parth, Swati Desai, Mr. Lakhan, Prof. Mittal Katara Prof. Jitendra Karadi, and Mr. Ravikant Bhatia. The participants learnt about Land Acquisition Act, environment, social awareness, social responsibilities and the purpose of this camp was to spread awareness among students, villagers and Farmers

25. AGSDM State level Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

AGSDM state level council was held at Ashadeep Human Development Centre, Vidyanagar on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 20 students were present. AGSDM welcomed the new state advisor Fr. Nagin Macwan and discussed about new NT, NC, NWC, NDC and Full Timer candidates. We also released new issue of JYOT magazine by Fr. Nagin and Fr. Erwin. After that the outgoing NT, NC and other members shared their one year experience of AGSDM.

26. AGSDM Orientation Programme on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Ashadeep.

AGSDM Orientation Programme was held at Ashadeep Human Development Centre, Vidyanagar on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015. 50 students were present. Fr. Erwin spoke about how AGSDM movement started and its activities. AGSDM members shared their experience about this movement.

Gujarat Team (2015-16)		
Designation	2015-16	Executive Member
Name		
State Advisor	Fr. Nagin Macwan, SJ	"
Krunal		
Fulltimer	Ranjeet Vasava	"
Vaibhav		
National Team Member	Jigar Pipalia	"
Steven		
National Council Member	Anita Rathwa	"
Mayur		
State NDC Convener	Alex Rathod	"
Nandkishor		
State NWC Convener	Sonal Vasava	"
Vasanta		
State AYCM Convener	Pragnesh Koted	"
Pawar Sheetal		"



Apurva Chauhan

# Jaipur Report

## BUDDING (WITH WINGS TO FLY) TO SERVE THE SOCIETY

The newly built unit at Jaipur had 127 AICUF members for the previous year. It was led under the leadership of Mr. Jerin John Mathew (President as well as National Team Member of AICUF). Following were the activities in which the members were involved:-

**National Council Meet at AICUF House, Chennai**

For the year 2014, the initial National Activity was the meet for which 2 of the AICUFers mainly Jerin John Mathew and Alina Thomas represented Jaipur Unit. The council theme was **AICUF FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY.**

**ORIENTATION DAY**

Next was an inaugural activity conducted for spreading awareness about AICUF in the college premises. The event witnessed a zealous display of talent in the form of a comedy skit *NARAK MEIN HALCHAL* and an unplugged musical performance. The event concluded with a movie, depicting the one year journey of AICUF Jaipur Unit.



**VISIT TO MOTHER TERESA HOME**

The world stands incomplete if it shares no love with each other. Mother Teresa Home is commonly recognized as a home for the deserted people thrown out of the society after being not very resourceful for fulfilling someone else's needs. The major conflict that was noticed by the AICUFers was that there were many people who very ready to donate many of the things that comes under the basic needs of life but there was none who would actually like to spend some time with them and be there companion for even a day. It was a day that lasted long even after its completion. The AICUFers continued going there to celebrate even when it wasn't a planned event. Truly, the gift of love is above all.

**THE THREE DAY DRIVE**

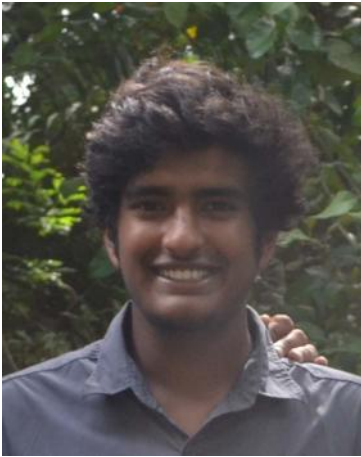
**1. RALLY**

**2. CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

**3. NUKKAD NATAK**

The members executed Swatch Bharat Abhiyan in the Three Day Drive which weaved magic through broomsticks. The expedition began on 17<sup>th</sup> of October, with a rally wherein the students preached about the need for a clean and green society through slogans and banners. They were also accompanied by the passers-by throughout the Rally. The Cleanliness mission was targeted this time in Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur. The three days mission also attracted the attention of Dinesh Kawat (Adhyaks), Narpat Singh (MLA) and Krishna Kunal (Collector).

The second was more about field-work. With broomsticks in their hands and a bunch of saplings in their hands, the AICUFers marched towards the Cremation Ground in Vidyadhar Nagar that stood untouched after its establishment. This had a two way effect upon the people, which in-



cluded that one should keep a place clean and other was regarding breaking the superstitious ideas.

The last but not the least day was even more challenging because of the heat, yet the AICUFers held *Nukkad Natak- 'Chintu ki Zidd'* in 5 different places.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

To lead an effective institution, one must be an effective leader, Two AICUFers- Pulkit Bangur and Jerin Mathew represented Jaipur Unit. The perks of being a leader was very well kept in point and all that are a must for a leader was also taught. *(Followed by MAGIS in Bangalore)*

#### CHILDREN'S DAY

The AICUFers paid a visit to the kids of 'Balwadi School'. Unlike the regular days, this whole day was dedicated to the young minds where all the books were shut for a day. It was a day of pure fun and celebration which was also a talent show, where the kids displayed their talents of singing

and dancing and reciting poetry, etc.

#### XAVIER'S DAY

As there are many students in AICUF who already have talents and those who develop talents, this was the day for those who wished to develop talents. AICUF presented the events mentioned below:

**1. Lifehouse Skit-**A wordless musical skit which denoted the creation of God and how that man became a sinner, coming in the ways of Satan, and yet is saved by God. A journey of Agape love was displayed.

**2. Band Performance-**represented by all the back benchers, and yet talented singers.

**3. Flash Mob-**detonated the unity of the people, contributing towards the Xavier's spirit.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The real joy of Christmas is not just celebrating Christ's birthday, but also sharing the love and joy for God's people. Each day we entered into a new house and spread the rhymes of jingle bells. The very sight of Santa Claus implied happiness in everyone's mind.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

The representation of Christ's birth, choir and dancing with Santa has always been a part of Christmas Celebration, what stood apart was the *Reflexion* of your previous year upon the new things. No one is perfect and therefore no one can change

what had happened already but one can always look forward to what might happen great in future. *Reflexion* was a newly introduced notebook which aimed at serving as a mirror reflecting one's journey at AICUF and it was launched by Fr Rector, Fr Dean and Fr Principal.

#### RAJKIYA PRATHMIK VIDYALAYA

As this was going to be the last activity of the session, it was planned as an inaugural activity for the next year. The AICUFers decided to teach a group of students once in a week throughout the year to enlarge the idea of education and to empower the right to education among the students.

#### OTHER MINOR ACTIVITIES:-

- x *Visiting students homes to ensure about the practices that happen among their own local areas.*
- x *Organizing meetings in order to make enthusiastic participation from AICUF.*
- x *Managing a fund raising activity by putting up a stall in Fair.*
- x *Creating a slum survey for looking forward to the needs of the people.*
- x *Growing talent among the students who suffer from stage fear.*
- x *Sharing a bond with each and every AICUFer that we meet.*

# Karnataka State Report

## VIBRANT YOUTH WITH A ZEAL TO CHANGE THE SOCIETY



AICUF movement started in Karnataka in the year 1948. Since then, the AICUFers of Karnataka have worked hard to keep the spirit of this movement alive through various activities and programs. The following report gives a glimpse of some of the major activities organized by AICUF Team in Karnataka during the academic year 2014-15.

### KARNATAKA AICUF TEAM (2014–2016)

DESIGNATION	2014- 2015	2015 – 2016
State Advisor	Fr. Brian Pereira SJ	Fr. Brian Pereira SJ
State Animator	Mr. Prashanth Kumar	Ms. Rini Annie Joseph
President	Mr. Seevanth Raj	Mr. Sam Sharath
Vice-President	Mr. Judeson	Ms. Bency
Secretary	Ms. Anamika Ankita Horo	Mr. Ranjith
Joint Secretary	Mr. Daniel Rosario	Mr. Ivan Joel
National Council	Mr. Karthik	Ms. Eden
National Team leader	Mr. Rahul	Mr. Albin Dickqrose
Executive Member	Ms. Shruthi Christiana	Mr. Sachin
Executive Member	Ms. Tindu Robert	Ms. Lavina
Executive Member	Ms. Divya Veronica	Mr. Deekshith
Executive Member	Mr. Prashanth Kumar	Ms. Caroline D'souza
Executive Member	Mr. Sandesh D' Souza	Ms. Sharline D'souza
Executive Member	Ms. Roshilla Tellis	Ms. Vanitha
SWC	Ms. Smenita Pinto	Ms. Beata
SDC	Mr. Rajesh	Mr. Shielash
State Full-timer	Mr. Peter	Mr. Ebenezer Sam

### 26<sup>th</sup> AICUF NATIONAL COUNCIL

The State Advisor, Fr. Brian Pereira SJ along with Karthik H, Chimrila Q, Florit A Shimray, Sopemla R Shimray, Rahul Pais and Larissa Vas attended the 26<sup>th</sup> AICUF National Council in Chennai from 13 to 16 August, 2014.

### LEADERSHIP CAMP AND ELECTIONS OF THE NWC & NDC

Five AICUFers of Karnataka, Tenzin Dhazai, Sarah Shirley, Varshini Devotta, Judeson and Rajesh attended the “National Dalit and Women Commission Leadership Training Programme” in the National Secretariat, Chennai from 28 to 30 November,



2014. Rajesh from Karnataka was elected the National Dalit Commission Convener during this programme.

### THE STATE ADVISOR'S VISIT TO VARIOUS AICUF UNITS

Fr. Brian Pereira SJ, the State advisor of AICUF-Karnataka along with the state team visited several AICUF units during the last academic year and motivated the members to organize various activities in their local units. Some of the units visited by the State Team during the last academic year are: St. Aloysius College, Jyothi Nivas College, St. Joseph's Commerce College, St. Joseph's Evening College, Sacred Hearts College, Loyolla College and St. Anne's College and other smaller units. The visit of the State Team to local units, helped a great deal in mobilizing more students to join AICUF. At present, AICUF-Karnataka has a membership of over 3,000 students.

### MAGIS-2014

MAGIS (a gathering of Ignatian Family of Youth and Youth Animators) was held at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore from November 1 to 4, 2014. Around 750 youth from different parts of the country attended this event. The theme of MAGIS - 2014 was "A fire that kindles other fires." AICUFers of Karnataka were the main organizers of this event. Archbishop of Bangalore, Most Rev. Bernard Moras inaugurated the event with a Solemn Mass. This was followed by a series of talks by eminent speakers on "Christian Leadership: Opportunities and Challenges." In the evening the participants presented cultural programs on various Gospel themes of social relevance.

On the second day of MAGIS, Fr. George Kannadanam of Project Vision addressed the gathering and encouraged the participants to donate their eyes so that those who live in darkness may see the light of the day. Nearly 350 participants pledged to donate their eyes after his inspiring talk.

In order to understand the pathetic plight of the

**Rally**

blind, the participants took part in a blind walk from Richmond Circle to St. Joseph's Indian High School. Bangalore. After the blind walk, there was a talk by Ms. Akkai Padmashali – a renowned transgender, who was honored by the President of India for our active involvement in promoting Human Rights causes. Ms. Akkai explained about the harsh conditions in which the members of LGBT community live and requested the participants to join hands in fighting for the Human Rights of LGBT community. Then the participants went to different parts of the city and campaigned against child labor, sexual harassment and other human rights violations. In the evening, Mr. John Devraj (veteran AICUFer) screened a documentary called "Angels of Hell" on manual scavenging.



On the third day of MAGIS, the participants were sent to Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Rehabilitation Centers, Cancer hospices, Social Service Centers, etc., for community service. Some groups were even asked to interview senior citizens, migrant youth and the beggars on the streets of Bangalore. On the last day of MAGIS, the partici-

pants were asked to reflect on their experiences and workout some concrete action plans to reach out to the disadvantaged sections of human society.

### AICUF STATE MEET-2014-15

The Karnataka AICUF Secretariat organized the AICUF State Meet on the theme, "Student Activism and Youth Power - Towards an Inclusive Society" from 24 to 26 January, 2015 at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. The AICUF State Meet provided a platform for the AICUFers of different units of Karnataka to interact and exchange their views with one another.

On the First day of the State Meet, Mr. Karma Sitar spoke on the issues faced by Tibetans under the oppressive Chinese regime. He invited the participants to discover the potential and power within each one of them to fight against those who vio-

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late human rights of others. He also cautioned the participants, not to use violent means to fight against the oppressor. Quoting the examples of Mahatma Gandhi and other great persons, he drew home the message that we can assert our rights and achieve freedom through peaceful protests and international network.

Mr. John Devaraj, a renowned Human Rights Activist spoke on “Youth and Human Rights.” He explained about the discrimination suffered by Dalit community in India. He also enlightened the participants on the illegal practice of hiring people for “manual scavenging” which is still prevalent in some parts of our country. He said that, manual scavengers who are usually considered as belonging to the lowest strata of Hindu caste system often have no other employment options and inherit the job either through birth or by marriage. He urged the AICUFers to take up the causes of manual scavengers and fight for their rights.

The Second day’s activities included frame painting, rangoli, basket making and flag making according to the themes given to each group. Some of the themes were: Child Labor, Women empowerment, Dalits, Tribals, Refugees, Human Trafficking, Human Organ Trafficking, corruption, Environment, Youth Power and Media. In the evening, the members of IGNITORS youth group (consisting of former AICUFers) presented a dance drama titled – “Manushana Kaigalu” on the plight of women, Dalits, refugees, children and others. The dance drama captivated the attention of everyone and motivated the participants to work for the promotion and protection of Human Rights of every citizen of this country.

The third day of the State Meet was also the “Republic Day.” The day began with a march past by different groups. During the march past, the groups creatively brought out various challenges faced by our country. Then the national flag was hoisted by Dr. C.B. Issac and the Republic Day messages were

given by student leaders, Ms. Aquila and Mr. Sharukh. This was followed by a Quiz Competition on AICUF. Prof. Prashanth Kumar, the former AICUF State Animator of Karnataka conducted the quiz. The Quiz was followed by another emotionally charged session by Ms. Akkai Padmashali – a transgender and a social activist. During her session, she shared about various issues faced by transgender community, namely gender discrimination, lack of educational facilities, unemployment, lack of shelter, lack of medical facilities, deprivation of electoral rights, etc. She also urged the AICUFers to appeal to the Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social Justice to recognize the rights of transgender people and bring about a much needed reform in the existing norms.

During the last session of the State Meet, the participants were helped to draw some concrete action plans which would help them to work for the promotion and protection of Human Rights issues in their respective regions.

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**OBSERVANCES OF SPECIAL DAYS AND SEASONS:**

a. INDEPENDENCE DAY – August 15, 2014

Hundreds of AICUFers from different colleges of Bangalore celebrated the Independence Day- 2014 in K.S Garden slum, Bangalore. They addressed people on several issues of national concern and sang patriotic songs. They also visited the houses in the slums, interacted with the slum dwellers and distributed clothes, stationary items and sweets for children.

b. WORLD AIDS DAY – December 1, 2014

Every year AICUFers of Karnataka celebrate World AIDS Day in a creative and a meaningful way. During the last academic year, AICUFers in some units screened videos and documentaries in their respective colleges on 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2014 and spread awareness on the ill-effects of AIDS and the need to join hands to fight against the spread of this dreaded disease.



**c. WORLD DISABILITY DAY – December 3, 2014**

To empathize with the less fortunate brothers and sisters of ours who suffer different forms of disabilities, AICUFers of Bangalore Zone celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2014 in Bangalore by interacting with kids with intellectual disability.

**d. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – December 10, 2014**

The AICUF members of both Bangalore and Mangalore Zones observed the Human Rights Day by screening videos and documentaries on various human rights issues. After the presentation of videos and documentaries, the AICUFers invited their fellow students to join hands with them to fight against human rights violations.

**e. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – December 20 - 25, 2014**

To promote the true spirit of Christmas AICUFers of Karnataka visited different places like , orphanages, hospitals , rehabilitation centres, old age homes. In these places they spread the joy of Christmas with orphans, differently-abled children, mentally and physically challenged and people with Hansen’s disease by singing carols and enacting cultural programmes. In some units students raised funds, bought gifts and distributed them to the inmates of these centres.



**f. WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION – March 8, 2015**

International Women’s Day was celebrated in some units of our state on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015. To mark the occasion, the AICUFers put up cultural shows and exhibitions. The purpose of these celebrations was to sensitize students on the rights of women and to promote gender equality.

**g. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN – April 12, 2015**

AICUFers of Mangalore zone celebrated the International Day for Street Children on April 12, 2015 at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. The members enacted skits and performed flash-mob to spread awareness on the plight of street children

and the responsibilities we have to work for their wellbeing.

**h. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – June 5, 2015**

AICUFers celebrated the World Environment Day in different units and spread the awareness on ecological issues through various competitions and activities. Dr. Vandana Siva addressed the AICUFers of Bangalore Zone and challenged them to be the stewards of creation. Her inspirational talk inspired the AICUFers to proactively get involved in promoting ecological awareness among people.

**i. IGNATIAN WEEK CELEBRATION – July 24 to 31, 2015**

To celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the AICUFers in some Jesuit Colleges organized “Ignatian Week” celebrations. The celebrations were marked by various competitions such as dance, singing, rangoli, quiz, collage, painting, poetry writing, etc. Some competitions were based on social themes planned with the intention of creating a sense of social concern among the participants. The celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola in most of the units concluded with the Holy Mass.

**FESTS AND COMPETITIONS**

During the last Academic year, the AICUFers were instrumental in organizing several Gospel Fests across the state. Some of the major fests are:

- i. St. Joseph’s Evening College - ADONAI
- ii. St. Joseph’s College – ‘EXODUS’
- iii. Jyothi Nivas College - El-Shadai
- iv. St. Joseph’s Commerce College - REVELATIONS
- v. Mount Carmel College - MISTLETOE

The AICUFers of Bangalore zone in collaboration with Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare organized a huge drawing and painting competition on Child Rights. Around 400 participants took part in the competition.

**OUTREACH PROGRAMES**

Last year, the AICUFers of our state visited Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Leprosy centers, Government schools, Rehabilitation Centers, hospitals and central jail. During these visits AICUFers interacted with the inmates of these Centers and conducted various programs. The purpose of these visits was to sensitize the members to become sensitive towards the disadvantaged section of the human society.

**AICUF RURAL CAMP 2014**

**a. RURAL EXPOSURE CAMP- BANGALORE ZONE**

In order to get a firsthand experience of the ground reality of the poor, the AICUFers of Bangalore, went to Amalagondi village in Tumkur District for 5 days (November, 10-14, 2014) for a rural exposure camp. Mr. Elango Stanislaus and Mr. John Shanth Kumar-former AICUFers, coordinated the camp. They led the group through various activities. Some of the activities included: manual work (mainly peeling beetle nuts and planting saplings), tuition classes for school children, village mapping and social analysis sessions. The campers stayed in an old dilapidated convent and took turns to cook their own food. Though the camp was hectic and challenging, everyone felt satisfied at the end of the day. Many went for the camp with a lot of apprehensions but left the place with rich experiences of fellowship and a sense of satisfaction after living among the simple village folk.



**b. RURAL EXPOSURE CAMP- MANGALORE ZONE**  
The rural exposure camp was held from 7 to 12 November 2014 at The Holy Cross Church, Moodabidri under guidance of Mr. Anoop, Mr. Sharon, Mr. Steven Goveas and the local Parish Priest. Fifty students of Mangalore Zone participated in the camp. During the camp they cleaned the church premises and attended sessions on social issues such as child labour, harassment of women, caste discrimination and corruption. Fr. Francis D' Almeida- former State Advisor took a session on History of AICUF. Regular prayer services and outdoor games were organized throughout the camp to keep the spirits of AICUFers high.

**c. NATIONAL SUMMER CAMP IN KERALA**

Three AICUFers of Karnataka- Mr. Rajesh, Mr. Shailesh and Ms. Bency Varghese attended the National Summer Camp in AICUF Center, Trivandrum from May 16 to 20, 2015.

**RALLIES FOR A CAUSE**

**a. BLIND WALK**

AICUFers of Karnataka in collaboration with Project Vision an NGO organized

Blind walk in Bangalore on 24th of August 2014. The purpose of Blind walk was to bring about a social change among the students and create awareness to support the cause of eye donation. More than 130 AICUFers joined the Bangalore Blind Walk from Namma Metro station on MG Road to the Bal Bhavan in Cubbon Park. They were led by six visually challenged AICUFers. Fr. Brian Pereira

AICUF Karnataka State Advisor, showed solidarity with the cause by joining the Blind walk along with other AICUFers. The AICUFers who participated in the event expressed that this event helped them to open their eyes to know the daily struggles faced by our sisters and brothers who are visually challenged

**b. RALLY AT TOWN HALL**

To protest against the killings that took place in Ukhrul Town in Manipur, the Naga Students Union of Bangalore organized a rally at Town Hall on September 6, 2014. More than 65 AICUFers attended the rally, shouted slogans and demanded the Government to revoke Cr PC 144 from Ukhrul town.

**c. RALLY IN SUPPORT OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AND OTHER MINORITIES**

In order to express our solidarity with Christians suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria and other parts of the world, more than 300 AICUFers from different units of Bangalore actively participated in a massive rally on September 14, 2014 in Bangalore. The Rally was organized by AICUFers in collaboration with the All Karnataka United Christians Forum for Human Rights (AKUCFHR) and the Federa-



tion of Karnataka Catholics and Christians Associations (FKCCA).

#### **d. CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE**

To pay our tribute to 132 children massacred in a school in Peshwar, Pakistan, the AICUFers joined hands with other Bangaloreans from different walks of life and organized a candle light service for the victims at Town Hall, Bangalore, on 18th December 2014. More than 100 AICUFers took part in this event.

#### **e. RALLY AGAINST RAPE**

More than 150 AICUFers participated in the rally organized to protest against the alleged rape of six-year-old girl in Vibgyor High School, Bangalore. The AICUFers who took part in the rally walked for about 6 to 7kms and spoke against the injustice done to the female citizens and children of this nation. They also questioned the government about the lack of safety provided to women and children in the state.

#### **f. REGIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION**

AICUFers of different units of Karnataka took part in the "Regional Youth Convention" in Mysore from 24 to 26 October, 2014 along with 1400 other Catholic youth of the state. The theme of the convention was: "*Joy of the Gospel to enlighten and Enliven*". Apart from Blood donation camp and Peace rally, various sessions were held during the convention to motivate youth to build communities of solidarity, justice and equality. AICUFers of our state took active part in the convention.

#### **g. RALLY IN SUPPORT OF TEESTA SETALVAD**

More than 80 AICUFers of Bangalore zone participated in a rally on August 8, 2015 at Town Hall to protest against the harassment meted out to the Social Activist Teesta Setalvad by the Government. The rally was organized by AICUFers in collaboration with Bangalore Citizen Forum. AICUFers joined eminent personalities like Mr. Girish Karnard and raised slogans in support of Teesta Setalvad.

#### **TALKS AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS**

##### **a. "CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS"**

AICUFers organized several cleanliness

drives in the state during the last academic year to create awareness on the importance of keeping our cities clean. Holding placards on the main traffic signals, the AICUFers of Bangalore zone spread awareness among the public about the importance of keeping the city clean. AICUFers of Mangalore zone organized campus and beach cleaning events and spread awareness on cleanliness.

##### **b. TALK ON HEROIC LEADERSHIP**

On 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014, Mr. T. J Abraham, a social Activist addressed the AICUFers of Bangalore zone in St. Joseph's College Auditorium on "*Heroic Leadership*". He challenged the students to be bold and prophetic in addressing issues faced by Minority Communities. He also gave testimony on his early life before he became a faithful Christian.

##### **c. CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM**

On 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014 more than 100 AICUFers of Bangalore zone attended the Cancer Awareness Programme held by a team of medical experts from Cancer Care Foundation in St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. The program imparted information on the causes and effects of cancer and the precautionary measures we could take to prevent it. The AICUFers were truly enlightened by this program.

##### **d. TALK ON THE PLIGHT OF DALITS AND MANUAL SCAVENGER**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2014 AICUFers of Bangalore zone in collaboration with the Social Work Department of St. Joseph's College organized a talk on the plight of Dalits & Manual Scavengers. Mr. John Devaraj – Founder of Born Free School was the main speaker. His talk and the interaction that followed after the talk with the rag pickers helped the AICUFers to understand the pain Dalits suffer in our society.

##### **e. SEMINAR ON PEACE AND HARMONY:**

Several AICUFers of Bangalore zone attended a National Seminar on "The Role of Religion in Promoting Peace & Harmony" on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015 at Christ University, Bangalore. This seminar helped the participants to broaden their

perspectives on different religions and promote inter-religious harmony.

#### VISIT TO THE HIGH COURT:

In order to have a firsthand experience of how the justice system functions in India, the AICUFers of Bangalore zone visited the Karnataka High Court on March 7, 2015. Fr. Praveen Hridayaraj – a Jesuit Advocate organized the visit and addressed the AICUFers on issues related to “Youth and Legal Aid.”

#### IGNITORS INTEGRAL FORMATION PROGRAM-2014-15

The AICUFers of Karnataka helped the IGNITORS team in organizing Integral Formation Program for nearly 12,000 college students at the beginning of this academic year. The following topics were covered during the IGNITORS program: Awakening the Giant Within (Personal SWOT Analysis); Creative, Constructive and Critical thinking; Team work and Collaboration Skills; Youth and Media; Heroic Leadership; Student Activism and Youth Power; India Today-Picturing Socio-Economic -Political Realities of our Country; Youth for Human Rights (Rights of women, children, differently-abled, etc); Caste and Gender discrimination; Good Governance (Accountability, Transparency, RTI); Growing in Eco Consciousness and Pioneering Go Green Practices; Crisis/Conflict Management; Decision Making ; Youth and Law; Power and Violence; Human Trafficking; Domestic Violence and Harassment at Work Places .

During these IGNITORS programs in various colleges, the AICUFers looked after the logistics of the entire program. They also coordinated the field work of students which included cleanliness drive, signature campaign against privatization of water and citizen journalism. We are happy to place on record that some of the AICUFers have now become the Resource Persons of IGNITORS program.

#### STATE LEVEL AWARDS:

In order to encourage and recognize the services of AICUFers who pro-actively get involved in the activities of the movement, every year AICUF Secretariat awards State Level trophies. Follow-

ing persons and units bagged the trophies for the year 2014-15:

Best AICUFer: P, V. Joseph

Best Animator: Prof. Prashanth Kumar

Best Unit: St. Joseph’s College, Bangalore

#### STATE COUNCIL 2015-16:

The AICUF State Council for the academic year 2015-16 was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015 at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore on the theme “LEAD, GUIDE FIGHT for I have the potential to change the society.” More than 100 AICUFers from different units attended the State Council.

The State Council commenced with the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Manoj D’Souza. Fr. Denzil Lobo, Rector of St. Aloysius Institutions and former AICUFer presided over the inaugural session and

invited the AICUFers to lead by example and bring a positive change in the society. This was followed by a group activity where the participants were asked to make presentations on various social issues. In the afternoon, Prof. Alwin D’Sa took an inspiring session on Creative Leadership. In the evening the representatives of various AICUF units presented their Annual Report in a creative way.

On the second day of the State Council, we had presentation of AICUF History by Dr. Issac C.B, Prof. Rini Annie Joseph and Mr. Judeson. This was followed by AICUF quiz. During the last session of the state council we elected the new state level office bearers for the year 2015-16. The following members were elected

President: Mr. Sam Sharath  
Vice-President: Ms. Bency Varghese  
Secretary: Mr. Ranjith  
Joint Secretary: Mr. Ivan Joel  
National Council member : Ms. Eden  
National Team leader: Mr. Albin Dickqrose

Soon after the State Council the State team visited colleges to revitalize the spirit of AICUFers and plan various creative and concrete programs for the year ahead.



# Kerala State Report

**COMMITTED TOWARDS CREATING A  
HUMANE AND JUST SOCIETY**



## Our Vision

We as Kerala AICUFers envision building a committed youth journeying towards personal and societal transformation for a just and humane world.

## Our AIM

It is to provide worthy leaders professionals and administrators so that they could in turn influence public life with their own positive values.

## The Mission

It is to bind together all men and women of goodwill for the task of building a student community in Kerala dedicated to the search for truth pursuit of social justice achievement of high professional competence and selfless service of micro and macro level communities.

We had various training program and social involvements organized by the state team consisted of eleven members.

1. Camps : We had various camps at the state , zonal and unit level as well.

1.1. State Election Camp: Election Camp was held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July at the AICUF center. There were 55 students from various units. The camp was an occasion for the change of new officials. The new adviser took charge and invited all the participants and Fr. Jose Pulinthanath, the previous advisor was given a warm farewell. The new team was elected in the last day after sessions on AICUF history and ideology together with constitutions. The new animator Mr. Sebastian Britto was also given a warm welcome and he conducted the election process. The New team members:

President	Jithin Joseph	Nirmalagiri College, Kannur
Secretary	Aleena Joseph P.	St. Josep's Pilathara, Kannur
Treasurer	Binoy B.L.	Balaramapuram unit, TVM.
National Team	Bijo C. Jose	St. Thomas, Trichur
National Council	Anju Thomas	Mercy College, Palgat
Vice President	Ann Jerin Sundar	Immanuel College, Tvm.
Joint Secretary	David O. Baby	Christ College, Irinjalakuda
Dalit Commission	Jisbin Kurian	Nirmalagiri College, Kannur
AYCM	Jefin Sibi	Mary Matha, Manantoddy
Refugee Commission	Rohith	Nirmala College, Chalakudy
Women Council	Meenu Kurian	Loyola College, Tvm.
	Aleeshya John	Nirmalagiri, Kannur.
Media	Azil C. Antony	St. Thomas, Trichur



1.1. State Freshers Camp was held at Sameeksha from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2014. There were 75 participants from all over Kerala. Frs. Sebastian Painadeth, Sabu Malayil, Xavier Tharamel and Jose Pulinthanath gave them sessions. One of the important events of the camp was the presence of IMCS Chaplin Rev. Fr. Jojo M. Fung, SJ. There were separate freshers camp for the Trivandrum and Kannur Zone in the month of August. In the month of October there was one in Trichur.

1.2. State Leadership Camp was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the AICUF center. There were 48 participants and the inauguration was done by Dr. Varghese S.J. Principal of Emmanuel college, Vazhichal who is a senior aicufer. The state tem along with Fr. Babu Paul, Fr. Antu Xavier, Mr. Sebastian Britto conducted the camp. The participants took part in the standing strike of the tribals at the secretariat. They got the chance to interact with Ms. C. K. Janu, Mr.



Geethanandhan, and Mr. Antony Raju who all came to the center to interact with the group.

1.3. National Leadership Camp was held at the National center from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and three of our team members – Abin Sabu, Ragesh ( Emmanuel College) and Nithin ( St. Thomas College) participated and became resourceful .

1.4. National Summer Camp on *Secularism and environmental protection through student leadership* was held at the center from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015. There were 65 participants from almost all the southern states of India. There were fourteen from Kerala. It was a good opportunity for the team to organize one national program along with the national team.

1.5. National Council was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and as per every year annual report was presented by the National Team member. The newly elected NT and NC along with the advisor participated in the convention.

2. Social Exposure: In order to make our students socially committed and responsible we organize exposure program to make them understand and enable them to be dynamic members of a society.

2.1. Exposure program among the farmers in Idukki was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014. There were 35 participants and the group was staying at the cen-

ter of High Range Development Society who hosted the group. The participants had initial instructions on the life and situations of the farming community of the place and they had good exposure to their life. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kochupura and the team guided the group very well. It was a chance for them to meet many innovative and challenging farmers both men and women. It not only helped them to be sensitive to the environment but also to develop a new taste for agriculture. They could really cherish genuine human love and affection from the community which was in a way a great eye opening for them.

2.2. The Aicufers were given a chance to be part of the struggling tribals who had been standing at the secretariat for their land. During the leadership camp they spend half a day with them and other days too they used to express their solidarity by being with them for some time in a day. The center was open for them to stay whenever they required a place.

2.3. The AICUF was there to organize the Darna on Khandamal Day observance held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The Dharna was held at the secretariat, Tvm.

2.4. The AICUF had a meaningful celebration of the International Human Rights Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 along with the other human right movements in Trivandrum. The members par-



participated in the public meeting and spoke for the protection of human rights.

**3. Seminar and other program:** Our students need to be intellectually alert, socially committed and spiritually vibrant and so we had a few program aiming to make them intellectually alert and socially committed.

**3.1. One day seminar called AESTUS** on youth reality today in the campus was held at St. Thomas College, Trichur on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. There were 65 participants and the seminar was inaugurated by the vice principal of the college, Dr. Francis. We selected five topics and each topic was given to separate units for preparation. The topics were – The youth and social Media(Christ College)love and relations at campus (St. Thomas College), youth and social commitment( Nirmalgiri College), problems of youth( Emmanuel College) and the use of drugs in the campus(St. Paul's college). Each group presented with the help of power point and the day

was well organized by the unit.

**3.2. Women's Meet** was held at Nirmalgiri, College, Koothuparamba on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and there were around 70 participants. It was organized by the women commission and the college manager Rev. Fr. Paul Valloppilly inaugurated the meet. There was a talk on cyber crimes and its dangers by Mr. Hariprasad Namboothiri, IPS. The gathering proclaimed the aicuf should stand for the cause of women and the struggling people.

**4. Celebrations of special days** is part and parcel of Aicuf activities and so we make special days meaningful by observing the spirit of the day.

**4.1. Onam with transgenders:** There was a special onam celebration at the AICUF center for the transgenders on 4<sup>th</sup> September and it was an expression of our solidarity with the people who are neglected and forgotten. We gave them a space and affirmed our support.

**4.2. Onam celebration** on the day with fasting along with the other NGOs who stands for the cause of justice. AICUF advisor with a few members joined with a hunger strike held on Onam day at the secretariat organized for the cause of the tribals.

**4.3. Christmas Celebrations** was held in almost all the units as part of the college celebrations. At the state level we had two celebrations one at Veli, youth hostel and

another at the center. The former was for the aicufers and the later for the poor children around the center.

**4.4. Navati Celebrations** It was the 91<sup>st</sup> year of the birth of AICUF and in Kerala we had navati celebrations in two places – one St. Thomas College, Trichur and another in Barathmatha College, Ernakulam. In Trichur Mar. Raphel Thattil was the chief guest and in Barathmatha it was Mar. Thomas Chakyath.

**5. Formation of a Ganamela Group** that sings only *kadalpattugal* is getting formed by the support of the AICUF Kerala. It is the group of boys and girls from the coastal area of Trivandrum who come at the center for the practice and training. The center provides them facilities and they themselves find resources for the training.

**6. State Team Meetings and trainings**

We had four executive meetings to plan and evaluate the programs organized and the whole meetings were very well attended. The team could equip themselves to conduct the sessions and they could develop a high level of self confidence.

**7. MOU signed with the MSW College, Satara** is one of the new events that happened at the center. It is an agreement between the Director and the principal of the college to have training program in personality development



and leadership skills for their wards in a regular manner. One group consisted of 22 students and a faculty had their ten days training during this May itself.

#### 8. General Remarks

The center is very much made use by many people – institutions and individuals as well. Many NGOs find this a welcoming place and

we show our solidarity with almost all of them. Those who are in the forefront of social struggle find a place in our center and we join with them in their efforts both directly and indirectly.

The facilities at the center are given for the use of other parties who come for tour or any other functions for which the center gets contribution from them. This contribution is used for the activities of youth. So the center is a financial source for the youth ministry. The facilities are very minimum and we have a plan to construct a new building with a little more facilities.

The youth ministry is really challenging and we find a lot of good efforts and support from the prov-

ince as well as the institutions. The colleges welcome us very positively and they are interested to send students for our program. We need to make a lot of traveling and frequent visits to the colleges need to be a regular pattern of work.

The youth could work as a team and equip themselves for the future leaders who can boldly stand for values. It is the movement of the students and they plan the whole program with the help of the adviser. They conduct the program with a lot of confidence. It is a very good chance for them to grow and challenge among themselves for better performance.

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# Jharkhand State Report

## SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH COLLECTIVE & COLLABORATIVE ACTION

Jharkhand AICUF has organized its activities through 8 units under 4 zones Ranchi, Gumla, Chainpur and Torpa.

**Names of the units:-** 1. St. Xavier's College Hostel, 2. St. Xavier's college students, 3. St. Annes girls hostel, Ranchi, 4. Nirmala college, Ranchi, 5. St. Joseph college, Torpa, 6. Paramvir Albert Ekka memorial college, Chainpur, 7. Lieven's college hostel, Gumla, 8. Nazereth girls hostel, Gumla

**Main aims and objectives of Jharkhand AICUF for the current year were as follows:**

1. To revitalize zones and their units
2. To ensure and update the main events in units at zonal and state levels
3. To inspire and motivate students through reflection at zonal levels
4. To involve much more in social issues through collective and collaborative action

**Puja vacation camp:** - The AICUF orientation programme was held from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September at Paramvir Albert Ekka memorial college, Chainpur. 170 students took part in Puja vacation camp on the theme "The main stream and the Adivasis development" the resource person explained the importance of PESA and provision of the 5<sup>th</sup> schedule in the constitution and dealt with hot topics like area naxalism and Maoism and final summing up of the camp was seen in the street play presented by the students.

**Holi camp:** - Holi camp was held at Albert Ekka Memorial College, Chainpur from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> march. 200 students took part in the Holi camp on the theme "social analysis". Mr. Jerome Jerald Kujur of JIPF (Jharkhand indigenous peoples forum) made us aware about the students protest and spoke about the history of Jharkhand and Mr. Franklin Baxla told us about the history of Jharkhand Adivasis. We were shown documentary on displacement, migration, trafficking and atrocities against Adivasis and we had discussion regarding these. Land acquisition bill 2015, was given much importance and people were told about the pros and cons of the land acquisition bill and how's it's going to affect the Adivasis.

**Solidarity with the other movement:-**

**Tapkara Martyrs Day:** - on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 35 members of five units from Ranchi went to participate on the occasion of the commemoration of the eight Adivasis killed in police firing on the year 2002. Around five thousand people gathered on the occasion AICUFers put up nukkad depicting the atrocities on the Adivasis.

**Neterhat Field Firing Range:** - on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 500 AICUFers participated in the Neterhat field firing range. 250 villages will be displaced. Every year satyagrah rally is held and AICUFers actively took part in this rally. Around 10,000 people gathered on this occasion. In this year swami Aganiwesh was called up as chief guest. And we spread awareness among the people through street plays and motivational songs.

**World Indigenous Day:** - On 9<sup>th</sup> august world indigenous day along with JIPF (Jharkhand indigenous people forum) at Ranchi we had programme, AICUFers performed street plays and cultural dance. On this day we had given shakhua plant to every participant.

**AYCM National Camp:** From 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 AYCM national camp in Kunkuri, Chhattisgarh. Ajita Minz was elected as the state ACYM convener in the central zone summer camp. 12 students from Jharkhand participated in this camp.

**AYCM annual meeting in Bhopal:** - 3 students participated in the meeting from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June in Bhopal. Bijay surin has elected as co-convener of AYCM.

# 27<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL COUNCIL

## 'STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING'

13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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Manipur



Disco



Dancing



Addressing on August 15th 2015



Inaugural Mass



New NT taking Charge

Prof. Julia Pradeepa on Women Commission of AICUF



Prof. G. John on Constitution of AICUF



Thanking at the end of the Council (2015)



One Step at a time



A Malayalam Song



Shake it up

# Manipur State Report

## MAKING AICUF'S PRESENCE FELT IN VARIOUS WAYS

**1st March, 2014**

### VISIT TO MOTHER TERESACHARITY HOME, IMPHAL

The AICUF unit of Don Bosco College, Maram consisting of 27 members along with Dr. Fr. K.O Sebastain, the state advisor, Sr. Deepa our Unit Animator visited a Charity House, Imphal where orphan children, mentally challenged as well as the old aged people are looked after. Clothes were distributed.

**19th March, 2014**

### RELEASING OF AICUF CAP

The AICUF Unit of Maram, released the cap for the AICUFers. The cap was released by Dr. Fr. K.O Sebastain, the Rector and Principal of Don Bosco College, Maram during assembly in the presence of Sr. Deepa unit animator.

**28th March, 2014**

### ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE

A grand farewell programme was organized for the outgoing students of 2011-2014 batch and the new Exco was elected.

**16th July, 2014**

### AICUF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The orientation programme of the AICUF movement was done this day for the new session. The orientation was given to the fresher of BA and BSW 1st year by Lolita, Secretary, brief history of the movement was presented by Sr. Deepa, the Unit Animator.

**30th July, 2014**

The AICUF started the collection for the poor by staging a skit "Kindness begets Kindness". "Generosity begets Generosity"

**29th August, 2014**

### CHOIR COMPETITION

The AICUF unit hosted a Choir competition in the college. The competition was graced with the presence of Rev. Fr. Dr. K.O Sebastain. Rector and Principal of Don Bosco College. The theme of the day's competition was "We Are One In Christ". The judges of the choir were Fr. Paul, Sr.Emelia, Sr. David and Ms. Agnes

**30th August, 2014**

### ONE DAY SOCIAL WORK

One day social work was held by the AICUF unit with 62 members.

**AICUF RESIDENTIAL CAMP, 17TH -19TH October 2014**

Venue: Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Punanamei

Theme: Modernization and its impact on youth.

On 17th October the AICUFERS set out for residential camp to Punanamei, Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School

**18th October, 2014**

The programme started in the presence of Dr. Athi as the resource person and Chief guest Fr. Theo Thomas, the rector and Parish Priest, Sr. Victaina and Sr. Charles along with the plus II students of the school attended and witnessed the programme. Fr. Theo Thomas and Dr.



Athili told us to give the best we have, learn the maximum we can and take what is the best.

**14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

**AICUF Unit visits MARAM KHULLEN for outreach programme**

**Distribution of Clothes as well**

An outreach programme was organised by the AICUFers of Don Bosco College Maram in Maram Khullen to help the poor and needy by distributing some clothes and cleaning the aged home.

**10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

It was centred around helping the poor children in Maram Khullen in paying their school fees. Around 12 students are sponsored by AICUFers' at Maram Khullen.

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

**INTER CLUB SKIT COMPETITION**

The AICUF unit hosted an Inter club skit competition on the theme "Join Hands for the Change" with the topic, "Social Problem In Maram. The Judges were Fr. Paul Maipan, Mr. Alphonsus, Mr. Lamak, Ns Kanga Regeina and Ms. Monica.

**18<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

**ONE DAY MEET WITH Fr.M.Arokiam Kanaga**

One day interaction between various clubs of DBC, Maram with Rev. Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga ( Regional Superior Of South Asia) in the presence of Rev. Fr. Dr. K.O Sebastian, the Rector and Principal of DBC, Maram, Sr. Lucy Thomas, Vice Principal, Sr. Deepa( AICUF Animator), Sr. Bindu (Jesus Youth Co-Ordinator).

**20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

**CERTIFICATE AWARDS**



Certificates were given to the outgoing AICUFers', who have completed 2-3 years as an AICUF and who have served and excelled in all the activities organized by the unit

**1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015**

**WORKER'S DAY**

AICUF unit along with Sr. Deepa, the unit animator took initiative in cleaning the toilets of our college.

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

**DBC.MARAM**

The orientation on the theme "Action, Reflection, Action" was organized by the Executive as well as members of the AICUF unit in the presence of Sr. Deepa (AICUF Animator), Mr. Bijoy (Co-ordinator). A great appreciation to Fr. K. O. Sebastian (AICUF State Advisor) for his support and guidance.

**1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015**

**ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

**SENAPATI**

AICUFers' along with Co-ordinator Mr. Bijoy along with Sr. Lily had an orientation programme at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Senapati in the presence of Fr. John Shisou, the principal DBHSS, senapati and Sr. Rini, the Headmistress of DBHSS, senapati.



# Maharashtra State Report

**BIG OR SMALL  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE MATTERS!**



**AICUF Maharashtra State Report  
2014-15**

*We were born into an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it as we have found it. Keeping the AICUF motto in mind and in an effort to be true to the spirit of AICUF, the 3 units in the state of Maharashtra conducted various activities and camps trying to make a difference in our own way.*

The three units are: 1. St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, 2. St. Vincent's College, Pune, 3. St. Andrew's College, Mumbai.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

**YES CAMP:** Youth Encounter Session was held from the 19<sup>th</sup> of October to 21<sup>st</sup> of October at Kune Mission, Khandala. The theme for the camp was "Rekindling Hope". There were 60 AICUFers, from all three units, in attendance along with Fr. Prashant and Candice Menezes. Interactive sessions, games and treasure hunt were held. Fr. Brian Pereira, S.J., the Karnataka AICUF State Advisor was invited to conduct a session on the AICUF history. There were ses-

sions by Fr. Prashant and Vivek D'souza, an AICUFer from St. Andrew's College, Mumbai and the St. Xavier's Steering Committee.

**NEW UNIT:** AICUF Maharashtra created history with the opening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AICUF Unit, inaugurated by an eminent social activist and former AICUFer, Arun Ferreira at St. Andrews College, Mumbai on 10<sup>th</sup> December marking the Human Rights Day. It was followed by a flash mob by AICUFers of St. Xavier's College during the students break.

Inauguration of the New Unit was accompanied by the release of Phoenix, the AICUF Newsletter on the theme- Whispering Hearts.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL:** The AICUF 26th National Council was held from 13th- 16th August at AICUF House, Chennai. Crislin Rozario, Pearl D'souza and Naveen Kerketta represented AICUF Maharashtra. Crislin Rozario was elected as the National Convener. This marked the second occasion of this achievement for AICUF, Maharashtra after the election of Franklin Fernandes being the first Convener from the State.

**AICUF DAY:** AICUF Day was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th January, 2015 with the theme 'Sweet 16' marking the celebration of 16 years of the AICUF Movement in Maharashtra. The AICUFer the annual state magazine was released on 18th January, 2015. It was a day of interactive sessions for social action followed by the Cultural evening. It marked the end of another successful AICUF year.

## **NATIONAL CAMPS:**

The AICUF Maharashtra unit participated in the National Camp held at AICUF House, Chennai from 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October. The theme for the camp was "Leaders for Tomorrow"

AICUF Maharashtra unit also participated in the National Tribal Festival 'JEMAI' which was held from 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October at Vyara, Gujarat. The Maharashtra AICUF unit took an active participation in the MAGIS CAMP held at Bangalore from 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> November.



**ACTIVITIES at St. Xavier's**  
Fr Prashant Olalekar was nominated as the AICUF Unit Advisor at St Xavier's College, Mumbai. All the elections and selection to the Steering Committee took place under his guidance and the State Animator, Prof. Lydia Fernandes.

Election of the new core committee, for the year 2014-2015 was held on 26th February, 2014.

Interviews for the Steering Committee 2014 were held on 28th March and 29th March, 2014. The new Steering Committee was formally announced on 4th April, 2014. The First Steering Committee Meeting was held on 11th April 2014. The theme of the year was decided upon as "Rekindling Hope" in a Steering Committee meeting on the 23rd April, 2014. A Panel Discussion was held on 14th April on the "2014 General Elections".

Cadre Training (Part 1) was held on 3rd June 2014 for the Steering Committee Members, conducted by Fr. Prashant and Serah Koshy.

First General Body Meeting was held on 3rd July,

The Investiture Ceremony for the trinity was held on 19th August, 2014 in the presence of Fr Roy Pereira, and Fr. Prashant Olalekar and Prof. Lydia Fernandes.

AICUF initiated praise and worship sessions, 'I Believe' which was held on the second and fourth Friday of every month in the college chapel.

Anamika, AICUF's women centered newsletter was released on 19th August, 2014. The theme was "The Diary of an Indian Woman". It included various articles that dealt with the daily struggle of an Indian Woman.

A Panel discussion on "Transgender Rights" was held on 12th July, 2014, in association with the Human Rights Law Network.

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on 31st July, 2014. AICUF contributed by conducting the Choir for the Feast Mass and a Prayer Dance.

Cadre Training (Part 2) was held on 2nd August, 2014 on Leadership and Team Building skills. UJALI, a week dedicated to women empowerment was held from 9th to 13th September.

On the first day, a Photography Workshop was organized by Cannon on the topic "Women Empowerment through Visual Story Telling". It helped us understand how anyone, especially women, can use Photography to empower themselves and others. On the 10th September, "Putting the RIGHT back into Rights" a workshop on Human trafficking was organized by Purnata, an organization which works to combat and spread awareness against the malicious crime. A Panel discussion was held on the 3rd day on the topic, "A Mystic Myth". It gave us a richer taste of our very own Indian classical dance and music with the insight on mythology. On 12th September, another Panel Discussion on the topic "No justice in justification" was held. The purpose of it was to portray the violence against women in religious scripture. An excellent workshop on "Gender sensitization" conducted by CARMA (Citizens Against Rape, Molestation and Atrocities). 'Embracing the Leader Within', a talk on noetic leadership by Fr Matthew Cobb was organized on 13th November in collaboration with DIRS. It was thoroughly inspiring and helped us in finding a leader within ourselves.

Screening of the movie "Oscar Romero" was organized on the 20th November. It depicted the life of Salvadoran Archbishop





Oscar Romero, who organized peaceful protests against the violent military regime, eventually at the cost of his own life.

'A Peasant of El Salvador', a play directed by Quasar Padamsee was performed by eminent theatre artists on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It depicted the situation of El Salvador through the story of a native peasant and how they were being constantly affected by the wrong doings of the violent military regime.

Jeevan, the AICUF Newsletter was also released after the play by Dolly Thakore. The articles were centered on the theme- rekindling hope.

AICUF contributed to the feast of St. Xavier by conducting the choir and preparing the liturgy for the mass.

A Christmas visit was held at a Remand Home in Dongri on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Many AICUFers took part by interacting with the children, playing games, dancing and singing carols.

### St. Vincent



The Academic year began with the Leadership and Awareness Program on 27<sup>th</sup> July which was successfully conducted by Jesuit Scholastics George SJ and William SJ

Talk on the life of St. Ignatius and history of Jesuits was organized by the AICUF on the eve of Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

On 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014, AICUF took the responsibility to organize a POSTER competition. The theme of the competition was 'Incredible India'.

On 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 AICUF organized a one-day seminar to discuss and understand the concept of GURU in our religions. Eminent Speakers from different religion shared their insights and views.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 the MEHENDI competition was organized with the help of AICUF. Girls and Boys participated in the same.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 a TREE PLANTATION drive was organized by AICUF at the Medical Mission Sisters' campus. It was a great experience to plant medicinal saplings and also be informed about the various medicinal plants and their benefits.

AICUFers attended an International Youth Fellowship (IYF) world camp held at Symbiosis International University auditorium, Viman Nagar, Pune from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. The vision of this camp was to realize a brighter and healthier society with the motto of change, challenge and cohesion.

AICUF had a CANTEEN WEEK From 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, to lend a helping hand to the poor as part of charity. All the students and the staff members participated wholeheartedly in the event.

AICUF organized a seminar on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 on "Students' Role in Socio-Political Change and Their Expectations & Contributions" to reflect on the recent development in socio-political scenario. The main speaker on this seminar was Dr. Cedric Prakash S.J.

On 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014 AICUF team arranged a Visit to Yerwada Open Jail, Pune on the occasion of Christmas. The purpose of this visit was to give them the message of the love of Christ Jesus that it overlooks our religion, cast, status and the situation we live in. We had the opportunity to interact with them. The Students were touched by their disciplined life and hopeful attitude.

### St. Andrew's

AICUF Training session was held at Goregaon Seminary for the students of St. Andrew's College. Aicuf also teamed up with Ashvin Mishra; founder of CARMA (Citizens Against Rapists, Molesters an





*Atrocities*) in a brief session that focused on gender equality in societies.

AICUF Participation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum on Human Rights, Don Bosco, Matunga: The youth forum on Human Rights was initiated by former AICUFer from St. Xavier's College – Marina D'Costa. The forum also witnessed a panel discussion where 3 guest speakers were invited. Mr. Rishi Agrawal discussed about Environment Rights, Dr. Ram Puniyani spoke about religious conflict in societies and the influence of politics. The academic year 2014-2015 marked the revival of the AICUF unit in St. Andrew's College on Universal Human Rights Day – December 10, 2014.

Session on Earth Democracy and Jurisprudence was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 and our guest speakers were Sr. Patricia and Fr. Mathew Lame Deer. This session highlighted the major effects of global warming and it was followed by a group discussion.

Save Aarey, Save Mumbai in coordination with Greenline, an NGO that advocates for the rights of the environment, the AICUFers participated in a solidarity march at Marine Lines, Mumbai to protest the upcoming development project of the Mumbai Metro Rail Yard III at Aarey Milk Colony. Many AICUFers volunteered and helped in the formation of a *Human Chain* holding placards and banners advising the general public to help in saving the green cover along Aarey Colony.

The Andrew's AICUF unit then conducted a small Cadre training session with the help of Fr. Prashant. This session helped in rediscovering ourselves as true, free individuals and also helped in attaining peace of mind and garnering positive energy.

The AICUF unit of St. Andrew's college started its social outreach program at Cardinal Gracious Home, Bandra East. The AICUFers went together in groups teaching the slum and tribal children subjects like Math and Accounts. SYBCom student Aaron D'souza specially helped one of the children in Accounts by getting him to college.

On a closing note:

*The woods are lonely, dark and deep;  
AICUF Maharashtra has promises to keep,  
And miles to go before we sleep,  
And miles to go before we sleep...*



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# Madhya Pradesh State Report

## YOUTH UNITE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



S.N.	Name of the Programme	Level	Date	Venue
01.	International Indigenous day	State	10August 2014	Bhopal
02.	Archbishop Pascal Topno S.J. Football Tournaments	State	15August2014	Bhopal
03.	Protest Against Displacement	State	02October 2014	Gullu-CG
04.	Career Guidance, Ambikapur	State	12January 2015	Ambikapur
05.	leadership skill training programme	State	02February2015	Bhopal
06.	Awareness Programme on Displacement	State	01March2015	Bhopal
07.	Orientation in Raipur	State	21 April 2015	Raipur
08.	Central Zone Summer Camp	National	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> May2015	Kunkuri
09.	AYCM National Meeting	National	26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> June2015	Bhopal

**1. International Indigenous day :-10<sup>th</sup> August 2014** was a very memorable day in the history of Bhopal AICUF as MP AICUFers organized a programme World Indigenous Day at Campion School Auditorium Bhopal (MP) for local people. The motive of the programme was reuniting people and to create awareness on CG Displacement, land acquisition and mother tongue among the urban adivasi people. More than 500 people (parents and youth) attended the programme. Mr. Sandeep Kerketta SDM was the chief guest of the event; Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J. (state advisor of MP AICUF), Mr. Athnas Toppo, Fr. Deonish Xaxa, Fr. Albert Toppo, Mrs. Kiran Ekka, Mrs. Bertilla Toppo and Mr. Jaiman Minj were present as Resource persons.

The people and the guests were welcomed in the traditional way by presenting Traditional tribal dance by Campion Parish. All the guests were honored by representing flower bouquets. After the welcome programme Inaugural programme began with lighting the lamp



by chief guest Mr. Sandeep Kerketta SDM and all the leaders. Welcome address was given by Mr. Athnas Toppo he welcomed all the participants and gave a brief talk on Adivasi culture and tribes. After that Address by chief guest Mr. Sandeep Kerketta SDM, Bhopal. He addressed himself and gave some advices to all the participants.

Later on Fr. Deonish Xaxa, Director Asha Association. Ambikapur addressed on Displacement. He said that we adivasis are the ancient residents of India, and we should not be miserably suppressed and become landless. Land acquisition and Displacement of tribal people is being done on Chhattisgarh in large scale. We adivasis should asked for what is already ours and should raise

our voice with unity to tell other people that adivasis are aware of their rights and they won't let their lands go for others' greediness anymore. He told us that many tribal villages are evacuated. In the name of Development, several projects (dams and factories) are constructed but

resulted only in pollution, leaving innocent tribal people landless and homeless. It is required that adivasi people living in cities leading a prosperous life with their children should look back to their native places and support their people to fight for their rights. After the session, people were asked to share their views about this issue and they actively participated in it. People believed that serious actions are needed to be taken in this direction. And support will be given.

After the lunch Fr. Albert Toppo told about Gullu Bachao Andolan. Actually the Gullu Bachao Andolan is the movement protest against the creation of Gullu Dam proposed by the government for the private factories electricity facilities. He told about the effect of the displacement on their local villagers.

Then Mrs. Kiran Ekka gave a short speech about Tribal marriage. In this programme each parish of Bhopal performed the tribal dance. Vote of thanks was given by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J. (AICUF Director), and the programme concluded with a cultural Adivasi dance and refreshments.

**2. Archbishop Pascal Topno S.J. Football Tournament 2014:-** Archbishop Pascal Topno S.J. Football Tournament 2014 was organized by the MP AICUF collaboration with Birsa Munda Khel Samiti, Bhopal. Venue of the tournaments is Campion School play ground. This tournament was inaugurated on 15.08.2015 and the chief guests were Fr. Godfried Ekka S.J, Fr. Jonedious Toppo, Mr. Raiman Minj and Fr. Ajay Lakra S.J. The motive of this tournament was to gather the youth, to bring a unity among the various youth, to give chance for the good players to show their talent, to bring personality, for good health and to bring unity. 20 teams had participated in this tournament. The final match was played between Barkheda parish and Badjheri Parish. Barkheda parish was the winner of this tournament.

**3. Protest Against Displacement:-** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, the AICUFers along with other social activities organized a protest rally in Gullu, District-jashpur CG against the "Displacement". There

were around 250 participants gathered. It was a peaceful but protest rally. the Adivasi dancers along with their traditional dress and weapons came and encourage the crowd.

**4. Career Guidance, Ambikapur:-** On the day 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 AICUF organized Career Guidance programme for the students of St. Xavier School Ambikapur CG. The chief guest of this programme was Mr. Nirmal Tigga IAS Officer. The aim and objectives of this programme is to be aware students for their careers.

**5. Leadership skill training programme:-** To train the upcoming leaders for AICUF in MP, the MP AICUF organized leadership skill training programme on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at AICUF Ashram, Bhopal. 28 members have participated in this programme. Mr. S.W. Kiro was the resource

person of this programme. Fr. Virendra Xalxo welcomed our resource person and gave a brief introduction about him.

Our resource persons gave a brief introduction about his movement which is named as CTIP. He said that this is also one of the branches of AICUF. Soon after that he started his session by throwing some brain storming questions. The purpose behind this question was to know the thinking capacity of the youth. His session was through power point presentation. The programme was really good. He focused on some small topic, which we didn't even notice in our daily life such as our Attitude, Temperament and Motive etc. If all the tribal youth will think in the same way, then only the Adivasi society will develop and there will peace and happiness. He wined up his session by inviting everyone in the training programme.

**6. Awareness Programme on Displacement:-** This programme was organized by AICUF collaboration with ICYM on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 at Pastoral centre, Bhopal. The aim of this programme is too aware the people about Displacement. The programme began with a small prayer, song and Welcomed by ST, SC Secretary. The first session was taken by Mr. S. Kispotta. He present current information of Displacement and also told us Merits and Demerits of Displacement. The second session was on New



Ordinance taken by Mr. Robert Antony Advocate. The third session was news & views by Fr. Virendra. Then everyone went for the lunch. Soon after lunch the next session began on "Reservation" by Mr. Herman Kindo Ret. IAS. After all the session there was group discussion among all the participants on the topic displacement, new ordinance and reservation. This one day programme ended by the holy mass.

**7.Orientation in Raipur:-**An orientation was held at XISA (Xavier Institute of Social Action), Raipur for the university students. There were 40 students present for the orientation. The day began with a Holy Mass presided by Frs. Virendra Xalxo, Fulchandra Kujur, Ravindra Lakra, Prabhunarayan Xalxo S.J. In his sermon, he highlighted our AICUF Motto "We were born into an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it, as we have found it ", and also explained all of us, about its importance.

The orientation programme began with an ice-breaking session for the students to come together and know each other. The first session was on "Know Aicuf" which was taken by Mr. Nelson Soy. In his session, he in brief, told us about the Ideology of Aicuf; How Aicuf is different from other Movements etc.

The second session was taken by Ashish Tigga, SFT (M.P), he told us, about the His/her story of Aicuf. In his session, he highlighted the ups & downs of Aicuf as well as the Famous Projects or Camps which has taken place in the state as well as in the National. The third session was taken by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J on AICUF Constitution. He in brief told us about, How AICUF functions, Preamble, Aims & Objectives, 5 C's, etc. After the session got over, Fr. Virendra addressed the students & spoke on the Displacement issue. He read the papers on RTI, which speaks about the availability of land left in various districts of Chhattisgarh. Later, we had an evaluation. The day was called off by singing "we shall overcome.

**8 .Central Zone Summer Camp: -** The Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch (AYCM) summer camp was held

at Loyola College, kunkuri, Chhattisgarh from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> may 2015. It was organized by M.P. & C.G AICUF. The theme of the summer camp was "Jal, Jangle, and Jameen Hamara Hain". The numbers of participant are above hundred, and they are from different state. The places of the participant are from Jharkhand, Bihar, Gujarat, Dumka, Patna, Madhya Pradesh, Ambikapur and Kunkuri.

The programme commenced with the holy mass on the first day by Fr. Oscar Tirkey S.J (Principal of Loyola College). The inaugural function of the programme was at 6:45 pm in the session's hall. Inaugural welcome, lighting the lamp and key note address was by Fr. S.P. Tigga S.J., Fr. Oscar Tirkey S.J and Mr. Vinay prakash Ekka and at 7:30 pm Dynamics by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J State Advisor of M.P AICUF.

The next programme that was ice-breaking and group formation, students introduced them and feminized each other's names. Second day began with Holy Mass which was conducted by Fr. Swarn Tigga (State advisor of Jharkhand AICUF.) Then vote of thanks was performed by Patna team. The next session was with action song by Jharkhand team then the welcome speech given by fr. Emmanuel National advisor of AICUF and also social activities of Dalit. Then Mr. Iniyen Roy who is National Full timer of AICUF was welcomed by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.j.

Next session of the day was on Displacement and new ordinances by Mr. Sylvester Kispotta. He talked about new fact of Displacement on tribal of Chhattisgarh and explained about tribal's area's land and companies. In India 5 corer people have displaced but there is no rehabilitation and who people are living outside of road. He also explained land acquisition Act and PESA Act 1996.

After having breakfast we were divided into 10 groups and introduced with each other in group members. Then Mr. Uday from Jharkhand who is advocate, he talked on PESA Act (panchayat extension schedule area) 1996 and C.N.T Act of Chota Nagpur Tendency. He also talked on tribal history





and their land and question, answers and queries were followed. Soon after the queries the next session started on human trafficking conducted by Sr. Sewati who is Lawyer. She gave presentation on human trafficking in detail and also told about awareness among tribal people.

The next session of the day was by Mr. Herman Kindo who is retired person of IAS. He threw light on land acquisition, industrial, environment, social, economic, moral and political development and also Displacement of tribal people and about anti-reservation. Many students were inspired by the speech of Mr. Herman Kindo. Next session was conducted by Fr. Emmanuel. He gave presentation of AICUF. All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) established in 1924 and it is working among DRAW it means D- Dalits, R- Refugees, A- Adivasis and W-Women. He also explained about Nationalism and Communalism. After this we were divided in groups for debate. We discussed on topics like Reservation, Culture of Silence, Ghar Wapsi, etc. Then a group performed Skit on effect of alcoholism and Mr. Vinay Prakash evaluated of whole debate and its topics and Skits. After that Fr. Virendra proposed vote of thanks to all AICUFers.

On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we had exposure field visit, we were divided into 10 groups and sent to different villages. In every village we organized Gramsabha and gathered people together. During gramsabha we asked them about their land, how much they have and the problems of drinking water, PHC in the village and availability of doctor. And also we talked about Dis-



placement, Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Drugs & Alcohol in the village. After we finished the meeting we gave ideas and aware about Displacement to the villagers. It was very good opportunity for us to meet new people and to be familiar with them and also we experienced a lot of things during exposure.

**9.AYCM National Meeting :-** Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch national programme was held at AICUF Ashram, Bhopal from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Gujarat, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh AYCM members were present in the three days programme. The first day of the programme started with inaugural session and with a short prayer and then all the AICUFers were welcomed by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J. The welcome ceremony was followed by introduction of the participants.

Then we were off for dinner and the day's programme ended by watching documentary movies after supper. The next day the programme began with the holy mass by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J.

The day's programmes was as follows:-

- Ø First session was AICUF Constitution & AYCM Policy Document taken by Mr. Nelson F. Soy.
- Ø Session- 2 Constitutional Provisions for Scheduled Tribes by Mr. Robert Anthony.
- Ø Session – 3 – Religion (Arrival of Christianity in Chotanagpur) by Mr. Athnas Toppo.
- Ø Session – 4 – Leadership by Fr. Alexander Jesudasan, Youth Director, ICYM Bhopal.
- Ø Social Analysis by Mr. Prakash Rao, State Anchor, NRLM .

The last day we had sharing programme which began with a short prayer by Fr. Virendra Xalxo S.J. All the AYCM states presented their view on AICUF and AYCM and its functioning. They gave suggestions for better functioning of Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch.

# Tamilnadu State Report

## YOUNG LEADERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



### State Council

Date:25-07-2014 to 27-07-2014

Place: AICUF House ,Chennai.

First day (25-07-2015)

The State Council was held at AICUF house, Chennai from 25th July to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The theme for the Meet was “to develop the Leadership Qualities to cope up with the new Era”. The chief guest Rev. Fr. Joseph Antony SJ, the Principal of Loyola College, Chennai, inaugurated the council and spoke to the students about the thoughts that they should keep in their minds when being an AICUfer. After the coffee break, all the participants were taken to the Tamil Nadu state Assembly. This is the first time that the AICUFers were taken to view the ministers’ talk in the State Assembly. In the evening all exhibited their talents in the form of cultural events. There were 9 groups who excellently brought out the difference between a political leader and an AICUF leader. The second day began with the session which focused on the birth of AICUF and its glorious growth throughout the ages and the protests done by AICUF that changed the society for a better cause. This session was done by Prof. Vimal Jerald and many students enthusiastically raised doubts and all were clarified by him. Following him, Sr. Roselin (National Women’s Commission) gathered the participants to plan for the women commission and its growth in the past history. Then the state Ex-Cos joyfully shared their experiences with AICUF and suggested the students to have many programmes in their units. After dinner the state council election began. The third day began with the planning for the year 2014-2015 at the unit levels. All the unit members gathered along with their members and planned for the academic year. Then the new state ex-co submitted their reports to the State council. In the evening to conclude the State Council, mass was celebrated

by Rev. Fr. Paul Raj SJ who encouraged the participants to do well in the academic year.

### The State Ex-Co list

Ø	President	- Abishake
Ø	Vice-President	- Pradeep
Ø	Secretary	- John
Ø	Joint Secretary	- Sugashini
Ø	Treasurer	- Rexline
Ø	Dalits’ Com coordinator	- Deepan
Ø	Women’s Com. coordinator	- Immaculate
Ø	National Team Member	- Jackson
Ø	National Council Member	- Judy

### 2. Leadership Camp Report

Venue:Vathalagundu

From:22/08/2014 to 24/08/2014

Seventy five students from various colleges from Tamil Nadu participated in this training programme. It started with a meditation by Mr. Anand followed by the inauguration ceremony. Abishek ,the president gave the welcome speech followed by the National Animator Dr.G.John’s talk, where he spoke about the students’ participation in the society can bring a change and also create a new society. Next the Coordinator of Deepam centre, Sr. Jaya gave a speech in which she spoke about the students’ wills and powers and where the students’ thoughts are going in this present world. She also talked about the difference between the AICUF leaders and the other normal leaders’ qualities. Sr. Shiny mentioned that in this leadership camp the students who are going to participate have got a good chance to develop themselves and help develop the nation’s welfare. Following this, a talk on ‘how a good leader should be’ was delivered by the state Advisor Rev. Fr. Paul Raj SJ. The National Animator, Dr. G. John explained about AICUF ideology. Then he also spoke about the Rally magazine and its importance. He requested the students to write articles to the Rally. A game based on team-

work and unity was conducted. With the help of this game Dr. G. John explained the leadership qualities and after that the students' experiences were shared. On the second day, Students were divided into groups and awareness songs were taught. We had a sharing by a police officer Mr. Arumugam who shared his 10 years life experience as a police officer and also about his college days. He guided and also



clarified doubts about the leadership qualities. The groups presented their discussion on various issues like female feticide, alcoholism, child marriage, right to vote etc.

The cultural night was based on the theme of their group discussion. A student from Don Bosco college released a new song which was dedicated to AICUF. The next session began with a game conducted by Prof. Vimal Jerald, who intentionally wanted to bring out the different qualities between a leader and an AICUF leader. The students were made to understand that an AICUF leader is always different where he is ready to do something for the society in a proper way. Prof. Vimal Jerald gave examples of AICUF leaders in the past.

#### Unit Advisers' Meeting

Venue: Ideas, Madurai Date: 14.09.2014

The day started with a prayer service conducted by the national adviser Fr.Immanuel SJ. Then Rev Fr.Paulraj requested all the professors to share their experiences of AICUF in their units. They all shared and we found not all the units work so actively but some units are vibrant and one reason was lack of money, lack of interest from the management and if both the students and management are ready the unit advisers are inactive. The national adviser shared the ideology of AICUF and constitution and then many professors became aware what is AICUF. Then followed AICUF advisers' role by state animator Prof. Vimal Jerald. Post lunch Dr.John, the National Animator spoke on the rich history of AICUF. After this Rev.Fr. Paulraj, as a token of love, gave the professors a gift.

#### Unit Advisers' meeting

Venue: Chennai Date:27-09-2014

The meeting began with a prayer by Fr.Paul Raj SJ, the State Adviser. Then National Adviser Fr.Immanuel shared his view points on globaliza-

tion, environment, unemployment and human rights violation. He also gave a suggestion that the advisers' meeting should be held at least once in six months. Prof. Vimal, the State Animator spoke about the AICUF history and its ideology. He said that the three vital things in AICUF are its ideology, History and constitution.

#### CULTURAL TRAINING REPORT

Date:27/12/14

Venue: St.

Joseph's college campus

Fr. Arul Ravi SJ in his inaugural address spoke about the cultural training and his experience. Then Fr. Jesu Raj SJ spoke about his own experience in cultural training. Following that State Advisor Fr. Paul Raj SJ gave the dynamics of the programme. Prof. Sheela, AICUF Advisor of Holy Cross College (Shift-II), Trichy talked about the cultural dances. After the inauguration, students were separated into two groups and "Paraiaatam" training was given by the trainers Mahimai, Deepan and Santhosh. After lunch the students were divided into groups and each group was assigned a topic and told to prepare charts. After that training was given for "paraiaatam" and students performed and evaluation was done. After the previous day report, "oyilaatam" training was given by Mr. Deepan and Mr. Santhosh.

Advocate Thamaizhagan spoke about how the cultural training should be used and should not be used. Post lunch, students were split into groups and given topics to prepare for a skit. After supper, "oyilaatam" and skit were performed by the students. The next morning started with a meditation and then the previous day's report was read. "Kummi" and "Kaliyalaatam" training was given to the students by the trainer and State full timer Mr. Mahimai. The next day started with the screening of a short film "frozen" and the views about the film was shared. Then "asalnagal" and "kirukargalkootam" short films were screened and students shared their views about these short films. The day ended with the students performing the different dance forms.

#### MAGIS'15

MAGIS'15, a state level youth conference was jointly organized by the TN state AICUF and the Youth commission of Jesuit Madurai Province



on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. The main themes of the conference were “Anti-liquor campaign” and “Women Rights for a better society”.

After the registration, the state animator Prof.Vimal Jerald explained the term “MAGIS” and the purpose of “MAGIS’15”. A solemn holy Eucharist was celebrated by Most.Rev. Bishop Antony Devotta, Diocese of Trichy. In the sermon he backed the students with positive energy to involve in the social activities. The state cultural team mesmerized the participants by their Parai Attam” (Tamil folk dance). Then the inauguration ceremony began. The chief guest was Mr. TRICHY N.SHIVA, MP. He encouraged the youth and said that they should have a concern for the society and its issues. He also said that the youth must raise voice against the issues of the society and to become the weapons against the social and political issues.

After lunch Mr. Rajan, the director of Samam, delivered his talk, elaborating the importance of women and quoted Bharathiyar. Mr. Joseph, who came from an addiction centre shared his transformed life from addiction of alcohol to a normal life. He shared with the



gathering his bitter experience as an addict. He also appealed to students not even to try to taste alcohol at any time. After dinner the groups creatively exhibited their talents in the chart presentations, following this the documentary film competition took place. With this the day came to an end.

“Violence Against Women”

Date: 18.02.2015

The day began with a solemn mass invoking God’s blessings for the second day. The main celebrants were Rev. Fr.Sebasti L. Raj SJ, Provincial of Madurai Province, and Rev.Fr. Joe Antony, Socius to the Provincial. Fr. Joe Antony during his homily tested the students whether they are alert and intellect and through this he delivered his message that the youth must be always alert and intellectuals. After the distribution of the communion Rev. Fr.Provincial encouragingly spoke to the gathering that youth must be active and enthusiastically participate in all the possible activities given to them. To energize the participants with social issues the

state cultural team had put up kummi, a Tamil folk dance. The theme for the dance was about the lives of those who were addicted to alcohol and how they realized and transformed their lives.

The first session began with Mrs. Senthamil Selvi, the director of Sathuragiri Kanagam, an NGO, who shared the lives and sufferings of women in the society. Dr. K. Selvakumaran, the HOD of Tamil department, St. Joseph’s college, Trichy, spoke about the ideology of anti-alcoholism and violence on women. After the delicious lunch began the folk dance competition. At the end of the competition the state cultural team performed a street play related to the theme of the day. Dr. G. John, the National Animator summed up the two days

programme. Then the State cultural team had performed “Kalliyal” to begin the valedictory of MAGIS’15. Fr. S. Emmanuel SJ explained the aims of AICUF and its ideology. Following this the prizes for chart presentation, folk dance, documentary film and street play competitions were given by dignitaries on the stage. After this the chief guest of the day Fr. Arul Ravi SJ inspired

deeply the gathering through his talk on how the society is corrupt and encouraged the students to become aware of this evil in the society.

Dalits’ and Women’s Commission Meeting

Date:21<sup>st</sup> &22<sup>nd</sup> February ,2015

Venue: IDEAS, Madurai

The first day began with the ice breaking session by the full timer Mr.R.Magimai . Following this a short orientation about the commission meeting and of the condition of the dalits, refugees and women was given by the state animator Prof.Vimal Jerald. Mr.Libory, a teacher from St.Mary’s School, Madurai delivered a talk about the situation and the problems faced by the Dalit people. Soon after his talk Mr.Deepan, the state dalit coordinator taught awareness songs to the participants and along with him joined the state women coordinator Ms.Immaculate. Followed this, an inspirational video was shown. The students were divided into ten groups and were asked to express the condition of the past, present and future problems of women and dalits. Prof. Vimal spoke about the

participation of dalits in politics. The cultural night began and all of them expressed the problems faced by women and dalits in our society .

The first Lenten Sunday mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paul Raj SJ. The resource person of the next session was Mrs. Diana Christy, a Professor in Fatima College, Madurai. She spoke about women's employment. Then Students exhibited their ideas through chart presentations. There were separate meetings for dalit and women's commission leaders with the students to make further plans for the future.

#### State Summer Camp

Venue:AHAL, Kilpenathur,Thiruvanamalai

Date:22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of May

The AHAL centre is for the ARUNTHATHIYAR society's development and it's a free hostel for the local boys too. It is one among the Jesuit missions in Madurai Province. Inauguration was at 9 o'clock in which Rev. Fr. Marianathan SJ, the superior of AHAL centre and the Parish priest delivered the key note address to the students and gave a hint about the local people's living conditions. Following him Fr. Kennedy SJ, who is working for Irular people, spoke about his ministry's importance. After a short refreshment an advocate Mr. Rosario, shared the political background of the surrounding people and how far the government is helping them. The third session began with Fr. Kennedy's talk. He vividly explained the true realities of the present condition of Irulars. He almost covered all the aspect of the Irulars socio, economic and political conditions. The students were divided into six groups and they presented the outcome of the group discussion in the form of skits and mimes to explain what they have learned in the social analysis session.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Fr. Eugene SJ engaged the students in the practical knowledge that students should have when involved in social activities and made the students aware of the simple but important aspects of village life. In the afternoon two local people came and spoke about their simple lifestyle, where students learned the true conditions of the people. After lunch Prof. Iruthya Jothi, Asst. Prof.

Dept. of Chemistry, St. Joseph's college, Trichy spoke on 'AICUF FOR A SOCIAL CHANGE'.

On 25<sup>th</sup> morning the seven groups were divided and sent to seven villages. Each group had a different and enriching experience in the village. It was a touching moment to see the students, the children and families where they stayed full of tears in their eyes at the time of bidding farewell. After three days of exposure in the village the students were back in AHAL centre on 27<sup>th</sup> evening. The following day began with a thanks giving mass to God for the wonderful experience of rural life. We had the sharing by students in which the AHAL team Jesuits interacted with the students by asking questions and clarifications in order to make them aware of the rich experiences they received from the people.

AICUF State Council Report - 2015

Venue:St.Joseph's College,Trichy-02.

Date: 31st July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August

The first programme for this academic year commenced with the state council 2015 in which the chief guests were Rev.Fr.Andrew SJ , the Principal of St.Joseph's college and Mrs.Annie Rose, ex -AICUFer. Ex-AICUFer Mrs.Annie Rose delivered her talk by sharing her experiences in AICUF and reminded the students that protesting against the problems will not resolve the crisis. After her, Prof.Bakiya Selva Rathi explained that a leader should have a lot of knowledge and experiences in his life for leading any group. The Special address was given by Rev.Fr.Andrew SJ in which he enthusiastically delivered his message that "to live for oneself is not a leadership but to dedicate one's own life for others is leadership". At the end of the inauguration the previous year state activities were projected.

After the refreshment, Dr.John spoke about AICUF and its ideology . After the lunch Prof.Vimal Jerald took a session on constitution of AICUF. Dr.John took the session on "Leadership quality of an AICUFer". He clearly explained the difference between a normal leader and an AICUF leader.After the tea break, Mr.Syed Umhar Gubta , a member of Illakku, talked about the importance



of leadership and need for a good leader in the society . During the session all students paid homage to Mr.Sasi Perumal, who fought for anti-alcoholic in our state and died while he was in the protest. Following him, the local annual reports for the year 2014-2015 were read by the unit secretaries. The election for the year 2015-2016 was held.



AICUF programme to differentiate from the other programmes. The cultural night began after dinner. All the ten groups creatively brought out the present crisis of the society through street plays, reading new poems written by them and singing awareness songs.

The final day began with the mass. All the students devotedly participated in

The next day began with a session on the democracy in the world by Dr.Rajedaran, Head of History Department, Bishop Heber College,Trichy. In the next session all the presidents, secretaries, dalits' and women' coordinators gathered in their respective groups to discuss the present situation of their own units and planned the activities for this academic year.The students were divided into ten groups to bring out the present crisis of the society in an innovative way like street play, writing poems, etc. After the lunch .Fr.Eugine SJ, who is always creative in making the students understand any concept , taught the students how to have orientation programmes , organize small programmes in the units and what are the necessary things that should be there when having an

the Eucharist and everyone prayed for the society and rendered thanks to God for having elected the new state ex-co. Short films based on social issues were screened to make students realize the present condition of the society. Then.Fr.Eugine SJ encouraged the students to bring out the uniqueness of each student as an AICUFer. He insisted them to be more active and informative.

The next session was the action plans as a group by the presidents, secretaries, dalits' and women's coordinators. This session was led by Rev.Fr.Paul Raj SJ,the state advisor who prioritized the activities for the groups and suggested to have concrete activities that could take place in the units . A few activities that could be held on the same day for a particular issue were also planned.

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**TN –State AICUF Responsibilities for the year 2015-16**

Responsibility	Name	College
President	B. Hepshiba Rubavathi	Holy Cross College(Shift-2) ,Trichy
Vice-president	K. Hari Dass	Don Bosco College, Yelagiri
Secretary	S.Sathiyaseelan	St.Joseph's College (Shift-2), Trichy
Joint Secretary	Geetha .K	St.Mary's College, Tuticorin
Treasurer	Sr.Lourdu AmalaSinthiya.B	Gonzaga College, Krishnagiri
Dalits' Coordinator	Anupriya . A	Patrician College, Chennai
Women's Coordinator	Bino Bani . S	St.John's College, Ammandivilai
Cultural Coordinator	1.Gokula Kanan .S 2. Menaca.GA	Sacred Heart College,Tirupathur St.Xavier College, Playamkottai
Literary Coordinator	1.Stephen .A 2.Rohini.R	St.Joseph's College, Thirupur Auxillium College, Vellore
National Team Member	Sahayarani. A	Idhaya Collage, Sarugani
National Council Member	Rosy. V	Idhaya College, Pondicherry

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# West Bengal State Report

## STUDENTS - WE ARE THE CHANGE TO BRING SOCIAL CHANGE

The All India Catholic University Federation, West Bengal organised the following events during the year 2014-15

### 1) **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

**2014:** The orientation

welcomed four hundred new members to its family. The AICUF aims to subvert structures of injustice in the society through non-violent action. Each member is taught how to develop leadership skills and to live by the AICUF motto –"we are born in an unjust society and we are determined not leave it as we have found it." West Bengal AICUF started its journey under the charismatic leadership of Rev. Fr. G. Beckers, S.J. in 1959. It continues to do commendable work under the guidance and visionary leadership of Rev. Fr. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J., the State Advisor of West Bengal State AICUF and is assisted by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J., the State Co Advisor.

The Orientation programme began with a Eucharistic celebration by Rev. Fr. Dr. Mathew Jayant, S.J. The main celebrant along with Rev. Fr. M.S. Arockiasamy, S.J. who is also the State Animator for West Bengal AICUF. After the Eucharistic celebration Maria Varghese, the State Convenor for West Bengal AICUF delivered a welcome speech following which Dr. Charlotte Simpson-Veigas, the State Coordinator for West Bengal AICUF, motivated the students by her inspirational words on Leadership and how AICUF plays an integral and positive role in personality development and character formation. Thereafter Rev. Fr. M. S. Arockiasamy, S.J., delivered a speech followed by a short introduction of the State Team, National Team and National Council members elected from amongst the students. The new members were then escorted for refreshments following which they were taken to the respective class rooms for the orienta-



tion. The students were divided into 5 units namely, English, XIA (Xaverians in Action), Hindi, Bengali and Santhali. The two commissions AYCM (Adavasi

Yuva Chetna Manch) and SWC (State Womens Commission) visited each of the Units giving them short presentations in view of the Adivasi Community and objectives of the SWC respectively. Orientations included powerpoint presentations and videos on AICUF as a movement. The presentations described the aims and objectives of AICUF and the various events it organises throughout the year.

This was followed by interactive sessions with Rev. Fr. M. S. Arockiasamy, S.J., and Dr. Charlotte Simpson-Veigas. The Orientation ended with fun activities organised by the Office Bearers. This was followed by short sessions and experience sharing of ex-AICUFers and ex office bearers which further provided a mo-

tivational boost to the new AICUFers.

**AICUF ORIENTATION 2015:** The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) Fresher's Orientation 2015 was held on Sunday, July 12 2015. The day's proceedings began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:30am in the St. Xavier's College Chapel. The main Celebrant of The Mass was Rev. Fr. Dr. J. Felix Raj S.J., the Principal of St. Xavier's College Kolkata and the State Advisor of AICUF West Bengal. The concelebrants were Rev. Fr. M.S. Arockiasamy, S.J. (State Animator) and Rev. Fr. Paul Carlos S.J., the treasurer of St. Xavier's College and School.

2) **FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA** : On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014, The All India Catholic University Federation, celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola the Founder of the Society of Jesus at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. The Programme commenced with a Eucharistic celebration in the College Chapel. Father Dominic Savio. S.J., the Co Advisor, of AICUF was the main celebrant along with 15 other priests. The choir was conducted in 5 different languages. At the end of the Holy Mass, Fr. Felix Raj, S.J., the AICUF State Advisor welcomed the State team.

3) **SANTAL HUL:** Santal Hul was celebrated by the Santali Unit of AICUF on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2014 at St. Xavier's College. The Santal Hul was last celebrated by AICUF after a hiatus of 4 years. The enthusiastic celebration was all the more praise worthy. The theme was "Santal Hul; A Flame for Renaissance". The programme was organised under the effective leadership of the State animator Fr. M. S. Arockiasamy, The State Coordinator Dr. Charlotte Simpson-Veigas and the Santali Unit Coordinator Prof. Aprajita Hembrom. The Santali Unit President Kushal Murmu gave an introductory speech on the significance of the event. This was followed by a talk on Santali culture by Fr. M. S. Arockiasamy S.J. The AICUFers performed a skit showcasing the significance of Santal Hul in the struggle for independence. A Panel discussion was conducted in order to pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives through dedicated service for the upliftment of Santals. The panellist included Dr. Timothias Hembrom, Dr. Anand Besra, Ms. Ruby Hembrom and a student representative Atman Tete. The vote of thanks by Sudhir Kisku brought the curtains down on the event.

4) **THE SPOTLIGHT:** The All India Catholic University Federation organised a talent Hunt competition entitled "THE SPOTLIGHT – Envision Talent beyond Exposure" at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, on September 7, 2014. The programme consisted of a series of on stage as well as off stage events. On stage events included solo/duet performances Minute to win It, Battle of Bands and Group Dances. Off Stage events included photography, Videography and Junk Funk. The second half of the Programme showcased exceptional Band Performances as well as a guest performance by Shane

David Hyrapiet who kept the audience actively engaged throughout. The Programme ended with a prize distribution ceremony along with scholarship distributions to some of our deserving students based on merit and a vote of thanks to the contribution of all those who made the event a grand success.

5) **ADIVASI DIWAS:** AICUF celebrated Adivasi diwas on Sunday, September 21, 2014 with the theme "Prakriti Ki Godh Meh Basi Hamari Sanskriti". S.J. The Programmes for the day were organised in the Primary School Building of St. Xavier's Collegiate School. The Chief Guest at the event was Mr. Innocent Soren, Deputy General Manager, RBI. He alongwith Fr. Arockiasamy and Prof. Dr. Charlotte Simpson-Veigas received a traditional welcome into the gathering. This was followed by washing of the feet of dignitaries as a symbol of love and respect. Students of the AYCM (Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch) presented a beautiful song. There was a fashion show thereafter showcasing tribal culture. After the lunch break there were other events that included Nepalese and Khasi songs, a skit written, directed and performed by AYCM students. This was followed by a Santali dance competition.

6) **STATE PUJA CAMP:** the AICUF State Puja Camp was held in North Bengal St. Xavier's College Campus, Rajganj from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014. There were three AICUF units which included AICUF of St. Xavier's

College, Kolkata, North Bengal Xavier's College Rajganj and St. Joseph College, Darjeeling. The theme was "I am, I can, I will: Catalyst for change."

7) **FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** The West Bengal AICUF took the initiative in organising and celebrating the feast day mass of St. Francis Xavier on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014. The day which marked the 462<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of the Patron Saint of St Xavier's college commenced with the Holy mass at 830 am in the College Chapel. The main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration was Rev. Fr. M. S. Arockiasamy S.J. the other co celebrants were Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj S.J., Rev. Fr. Demonic Savio, S.J., and Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas S.J.

8) **RETREAT:** West Bengal AICUF conducted a one day spiritual retreat for students of St. Xavier's College on Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2015. Around 150 students from various Departments of the College came together for a day of prayer and reflection. The Retreat commenced with a hymn and short prayer by Fr. Gregory Montero, Regional Director of ICYM (Indian catholic Youth Movement) and also the preacher for the sessions during the course of the retreat. The Retreat proved to be an enriching experience for all those who gathered as it embodied one of the primary objectives of AICUF; to help students evolve spirituality rooted in God which flourishes in a rich humanization through the practice; Involvement – Reflection – Involvement.

9) **ST JOSEPH'S OLD AGE HOME VISIT:** We, the AICUFers of West Bengal Unit took up the initiative of serving the Society by helping old people. We decided upon St. Joseph Old Age Home Visit as it had a large number of Senior citizens in it. We started with our visit on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 by introducing to the residents and Sister of the Home in the form of a small orientation. Our visits were then officially declared by the lighting of the lamp by Sr. Anne and two of the senior members of the House. We had a couple of Action songs by the entire group of office bearers this was followed by a session where we interacted with the residents in which they participated in the form of dance, songs and sharing, We now go for regular visits at least twice a week and nearly 15 students participate in each visit.

10) **GHOSTOMATH REPORT:** Ghostomath is a small village near Kabardanga in Keorapukur which has been adopted by AICUF in 2006. It has a small Christian population with a 'Girja Ghar' where every Sunday AICUF Volunteers are taken from College to teach and interact with the local village children and to get an idea about those peoples struggles to get proper education and how their parents take care of their needs and necessities. Ghostomath is AICUF's main artery. Through this programme AICUF tries to instil in its members a sense of social commitment towards the weaker sections of our society, especially the children who are the future of the Na-

tion,. It gives an opportunity to the students of our college to go in the midst of those village children and experience the difficulties they have to face in order to continue with their education.

11) **AICUF DAY 2015:** We celebrated AICUF day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. The day began with a Holy Mass followed by a short program at the college auditorium. Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj S.J., the State Advisor was the main guest for the day and other dignitaries included the State Co-ordinator Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio S.J., the State Animator Rev. Fr. Arockiasamy S.J., the state co-ordinator Prof. Charlotte Simpson- Veigas, and Santali unit Co-ordinator Prof Aparajita Hembrom. The dignitaries were invited on stage to light the lamp and share a few words with the audience. he program included a series of performances such as skits, video presentations a nukad natak, theme songs tribal dances and songs including a special bamboo dance as well. This was followed by a scholarship distribution to our deserving students who receive scholarships twice a year from the AICUF. The main objective of the program was to spread awareness to all our students about injustices faced in and around us. The theme for the event was "Be the change to bring the change". The event left a positive impact on the students and we were greeted thereafter with much appreciation from them.

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# National Full-timer Report

## WHAT I AM TODAY IS BECAUSE OF AICUF

I started my Journey as a National Full-timer on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Fr. S. Emmanuel the National adviser appointed me with the approval of National Council. My first camp was the National Leadership training programme at AICUF House, Chennai. That was held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014. That was a camp where I learned organizing skills, communicative skills, crisis management etc. I attended the MAGIS program which was held at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore which really helped me in so many ways especially The "BLIND WALK". It helped me to understand the problems of the Visually Challenged people. In November 2014, we had our National Dalit and Women Commission meet in AICUF House, Chennai.



Fr Emmanuel, SJ National adviser and I got invited for the Platinum Jubilee of the AICUF at St. Thomas College, Trissur Kerala. Our National Team member Mr. Bijo Jose Received us. The Honorable Supreme Court Justice Mr. Kurean Joseph was the Chief Guest. He was the alumni of that college and an Ex AICUFer. He stated that "AICUF made me WHAT I AM". In the month of January I went to St. Joseph's College Trichy for the MAGIS program of Tamil Nadu. It was a two days program.

In the month of February 2015 we had the National team Meeting which was

held at AICUF Ashram, Bhopal. There we met Fr. Virendra Xalxo, the State adviser of Madhya Pradesh. It was the planning meeting for the summer camps. We decided to have two summer camps one at Loyola College, Kunkuri and the second one at AICUF Centre, Trivandrum. I got the opportunity to visit St. Joseph's College, Bangalore once again where the State Youth Conclave of Karnataka was held.

In March 2015 we were invited to attend the National Conference at St. Joseph's College, Trichy. Mr. P. A. Sangma, from Delhi was the Chief Guest for the conference. Mrs. Bala Bharathi MLA, and Mr. Vaico Ex. MP were the Special invitees of the Conference. The Conference was about Anti – Liquor and Women's rights. For the summer camp I

was assigned the Pilot study at AICUF Ashram, Trivandrum. Fr. Babu Paul the State adviser of Kerala AICUF received me and we had a discussion about the summer program along with Mr. Bijo Jose.

May 2015 : We had the summer camp under the Title "JAL JANGLE JAMIN, Hamara Hain" which was organized by. Fr. Virendra and his team at Loyola College, Kunkuri. I visited some villages. It has helped me to know the tribal reality and understand the problems of Tribals of India. Rally

Iniyan S. Roy  
National Full-timer (2014 - 2015).

National Teams Members participation in AICUF Programmes		
Name of the N.T. Member	States visited	Programmes
Jackson, Bijo, Rajesh	AICUF Centre, Kerala.	National Seminar on Preservation of Secularism and protection of Environment through student leadership
A. Jackson, Sudhir, Ranjith	AICUF Ashram, Bhopal.	N.T. Meeting
Prince, Crislin, Larrissa, Iniyani(FT)	Aicuf House, Chennai.	Leadership camp
Prince, Crislin, Larrissa, Iniyani(FT)	Aicuf House, Chennai.	Women and Dalit Commission
Iniyani(FT),	Loyola College, Kunkuri, Chhattisgarh.	Jal jameen jungle hamara heim
Sudhir	Siluguri	Bhuja Camp of West Bengal
Jackson and Iniyani	St. Joseph's College, Trichirappally	AICUF- 90 years Celebration



# National Documentation Centre Report

## History

AICUF National Documentation Centre was started in the year 1973 by Fr. Paul de la Gueriviere at the National Secretariat, Chennai in order to document the communication and other processes relating to AICUF events. It slowly enlarged into documenting socially relevant articles and alternative print media resources to provide a base for the students to research and widen their understanding. News about students and youth are marked, indexed, and documented in files. Lead articles on the thrust areas both for and against are carefully chosen and filed. As a first step of improvement since 1989, Journals, Magazines and Newsletters which go in line with our thinking pattern and alternative in nature as different from the mainstream ones are preserved in bound volumes. The Documentation Reprint Service was launched in 1990 to enable our movement activists and thinkers to know the sources of current issue based information.

## Objectives

To build a comprehensive collection of Documents and thus providing resources for the growth of the movement relating to the thrust areas such as Women, Tribals, Dalits, Refugees, Youth and Students, Human Rights and issues based current incidents.

## Need and Purpose of DC

- \* To build an effective collection of documents in the thrust areas of AICUF
- \* To maximize the use of the available resources
- \* To increase the number of users into alternative thinking and pro people perspective
- \* To document the relevant files of AICUF and IMCS.

## Services

- Documentation Service
- Documentation Reprint Service (DRS)
- Reference Service
- Display Service
- Circulation Service of Cassettes, CDs and Charts for the Solidarity groups only

## Technical Level Activities for the year 2014 – 2015

Technical level activities include accession of various documents, books ordering and subscription, classifying, cataloguing, bookbinding, documentation process, maintenance, preservation, etc. the DC team does the work of Documenting News Paper clippings and thus updates the Facts on Files. This includes marking of important news items, cutting, pasting, and classifying in systematic order, indexing and preservation. For the year 2014 – 2015 apart from the Full Time staff of the DC, our local AICUF Unit students are employed on Part Time in cutting, sorting, pasting etc.

### 1. Newspapers

We are receiving the following 5 newspapers in order to provide a variety of news to the users by covering the most important regions of our nation. The Times of India (Mumbai) New Indian Express (Chennai)

Deccan Chronicle (Chennai) The Hindu (Chennai)  
The Hindu - Tamil (Chennai)

### 2. AICUF Archives

The DC has preserved all publication of AICUF. The Rally from 1924 to the present day is in our DC. We have preserved some of our Rally issues in CD and are planning to continue. we have laminated the back issues of Rally from 1924 to 1960.

Files of all National Level AICUF programmes are preserved in our DC for further reference of the users.

### 3. IMCS Documents

International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS)'s documents, periodicals and publications are documented in our DC.

### 4. AICUF Student News

The underlying philosophy of the AICUF Student News is to carry the pedagogy employed and the pedagogy to be derived to the Student Community. The DC has regularized the publication of the Student News Magazine as a Supplement to "the Rally" since March 2001. AICUF Student News have been brought out comprising different themes for present the year 2014 – 2015. *Information from various JOURNALS, NEWS PAPERS, PERIODICALS*

*and NEWSLETTERS are collected and collated and provided through the pages of Student News. The pages, especially the centre spreads are used by students to initiate discussion among themselves, Non-Government Organisations to facilitate their training programmes.*

#### 5. Facts on Files

The Facts on Files relating to various social issues are updated and the number of files has been increased to more than 810 in this year 2014 – 2015.

#### 6. Photo Documentation

DC maintains the Photo Album of all the AICUF National Level Programmes and Summer Camps since 1989. The Photos of the National Level Programmes for the year 2014 – 2015 is also preserved in CD format.

#### 7. Audio and Video Documentation

DC has an Audio and Video collection of Cassettes of our AICUF programmes as well as on social issues. For the year 2014 – 2015, the Proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> National Council have been documented.

#### 8. Periodicals (List of Journals- See Annexure)

The DC has a collection of various journals, magazines and newsletters which are received on Subscription basis/Exchange basis/Complementary/Irregular basis. We are keeping the series of alternative journals in bound volumes.

#### 9. Posters and Charts

The DC has a vast collection of posters and charts prepared by the students on AICUF History, on AICUF

Thrust areas Women, Tribals, Dalits, Refugees, Youth and Students, Human Rights and issues based current incidents. These posters on the respective theme of our programmes are exhibited during our convention and other programmes. We also lend these posters to other solidarity groups.

#### 10. Document Reprint Service (DRS)

To enrich and update the knowledge of AICUF Advisors, National Team Members, National Council Members and Full Timers on current social themes or issues this Extension Service is provided. In the academic year 2014 – 2015 Two such DRS through emails has been sent to the State Advisors, Na-

tional Team Members, National Council Members and Full Timers.

#### 11. Users

Our DC is mainly used by the following category of people, Students Research Scholars, Professors, Teachers and NGOs

For the academic year 2014 – 2015 according to the recorded data the DC was maximum utilized by the students.

#### 12. Insect Protection

We use pesticides in the DC to preserve the Documents four times in this year.

#### Movement Level Activities for the year 2014 – 2015

The National Documentation Centre had played a vital role in all our programmes held in 2014 – 2015. Documenting the entire proceedings of the camp – Audio, Video and Printed forms.

Programmes attended by the DC Team to represent AICUF as Participants/Resoucepersons/Facilitators.

1. Mr. Edison of our DC Team attended the UGC sponsored one day State Level Seminar on *Accessing Resources: New Avenues In Explorative Methodologies*, held at Loyola College, Chennai. Future Plans

A research desk need to be formed.

News on Students and Youth are to be classified and sent to all the States monthly for disseminating the available resources of the DC.

It is essential to digitalize our Documentation Centre we need to provide the facilities to show Documentary film to the college students and to sensitise certain social issues

Readers' Statistical Profile for the year 2014 – 2015 Readers have visited our Documentation Centre during the academic year 2014 – 2015 are 367 out of which 112 females and 255 males.

We sincerely appeal to the 27<sup>th</sup> National Council: The DC whole heartedly welcomes your suggestions, reflection and your contributions to the Student News.

Need a network connection (sharing documents) with other departments in the National Secretariate. Need to connect an internet facility.

 Edison

# House Report



The National Secretariate, consists of FOUR different units:

1. **Office Unit:** Fr. Emmanuel SJ, Fr. Louis SJ, Ms. Sylvia, Ms. Mary, Mr. Pazhani, Mr. Samson, Ms. Lalitha were part of the Office Unit. This Unit was responsible for the local and global communications, maintenance, finance and accounting.
2. **Training Unit:** Fr. Emmanuel SJ and Prof. John were part of the training unit last year. The unit was responsible for helping to organize the specialized national and international programmes and to sum up the history and the key programmes, experiences and the events of the movement.
3. **Documentation Unit:** Mr. Edison under the guidance of Fr. Emmanuel formed the Documentation Unit, which sustains and promotes the ideology of AICUF by disseminating documents, relevant educational materials, history and evolution of ideologies and socio economic, cultural and political day to day events connected with our target groups such as children, youth, dalits, women, refugees, tribals, migrants, media etc.. Educational and training materials collected by the documentation unit helped in training programmes.
4. **Publication Unit:** Mr. Nazares, Mr. Edison, Ms. Julia with a team of students, were responsible for the publication of 'Rally'. The magazine was regularly prepared and dispatched on time.

**House Meetings:**

1. In order to revitalize our commitment and deepen our team spirit to serve the movement effectively, we held regular House Meetings. AICUF House is primarily at the service of AICUF students, Refugees and other marginalized students, youth movements and various NGOs.
2. We feel the need of Systematic Approach to professionalize our work and functions, and so we meet regularly and discuss the plan of action and carry out the activities collaborating with one another.
3. Prior to each International and National Level gathering, we hold series of preparatory meetings for the better running of the programme, and evaluate the functioning after the event.

**Solidarity and Networking:**

- The different movements/organizations, who share similar views and ideas about the society, conduct their programmes here in the AICUF House.
- Students from France, who come to India for exposure Programmes stay here and conduct their deliberations.
- The House provides accommodation facilities for various student bodies, in the absence of our AICUF programmes.

**Final Note:**

We thank Mr. Iniyam Full Timer and Mr. Pazhani who were residing at AICUF House during the previous year for their valuable presence.

Rally 

*The Director and the Secretariate Team*

# Publication Department Report

**THE RALLY** has been publishing since 1924. It is a student magazine which was then called 'The King's Rally' and has accompanied the movement right from the time of its inception. AICUF works through University students who as a team want to do something for their growth and the society in which they live. Rally has been a platform for the AICUFers to express their thoughts so as to reach a large mass outside their campus. The Rally from 1924 is preserved in the Documentation Centre.

Editor in Chief : Dr. Fr. S. Emmanuel, SJ  
Editorial Board : Fr. Louis Arockiaraj, Dr. John  
Managing Editor : J. Julia Pradeepa  
Layout : M. Nazares  
Stu.Edi. Board : Anton, Tarun, Jaswa, Gabriel

## Regular Features of Rally:

- Publication Department writes, repackages, collects articles and Reports.
- Rally is posted either 17th or 18th of every month.
- The articles are collected from Students, Educators, Research Assistants, etc.
- The Reports received from the National Adviser, State Advisers, Full-timers, National Team Members and also from the States, Regions and Units are published

- The Editorial Board Meeting is conducted every month in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week.
- Publishing Books

## The Themes that were brought out in 2014 - 2015

September 2014	26 <sup>th</sup> National Council Report
October 2014	De Addiction
November 2014	Women Rights
December 2014	Child Rights
January 2015	Secularism in Danger
February 2015	Suicide
March 2015	Environment and Justice
April – May 2015	Social Networking and Youth
June 2015	Religion and Harmony
July 2015	Water
August 2015	Student Leadership for Sustainable Living

Equipment: The Publication Department has a Computer, a Laser Printer and a Scanner. These enable us to do all the Publication work here itself. Only the final printing of the Magazine is done at SIGA (A Salesian Press).

Copies: Copies Printed 2013-2014 : 1200

## We Look Forward To

- o All the States to contribute regularly
- o NT members and AICUF-ERS read Rally and give your valuable feedback
- o Poems, cartoons, letters, reports and articles on various issues happening around you.
- o Two students from every state to be identified as a part of EB.
- o A creative writing workshop to be organized at the National Level to train more students

No of Subscribers for Rally: 550

Publication Department thanks Fr. Emmanuel SJ and Dr. John for their guidance and contribution throughout the last year. We also thank Mrs.Mary, Mrs.Sylvia and Mr.Edison for their efficient assistance for the better publication of 'Rally'.

# Summing Up.....



**Dr. G. John**  
National Animator

(27<sup>th</sup> National Council – Aug 13-15, 2015)

**AICUF Lives in Units .....in Action during 2014-15**

**Coming together is a beginning.**

**Keeping together is progress.**

**Working together is success.**

## **Fundamentals**

These are the essentials that sustain and ensure growth of the movement and helps AICUF root deeply and firmly to the ideals and ideologies.

- Orientation programmes
- State core team meetings
- Evaluation of AICUF programmes
- Women commission camps
- Animators training programmes
- Cadre training programmes
- Social analysis
- Leadership training
- Visit to units (SA Ex-Co)
- State freshers camp/Leadership
- Unit advisors meet



## **Exposure to realities**

Actions speak louder than words. We may spend hours and hours explaining AICUFers about social realities, but nothing happens. Instead, take them and make them see, experience social realities, they will understand better. This year too we had enough of exposure programmes. They touch lives, give sparks, ignite minds, transform youth into a responsible adult. This is my take: AICUFers become responsible citizens and leaders once they attend any of the exposure camps.

- Summer camps, both national and state level
- Holi camps
- Rural exposure camps
- Farming Community
- Puja Camps

## **Religiosity**

Our movement was first a prayer group..... before becoming what it is today. As members of a Christian movement, we draw our inspiration from the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, in our attempt to build

a new society and university in tune with the needs and aspiration of oppressed masses. It is in our gene....

- Bible quiz
- Christmas celebrations  
(with transgenders, rickshaw pullers)
- Carol singing
- MAGIS – more and more
- Pilgrimage
- ‘Joy of the Gospel to Enlighten and Enlive’
- Praise and worship sessions
- Choir during Feast
- Retreat



#### Capacity building

As young adult can become a mature adult only through series of inputs and training so that they deliver goods to the society, “good is not good where better is expected”.

- Journalism workshop
- Seminar on Santali Literature
- SWOT Analysis
- Creative and constructive thinking
- IGNITORS – Integral Formation Programmes
- THE SPOTLIGH
- Photography

#### Personally, what is it for me?

Life of AICUFers should be taken care of. Individual growth is vital and precedes societal growth and development. It is our moral responsibility to do something for the betterment of individual growth and development. Otherwise, they will become a liability for the movement and society.

- Skill set: personal growth and development
- First responsibility Vs second responsibility,
- Career guidance
- PDC
- Competitive exam preparation
- CV writing and personal interview
- Time management
- YES Camp



#### Awareness and Sensitisation

Thinking precedes action. Without thinking if you act, you will get half-backed results. As a youth group, staying up in universities for a few years with a floating population, we can't change the change the society by a magical wand. But we can and we should initiate the process of change, both within and outside. Our major area action should be this!

- Right to Information Act
- Health awareness
- Parents training programmes
- Social awareness seminars
- Land Acquisition Bill, environment,
- Legal training,
- Human trafficking, Human organ trafficking,

Women power, corruption  
Cancer awareness programme  
Manual scavenging  
Seminar on Peace and harmony  
Visit to high Court  
Visit to assembly  
AESUS –Seminar on youth reality  
'Putting the RIGHT back into Rights

Going an extra mile

Sky is the limit. Nothing forbids us from evolving new strategies, except perhaps the resources. But for truly good things to happen, finance is not a constraint. It is there, we only need to seek so that we can find.

Seminar for Girls and parents  
Training for the dropouts  
English courses  
'Weaved magic through broomsticks'  
Eye donation awareness  
Awards(best aAICUFer, Animator, College)  
MOU with Satara college  
MEHENDI Competitions  
Canteen week to help the poor  
Tree plantation  
Football tournament  
Ghostomat



Fun..... Celeberations.....but only a part.

Fun is part of our lives. We need to have fun, sing, dance or flex our muscles..... otherwise our lives would become dull and stressful. We had enough during the year 2014-15. They are not just fun per se, but 'fun with purpose'.

Kite flying  
Picnics and cultural tours  
Sohrae festival dance competition  
Manushana Kaigalu – dance drama  
ADONAI, EXODUS, El-shadai, REVELATIONS, MISTLETOE  
Drawing and painting competitions  
A mystical myth – classical dance  
Film on Oscar Romero  
A peasant of El Salvador

Food for thought

We need enough stuff to feed our mind and brain. An empty vessel make much noise and an empty mind does not make any noise (speak). We need to have intellectual inputs so that there is depth in thinking and assimilation of issues affecting masses. This requires constant intellectual input and we had in full measure last year in the form of lectures, seminars, talks, discussions, conferences etc.

"Weaker section and political social management in today's context" –seminar

Film appreciation  
'How to achieve goals'- seminar  
'A fire that kindles other fires'

**‘Christian Leadership: Opportunities and Challenges’**

**Student Activism and Youth Power- towards an inclusive society**

**‘Cleanliness is Next to Godliness’**

**Heroic leadership**

**‘Lead, Guide, Fight for I have the potential to change the society’**

**‘No justice in justification’**

**Earth democracy and Jurisprudence**

**Save Aarey, Save Mumbai**

**To develop the Leadership Qualities to cope up with the new Era”**

**Sharing of Love and Joy**

**It is not enough if you love. You must express it and show it. Often words we speak remain superfluous and devoid of serious intention. Last year, we had a number of programmes in AICUF States to prove that we not only speak, but show it when it matters.**

**Visit to senior citizen home**

**Summer camp for underprivileged school students**

**Visit to mother Teresa Home**

**Visit to old age homes, orphanages, rehabilitation centres**

**“Angels of Hell”**

**Visit to Yerwada open jail**

**Canteen week**

**Days to remember and observe! And we observed:**

ü **Teachers day**

ü **AICUF day – can we all celebrate, in solidarity, throughout India?**

ü **World AIDS day**

ü **Gandhi Jayanti**

ü **Social workday**

ü **Ambetkar Jayanti**

ü **Indigenous People’s day**

ü **Children’s day**

ü **Christmas day**

ü **Tapkara Martyrs day(5,000)**

ü **World Disability day**

ü **Human Rights Day**

ü **Women’s day**

ü **International day for street children**

ü **World Environment day**

ü **Ignatian Week**

ü **Onam with LGBT**

ü **UJALI week**

ü **SANTAL HUL**

ü **Adivasi Diwas**



**Marches and Rallies**

**When dissent is a duty, silence is a crime. We can’t remain mute spectators to injustices happening in and around us. Protest, in any form, is the simplest disapproval of a crime. When you don’t protest, you silently approve of it. There were a number of occasions when our ACIUFers registered their protests and disapproval of injustices and human rights violations.**



Atrocities against minorities, women,  
Satyagrah Rally at Neterhat Field Firing Range(10,000)  
Blind walks  
Rally to protest and to remove Cr PC 144 from Ukhrul town in Manipur  
Candle Light Service (132, Peshawar)  
Rally against rape and child abuse in schools  
Rally in support of Teesta Setalvad  
Khandamal day  
Flash Mobs  
Solidarity march Marine Drive(metro rail)  
Protest against displacement  
Jal, Jungle, Jameen Hamara Hai

When you don't protest, and remain silent, we may have to rewrite and rewind the history as below:

In Germany they came first for the Communists,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.  
Then they came for the trade unionists,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.  
Then they came for the Catholics,  
and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.  
Then they came for me,  
and by that time no one was left to speak up.  
Martin Niemoeller (1892-1984)



**Our Concerns and challenges**

Creating sustainable Leadership (Student leaders, Animators and Advisors)  
Personal aspiration,  
Seeking power and positions for personal gains  
Movemental interest Vs personal interest  
Respect for the constitution  
Who can attend?  
Only once, should have been for a year  
State to become FULL FLEDGED STATES  
Rally to become the Real magazine of student community  
National Council to become more democratic and proportional  
Creating thinking heads, reading and sharing (how)  
Rejuvenating Commissions

**To conclude:**

The woods are lonely, dark and deep:  
AICUF India has 'promises' to make  
27<sup>th</sup> National Council has promises to keep  
And miles to go before we sleep.....

Rally 

# REFLECTION

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## Good Samaritan – A Modern Version

Once upon a time an elderly man was making his way home through the park after a long day at work. Some youths set upon him. They were carrying knives. They mugged him, injured him badly and left him lying in a pool of blood.

A while later a city gent happened to pass by. He looked at the bleeding man on the ground and thought: This may be a trap. If I stop to help him someone might come out from the bushes and attack me. I'd better hurry home.


And so he did.

A few moments later another man happened to come along. He saw the elderly man on the ground and thought: I'd better pretend not to have seen him. If I stop and call the police and ambulance they will ask me a lot of questions. They will want a lot of information. I'll be a witness and I'll probably have to go to Court eventually to say what I saw. I really can't be bothered with all this. I'd better rush home.

And so he did.

A few minutes later a learned man came by. He had studied sociology, philosophy, and many other important subjects and he was now a famous professor at the local University whose opinion and views were often sought on matters of importance. He looked at the injured man on the ground and thought: Whoever did this needs help. They must be from an under-privileged background and upbringing. Poor souls!

And he hurried home thinking about modern society and decided to write a paper on crime and poverty.

Finally an AICUFer came along the way. He looked at the injured man on the ground and phoned up for 108, the life saving ambulance. In five minutes time the ambulance arrived, meanwhile he was joined by other AICUFers to accompany the suffering man to the hospital. 

**Reflection = Reflection + Action**



Gujarat AICUF



Jaipur AICUF



National Council Members



National Team Members (2015-16)



Bihar AICUF



A Moment of Relaxation – Advisors

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