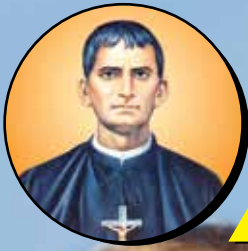


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Love, Care and Friendship

Friendship is a promise that you will be there through thick or thin for that special person.

International Friendship Day is celebrated on 30th July, every year. Friendship is one of the most important and valuable things in our life. It is said that a true friend indeed is a blessing.

Mother Teresa said, “Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons.”

Everyone likes having a friend. It makes one feel cherished. A friend is one who provides a listening ear without being overly critical or harsh. We can confide things to a friend and trust they will be held in confidence and our secrets never betrayed.

In The Bible, Jesus had twelve disciples who were his dearest companions. He preached with them, performed miracles with them by his side and ate and drank with them too.

Yet oddly enough in his hour of great need, when he was captured, his beloved disciple Peter betrayed him not once but three times. Judas betrayed him for thirty pieces of silver and this led to his capture and arrest and subsequently his death on the Cross.

Yet both these friends suffered too. Peter wept bitter tears when he denied knowing Jesus. Judas filled with shame hung himself on a tree, flinging away the thirty pieces of silver in disgust and self-loathing.

Jesus Christ taking on a human form, was just like us. He was a social being who also needed the company of friends and companions.

Many people feel obsessed having lots of friends. They feel it reflects on their social popularity. Yet as we grow older and wiser, we begin to realise that it is not quantity that matters but quality. If we compromise, then often toxic friends who hurt or harm us either emotionally or even physically, are a very real possibility.

Therefore, it is advised to choose your friends carefully and with sound judgement. Friends

unfortunately may come and go. Many best friends part ways because of many reasons such as they outgrow the friendship, they have now other interests, they no longer fit with your more mature outlook.

Love is the first requirement of friendship that is true. You have to love another to become friends. The second requirement is care. We care for those we like and love. We display our appreciation in small ways, remembering their birthdays, wishing them at feast days, paying them a visit or phone call when they are ill or in trouble. Basically a friend is one who is there when we are in need. Only toxic friends flee as soon as we are in trouble or difficulty.

Besides, having friends it is important for us to realise that sometimes we need to be friends with ourselves. Many people do not really like themselves. But we are called to begin a friendship with ourselves first. Jesus himself said, “You must love your neighbour as yourself.”

It is said birds of a feather flock together. We attract people very much like ourselves, at least the approach to life is often the same. Therefore, often enough positive people attract other positive people while negative people attract negative people. But when the opposite happens, many friendships then fail, for outlooks are different.

But let us never forget that Jesus is our best friend. Through all our trials and troubles, He remains steadfast in his love for us, never betraying or deserting us. That is why the hymn - What a friend we have in Jesus is one of the most beautiful hymns ever written. St Teresa of Avila rightly said, “For Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”

Let us remember all our dearest friends, this Friendship Day, and remember each one in our prayers, praying that God will bless our friendship.

-Christine D’Sylva

The Delights of Jesus' Friendship

-Leon Bent

Jesus is our model for friendship - because he loved without limits - and he makes it possible for us to live a life of friendship - because we have been transformed by everything he shared with us. Through friendship we come to know God and through friendship we mirror the love of God.

According to a hymn, Jesus is our friend because he bears our burdens and sorrows. The hymn writer wrote the hymn to assure his mother that though he couldn't be with her, Jesus is with her and he is a friend like no other.

On Friendship Day: What a Friend We Have in Jesus! It is just awesome to recall what St. Thomas Aquinas has affirmed, "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship". These are words of a great scholar, theologian, philosopher and doctor of the Church. Marcus Tullius opined, "What sweetness is left in life, if you take away friendship? Robbing life of friendship is like robbing the world of the sun. A true friend is more to be esteemed than kinsfolk." Accompanied by these two highly inspiring quotes on friendship, it is worth reflecting on Friendship Day, 2022.

Friendship Day with its International Touch

Friendship Day with its international touch and growing beauty is going to stay on, forever. How did the International Friendship Day come about? To celebrate what friends really mean, a day was set apart. The US Congress in 1935 made a Proclamation, and the first Sunday of August was declared as a holiday in the USA, in honour of friends. The General Assembly of the United Nations on 27th April, 2011, declared 30th July as official International Friendship Day. India and several other countries, celebrate Friendship Day on the first Sunday of August.

In the Company of Jesus, the Friend

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me," said Henry Ford. A closer look at the Gospels and above all at those who came in close contact with Jesus is more than sufficient to

offer us loving glimpses of Jesus' style of entering into relationships. Once Fr. Ricardo Tonelli, a Professor of Youth Pastoral, and a great friend of young people, said: "It looked as though Jesus was getting closer to people and assuring them: son, daughter, brother, sister, do not be afraid, you can stand straight and walk courageously because my Father loves you. Yes, indeed, that is exactly what Jesus did. He helped those who lost their dignity to regain it and to find sense and meaning in their life."

Jesus, a Trendsetter and Trend Maker of Friendships

Dictionaries offer a variety of descriptions for a trendsetter. The Urban Dictionary affirms that, a trendsetter is "Someone who is not only admired for her/his sense of style, but also for their inner beauty and brains." To every person with whom Jesus interacted with, he was able to offer life, joy in its fullness, the glory of God, and a thousand mellifluous, full-throated Hallelujahs! St. John has expressed it beautifully, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" – Jn. 10:10 – the rich reward for being closely connected to Jesus Christ!

Spurred on with His intimate relationship with His loving Father and led by the Holy Spirit, Jesus quickly identified signs of death and the power of sin that, was slowly taking people away from the right track. With His calm and firm assurance, Jesus made the person concerned to experience the Father's love, forgiveness and healing. His non-judgmental attitude, fire-side warmth, gentleness, tenderness, the "hound of heaven" seeking desperately to offer forgiveness, to any and everyone, and a "listening-dialogue," made the Samaritan woman plead: "Sir, give me this water, so that, I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water" (Jn. 4:15).

An unknown quote reveals a great deal of wisdom, "Friends are the most important ingredient in the recipe of life." As a trendsetter of friendships, Jesus was able to grasp what was not working in the person, and holding firm to His conviction of the Father's unconditional love,

he indicated to those whom He encountered, a new path that would ensure peace, joy and integrity. Jesus went far beyond, to allow the inner beauty of the person to shine forth: charm, grace, elegance, comeliness and exquisiteness. He gave His treasured time to listen, to heal, to comfort, and offer mercy. Thus, those who placed their trust in the Son of God and man, were able to bounce back to a life of exuberance, newness and renewed freshness. Above all else, Jesus gave his “Body and Blood,” for the life of the world!

With Jesus to Friendship Day 2022 and Beyond

On Friendship Day 2022, and beyond, Jesus invites us to embrace the challenge of making every amity and benevolence, like that of Jesus: life-giving, joy-filled, and, ultimately, eternal bliss. What is love? Ann Landers affirms, “Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and pardoning. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.” How beautiful and worthwhile life is when we journey in the company of friends, who allow us to live and grow into fullness of life. The beauty of the world is Christ’s tender smile for us coming through matter, affirmed Simone Weil. May every friendship we knit with each other as friends of Jesus, become a life-giving source. For Christ’s tender smile to pass on...Have a very Happy Friendship Day!

Friendship is for most of us one of the most important and poignant relationships we can have. The observation that he or she “has no friends” is often one of the most cutting and chilling things a person can say of another. As soon as it is said we imagine having no friends, and the sense of loneliness and despair that

follows is palpable. Friendship it appears provides our lives with meaning in a day-to-day sense and gives us an avenue to express love, affection and commitment in ways that allow us to express higher and more humane values.

You cannot stress too much that imagining a life without friendship is chilling. Friendship in its simplest form can be one of the purest and extraordinary relationships we can have. It civilises us and helps us to realise that the highest part of our humanity does not seek advantage, pecuniary gain or profit. The value of friendship, its worth, so to speak, is found in itself. It is ‘a good’ in itself. The selflessness that comes with good and proper friendships, the sense of warmth and affection are what makes many of our lives so much more bearable.

One sign of a good friendship is the fact that, good friends are there for us in our time of need. “A friend in need is a friend indeed!” We help our friends selflessly when they are in trouble. We concern ourselves with their woes, we ask after them in times of stress and anguish.

Perhaps, if we remembered this, we might pause for a while and make sure that in our rush to network and progress in life, we reserved time for our friends. The ancients recognised friendship as crucial to, and important, in their societies. We are equally bound to recognise its significance as well. You never know, when the chips are down you might need a friend one day.

Friendship can be defined as a long-term relationship of mutual affection and support. It fulfils:

- The need for socialisation
- The need for communication
- The need for companionship
- The willingness to meet new people

“I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

- John 15:12-15

New Academic Year, New Opportunities, New Hope

-Sunil D'Cruz

Every student looks forward to a new academic year. There is a feeling of *joie de vivre*, of excitement with a new faculty, new friends and a different classroom.

Now thankfully with the Covid-19 pandemic that had disrupted life for over two years behind us, it is back to the classrooms, sitting face-to-face with our teachers, interacting with them, one-on-one and no longer learning on an online mode, sitting at home.

It is time to get back into the original rhythm of life and gear up for the new academic year. Prepare yourself to make a new beginning by being focused, committed to studies and having a positive outlook on life.

“All I have learned, I have learned from books,” said Abraham Lincoln. When we inculcate a love of books and the reading habit in the young generation, we give them a great gift.

Well begun is half done

A good beginning makes a big difference. Make sure you begin this academic year with new hopes and a positive mindset, to ensure that your academic life is full of knowledge and learning.

Begin a new chapter of your academic year with new goals. A new year gives us a chance to begin new and fresh with renewed energies. It is an opportunity to look ahead and work harder to make it a better and a brighter future.

Accepting challenges

A new academic year may always throw up new challenges, so always keep your beginning focused, optimistic and full of dedication. Another fresh year at school or college is a chance to begin your life anew. Life is full of challenges and challenges are full of opportunities to learn. Always accept challenges and welcome the chances to learn new things in life in order to grow and prosper.

Top rankers

Class toppers are very systematic in their approach to do well in the new academic year. Right from the beginning, they devote a minimum of three to five

hours of study each day, seek clarifications on their queries from fellow students or the teaching faculty and keep time to revise before the examinations. In this way, they avoid last-minute stress and anxiety of preparation.

Glance through the course curriculum

Before the start of a new semester, it is always a good idea to go through the course syllabus to familiarise yourselves with the subjects you will be studying in the new class.

Follow e-learning

To improve the learning outcomes, you need to be engaged with what you are doing. You can navigate through different education sites, online books, videos and study materials to add to your knowledge.

Learning is a lifelong process

“I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught,” said Winston Churchill. The last academic year having ended, you may put your learning from it to practical use. This year, you can make it an interesting story, full of amazing experiences and things to learn. The lessons you learn at school and college, both in and out of the classroom, will pave the way like no other with a hope that you will have new chances to learn new things and grow in life. As Mahatma Gandhi put it brilliantly, “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Acquiring skills

“In a global economy, where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity, it is a prerequisite,” opined Barack Obama.

“All men by nature desire to know,” said Aristotle and added, “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” Success and failure are a part of life. Never surrender to low grades but keep working hard, another academic year is all set to begin things anew, focus stronger and you will be able to accomplish the impossible.

Devasahayam Pillai becomes first Indian layman to be declared Saint by Pope Francis

The devout Catholic community of India has thrown up yet another saint. Devasahayam Pillai, who was born a Hindu and embraced Christianity in the 18th century became the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by Pope Francis on 15th May 2022.

Pope Francis, 85, canonised Blessed Devasahayam during the Canonisation Mass held in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican attended by over 50,000 faithful from all over the world as well as government delegations, honouring 10 new saints. During the impressive canonisation ceremony, the Holy Father renewed his appeal to world leaders that they may be "protagonists of peace and not of war."

Born on April 23, 1712, Neelakanta Pillai hailed from a Hindu Nair upper caste Brahmin family in Nattalam village in Kanyakumari district, then a part of the erstwhile Travancore kingdom



(present day Tamil Nadu). When he converted to Christianity in 1745, Pillai then assumed the name 'Lazarus' or Devasahayam in Malayalam, which means 'God is my help'.

Devasahayam preached for the equality of all people, despite caste differences, which piqued the hatred of the higher classes. He was arrested in 1749. After

enduring increasing hardships, he was shot dead in the Aralvaimozhy forest on January 14, 1752.

Devasahayam was recommended for the process of Beatification by the Vatican in 2004, at the request of the Kottar diocese, Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council and the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India.

A miracle attributed to Devasahayam was recognised by Pope Francis in 2014, clearing the path to his canonisation in 2022.

Indian Christian Day celebrated

To mark the 1950th martyrdom day of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Christians cutting across denominations came together in various parts of India on 3rd July 2022, to organise special programmes.

Saint Thomas, one of the 12 apostles of Lord Jesus Christ, is believed to have come to India in 52 AD and preached the Christian faith in the southern regions of the country. He was martyred 20 years later in Chennai, the capital of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Since 2021, the day is being observed as the Indian Christian Day to "love

the neighbour, serve society, celebrate Jesus and bless India."

The ecumenical annual day helps Christians to remember and celebrate "the person and message of Lord Jesus Christ in India."

The day also helps them preserve their identity with the Indian cultural heritage and promoting unity.

The day saw Christians organising festivities, cultural and community service programmes, health and literacy camps, food and clothes drive, environmental clean-ups and workshops.



- MATTERS INDIA

Bigger role for women in Church

From 2020 the Pope has been including women in the Roman Curia offering them admin level positions. Last year the Pope appointed Sister Raffaella Petrini, to the number two position in the Vatican City Governorate, making her the first woman to hold the position.

In a recent interview, Pope Francis shared his plans to expand the role of women in the Roman Curia, and announced his intention to appoint

two women to the Dicastery that assists the Pontiff in the selection of bishops.

Pope Francis mentioned that in the future he sees the possibility of lay people being appointed to lead certain Vatican departments such as the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, the Dicastery for Culture and Education, or the Vatican Apostolic Library.



There is no Joy Greater than the Joy of GIVING

Praveen Madhur Srivastava, Mumbai

I am happy to transfer Rs. 1,09,000 via NEFT for May and June, as part of my regular monthly contribution towards the welfare of the Balbhavan inmates and the various activities of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra.

Thomas Al Chellaya, Malaysia

I have transferred MYR 300 (Malaysian Ringgit) to Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra for its community service activities.

Shiney Devasia, Kottayam

As a staunch devotee of Fr. Agnel, I have transferred Rs. 1,00,000 to your account, as charity for the upkeep of Fr. Agnel Ashram and Balbhavan.

Hiten Srichand Bajaj, Dubai

I have remitted Rs. 29,000 as Annual Full Sponsorship of two boys at Balbhavan, besides sponsorship of lunch and breakfast for a day.

Revlon D'Silva, Mumbai

Please accept my donation of Rs. 50,002 for the education of orphan children in Balbhavan.

Punnoose Kiran Prince, Kerala

It fills my heart with joy to transfer Rs. 10,500 towards Full Sponsorship of an orphan, for a year, at Balbhavan. Fr. Agnel Ashram is doing yeoman service by providing education, food, clothing and shelter to the Balbhavan boys.

Stanislaw Castalino, Dubai

As an offering, I have transferred Rs.10,000 towards Sponsorship of various activities in Fr. Agnel Ashram.

Steffie De Silva, Goa

It gives me great pleasure to transfer an amount of Rs. 10,500 towards an Annual Full Sponsorship of an orphan in Balbhavan.

"After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before."

- Job 42:10

FragMag – 2022, the college magazine of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, is now online

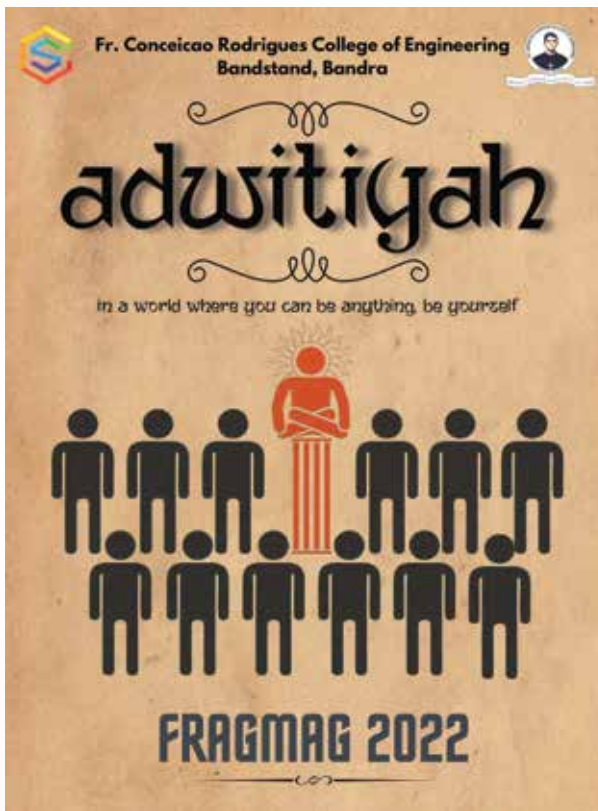
As we moved through the Covid-19 crisis, we have all experienced the “change curve” in different ways. Be it with engaging in new activities or discovering new hobbies, people found their solace in them during a very unsettling time. FragMag, the college magazine of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, provided a platform to pen down all of these experiences for everyone to be a part of them. Every year FragMag aims to incorporate all pieces of art that sets one free, that liberates one from the shackles of daily life. Every submission is a unique expression of love, art, affection, and affectation. Keeping in mind the intention of FragMag - to promote art and literature that motivates people, and an approach to help people become their best versions, a notion perfectly fit as our theme for this year’s edition, **Adwitiyah** - *‘In a world where you can be anything, be yourself’*.

Chalk and cheese, though different keys, unlock relevant doors, with ease: The word ‘Adwitiyah’ is a Sanskrit word meaning ‘Matchless’. Our world is programmed to stereotype people on the basis of appearance, gender, behaviour, mannerisms and the endless list goes on. You can be your matchless self only when you know and believe what is right for you, rather than falling prey to the worldly brackets you fit into. No one who has ever lived or is to come has had your combination of abilities,

talents, appearance, friends, acquaintances, burdens, sorrows, and opportunities.

A rainbow would’ve been lost if it were to be like the sky. And music would seem monotonous without different musical notes. Similarly, it is each person’s treasured uniqueness that makes our world lively. All of us are unique, and have our own narrative to tell. Each one of us has a different way of reasoning and reacting to situations and we go through a unique combination of experiences, making all of us unique in our own way.

No need to pretend so that you seem more like someone else. No need to lie to camouflage parts of you that aren’t like anyone else. You weren’t meant to be like someone else but were meant to shine like no one else. We need to let ourselves loose and learn to believe that we can achieve all that we dream to be. So, let’s embrace our true ‘adwitiyah’ selves and encourage others to do so too because our time is limited and far too precious to live someone else’s life.



This year, FragMag

included 5 domains:

English Literature

Bidding adieu to our sorrows after a lengthy lockdown to boldly be ourselves, FragMag welcomed and cherished the literary streak in every student, promoting the languages of English, Hindi and Marathi.

Agnel Happenings

Hindi Sahitya

Bringing back the creative haven, FragMag 2022 encouraged authors to write with their hearts on their sleeves, letting their thoughts and emotions take their first flight in the language of Hindi.

Marathi Sahitya

FragMag 2022 reflected the importance of being oneself and penning one's thoughts in the language of their home state would only be fitting. We called all our passionate writers to set pen to paper and bring to light the wonders of the beautiful language, Marathi.

Artwork | Photography | Videos

No man is considered to be great until he is willing to portray his talent. FragMag 2022 asked for emotive photographers, artistic painters, melodious singers, also the jiving dancers and also the other artists out there to exhibit their pieces of work with our Artwork, Photography and Videos domain.

Start Up

Your business is a reflection of your dreams, interests and experiences. FragMag 2022 motivated young entrepreneurs to tell us how they wanted to change the world, and followed their passion with our Start Up domain.

With the intention of reaching more readers, FragMag 2022 was circulated in an online mode, whereas the yearbooks for our beloved fourth year students were circulated in hard copies, receiving a much-lauded response from them. All the episodes of FragMag 2022 can be found on the website-<https://fragmag.crcestuco.com/> and the link on the college website:

<http://www.frcrce.ac.in/index.php/students/students-council/fragmag-2022>

The articles selected are enchanting works of art that will help you find your adwitiyah self and help others do so.

ASSAGAON, GOA

A.I.T.D., Assagao organises Technical Festival TECHURJA 2022

The Management, Staff and Students of **Agnel Institute of Technology and Design**, Assagao, Goa, organised the most awaited '**National Level Technical Fest' TechUrja 2022** on 11th and 12th May 2022, in its campus. The event was conducted on 11th May 2022, coinciding with the day India celebrates National Technology Day, as in 1998, the country successfully conducted a famous Pokhran Nuclear Test.

TechUrja 2022 was engineered by the Student Councils of AITD, which includes SENCES (The Society of Electronics & Communication Engineering Students), MEGA (Mechanical Engineering Graduates' Association) and ACCESS (Association for Confluence of Computer Engineering Students & Senators) from the Electronics & Communications Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Engineering Departments, respectively.

TECHURJA 2022 was inaugurated by the **Chief Guest Shri Victor Gonsalves**, Ex-MLA of St. Cruz and Vice President of Goa Legislators' Forum; Guest of Honour Mr. Milind Anvekar, Vice President of Open Destinations



as well being the President of Goa Technology Association and Mr. Saurabh Bhide, Founder of Mediyum UX Design Studio; Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex; Fr. Isaac Fernandes, Assistant Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex; Advisor Dr. V. Mariappan, Principal Dr. J. William; Registrar

Prof. Laxmikant Bordekar and Student Activity Cell Chairperson, Prof. Shreedatta Sawant.

TechUrja 2022 witnessed an overwhelming response from participants across colleges from Karnataka and Goa. The major competitions held for TECHURJA included Robo-Wars, Robo-Soccer, Robo-Race, Line Follower Robot,

3D Modelling, Coding Events, Project Expo, Cryptic Crossword, Battle Ground Mobile India, Valorant, Counter Strike and FIFA which were open for all the undergraduate and post graduate students. Apart from this, three events, namely, Toycathon, Quiz, Need for Speed were exclusively open for XI and XII Higher Secondary students.

A.I.T.D., Assagao organises FACT, an intra-college cultural event

The Management, Staff and Students of **Agnel Institute of Technology and Design, Assagao, Goa**, organised an intra-college level cultural event, **FACT (Fusion of Art, Culture and Talent)** on 13th and 14th May 2022, in a spectacularly crafted open air theatre, in the campus.

FACT 2022 was inaugurated by the **Chief Guest Adv. Carlos Alvares Ferreira**, Member of Legislative Assembly of Goa; Guest of Honour, Ms. Kristine Saldanha, Entrepreneur and Artist; Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex; Principal Dr. J. William; Registrar Prof. Laxmikant Bordekar and Student Activity Cell Chairperson, Prof. Shreedatta Sawant. FACT 2022 provided a platform to the students to showcase their talent and skills to a whole new era, representing the fusion between art and culture.

Students from the **Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics**



and Communications Engineering Department showed active and zealous participation. FACT 2022 embraced a series of events, namely Singing, Monologue, Mute Beat, Debate, Battle of Bands, Dance, Stand-up Comedy, Mr. and Ms. AITD, Fashion Show, DJ War, Rangoli, Face Painting, Movie Making and Photography.

The event concluded with the Computer Engineering Department winning the rolling trophy for FACT 2022.

Annual Industry Academia Colloquium 2022 held at A.I.T.D.

After a break of two years due to the unprecedented pandemic, AITD was back with their **Annual Industry Academia Meet called Colloquium 2022** on 3rd June 2022 and it was a grand success. The event was inaugurated by **Chief Guest Gaurav Ghelani**, Regional Head, TCS Academic Interface Programme - India West and Central,



in the presence of Guests of Honour Omark Prabhu, Centre Head Goa RDC, ZiMetrics Technologies and Rajeev Fadte, Founder Webfills Pvt. Ltd.

The inauguration was followed by Tech talks by eminent personalities which included Purushottam Kamat from Cadence,

Agnel Happenings

Bangalore, Anay Kamat from Srijan Technologies, Omkar Prabhu from ZiMetrics, Sohan Khadilkar from Visteon Corporation, Bangalore, Shaunak Pai Kane from Kelly Bangalore and Akshay Saraf from Ulavan Agritech Services Pvt. Ltd. A panel discussion on the theme of the event 'Paradigm Shift in Recruitment Process', was also organised.

The panellists included Nitin Kamat from Helmerich and Payne, Gaurav Ghelani from TCS, Jyothi Shet from Remote Software Solutions, Anay Kamat from Srijan Technologies, Vishal

Desai from Dapper Drive, Joann Fernandes from Spintly and Siddesh Prabhudesai from Sigma Laboratories with Harish S. Sinai Velingkar as the Moderator. Plenty of food for thought was churned out of this panel discussion. The event ended by showcasing entries of AD MAD competition and giving away prizes/certificates of excellence for two more events i.e. AITD Bazaar and Bid2Win which were held as part of Colloquium event, in association with Institute Innovation Council.

VASHI

Agnel Law School Building blessed by Bishop of Port Blair

The new building of **The Agnel School of Law** was formally inaugurated and blessed by His Excellency, **The Most Reverend Alex Dias sfx, Emeritus Bishop of Port Blair**, on 1st June 2022.



This first Christian Minority Run Law College in Western India, was started in 2018-19 and it was functioning in the Engineering college premises. The first batch of LLB students came out with flying colours in 2021.

Having thus set a benchmark of excellence, Agnel School of Law now operates in its own impressive building in the Agnel Complex campus.

The function on 1st June 2022 began with **Rev. Fr. S. Almeida, Managing Director of Fr. Agnel Technical Education complex, Vashi**, greeting and welcoming the Chief Guest, Most Reverend, Alex Dias. He also welcomed **Fr. Seby Rodrigues, Assistant Director, Prof. Kevin Tauro** (I/C principal of Law

School) the heads of all the other institutions in the complex, architect Anurag Garg and the team of consultants, engineers, contractors and others who were responsible for the construction of the new building, students of the Law College



and other guests. He thanked Fr. Seby for his dedicated efforts in monitoring the progress of the construction from the beginning to the completion stage.

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Alex Dias, then led the prayers to invoke the blessings of the Almighty on the new college building and all the students and people who learn and serve there. Addressing the gathering present, he mentioned the significance of the legal profession and advised the upcoming lawyers to offer their selfless service for the well-being of the society. Rev. Fr. Seby Rodrigues concluded the programme by thanking all who graced the occasion.

Agnelites excel in SSC – 2022, this year too – 100% results!

There was great jubilation at **Fr. Agnel Vashi** as the SSC results came in online on 17th June 2022. This year too, **Agnel posted 100% results.**

Rasam Radha Tukaram stood first in the English Medium with 99.6%, Desai Hiya Nirav with 98.6 % stood second and Poojary Yashvi Prakash with 98.4% stood third, respectively.

In the Marathi Medium Section, **Gawde Sakshi Pundalik with a score of 94.4%** bagged the highest percentage. **Koli Harsha Sunil**

with 93.8% stood second and Wavhal Om Ganesh with 92.8% stood third.

This year, 292 students from the English Medium and 34 students from the Marathi Medium registered for the SSC exams and all passed with excellent scores. 250 students from the English Medium and 24 students from the Marathi Medium passed with distinctions.

Four students with learning disabilities from the English medium who took the SSC examination this year, passed with flying colours.



Radha Rasam



Hiya Desai



Yashvi Poojari



Sakshi Gawde



Harsha Koli



Om Wavhal

Agnelites excel in HSC – 2022

There was jubilation at **Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, Vashi** as the HSC results came in. **The pass percentage is 100%.**

Raya Supriyo Chakravarty with 96.33% stood first in the Science stream, **Vaibhav Narendra Chand with 94.17%** stood second and **Nisarga Sudhir Kale with 93.33 %** stood third, respectively.

In the Commerce stream, **Karan Pankaj Agarwal with a score of 95.33%** bagged the highest percentage. He was followed by **Darius Don Bosco Soares with 93.83%** and **Shruti Manish Sonkhia with 93.50%.**

This year, 154 students from the Science stream and 138 students from the Commerce stream registered for the HSC exams and all passed with

excellent scores. 66 students from the Science stream and 97 students from the Commerce stream passed with distinctions.

14 students with learning disability who registered for HSC examination this year passed with flying colours.

* **Raya Chakravarty** from the Science stream scored 100 out of 100 in Maths.

* **Harsh Powar** from the Science stream scored 100 out of 100 in Physics and Biology.

* **Anaisha Fernandes** and **Jovin Joseph** from the Science stream scored 100 out of 100 in Biology.

* **Karan Pankaj Agarwal** from the Commerce stream scored 100 out of 100 in Information Technology.



Raya



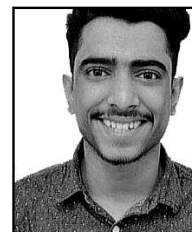
Vaibhav



Nisarga



Karan



Darius



Shruti

Zaara Jabbar wins Bronze in ISF – World School Gymnasiade 2022, Normandy, France

Zaara Jabbar is a National level swimmer, who has represented the state of Maharashtra for Khelo India. She was selected by the School Games Federation of India (for Maharashtra) to participate in the **ISF – World School**

Gymnasiade 2022, Normandy, France. She won a **Bronze** in Group B and presently **ranks 11th in the world**. Besides participating in swimming competitions, she has also excelled academically, scoring **98.2% in her SSC exams**.



Swimmer Rishabh Das bags two medals at Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana

15-year-old **Rishabh Das** became the only swimmer from Thane district to win medals in swimming at the **Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana**.

Rishabh was selected for the KIYG on the basis on his performance at the Nationals last year. Competing with older swimmers, Rishabh, proved his mettle by **winning a Bronze medal in the 200 m backstroke** with a timing of 2 min. 12.01 sec. He also won a **Silver medal**, as a part of the Maharashtra team in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay.



Rishabh landed in Haryana straight from the Maharashtra state trials that were held in Pune. Acute gastritis made him withdraw from his pet event, the 100m backstroke. Having

received emergency treatment, he managed to partly recover to be able to participate in the other events.

Rishabh is a 9th standard student of Fr. Agnel Vashi and trains at the Fr. Agnel Sports Complex under coaches Gokul Kamath and Rutuja Udeshi, both Chhatrapati awardees in the sport of swimming. Rutuja Udeshi, a National

champion and an International swimmer herself, trained Rishabh for strength and conditioning, so as to reach his optimum for the event.

Rishabh now sets his sights on the upcoming Junior Nationals to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha in the third week of July.

Amita Kudva wins two gold medals at the National Sub Junior Swimming Championship 2022

Amita Kudva, a Std. VI student of **Fr. Agnel School, Vashi** won two gold medals at the recently concluded National Sub Junior Swimming Championship 2022, organised by

the Swimming Federation of India at Sardar Vallabhbhai Swimming Pool, Rajkot.

10-year-old Amita representing Thane district participated in the State trials held in Pune



last month. She qualified for three individual events and two relays for the Nationals.

Amita won her **first gold as a part of the 4 x 50 freestyle relay for Girls under 11.** She

also swam the anchor leg in the 4 x 100 medley relay which won the gold medal. Amita also made the finals in 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly but narrowly missed out on a place.

Amita trains under Agnel coach Amit Awale at the Fr. Agnel Sports Complex Swimming Pool in Vashi.

VERNA, GOA

Visteon Corporation signs MOU with P.C.C.E., Goa

Visteon Corporation, the global leader in automotive cockpit electronics, has signed an MOU with **Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna, and Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi**, on 3rd June 2022, for active collaboration through internships and skill development programmes.

The newly expanded office was inaugurated by **Dr. Pramod Sawant**, Hon. Chief Minister of Goa, **Mr. Rohan Khaunte**, Hon. Minister for IT & Tourism and **Mr. Sachin Lawande**, Visteon's President and CEO, along with Visteon's executive team and India leadership team.

Rev. Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director, Father Agnel Technical Education Complex, Dr. Mahesh Parappagoudar, Principal and Ms. Razia de Loyola Furtado e Sardinha, Training and Placement Officer attended the event. They had a personal interaction with Mr. Sachin Lawande, after which the MOU was signed by Fr. Agnelo Gomes and Mr. Sivakumar Songappan, Senior Director - Visteon, in his presence.



VISTEON CORPORATION signs MOU with **Padre Conceição College of Engineering**



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'Save Soil' Initiative by P.C.C.E., Verna

The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna, in association with the ISHRAE - Goa Chapter, organised an awareness programme '**Pacers Save Soil Movement**' on 14th May 2022.

Globally, the Save Soil Movement was initiated by **Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva**, to unite people to stand up for soil health, and support world leaders in setting policies and remedial measures, for increasing the organic content in cultivable soil.

The dignitaries at the event were Regional Director West - I for ISHRAE, **Mr. Mihir Sanghvi**; Environmentalist **Mr. Rajendra Kerkar**; Member of Isha Foundation **Mrs. Maura Afonso**; President of ISHRAE Goa chapter **Mr. Balkrishna Chodankar**; Principal of PCCE **Dr. Mahesh Parappagoudar** and Head,





Department of Mechanical Engineering, **Dr. Geethalakshmi K.** The event was organised under the guidance of the Students' Activity Chair of ISHRAE Goa Chapter, **Mr. Mohnish Borker.**

During the event, a short film by students, 'Bhangar Bhui', was released. The faculty and students swapped plant saplings to promote soil conservation at local levels. The event concluded with a street play by the students, further emphasising the need to preserve soil.

‘Industry-Institute Interaction’ between P.C.C.E., Goa and ZiMetrics Technologies, Pune

Padre Conceicao College of Engineering was privileged to welcome **Ms. Ashwini Barve**, GM Operations and **Ms. Swati Patil**, Head of HR, both from **ZiMetrics Technologies** Pune, for an **Industry-Institute Interaction** on 5th May 2022. Joining them was alumnus **Mr. Ashwin Kolgaonkar**, now working at ZiMetrics. **Mr. Omkar Prabhu**, Centre Head of ZiMetrics Technologies, Goa, facilitated the meet and played a pivotal role in the collaboration.



The team had engaging interactions with the Director Agnelo Gomes, Principal Dr. Mahesh Parappagoudar, HODs/Professors Dr. Stephen Dias Barreto, Dr. Geethalakshmi K, Dr. Jayalaxmi Devate, Dr. Anusha Pai, Dr. Terence Johnson, Dr. Joe Kurian and Dr. Supriya Patil and

TPO Ms. Razia de Loyola Furtado e Sardinha. They also met with their multi-National award-winning Team BHP Robotics and interacted with students. The event was organised by the Training and Placement Cell.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.”

-John 15:12-14



FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

MIRACULOUS HEALING

AMBERNATH: I offer thanksgiving for my health being restored and a miraculous healing, through the prayerful intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel. An offering has been placed in the Ashram.

- D. Edwin

HEALED FROM BRAIN HAEMORRHAGE

MIRA ROAD - MUMBAI: We thank God for the favours received and the healing of my sister-in-law from brain haemorrhage, through the kind intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel. As a token of our gratitude, we give our offering to Fr. Agnel Ashram

-J. Simoes & Jy & Elizabeth

GOOD BUSINESS

BHAYANDER: Through the powerful intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have my own fishing boat and my business is doing well. I thank God for the safety of my staff members. In loving gratitude, I am making an offering to Fr. Agnel Ashram.

-L. E. Kadighar

GIFT OF A BABY

VASAI: There is no greater joy for a mother than having a baby. Through constant prayers and the divine intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have been blessed with a baby. In thanksgiving, I have made an offering to the Ashram.

-S. V. Fargose

SECURED A GOOD JOB ABROAD

KERALA: I am thankful to Ven. Fr. Agnel for his intercession in helping me secure a good job in Israel.

-M. Thomas

MANY FAVOURS RECEIVED

MANGALORE: Through the kind intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, the medical reports of my mother are normal. I offer thanksgiving for good health, securing a good job and for all favours received. A love offering has been placed in the Ashram.

-P. Rebello & S. Gupta

GIFT OF A CHILD

VIRAR: We were blessed with a child, through the prayers and intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel. With a grateful heart, we are making an offering to the Ashram.

-C. D'Mello

SUCCESSFUL EYE OPERATION

AGASHI: We offer thanksgiving for the successful eye operation of my son, through the prayers and intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel. An offering has been placed in Fr. Agnel Ashram.

-K. Dias

SUCCESS IN STUDIES

GERMANY: Through the intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, my son Eric has completed his studies. A thanksgiving offering has been placed in the Ashram.

-B. Jose

SECURED A GOOD JOB

VIRAR: Through the intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have secured a good job. A thanksgiving offering has been placed in the Ashram.

-A. B. Khawari

THANKSGIVING FOR MANY FAVOURS RECEIVED

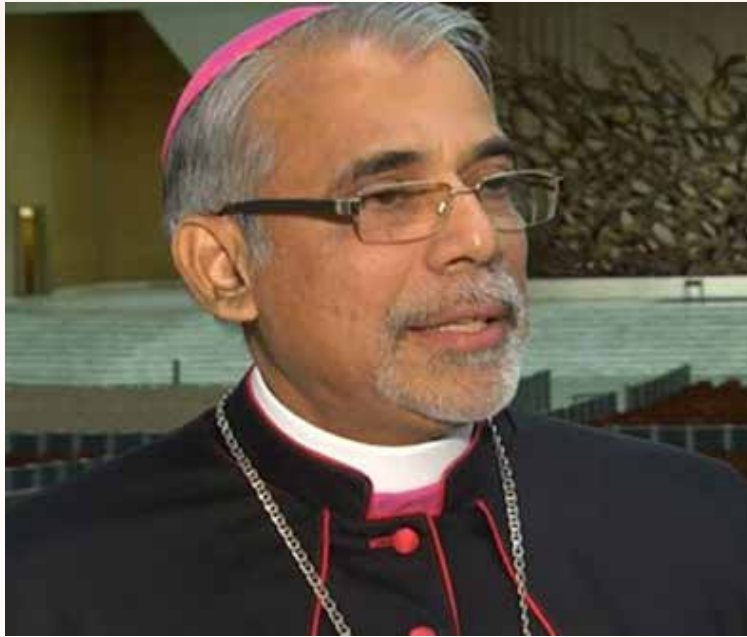
UDUPI: I am a firm devotee of Ven. Fr. Agnel, Through his intercession, I have received many favours. A thanksgiving offering has been sent to the Ashram.

-V. Aranha

Out of Their Bounty

A. D'Silva	Mumbai	50,000	M. D'Cruz	Mumbai	5,000	E. Shah	Mumbai	2,000
M. Cabral	Australia	50,000	M. Rodrigues	Mumbai	5,000	E. Sebastian	Kerala	2,000
V. Sequeira	Australia	50,000	R. Bamaniya	Mumbai	5,000	F. Fernandes	Mumbai	2,000
A. Sharma	Mumbai	30,000	R. D'Mello	Vasai	5,000	F. Brass	Vasai	2,000
J. Mascarenhas	Gujarat	25,000	R. D'Souza	Goa	5,000	H. Gonsalves	Kerala	2,000
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T. Antony	Mumbai	15,000	A. Elavia	Mumbai	4,300	J. D'Souza	Karnataka	2,000
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R. Singh	Secunderabad	11,000	B. Joseph	Kerala	4,000	K. Parmar	Gujarat	2,000
H. Patel	Vasai	10,500	C. Engles	Punjab	4,000	K. Patel	Gujarat	2,000
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A. Lopes	Vasai	10,000	D. Fernandis	Gujarat	4,000	L. D'Silva	Vasai	2,000
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H. Bharucha	Vasai	6,000	Techno Products	Chennai	2,500	S. Cudriccs	Vasai	2,000
I. Hendricks	Tamil Nadu	6,000	P. Chirputkar	Gujarat	2,300	S. Dalvi	Mumbai	2,000
J. Dionatius	Kerala	6,000	M. Chandran	Kerala	2,150	S. D'Mello	Vasai	2,000
M. Pinto	Dubai	6,000	A. D'Souza	Mumbai	2,000	S. D'Souza	Mumbai	2,000
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J. Kapadia	Mumbai	5,000	E. Jose	Kerala	2,000			
J. Rodrigues	Vasai	5,000	E. Patrao	Navi Mumbai	2,000			

Agnel Region of the Society of Pilar congratulates Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao of Goa and Daman, on his appointment as Cardinal



Archbishop Filipe Neri Antonio Sebastiao Adi Rosario Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, has been chosen by Pope Francis to be made a Cardinal. He is one of the 21 Bishops to be chosen to be made a Cardinal, at a Consistory on 27th August, at the Vatican.

The Most Reverend Ferrao became the first-ever archbishop of Goa to be elevated to the cardinalate in 465 years and is only the sixth person of Goan origin to attain the rank.

Filipe Ferrao is one of two Indian prelates, the other being archbishop of Hyderabad Anthony Poola, taking the total number of Indian cardinals to six. The other four serving Cardinals in India being Cleemis Catholicos (Trivandrum), Telesphore Toppo (Ranchi), Oswald Gracias (Mumbai) and George Alencherry (Ernakulam).

Born in Aldona on 20th January, 1953, he studied at the seminary in Pune and was ordained a priest of the archdiocese on 28th October, 1979. Sent to Rome, he earned a degree in biblical theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University

before going to Belgium for further studies in catechesis and pastoral theology at the Lumen Vitae International Institute.

He was Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman from 1994 to 2004. He was appointed Archbishop-Patriarch on 21st March, 2004 and appointed Metropolitan on 25th November, 2006. He was elected Chairman of the Western Region Committee for Catechetics on December, 2012 and Chairman of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) Office of Education and Faith Formation in January 2016.

Presently he is also holding the responsibility as President of Conference of Catholic Bishops of India and member of the Central Committee of FABC since February 2019.

When appointed Cardinal, Filipe Ferrao will be entitled to participate in a conclave that will eventually find Pope Francis a successor. The 'red hats' as they are often called due to the colour of their zucchetto (skullcap), also serve as key papal advisors and as members of Vatican offices and councils.

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38th Death Anniversary of the founder of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra, Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues, commemorated with the launch of website: www.agnelashram.org

2nd June was a special day at Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandstand, Bandra. The 38th death anniversary of its Founder, Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues (27-3-2012 to 22-6-1984), was commemorated with a High Mass and a function at the Ashram Library.

In his welcome address to the distinguished gathering, Fr. Valerian D'Souza, the Superior of Fr. Agnel Ashram, extolled the virtues of the Founder as a Visionary, Freedom Fighter, Educationist and Philosopher. Floral tributes were paid to the great stalwart of India.

On this special occasion, the website of Fr. Agnel Ashram (www.agnelashram.org) was launched by a student from Balbhavan, a home for orphan boys, who represented other boys, not only from the home in Bandra but from across all other centres and Agnel institutions in India.

The website features weekly announcements, the history of Fr. Agnel Ashram which was founded on 9th June, 1957 and Balbhavan. It also traces the life of Venerable Fr. Agnelo D'Souza and the cause for his beatification. A separate section is dedicated to Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues and his motto: 'My Land and My People: It is all that matters.'

The Picture Gallery consists of a pictorial journey of various events being held at Agnel Ashram such as Balbhavan Day and Agnel Jayanti.

The website has a special section for accepting donations for various causes online. Among several other activities, the Ashram distributes grocery items to the poor every month, provides computers and laptops for its students and provides meals for the needy.

The Ashram also has the well-established Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, besides the Agnel Technical High School and Junior College on its premises.

Fr. Agnel Ashram draws thousands of devotees every day and innumerable favours have been granted. Devotees come from all over India and the world to venerate the relics of Fr. Agnelo D'Souza. The Ashram Fathers carry on the rich legacy of the Founder, Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues.



Rev. Fr. Valerian D'Souza, Superior of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra, addressing the gathering.



The Ashram Clergy paying floral tributes to the Founder.



One of the Balbhavan inmates launching the website.



At the launch of the Fr. Agnel Ashram website.

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