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ST. VINCENT COLLEGE
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A New Beginning: Welcoming the Academic Year 2025–26

June 2025

June 2025 at St. Vincent College was marked by a vibrant confluence of career empowerment, faculty development, community service, and holistic well-being. The month kicked off with the “**Campus to Tech-enabled Financial Careers (C2FC) Career Fest 2024–25**”, organized in collaboration with the TNS India Foundation. This impactful placement drive brought together over 90 students from across Pune, offering them a platform to engage with evolving industry demands and explore tech-integrated financial careers.

The college hosted a deeply reflective week-long **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** from 15th June onwards. Rooted in Ignatian pedagogy and guided by esteemed Jesuit educators, the FDP nurtured not only professional growth but also rekindled the spiritual and ethical core of teaching. Through thoughtful discussions on the NEP, academic leadership, and cura personalis, faculty members found renewed purpose and connection.

Demonstrating our commitment to social responsibility, the NSS unit, led by Dr. Gilbi John and Dr. Vishal Bhavre, extended compassionate **service to Warkaris** during the sacred Wari pilgrimage. On 21st June, volunteers offered water, nourishment, and rest to weary pilgrims—a simple yet profound expression of empathy and cultural respect. Coinciding with this spirit of seva, the college also embraced self-care and mindfulness by **celebrating International Yoga Day**. Under the guidance of Dr. Yogesh Mate, the session provided Warkaris and educators alike with tools to manage stress and enhance well-being through yoga and meditation.

The momentum of innovation continued with a **seminar on Artificial Intelligence in Academia**, conducted in collaboration with NIIT. Faculty were introduced to AI-powered tools that can transform teaching, research, and administrative efficiency—equipping them to lead in a digitally evolving educational landscape.

As June seamlessly transitioned into July, these initiatives laid a strong foundation for the academic journey ahead, culminating in a well-structured orientation for second- and third-year B.Com students. While July carried forward the momentum with its own set of academic and career-focused activities, June stands out as a month where tradition, technology, and compassion walked hand in hand—accompanying in a deeper, more purposeful approach to education.



July 2025

As the academic year 2025–26 began, St. Vincent College welcomed a new batch of students with a spirit of hope, purpose, and holistic formation. July has been a vibrant and transformative month, marked by orientation, reflection, and meaningful engagement, setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

The month commenced with a comprehensive **orientation program for F.Y.B.A. and F.Y.B.Com** students, designed to guide them through their transition into college life. From 5th to 10th July, a series of insightful sessions introduced students to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the multidisciplinary curriculum, and the academic framework of their respective courses. The orientation also included a session by Unique Academy on Indian and international certification courses such as CA, CFA, and ACCA, broadening students' career perspectives. An anti-addiction seminar and an informative interaction with representatives from Swargate Police Station emphasized personal safety, discipline, and responsible citizenship.

Adding to the academic momentum, a **seminar on “Careers in Accounting and Finance”** was conducted on 10th July in collaboration with the Financial Planning Academy, Mumbai, providing commerce students with valuable insights into the financial sector and professional pathways.

Beyond orientation, the college community engaged in several impactful initiatives. The AICUF unit organized a **rural immersion program in Pathardi village, Nagar**, under the guidance of Dr. Gilbi John and Dr. Milind Gaikwad. Students lived with the local community, learned about the Karanji watershed project from Father Sunil, interacted with the Dombari acrobats and Kumbharwada potters, and visited the Medical Mission Sisters' neonatal care center, deepening their understanding of rural life and social justice.

In **celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, AICUF hosted **“Embark”**, a **freshers' meet** anchored by Brother Irivo, Amar, and Naveen, fostering fellowship and introducing new students to the values of faith and service. This was followed by an **elocution competition** on 30th July on the theme “Impact of St. Ignatius of Loyola”, where students eloquently reflected on his enduring legacy in education and spirituality.

The month of July also saw a **Parents-Teachers Meeting** on 12th, which strengthened collaboration and transparency by informing parents about NEP, academic policies, and student support systems. On 3rd July, the year-long **interfaith dialogue series**, conducted in collaboration with Snehsadan Institute, **concluded with a powerful seminar and felicitation ceremony**. The event, graced by Fr. Dr. Francis Gonsalves, S.J. as Chief Guest, honored contributors like Mr. Ervad Jamshed, Ms. Jacinta Bastian, Mr. Shamsuddin Tamboli, Mr. N.P. Bakshi, and Fr. Peter D'Cruz SJ for their dedication to communal harmony.

These events collectively reflect St. Vincent College's mission to nurture not only academic excellence but also character, compassion, and social responsibility. As we step into the new academic year, we do so with renewed faith in the transformative power of education.

“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam” – For the Greater Glory of God.

ACTIVITIES

JUNE 2025

TNS Placement drive



On 5th June 2025, St. Vincent College hosted the “Campus to Tech-enabled Financial Careers (C2FC) Career Fest 2024–25,” a dynamic placement drive organized by the TNS India Foundation. The event marked a significant milestone in the college’s efforts to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry-ready career pathways, particularly in the

rapidly evolving intersection of finance, technology, and digital services. The career fest attracted over 90 enthusiastic students from St. Vincent College as well as several other institutions across Pune, creating a vibrant atmosphere of ambition, preparation, and opportunity.

The day began with a brief orientation session where representatives from the TNS India Foundation outlined the objectives of the initiative, emphasizing the importance of adaptability, digital literacy, and soft skills in today’s competitive job market. Students were encouraged to embrace tech-enabled roles that value both domain knowledge and technological skills. The placement process that followed was structured to assess candidates through a combination of aptitude evaluations, communication rounds, and personal interviews, ensuring a holistic review of each participant’s potential.



St. Vincent College expressed its gratitude to the TNS India Foundation for their vision and execution, and reaffirmed its commitment to hosting such career-enabling initiatives regularly.



St. Vincent College, Pune



FDP for faculty



From 15th June 2025, St. Vincent College hosted a week-long Faculty Development Program (FDP). Organised with the intention of deepening both professional competence and institutional identity, the program brought together faculty members from across departments for a series of thoughtful sessions that blended academic insight with ethical grounding. The FDP began with a powerful address by a Fr. John Ravi SJ from Delhi, whose deep engagement with educational policy offered a nuanced understanding of the National Education Policy (NEP) and its far-reaching implications. He didn't just outline structural

changes—multidisciplinary learning, credit systems, or skill integration—but framed them within a larger question: What kind of education do we want to offer in a time of rapid change? Several other Jesuit educators from the Pune Province joined as resource persons, each bringing years of experience in both academic and administrative roles. Father Robert, in particular, led a series of engaging sessions on academic leadership, classroom management, and the everyday realities of teaching in a diverse college environment. Speaking with warmth and candor, he shared practical strategies for building trust with students, managing difficult conversations, and creating a classroom atmosphere where every student feels seen. He emphasized that discipline isn't about control, but about creating a space where learning can truly happen.



A significant part of the week was dedicated to Ignatian Pedagogy. The idea that teaching begins with knowing the student, not just the subject, resonated deeply. Discussions on Jesuit values—*cura personalis* (care for the whole person), *Magis* (the pursuit of excellence), and men and women for and with others—were woven naturally into the sessions.



The week unfolded at a gentle pace—long enough to absorb ideas, pause, and rethink. There were no flashy presentations or overwhelming schedules. Instead, there were conversations over tea, shared meals, and moments of silence that allowed space for introspection. By the end, many faculty members remarked not on how much they had “learned,” but on how they felt reconnected—to their purpose, to each other, and to the deeper reason they chose teaching in the first place.

Participation, social outreach on occasion of Wari



On the morning of 21st June 2025, as the sacred Palkhi of Lord Vitthal began its grand arrival in Pune, the spirit of seva (selfless service) came alive through a heartfelt social outreach initiative led by the faculty members Dr. Gilbi John, Dr. Vishal Bhavre and the NSS unit of St. Vincent College. Guided by Dr. Vishal Bhavre, the NSS programme officer, the team gathered

early at a designated resting point along the pilgrimage route to welcome the weary Warkaris who had walked miles, often for days, in devotion and faith. The event was not organized as a formal programme, but rather as a genuine expression of respect and solidarity with the pilgrims, rooted in the values of compassion, community, and cultural reverence.



Understanding the physical toll of the long journey, the team focused on offering simple yet meaningful support. Volunteers set up a small but well-organized service station where arriving pilgrims were warmly greeted and offered cool drinking water, ORS packets, nimbu pani, and light snacks such as chana, poha, and biscuits—nourishment that could replenish their energy and sustain them for the next leg of their journey. Hygiene kits containing hand sanitizers, wet wipes, and caps were also distributed, especially helpful in the summer heat. For the elderly and those showing signs of fatigue, volunteers provided shaded resting spots and

assisted with footwear care, mending torn slippers where possible.

What made the outreach particularly touching was the personal connection it fostered. Faculty members and students didn't just hand out items—they sat beside the pilgrims, shared conversations, listened to their stories of faith and struggle, and at times, even joined them in singing abhangs. The presence of the NSS unit gave the effort a sense of purpose and continuity, aligning with the spirit of civic responsibility that the organization stands for.



Yoga day Workshop



On 21st June 2025, St. Vincent College celebrated International Yoga Day with a dedicated yoga session and training program organized by the faculty members and student volunteers of the college. The event was led by Dr. Yogesh Mate, a respected faculty member and passionate advocate of holistic well-being. Held at a serene outdoor venue conducive to mindfulness and relaxation, the session was designed to help participants—especially educators and students—manage the physical and mental demands of their academic journey through the practice of yoga.

Under Dr. Mate's expert guidance, participants engaged in a well-structured yoga session that included a series of preparatory warm-up exercises, a sequence of asanas (yoga postures) aimed at improving flexibility, strength, and posture, followed by pranayama (breath control techniques) to enhance respiratory efficiency and mental clarity. The session also incorporated a guided meditation practice, allowing attendees to experience deep relaxation and mental rejuvenation. Special attention was given to yoga practices that alleviate common issues faced by educators and students—such as back pain, eye strain, fatigue, and anxiety—by incorporating gentle stretches, neck and shoulder releases, and calming breathing patterns. The 2025 International Yoga Day celebration served not only as a meaningful observance but as a powerful reminder of the importance of self-care in sustaining a healthy, productive, and balanced academic life.





Seminar on AI for the faculty



A seminar on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academic and research practices was successfully conducted for the faculty members of St. Vincent College on 24th June 2025. Organized in collaboration with NIIT, the seminar aimed to equip educators with practical knowledge

and tools to integrate AI into their teaching methodologies, research work, and administrative tasks. The session was led by Mr. Shubham Rajput, a seasoned resource person and AI specialist from NIIT, who brought valuable industry insights and hands-on expertise to the discussion. The theme of the seminar, “Leveraging AI for Teachers: Enhancing Research, Teaching, and Productivity,” resonated strongly with the participants, reflecting the growing need for digital transformation in higher education.

The seminar began with an overview of AI and its evolving role in the education sector. The resource person explained how AI is not merely a technological advancement but a powerful enabler that can streamline academic workflows, support data-driven research, and foster innovative teaching strategies. Faculty members were introduced to a range of AI-powered tools designed specifically for educators, including platforms for automating lesson planning, generating interactive content, creating assessments, and providing personalized feedback to students. Demonstrations were conducted to show how tools like AI-based summarizers, citation generators, grammar enhancers, and literature review assistants can significantly reduce the time and effort involved in academic writing and research documentation.



The session concluded with a hands-on demonstration and a question-and-answer round, during which faculty members actively participated, sharing their challenges and seeking practical solutions.



Orientation for the S.Y. and T.Y.B.Com

A comprehensive orientation program was conducted on 25th and 26th July 2025 for the second and third-year Bachelor of Commerce students at St. Vincent College, Pune. The orientation for second-year students focused on the academic structure and opportunities introduced under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Students were given a thorough understanding of the NEP's key components, including the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS), interdisciplinary learning, multiple entry and exit options, and a flexible curriculum that encourages holistic development. Emphasis was placed on the importance of credit accumulation, semester-wise planning, and the grading system. The session also covered the process of selecting specializations and elective subjects, enabling students to make informed decisions based on their interests and career goals. Various subject categories such as Discipline-Specific Electives, Generic Electives, and Skill Enhancement Courses were explained in detail, highlighting their academic and practical relevance. Students were introduced to digital learning platforms, library resources, and mentorship initiatives available at the college to support their academic journey.

In contrast, the orientation for third-year students was designed in alignment with the 2019 university syllabus pattern, as this batch is not governed by the NEP framework. The session provided a detailed overview of the final-year curriculum, with attention to advanced and application-based subjects that form the core of their academic year. Guidance was given on the completion of the mandatory research project, including topic selection, methodology, report writing, and presentation skills. Faculty emphasized the importance of timely submission and academic integrity in project work. In addition, students received valuable insights into career pathways, including options for higher education such as postgraduate programs and professional certifications. Information was shared about competitive entrance exams, skill development courses, and certification programs that can enhance employability. A segment on placement opportunities and alumni experiences was included to inspire students and help them visualize their future trajectories. The role of internships, soft skills, and professional networking was also discussed to prepare students for the transition from college to career.

The program concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session that allowed students from both years to clarify doubts related to academics, examinations, project work, and future planning.



July 2025

An Interfaith Dialogue Seminar and Felicitation Ceremony

An Interfaith Dialogue Seminar was held on 3rd July at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent College, organized by AICUF. The event served as the concluding program of a year-long series of interfaith initiatives

undertaken through the collaborative efforts of the Snehsadan Institute, the college's faculty, and its management.

This culminating seminar reflected a deep and sustained commitment to promoting mutual understanding, respect, and harmony among people of

diverse religious backgrounds, emphasizing the importance of dialogue in building a more peaceful and inclusive society.



Following the seminar, a felicitation ceremony was held to honor individuals who played a significant role in the success of the year-long interfaith journey. The chief guest for the occasion was Reverend Father Dr. Francis Gonsalves, S.J., a distinguished theologian and prominent advocate of interreligious dialogue in India. In his address, Fr. Gonsalves praised the initiative as a courageous and prophetic witness to the power of dialogue in times of growing polarization. The ceremony honored several individuals whose consistent dedication and selfless service had greatly contributed to the interfaith mission. Mr. Ervad Jamshed, Ms. Jacinta Bastian, Mr. Shamsuddin Tamboli, Mr. N.P. Bakshi, and Father Peter D'Cruz SJ were felicitated with tokens of appreciation and recognition for their invaluable efforts in fostering unity and understanding across religious lines. Their collective work throughout the year had inspired students, faculty, and community members alike, proving that sustained dialogue can sow seeds of peace and trust even in complex social landscapes.



Orientation for F.Y.B.Com Students



An orientation program for the first-year Bachelor of Commerce (F.Y.B.Com) students was conducted at St. Vincent College from 5th to 10th July 2025, marking the beginning of their academic journey with a comprehensive and enriching introduction to college life, curriculum, and values. The five-day program was meticulously planned to help students transition smoothly from high school to higher education by familiarizing them with the academic framework, institutional ethos, and various support systems available on campus.

The inauguration of the orientation took place on 5th July 2025 with a warm welcome and an insightful session by Dr. Franklin Salvi, who introduced the students to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He explained its transformative vision, including the multidisciplinary structure, choice-based credit system,



and skill-oriented learning, helping students understand the flexibility and opportunities within their course. This was followed by an inspiring address by Fr. Robert Das, S.J., who spoke on the theme of nurturing responsible and dynamic youth, encouraging students to develop leadership, integrity, and social consciousness. A subsequent session by Mr. Radhakrushna Thange, Sister Mareena and Dr. Archana Nair provided an overview of the various student clubs, associations, and forums in the college, emphasizing the importance of co-curricular participation in holistic development.



On the second day, Mr. Renson Vaz delivered a career-oriented session on the journey from campus to corporate life, highlighting the diverse career paths available to commerce students and the skills required to succeed in a competitive environment. This was followed by a meaningful discourse by Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta, S.J., who spoke about Jesuit values and Ignatian pedagogy, urging students to pursue excellence with empathy and purpose. He also offered practical guidance on managing academic pressure, making ethical choices, and embracing challenges with resilience. The day continued with a detailed presentation by Professor Mate on the library's resources and research facilities, equipping students with the knowledge to utilize academic materials effectively for their studies.



The third day began with a session by Dr. Gilbi John, conducted in collaboration with Unique Academy, focusing on Indian and international certification courses that complement a commerce degree, such as CA, CMA, ACCA, and CFA, thereby broadening students' academic and career horizons.

Mr. Shahzad Nariman then conducted a practical workshop on making effective PowerPoint presentations, a vital skill for academic and professional success. The session was interactive and well-received, enabling students to enhance their communication and presentation abilities. Later, an anti-addiction seminar sensitized students to the dangers of substance abuse and promoted a healthy, focused lifestyle. This was followed by an important session conducted by representatives from Swargate Police Station, who educated students about local rules, safety measures, and civic responsibilities, fostering a sense of discipline and awareness.

The orientation concluded on 10th July 2025 with an introductory session on the different subjects and specializations that are available. Throughout the orientation, faculty members and guest resource persons created a welcoming and intellectually stimulating environment, ensuring that students not only gained essential knowledge but also felt connected to the college community.



Orientation for F.Y.B.A Students

An orientation program for the newly admitted students of F.Y.B.A. was conducted at St. Vincent College on 5th July, marking the beginning of their academic journey in higher education. The program was thoughtfully designed to familiarize students with the foundational aspects of their course, the academic structure under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and the various facilities and support systems available at the college.

The session was led by Sister Mareena, who guided the students through a comprehensive overview



of the NEP framework, explaining its key components such as the multidisciplinary approach, choice-based credit system (CBCS), semester pattern, skill-enhancement courses, and the concept of multiple exit and entry options. She also elaborated on the college's pedagogical methods, emphasizing the shift from rote learning to

student-centered, experiential, and holistic learning. Students were introduced to the academic calendar, internal assessment structure, and the importance of co-curricular and community engagement in their overall development.



The orientation continued in the following week with a special session on 9th July, graced by Fr. Dr. Kenneth Misquitta, S.J., the Director of St. Vincent College. Addressing the students with warmth and wisdom, Fr. Misquitta spoke at length about the Jesuit

educational philosophy and Ignatian values that form the foundation of the institution. He emphasized principles such as cura personalis (care for the whole person), magis (the pursuit of excellence), and being “men and women for and with others.”

Seminar on “Careers in Accounting and Finance” by Financial Planning Academy

A seminar on “Careers in Accounting and Finance” was organized at St. Vincent College on 10th July, in collaboration with the Financial Planning Academy, a reputed institute based in Mumbai specializing in financial education and career guidance. The event was aimed at providing students, particularly those pursuing commerce and management disciplines, with comprehensive insights into the diverse and evolving career opportunities in the fields of accounting, finance, and financial planning.

The seminar was conducted by Mr. Siddhant, whose engaging and interactive approach made the session both informative and inspiring. Mr. Siddhant provided a clear roadmap of the academic and professional qualifications required for various finance careers, including CA, CFA, CPA, ACCA, CS, CMA, and MBA in Finance. The session also covered emerging trends such as digital accounting, automation in finance, and the role of data analysis in financial decision-making.



PTA meeting

A Parents-Teachers Meeting was held on 12th July at St. Vincent College, with the primary aim of helping parents become familiar with various aspects of college life, academic expectations, and institutional policies, thereby fostering transparency and trust between the college and the families of students. It also served as an important opportunity to orient parents about the transformative changes being introduced through the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its implementation in the current academic framework. Parents were informed about the shift toward a flexible, multidisciplinary curriculum that allows students to choose skill-based electives, earn credits through internships, and explore interdisciplinary learning. The introduction of the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS), the semester pattern, and the holistic progress card were explained in simple terms, ensuring that parents could grasp how their children's academic performance would be assessed and nurtured under the new system. Special attention was given to demystifying concepts such as multilingualism, Indian knowledge systems, and experiential learning, which are integral to the NEP's vision.

In addition to academic updates, the meeting also covered broader aspects of campus life, including attendance norms, examination procedures, co-curricular opportunities, and student support services such as counseling and career guidance. Parents were introduced to the college's digital platforms used for academic communication and progress tracking, reinforcing the institution's commitment to transparency and regular feedback. The role of mentors and class teachers in monitoring student engagement and well-being was also highlighted. This was followed by an interactive session, during which parents actively participated by asking questions and sharing their concerns and the faculty members responded with patience and clarity, addressing all the queries.



Installation of students on various posts for Career Parliament



In celebration of World Youth Skills Day on 15th July, St. Vincent College proudly inaugurated the “Career Parliament” under the prestigious “Career Katta” initiative, a joint endeavor by the Maharashtra State Department of Higher and Technical Education and the Maharashtra Technology Support Centre. The Career Parliament

is a unique student-led platform designed to bridge the gap between students and government employment, education, and entrepreneurship initiatives. It aims to foster leadership, civic responsibility, and informed decision-making among youth by creating a structured system where student representatives are entrusted with disseminating vital



career-related information.



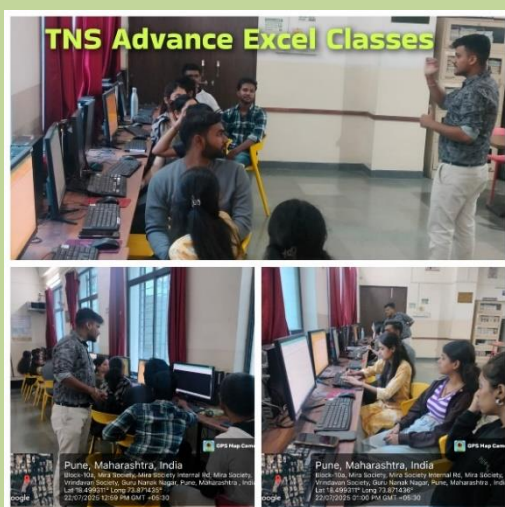
The installation ceremony was held in the college auditorium and graced by the Principal of St. Vincent College, faculty members, and administrative staff. The newly selected student members of the Career Parliament took a formal oath of commitment and service,

administered by the Principal, pledging to serve as informed and responsible ambassadors of career guidance within the campus. Each representative is assigned the responsibility of staying updated on relevant state and central government schemes related to their portfolio and disseminating the information amongst other students.



TNS India Foundation CSR project - Free training on Excel and Power BI

Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of TNS India, a three-month skill development course in Microsoft Excel and Power BI was launched at St. Vincent College in June 2025 and will continue until the end of August 2025. The program aims to empower students with in-demand digital skills that enhance employability and support academic excellence.



The course is being conducted by multiple trained faculty members from TNS India, a reputed organization in the field of education and skill development. Their expertise ensures that students receive high-quality, hands-on training in data management, analysis, visualization, and reporting tools widely used across industries. The training is being offered free of cost, making it accessible to all students, particularly those from economically underprivileged backgrounds. It aligns with the college's mission of holistic and inclusive education, while also bridging the digital skill gap among youth.

Rural Immersion Programme



The AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) Unit of St. Vincent College successfully conducted a transformative Rural Immersion Program in Pathardi village, Nagar district, from 22nd to 24th of July. The program, aimed at fostering social awareness, empathy, and experiential learning, was conducted under the able guidance of faculty member Dr. Gilbi John, whose constant support enriched the students' understanding throughout the journey.

The students were warmly hosted by a Jesuit, Father Sunil, a dedicated social worker and community leader, who served as their guide and mentor during the immersion. He provided insightful orientation on the Karanji Watershed Program, a pioneering community-led initiative for water conservation and sustainable agriculture which has transformed the agrarian economy and ecological health of the region.

As part of the cultural and social exposure, students visited Kumbharwada, where they interacted with local potters. They also met the Dombari community, traditional acrobats and performers, who shared their rich cultural heritage, folk art, and the socio-economic struggles they face in preserving their identity in contemporary society. The students further engaged with the Medical Mission Sisters, who run a neonatal care hospital and a hostel for girls in the village. Additionally, the immersion included a session on horticulture farming, where local farmers introduced the students to sustainable farming practices, organic cultivation, and



the economic potential of horticulture in rural livelihoods.



Seminar by Poise academy on “Careers in aviation industry”



A career awareness seminar on “Careers in the Aviation Industry” was successfully organized at St. Vincent College on 24th July in the college seminar hall. The event was conducted in collaboration with Poise Academy, a well-known air hostess and aviation career training institute based in Pune, recognized for its professional grooming and placement-oriented programs. The seminar aimed to guide and inspire

students—especially those interested in dynamic, service-oriented careers—about the diverse opportunities in the aviation sector, with a special focus on roles such as flight attendants (air hostesses/stewards), ground staff, customer service executives, and hospitality personnel in airports and airlines.

The session was led by trained professionals and career counselors from Poise Academy, who shared valuable insights into the structure of the aviation industry, eligibility criteria, and the step-by-step pathway to entering the field. They emphasized the importance of personality development, communication skills, grooming, and confidence—key attributes required for success in this competitive sector. This seminar served as a significant step in career guidance, helping students understand the realities and rewards of a career in aviation and equipping them with direction and motivation.



Embark Programme by AICUF

The AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) Unit of St. Vincent College organized a vibrant and welcoming event titled "Embark" on 26th July in the college auditorium. Designed as a freshers' meet, the event aimed to warmly welcome first-year students into the AICUF family and introduce them to the mission, values, and activities of the organization.

The program was anchored by Brother Irivo, Amar, and Naveen, whose engaging and lively presence set a joyful and inclusive tone for the evening. The event began with a prayer, followed by a brief introduction to AICUF's vision of fostering faith, leadership, and social responsibility among students. To foster bonding and break the ice, the event included fun-filled team games, group activities, and experience-sharing circles. "Embark" successfully fulfilled its purpose of integrating new students into the AICUF fold in a spirit of joy, openness, and fellowship.



Interviews for student council and various committees

Interviews for the Student Council and various student committees were conducted on 29th July at St. Vincent College, in the college seminar hall. The committees included AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation), MTVM (Mother Teresa Vidyarthini Manch), Media Team, and Event Management Committee. The selection process was organized to identify enthusiastic, responsible, and talented students to take on leadership and active roles in campus activities for the academic year.

The interviews were presided over by a panel of faculty members, who assessed the candidates based on their communication skills, leadership potential, sense of responsibility, initiative, and alignment with the values and objectives of the respective committees. This selection drive marks a significant step towards building a vibrant, responsible, and dynamic student leadership team committed to the holistic development of the college community.

Elocution competition on Occasion of Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

An elocution competition on the topic "Impact of St. Ignatius of Loyola" was successfully organized by the AICUF Unit of St. Vincent College on 30th July in the college reading hall. The event was held in anticipation of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, celebrated on 31st July, and aimed to deepen students' understanding of his life, spiritual legacy, and enduring influence on education, faith, and social justice.

The competition was judged by a panel comprising faculty members and senior AICUF coordinators, who evaluated the participants on content, expression, clarity, and confidence. As a token of recognition, the winner was awarded a cash prize of ₹2,250, presented during the closing ceremony by the faculty moderator of AICUF.



Webinar on occasion of Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

A special webinar was organized on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, celebrated on 31st July at 6:00 PM via Google Meet. The event was hosted by the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) at the national level, bringing together student members from various Catholic educational institutions across the country.



The theme of the webinar centered on the spiritual celebration of the feast, deepening prayer life, and sharing the core Ignatian values such as discernment, service, and commitment to justice. As part of this meaningful observance, students from the AICUF unit of St. Vincent College actively participated, engaging in reflections and discussions that highlighted the relevance of St. Ignatius's teachings in contemporary student life.

The session included a brief prayer service, followed by inspirational messages emphasizing the importance of faith, leadership, and social responsibility. Participants shared personal insights on how Ignatian spirituality inspires them to be compassionate and proactive agents of change in society.

The webinar not only fostered a sense of unity among AICUF members nationwide but also strengthened the spiritual and communal identity of our students. It served as a powerful reminder of the enduring legacy of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the call to "find God in all things."

As the academic year 2025–26 takes root, the vibrant array of events in the months of June and July—from the FDP's, comprehensive orientation and career guidance sessions to the rural immersion, interfaith dialogue, and value-based initiatives—have set a strong foundation for a year of learning, reflection, and service. These collective efforts embody the Ignatian spirit of *cura personalis* and *Magis*, nurturing students not only as scholars but as compassionate, socially aware, and responsible citizens. At St. Vincent College, education continues to be a transformative journey, rooted in faith, excellence, and a commitment to the greater good.

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