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Title of the Event	Social Analysis and Leadership Program 2025		
Date of the Event	6th February to the 9th of February 2025	Place of the event	Bengaluru
Objectives of the Event	The Social Analysis and Leadership Programme 2025 aimed to deepen participants’ understanding of structural injustices—such as caste, patriarchy, religious fundamentalism, and economic inequality—and to cultivate ethically grounded, socially conscious leadership rooted in the AICUF movement’s values.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Various AICUF representatives		
A short narration of the program			
Social Analysis and Leadership Programme 2025 From 6th to 9th February 2025, the Social Analysis and Leadership Training Programme was conducted at the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, under the auspices of the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF). Ms. Andrea Vaz, Ms. Candice Fernandes, and Ms. Loren Rosarius represented the Pune AICUF Unit and St. Vincent College, joining student delegates from across India for this intensive residential programme focused on critical social awareness, democratic engagement, and ethical leadership formation. The programme opened with a formal inauguration featuring a lamp-lighting ceremony by Fr. Anthony Dass SJ, Fr. Selvaraj SJ, and Fr. Jesu Benjamine SJ, followed by an orientation on the history, vision, and dynamics of the AICUF movement. The four-day curriculum combined theoretical grounding with reflective practice, featuring sessions led by Jesuit scholars, senior AICUF animators, and civil society practitioners. Key Thematic Sessions and Discussions: Introduction to Social Analysis (Fr. Selvaraj SJ): Participants explored the architecture of society through two analytical lenses—basic structures (patriarchy, gender inequality, caste hierarchy, and religious fundamentalism) and superstructures (economy, education, politics, and culture). Special emphasis was placed on how caste continues to shape social relations and institutional access in contemporary India. Gender Analysis (Volunteers, Gamana Mahila Sangha): This interactive session deconstructed gender stereotypes and examined how societal norms construct differentiated roles for men and women. Participants were encouraged to adopt a gender-sensitive perspective in analyzing social realities. Youth and Electoral Democracy (Fr. Francis Balaraj SJ):			



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Stressing the civic duty of youth, the session underscored the importance of informed political participation, critical engagement with governance, and the role of young voters in sustaining a vibrant democracy.

Religious Fundamentalism and Majoritarianism (Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ):

Fr. Prakash warned against the rise of the “3 Fs”—Fundamentalism, Fascism, and Fanaticism—as threats to India’s pluralistic fabric. He reaffirmed constitutional guarantees of religious freedom (Articles 25–28) and called for vigilant defense of secularism.

The Spirit and Relevance of AICUF (Marina D’Costa & Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ):

Senior AICUF members shared personal journeys of leadership formation, highlighting how the movement nurtures values-based engagement. Fr. Prakash introduced the “7 Cs” of AICUF leadership: Competency, Context, Compassion, Conscientization, Collaboration, Courage, and Commitment—a framework for transformative student leadership.

AICUF’s Role in Shaping a Secular and Progressive India (Mr. Babu Mathew, Kerala):

Drawing from decades of activism, Mr. Mathew reflected on constitutional values under threat and urged youth to become custodians of justice, equality, and fraternity.

Strength of the Youth Movement (Mr. Paul Newman):

He traced AICUF’s legacy of cultivating grassroots leaders and emphasized the need to strengthen student collectives as spaces of critical dialogue and social action.

Social-Psychological Challenges of Youth Today (Prof. Gladston):

This session examined how context shapes behavior and identity. A structured group discussion identified five key individual challenges—including mental health, academic pressure, identity crises, social alienation, and misinformation—and proposed practical, peer-driven solutions.

The programme also featured a Student Panel Discussion with representatives from Jharkhand, Mumbai, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, who shared regional perspectives on student activism, education equity, and community engagement. Evening sessions included cultural exchanges and daily Examen—a guided reflection rooted in Ignatian spirituality—to integrate learning with personal discernment.

The valedictory ceremony on 9th February honored all participants and animators with certificates, affirming their commitment to justice-oriented leadership. The event concluded with the singing of the AICUF Anthem, symbolizing unity and shared purpose.

This programme equipped participants with robust analytical tools to interrogate structural inequities while inspiring them to embody AICUF’s mission: forming leaders who are not only intellectually competent but also compassionate, conscientized, and courageous in building a more just and inclusive society.



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Name of the Collaborating Agency	Indian Social Institute, Bangalore and AICUF unit of St. Vincent College
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Participants developed critical analytical tools to examine socio-political realities, engaged with constitutional and democratic principles, and reflected on personal and collective responsibilities in building a just, secular, and inclusive society, guided by the “7 Cs” of AICUF leadership: Competency, Context, Compassion, Conscientization, Collaboration, Courage, and Commitment.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team (including AICUF animators and mentors) strengthened their capacity to facilitate transformative, values-based leadership formation at a national level, deepened inter-regional collaboration among student units, and refined methodologies for integrating Ignatian reflection with social analysis in youth engagement.
No. of Participants	3 Students representing AICUF Unit of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John (AICUF Coordinator)
Documents Attached	1. Attendance Sheet 2. Geotag photographs 3. Resume of resource persons if any 4. Copy of remuneration paid if any 5. Notice of the event 6. Thank you letter to the resource persons

Photographs





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DETERMINED NOT TO LEAVE IT AS WE HAVE FOUND IT."**



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