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Title of the Event	MISSION AICUF 2025		
Date of the Event	22nd of February 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	MISSION AICUF 2025 aimed to reintroduce and reaffirm the identity, mission, and vision of the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) across Pune’s higher education institutions, catalyze the formation of new campus units, and inspire youth to embrace critical consciousness, social responsibility, and collaborative leadership in alignment with AICUF’s centennial legacy.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Gilbi John and other AICUF members		
A short narration of the program			
On 22 February 2025, St. Vincent College hosted MISSION AICUF 2025, a strategic convening aimed at strengthening the presence of the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) across higher education institutions in Pune and catalyzing the formation of new campus units. The event brought together student representatives and faculty from St. Xavier’s College (Mumbai), St. Xavier’s Institute of Education, Christ College, Vidya Bhavan College, Don Bosco College, and St. Vincent College, underscoring AICUF’s commitment to collaborative, values-driven student leadership in Maharashtra. Marking the centenary of AICUF and the Golden Jubilee of St. Vincent College, the programme served as both a celebration of legacy and a forward-looking call to action—urging youth to embody the movement’s motto: “Going through in Challenge.” Keynote Addresses and Foundational Reflections The day commenced with a solemn invocation and lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a powerful address from Dr. Fr. Kenneth Misquitta, SJ, Director of St. Vincent College. Through a poignant experiential demonstration—wherein he directed a student to leave the hall without cause—Fr. Misquitta challenged participants to interrogate passive complicity in injustice. He emphasized that constitutional citizenship demands moral courage: “If you do not question wrong when you witness it, you betray the very ideals of justice and equality enshrined in our democracy.” Fr. Jesu Benjamine, SJ, National Advisor of AICUF and Chief Guest, delivered a reflective session on the Jesuit contribution to student formation, highlighting the integration of critical thinking, social consciousness, and spiritual depth as pillars of AICUF’s identity. He underscored the importance of			



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conscientization—the ability to read the world critically—and encouraged participants to contribute to Rally Magazine as a platform for student voice and intellectual engagement.

Ms. Andrea Vaz, National Co-Convenor and President of AICUF Pune-Maharashtra, provided a comprehensive overview of AICUF's mission: to form ethically grounded, socially responsive leaders committed to building a just and equitable society. She framed the event as a reaffirmation of institutional solidarity in advancing this vision.

Thematic Engagement: “From Inequality to Innovation”

A dynamic group discussion and panel dialogue, moderated by Br. Libin and Br. John, explored the theme “From Inequality to Innovation: Youth Shaping a Just and Sustainable Future.” Student panels presented nuanced analyses across six critical domains:

Mental Health & Addiction: Called for robust peer-support systems and destigmatization of psychological care.

Gender Equality: Advocated for inclusive discourse that addresses structural imbalances affecting all genders, including emerging concerns around men's emotional and legal rights.

Socioeconomic Disparities: Highlighted inequities in education, employment, and healthcare, urging policy reforms and institutional accountability.

Inclusive Education & Governance: Proposed mechanisms for transparent faculty-student dialogue, grievance redressal, and merit-based opportunity.

Climate Action: Promoted eco-literacy, organic farming, and green entrepreneurship as pathways to sustainability.

Financial Literacy: Stressed early education in savings, investment, and responsible consumption as essential life skills.

These deliberations reflected a generation acutely aware of systemic challenges and eager to co-create solutions.

Experiential Learning and Team Formation

The programme integrated experiential pedagogy to reinforce collaborative leadership. An icebreaker activity used symbolic puzzle pieces—each depicting a social issue—to foster group cohesion and thematic reflection. Later, a non-verbal team challenge required participants to construct newspaper towers without speech, cultivating trust, nonverbal communication, and adaptive problem-solving.



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These exercises were not merely recreational but pedagogical—designed to mirror the complexities of collective action in diverse, often siloed, social contexts.

Conclusion and Forward Vision

The day concluded with an Examen led by Br. Irvio, inviting participants to reflect on personal and communal commitments to justice. A commemorative magazine, chronicling 100 years of AICUF's journey with special focus on the Pune unit, was unveiled as a testament to sustained student activism.

In his valedictory remarks, Principal Dr. Anil Adsule lauded AICUF's role in nurturing "citizens with conscience," while State Animator Fr. Jesus Vivian Raja expressed gratitude for the national leadership's support and the students' vibrant engagement.

Certificates of participation were awarded to all attendees, affirming their role as ambassadors of the movement. The event closed with a group photograph and shared refreshments—a symbolic gesture of unity and shared purpose.

Significance and Impact

MISSION AICUF 2025 succeeded not only as an orientation, but as a formative encounter—reconnecting students with AICUF's foundational charism while equipping them with analytical tools, ethical frameworks, and collaborative networks to confront 21st-century challenges. It reaffirmed St. Vincent College's leadership in fostering critical, compassionate, and courageous student leadership—a legacy poised to shape Maharashtra's educational and social landscape for decades to come.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	AICUF
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Participants deepened their understanding of AICUF's foundational values—justice, fraternity, and conscientization—through thematic sessions, group discussions, and experiential activities; they also developed practical insights into addressing contemporary challenges such as inequality, mental health, climate change, and financial literacy through collective action and ethical discernment.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The St. Vincent College AICUF team enhanced its capacity in large-scale event coordination, inter-institutional engagement, and formational facilitation; the experience strengthened their role as mentors and movement-builders, equipping them to nurture emerging student leaders and sustain AICUF's presence across Maharashtra.
No. of Participants	Students of St. Vincent, St. Xaviers, Don Bosco, Vidya Bhavan and Christ College



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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



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