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Title of the Event	“Embark” – Freshers’ Welcome Programme by AICUF		
Date of the Event	July 26, 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The “Embark” programme aimed to warmly welcome first-year students into the AICUF community, introduce them to its mission of faith, leadership, and social responsibility, and foster a sense of belonging through inclusive, interactive engagement.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Gilbi John, Brother Irivo, Brother Amar and Naveen		
A short narration of the program			
<p>“Embark” – Freshers’ Welcome Programme by AICUF</p> <p>On the evening of July 26, 2025, the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) Unit of St. Vincent College hosted “Embark”, a thoughtfully curated welcome event for first-year students, held in the college auditorium. Designed not merely as an orientation but as an invitation into a community of shared values, the programme sought to warmly integrate new students into the AICUF fold while introducing them to its core mission of nurturing faith, leadership, and social responsibility within a university setting.</p> <p>The event was gracefully anchored by Brother Irivo, along with student coordinators Amar and Naveen, whose warm, energetic, and inclusive facilitation created an atmosphere of ease and belonging from the outset. The programme opened with a moment of prayer and reflection, grounding the evening in the spiritual ethos that underpins AICUF’s identity, while remaining open and respectful to students of all backgrounds.</p> <p>Following the invocation, a concise yet meaningful presentation outlined AICUF’s national vision and local initiatives, emphasizing its role as a student-led platform for personal growth, ethical discernment, and community engagement. Rather than a formal lecture, this segment was delivered as a conversational introduction, highlighting past activities—such as rural immersions, interfaith dialogues, and social outreach—and inviting newcomers to see themselves as future contributors.</p> <p>True to its purpose of fostering connection, the majority of the evening was dedicated to interactive, low-pressure group activities. Icebreaker games, collaborative team challenges, and small-circle sharing sessions</p>			



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allowed students to move beyond initial hesitations and begin forming friendships. These activities were intentionally designed to reflect AICUF’s values—encouraging active listening, mutual respect, and joyful participation—without requiring prior experience or religious affiliation.

Throughout the event, the tone remained light yet purposeful, balancing celebration with a gentle introduction to the deeper dimensions of AICUF’s work. By the conclusion, many first-year students expressed feeling welcomed, reassured, and curious to learn more about upcoming initiatives.

“Embark” thus succeeded not only as a social gathering but as a relational foundation for the academic year ahead. It embodied AICUF’s commitment to accompanying students from their very first steps on campus—offering not just activities, but a community rooted in compassion, shared purpose, and fellowship. In doing so, it reaffirmed St. Vincent College’s broader educational aim: to form individuals who grow not in isolation, but in meaningful connection with others.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	AICUF
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	New students gained a clear understanding of AICUF’s values and activities, felt welcomed in a supportive peer environment, and began building initial connections that encourage future participation in service, reflection, and leadership opportunities.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The AICUF student coordinators and faculty mentors strengthened their capacity to design relational, values-based orientation experiences, refined their peer-outreach strategies, and laid a solid foundation for sustained engagement with the incoming cohort throughout the academic year.
No. of Participants	Students of AICUF
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John
Documents Attached	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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