



St. Vincent College
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Title of the Event	Elocution Competition on the Occasion of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola		
Date of the Event	July 30, 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The elocution competition aimed to deepen students’ understanding of St. Ignatius of Loyola’s life and spiritual legacy, while encouraging them to reflect on and articulate the relevance of Ignatian values—such as discernment, service, and the pursuit of justice—in contemporary educational and social contexts.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Gilbi John		
A short narration of the program			
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On July 30, 2025, the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) Unit of St. Vincent College organized an elocution competition titled “Impact of St. Ignatius of Loyola” in the college reading hall, as a reflective and celebratory prelude to the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola observed annually on July 31. The event sought to engage students intellectually and spiritually with the life, vision, and enduring legacy of St. Ignatius—the 16th-century Spanish priest, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and architect of a transformative educational and spiritual tradition that continues to shape institutions like St. Vincent College. Open to students across disciplines, the competition invited participants to explore how St. Ignatius’s journey—from soldier to seeker, from self-centered ambition to a life of service—has influenced Jesuit education, faith formation, and the pursuit of justice in contemporary contexts. Speakers addressed themes such as discernment, cura personalis (care for the whole person), magis (the call to do more for the greater good), and the integration of faith with action—demonstrating both historical awareness and personal reflection. A panel of judges, comprising faculty members and senior AICUF student coordinators, evaluated performances based on substance of content, clarity of thought, vocal delivery, poise, and overall impact. Emphasis was placed not on rhetorical flourish alone, but on the speaker’s ability to connect Ignatian principles to real-life challenges in education, social equity, and ethical leadership. The entries reflected a			



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commendable depth of research, sincerity of expression, and growing familiarity with the college's foundational values.

At the conclusion of the event, the winner was awarded a cash prize of ₹2,250, presented by the AICUF faculty moderator during a brief closing ceremony. The modest yet meaningful recognition underscored the college's encouragement of intellectual engagement with its spiritual heritage.

More than a contest, the elocution served as a pedagogical moment—inviting students to move beyond passive reception of institutional identity toward active interpretation and articulation of its core ideals. In preparing and delivering their speeches, participants not only honed public speaking skills but also deepened their appreciation for how a 500-year-old spiritual vision continues to inspire critical thinking, compassion, and commitment to justice in today's world.

Held in a spirit of reverence and academic curiosity, the competition embodied St. Vincent College's commitment to forming students who are not only articulate but also thoughtful, values-driven, and rooted in a tradition that calls them to be "men and women for and with others."

Name of the Collaborating Agency	AICUF
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students enhanced their public speaking and critical thinking skills, developed a more nuanced appreciation of Jesuit educational philosophy, and connected Ignatian principles to personal and societal challenges through thoughtful, well-researched presentations.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The AICUF unit strengthened its capacity to design values-based academic events that blend intellectual engagement with spiritual reflection, while fostering student ownership of the college's mission and creating a platform for meaningful dialogue around institutional identity.
No. of Participants	20 Students
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John
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