

Protest Gathering to Release Social Worker and Tribal Rights Defender

Fr. Stan Swamy

Sacred Heart College, true to its mission and vision of working for the upliftment of the downtrodden and the oppressed, organised a protest gathering in Kamarajar Arangam at 9.30 a.m. on 27th October, 2020 demanding the release of the social worker and tribal rights defender Fr. Stan Swamy SJ, who was arrested in October 2020. The protest was chaired by Rev. Dr. John Alexander, the Secretary and Rector of the college. Rev. Fr. David Job, the Parish Priest of Tirupattur, began the protest with prayers. Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj, the Principal welcomed the gathering and Rev. Dr. Sr. Arockia Jayaseely, Head, Mary Immaculate Convent, gave an overall tone for the gathering by capturing vividly the self-sacrificing life of Fr. Stan Swamy in her fluent Tamil.

A number of speakers from various political parties and other organisations shared the stage and voiced their concern for the release of the tribal activist. They were: Mr. Nallathambi, Member of the Legislative Assembly - DMK, Tirupattur, Mr. K.C. Ezhilarasan, District Secretary, Dravida Kazhagam, Dr. S. Kishore Prasad, Congress Party, Mr. V. Kannadasan, District Secretary, MDMK, Mr. A.C. Swamykannu, District Secretary, Communist Party of India, Mr. B. Shakthivelm Marxist Party, Mr. R. Subash Chandrabose, District Secretary, Viduthalai Chiruthai Katchi, Mrs. Sneha, Lawyer and Member of the Revolutionary Party of the Youth, Mr.



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Sanahullah, District Secretary, Tamil Nadu Muslim Munnetra Kazhagam, Pastor Thomas, Secretary of the Vazhamai Foundation, Rev. Fr. Arulvazhan, Member of the Thurambar Community Association, Tiruvannamalai and Professor Dr. K. Parthibaraja, Member of Tamil Nadu Writers Association.



Fr. Stan Swamy, a Jesuit priest who was the voice of the marginalised tribal people in Jharkhand for more than four decades was arrested by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) on October 8, 2020 from his residence and imprisoned in Mumbai. A Tamilian hailing from Trichy, he sacrificed his life defending the rights and privileges of the tribals by his writings and speech. Having advanced in age with a number of health issues including Parkinson's is a cause of major concern and worry as he had been lodged in the prison with minimal facilities. He had been falsely accused and implicated to Bhima Koregaon riots that took place in Maharashtra in 2017. The sad fact was that Fr. Stan had not visited this place in his life time. In one of his interviews, he had claimed that his emails had been tampered and implicative materials had been interpolated which had led to his arrest. Though the octogenarian had extended cooperation with the investigation, none of the false accusations had been proved so far.

The speakers highlighted that the present ruling government suppresses the dissenting voices of intellectuals, puts behind bars the people who defend the rights of the poor and falsely implicates the human rights activists. One such example is Fr. Stan Swamy who became the voice of the voiceless tribal community of Jharkhand. The arrest of Stan was condemned by none other than the State Chief Minister Mr. H. D. Derosa. The protest concluded with Rev. Dr. John Alexander, Secretary and Rector of the college thanking participants for solidarity in taking part in the gathering and read out the 5-point resolutions. They were: to release Fr. Stan Swamy, Tribals Rights Defender, to stop unleashing of atrocities towards minorities across the country, to release other activists who have been falsely associated in Bhima Koregaon case, to preserve the freedom of speech and to stop the atrocities against people who fight for human rights respectively. The protest gathering was co-ordinated by Rev. Fr. Daniel Ambrose, Director, Don Bosco Centre, Sacred Heart College.



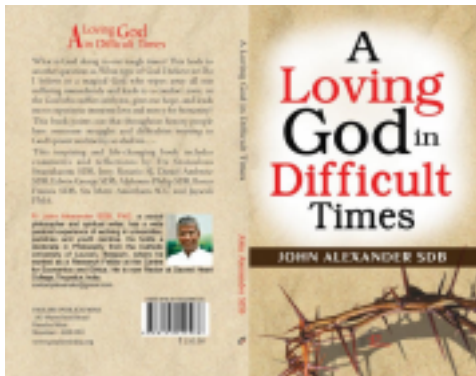
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A Loving Tribute to the Blessed Mother



The book titled *A Loving God in Difficult Times* authored by Rev.Dr. John Alexander SDB, Secretary was released by Rev.Dr. Praveen Peter SDB, COE & Vice Principal during the feast of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mother on 8th December, 2020. The book was published by Pauline Press, Mumbai. The first copies were received by Rev.Fr. Nallayan SDB, Rev.Sr. Alphonse FMA, Rev.Fr Maria Antony Raj SDB, Principal and the members of the Salesian Family respectively.



Lions Club, Tirupattur Honours the NSS Volunteers of Sacred Heart College



The International Associations of Lions Club (Dist.324 A4) together with Pride Lions Club and Rathana's Lions Club, Tirupattur appreciated the selfless and heroic services rendered by NSS Volunteers and Programme Officers of Sacred Heart College, in the activities pertaining to the containment and prevention of COVID -19 pandemic. In the special function held at Mahatma Gandhi Old Age Home, Tirupattur, on 4th October, 2020, Lion Rathina Natarajan and other Lions Club presidents appreciated the efforts put in by the Sacred Heart College NSS team and wished them well for the future endeavours. In his presidential address, Lion. K. Arunkumar, District Governor, thanked

the team for their selfless service and distributed the certificates and mementos to the NSS team. Acknowledging the appreciation, Dr. M. Antony Arockiasamy, NSS PO, Sacred Heart College, promised to work with Lions clubs for future endeavours in the service of humanity. The program was organised by Mr. S. K. Prasad, President, Tirupattur Rathana's Lions Club and the Founder and Director of Mahatma Gandhi Old Age Home.

Patent in the official Journal of Patent Office, Intellectual Property of India

The management, faculty and students community whole hearty congratulates Mr. R. Denis, Assistant Professor, PG Department of Computer Science for his Patent and bringing laurels to the institution. Prof. R. Denis has published a Patent in the official Journal of Patent Office, Intellectual Property of India (Journal No. 34/2020 Dated: 21/08/2020) and the title of the invention is "Automatic Fault Failure Detection Mechanism Of Electronic Circuit Board Of Consumer Appliances Using Image Processing Algorithm". The objective of the Patent is to improve the fault detecting capability of the PCB-AFD system using a machine learning algorithm-based image matching method. Today, the manufacturing industries are interested in having an automatic fault detecting system for practical inspection of the failure portion in the complex circuit layout on PCB. It takes an in-depth investigation to identify the root cause for the unknown fault occurrence in the PCB fabrication process. Therefore, the focus of the research is to provide a friable solution through an automatic fault detecting system using a machine learning algorithm for accurate fault identification of PCB.

Webinar on Developing Writing Skills and Avoiding Common Errors



The Department of English (Shift-I), Sacred Heart College, organised a webinar on the topic Developing Writing Skills and Avoiding Common Errors in English on 03rd February, 2021. Dr. M.A. Sahul Hameed, Associate Professor of English, VIT University, Vellore, was the resource person. The webinar began at 2.00 p.m through Google Meet. Students from General English classes and B.A. English (Shift-I) were invited to the webinar. The resource person was very precise in his talk aug-

menting the need for developing the writing skills. He discussed the various ways in which they can develop their writing skills. He insisted on learning five new words every day and keeping a diary to note down everything what they learn. Further he added that, without reading it is not possible to develop our writing skills. Therefore he suggested a few authors, mostly Indian Writers for developing their reading habit. He also pointed out how punctuations and spelling mistake can alter the meaning of the usage of a word and how a word can be used in different contexts. About 100 students took part in the webinar.

17th Blood Donation Camp – 2021

The P.G. & Research Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) Tirupattur in collaboration with CMC Hospital, Vellore organised a Blood Donation Camp on 10th February, 2021. The programme began with a welcome address followed by prayer song. The students were addressed on the importance of donating blood by Rev. Fr. J. Andrews Raja, Head, Department of Social Work. The medical team went through a scientific process of screening the donors by HB test and suitable members alone were allowed to donate. Refreshment was given to the donors. Students who were found not eligible to donate blood were guided by the doctors on how to take care of their health. About 149 units of blood were collected from the students of various departments. The event was coordinated by Mr. Arul, CMC Hospital, Vellore and Dr. K. Arokiaraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work.



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY



The Tamil Nadu State Women's Commission celebrated Anti-Human Trafficking Day on 2nd August, 2022 in the premises of Sacred Heart College. The PG students from the Department of Social Work and Counseling Psychology participated in the event. Mrs. Sneha, Advocate and Social Welfare Activist, Mr. Senthil, SRDPS (Women and Children Home) and dignitaries from TN Police Department graced the occasion. The event focused on: human trafficking, who easily

gets trafficked, what are the purpose, where can we get help and whom do we need to report. The key idea include: prevention, rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration. Mrs. Sneha spoke in detail about how easily the offenders prey on their victims. Mrs. Veni, Chief Police Personal discussed about the recent cases she dealt and shared the help line number to contact. Mr. Senthil spoke in detail about the service they render from his office and he also shared about the story of the recent inmates/victims they are helping. A pamphlet was shared with all the necessary details about his office, work, child and women help line numbers with the students.



INAUGURATION OF PG CLASSES 2022-2023 SHIFT - I

The PG Courses for the new academic year 2022-23 were inaugurated on 1st August, 2022. The programme began with prayer service by Rev. Dr. Gandhi Kallarasan, SDB, Campus Minister. Rev. Dr. John Alexander, SDB, Rector and Secretary delivered the new academic year message: the importance of 'Synodality and Excellence'. He also expressed his happiness over the institution's 82nd place in NIRF ranking. The programme was also energized with the new academic year message by Rev. Dr. Amirtaraj, SDB, Professor of Theology and Administrator of Arumbu Publication, Chennai. He infused the importance of value systems in life that adds merit to education.

Dr. S.R. Xavier Rajarathinam, Vice Principal – Academic (Shift I) introduced the Academic Executives of the College, Heads of the Department and various office bearers. Dr.J. Sasiganth, Dean, AICTE also explained the rules and regulations that the students have to adhere during their stay in the college. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Arockiamary. R, Dean (Women Students- AICTE). Rev. Dr. G. Theophil Anand, SDB, Vice Principal –Administration (Shift I), Dr. M. Vincent Sahayaraj, President, Fine Arts (Shift – I) and Dr.Amala, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Microbiology coordinated the event respectively.



“பன்னாட்டு முதலாளித்துவம் - சூழலியல் - வேளாண்மை”



The Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the Department of Tamil (Shift II) & Department of Social Work organized the Lecture titled “பன்னாட்டு முதலாளித்துவம் - சூழலியல் - வேளாண்மை” on 7th March, 2023. The resource person was V. Nakkeran, Environmentalist & M. Pamayan, Agricultural Scientist. Dr. S. Xavier Rajarathinam, Head, Department of Chemistry, welcomed the gathering, he expressed the younger generation

should possess good conscientious knowledge about the world they live in. Dr. Muthaiyan. N, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil (Shift 2), introduced the chief guest. Dr. Balasubramaniam. P, Head, Department of Tamil (Shift II), made a special address where he spoke on the books “காடோடி” and “திணையியல் கோட்பாடு” being part of the syllabus in the Department of Tamil (Shift 2), he also expressed that this moment of having V. Nakkeeran and M. Pamayan was very special.

Environmentalist V. Nakkeran spoke on the richness of the rain forests in India. Nature is simpler than we think and we complicate the concepts of nature extravagantly. He spoke that to his curiosity, he found the younger generation possessed great interest towards understanding the working of the nature we are a part off. M. Pamayan, Agricultural Scientist, addressed the gathering following Mr. V. Nakkeeran spoke on how we could differentiate native seeds, hybrid seeds, the use of natural manure, chemical fertilizers & how the fertilizers impact the soil in-turn the crops, and how the fertilizers are contributing to converting native crops into cash crops by spoiling the fertility of soil. Mario Leo Joseph. J, Assistant Professor. Department of Chemistry (Shift I) proposed the vote of thanks.

UGC Care Listed Journal “புதிய அவையம்”



நம் கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறையில் கடந்த 2017ஆம் ஆண்டு ‘புதிய அவையம்’ என்ற மின்னிதழ் தொடங்கப்பட்டது. ISSN : 2456-821X எண் கொண்ட இவ்விதழானது, உள் மற்றும் வெளிப்புற மதிப்பீட்டு வல்லுநர் குழுவினைக் கொண்டு செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றது. தமிழ் இலக்கிய ஆய்வுகளில் ஈடுபடும் பேராசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் ஆய்வாளர்களின் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகள் பெறப்பட்டு மதிப்பீடு செய்யப்பட்டு இவ்விதழில் வெளியிடப்படுகிறது. இந்நிலையில் நமது இந்த ஆய்வுப்பணியை அங்கீகரிக்கும் விதத்தில் பல்கலைக்கழக மானியக் குழுவின் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்ட ஆய்விதழ் பட்டியலில் (UGC CARE Listed Journal - 2023) இதழ் இடம்பெற்றுள்ளது. முற்றிலும் இணையவழித் தொழில்நுட்பத்தில் எமது இதழ் செயல்படுவது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கதாகும். தமிழக அளவில் உள்ள உயர்கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் செயல்படும் தமிழ்த்துறைகளில் முதலாவதாக நம்

புதிய அவையம் இதழ் விளங்குகின்றது. இந்த ஆண்டு **தமிழ்நாடு, கர்நாடகம், ஆந்திரா, கேரள, மேற்குவங்கம், ஒரிசா, புதுதில்லி** உள்ளிட்ட இந்தியா முழுவதும் இருந்து சுமார் 264 ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகள் பதிவேற்றப்பட்டன. அவற்றில் தரமான 144 கட்டுரைகள் மதிப்பீட்டுக் குழுவினரால் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுப் பதிப்பிக்கப்பட்டு 28.03.2023 அன்று வெளியிடப்பட்டன.



International Seminar on Prevention of Child Sex Abuse

International Seminar

The Post Graduate & Research Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College conducted an International Seminar on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse on 24th November 2018. The seminar was the need of the hour as India is rapidly facing problems related to Child Sexual Abuse. National reports deliver an alarm on the rate of incidents. In India, a child is sexually abused every 15 minutes, according to the latest government figures. "Being vulnerable is not their fault, but the same cannot be sustained, as the elders, parents and teachers are entrusted with the responsibilities to prevent and safeguard the children from such abuse", stated Dr. Lois J.Engelbrecht, Founder – Center for the Prevention & Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse, Quezon City, Philippines who was the resource person for the day.



She addressed the gathering on various themes which included:

1. Understanding a Child and Child Sexual Abuse
2. Magnitude of Child Sexual Abuse in India and Abroad
3. Causes and Consequences
4. Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
5. Role of Parents, Institutions, Government and Public in ensuring Child Safety and Healthy Environment.



The target audience and participants were college students, research scholars, teachers from schools and colleges, NGO personnel and Psychologists. Dr. Lois J.Engelbrecht stated that India ranks first among countries worldwide for boys who have been sexually abused. She addressed the importance of safe touch and unsafe touch. She also stated that Child Sexual Abuse occurs by building trust, helping and showing love to children. Dr. Lois J. Engelbrecht explained about the Accommodation Syndrome which is otherwise called Grooming. She also stated the impact of Child Sexual Abuse in India.

At the end of the programme, the students were given an opportunity to share their feedback on the seminar. The feedback guidelines were given to the student to evaluate the importance of the seminar. During the feedback session many students expressed the need and the importance of the topic in today's context with special reference to youth as the change agent for the world. They further stated the resource person were highly skillful, resourceful, informative, lively and dynamic.





Regional Workshop on Planning of UBA Activities in Village Clusters

The Regional Workshop on Planning of UBA Activities in Village Clusters adopted by the Participating Institutes (PI) was organized by IIT Madras in collaboration with IIT Delhi on 06th December, 2018 at Raman Hall, IITM Research Park, Chennai. Rev.Fr.S.Henry Daniel Ambrose, Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College attended the workshop.

Eminent scholars and members of various agencies graced the occasion. Prof. V. Kalyanaraman, Dr. K. Sriram, Mr. Vasudeo Gharpure, Green Rameswaram & Vivekananda Kendra-NARDEP, Rameswaram, Mr. Srivavasa Rao, University Grant Commission, South Eastern Regional Office (SERO), Hyderabad, Prof. Vivek Kumar, IIT Delhi, UBA National Nodal Office, Dr. Dares Ahamed IAS, Director, National Health Mission, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Dr. Krishnan Kant Sharma, Chief Scientist, Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiyar Research Centre, Chennai, Ms. Preethi, Social Worker, Payir Trust, Perumbalur, Prof. Pijush Ghosh, IITM and Mr. Ashwanth, Business Head, Desicrew – Rural BPO shared their expertise in the workshop.



Other Activities

மாணவர் பட்டிமன்றம்

வீரமாமுனிவர்தமிழ்மன்றம், தமிழ்த்துறை (பிரிவு 1) சார்பாகமாணவர்பட்டிமன்றம் 13.12.2018 அன்று சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. நிகழ்வில் புலவர் சு.மோகன்குமார் அவர்கள் நடுவராகக்கலந்து கொண்டார். பிரிவு 1 மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்பாளர்களாகக்கலந்து கொண்டு இன்றைய தலைமுறையினரிடம் தாய்மொழிப்பற்றுவளர்கிறதா.. தளர்கிறதா.. என்றதலைப்பில் சிறப்பாகப்பேசினர். நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் முனைவர் பொன்.செல்வகுமார் அவர்கள், தமிழ்த்துறைப்பேராசிரியர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட ஏராளமான மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்றுச்சிறப்பித்தனர். நிகழ்வினை முனைவர் ஆ.பிரபு அவர்கள் ஒருங்கிணைத்து ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்தார்.

