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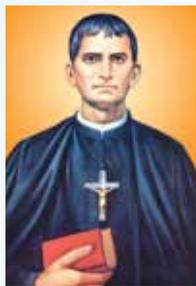
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## VEN. FR. AGNELO'S 153<sup>rd</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

### PROGRAMME SPECIAL NOVENA SERVICES 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Morning** : 7.00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass and Novena  
Prayer in English.

**Evening** : 6.00 p.m. : Holy Mass and Novena Prayer in  
English.

**N.B.**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022, all Masses and Novena  
Services will be held as on normal Sundays.

**21st January (Friday) : 153<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of  
Venerable Fr. Agnelo D'Souza.**

## Main Celebrant

Most. Rev. Bishop Allwyn D'silva,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay  
will be the Main Celebrant  
on 21st January 2022.



**Morning** : Mass followed by Novena Prayers at 7.00 a.m. &  
9:30 a.m.

**Evening** : A Solemn Concelebrated Mass will be held  
at 6.00 p.m. in the Ashram (Number will be  
restricted as per the norms).

Thousands of devotees will participate in this Annual Novena  
and Celebration. Over one lakh of favours, some of them truly  
miraculous such as cure of cancer, T.B., Paralysis etc. have been  
received through the powerful intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnelo.

Favours obtained and petitions to be placed at the Shrine of Ven.  
Fr. Agnelo may be sent to the following address :

**Rev. Fr. Superior.**  
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*Bus No. : 211 :Special Bus Service to Ply from Bandra  
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# The God That Christians Worship is A God Of Love

*(Disclaimer: this is not a theological treatise, neither does it reflect the view of the publishers; it is neither an insinuation nor a condemnation of anyone; it does not "love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. I Cor, 13,4-8; The views expressed here are the author's and not the publication's)Author.)*

## **THE NOT SO RARE ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND THE SILENCE OF THE AUTHORITIES**

Of late, due to the rise of so called "nationalism", voices have been heard, although not very loud, yet disturbing, that the Christian faith opposes other faiths in the country and it has also been coloured with the paint of being 'western'. Churches have been attacked, desecrated and even damaged, by so called 'fringe' elements, who although numerically few, appear not to be so, going by the sepulchral silence and chronic paralysis with which those actions have been addressed by those who are the constitutional guardians of the rights of citizens, and more specially of the minority groups.

It has often been heard, 'hamara desh bahut baddha hai, aur agar aisa kuch chotta motta anhona cheez hota hai to koi apsoch karne ki zaruri nahim hai'" (ours is a big country, and if anything small that should not have happened, happens, there must not arise a reason to get upset), which could be taken literally, but the deafening silence does not come under that presumption. Be it as may, India is not only a great country but is also a great civilization and there is a big difference between the two. The 'greatness' of the latter by far, excels that of the former, which rightly understood means that however big the country may be, it is its civilization that gives it its true identity, not its geographic or population magnitude. The mention of 'civilization' has been specifically put in place to state that our country of sages and saints, of philosophers like Adi Ankaracharya, Ramanuja and Madhavacharya, and philosophical thoughts such as Advaita

Vedanta and Shamkhya, and wise and holy men such Valmiki, Gautama Budha, Charvaka, Kabir, Thiruvalluvar, Gurudev, Guru Nanak, Mother Theresa and Mahatma Gandhi, Bhimrao Ambedkar and Maulana Azad etc, literary gems such as the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Bhagvad Gita and Dhamamapadda, Ramayana and Mahabharata and our scientific achievements no less, it cannot be stated that we are second to any other civilization past or present.

I believe that India and Indians stand far away and higher than what the fringe does. The danger however must not be ignored. Ideas are far more powerful than actions or words, and if reactions to such actions of hate, remain tepid and unclear, confusion is the logical result and since that noise is heard louder, the truth becomes fader and fader. It is therefore of paramount importance for India and Indians to recall, what they know at the back of their minds, and bring it forward to deny and condemn the idea that the fringe pretends to state, and which the tacit silence of those whose duty was to stop it, mutely lets/watches it happen.

## **ARE THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS, ANTAGONISTIC TO OTHER RELIGIONS?**

There are 3 allegations levelled against Christians: i. Their faith is foreign; 2. The Christian teaching opposes Hindu faith; 3. They convert.

**JESUS AND HIS TEACHINGS ARE AS ASIAN AS ANY OTHER'S: First of all, Jesus Christ was born, lived and died in Asia.** Although neither the colour of the skin nor one's ethnicity have anything to do with what a person is. Jesus was an Asian, as any one else is Asian. Fortunately for an Indian, the best and the most scientific explanation of the origins of what we call Indians today, is knowing that we are

a nation of old immigrants, as the USA is made of new immigrants. That and only that explains the great diversity of languages and colour even in a place as small as Punjab and Haryana, or as close as Kerala and Tamilnadu, or Assam and Meghalaya and Nagaland. The less said about the place of birth of man to define as a 'foreigner' to India, the better it is, else it will lead us deeper into the pit of confusion. Since Christ is from "Israel" he is an 'Eurasian' and by implication (indian) as any other indian, since our forefathers are believed to come from 'Eurasia' (although this argument of being western about Christianity is hollow to say the least). Not only was Jesus born and lived in Israel, his teachings are entirely based and explained in pastoral (agricultural) terms, connected with the people and place and related to the life of ordinary people. His teachings are simple, non philosophical and connected with people's lives.

**The second allegation is that the Christian Faith** looks down on Hindu faith and destroys its culture. There are two aspects to this: (i) the doctrinal (of the teaching) and (ii) of practice.

**The Doctrinal aspect:** Jesus Christ is the God made Man, that Christians worship as the Lord and Saviour. Hostility or enmity of any kind has two aspects: i. **militaristic- meant to acquire power or to hold on to power;** ii. **Idealistic; - meant to hold on to one's superior idea or impose one's superior idea on others, by force.**

**i. Militaristic:** The entire intervention of Jesus in human history is devoid of power, is rather a show of complete powerlessness. He is born a poor child, in a stable because he has no place to be born, to poor working parents, and gathers poor fisher folk around him. This cannot be called power seeking or power imposing. He has no palace, no army, and no force of volunteers to defend him. Jesus has no power to hold on, and when before being condemned to death, the Judge (Pilate) asks him where is his power, he clearly answers that he has no power on earth.

**ii. Idealistic:** Jesus does not teach or announce any ideas that seek to dominate or impose something on others. On the contrary he teaches that the humble, the meek, the peace makers,

those who suffer will be rewarded. He tells that poverty is not a curse, but can be lived with dignity, without craving for possessions. So there is absolutely no truth to the accusations that the teachings of Jesus are hegemonistic, dominating or seeking to dominate or harm others. On the contrary, his encounters with people of non jewish origins, who follow other faiths are gentle, nurturing, encouraging and even praising, not only about them as individuals but even their faith. The core and periphery of the teachings of Jesus : is love. God's intervention in human history (Jesus Christ) is an intervention devoid of any semblance of power. The Christian faith's central belief is that world has been created by God. The inflection point in the history is that God intervened in the human history because evil or sin by whatever name you call it disrupts the relationship of love and friendship that God has with man. Man's rebellion against God, is essentially a disruption of his relationship with God, which God comes to restore through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. There is no statement of any kind against any one, direct or veiled against others, because he is always a benevolent and merciful God and He defines as such "I am the God of Love and abundant mercy". He clearly teaches that others who do not belong to their group will find eternal life, because they accept his teachings. There is no exclusivism.

**Teachings of Love:** God's intervention in human history is to restore the relationship (acceptance of God's love) and this restoration requires of him, that he or she must love one another, because every man or woman is a child of God. There is not the remotest idea or inequality or estrangement from the community of God, therefore no form or idea of enmity, discrimination on any grounds is acceptable, in the community of God's love circle. If a man tells his friend about how good and effective his doctor is, and the friend too consults the same doctor, has anyone's freedom been violated? If I talk to others about the beautiful environment where I have built my house and others too follow suit, whose freedom is being violated? If a Christian tells his friends how good are the religious services in his search and how good it feels when the teachings of Jesus talk about

love and forgiveness, and others join him, in doing the same, whose freedoms are being violated? If a sick man is advised by his friend to pray to Jesus for curing him of his ailment and the friend gets healed (by whatever means) but he feels that Jesus has healed him and decides to follow him, whose freedom is being violated?

**WHY DO PEOPLE CHANGE WHAT THEY DO AND DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE? WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ONE'S LOYALTY TO THE NATION?**

Why do some people decide to change their dress habits from the traditional Indian dress to western dress habits, or change from traditional Indian foods to continental cuisine? What makes them change their minds? Is it some external force or some government action? Why do some people leave a lucrative job and start their own businesses? Who makes that choice, and what compels him to do it? Why do people vote for the party of their choice, and not the party that has been asking them for votes, even with promises of better things? Why do more and more young men and women choose the person they get married to, in spite of the opposition of their family?

Why do people change what they dress, they eat, how they vote, what type of occupation they want to follow, and whom they want to get married and live with, for life? Are not each of those acts, conversions, personal compulsions or choices, and are they not legitimate? Does eating a type of food, wearing a type of clothes, or engaging in some kind of occupation, or marrying a person of one's choice, or not marrying at all or for that matter praying in particular manner, or not praying at all, make a difference to his or her loyalty to the nation? Does any of those choices make any one of them more or less Indian?

How many millions of people in India, Hindus, Muslims, Christians, etc do not attend celebrations in their temples, mosques or churches, although they worship their God in their hearts? How would that matter to their loyalty to the nation or to their nationalism? How does a choice that a person makes to go to a temple or a church, pray to a God of his or her choice, affect his or her loyalty to the Nation? And how does that choice become cause of action, for others to take violent

anyone?

When Bhimrao Ambedkar stood up against the institutionalized and endemic oppression of fellow Indians, condemned to do menial jobs due to their poverty, that cast them out as untouchables, and his silent revolution led to lakhs of Indians embracing Buddhism as their faith, who converted them? What converted them? Which part of our nationalism did they offend? Considering that a change from one faith to another, could alter the social relations in a group such as marriages and political affiliations do, how are these objectionable? Does not a Christian have equal rights as a citizen of the country as much as a Hindu or Muslim? Have not Christians walked hand in hand with fellow Indians in the freedom struggle, fought for the country's liberation and gave their lives, and toiled and worked hard, head to head with fellow Indians to build the India that we have? Considering even in the worst case that someone has changed his religion because he has been given some benefits of food or education, does he not have the right to choose better food or better education?

The problem of cultivated hate and violence against Christians or Muslims, commandeered action against Christians or Muslims has other considerations that do not pass the test of good reasoning, and every thinking Indian proud of his country and the Constitution must be alert to this disruption and raise his or her voice loud and clear, or else, something similar may happen to you for different reasons. The idea of hate, never stops hating, as much as the idea of love never stops forgiving! There is no choice here! The more our lawmakers pander to the idea of 'ethnic democracy', and the justice system plays spectator, the easier it will be for us to turn our democracy into an ethnic autocracy where few will decide what we eat, how we dress, what work we do, what we think and how we worship.

The idea of conversion is the idea of personal choice, and personal choices are what make one individual different from the other, make him or her free, as every Indian has a right to be!

Jai Hind.

*Jose Alarico Carvalho*

# Living Magically-A Vision for 2022!

-Leon Bent

Every year comes like a blank whiteboard with nothing written on it, and it is you who write on the clean slate. How you write and what you pen down, is more important than thinking about what you are going to write.

Do not accept this little, fenced-off aspect of yourself. The sun and the ocean are nothing compared to what you are. The sunbeam sparkles only in the sunlight, and the ripple dances as it rests upon the ocean. Yet, in neither sun nor ocean is the power that rests in you.

I was reading in my garden on a warm, sunny afternoon in late September, when my life changed. In a timeless moment, the trees, the flowers, the grass, houses, sky were transformed into a whirling, swirling mass – and, scooped up in the vortex; I blended seamlessly and rapturously with them. Somehow I was living in a mirrored world, and ‘reality’ now appeared rather strange and comical. Everything seemed different. I was exhilarated, thrilled beyond words. I was intoxicated with awe and a sense of wonder. Suddenly, I knew anything was possible, that life was an astounding game – and that, by reaching for our Dreams, by trusting – life could become truly magical!

The road ahead is one of unimaginable opportunity and experience. “To see a world in a grain of sand,/And heaven in a wild flower,/Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,/And eternity in an hour” (William Blake). With the launch of a New Year we are poised to take a giant step beyond our old visions – a dramatic leap from the mountaintop. We do not simply affect reality, we create it. With a flash of insight, we open ourselves to the miraculous.

We bring atoms and molecules into being, and, according to metaphysics, we choreograph their dance. Nothing emerges, as if from nowhere, unless we make it happen. Reality is not shaped by chance. We create each and every event of our lives. There are no exceptions...no footnotes...no asterisks, no small print, no hidden meanings...we bring everything into being! We bring about every success, failure, illness, relationship, promotion, problem, trauma, even ‘accidents.’ Every single moment of our lives sees the light of day, by our inner world. Our beliefs, attitudes, thoughts, feelings, choices, desires and expectations breathe life into everything that exists.

“Like the bee gathering honey from different flowers, the wise man accepts the essence of

different Scriptures and sees only the good in all religions” (SrimadBhagavatam). Metaphysics is a practical spirituality which can change our lives – love, laughter and joy. “A new time is before your species, a time of realisation, fulfilment and adventure. Accept this time. Move into it. Dance in the momentum of it inevitably. It is the breath of life and the song of God that, you have been cut off from, for so long”. (The StarseedTranmissions). “You are a multi-dimensional personality and within you lies all the knowledge about yourself, your challenges and problems that, you will ever need to know. (Seth).

When the gods created heaven and earth – according to an old Eastern story –they were left with just one problem: where to hide Truth. They did not want it to be too obvious, since observing the search would provide them with great amusement. One god suggested placing it at the top of the highest mountain; another on the farthest star. A third god said, it should be hidden in the deepest and darkest abyss; and, yet another, on the dark side of the moon. Finally, the oldest and wisest god said, “No. We will hide Truth inside the heart of each and every human being. This make them search for it all over the Universe before discovering it.

At the entrance to the Mystery Temple at Delphi was the inscription: ‘Know thyself and thou shalt know the universe.’ Similarly Tao TeChing says, ‘It is wisdom to know others; it is enlightenment to know one’s self.’ Since ancient times the wise ones have said that, our greatest quest in life is self-knowledge. Mystics have always known that we create our own reality.

“Our normal reality is like each of us living in a tiny, windowless cell in a house that, contains a hundred thousand rooms and covers a thousand acres of land.” (Michael J. Roads).

Jonathan Livingstone Seagull, in Richard Bach’s exhilarating novel, is not ordinary seagull. Jonathan loves to fly. While other seagulls fly to catch fish, the former has higher aspirations. Despite the risks, Jonathan flies for the sheer joy of exploring his potential, of extending the boundaries of what it means to be a seagull. Cast out by his flock, who fail to persuade him that life is merely a question of survival. Jonathan continues to pursue excellence in flight, and eventually discovers the unlimited potential of being.

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# The New Year-A 365 Page Book

## Let's make it a page turner

-Christine D'Sylva.

The New Year is a time to say goodbye to the old and a time to say hello to the new 365 days and 365 new chances.

The New Year is the time to open the book of a new start. We are given the incredibly lucky opportunity each brand new year to be the authors of our lives. We literally can use each new day to write a brand new page. We can label this book as New Opportunities and undoubtedly the first chapter is the very first day of the year- New Year.

Christmas and New Year according to the Western calendar are very close to each other. Thus this period of time besides the festive atmosphere is one of a very deep spiritual significance.

Christmas is the feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is celebrated throughout the world. Merriment and festivities are part of the celebration of Christmas celebrated on the 25th December of each year.

New Year denotes the beginning of a brand new calendar year and falls just six days after Christmas. But besides the festivities, the air of merriment of both the days should also remind us of a deep spiritual importance.

The youth might take New Year lightly but as one grows older one realises that each year of life is definitely a God given gift to us to live and walk in the narrow path that will enable us to reach our final destination- Heaven.

This New Year make your New Year's resolutions. It is important to make at least one New Year's resolution. It may be even a simple one but every resolution only leads to growth and change.

Every year has 365 days. The New Year is a time for renewal. When we celebrate the New Year we must see it as a day that is blank, and we are invited to write a new page for 365 days of the year. It is up to us to write a good one. As we enter the New Year, let us clean the past like wiping the slate clean. We can do this by following a simple practice.

First take a piece of paper. Make two columns. In the first column label it- Happy times. In it write your happy memories that lead to your life becoming more joyful. In the second label it- Past Painful Memories and Mistakes and write your painful experiences along with the past mistakes  
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you have made. Be honest, and write as honestly as you can. Now take a good look after you have completed this exercise. The page preferably should be quite filled up.

Thank God for the happy experiences and looking at the second column, accept painful memories as a cross we all must carry. Life is after all a series of good times and bad. Now looking at your past mistakes promise yourself to try to work on your past mistakes. For example if your past mistake has been to be hurtful to people, then pray for guidance to turn into a new leaf, able to be kinder to others. Then after this, tear up the page. It is over, done with. The past year is erased. You are now free to write this New Year on a new slate, trying to remedy old patterns that no longer serve you or others too. In many ways we may never be the Captain of our lives but we are given the God given power to be navigators to steer our lives in the right direction.

This is done by prayer and reading the Word of God regularly. Never underestimate the power of reading God's word. For each day of the year, pick up your Bible and read even one paragraph or page. Keep a Bible by your bedside so you may never forget to read a page each day. When we read the Word of God, the powerful Holy Spirit like a beautiful dove descends upon us and like a gentle breeze, he gives us enlightenment and strength. We may not be conscious of this but it really happens when we read the Word of God regularly. Of course reading is not enough, we have to practice it each day too. Thus this New Year, is a special gift filled with 365 days and 365 new opportunities. It represents a wonderful opportunity to wipe the past like a duster over the blackboard and begin a brand new chapter each day of our life.

The question is- Are you willing and excited enough to try?

If you are, then definitely the New Year will be one filled with many happy exciting opportunities. Sure there will be a few disappointments but with hope and trust in God, we can believe the good will outweigh the bad. Let's begin this New Year with hope, optimism and courage.

Happy New Year to you and may God's blessings fill your life this year.

Every day we can either be driven by the past – repeating our customary patterns and habits, believing in old limitations – or we can be propelled by our future, by our dreams, by what we are becoming. We can plod our weary way through the days, sticking to a monotonous job and loveless relationships, watching TV every evening, filling our days with meaningless trivia – leading lives of ‘quiet desperation’ in Thoreau’s words. Or we can decide that there must be more to being alive than this and, like Jonathan Livingstone Seagull, become intrepid explorers of life’s possibilities.

As adults many of us cripple ourselves with fears of making mistakes, of making a wrong decision, of failing, of feeling embarrassed of repeating the past. Very often, we are like butterflies thrashing about in our chrysalis, afraid to break free.

Another possible stumbling block is self-image. Some years ago Jane stopped smoking and was helped to get out of this threatening addiction. However, three years later she took to the self-destroying habit again. The reason was she had a poor sense of self-worth and this was a block to her turning a new leaf. However, reality always follows self-regard. Unless our self-perception stays ahead of the reality we create, reality will ‘snap back’ to be consistent. Whenever our reality changes for the better, in a way which takes us by surprise, we should work consistently and relentlessly, on our self-image.

Creating our own reality, involves making positive use of our desire, imagination and expectancy. With these three tools, we can carve and chisel the future of our dreams. We can become conscious magicians.

There is a story of a king who dwelt in the dark and musty cellars of his magnificent and the architectural marvel of a palace. His servants and courtiers would bring him takes of the beautiful palace and ground above, but he refused to believe in their ‘mad ramblings’. He was not foolish enough to be taken in by such tales! So, he repeatedly declined even to take a look at what lay above the basement, and lived his entire life in semi-darkness and a false world.

Day after day, we choose the dimly-lit vault. Why do we cling to unhappiness and misfortune? What sort of crazy person would opt to have a hard time? Why do we cling to unhappiness and misfortune? What is the poisoned ivy that so jealous guards our dark fortress?

We may fool ourselves that the world “out there”

creates our anxieties and worries, but the truth is that, the source of all our suffering is the Ego. The Ego is the limited, separated, illusory self, which cannot see beyond the end of its own nose. The Ego is our internal destroyer, our worst enemy, which confines us to our dark world.

“Life yourself from your lower self, even as an elephant draws himself from a muddy swamp. (The Dhammapada).

Imagine yourself in a lush, green landscape, with hills rising around you. A stream flows nearby, bubbling and gurgling, and you sit beneath a large shady tree. Use all your senses to find yourself there.

Next, look up at the deep blue sky – and notice a small, dark cloud drifting past. Find yourself looking down at the landscape. Look with your imagination at the stream and the towering and arching tree. Observe a small, white, fluffy cloud not far away and become that cloud, gently moving across the sky.

Finally, become the sky. Rise above the landscape, and experience yourself as the whole sky – with clouds drifting inconsequentially in the great blue expanse. Experience the limitlessness of being the sky....Then gently return to your room.

“You so not have to destroy every cloud you to see the sky. All you have to do is to keep remembering you are the sky”. (Bartholomew).

“Every event that you choose for your life, no matter how destructive, chaotic or miserable it may seem, has been allowed to manifest itself, because your Wholeness has an innate knowledge of those things, which you need to get you to the place, where you will choose to sink deeply within, into the stillness of who you are”. (Bartholomew).

Let us Dream of a New Age in the New Year 2022 – a time of love, peace, harmony, cooperation and spiritual awareness – and know that it will be so. And let us actively and joyfully participate, in our own unique way, in making those Dreams come true. Let us begin to live magically. Let us become who we truly are!

“Come to the edge, he said,/They said: We are afraid./Come to the edge, he said./They came/ He pushed them..../and they flew”.

You should be aware of what you write on your Board. Your aspiration should be to know what is written, and to ensure that you write your best story this year.

## Advances in Computing, Communication and Control (ICAC3'21) 7th Edition at FCRCE

Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra organized the seventh edition of the biennial multidisciplinary International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Control (ICAC3'21), on 3rd and 4th December 2021, with a primary goal to promote research and development activities in Computing, Communication and Control in India and the rest of the world.

The conference aims to offer a collaborative platform for academics, research and Industry, to address emerging issues and solutions in the areas mentioned above. Over the years, this international conference has gained repute for quality deliberations, effective feedback on paper presentations, and pre and post-conference support to authors and delegates.

This year's edition of the conference also witnessed an overwhelming response, with 145 papers received from researchers in India and abroad. A three-step rigorous review process was

followed to ensure the quality of the research papers selected for presentation during the conference. The first stage included an internal review to check the scope and plagiarism of the submission, followed by the second stage containing two blind reviews by experts and the last stage of one peer review. Only 56 papers were selected for presentation after scrutiny based on the recommendation by experts and reviewers.

The Inaugural Ceremony was held on day-1, 3rd December in the presence of esteemed chief guest, guests of honour, keynote speaker, patrons, dignitaries and delegates. The chief guest, Dr. Aatul Wadegaonkar is Chief General Manager, Higher Education Transformation Program, Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL). Guest of Honour Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette is Chair, IEEE BOMBAY Section and Scientific Officer (H) Dept. of High Energy Physics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. Guest of Honour Dr. Sunil Bhat is Conference



*Inaugural Address - Ven. Fr. Valerian*



*Inaugural Address - Chief Guest*



*Inaugural Address - Guest of Honour*



*Souvenir Release*

Chair, IEEE Bombay Section and Associate Prof. Electrical Engineering Dept., Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur. The inauguration was followed keynote address by Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette and paper presentations scheduled on day 1. Two sessions with 2 tracks in each were conducted on the first day for presentation by authors of selected

papers related to communication, computing and control. The remaining paper presentations were held in three sessions on the second day with two tracks in each. The respective authors presented all the 56 papers selected for the conference. The sessions chairs provided their valuable inputs and suggestions for further improvements.

Day-2 was concluded with a Valedictory function

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in the presence of conference patrons, organizing committee members, authors and delegates. The best paper award was presented to ‘Control of an Over-actuated Quadrotor Manipulator Based on Backstepping Integral Sliding Mode’ authored by ‘Shilin Yi, Keigo Watanabe and Isaku Nagai’ from Okayama University, Okayama, Japan.

ICAC3’21 conference papers will be submitted to IEEEXplore for final review and possible publication by IEEE through IEEE Explore Digital Library.

ICAC3’21 marked another CRCE milestone under the able guidance and meticulous planning by Dr. Bhushan Patil (Conference Chair), Dr. Jagruti Save (Programme Chair) and Dr. Sujata

Deshmukh (Programme Co-Chair) as well as constant efforts and execution by the entire organizing team. The organizing committee is grateful to the chief patrons of the conference Rev. Fr. Valerian D’Souza (Local Superior and Director) and Dr. Srija Unnikrishnan (Principal), for their constant motivation and support for the successful execution of the event. Sincere thanks to the technical sponsors IEEE Bombay Section and IEEE for their support in publishing the proceedings. The conference would not have been successful without the guidance and unwavering support of the Advisory Committee, Programme Committee, Experts, Reviewers and Session Chairs.

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## P.C.C.E. Students at “Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav 2021”

The Government of Goa through the Department of Science, Technology, and



Waste Management, Porvorim organised the annual “Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav” on 13th December. 13 students from the Padre Conceicao College of Engineering (PCCE) participated in the event. The students were accompanied by Mr. Akhilesh Naik, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering. The coordinators for the event from PCCE were Mr. Shailesh Khanolkar, Head - RDCC and Ms. Razia Sardinha, member – RDCC.

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## Field-Visits by P.C.C.E. Students

Students of Mechanical Engineering and Electronics and Computer Engineering departments were taken to reputed companies on field-visits. Field Trips are powerful learning experiences. We thank the companies for permitting our students to visit. The field trips

were coordinated by the **PCCE Training and Placement Cell**.

The Computer Engineering and Information technology students will be taken for field-visits in the coming semester.



## P.C.C.E. Celebrates 40 Years of ISHRAE

To commemorate the celebration of 40 years of ISHRAE and 25 years of PCCE, the ISHRAE students' chapter at PCCE organized ISHRAE Day. The highlights of the event were a technical talk on "Energy conservation for sustainable living" by Mr. Balkrishna Chodankar (President Elect of ISHRAE Goa Chapter), Poster competition in collaboration with NSS cell on "Life after COVID" and a sapling plantation drive.

The event was graced by Mr. Siddharth Kunkolienkar (Senior Manager at Airworx Engineers and Ex MLA – Panjim) as the Chief Guest, Mr. Milind Sardessai (Advocacy Chair of ISHRAE Goa Chapter) as the Guest of Honour and Mr. Sunil Shetye (President of ISHRAE Goa Chapter).



## P.C.C.E. at "IPRs Patent Processing" Workshop

Dr. Joe Kurian, associate professor in the department of Mechanical Engineering was invited as the Guest of Honour for the National-level workshop on "Importance of IPRs Patent Processing and Role of Patent Agent" organized by Goa State Council for Science & Technology at Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao on 23rd December 2021. A few student delegates



from PCCE also attended the workshop.

## Talk on Vibration Monitoring by P.C.C.E. Mechanical Department

On 7th December 2021 an interesting and highly informative talk was delivered

by discussing the importance of Vibrations. The lecture included various topics which include manufacturing products, Machinery maintenance, the 5W and 1H approach to vibrations, different types of maintenance and finally how Vibration Monitoring is done and how it can be used to predict if and when the product will fail.



The talk was highly benefiting to the students as it helped them to understand the importance of Vibrations and also provided them with a deep insight into the real – world application of the topic in the form of Vibration Monitoring.

by Mr. Dipak Kamath, Proprietor at Om Reliability Hub. Mr. Kamath started the lecture

# Agnel Happenings

## P.C.C.E. at “India International Science Festival 2021”

Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna participated in the prestigious India International Science Festival (IISF) in the Engineering Models Competition from 10th to 13th December 2021.

The project titled “Wireless Electronic Stethoscope” was selected for presentation at the Engineering Model Competition. Two projects titled “Design and Performance Evaluation of a Wi-Fi Energy Harvester for Energizing Low Power Devices” by Diffa Pinto, Akash Arun, Sahil Lenka, Lindsey Colaco from the Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department and “Design and analysis of Food Storage Box incorporated with Phase Change Material Panels” by Sakshi Ramnathkar, Prajakta Palekar, and Joshua Pereira of the Mechanical

Engineering department were selected to be displayed at the stall setup by Directorate of technical Education for the festival.

The projects were demonstrated at the IISF by Mr. Shailesh Khanolkar, Associate Professor, E-Comp Department, and Mr. Gaurak Phaldesai, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Department. Both projects generated tremendous interest at the festival for its innovation and simplicity of applications. The concept of harvesting WiFi to generate power for low power applications was appreciated as it is almost like free power harvested from any Wi-Fi source. The use of the new phase change material Cydrotherm 60 for keeping the food above 60 degrees for 4 hours was appreciated as a solution for those carrying tiffin/lunch box.



## Hands-on Workshops by P.C.C.E. Coding Club

The P.C.C.E. Coding Club conducted various hands-on Coding Trainings for the students of PCCE in the month of December 2021.

A session on “Web Development Basics” was conducted by Mr. Mashayikh Shaikh and Mr. Pratik Pawar for the second- and third-year students of all branches.



Mr. Tejas Zambaulikar, Mr. Prem Udande and Mr. Lex Mascarenhas conducted a practical session on “Machine Learning Prerequisites”.

A session on Cloud Computing (VM in GCP, Storage buckets, IAM roles) was conducted by Vishrut Mangoli, Srinivass Talaulikar, Michelle Barbosa and Ankita Kandol for the first year students of P.C.C.E.

A four day workshop on UI / UX Design (Approach to Design, Figma Tools, Designing a Login Page for phone) was conducted by Ms.Sakshi Palekar, Mr.Shriram Parab, Mr. Shane Barganza, Mr. Srinivass Talaulikar, Ms. Harshali Kandolkar, Mr. Prem Udande, Mr. Lex Mascarenhas and Mr. Britto Chacko for the first year students.

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### P.C.C.E. Faculty’s “Heritage Trip” to Pilar

A group of staff members of PCCE participated in a heritage trip to Pilar. The activity involved a visit to the heritage museum and exploration of the geographical and historical importance of Pilar.

The Pilar Museum is a witness to the rich cultural heritage of Pilar hillock and to a great extent, the heritage of the Shilaharas (765 – 1020 AD) and the Kadambas (1050 – 1354 AD), who had their capital city, Govapuri, around the hillock. A continuous politico-religious history of the Pilar hillock as well as of Goa has been pieced together from the monuments and artefacts dating back up to the 2nd Millennium BC.

Rev. Fr. Cosme Jose Costa, S.F.X., the Founder and Curator of the Pilar Museum gave the

staff a detailed description of the artefacts. Archaeological finds and monuments of the past, are described in the Pilar Museum, according to the period to which they belong, with their interpretations in minute detail. The Museum exhibits the artefacts scientifically in a balanced way and is thus a true servant of history. It is a great help for historians to write proper history, for teachers to teach proper history and for students to study genuine history of Goa. Irrespective of creed or caste, it depicts the communal harmony that Goa has maintained throughout the ages.

The director of PCCE Rev. Fr. Agnelo Gomes, assistant director Rev. Fr. Issac and principal Dr. Mahesh Parappagaudar participated in this activity.

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### Christmas Celebration at ATEC, Goa

Agnel Technical Education Complex (ATEC), Verna organised a beautiful, fun-filled and joyous Christmas Celebration, for all the Agnel Ashram institutions. The event was held on 23rd December 2021 at the “Raimundo and Lilia Gracias Auditorium” at Agnel Ashram, Verna.

The celebrations had it all - beautiful festive decor, great music, loads of spot prizes, lovely refreshments, an exuberant Santa Claus and 2 super-exciting Inter-Institute competitions - Star making and Carol singing. The judges for both the competitions were reputed musicians of Goa, **Rev. Fr. George de Souza, Mr. Accasio Pereira and Mr. Errol de Andrade**. After the carols competition, the judges entertained the staff with melodious singing. The wonderful

camaraderie of the Agnel family members and the excitement of Christmas was palpable.

The winners for the carol singing competition were: Chimes of PCCE (1st Place), Lights of Higher Secondary (2nd Place) and Tinsels of AITD (3rd Place). The winners for the star making competition were: Agnel Polytechnic (1st Place), AIFCCS (2nd Place) and Higher Secondary (3rd Place).

The Christmas celebration was conceptualized by **Fr. Agnelo Gomes**, Director, ATEC and Fr. Isaac Fernandes, Assistant Director. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a warm and thoughtful organisation. The function was compered by our staff members Mr. Ralph De Souza, High School and **Ms. Nadia Fernandes**, PCCE.

## **Liberation Run 2021, A.I.T.D, Assagao**

**A**ITD is one of the prominent engineering colleges located in North Goa. Every year it does a lot of social activities. In order to celebrate Goa Liberation day, the college conducted the first edition of the run with the theme Green Goa, Green Miles in the year 2019. The second edition of the liberation run with a theme of “Run for Wellness” was conducted on 19th December 2021. A total of 278 participants were present for the 3km, 5km and 10km run through the windy roads of Assagao. The Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex, Fr. Agnelo Gomes, flagged off the races conducted for both

men and women. Later on he along with Asst. Director, Fr. Isaac Fernandes distributed the prizes to the winners respectively followed by hoisting of the national flag. All the faculty and staff of the college played a vital role in the successful conduct of the event.

The winners were awarded cash prizes. For 10 km, the first 3 places were awarded, 5000, 4000 and 3000. For 5 km, the winners were awarded 4000, 3000 and 2000 and for 3 km, the winners were awarded 3000, 2000 and 1000 respectively.

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## **Workshop on “Innovative steps taken towards becoming an Energy Efficient Nation”**

**T**he department of Mechanical Engineering in association with Institute Innovation Council AITD, on the occasion of “National Energy Conservation Day” successfully completed a workshop on “Innovative steps taken towards becoming an Energy Efficient Nation”. The workshop started at 3:30 pm and completed at 5:10 pm on 14th December 2021. There

were 69 participants including staff members who attended the event. Prof. Devendra Gowda from DKTE Society’s Textile and Engineering Institute, Ichalkaranji-Kolhapur, (Innovation Ambassador, AICTE) has shared the insights of Energy importance and steps taken to become Energy Efficient Nation.

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## **Inauguration of IET Student Chapter (2021-2022) held at A.I.T.D, Assagao**

**C**omputer Engineering Department of Agnel Institute of Technology & Design (AITD) installed the Students Committee of IET Student Chapter for the academic year 2021-2022 on 10th December 2021 from 3.30 PM to 5.00PM.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural function was one of the esteemed Alumni of AITD, Ms. Sneha Kamat, Senior Software Engineer, Persistent Systems Ltd, Goa.

Mr. Sagar Naik, IET-AITD Coordinator welcomed the gathering and briefed the audience about the Student Chapter activities. Chief Guest for the function, Ms. Sneha Kamat, handed over the appointment orders to newly appointed In-charges of various committees. The inaugural function was followed by a

session by Sneha Kamat on “Careers In S/W Industry & Interview Approach” in which she highlighted various career opportunities that can be considered by students after graduation from Computer Engineering. Ms. Sneha also briefed the students about various aspects to be considered when preparing for the interviews. She also stressed on few of the core computer science domains which are widely being used in software industries. The event was attended by a total of 60 students.

Prof. Sagar Naik, IET-AITD Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks in which he also presented the brief report of all the events that AITD has conducted in association with IET since 2017. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sagar Naik.

## GitHub & Azure Code to Cloud Workshop conducted at A.I.T.D, Assagao

AITD along with Microsoft and GitHub organized an online learning session exclusively for AITD students on 27th November 2021 from 9.30am to 6.30pm. The trainer for the workshop was Mr. Arshad Ahmad, Senior Technology Evangelist, APT Technologies. The workshop introduced students to the concepts of cloud computing via an exhaustive detailed training on Microsoft Azure Platform. The workshop had an exclusive session on introducing the student to Git & GitHub. It focused on how to deploy code faster with native azure

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# FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

## SECURED JOB

**Goregaon:** I am in Mumbai since the last 3 months and was in search of a job. I lost hope in securing a job and was about to leave Mumbai and go back to my home town (Bangalore). I heard about Fr. Agnel's devotion. I came to the Ashram placed a petition and prayed to Fr. Agnel. Meanwhile I got a job offer for less payment and that too for night shift. Being a female and away from my family it was difficult for me to accept the offer. I continued my prayers to Fr. Agnel and in 3 months I got a job of day shift with a good salary. I really thank Fr. Agnel and so an offering will follow.

*-Ranjana Jain S.*

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

**Nashik:** I had to undergo by-pass surgery. I started praying to Fr. Agnel for its success. Through his blessing the by-pass surgery was successful. In thanksgiving an offering of Rs.101.

*-S.B. Hingonekar*

## MULTIPLE FAVOURS

**Andheri:** By the grace of Fr. Agnel many favours received: 1) We purchased a new Jewelry shop. 2) We purchased a new house at our native town. 3) We were blessed with a baby girl. 4) My neighbor was gifted with a baby boy after 6 years of marriage. 5) My Sister-in-law cleared her company secretary exam in first attempt. And many other favours fulfilled by the grace of Fr. Agnel. I am grateful to Fr. Agnel.

*-Neela Soni*

## SECURED VISA

**Vasai:** I was praying to Fr. Agnel for my daughter

to get her U.S.A. visa. Through his intercession my daughter secured a U.S.A. visa for 10 years. I am grateful to Fr. Agnel so an offering of Rs.500.

*-Aliza Cerejo*

## CURED OF KIDNEY AILMENT

**Juhu:** Our mother was suffering from kidney ailment. One kidney was swollen. She was under treatment. We prayed to Fr. Agnel. Through his blessing she was cured of her kidney ailment. In thanksgiving an offering of Rs.1000.

*-Anita/Rita/Agnel Gonsalves*

## SECURED JOB

**Ahmedabad:** I was praying to Fr. Agnel for his help. Through his intercession I secured a good job in U.S.A. even during recession. In thanksgiving an offering of Rs.501.

*-Rajnikant Parmar*

## GOT GOOD MEDICAL REPORT

**Vasai:** My daughter was suffering from Lump (Nodes) on the neck. I prayed to Fr. Agnel for good report and getting cured. Through his blessing the report was negative and the nodes have completely vanished. In thanksgiving an offering of Rs.500.

*-M. Fernandes*

## GIFT OF A CHILD

**Khar:** We were issueless even after 4 years of our marriage. We started attending Fr. Agnel's novena. We are happy to say that through his intercession we are blessed with twin baby boys. In thanksgiving an offering of Rs.500.

*-Carmel & Francis Dias*

## Out of Their Bounty

P. Srivastava	Mumbai	15000	D.G. Benedict	Pune	500	K. Mehta	U.S.A.	7609
H. Wilson	Australia	10000	S. D'Souza	Thane	500	M. Gibbons	U.K.	1960
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Martin M.V.	U.S.A.	10000	R.A. Shaimon	Kerala	500	A. Joy	U.S.A.	647
S. Saji	Al Ain	10000	M. Marydasan	Kerala	500	T. Thomas	Kerala	1000
J. Mathew	Kerala	1000	V. Eaden	Mumbai	2500	J. Trehan	Chennai	500
C.J. Janardhan	Chennai	1000	R. Vajani	Mumbai	5001	K.M. Antony	Kerala	500
L. Johnson	Kerala	1000	D. Swamy	Mumbai	1635	D.C. D'Cruz	Chennai	500
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J. James	Kerala	500	A. Guruvaurappen	Thane	1501	J.S. George	Chatisgarh	500
A. Jadhav	Kerala	500	P.L. Tony	Kerala	1500	P. Varghese	Kerala	1000
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G. Veeramani	Chennai	500						

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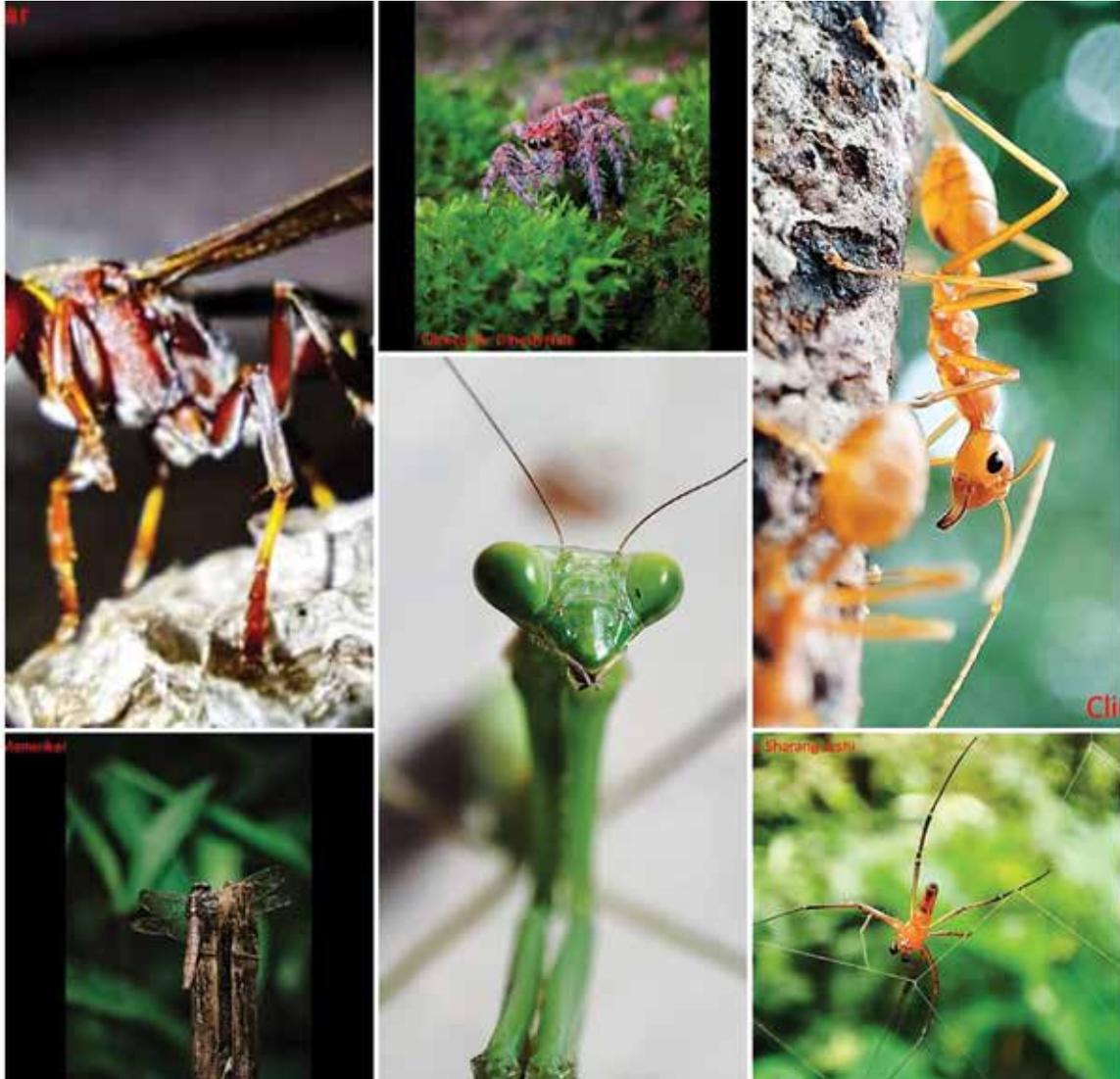
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