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Virtus in Arduo: Strength through Striving



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Aloysians,

St. Aloysius' College has always believed in learning, discipline and service, and every year our students and teachers add to that tradition through their talent and effort. I am happy to see these efforts recorded in this newsletter.

The academic year 2026-27 is a special one for us, as the College observes its Platinum Jubilee. I warmly congratulate all our students and staff on reaching this milestone, which belongs to every Aloysian, past and present. Many programmes are planned through the year to celebrate this occasion, and I invite everyone to take part with enthusiasm and joy.

I thank all our faculty, staff and students for their commitment and hard work, and I thank the IQAC team for preparing this newsletter. I wish it every success and hope it inspires all of us to do even better. *Virtus in Arduo*: strength through striving.

Dr. Fr. J. Ben Anton Rose
Principal

PLATINUM JUBILEE HIGHLIGHTS & CEREMONIES

Opening of the Platinum Jubilee Year: On 29 January 2026 the Jubilee Year of the College was declared open by Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrao, who was the Chief Guest, at a function presided over by Bishop J.G. Valan Arasu. Two books were released on the occasion: *Nano Revolution: Building a Sustainable Future*, edited by Fr. Rose and Dr Shweta Likhitkar, and the Education Department's *Education for Sustainability*.

Annual Prize and Gold Medal Distribution: Along with the opening of the Jubilee Year, the ceremony honoured meritorious students of the College. A total of 44 gold medals and 33 certificates were awarded in the presence of the Cardinal and the Bishop.

Gold Medal Distribution Ceremony for 2024-25: On 18 April 2026, Justice Rohit Arya graced the function as Chief Guest and presented 44 gold medals and 35 certificates to the students who excelled in their courses.

Orientation Programmes:

• *Teachers' Orientation:* Began on 26 July 2026 to prepare the faculty for the new academic session.

• *Students' Orientation:* Held from 27 July to 10 August 2026 to acquaint new students with the College values, departments, and facilities.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

• **International Conference on the Impact of AI:** Held on 30 and 31 January 2026 at St. Aloysius Institute of Technology with the support of MPCST. A Physics M.Sc. student secured first rank in paper presentation, and B.Sc. students won first and second place in the poster presentation.

• **Global Politics Partnership:** From 23 February to 3 March 2026, the programme brought together 72 students from seven institutions to focus on 'Global Politics'.

• **Workshop on Scientific Instrumentation:** The Botany Department organised a workshop on 26 and 27 February 2026 on the use of scientific instruments in research, supported by MPCST, NCSTC, and IIC.

• **Entrepreneurship Programmes:** The DIC-Spoke programme 'Hands & Hearts: Creative Horizons for Entrepreneurship' was held from 9 to 13 March 2026, followed by 'Emerging Ventures: Classroom Innovators to Sustainable Business' from 11 to 14 March 2026, guiding student innovators towards sustainable business ideas.

• **CONIAPS at AKS University:** From 13 to 15 March 2026, a Chemistry faculty member served as a resource person. Our PG students won second and third prizes in the poster presentation.

• **Beekeeping Workshop:** On 11 March 2026, the Zoology Department organised a workshop on beekeeping in association with DIC.

• **PM-USHA Programme:** Two faculty members of the English Department served as facilitators at the Translation Studies programme at RDVV (23-28 March 2026).

• **Educational & Industrial Tour:** From 24 to 26 March 2026, forty students and four faculty members of the Computer Science and Management departments visited Amity University, Jaipur.

• **Certificate Course:** The Chemistry Department conducted the course 'Application of Chemistry in Daily Life' from 6 to 26 February 2026, completed by 26 students.

DEPARTMENT FESTS, ALUMNI & ACADEMIC EVENTS

• **Literature Fest 2026 ('Mythic Fantasia'):** The English Department held its festival on 31 January 2026.

• **Youth Parliament and Exhibition:** On 5 February 2026, the Political Science Department organised a Youth Parliament and the exhibition 'Sanvidhan ke Path Par Bharat'.

• **Meraki 3.0 'Synapse':** The Computer Science and Management departments jointly held the two-day fest on 6 and 7 February 2026.

• **Ecofest:** The Botany Department and the Nature Club organised the environmental fest on 21 February 2026.

• **First Alumni Meet of Political Science:** Former students came together to meet faculty and current students on 14 March 2026.

• **History & English Activities:** History students visited the AOC Museum (12 Feb) and held an alumni lecture (16 Mar). English students toured Bhopal on 12 March 2026 and signed an MoU with BSSS.

• **NMR Spectroscopy Lecture:** The Botany Department organised a guest lecture on 13 and 14 March 2026.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS & SPORTING SPIRIT

• **Weightlifting:** Students won 2 gold and 3 silver medals at the competition held on 3 February 2026.

• **Karate Dominance:** The College won 6 gold medals on 20 February 2026. At the 5th KIO National Karate Championship in New Delhi, Sapna Pandey and Arti Tiwari won bronze medals. Arti Tiwari also won the gold medal at

the West Zone Inter-University Karate Championship in Bhopal (16-18 March 2026).

• **Wushu Selection:** On 16 April 2026, a female student was selected for the All India University Wushu team.

• **NCC Drone Training Camp:** Two NCC cadets attended the training camp at Raipur from 4 to 13 February 2026.

• **National Competitions & Top Honors:** 12 students won the National Entrepreneurship Challenge at IIT Bombay's E-Summit 2025. Yash Methwani, Maidini Sharma, and Yashi Jain qualified for the national level IIT JAM 2026. Rinki Tomar was honoured with the **Best Aloysian Award 2025-26**.

CAMPUS OUTREACH & CORNERSTONES

• **NSS Special Camp:** A seven-day special camp was held at Saliwada/Gour from 30 January to 5 February 2026.

• **Samarpan & Women Cell:** Samarpan held a 'Zero Tolerance' awareness session (6 Feb) and a tree plantation drive (8 Mar). The Women Cell organized 'The Smile Effect' on 10 February 2026 (156 participants) and an International Women's Day lecture on 9 March 2026.

• **History Outreach & Workshops:** History Department donated neo-natal kits at Rani Durgavati Hospital and visited the Rimjha old age home. NSS conducted a Swachhata workshop (15-16 April 2026). Botany Department hosted an Earth Day Seed-Paper training session on 18 April 2026.

PLACEMENTS, FACULTY TRAINING & RETIREMENTS

• **Placements & Internships:** The Placement Cell was ranked **20th among 600 colleges** for internships. Initiated 'My Journey 1.0', hosted 17 campus recruiters, and ran the Jinn Mega Internship drive covering 250 students under an MoU.

• **Global Faculty Training:** Dr. Femina Sobin, Dr. Chitranshi Verma, and Dr. Nidhi Khurana completed a certification at Ateneo de Manila. Dr. Tarvindar Kaur and Dr. Ashu Jain attended 'Women Leadership in Asia 2026' at Ewha Women's University.

• **Retirements:** The College extended a grateful farewell to **Dr. Mandira Kar** (HOD Mathematics, 35 years of devoted service) on 31 May 2026, and **Mrs. Chandra Chavre** (serving since 2006) on 30 June 2026.

UPCOMING PLATINUM JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

The college will observe celebrations throughout the year featuring department-level fests, guest lecture series, advanced alumni engagement programs, and the formal Gold Medal Distribution Ceremony for 2025-26. Exact dates will be announced in due course by the departments and the IQAC.