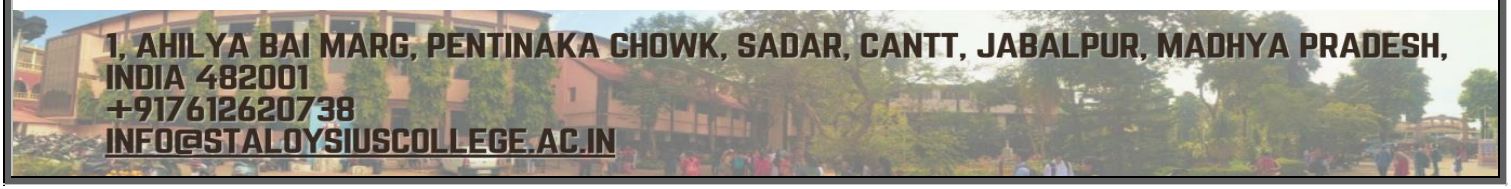
IQAC Report (2023-24)

The academic year 2023-24 was a year of steady consolidation for St. Aloysius' College, as the institution prepared itself for Reaccreditation by NAAC. Guided by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the session opened with 2,326 first-year admissions against 2,475 sanctioned seats and carried 5,248 students on the rolls, taught by 112 full-time teachers. This report records the academic, research, infrastructure, outreach and placement initiatives of the session, as documented in the College's Self Study Report submitted to NAAC in September 2024.

A comprehensive breakdown of activities by the departments is detailed below:

1. The Department of English, working with the motto "Persevere – Excel – Promote – Quality", held its annual literary competitions in November 2023 and arranged guest lectures by alumnae Ms Arya Pandey on "Figures of Speech" and Ms Moulshree Sarwate on "Content Writing", together with a virtual lecture by Dr Shibani Basu Dubey of BSSS College, Bhopal on Aristotle's Poetics. "The Aloysian Times" newsletter was released in September 2023, November 2023 and January 2024, and the World Day of Social Justice was observed on 20 February 2024 with slogan and essay competitions. With the Literact Club, the department organised the literary festival "Litfest – Fiction to Flicks Fiesta" from 7 to 9 March 2024, which drew students and faculty from other colleges. A certificate course on English Language Proficiency benefited 56 students and a French course (Levels A2, B1 and B2) benefited 30 students, while the language lab ran Spoken and Functional English throughout the session. In research, Dr Soma Guha Das and Dr Neelanjana Pathak authored a book on the short stories of Jhumpa Lahiri and Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, the department edited "New Perspective of Khushwant Singh", articles appeared in the Scopus-indexed journal Pamir, one scholar was awarded the Ph.D. degree, and all members completed the NEP 2020 Orientation under the Malaviya Mission programme from 15 to 24 January 2024. Eight students took part in the Global Education Partnership Programme.
2. The Hindi Department organised the Hindi Saptah from 8 to 13 September 2023 with writing, recitation, speech, short-story, essay and slogan competitions, and celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14 September 2023 and World Hindi Day on 10 January 2024 with guest speakers and student performances. A certificate course on communication skills ran from 25 September 2023 to 10 February 2024, special classes for non-Hindi-speaking students were held from 17 to 23 February 2024, and a computer workshop from 11 to 16 March 2024 benefited 27 students. A guest lecture marked Sant Ravidas Jayanti on 23 February 2024, and an educational tour to Nandikeshwar Dham, Bargi was joined by 53 students.



The Hindi Sahitya Sabha remembered Premchand from 31 July to 7 August 2023, marked the 526th Tulsidas Jayanti with Vice-Principal Dr Kallol Das and Dr Mita Darbari as speakers, and published the student journal "Pratibha Patrika" in April 2024. Members took part in seven national seminars, six national webinars and five faculty development programmes, contributed three book chapters, and three research scholars were awarded the Ph.D. degree under the guidance of two members.

3. The Department of Economics held the two-day ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar "Prospects of India towards Economic Integrity: Visualization of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" on 21 and 22 July 2023, and observed National Statistical Day with the National Statistical Office. It conducted certificate courses and guest lectures on Advertisement and Sales Promotion, an Environment Awareness Programme with the Kadam Foundation on 30 September 2023, a workshop on graphics designing in advertisement on 7 October 2023, an inter-college speech competition and an Interim Budget discussion. Students visited Udaipur Beverages Ltd and Sadhana Packaging Pvt Ltd on 17 February 2024, and with the Women Cell and the Ahamikshana Foundation the department organised a health awareness programme on 9 March 2024. Rev. Fr. Dr J. G. Vazhan Arasu edited three books, Dr Reeta Chouhan completed an ICSSR-sponsored major research project on rural livelihood diversification in Madhya Pradesh, and all members took part in the UGC Malaviya Mission teacher training programme.
4. The Department of Political Science, guided by the motto "Academic Excellence and Moral Development", released its newsletter "Pravah" in October 2023 and April 2024, held a panel discussion on the contribution of the Prime Ministers of India on 26 August 2023, and screened a documentary on fundamental rights on 25 November 2023. It organised a BOOT Camp for competitive examinations with the Department of Management, an awareness drive and pledge in Gram Silua on Human Rights Day on 9 December 2023, an online lecture on 'Women Empowerment: Challenges and Solutions' by Prof. Melody R. A. Ambangan of Southern Christian College of Social Work, Philippines on 13 January 2024, an essay competition on voting on 15 January 2024, a panel discussion on the criminalisation of politics with Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi on 3 February 2024, a Youth Parliament, an alumni lecture on 'How to Clear NET' on 9 March 2024 and an EVM demonstration at the District Collectorate on 12 March 2024. The department published an edited book on NEP 2020 and six chapters; two students qualified JRF, two qualified NET-2023 and one qualified MPSET. Anushka Soni stood first in non-percussion at the state youth festival, Sharad Jaiswal first in speech at university level and Rupanshi Mishra first in the state-level workshop 'Kavya Pathin Jigyasa-2023'.
5. The Department of History conducted a certificate course on Indian History Chronology and arranged educational visits to Madan Mahal Fort, to the Rani Durgawati Museum on 27 September 2023 and to an exhibition on the Independence Movement in Madhya Pradesh on 31 January 2024. It held a speech competition on "Freedom Fighters of Madhya Pradesh" on 2 September 2023, visited the old age home Little Sisters of the Poor on 2 December 2023, and marked the 128th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as Parakram Diwas with a speech competition on 23 January 2024. Dr Manju Maria Solomon delivered keynote addresses on "Ancient Heritage and Tourism" at the ASI and Rani Durgawati Museum seminar on 27 September 2023 and on "Exploring Ancient Indian History through the Lens of Science" on 11 February 2024, completed the NEP Orientation

under the Malaviya Mission programme, and published a chapter on Ancient India's education system and NEP 2020; four national conferences and an international conference at De Paul Degree College, Mysore on 15 and 16 July 2023 were attended by the faculty.

6. The Department of Computer Science held bridge classes for first-year students, a lecture on research methodology on 19 August 2023, a PPT competition on 19 August 2023, alumni interactions on 24 and 25 August 2023, a Code Debugging Competition on 23 September 2023, a two-day workshop on Digital Marketing and Social Media Analysis on 6 and 7 October 2023, a PPT competition on Republic Day on 13 January 2024, an expert talk on cyber security on 20 January 2024 and a group discussion on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Together with the Department of Management it organised "Meraki Fest 2.0" on 17 February 2024 with about fourteen activities for students of all streams. Postgraduate students presented research reviews every Saturday, a ten-day internship on machine learning using WEKA was conducted for students of Government M.H. College of Home Science and Science for Women, an e-waste management workshop was held, the DCA and DOEACC certificate courses ran for students of all streams, and the department launched its newsletter "IT Trends" and magazine "Infotech Times".
7. The Department of Mathematics saw its faculty attend sixteen conferences, webinars, FDPs, workshops and refresher or orientation programmes, deliver invited talks as resource persons in national programmes, and present nine research papers, of which Dr Mandira Kar's paper on dynamic visualization won the Best Paper award at the National Seminar on Education for Sustainability. Dr Kar also received the Johannes Kepler International Distinguished Professor and Researcher Award 2023 in Mathematics on 23 June 2023, and Dr Mita Darbari and Dr Akhilesh Pathak published two books. A student research workshop was held on 20 December 2023 and a national webinar on 'Recent Trends in Mathematics' was held with Patna Women's College on 21 December 2023. "GanitParv", a week of activities from 15 to 22 December 2023 in memory of Srinivasa Ramanujan, was sponsored by MPCST and benefited 105 students; two certificate courses benefited thirty students; the Mathematical Society newsletter was released on 4 January 2024; and alumnus Mr Maxim James spoke on 'How to Start a Company' on 2 February 2024. PG student Rishikant Sen cleared both GATE and IIT-JAM, with an All India rank of third in IIT-JAM.
8. The Department of Chemistry conducted the MPCST-sponsored National Workshop on "Synergetic Research Approach through RSM, Molecular Docking and SPSS for Scientific Computation" from 4 to 6 January 2024 with 58 participants, and celebrated National Science Day with quizzes, debates, talks and other competitions from 26 February to 1 March 2024, which nearly 350 students joined. "Rasayanika" on 30 October 2023 drew nearly 250 students. The value-added courses on Instrumentation and Analytical Techniques in Chemistry and on "Fun and Fact with Food" enrolled 22 and 27 students, a training programme on soap, night cream and similar products was held on 29 February 2024 for 23 students, and a one-day training for the Christian Workers Movement (Women) on 31 August 2023 benefited about twenty members. Seventy-five students visited the Kareli Sugar Mill on 20 January 2024, the newsletter "DISHA" was released on 2 March 2024, and Zero Discrimination Day and Water Day were observed on 1 and 22 March 2024. Dr Shweta Likhitkar and research scholar Ms Asra Fatima Kareemi won the

Best Paper award at the Commerce seminar of 24 and 25 November 2023, seven articles appeared in Scopus-indexed journals, and the faculty took part in seven FDPs.

9. The Department of Physics, which received approval from the Department of Higher Education, Government of M.P., to offer a B.Sc. programme in Nanotechnology, saw its students Vanshika Dixit and Abin Thomas win the intercollegiate working model competition "Gigyasa 2023" held from 3 to 7 October 2023, and Vanshika Dixit and Divyam Singh win the poster presentation at the National Science Day celebration of Rani Durgawati University on 28 and 29 February 2024. With the Science and Religion Society the department held an essay competition on 2 September 2023 and a speech competition on 27 January 2024, and with the Placement Cell it organised a guest lecture on R&D in India by alumnus Mr Ram Ashish Chouksey, Scientist at DRDO, on 13 February 2024, attended by 110 students. The Science Club celebrated National Science Day on 16 and 28 February 2024 with 126 participants, three students completed internships at the India Meteorological Department, Jabalpur, and ex-student Harsha Baghel qualified CSIR-NET, GATE and MP-SET. The faculty took part in the Malaviya Mission NEP orientation, an IEEE-associated FDP on advanced semiconductor devices from 29 January to 2 February 2024 and two national seminars.
10. The Department of Zoology, with the motto "Quality through Excellence", conducted a 15-day certificate course on microtomy from 14 to 28 September 2023 for 38 students, a webinar on 23 September 2023 by Dr Kesav Priyan Ramsamy of Umeå University, Sweden, and the "Zoo Carnival" for Wildlife Awareness Week from 3 to 7 October 2023 in which 150 students took part. A 15-day internship from 8 to 15 January 2024 trained 60 students of Government M.H. College, a vocational course on vermicomposting ran from 1 November 2023 to 30 January 2024, an educational tour to Kanha National Park took place on 18 February 2024, Science Day was celebrated on 27 February 2024, and a 15-day certificate course on recent trends in Zoology was held from 22 February to 12 March.
11. The Department of Botany and Microbiology organised a conjunctivitis awareness programme on 12 August 2023, a guest lecture on biopatenting on 26 August 2023, International Microorganism Day from 11 to 16 September 2023, a lab visit by students of St. Thomas School on 23 September 2023, and certificate courses on mushroom cultivation from 16 September and water quality monitoring from 11 November 2023. It held a pollution awareness drive on 16 December 2023, the "Ecofest" with the Nature Club on 13 January 2024, an industrial visit to Janta Dairy Farm, Tilwaraghat on 27 January 2024, an internship from 12 to 22 February 2024 for PG students of Government M.H. College, National Science Day competitions on 28 February 2024 and a bonsai cultivation training on 5 April 2024, and it brings out the quarterly newsletter "Trends in Microbiology".
12. The Department of Biotechnology, with the motto "Stride Towards Excellence", organised through the Aloysian Biotech Society the science event "Vigyanam Garjana 2.0" on 14 October 2023, which brought together more than 500 students from schools and colleges. It held expert talks on 16 September 2023 and 27 January 2024, a career counselling session by alumni with the Department of Management on 3 February 2024, a Constitution Day oath on 26 November 2023, a ten-day internship from 1 December 2023 for about 48 students of Home Science College, and National Science Day events on 29 February 2024. Faculty published four research papers in UGC-CARE journals, four book chapters and two books; Dr Laxmi Kant Pandey obtained a patent for a solar powered medicinal plant

extractor, and Dr Anisha Rupashree won the Best Paper award at the Commerce seminar. Himanshi cleared GATE 2024, Mehwish Ali cleared IIT-JAM, Neha Ghosh was selected for doctoral studies at ACTREC, Tata Memorial, Mumbai, and Aryan Singh Thakur and Desai Kartik Ganesh won gold and silver in the 24th senior M.P. State Wushu Championship.

13. The Department of Management organised seventeen academic and skill-building activities, including a guest lecture on capital market investor awareness on 5 August 2023, a webinar on financial modelling under the MOU with PIBM on 9 September 2023 attended by 250 students, an international webinar with Near East University, North Cyprus on 16 September 2023, a caselet workshop on 30 September 2023, six days of skill enhancement and personality development classes from 16 to 21 October 2023 for all 190 postgraduate students, and an analytics workshop on 20 January 2024. BBA third-year students visited Decathlon, Pune from 9 to 13 October 2023, 150 BBA second-semester students visited Reva Kripa Sugar Mill, Shahpura on 3 February 2024, and the fifteen-day Rural Immersion Programme with XIDAS from 8 to 21 February 2024 surveyed literacy, women's development and livelihood in seven villages. The newsletter "AMA Review" was released on 5 November 2023 and 12 January 2024, the Aloysian Management Association and the Department of Computer Science held the knowledge fest "Meraki" on 17 February 2024 with about 350 participants, and the department with the Rotaract Club ran an education awareness programme at a government school in Mehgawan. One faculty member joined the Board of Studies of the University Institute of Management, Rani Durgawati University, two enrolled for Ph.D., one cleared NET, and five contributed book chapters.
14. The Department of Commerce, with the theme "In Pursuit of Excellence", offered NEP-aligned major, minor and elective courses along with add-on courses in US CMA, Finance for Non-Finance Professionals, a Bajaj Finserv programme in banking, finance and insurance, taxation, and an online certificate course in Global Business with La Salle University, Colombia and East Carolina University, USA. A 30-hour hands-on programme on stock trading with Optus was joined by 100 students, an online business plan competition was held with St. Paul Institute of Professional Studies, Indore, and the department convened the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on "G-20 and Green Growth: Collaborative Action for a Sustainable Future under Saptrishi Budget 2023" on 24 and 25 November 2023. It also published an edited book on the SDGs in higher education, organised a talent show, a career counselling session with the ICAI, a visit to an orphanage and the "Bharat Business Conclave 2.0" in January 2024. Three students cleared the CMA Part 1 examination, ten completed the AICPA finance certification and fifty students were placed with recruiters such as Tech Mahindra, TCS, SBI, HCL and Wipro. The College was ranked third in Commerce in Madhya Pradesh in the private college category by "Open the Magazine".
15. The Department of Education, with the motto "Sankalp, Samanvaya and Samarpan", organised the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on "Education for Sustainability: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Higher Education" on 2 and 3 March 2024, at which one faculty member and one student won the Best Paper award. It held an Art and Craft Exhibition on 14 July 2023, a certificate course in music from 21 September to 7 October 2023, a sixteen-week internship for B.Ed. third-semester students from 16 August to 20

December 2023, a guest lecture series from 16 to 18 February, a campus selection in which 30 students were selected as PGT and TGT teachers, a poster competition on International Literacy Day, a health awareness programme at a government school and a model teaching lecture by alumni. Members presented seventeen papers, took part in thirty-seven conferences, seminars and workshops, eight attended a refresher course under MMTTP, nineteen FDPs were attended, and one research paper and four book chapters were published.

A detailed overview of the activities conducted by the clubs, societies and cells:

1. The Cultural Association organised the Talent Fest from August 2023, in which more than 200 students took part in dance, music, drama, art and literary events, and sent selected students to the Rani Durgawati University Youth Festival from 14 to 16 September 2023, where they won first positions in skit, singing, sitar, classical solo dance, quiz, speech, debate and painting. At the state youth festival at Jiwaji University the students stood first in sitar, quiz and solo western song, and at the Zonal Youth Festival at Subharti, Meerut from 29 to 31 January 2024 they won first prize in quiz and solo western song and third in solo sugam. At the National Youth Festival at Agricultural University, Jalandhar, Falguni Ghansela won second place in western solo and third in solo sugam song and Sidharth Tiwari stood sixth in quiz. The club also took part in the Rotary Tulika competition on 24 September 2023 and in the Independence Day programme, in which more than 100 students participated.
2. The Nature Club, with the motto "Conserve and Preserve", held a conjunctivitis awareness programme on 12 August 2023, slogan and poster competitions on millets, a workshop on sustainable agriculture practices on 18 August 2023, a rose plantation drive on 30 October 2023 in which more than 180 plants were planted, and a pollution control awareness outreach on 16 December 2023, and it publishes the quarterly newsletter "NATURE".
3. The National Service Scheme had Khushi Pareek and Shruti Jain awarded Best Volunteer by Rani Durgawati University, four students awarded Best Volunteer by the College, and four students selected for the state orientation camp from 3 to 9 March 2024. Its activities included a tree plantation and nectar garden at Pipariya Kala on 8 August 2023, the flag rally on 14 August 2023, poster and speech competitions on the G20 summit and Nasha Mukti in September 2023, NSS Day on 24 September 2023, Gandhi Jayanti cleanliness on 2 October 2023, the Run for Unity on 31 October 2023, support for the Narmada Parikrama on 27 November 2023, the Road Safety Week from 11 to 17 January 2024, a National Youth Day rally, and a seven-day special camp at Pipariya Kala village from 20 to 26 February 2024.
4. The National Cadet Corps, with its Army and Naval wings, saw Cadet Captain Harshit Singh Mehrolia secure second position as All India Best Cadet in the Senior Division Navy at the Republic Day Camp 2024 at New Delhi, where he received the Warrior Medallion and cash awards from the Chief Minister, the Governor and the Corps Commander, while Cadets Aditi Chouksey, Aditi Mishra and Praduman Dubey also took part in the camp. Cadets attended the Nau Sainik Camp at INS Shivaji, Lonavala from 14 to 24 October 2023, the Sea Attachment Camp at Visakhapatnam from 9 to 24 December 2023 and other national camps. The wing performed yoga on International Yoga Day with 179 cadets, held

a blood donation camp on 18 January 2024 in which over 150 students donated, a Thalassemia and Sickle Cell awareness rally on 12 January 2024, cleanliness drives on Gandhi Jayanti and Navy Day, and collected Rs 28,210 for the Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund on 29 January 2024.

5. The Women Cell organised an awareness programme from 24 to 26 August 2023 benefiting 469 students, a self-defence training on 26 August 2023, the Rashtriya Krimi Mukti Diwas from 12 to 15 September 2023 benefiting 2,352 girl students, a yoga programme on 7 October 2023, a website design training on 17 and 18 November 2023, an online lecture on women empowerment with Southern Christian College of Social Work, Philippines on 13 January 2024, a free eye check-up camp on 20 January 2024 in which 270 students benefited, and a women's health awareness programme on 9 March 2024.
6. The Jabalpur Inter Religious Forum conducted poster and essay competitions on National Unity Day on 31 October 2023 and a painting and essay competition during the Communal Harmony Campaign Week from 19 to 25 November 2023, and organised the Deepawali function on 18 November 2023, the Guruparb celebration on 2 December 2023 and the Christmas programme on 21 December 2023 with distinguished guests, promoting harmony among believers of different communities.
7. The Samarpan Club visited the government school at Mehgawan on 7 October 2023 with stationery and activities for the children, conducted the "SHE DRIVES" four-wheeler driving classes from 16 to 20 October 2023 for twenty-five girls, visited the Little Sisters of the Poor old age home with a month's ration and medicines, celebrated National Integration Day on 19 November 2023 with a poster competition for 47 students, and held a Zero Tolerance Day speech competition on 6 February 2024.
8. The Electoral Literacy Club, with Dr Mandira Kar as Nodal Officer, ran a ten-day workshop from 17 to 26 August 2023 in which 430 students created their voter IDs, an inclusive election workshop at the Little Sisters of the Poor on 2 September 2023, a quiz on 16 September 2023, painting, slogan, tagline and GIF competitions on 3 October 2023, a Nukkad Natak that stood second among 64 colleges in the district semi-finals on 19 and 20 October 2023 and third in the final on 21 October 2023, a street show at Bharat Mata Chowk on 26 October 2023 and a meeting on 3 November 2023 attended by 177 students.
9. The Red Ribbon Club organised poster and slogan competitions on International Youth Day and on 12 August 2023 with the Department of Zoology, observed World AIDS Day on 1 December 2023 with a guest lecture, held a guest lecture and competitions on HIV and TB on 20 January 2024, and conducted a reel-making competition on 18 March 2024.
10. In Sports, the College won the intercollegiate tournaments in badminton, chess, football (women), basketball (men and women), volleyball (men) and kho kho, and was runner-up in cricket, table tennis (women), kabaddi, handball and football (men). Mehak Jaiswal won second place at the 1st Asian Dueball Championship, Rubina Francis won bronze in shooting at the Asian Para Games, Tanya Jatav and Vanshika Namdeo won gold and bronze medals in Wushu at the Khelo India National Games, Vanshika Namdeo won four and Tanya Jatav two gold medals at the All India University Wushu at Jammu, and in archery Chirag Vidhyarthi won gold at the All India University Championship and, with Amit Kumar and Kritika Bichpuriya, at the Khelo India University Games at Shillong. In 2023-24 students participated at the international (5), Khelo India University (6), All India

University (12), Inter-University (22), National (13), Khelo India National (2), National Games (2), State (57) and District (96) levels.

11. The Placement Cell held orientation sessions for first-year students from 26 July to 5 August 2023, enrolled more than 500 students on Internshala, which placed the College 47th in India for registrations, and conducted the seven-week "Udaan" training with T.I.M.E. Jabalpur in aptitude, reasoning and interview skills. Sessions were held with a Bombay Stock Exchange trainer, Dr Archana Rathore, a Career Boot Camp, a mock placement drive, a resume writing workshop, an Advanced Excel workshop, an interview skills webinar, a career counselling webinar on pharmacy and a talk by alumnus Mr Ram Ashish Chouksey of DRDO, and alumni holding administrative and police posts guided students on competitive examinations.

Placement Report: Eighty students were placed in companies such as Collabera, Concentrix, Jaro Education, Codeyoung, Teleperformance, NoBroker, SBI Securities, SBI Credit Cards, Planet Spark, TCS, Sutherland, Assist Click and British Telecom, and Ms Keya Chakraborty of M.Sc. Physics was selected as an Optical Engineer at LEOS, ISRO Bangalore. Overall, 549 outgoing students were placed or progressed to higher education and 18 qualified state, national or international examinations such as NET, SLET and civil services.

Laurels: In the India Today rankings the College secured All India ranks of 74th in Arts, 89th in Commerce, 105th in BBA, 104th in Science and 131st in BCA, and 82nd in the all-India ranking of higher education institutions as reported by the Commerce department. The autonomous status was extended up to 2029. The Annual Prize Distribution for 2021-22 was held on 20 December 2023 with 40 gold medals and 40 certificates, and that for 2022-23 on 22 February 2024 with 47 gold medals and 35 certificates.

Academic Performance: In 2023-24, 1,568 students appeared in the UG and 167 in the PG final examinations. The pass percentage was 100% in B.A., B.Sc. and B.C.A., 99.58% in B.B.A. and 98.88% in B.Com., and 100% in M.A. (Political Science and English), M.Sc. (Chemistry, Computer Science, Zoology and Mathematics) and M.Com. The College was the only institute in Jabalpur to declare its UG and PG results in May-June, within 13 days of the last examination.

Faculty Development and Research: The College teachers published 3 self-authored books, 7 edited books and 1 monograph, 12 papers in Scopus-indexed journals, 12 in Web of Science, 17 in UGC-CARE list journals and 99 book chapters. Faculty participated in 3 international and 91 national conferences, 12 workshops and 82 faculty development programmes. The IQAC supported research with seed money of Rs 7.76 lakh, financial support to 107 teachers for conferences and workshops, and consultancy and corporate training of Rs 9.51 lakh. The session also saw the ICSSR-sponsored seminars of Economics, Commerce and Education and the MPCST-sponsored Chemistry workshop.

Institutional Events and Infrastructure: The session opened on 26 July 2023 with an orientation for first-year students, and the College admitted 2,326 first-year students against 2,475 sanctioned seats, with 420 admissions from reserved categories and 3,344 students benefiting from scholarships and freeships. An eleven-day Global Education Partnership Programme on "Global

Economy" from 18 to 28 March 2024 brought 72 students of seven institutions in India, the Philippines and Turkey together. Through the NSS, NCC and the "SPARSH: Touching Lives" initiative the College conducted 55 extension and outreach programmes, and the Alumni Association contributed Rs 23.5 lakh. The College spent Rs 5.34 crore on infrastructure development and Rs 3.72 crore on maintenance, and smart classrooms, a renovated auditorium and an upgraded Biotechnology laboratory were completed in 2023, followed by the renovation of the computer lab, library and media centre in 2024. The Annual Social Gathering was held on 22 and 23 December 2023. The College also saw the retirement of Mr Prakash Parwar and Krishna Bai on 31 July 2023 and of Mr Anto J. Thattil on 30 September 2023. On 13 January 2024 the then Principal Dr Fr. J. G. Valan Arasu was announced Bishop-elect of Jabalpur, was bid farewell on 1 April 2024 and was ordained Bishop on 8 April 2024; Dr Fr. J. Ben Anton Rose succeeded him as Principal, and the Alumni Association felicitated them on 11 May 2024.

As we conclude, it is evident that the institution made significant strides in 2023-24, reflecting our commitment to excellence in education and holistic development. The 55 outreach programmes, the timely declaration of results, the investments in classrooms, laboratories and library, and the support of alumni underscore our dedication to a conducive learning environment and to nurturing students who contribute meaningfully to society. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." With this guiding principle we look forward to another year of growth, innovation and impactful change.

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