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INSPIRING IAS ASPIRANTS TO PROTECT OUR INDIAN REPUBLIC AND CONSTITUTION



On this 75th Republic Day, we honor India's declaration as a Sovereign, Democratic, and Republic State through the adoption of the Constitution on 26 January 1950. The Constitution granted citizens the authority to elect their government, laying the foundation for democracy.

In support of our nation's Constitution and democratic principles, the Jesuits and their associates organized the Jesuit Mentoring Program for IAS aspirants. The program concluded its journey on 26 November 2023, at the Jesuit House in Panjim. The event celebrated the dedication and achievements of aspiring civil servants with the guests including Dr. Anthony 'Tino' D'Sa, parents, professors, colleagues, and friends. The ceremony honoured both students and mentors who were actively involved in the initiative. Outstanding students Megan Barreto, Leander Baretto, Anita Parsekar, Nikhil Sawant, Ninu Elias, Aldridge Oliveira, Presley Da Costa, and Clyde De Araujo were felicitated by Dr. D'Sa. Commencing with a prayer by Jesuit Pre-Novices of Loyola Hall, Miramar, the event featured simulated UPSC personality test interviews, showcasing the preparedness and growth of students under the program.

Fr Roland Coelho SJ highlighted the essential role of education and mentorship in moulding future civil servants. He stressed on fostering a mindset of excellence and service. Dr. D'Sa shared valuable insights, urging the IAS aspirants to dedicate themselves diligently to their preparation. His encouragement emphasized the importance of hard work and unwavering dedication as they pursue success in their endeavours. Engaging discussions ensued, with the audience actively participating in an interactive session by sharing ideas and insights about the Civil Services path with students and professors. An interactive quiz added a fun element, testing the audience's awareness of national and international issues, followed by the conferral of certificates upon deserving students and teachers, recognizing their dedication and accomplishments. Student Megan Barreto acknowledged the collective effort that enriched the mentoring initiative. The ceremony concluded with the hymn "How Great Thou Art," symbolizing the culmination of the program. Meanwhile, Collaborative Learning Café (CLC) continues its programs both online and in person.