

Certificate Distribution Ceremony Report on Jesuit Mentoring Program for IAS Aspirants

Introduction

The Jesuit Mentoring Program for IAS Aspirants Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held at the Jesuit House, Panaji at 3:00pm to 5:00pm on 26th November 2023. The program aimed to recognize the efforts and achievements of students and teachers who participated in the mentoring initiative during the year 2023. The program was compered by one of the student, Clyde Jesus De Araujo, and was attended by parents, professors, colleagues, friends, and many others.



The students felicitated by Sir Anthony D'Sa (Former Chief Secretary of the State of Madhya Pradesh), were Megan Barreto, Leander Baretto, Anita Parsekar, Nikhil Sawant, Ninu Elias, Aldridge Oliveira, Presley Da Costa, and Clyde De Araujo.





Prayer Song by Jesuit Pre-Novices : The event commenced with a prayer and a soulful prayer song performed by Jesuit Pre-Novices, setting a tone of prayer, reflection, and gratitude for the ceremony.



Mock Interview by the Students: An enjoyable activity which was usually held for the aspirants during the classes is the Mock interview, which imitates the UPSC Personality Test [Interview]. There were two rounds held, wherein during the first round, the panellists were Megan Barreto, Ninu Elias, and Clyde De Araujo, while the interviewee was Anita Parsekar. During the second round, the panellists were Megan Barreto, Ninu Elias, and Anita Parsekar while the interviewee was Leander Baretto. It was a fun-filled act wherein the IAS aspirants showcased their preparedness, providing a glimpse into the progress made under the mentorship program. The exercises reflected the dedication and commitment of both students and their mentors.



Questions from the Audience: Engagement was encouraged with an interactive session, allowing the audience to pose questions to the participants, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights. Questions were asked about the Civil Services, and different aspects of this path, which were answered by the Students as well as the professors, who were diligently involved into this program



Address by the Goa Jesuit Provincial: The Provincial of the Goa Jesuits, Fr. Roland Coelho, SJ delivered a motivating address, emphasizing the significance of education and mentorship in shaping future civil servants, as well as the four senses that a civil servant ought to have, which are the sense of purpose, resilience, navigating polarities, and service. His words inspired students to persevere in their pursuit of excellence.



Address by a former civil servant Anthony D'Sa, Retired IAS: The highlight of the ceremony was an enlightening address by Anthony D'Sa, a distinguished former IAS officer, who had his last posting as the Chief Secretary of the Madhya Pradesh Government. His experiences and advice provided invaluable guidance to the aspiring civil servants, he emphasized that it is necessary that the students should spend significant time in their preparation outside of the mentoring program, in order to be successful in their endeavors, and work hard towards their goals of becoming Eminent civil servants.



Sharing of Thoughts by a Parent: An important moment arose with a parent sharing thoughts on the impact of the mentoring program on their child's aspirations. Mrs. Rosemarie Araujo, the mother of Megan and Leander Baretto, gave a reflective address, on how this program has helped both her children, to become responsible, punctual and upright in their lives.

Short Quiz for the Audience: To infuse an element of fun and knowledge-sharing, a short quiz was conducted by Megan Barreto, Anita Parsekar, and Nikhil Sawant, testing the audience's awareness about national and international issues. It was the most enjoyable moment for the audience, and majority of them tried answering the questions with many of them getting it right.



Sharing of Thoughts by Teacher : Professor Dr. Xavier Martins, who has been guiding the students with their studies in history, shared his insights into the challenges and triumphs faced during the program. He congratulated the Jesuits for their initiative to start a program, which is first of a kind in Goa, and has been helping the students gain the necessary mentorship to move towards path of civil service.



Distribution of Certificates to Students and Teachers

Certificates were then conferred upon the deserving students and teachers, symbolizing their dedication and accomplishments throughout the mentoring program.

Firstly, the teachers were felicitated by Fr. Roland Coelho, SJ for their selfless service and contribution towards the program. Those who were awarded were Professor Dr. Xavier Martins, Professor Gail Zacharia, Professor Dr. Dadapir Jakati, Professor Dr. Nandkumar Sawant, Professor Maurice Almeida, and Professor Dr. Benedict Soares.





Vote of Thanks by Megan: Megan Barreto, a student of the program, expressed gratitude to everyone involved specifically the Co-ordinator Sir Victor D'Sa, the professors, the Jesuits of Goa Province, and others contributing to the success of the program. Her words acknowledged the collective effort that made the mentoring initiative a meaningful journey.

Conclusion: The ceremony concluded with a hymn, How Great Thou Art, by Jesusly, from Nirmal Institute of Education, marking the culmination of the Jesuit Mentoring Program for IAS Aspirants. It was a testament to the collaborative spirit of the community in fostering education and shaping the aspirations of future leaders in the civil services.



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