

**Minutes of the joint meeting of Central Executive Teams of St. Michael's Alumni Association, St. Xavier's School Alumni Association, St. Xavier's College of Education Alumni Association, representatives of Jesuit Alumni Association of India & Alumni of St. Michael's High school**

**Venue : Central Library hall .....St. Michael's High School, Patna**

**Date : 23.04.2022**

**Time : 5:30 – 7:20 PM**

**No. of persons attended : 22**

**Present :**

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| 1. Fr. Edison J. Armstrong S.J. | 2. Fr. Norbert Menezes S.J.     |
| 3. Fr. Peter Arockiasamy S.J.   | 4. Fr. Christu Savarirajan S.J. |
| 5. Dr. Ashutosh Trivedi         | 6. Dr. Vikas Shankar            |
| 7. Mr. Vivek Kumar Sinha        | 8. Dr. Rakesh Kumar'88          |
| 9. Mr. Sunny Agrawal            | 10. Mr. Abhishek Kumar          |
| 11. Mr. Gitesh Lohia            | 12. Dr. Nasir Ahmad             |
| 13. Dr. Rakesh Kumar            | 14. Mr. Prabuddha Biswas        |
| 15. Mr. Kumar Gautam            | 16. Mr. Kumar Shubhangam        |
| 17. Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh       | 18. Mr. Abhay Kanoria           |
| 19. Mr. Sujay Kumar Sinha       | 20. Mr. Om Prakash              |
| 21. Mr. Deep Kumar              | 22. Ms. Angela Anjana           |

The Secretary of St. Michael's Alumni Association, Mr. Vivek Kumar Sinha called the meeting to order and delivered the Welcome address. He informed that on the request of Chairman of the Organising Committee of the forthcoming 10<sup>th</sup> JAAI National Conference, scheduled to be held in Patna from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> feb'23, during the last JAAP meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March'22, and after consent of the current EC members of SMAA and subsequent approval from the Rector and Moderator of SMAA, this joint meeting was convened here at St. Michael's High School, today.

Then after, there was an introduction by all present followed by the inaugural address by Fr. Peter Arockiasamy SJ, Province Co-ordinator (North Zone) JAAI during which he informed in detail about JAAI and its future programmes.

Further, Fr. Norbert Menezes SJ, Rector, St. Michael's High School, Patna informed all to make concrete progress and prepare extensive plans for the forthcoming JAAI congress. He emphasized that synergy between various Jesuit Alumni Associations was the need of the hour to achieve the desired objective.

The meeting progressed with Fr. Edison J. Armstrong SJ, Principal, St. Michael's High School & Moderator, St. Michael's Alumni Association welcoming all present and wished this meeting to be the real kick-start for JAAI congress preparations.

Furthermore, Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan SJ, Principal St. Xavier's High School, Patna expressed his thankfulness to SMAA for organising this important meeting.

This was followed by a detailed presentation of the activities planned during earlier meetings of JAAP by Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh, Organising Secretary, 10<sup>th</sup> National Congress of JAAI. He informed that the Congress would necessarily have four important sessions viz. Inaugural, Cultural programmes, Business and Panel discussions. The need was to deliberate on each session and immediately start meeting / calling the key persons and finalising their schedule. He also apprised about the forthcoming Zonal Congress of JAAI to be held in early September'22 at Darjeeling and requested all present to participate in the Congress. He also appealed to finalise the theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> JAAI Congress and initiate the preparation and printing of the brochure.

Then after, there was a group discussion by all members present. The key points of the discussion are as follows :

1. Congress statement to be issued
2. Governing council meeting of JAAI to take place during the Congress
3. Rs. 2750/- to be the delegate fee
4. Day 3 - Best Alumni Association to be awarded with
5. Themes discussed were : \* Youth and Environment

- Role of Jesuits in Crisis for Education
- Relevance of Alumni Association
- Transformative Power of Networking for Sustainable development beyond Crisis
- Digital Transformation of Education system – A new normal and way ahead
- Shaping India’s TECHADE – HOW, NOW & NEXT.

It was resolved in the meeting that the theme of the forthcoming Congress would be “India’s proven tech prowess and the critical role that technology had played during the pandemic to ensure continuity of education, healthcare and other citizen services”.

The meeting ended with Mr. Sunny Agrawal, Joint-Secretary SMAA exquisitely summarising the proceedings of the meeting and proposing the Vote of Thanks .....followed by high tea.

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*Prepared by Vivek Kumar Sinha*