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IDENTITY

Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru (ISI-B) is a 'Training and Resource Centre', enabled by research, facilitating advocacy engagements.

VISION

To Build an Egalitarian and Inclusive Society by Promoting Socially Conscious Communities.

MISSION

The institute engages in 'Training of Trainers' and leaders of marginalized communities with a special focus on South India, through holistic and quality capacity-building training, enabled by research-based knowledge, networking, and advocacy engagements, to claim their entitlements and rights and to improve the quality of life.

- Dalits, Dalit Christians, Adivasis, Minorities, Unorganized Laborers, Fisher folk, and Distress migrants, with a special focus on women and youth
- Community leaders, CSOs People's Movements and Jesuit Social Centers

PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS

THEMATIC AREAS

Social Inclusion and Democracy
Labour Migration
Peace and Reconciliation

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OUR JOURNEY



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Indian Social Institute, Bangalore has witnessed one more year of marching with the marginalized and made great strides in realizing its mission with the poor and the marginalized. The coming of two new unit heads, Labor Migration and Peace and Reconciliation have added colours to the institute and brought fresh air in its activities: one with a lot of experience from his work at ISI Delhi with worldwide contacts and the other, a young and energetic person with new ideas and vigour. As a result, there has been more and qualitative impact of our programs. This new enthusiasm blends with the vision and mission of ISI B making it ever more strong and solid centre to train the grassroots activists and also training of trainers who in turn conscientize their community members in many ways.



Labor Migration Unit

Labor Migration unit has a fresh impetus at the coming of the new unit head and his assistant. Both being very young and energetic and highly imaginative, make the unit activities visible and impact oriented. Their concentration on trainings, attending to death cases and other helpline services have made the unit round the clock busy and happening unit. As a result of attending very promptly to such needs, the migrants repose a lot of trust and feel ISI B a safe haven. Their core focus is on the mobilization of distress migrants in the city, attending to SOS requests and networking with national migrant service networks. Their activities have made a welcome change in the institute and people are highly appreciative of our commitment.

Peace and Reconciliation Unit

Though it is still a nascent unit, its impact has been very great. This unit has pitched itself in the interfaith landscape. The number of activities organized from this unit witness to this value. It speaks very clearly and loudly that ISI respects all human beings beyond religions, castes, cultures, and ideological orientations and accepts humans as the design of the Divine. Xenophobia is not an act of civilized and strong society but a weak and decaying society is the loud message we communicate through the mission of spreading Peace and Reconciliation. Thanks to the meticulous works of the unit head, he is able to attract a huge project to build peace communities, prepare training materials, disseminate the importance of living together and loving one another irrespective of the differences, among school and university students, community leaders and other stakeholders. This project will support the unit activities for the next three years.

Social Inclusion and Democracy Unit

Social Inclusion and Democracy unit is the heart of the institute and the face of ISI B to the outside world. It has produced hundreds of committed and conscious grassroots leaders who still relish their experience with ISI. Its alumni are spread all over the country as NGOs, CSOs, and HR defenders. This unit has five hubs: Central Hub, Andhra & Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu & Pondicherry. They continue to train grassroots leaders and youth who make great impact in their regions and across South India. These hubs have worked-out training modules which they conduct regularly. Special programs like NGO partners workshop, review meetings and online training programs through which they are regularly in touch with both the trainees and NGO partners. Thus, collaboration and networking have been one of the USPs of ISI B.

Best Practices

Indian Social Institute is also known for its best practices. That is how it updates itself to address the changing needs and nature of the society. The following are some of the best practices through which ISI B makes a difference in the society and among other CSOs.

i. Advocacy and Networking

Advocacy and Networking is one of the key components of the institute from the beginning, be it in training the grassroots activists for a better and future India, or showing our solidarity with other likeminded groups, taking lead in mobilizing such organizations with same orientation and establishing a stronger network which will create a society of people with freedom and dignity as enshrined in our Constitution. The following are some of the concrete activities that would vouch for our commitment for a better world, better India,

a. *NGO Review meeting*

NGO Review meeting is one of the annual events of the institute by which we gather many NGOs who have been collaborating with us now, in the past and also possible future collaborators. Currently, we are collaborating with nearly 60 NGO partners across South India through our training programs particularly through Social Inclusion and Democracy Unit. We gather them to listen to their opinions and views, their experience of training, collaboration and move together with similar aim and goal. We are very happy to note that there is a lot of positive feedback about the training, our relations with them and the impact ISI has created in their life and region.

Many of our training programs are conducted very successfully thanks to our networking partners in South India. Their constant support and collaboration for the past one year

has been very impressive and forward looking. We were able to experience and feel their genuine support when they were here for the NGO review meeting held last year.

b. South Indian level NGO workshop- identifying new training partners

As our training program necessitates for new partners after the completion of the basic modules, we also identified during the year new partners who would collaborate in the dissemination of different training modules from Social Inclusion and Democracy unit.

In the process of our collaboration and network we also move into partnership with other networks. Thus, we have closer partnership with Eddelu Karnataka, Mukhti Alliance, AICUF, IMCS, CRI Bangalore, St. Peter's Seminary and many other networking partners. All these are proofs that the institute is moving in the right direction to establish equality, justice, peace and harmony and safe migration in the country.

In addition to the regular network and collaboration, ISI B also organizes periodically regional and national level meetings and workshops to defend the constitution and democracy from various threats to constitutional governance. In view of this, we organized a two-day national workshop on "Democratic and Constitutional Governance: Perspectives and Prospects" last academic year which was much appreciated. People from various states participated in the workshop and promised that they would have similar meetings in their own places to create strong democratic governance.

ii. Internship

Internship is another best practice which ISI B has been doing for many years. As a natural development of this, we have also come out with a policy on internship program which has given us clear perspective and orientation towards taking up interns. In the last academic year, we had 11 interns including two international students from Stockholm, Sweden. They were here for more than three months and returned to their country heart full of enthusiasm and gratitude to ISI.

iii. Other meetings

The institute also has regular Jesuit staff meeting every month and Task Reporting Meeting every two months. Through these meetings, the Jesuit management is able evaluate its activities, change the course of action and direction as and when needed and correct things when go wrong. These meetings also highlight the best practices of various works and lessons are learnt from one another in the process.

iv. Improved Facilities

Another feather in the cap of ISI B is its continuous and improved facilities in order to serve more people and better. In this line, the institute has put up extra rooms with better facilities in order to serve all types of people during their stay for programs at the institute. We converted R-Block 2nd floor with 19



rooms which can accommodate 38 persons at a time. A spacious, modern facilities like geyser, air conditioner, and other facilities bring more guests to conduct programs and have safer and more comfortable stay at ISI. All these upgradations and improvements in the institute have brought more partners, guests and other users of the facilities so that ISI B stays upgraded, relevant and accommodative.

We are able to do all these great works and fulfil the mission of the institute, thanks to the great support and accompaniment of the President, the Vice-President, the Governing board members, the Jesuit management and all the staff who throw their entire support and solidarity in realising the mission. When we walk alone, we walk fast; but when we walk together, we walk far. Here we walk together to the point of achieving the vision of ISI, “to build an egalitarian and inclusive society”.

Thank you very much.

Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ

Director

A. SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DEMOCRACY UNIT

The goal of Social Inclusion & Democracy unit is to provide an easy access to students, youth, domestic workers, advocates and social workers to broaden their intellectual horizon and sharpen their leadership skills and develop a humane perspective so that they can effectively play the role of organic intellectuals for their communities in their areas. Democratisation of knowledge, deeper appreciation of the Constitutional provisions, strengthening local governance, developing democratic culture and promoting inclusive approach to human development are some of the primary objectives of this unit.

This unit has five hubs – Central hub and four state hubs, Andhra and Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. The central hub in a special way, focuses on programmes at the Bangalore level, South India and National level, keeping English as medium of training in most of the programmes, while the state hubs will focus on South Indian states of the marginalised communities, especially youth belonging to marginalized communities who are living in small towns and rural areas and the programmes will be carried out in vernacular language.

Some of the major programmes of the Central hub and the key stakeholders include: Socio-cultural analysis, training of teachers and students, current issues and challenges, educational issues and minority rights, human rights education and celebration, addressing human rights violations and promote Dalit, Adivasi and women rights. In the states, a 11-phase module training is offered in partnership with local NGOs in the field. Advance training is offered for those who have successfully completed basic training at the institute premises.

TAMILNADU & PUDUCHERRY UNIT 2024 -25						
S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
I. NGO Consultation Meetings						
1	Consultation with new NGO Heads for Batch III	02/04/2024	Uthangarai	5	2	3
2	Consultation with new NGO Heads for Batch III	06/04/2024	Karaikal	4	1	3
3	Consultation with new NGO Heads for Batch III	07/04/2024	Villupuram	4	2	2
4	Consultation with new NGO Heads for Batch III (Online)	08/04/2024	Salem	4	3	1

I. Training Modules						
5	Basic Module 1: Self and Society	20/07/2024 to 22/07/2024	Uthangarai	39	14	25
6	Basic Module 1: Self and Society	24/08/2024 to 26/08/2024	Villupuram	32	22	13
7	Basic Module 1: Self and Society	30/08/2024 to 01/09/2024	Karaikal	29	18	9
8	Basic Module 1: Self and Society	06/09/2024 to 08/09/2024	Salem	48	9	4
9	Basic Module 2: Democracy and Citizenship	13/09/2024 to 15/09/2024	Uthangarai	37	15	20
10	Basic Module 2: Democracy and Citizenship	27/09/2024 to 29/09/2024	Villupuram	35	12	23
11	Basic Module 2: Democracy and Citizenship	04/10/2024 to 06/10/2024	Karaikal	35	20	12
12	Advance Module 1: Leadership, Social Animation and Social Media Skills	25/10/2024 to 27/10/2024	Trichy	20	10	10
13	Basic Module 2: Democracy and Citizenship	08/11/2024 to 10/11/2024	Salem	40	12	28
14	Basic Module 3: People's Entitlements	20/12/2024 to 22/12/2024	Uthangarai	35	13	22
15	Basic Module 3: People's Entitlements	28/12/2024 to 30/12/2024	Karaikal	39	24	15
16	Advance Module 2: Socio Cultural Analysis	03/01/2025 to 06/01/2025	ISI Bengaluru	20	10	10

17	Basic Module 3: People's Entitlements	10/01/2025 to 12/01/2025	Villupuram	35	17	18
18	Basic Module 3: People's Entitlements	24/01/2025 to 26/01/2025	Salem	40	12	28



ANDHRA PRADESH & TELANGANA UNIT

S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
I. NGO consultation meetings						
1	Consultation with new NGOs for batch - III	18/03/2024	Mahaboob nagar Telangana.	8	6	2
2	Consultation with new NGOs for batch - III	19/03/2024	Warangal Telangana.	5	3	2
3	Impact Study of Basic Module Capacity Building Training: One to one interview	23/03/2024	Kadapa, AP	6	4	2
4	Impact Study of Basic Module Capacity Building Training: One to one interview	24/03/2024	Vijayawada, AP	6	4	2

5	Impact Study of Basic Module Capacity Building Training: One to one interview	25/03/2024	Visakapatnam, AP	7	4	3
6	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	25/03/2024	Visakapatnam, AP	6	1	5
7	Impact Study of Basic Module Capacity Building Training: One to one interview	26/03/2024	Amalapuram, AP	5	2	3
8	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	26/03/2024	Amalapuram, AP	6	2	8
9	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	05/04/2024	Hyderabad, TS	3	2	5
10	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	12/04/2024	Tuni, AP	6	4	2
11	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	18/04/2024	Chirala, AP	7	4	3
12	Visiting to NGO partners.	24/04/2024	Hyderabad	6	3	3
13	Consultation with new NGOs for batch – III	25/04/2024	Utnoor, TS	5	5	-
II. Training Modules						
14	Basic Module I- Self and Society	22/07/2024 to 24/07/2024	JMJSSS, Chirala, Andhra Pradesh.	35	20	15
15	Basic Module I- Self and Society	28/07/2024 to 29/07/2024	Utnoor, Telangana	60	40	20
16	Basic Module I- Self and Society	23/08/2024 to 25/08/2025	Fathima Nagar, Warangal, TS	38	22	16
17	Basic Module I- Self and Society	27/08/2024 to 29/08/2025	Amalapuram, AP	35	20	15
18	Advance Module –I Leadership & Social animation Skills	19/09/2024 to 21/09/2024	Ananda Jyothi Renewal Centre Guntur, AP	17	11	6

19	Basic Module II- Democracy & Citizenship	26/09/2024 to 28/09/2024	Chirala Zone, AP	35	21	14
20	Basic Module II- Democracy & Citizenship	7/10/2024 to 08/10/2024	Amalapuram Zone, AP	37	16	21
21	Basic Module II- Democracy & Citizenship	24/10/2024 to 26/10/2024	Subedari, TS	45	26	19
22	Basic Module II- Democracy & Citizenship	15/11/2024 to 17/11/2024	Mancheryala, TS	35	22	13
23	Basic Module III-People's Entitlements	21/11/2024 to 23/11/2024	Chirala, AP	37	18	19
24	Basic Module III- People's Entitlements	03/12/2024 to 05/12/2024	Amalapuram, AP	47	15	22
25	Basic Module III-People's Entitlements	16/12/2024 to 18/12/2024	Fathima Nagar, TS	42	25	17
26	Advance Module –II Social Cultural Analysis	09/01/2025 to 11/01/2025	Guntur, AP	18	11	7
27	Basic Module III- People's Entitlements, Utnoor Zone	22/01/2025 to 24/01/2025	Mancheryala, TS	30	17	13



KARNATAKA UNIT						
S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
I. NGO Consultation meetings						
1	New NGO Partners Meet	12/04/2024	Anekal	6	4	2
2	New NGO Partners Meet	04/05/2024	Manvi	5	5	-
3	New NGO Partners Meet	04/05/2024	Hangal	21	10	11
4	New NGO Partners Meet	04/11/2024	Chamaraja nagara	5	3	2
5	New NGO Partners Meet	07/11/2024	Kalaburgi	5	3	2
6	New NGO Partners Meet at Koppal Zone	08/11/2024	Koppal	5	2	3
7	New NGO Partners Meet	18/11/2024	Manvi	06	05	01
II. Training Modules						
8	Basic Module I - Self & Society	19/07/2024 to 21/07/2024	Hangal	42	23	19
9	Advance Module I – Leadership & Social Animation Skills	04/10/2024 to 06/10/2024	Humnabad	16	06	10
10	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenship	08/10/2024 to 10/10/2024	Hangal	40	28	12
11	Online Webinar - Democracy is Undermined: Human Rights Violations	29/10/2024	ISIB	12	7	5
12	Basic Module I - Self & Society	25/11/2024 to 27/11/2024	Koppal	26	03	23

13	Basic Module I - Self & Society at Gulbarga Zone Karnataka	13/12/2024 to 15/12/2024	Gulbarga	21	16	05
14	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenship	27/12/2024 to 29/12/2024	Koppal	41	08	33
15	Advance Module II – Socio cultural Analysis	03/01/2025 to 06/01/2025	ISIB	18	14	04
16	Basic Module III – People's Entitlements	07/02/2025 to 09/02/2025	Koppal	20	06	14
17	Basic Module III – People's Entitlements	14/02/2025 to 16/02/2025	Hangal	35	16	19
18	Basic Modules II & III - Democracy & Citizenship & People's Entitlements at Gulbarga Zone, Karnataka	21/02/2025 to 23/02/2025	Gulbarga	13	8	5



KERALA UNIT						
S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
1	Impact Study of Basic Module Training: One to one interview	17/03/2024	Kollam	7	4	3
2	Impact Study of Basic Module Training: One to one interview	18/03/2024	Trivandrum	7	4	3
3	Impact Study of Basic Module Training: One to one interview	19/03/2024	Wayanad	3	3	6
4	Impact Study of Basic Module Training: One to one interview	20/03/2024	Kannur	3	3	6
5	New NGO Partners Meet	11/04/2024	Alappuzha	5	3	2
6	New NGO Partners Meet	27/04/2024	Trivandrum	8	5	3
7	New NGO Partners Meet	30/04/2024	Attapady	7	4	3
8	New NGO Partners Meet at Kannur Zone	02/05/2024	Kannur	6	3	3
9	Basic Module I - Self & Society	19/07/2024 to 21/07/2024	Kannur	25	12	13
10	Basic Module I - Self & Society	09-11 August 2024	Trivandrum	40	29	11
11	Basic Module I - Self & Society at Alappuzha Zone	30/08/2024 to 01/09/2024	Alappuzha	32	11	21
12	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenshi	27/09/2024 to 29/09/2024	Kannur	21	06	15
13	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenship	11/10/2024 to 13/10/2024	Alappuzha	35	20	15

14	Advance Module I – Leadership, Social Animation & Social Media Skills	25/10/2024 to 27/10/2024	Kannur	10	06	04
15	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenship	01/11/2024 to 03/11/2024	Attapady	38	23	15
16	Basic Module II - Democracy & Citizenship	08/11/2024 to 10/11/2024	Trivandrum	38	21	17
17	Basic Module III – People's Entitlements	27/12/2024 to 29/12/2024	Attapady	31	15	16
18	Advance Module II – Socio cultural Analysis	10/01/2025 to 12/01/2025	Trivandrum	29	17	12
19	Basic Module III – People's Entitlements	28/02/2025 to 02/03/2025	Kannur	17	10	07
20	Basic Module III – People's Entitlements	28/03/2025 to 30/03/202	Trivandrum	34	16	18



CENTRAL HUB / INSTITUTE PROGRAM

S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
1	A Way of Doing Social Advocacy Research	10/05/2024	ISIB	14	6	8
2	Bembala Outreach Unit of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru	28/05/2024	ISIB	10	6	4
3	NGO Heads Consultation	22/06/2024	ISIB	58	44	14
4	Consultation on Political Participation of Christian Community in Democratic Processes	12/07/2024	ISIB	20	12	8
5	Orientation to Mount Carmel College	29/08/2024	ISIB	8	-	8
6	Ignitors Programme at St Joseph's University	10/09/2024 to 11/09/2024	SJU	250	150	100
7	Online Webinar – The Pillars of Democracy	15/10/2024	ISIB	20	-	-
8	Consultation on Building Resilience among Devadasi Community	17/10/2024	ISIB	8	-	-
9	Mercy Mission Foundation Fellowship Programme - Sessions on Self & Society	18/11/2024 to 19/11/2024	ISIB	14	5	9
10	Social Analysis (Kannada language)	20/11/2024 to 24/11/2024	ISI B	22	12	10
11	International Human Rights Day Celebrations	01/12/2024 to 10/12/2024	ISI B	250	-	-
12	NGO Heads Review Meeting	01/02/2025 to 02/02/2025	ISI B	39	17	12
13	National Workshop for AICUF Animators & Youth	06/02/2025 to 09/02/2025	ISI B	60	25	35

14	State Level Workshop on POA ACT	22/02/2025 to 23/02/2025	ISI B	40	11	29
15	Talk on empowerment of Christian Community in Democratic Processes	03/03/2025	ISI B	100	-	-
16	South India Level Workshop on POA ACT	08/03/2025 to 09/03/2025	ISI B	60	52	8
17	National Workshop on Constitution and Democracy: Perspectives and Prospects	19/03/2025 to 20/03/2025	ISI B	70	48	22
18	Student Interns: St Clare College (Autonomous), Tumkur University, St Joseph's University, National Law School of India University	-	ISI B	11	5	6
19	International Student Interns: Ms Lio & Ms Nadira, BSW Students from Soderton University, Sweden	09/09/2024 to 20/12/2024	ISI B	2	-	2



II. PEACE AND RECONCILIATION UNIT

Context

The Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, launched yet another socio-educational program– **Peace and Reconciliation**– as part of the Jesuit Conference of South Asian Apostolic Preference towards the promotion of Peace and Solidarity in Justice. The unit was inaugurated on 2nd October 2023, contending to address the socio-political conflicts wedged by unjust social structures, unequal sharing of economic and natural resources, and disproportionate political power relations– the multiple forms of violence and historical injustice. Responding proactively, our deliberate choice is to commit ourselves to the promotion of Peace and Reconciliation through Right Educational Mediation and Social Intervention.

Vision

Promotion of Peace and Reconciliation through Communicative Education and Empowerment Action.

Mission

Evolving and Engaging Dialogical, Inter- Relational, Educational Praxis towards Cultural Inclusivity enabled by Peace & Justice Perspectives. Training the youth as Peace Practitioners and initiate Peace Praxis in Civil Society.

Interventional Strategies

- Restructuring Education as Transformative Pedagogical Intervention to Positive Peace, Conflict Analysis & Reconciliation Strategies.
- Nurturing Peace Education Praxis by way of identifying Peace-Enabling Knowledge Perspectives and Reconciliation Practices enriched from Life-Narratives and Experiences.
- Researching Conceptual Foundations and undertaking Field Study in view of Peace and Reconciliation.
- Evolving contextually relevant educational curriculum on Peace as Justice with special focus on the development of the socially excluded.
- Identifying, training and developing Transformational Peace Practitioners in schools and colleges and in rural/urban communities.
- Establishing Research Centre with Documentation and Resource Facilitation on Peace and Conflict Studies.
- Providing Interactive Peace Experience through campaigns and Lived-Experience.

Why Peace & Reconciliation Praxis

- We understand that enabling Peace within and the social world is an ongoing process entailing community formation and participation.

- We understand that existential threats to humanly shared future is due to International political-conflict configurations.
- We understand that the Pan-Indian Academic system mainly focuses on ‘Employment-Competency’, which serves the profit-interests of the privileged- privatized class and hence deprived of promoting ‘Social-Competency’ which alternatively urges the need to ‘re-conceptualize’ Education as Transformative Pedagogy for enabling peace loving humane community.

We draw our intellectual resources from:

- Inter-Cultural Faith Traditions and Ecumenical- Scriptural Hermeneutics.
- Asian Philosophical Heritage and Peace Enabling Ethnic Cultural Practices.
- Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JSCA)
- UN / UNESCO Guidelines.
- Peace Activists and People’s Experiences.

Our Collaborative Guidance from:

- Jesuit Conference South Asia (JCSA)
- Indian Social Institute – New Delhi
- Jesuit Provinces – Peace & Reconciliation Cells.
- Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI)

PEACE & RECONCILIATION UNIT						
S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
1	Screening of the documentary “Democracy in Debt: Sri Lanka beyond Headlines” by Beena Sarwar	16/09/2024	ISI Bangalore	7	5	2
2	Online celebration of International Day of Peace with Dr. Mazher Hussain delivering a lecture on the UN theme “Cultivating a Culture of Peace”	21/9/2024	Online	64	-	-

3	National Seminar on “Building a Culture of Reconciliation and Peace in India” and the release of the book “The Kingdom of God in India”	2/10/2024	ISI Bangalore	76	28	48
4	Peace and Reconciliation Network Persons Annual Meet 2024 on the theme “Jesuit Imagination of Peace and Reconciliation in South Asia”	11/10/2024 to 13/10/2024	ISI Bangalore	15	15	0
5	Discussion on “Religions and Nation Building: Challenges and Opportunities”	19/10/2024	ISI Bangalore	11	7	4
6	Jesuit Social Scientists of South Asia (JSSSA) West and South Zone annual meeting on the theme “Reimagining India: A Christian Vision for the Future”	29/11/2024 to 01/12/2024	Ashirvad, Bangalore	17	17	0



III. LABOR MIGRATION UNIT

The goal of the unit is to accompany the distress migrant workers, especially Dalits, Adivasis and other marginalized groups in South India to become aware of and access political, economic, labour and social rights and entitlements.

The interventions include:

- Visit to the place where migrants gather;
- Organize consultations to generate awareness and spread the importance of the migration issue;
- Conduct workshops and training to impart skills and capacities;
- Be in live contact with individuals and organizations working with migrants in South India;
- Participate in celebrations and provide pastoral and spiritual care;
- Provide assistance to select most deserving persons, and build linkages by establishing contacts with sources and destinations.

LABOUR MIGRATION UNIT						
I. Meetings, Seminars, Conferences						
S. No	Topic	Date	Place	No of Participants	Male	Female
1	Meeting with Main Hub Ashirwad Bangalore	21/08/2024	Ashirwad, Bengaluru	5	5	
2	Meeting with Karnataka Province Jesuits in social work	29/08/2024	Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru	11	11	
3	Consultation program in Chennai for the MAIN	25/10/2024	Loyola College, Chennai, Tamilnadu	45		
4	Visit to Birds	20/11/2024	Kothanur			
5	National Level workshop	27/11/2024 to 29/11/2024	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	36		
6	National workshop on Legal Drafting	17/03/2024 to 18/03/2024	ISI- Bangalore	26	15	11

7	Collaborative Initiative for the Empowerment of Migrant Women in Bengaluru	08/04/2025	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	6		
8	Labour Migration Stakeholders' Meeting	30 /01/ 2025	Indian Social Institute Bangalore		3	13
9	MAIN Consultation Meeting in Goa	18/02/2025 to 21/02/2025	Meeting in Goa	17	15	2
10	Meeting with Interns (Holy Cross College, USA)	28 /05/2025	Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru and Bellahalli, Bangalore	358		
II. Sunday Services & Celebrations						
11	Indigenous day for migrants	18/08/2024	Jigani, Bengaluru	300		
12	Hindi mass and meeting migrants	01/09/2024	St. Ann's Church, Hal, White Field parish, Bengaluru	250		
13	Hindi mass and meeting migrants	08/09/2024	Friary parish Madivala, Bengaluru	200		
14	Karam Feast and Get-together of Migrants	06/10/2024	Jigani, Bengaluru	800		
15	Inauguration of evening tuition centre for the migrant children.	10/10/2024	Nagenahalli, Bengaluru	40		
16	Karam celebration for migrants in Frairy Antony Church mahathali	20/10/2024	Mahathali, Bengaluru	400		
17	Pre-Christmas get together for the migrants	08/12/2024	Carmelarem, Bangalore	1000		

18	Pre-Christmas program for the migrants in TC Paliya Bangalore	15/12/2024	TC Palaya, Bangalore	1500		
19	Migrant Slum Children Program at Bellahalli	17/01 /2025	Bellahalli, Bengaluru			
20	Palm Sunday Celebrations with Migrants in Bengaluru	13 /04/2025	Richards Town Church and	150		
21	Easter Celebrations and Good Friday Prayer Services with Migrants	18 /04/2025	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Whitefield	800		
III. Meetings at Migrants locations – Animation						
22	Migrants' location leaders meeting	15/09/2024	Aradhana convent School Bengaluru	25		
23	Meeting with migrants' leaders and stake holders	18/09/ 2024	Bosco Yuvodaya Bangalore	16		
24	Meeting with care committee of Karam celebration for the migrants	18/09/ 2024	St. Joseph University Bangalore	7	7	
25	Migrants' family visit	20/09/2024	White Field, Bengaluru	14		
26	Meeting with Migrants leaders in Electronic City	12/10/2024	Electronic City, Bengaluru	12	7	5
27	Migrants meeting in St. Francis De Sales Church with Oriya Migrants	25/10/2024	Hebbagodi, Bangalore	70	30	40
28	Visiting migrant locations in collaboration with Ngo Ankur	02/11/2024	Anekal and Bannerghatta, Bangalore	45	20	25
29	Meeting with the migrants	10/11/2024	St John Maria Viyani Hoodi parish	155	65	90

30	Meeting with the youth migrants	17/11/2024	TC Palya, Bangalore	60		60
31	Meeting with building construction labour migrants	21/11/2024	RMZ Ecoworld Gate-30, Bengaluru	200	150	50
32	Meeting with migrants	24/11/2024	Mangamma palya	80	30	50
33	Migrant Leaders Meet at ISI Bangalore	19/01/2025	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	84	54	30
34	Ensuring Safety & Security: ISI Bengaluru Reaches Out to Migrant Workers	05/01/2025	Mahadeva pura, Bangalore	80		
35	Bringing Smiles and Support to Migrant Children and Families	27/03/2025	Yati Samiti Primary Government School, located in Kothajeegur, Bangalore	62		
36	Migrants Meeting Held in Whitefield	27/04/2025	Whitefield, Bangalore	200		
37	Awareness Session for Migrants in Marathahalli, Bangalore	06/04/2025	Marathahalli, Bangalore	60		
38	Empowering Migrant Construction Workers: Workshop on Substance Abuse Awareness	06/02/2025	84, Vayunandanqa Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore	100		
39	One-Day Camp for Migrant Workers at CTC Carmelaram, Bangalore	06/02/2025	Carmelarem, Bangalore	200		
40	Fighting Substance Abuse Among Migrant Workers	07/02/2025	21, RMZ, Ecoworld Read Adarsh Palm retreat, Bellandur, Bangalore	200		

41	Session on Substance Abuse for Building Construction Migrant Workers	24/02/2025	Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore	122		
42	A Session on Substance Abuse Among Migrant Building Construction Workers	04/03/2025	Bommasandra, Bangalore	155		
43	A New Hope for Migrant Workers	05/03/2025	Bommanahalli, Bangalore	285		
44	Substance Abuse Awareness Session for Migrant Workers	07/03/2025	Bendiganahalli, Bangalore	95		
45	Support for Migrant in Medical Emergency	15/04/2025	St. John's Hospital, Bengaluru	5		
46	Unexpected Encounter Turns into Powerful Conversation on Migration at ISI Bengaluru	01/05/2025	Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru	36		36
IV. Death Interventions						
47	Death Intervention	23/08/2024	Jigani, Bengaluru	1	1	
48	Death Intervention	16/09/2024	electronic City Bangalore	1	1	
49	Death intervention	19/10/2024	Bengaluru	1	1	
50	Death intervention	21/10/2024	Hoskote, Bangalore from Srirampur	1	1	
51	Death intervention	22/10/2024	Jigani, Bangalore	1	1	
52	Death intervention	24/10/2024	Electronic city, Bangalore	1	1	
53	Death intervention	25/10/2024	Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore	1	1	

54	Death intervention	04/11/2024	Bangalore	1	1	
55	Death intervention	06/11/2024	Bangalore	1	1	
56	Death intervention	06/03/2025	Narayanapura, Bangalore	1		1
I. Assistance to Migrants						
57	Assisting Migrant girls in the police station	04/10/2024	Bengaluru	6	3	3
VI. Identity Card Registration (E-Shram card & Ayushman Cards)						
58	E-Shram & Ayushman Card	30/11/2024	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	8		
59	E-shram Card registration	01/12/2024	Mahadevapura, Bangalore	130		
60	E Shram Card ABHA and Ayushman Card registration Training	10/01/2025	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	7	5	2
61	E Shram card registration Training to Max Foundation staff	21/01/2025	Indian Social Institute Bangalore	1	1	1



MAJOR EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

April 2024

- 16 At the advice of the director, a meeting of the founders of Lokmanch was held at the institute. The founding members Frs. Joe Xavier, Sannybhai and Selva along with Fr. Xavier Soreng, the present coordinator, and a few others were present for the meeting to review its activities and gave some concrete suggestions for way forward.
- 18 – 29 The institute conducted Socio-Cultural Analysis Course mainly for the Jesuit scholastics of our conference. Jesuit scholastics from three provinces, ICM novices and a few other lay leaders participated in this program. There were 14 in all.

June 2024

- 25 ISI B conducted new NGO consultation meeting for the outreach basic training programs. About 50 NGOs from all the 6 southern states participated and those selected signed MoU to work with ISI B on training the grassroots youth in leadership. They accepted to work with 5 basic training modules



July 2024

- 05 ISI B observed the 3rd death anniversary of St. Stan Swamy. F. Denzil Fernandes, the head of Peace and Reconciliation Unit spoke about the mission and the impact Fr. Stan Swamy created among Dalits and tribals in India. Nearly 60 people from various organizations participated in the memorial service. At the end a floral tribute was paid to the martyr for social justice.
- 31 ISI B celebrated Ignatius Feast in a very meaningful way. Fr. Selva gave a power point program about ISI B of its various milestones since its origin. Fr. Superior welcomed the gathering and introduced the Jesuits to the audience and Fr. Savari Joseph, the administrator conducted a meaningful prayer service. About 140 guests were present.



August 2024

- 12 The institute Task Reporting Meeting in which all the unit activities for the past two months were presented.
- 13-14 The institute started the Reimagining and Restructuring (RR) Workshop. Fr. Dionysius Vas SJ, the provincial of Jesuit Karnataka province conducted the two-day RR meeting with ISI staff. Both Jesuit and lay staff were present for both the days.
- 19 Revisor's Visit: Fr. Jason Furtado SJ, the revisor of ISI B was here to review our accounts. He gave his remarks in the evening for which the Director, the Superior and the Administrator were present.
- 24 The Governing Board Meeting and the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of SI-B was held at 03. 00 pm. All were present except Fr. E P Mathew. Since there was another program in the morning in which many GB members were to participate, it was held in the afternoon.
- 25-26 POSA Visitation- The President of South Asian Jesuit Conference and provincial of common houses of South Asia made his annual visitation of the community and the institute. He also met the staff. He was happy and expressed his satisfaction about the progress of the institute.



September 2024

- 13 The institute held Volken – Stan Swamy Memorial Lecture on the theme, ***“Role of Civil Society in Nation Building”***. Justice Kurien Joseph, former Supreme Court Judge delivered the memorial lecture. Mr. Salil Shetty was the respondent and Ms. Brinda Adige was the moderator. It was a very lively event as many interacted with Justice who shared his experience.



October 2024:

- 14 The Task Reporting Meeting was held to assess the works of various units and their impact in the field. The floor appreciated for the quantum of work that ISI has been doing for the empowerment of the grassroots communities.

November 2024

- 12 The institute organized the first preparatory meeting for the Human Rights Week celebrations which will go for 10 days at various campuses of NGOs and educational institutions. More than 40 people participated from nearly 15 NGOs, and institutions.



- 14 The institute organized Constitution Day preparation for the first time to gather all the NGOs in the campus and also other CSO representatives.

December 2024

- 09 Staff Reporting Meeting: The bi-monthly Task Reporting Meeting was held at ISI B in the morning. All the units of the institute gave the report of their unit activities for the past two months.
- 12 ISI staff went out for one-day picnic to “RD’s Nature Retreat Resort”. The director could not join the picnic as he underwent a surgery and he was under treatment.
- 13 Pongal Celebrations: The institute celebrated Pongal festival in which the Director spoke about the significance of Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamilnadan and South India in general

**February 2025**

- 06-09 AICUF Seminar- ISI Bangalore co-hosted the Centenary year National Seminar of All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) on “Social-Political Analysis” in which the director gave a one-day session on introduction to social analysis – a panoramic view and other Jesuit staff gave lectures on various social, political realities of the country.

- 10 **Staff Meeting with MK George**, the Regional Assistant for South Asia of the Society of Jesus who was also one of the former directors of ISI B visited the institute and had a meeting with the staff in which he gathered information to be briefed to the General. He also had meeting with Jesuits both individually and in community.

March 2025

- 11-12 **Annual Reflection-** The institute had the Annual Evaluation of the academic year 2024 -25 on March 11 and 12, 2025.
- 19-20 National workshop on the Role of Civil Society and protection of the constitution of India.
- 20 The Governing Body meeting of the institute was conducted. Three members were absent and the rest were present.

Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan

Conducted meetings /workshops/ courses

- Conducted one of the flagship courses of ISI B “Socio-Cultural Analysis”. ISI B has been offering this course for more than four decades since the time of Fr. Stan Swamy. About 14 participants, mostly Jesuit scholastics, from three provinces, ICM novices and a few lay leaders attended the course.
- Conducted a writers’ workshop for Dalit Christian writers at Montfort Bhavan, Hyderabad. This was sponsored by National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) on April 27 – 29, 2024. It was a three-day workshop for Dalit Christian writers. There were about 25 participants and they were given hand on support along with input sessions.
- Organized the relaunch of Dalit Voice on web mode at ISI B on June 8, 2024. It is a revival program of the journal “Dalit Voice” a fortnightly by late Mr. VT Rajasekhar, the nonagenarian founder, publisher cum editor. Mr. Salil Shetty, his son and ISI jointly launched this initiative.
- Conducted the stakeholders meeting of NDCW in Jammu and Kashmir to assess the situation of Dalits in general and particularly Christians in northern India, especially Jammu and Kashmir. It was a 4-day meeting, June 17 and 18 in days in Jammu and 19 and 20, 2024 in Kashmir. It was attended by nearly 100 Dalit Christians in all.
- Conducted an Interfaith meeting in Kashmir on June 19, 2024, in which people from various faiths, especially Hindus and Muslims participated.
- Organized a “Socio-cultural Analysis” course for St. Peter’s Seminary fourth year student at ISI B on July 19 and 20, 2024. Many of our Jesuit staff contributed to the program.

- Conducted a half-day Social Analysis course for the newly appointed Rectors of the Salesians from all over India at Salesian Animation Centre, Bannerghatta, Bangalore.
- Conducted a workshop at Karnataka Catholic Diocesan commissions secretariat (KROSS) on ***“Dalit Christian Situation in India Today”*** in order to establish SC/ST Commissions in various dioceses of Karnataka.
- Moderated the General Chapter of the Medical Mission Sisters, Bangalore from August 19 till 25, 2024. He also conducted the triduum to prepare them for the General Congregation chapter.
- Organized the first meeting for the Pastoral and Educational Strategic plan of Khammam Catholic Diocese on Fr. Selva visited Khammam Catholic diocese from August 27 till 31. On the first day, about 25 people represented by the diocese and various religious congregations attended. On the second day more than 100 people from the diocese and the many congregations participated in the meeting. It was to prepare the pastoral plan for the diocese.
- Animated the social worker sisters of FSJ Congregation, Trichy on the ***“Current Issues for the Social Workers in India”***, for Trichy province. About 12 attended the one-day meeting.
- Conducted half-a-day Social Analysis for the Swedish interns on September 15, 2024.
- Conducted training for leaders of Environmental Network on ***“Ecological Crisis”*** in Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu. About 40 leaders participated on November 07 & 08, 2024.
- Conducted the training program in Salem for SI & D of Tamilnadu state at Tharamangalam, Salem on ***“Democracy and Citizenship”***.
- Conducted a three-day course from January 20 -22, 2025 on ***“The present Social, Political and Cultural situation in India and our Role in Social Transformation”*** to CSST silver jubilarians at the Generalate, Gedalahalli, Bangalore.
- Gave a one-day capacity building program for Dalit Christian leaders and youth on February 01, 2025. About 40 were present of which nearly 40% were women. It was conducted at the Pastoral center of Kochi Latin catholic Diocese, Kochi.
- Went to Ahmedabad to animate a group of Dalit Christian leaders from various parts of Gujarat on February 26 & 27, 2025. About 40 leaders attended the meeting.
- Conducted a course on the ***“Mission of Jesus”*** to final vowents of Holy Family sisters at Mangalakombu near Dindigul from March 24 to 28, 2025.

Participated in meetings / conferences

- Attended the Governing Board meeting of National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) in Hyderabad on June 02 – 03, 2024.

- Attended the JCSA Local Superiors and Works Directors' meeting held at DNC, Pune along with the Superior Fr. Anthony Das.
- Attended the Annual Research seminar conducted by DACA on ***“From Hierarchy to Equity: Subaltern Insights in to the Tamil Cultural Milieu”*** on August 10 & 11, 2024. He was one of the coordinators of the seminar and also presented paper on ***“Socio-Political and Religio-Cultural Situation of Dalits: The Contemporary South Indian Scenario”***.
- Had meeting with interns from Sweden Ms. Lio and Nadira on Oct. 22, 2024
- Had meeting with Prof Vasavi and Fr. Francis Balaraj and Mr. Manjunath in view of identifying new NGO partners for our SI &D programs on Oct. 29, 2024.
- Participated in the three-day symposium organized by Jesuit Social Scientists of South Asia (JSSSA) at Ashirvad, Bangalore in which I presented a paper on ***“Reimagining Civil Society that Participates in Governance and Development”*** on November 29 till December 01, 2024.
- Attended the JHEASA annual conference held at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi from January 26 to 28, 2025.
- Participated the South Zone Social Action meeting with SJES Secretary, Rome. The director presented about the works of ISI Bangalore.
- Attended the ***“Dalit Solidarity Network in Germany”*** conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The meeting was held in Colombo from February 13 to 15, 2025. He also visited some of the Jesuit missions especially the works among the plantation workers in Harton, Sri Lanka.
- Participated in the General's visit who visited Salem during his visit to Chennai Province on February 23 and 23, 2025. He also spoke about the mission of ISI B and how it is translated in action through the three action-oriented units.
- Gave the Inaugural Address in an International Conference on ***“Advancing Sustainability Transitions for People and Planet: The Road Ahead”*** on March 4, 2025 at St. Joseph's University, Bangalore.
- Participated in the Jesuit Social Science Research centers meeting at ISI Delhi on March 13 & 14, 2025. It was organized by both ISI Bangalore and ISI Delhi in order bring together all social scientists in JCSA conference.

Online meetings

- ISI B has been recognized as one of the main organizations which offers very good internship program for PG students from various colleges and universities. Year 2024 received two interns from Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden. The director had a zoom meeting with the students and their faculty coordinator to discuss the MoU and

other formalities.

- Participated in the Zoom meeting of DACA (Doctor Ambedkar Cultural Academy) Annual Seminar on June 02, 2024. I am one of the four coordinators of seminar committee.
- Attended the online meeting for the final preparation of the forthcoming seminar at Doctor Ambedkar Cultural Academy (DACA) on August 05, 2024. The seminar was scheduled for August 10 & 11, 2024.
- Online meeting with Miseror representative for Peace projected organized by Fr. Denzil Fernandes on Oct. 28, 2024
- Had online meeting of National Dalit Christian Watch (NDCW) Governing board to discuss about its future activities and budget preparation on November 27, 2024.
- Attended the online meeting of Superiors and Work Directors called by POSA. We discussed about reimagining and restructuring of SJ in South Asia, constituting a taskforce for RR and updating on the significant activities of our institutions. Fr. Superior was also present for the meeting on November 30, 2024.
- Attended NDCW online meeting with the Governing board members on its future programs on January 03, 2025.
- Zoom meeting with Holy Cross College, USA faculty about the development of the internship program of their students at ISI B.

Articles published

- ✓ ***“Human Rights and Subordinated People: A Cross-Cultural Study of Dalit and Black Life World”***, in ***“The Journey of Caste in India: Voices from Margins”***, (Ed) N Sukumar & Paul D’Souza, Routledge Publications, 2023, pp. 68-80
- ✓ Published an article on ***“Role of Civil Society in the Process of Social Transformation”*** in a Tamil journal called “Annam a quarterly in January 2025, Trichy.
- ✓ Read a paper in a seminar on ***“Socio-Political and Religious-Cultural Situation of Dalits: A Contemporary South Indian Scenario”*** in a national seminary on ***“From Hierarchy to Equity: Subaltern Insights from Tamil Cultural Mileu”***, Ed. Francis P. Xavier, ISPCK, 2025. Pp. 16 – 34.
- ✓ ***“Fruit Gathering”*** Ibid, PP. 188 -192

Talks/Lectures:

- Delivered the keynote address on ***“Exploring the Interplay of Morality and Spirituality Amidst Varied Conflict Realms”*** at the Annual Research Seminar of Acts Academy of Higher Education, Bangalore on April 08, 2024.
- Delivered a lecture in the Annual Research seminar on ***“Religion & Eco-concerns: Indian***

Specific Explorations” conducted by NBCLC. It was organized at St. Joseph’s university seminar hall. ISI B is one of the research partners of this seminar. Nearly 200 people attended the inaugural function

- Presented a paper on **“Lingayatism - A Counter Ideology to Caste System”** in a seminar conducted by Catholic Priests Conference of India (CPCI) at Nav Spoorthy Kendra (NSK), Bangalore on august 06,
- Presented a paper on **“Socio-Political Take on today’s world democracy”**. It was the annual seminar of MSFS Philosophical and Theological Seminary, Bangalore 2024. He gave the lecture on January 10, 2025.
- Attended the Graduation Day of the United College, Bangalore and delivered the Keynote Address at Indian Social Institute, Bangalore.

Dr. Denzil Fernandes SJ

- A lecture on the theme **“Decent Work and Care Economy”** at the celebration of International Domestic Workers Day organised by Karnataka Gruha Karmikara Vedike affiliated to the National Platform for Domestic Workers held at ISI, Bangalore on 20th June, 2024.
- A lecture on **“Post-LS Election 2024 Analysis and Discerning the Ways Ahead”** at the Online Meeting of JCSA Peace & Reconciliation Network Persons on 20th August, 2024.
- Delivered a talk on **“Peace and Reconciliation”** to Kuki-Zo pastors from Manipur at the 2nd Prayer Meeting of Pastor Prayer Fellowship Bengaluru (PPFB) at ISI-B on 29th August, 2024.
- Conducted six interactive sessions on **“Active Citizenship for an Inclusive Society (Youth for Human Rights and Democracy)”** for undergraduate students of St. Joseph’s University on 10th and 11th September 2024 as part of the Ignitors Youth Formation program.
- Delivered a talk on **“Peace and Reconciliation”** at an interfaith gathering of prayer, music, and fellowship titled **“Understanding Harmony: Insights about Satyug and Bharat Vishwaguru”** on 22nd September 2024, organized by Ashirvad Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue.
- Addressed the gathering as Guest of Honour at the Book Launch of **“Has Christianity Failed in India? Through the Lens of B.R. Ambedkar”** by Dr. Indukuri John Mohan Razu organised by the Centre for Political Theology, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS) on 25th September, 2024.
- Delivered 9 Sessions on **“Discernment of Spirits”** for Holy Cross sisters at Holy Cross Institute, Kothanur from 15th to 17th October, 2024.
- Delivered a talk on the **“Universal Message of Sri Guru Nanak Devji from a Christian**

- Perspective”** at an Inter-Faith Meet organised by the Sikh community of Bangalore on the occasion of Prakash Purab (Birth Anniversary) of Sri Guru Nanak Devji at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Ulsoor, on 26th October, 2024.
- Delivered a talk on **“Jesuit Narrative of Peace and Reconciliation”** at the AICUF Karnataka State Convention 2024 on the theme **“Marching together in Reconciliation and Peace”** At St. Joseph’s College of Law, Bengaluru on 16th November, 2024.
 - Delivered a lecture on **“Religion, Caste and Peace”** on 21st December, 2024, and participated in the Course on Peace Studies 2024 organised by Centre for Peace and Justice (XLRI) Jamshedpur and Loyola Institute for Peace and International Relations (LIPI), Kochi, from 26th October, 2024, to 4th January, 2025.
 - Delivered a Christmas message at an inter-religious programme **“Christmas for All”** organized by the Ashirvad Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue, Bangalore, on 27th December, 2024.
 - Delivered the Keynote Lecture on **“Building Bridges for Harmony – Pursuing Justice and Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region”** at the 12th Conference on Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation – Asia-Pacific Region (Dominicans) at Montfort Spirituality Center, Bengaluru, on 11th January, 2025.
 - Delivered a session on **“Concerns of Discord – Peace-building Strategies”** at the Pre-Conference programme on **“Conflict, Reconciliation and peace-Building”** at St. Aloysius Deemed-to-be University, Mangaluru on 13th January, 2025.
 - Presented a paper on **“Impact of Climate Crisis on Healthcare in India”**, and moderated a session on **“Climate Crisis and Health: State, Civil Society, Policies, and Way Ahead”** at the National Seminar on **“Climate Crisis, health and marginalized Groups”** on 6-7 February, 2025, at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.
 - Addressed the inter-faith leaders meeting of Karnataka Dharmika Sauharda Vedike, on 12 February, 2025, at ISI-B.

Participated in the following programmes:

- Online 7th Neelabh Mishra Memorial Lecture on **“The Politics of Incarceration: Unmuting Dissent”** by Vrinda Grover and chaired by Dr. G.N. Saibaba at Jawahar Bhawan, New Delhi on 16th June, 2024.
- Project Advisory Committee of the Project **“Dignity and Care in a World in Transition: Strengthening Global Solidarity for Decent Work”** on 16th June, 2024.
- Online meeting of the 12th Board of Studies meeting of the School of Global Affairs, Ambedkar University, Karampura Campus, Delhi on 18th June, 2024
- Kick-off event of the 10th edition of the Global Prize Ethics and Trust in Finance on 18th

June, 2024

- Online Discussion on “**Understanding India’s General Election Results 2024**” organised by Sub Himalayan Research Institute, Purnea, Bihar, on 22nd June, 2024.
- Meeting with Chairman of Karnataka State Minorities Commission, Mr. U. Nisar Ahmed IPS (Retd.), and Director of Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, Mr. Anthony K. (Vikram) at KMDC Bhavan on 29th June, 2024.
- Memorial Service on the 3rd Death Anniversary of Fr. Stan Swamy titled “**Stan Legacy: Marching Forward**” organised by the Federation of Catholic Associations of the Archdiocese of Delhi (FCAAD) and Jesuits in Delhi at the Diocesan Community Centre, Delhi, on 14th July, 2024.
- Lecture on “**The Creation of Poverty and Inequality in India: its Economics, Sociology and History and Redressal Policies**” by Prof. Shome Parthasarathi organised by Jesuit Nivas Community as part of The Ongoing Formation Talks Series in St. Joseph’s Boy’s High School on 7th August, 2024.
- 31st M.A. Thomas Memorial Lecture on “**Indian Women in the Twenty First Century: New Predicaments**” by Prof. Mary E. John organised by Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield, Bangalore, in its premises on 17th August, 2024.
- Candle light vigil and awareness campaign against atrocities and violence against women organised by the students and staff of St. Joseph’s University at Freedom Park on 26th August, 2024.
- Online in TRACI Reflections on “**Faith at Work: How to be an Active Citizen**” on 30th August, 2024.
- Online ecumenical celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation organised by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development on 1st September, 2024.
- Gauri Day celebration with Cultural programme and talks on “**Fissures in Indian Federalism**” by Prof. Ramakumar (TISS, Mumbai) and “**Centre-Karnataka: A Federal Perspective**” by Prof. Meenakshi Bali (Writer, Kalburgi) organised by Gauri Memorial Trust on 5th September, 2024, at Dr. Ambareesh Auditorium, Chamarajpet.
- Wisdom Waves Online Lecture Series: “**Unmasking Media: Deconstructing the Power Behind the Headlines**” by Fr. Lindsay Lobo SJ organised by Satya Nilayam Research Institute (SNRI), Chennai, on 18th September, 2024.
- Ripples Ongoing Formation Talk-6 (Online) on “**Global Warming and Climate Change: The need to Intervene Immediately**” by Fr. John Kennedy SJ, JCSA Conference Coordinator for Ecology organised by Karnataka Jesuit Young Priests on 19th September 2024.

- Peace and Gender Lecture Series from 16th to 20th September 2024 that featured five expert sessions on the intersections of gender, peace, and security.
- Mysore Lancers Haifa Memorial Lecture on the occasion of the 106th Mysore Lancers Haifa Day organized by the Mysore Lancers Heritage Foundation at J.N. Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, on 23rd September, 2024.
- Online Inter-Religious Talk on **“What is the Importance given to Nature or the Earth in my Religion? – Buddhism”** by Dr. Mahesh Deokar organised by St. Vincent’s College and Snehasadan Institute for the Study of Religion, Pune, on 28th September, 2024.
- Public Meeting on **“Bridging Faiths for Palestine”** organized by PUCL and other CSOs at Freedom Park on 10th December, 2024.
- International Day of Migrants Celebration with Domestic workers and MAIN Hub, Bihar at Carmel High School, Patna, on 14th December, 2024.
- Online Democracy Dialogue Series 35 on **“India’s Federal Democracy@75: Is it secure?”** by Prof. Balveer Arora, organized by New Socialist Initiative on 5th January, 2025.
- Online programme on **“Our Daily Bread”** A Christian Vision for Sustainable Food Systems Launch Event livestreamed from the Chapel for Europe, Brussels, organized by Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) on 15th January, 2025.
- Webinar on Advocacy Experiences organized by SJES Secretariat, Rome, on 21st January, 2025.
- Online lecture on **“Artificial Intelligence and the Futures of Work”** by Prof. Greg J. Bamber, organized by Institute for Human Development (IHD) and Jaipuria School of Business at India International Centre, New Delhi, on 22nd January, 2025.
- Online Lecture on **“AI. Markets. Competition”** by Renata Avila organized by ICRIER Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy on 23rd January, 2025.
- Online Press Conference and release of the fact-finding report on Police Brutalities in Parbhani on 10-15 December, 2024, resulting in custodial death and targeting of Dalit settlements titled **“Unfettered Police Brutalities: Parbhani”** organized by Citizens for Justice and Peace (CJP) on 23rd January, 2025.
- Online Discussion on **“Understanding Jose Pappachan & Similar Cases”** organized by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) on 23rd January, 2025.
- Democracy Dialogues Series 36 online lecture on **“Democratic Dogmas and Disquiets”** by Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal, Professor of Politics, King’s College, London, organized by New Socialist Initiative on 26th January, 2025.
- Two-days Planning Workshop on **“Community Mental Health Initiatives: Survivors of Hate Violence in Manipur, North-East Delhi and Lynching”** held at Karwan e Mohabbat,

Adchini, Delhi, on 2-3 February, 2025.

- Webinar on **“Gender, Social Inclusion and Union Budget 2025-26”** organized by IMPRI as part of 6th Annual Series of Thematic Deliberations and Analysis of Union Budget 2025-26 on 4th February, 2025.
- Online Webinar on **“Liberation Spirituality”** by Dr. John Chathanatt SJ organized by Vidyajyoti College of Theology, CCBI Regional Commission for Theology and Doctrine and CBCI Regional Office for Doctrine on 6th February, 2025.
- Democracy Dialogues Series 37 online lecture on **“Anti-Colonial Constitutionalism and the Defence of India’s Democracy”** by Prof. Sugata Bose organized by New Socialist Initiative on 23rd February, 2025.
- Workshop on **“Strengthening Leadership Capacities & Health Systems”** organized by The Suniti Solomon Foundation at ISI-B on 25th February, 2025.
- Online Creation Care Thursday organized by Laudato Si Action (LSA) Network on 27th February, 2025.
- National Alliance of People’s Movements (NAPM) All-India Convention marking 30 years journey on **“Defending Democracy: Constitutional Justice to Climate Justice”** at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, Hyderabad, on 1-2 March, 2025.
- Inaugural Lecture on **“Urban Land Management in an Unequal World”** by Prof. Alain Bertaud, at the Inclusive Development Conference on Housing and Urban Land Management in an Unequal World at National Law School of India University (NLSIU) organized by the Centre for Study of Social Inclusion at NLSIU and Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) Young Scholars’ Initiative on 5th March, 2025.

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OUR HISTORY

Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru (ISI-B) celebrates the Diamond Jubilee in December 2023, a journey that began in 1963, with the mission of ‘accompanying the marginalized’ as an Extension Centre of Indian Social Institute, New Delhi (ISI-D).

The Beginnings

In 1961, Fr. Jim Berna SJ and Mr. Ryan started the work of the Extension Service of ISI-Delhi, intending to support the Diocesan Developmental activities which had just taken off, in a big way in most of the dioceses. The lack of trained personnel in the development sector persuaded them to initiate a Training Centre as well. It was in 1963, with the arrival of Fr. Henry Volken SJ, the Training Centre took off in its full swing. The Extension Service was shifted to Delhi in 1966. With this change, ISI-B began its journey as a Training Centre responding to the massive changes/challenges in the developmental sector. The initial focus of the Training Centre was on ‘Community building among the poor, skill – courses on agriculture, kitchen gardens, poultry, nutrition and accountancy’. The Community Development approach of the Government of India added fervour to the efforts of ISI-B. Constant study of the changing environment and reflection on the changes made the team alert to creative ways of conceiving programmes and training activists. In the 70s, the Freirean philosophy and methodology dominated the training of ISI-B.

The Early Focus

Soon after the Emergency, in 1975, and the context of the Asian Seminar on ‘**Structure Analysis**’ organized by Houtart and others, there was a radical shift in the understanding of development work. The economic crisis and the political developments brought home the fact that the massive poverty of the Indian people had deep roots in the politics of the country and that the solution had to be of a political nature.

Fr. Stan Lourdusamy SJ took charge of the Institute, as Fr. Volken moved out, and began an intense period of training social activists for political intervention through courses, ranging from three months to shorter periods. The participants were activists with grassroots contact, deeply conscious of the political dimension of poverty and the need for a structural change. Meanwhile, the Documentation Centre of the Indian Social Institute also started functioning from Bengaluru giving massive intellectual input to activists all over India. In 1993, ISI-B became an independent institute. Since then, it has geared its activities/programmes based on three interrelated objectives:

- i. To align with the marginalized people for facilitating their empowerment
- ii. To network with sectoral, secular, and democratic movements, and
- iii. To collaborate with macro social forces.

In the post-liberal era

The vision of empowering the powerless towards sustainable development in the context of the market-ushered economic order premised on privatization, liberalization and globalization adversely impacts with dire consequences the working classes, the poor and the weaker section, destroying the eco-systems, became the dominant view of ISI-B in the 1990s. The emergence of ultra-right-

wing fundamentalist forces with a communal agenda, operating covertly and overtly, co-opting the marginalized sections has been posing a great threat to the secular and inclusive social fabric of the nation.

ISI-B has been trying to develop a critical awareness of these realities among the trainees and staff and thus enabling them to strengthen the Constitutional goals of Socialism, Secularism and Democracy.

At the dawn of the millennium

In 2000, the Institute introduced the **Human Rights Unit** focusing on awareness of rights, campaigns, and advocacy at national and international levels. As the NGOs and activists preferred field-based training, especially in vernacular languages, in 2001, the **Outreach Unit** was initiated to strengthen peoples' organizations and movements of marginalized groups. Training and capacity-building programmes organized in collaboration with field-based organizations and networks became the core activities of the Outreach unit. In 2004, the **Women's Unit** came into being with a desire to integrate gender sensitivity into all the engagements of the institute. In the same year, a **Research Unit** was introduced, focusing on knowledge generation through action research and feeding the outcomes into training programmes to promote advocacy efforts.

In the post-neoliberal era, as South India became the destination point for the distress of labour migrants from the northern states, the institute in 2013, conducted a study on "The Status of Unorganized Labourers in Bangalore City". The outcomes of the study led to the dawn of the "**Labour and Migration Unit**" in 2015.

In 2015, an 'external evaluation' was conducted. Based on the recommendations of the evaluation, the institute revisited its vision and mission and thrust areas. It worked on Perspective Strategic Planning (PSP) which gave an orientation towards the future. "Cadre Formation and Capacity Building" introduced in 2017, became a flagship programme for the outreach units. The institute brought together about 75 NGOs and peoples' organizations under an umbrella of cadre formation, preparing Training of Trainers (ToT) at the grassroots who could be at the service of the village communities.

Universal and Conference Apostolic Preferences

In 2019, as mandated by the General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, a set of Universal and Conference Apostolic Preferences were developed globally and in South Asia with bottom-up discernment processes. Responding to this development, in March 2020, the erstwhile Research, Human Rights and Training, Labour and Migration, Women and Outreach units gave way to new thematic areas:

- a. Social Inclusion and Democracy
- b. Labour Migration and
- c. Peace and Reconciliation

Owing to the Covid-19 impact, Peace and Reconciliation unit could not be initiated. Providentially, this unit will be inaugurated in 2023, the Diamond Jubilee year. ISI-B has been engaging in the search for relevance responding to the signs of the times. This process will go on until the priority communities are part and parcel of the mainstream society with rights, dignity, and improved quality of life.

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