

## AICUF (ENGLISH) UNIT

'We are born in an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it as we have found it'.

As our motto goes we intend to bring forth an Egalitarian Society knowing and accepting the differences within and providing the orientation to the students to change these scenarios in the society. In right spirits the year that has gone through, has been fruitful for both the Executive committee and the Student members.

The Executive Committee consists of the advisors Prof. L. Selvanathan ("English Unit), Prof. Dr. David Stanley (Tamil Unit), Prof. Julia (Shift II) along with student leaders S.Selvakumar III B.A. Sociology. President (Tamil Unit), C. Charles III B.A, History. Vice President (Tamil Unit), Felix III B.Sc Plant Biology, Treasurer (Tamil Unit), M.V. Andrew Immanuel II B.Com, President (English Unit), Julian Anto III B.Sc Plant Biology. Secretary (English Unit), R. Dinesh II E.Com, Treasurer (English Unit). R. Pughazenthi II B.Com, Dalit Co-ordinator (English Unit). Dominic Premkumar III B.A. History ,President (Shift II), Tanay II B.A.Economics, Seretary (Shift II).

- The year started with Aicufers attending a Demonstration and Press Release organized by DEEP TRUST to support the implementation of COMMON EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM in schools within Tamil Nadu on 14<sup>th</sup> July 07 in Marina Beach and attended therein a seminar elaborating the need to implement a COMMON EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.
- On 31st July 07, we attended a Demonstration staged by the TIBET AN REFUGEE STUDENTS" ASSOCIATION in condemning the report of the Hindu about TIBET,
- There was an Orientation Camp held on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>, of August in AICUF I: HOUSE for the 40 Freshers with the view of giving them proper comprehension of AICUF Ideology and also triggering them to think critically to analyse the society and shape themselves to be moulded as leaders in the society.
- Our 2nd Orientation Camp was held on the 7th, 8th and 9th of September 07, to accommodate 65 Aicufers who had missed the former one.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> September there was a big campaign TO IMPLEMENT RANGANATH MISHRA COMMISSION REPORT in conferring SC/ST STATUS to DALIT CHRISTIANS that was launched by our Loyola College under the leadership of Fr. Joe Arun in which programme AICUF played a major role. Social enthusiasts like Fr. Yesu Marian (IACM), Mr. Vaiko MDMK Prof. Dr. Dayananthan (MCC) spoke in the campaign and inspired the students to fight for the cause. Many of our College Officials delivered their

speeches which helped the campaign to gain steam and was well covered by the Media,

- We went on to stage a Demonstration and Street Play near the CHENNAI COLLECTORATE near Beach Railway station and we handed over our Petition to include the Dalit Christians in the SC category to the DRO and also a copy to forward to the CM's office. Fr. Henry Jerome, the National Advisor. Prof. James Sunder, the National Animator participated in the demonstration.
- Our INAUGURATION was held on 27th September, Fr. Secretary, Fr. Henry Jerome and Prof. James Sunder participated in the program and honoured us.
- We had collected the contributions of the Students and staff in conjunction with the HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS as per the instructions of the Government of India. This was done together with Our Students Union Volunteers.
- On 30th November 07 an Interactive session was organized on the topic MYANMAR TODAY, Dr. Tintswe a former Member of Parliament of Myanmar on exile in India gave his real life experience on the situation in Myanmar. Dr. Manivannan, Reader, Dept of Political Science, Madras University moderated a Discussion Forum on the issues pertaining to the Crisis in Myanmar.
- On 1st December 07, in commemoration with WORLD AIDS Day, our STREET THEATRE Team gave a performance highlighting the Social Stigma attached with AIDS patients and instilled on the minds of the persons present to treat the HIV affected persons as our fellow human beings in LAWRENCE SUNDARAM AUDITORIUM.
- On 4th December 07, we staged a STREET PLAY emphasizing the Implementation of the Ranganath Mishra Commission in a demonstration organized by the DALIT PANTHERS of INDIA near MEMORIAL HALL.
- On 7th, 8th, and 9th December our Students participated in 'AMBEDKARIUM', a State Level Cultural Extravaganza highlighting the Ideologies of Dr. AMBEDKAR organized by TAMIL NADU STATE AICUF in St. JOSEPH's College Trichy.
- On 13 December 07, as per the instructions of the College we organized a felicitation ceremony to the members of the HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH marking the PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH. Fr. Principal felicitated the gathering. We performed a STREET PLAY highlighting the discrimination that the Dalits have been facing in our society.
- From 19 to 21 December 07 our Aicufers Jeyachandran, Aravindan, John Antony, Isaac Paul, Prakash, Martin Roy and Manikandan had attended a Review Committee program on TSUNAMI REHABILITATION organized by VOICE OF THE MARGINS, We had involved in many organizational

activities and this was instrumental in the character building, team dynamics and harnessing the leadership qualities of our students.

- From 21 to 23 December 07 Karthik, Joseph, Corpus and Sylvester attended a 'LEADERSHIP CAMP' organized by CHENNAI REGION Executive Committee of TAMIL NADU, AICUF in VIKRAVANDI, near Villupuram.
- On the 12th, 13th and 14th of January 08, a DALIT EXPOSURE Camp was attended by Kishore, and Watson Joshua in ARIYALUR.
- From 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 08, Aicufers Jabez and Dilipan attended a HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP organized by STUDENTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. at ICSA, Egmore, Chennai.
- On 7th February 08, a General Body Meeting was organized along with a session on the STATUS OF WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY by Mrs. Padmavathi thiruvananthapuram (Professor from Meenakshi College). The students got a lot of input about the realities behind the Gender Specific and other social issues.
- On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 08, a session on various issues Related to the EDUCATIONAL SCENARIO of our country was discussed, headed by Mr. Baskar, a Social Activist. The students were enlightened on various issues that are confronted by the student community,
- The Management has supported us in word and deed. Our Unit has been provided with two new Tables and 14 new Chairs, three new Bureaus and one new Book Shelf Our unit sports a vibrant new look and is well equipped now to strengthen the Administrative side of the activities.
- The Management has supported the expenses of our two orientation camps.

We thank the college management and the students to have supported us throughout our endeavours in this by-gone year that has driven us through to accomplish all that we had intended to. Thus AICUF has done its utmost best to ensure that our students go out into the society as 'Men and Women for others'.