

Report on The Coorg chapter initiative of the St Joseph's University Alumni/ae association Alumni get together at The Planters club Gonnikoppal Kodagu.

The Coorg Chapter of the St. Joseph's University Alumni/ae Association organized an alumni get-together at The Planters Club, Gonnikoppal, on October 15, 2024. The event was graced by the Pro-Chancellor of the university, Rev. Fr. Swebert D'Silva; the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Lobo; Fr. Densil, Dean of the School of Information Technology; the President of the Alumni/ae Association, Mr. Lakshminarayan (IAS Retd); and B.U. Manu, President of the Coorg Chapter. Alumni Association Committee Members Mr. Jude Oswin, Secretary, and Mr. Mathew Cruz, Committee Member, were also present, along with Dr. Madappa M.B., the staff coordinator of the Coorg Chapter, representing the university.

Retired staff members Dr. Bopaiah, Dr. Latha Radhakrishnan, Dr. Subhashini Muthukrishnan, and Dr. Berin Lucas were invited to the event by the alumni. Senior alumni members Mr. A.B. Devaiah (89 years) and Brig. M.B. Devaiah (84 years) also attended.

The program began with a prayer bhajan by Fr. Densil. Following the lighting of the lamp, Dr. Madappa welcomed the gathering. Rev. Fr. Swebert D'Silva, Pro-Chancellor of the university, emphasized the importance of alumni in an institution, highlighting that the four pillars of any educational institution are students, management, teachers, and alumni. The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Lobo, addressed the gathering and shared recent achievements of the university. He also emphasized the role of alumni in the transformation from college to university. B.U. Manu, President of the Coorg Chapter, discussed the chapter's contributions and shared insights into its activities over the years. The oldest alumnus of the university, Codanda Madappa (100 years), who graduated in 1941, could not attend the event. The following day, the President greeted him at his residence, presenting him with a badge from the university.

Fr. Densil gave a detailed presentation on the journey of the Jesuits in shaping the university. He shared old photographs of the college, evoking memories among the attendees, and concluded with the university's future plans, including the new campus to be established at Mount St. Joseph's. He noted that alumni contributions would serve as foundational steps toward creating a world-class facility for students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Madappa, followed by a fellowship lunch. The organizing committee of the Coorg Chapter included K.M. Appaiah, Vice President; C.R. Naj Chengappa, Secretary; and A.B. Thimmaiah, Treasurer. Committee members M.B. Bopanna, M.P. Uthappa, M.A. Bopanna, M. Pavan Machaiah, and C.A. Somanna were also in attendance.

For the Images of the Coorg chapter, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: <https://sju.edu.in/gallery/111>