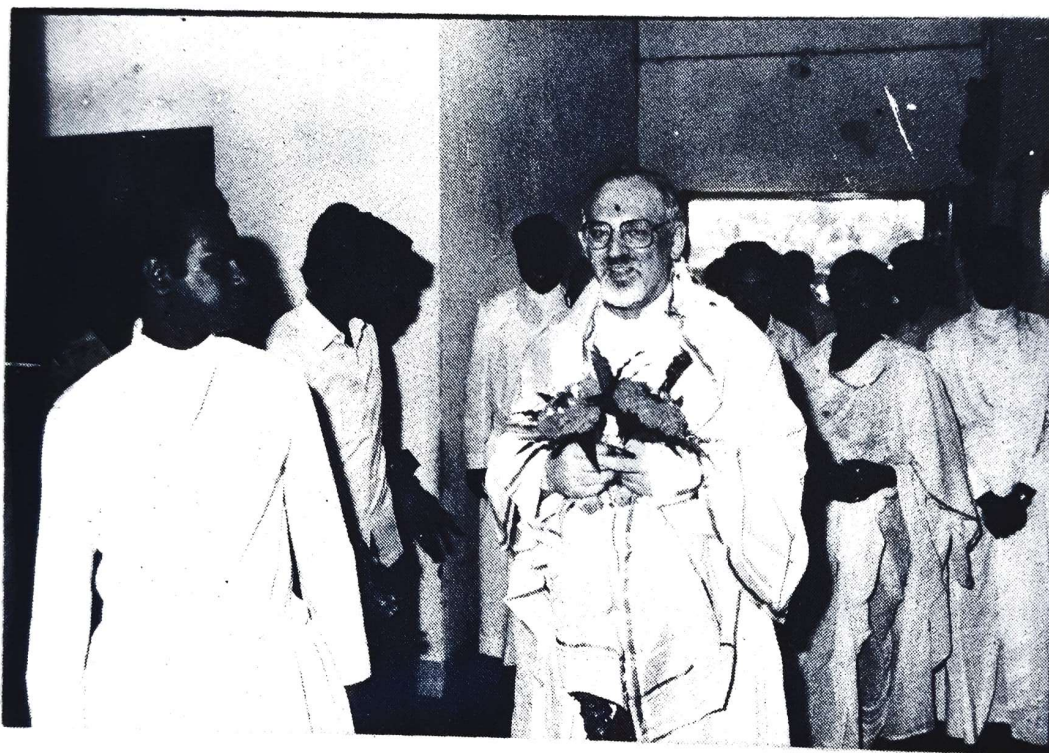


proceeded to dispel in a good humoured way the amazing aura of linguistic abilities surrounding him. Though credited with speaking as many as eight languages with felicity and ease, Fr. General recalled one of his professors dictum; 'Nobody really knows a language'. Even a knowledge of eight languages, Fr. General said, is to be regarded negligible considering the bewildering multiplicity of languages spoken around the globe. His statement was an eloquent evidence of his self-effacing humility befitting a scholarly person like Fr. General. In the course of his speech, he addressed himself to a number of relevant issues pertaining to education and the distinct contribution that the Jesuits bring to bear upon the formation of the youth in their

a full-fledged province. The meeting was followed by the Eucharistic workshop at which he exhorted the Jesuits to pledge themselves wholeheartedly to working for God's glory and service of His people with renewed commitment and redoubled zeal. After dinner, it was time to bid farewell to Fr. General. A number of Old Boys and well wishers joined the Jesuits to see him off at the station as he embarked on the next lap of his Indian tour to Madras.

Fr. General's visit, though of less than 10 hours duration, made the day marvellously memorable. Everyone was tremendously impressed by the gracious charm he exuded, the keen brilliance of his mind, the depth of his scholarship, his



world-wide institutions. He put in a nutshell the core of the Jesuit education. It aims "at the total formation of the human person leading to a commitment to a life of service". Everyone who attended the meeting left with a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction of having listened to a dynamic leader, an intellectual luminary and a dedicated man of God.

amazing range of linguistic skills his unfailing humour as evidenced by many of his spontaneous and off the cuff remarks, his unaffected simplicity and unruffled serenity. He left on our memory an indelible mark as a leader of unbounded energy, charm and dynamism.

The highlight of Fr. General's visit was admittedly his meeting with the Jesuits of Andhra Region during which he formally announced to the acclamation of those present his decision to upgrade the 'Région' into



has an unenviable record of results since its inception, and the required infrastructure to assimilate any new concept or reform to be put into practice.

An apex seminar was held in March, 1988 with the main thrust put on the strategy of implementation of autonomy. It was unique because for the first time the givers of education (the teachers) had a dialogue with 'the users' of education (the representatives of society). The theme was education relevant to the local needs and related to life. The highlight of the seminar was the panel discussion among eminent public men, industrialists and business magnates. The panel included Messers. G.S. Raju (SIRIS); K.R.K. Murthy (Heavy Machinery); C.G. Krishna (Pharmaceutical Industry); M.D. Nageswara Rao (Krishna Bottling Co); Ch. Subrahmanyam (Financial Investor and Business man); journalists and others. The discussion was frank. Without mincing words they have pointed out the gap between the present courses of study and the real life situations. They suggested work oriented, need based courses. Chemistry with a bias towards Pharmaceuticals; Commerce with a slant on Management, advertisement and sales; Sciences with a technology base and

languages with functional skills useful in journalism etc. were ideas floated for consideration in framing the curriculum. Mr Subrahmanyam (an alumnus) blasted the craze of the educated youth for white collared jobs. He asked the young men to be job-providers instead of job seekers. Young men have a dynamic role to play by bringing the laboratory to the fields and in making the green revolution greener.

Prof Felix and Prof. Venugopal exposed the teachers to the mechanics of implementation of autonomy. They shared their experiences in their College (Madras Loyola College). They exhorted teachers on the academic benefits of autonomy in the fields of teaching and testing. The seminar did place the college on the threshold of autonomy.

History has evidence that the alumni of the College have entered diverse fields of life from administration to agriculture and have proved themselves worthy of their positions by virtue of their efficiency, intellect and integrity. Will it be ambitious to pray to the Almighty that the outputs of autonomy be men of richer calibre working for the greater glory of God and our Country?

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## DEPARTMENT OF M.S.W. TAKES A LEAP

The First year students of the Post Graduation Department of Social Work of Andhra Loyola College camped at Pedapatnam, 15 K.M. away from Machilipatnam, from 18th to 29th March. The rural camp is a part of their curriculum and is meant to expose the student's to Rural realities. The theme selected for the camp was

Learn  
Experience  
&  
Act  
Project.

On March 19th Mr. Mohan Rao, the Executive Director of S.S.C. Corporation

was kind enough to inaugurate the camp. On the same day the students held a meeting with the village elders and discussed some of their problems. The most



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PETER RAJ M.S.W. (Class)

important work taken up by the students was the laying and raising the 1½ K.M. road from the drinking water pond in the village to the Sea Water canal front. This road was washed away by the tidal wave of 1987 cyclone. Nearly 200 villagers, 4 staff members and 28 students could finish the work within 9 days, no doubt it amazed everybody. The students and the villagers worked 3 hours daily from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. Apart from the manual work the students conducted a survey of the Socio-Economic status of the villagers. The students organised health education classes and held an exhibition on health and hygiene. More than 150 villagers were benefited by this health camp.

Separate meetings were held for the farmers and the youth group. The youth expressed their willingness to revive the youth club that was not very active due to lack of co-operation from the village elders. Games, and Sports were conducted for women, children, and the youth of the village.

The Staff and the Students of Social Work Department take pleasure in thanking all those who contributed towards the success of the camp. They extend their sincere thanks to Rev Fr Joji, and Rev Fr Stephen, the Parish Priest of Machilipatnam, for their warm-hearted support, generous help and encouragement.

Our Camp has given an opportunity for the villagers to come together to

work for a common purpose. Now after our stay over there, we can see more unity and co-operation among the villagers. Due to programmes conducted by the Students, more self confidence is restored in them. They learnt the good lesson, "Self help is the best help".

The Rural Camp was a thrilling experience for us that we could never forget! We got an opportunity to do something concrete for the people with their co-operation. This camp has given us a chance to live together and also to know more about one another in the group. Education for the people should bring the classroom to the doorstep of the common man.

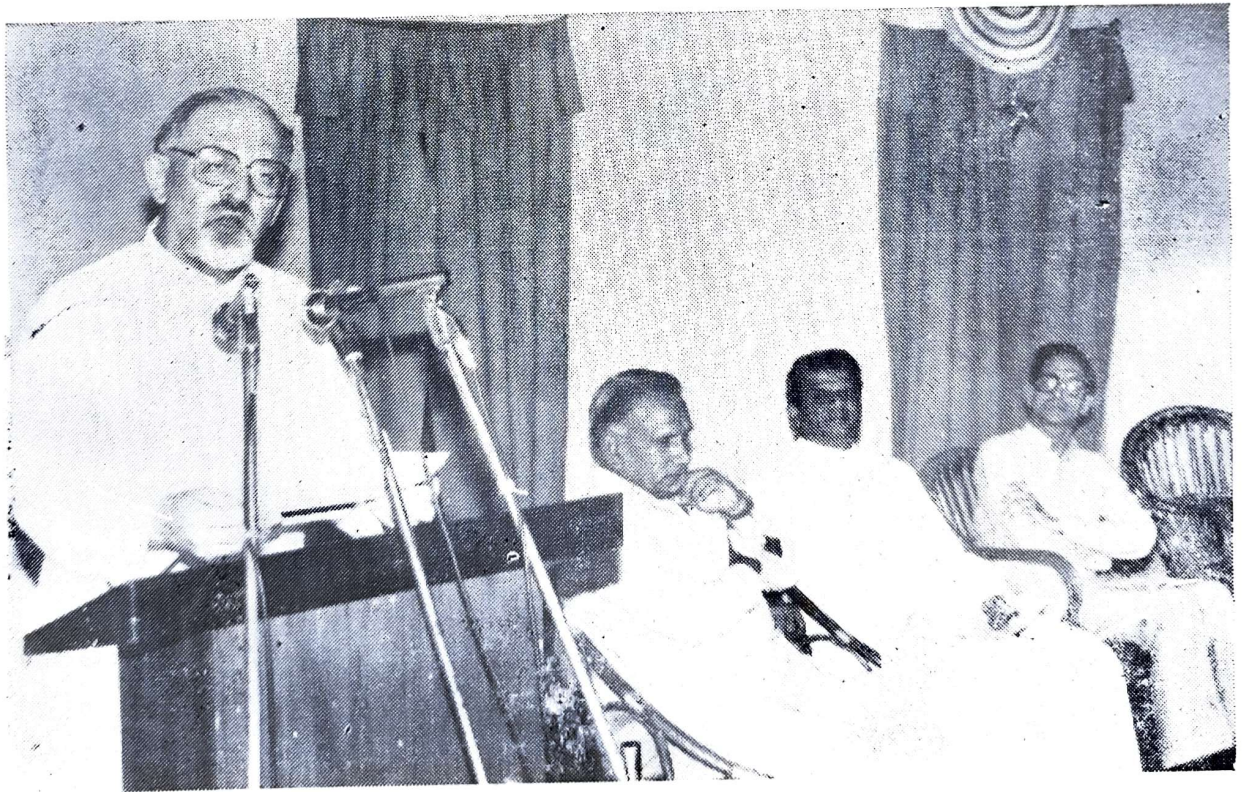




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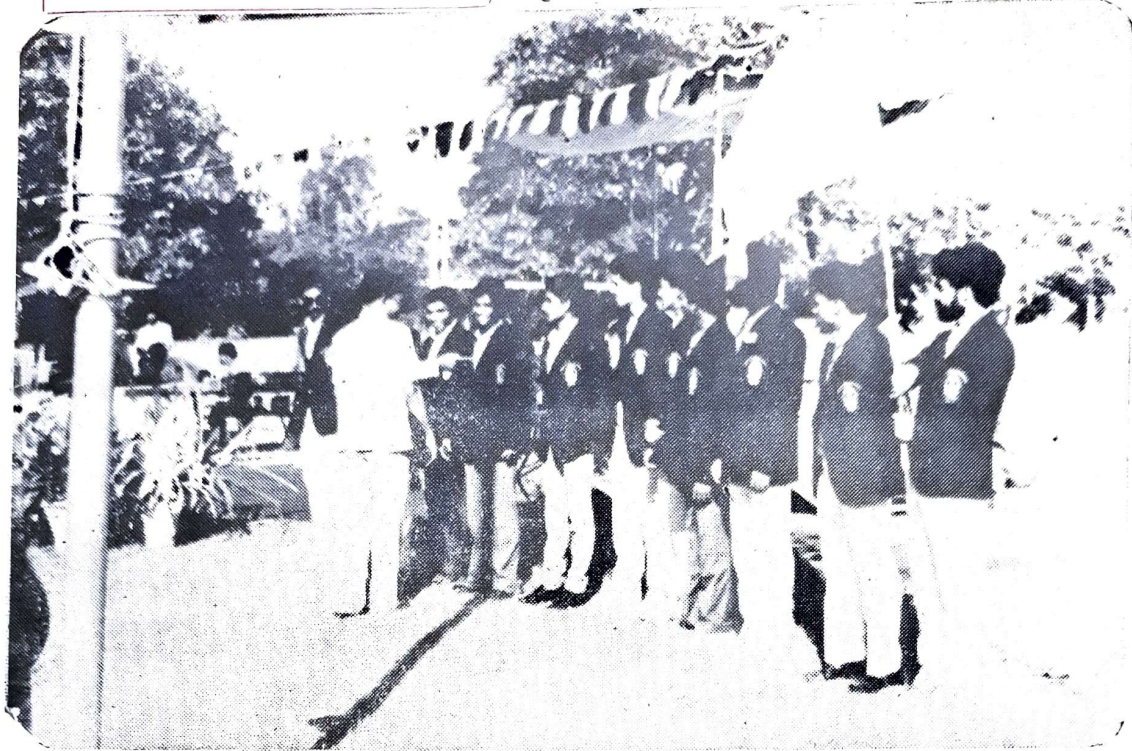
Being received by the inmates of Gogineni Hostel.



Addressing the elites of the city



**SPORTS DAY**



The University Players of our College being introduced to the Chief Guest, Sri G. Peter Paul.



Tug-of-war between Staff and Students



**COLLEGE DAY**



**Prof S. R. Parimi, Chief Guest, giving his message.**



**Gujarati Folk Dance by P. G. Students.**





**Much Ado About Nothing - English Play.**



**Bahukrita Vesham - Telugu Play.**



**SEMINAR ON AUTONOMY**

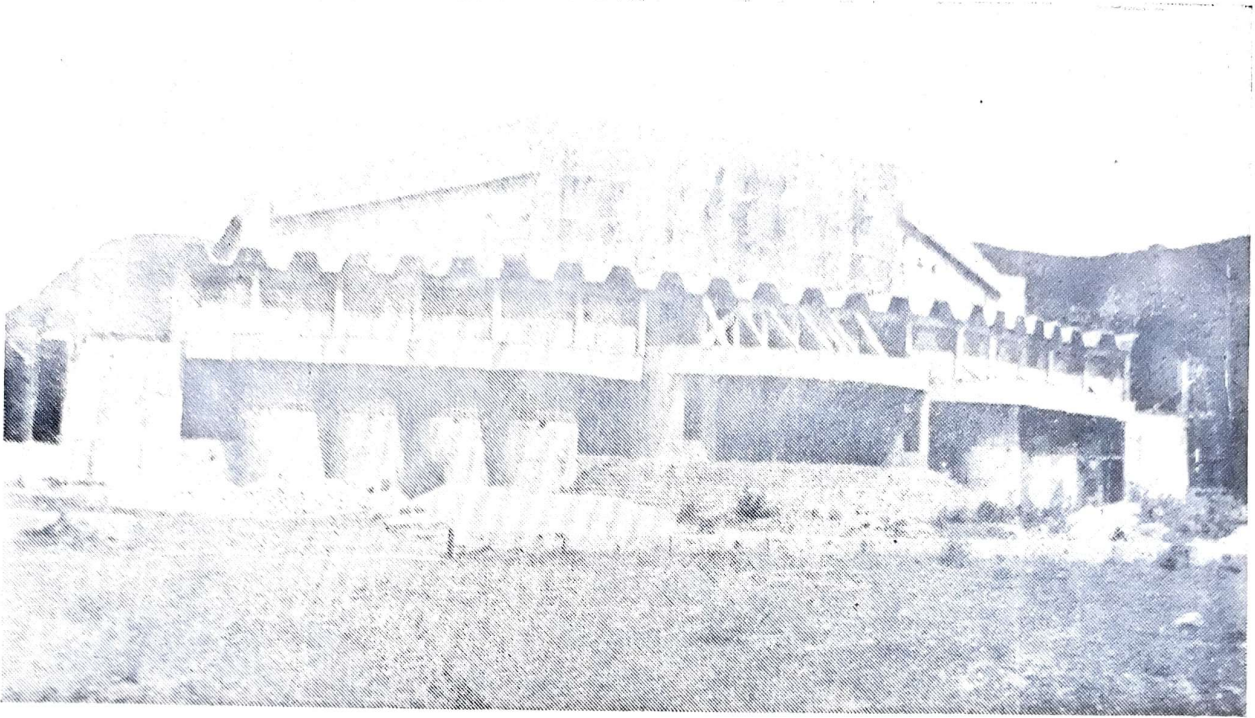


**Rev. Fr. G. Francis SJ on Curriculum Development and the Resource persons from Loyola, Madras.**



**Panel Discussion with the industrialists of Vijayawada.**





**Fr. Devaiah Memorial Auditorium nearing completion.**



**Rev. Fr. J. Kuriakose SJ giving a perspective of Autonomy**