

ANDREAN STUDENTS' LEAGUE (ASL)

The ASL is the Students' Council Body of St. Andrew's College, and is constituted in accordance with the guidelines of the Maharashtra Act.

The student representatives who form the League strive to uphold its motto – '**To Lead, To Serve**'. The Andrean Students' League mediates between the students, and the staff and management of the institution to serve the needs of our students. The ASL hosts a variety of activities to empower the student community of St. Andrew's College, and also co-ordinates extra-curricular activities with other departments, committees, and associations to ensure a better campus experience for our students.

2022-23

5 September 2022: The Students' Council of our college inaugurated its flagship event, the Teacher's Day Celebration on 5 September. Kimberley Vandrine (TYBA English) and Saniya Aranha (FYBA) entertained the gathering with enthusiastic renditions of western and Bollywood songs. Mercy Rebonica (TYBA English) read out a lovely poem she had composed especially for this day, and Swayam Jaiswal (SYBMS) delivered a speech of gratitude for all that the professors do for their students.



23 August 2022: Next, the ASL hosted a class-to class Organ Donation Awareness Campaign under the aegis of the NGO Project Mumbai. Ex-Andrean Pranita Sawant, who is involved with Project Mumbai, conducted the sessions for us. Students were made aware of the need for organ donation and were enlightened about who can donate organs, what organs can be donated, and what the procedure of organ donation involves.



13 August 2022: Ex-General Secretary of the ASL, Mr. Susheel Verghese, delivered a lecture on ‘Effective Communication’ for the ASL members. The talk was designed to provide a toolkit for effective communication for the participants.

13 January 2023: National Road Safety Day was commemorated with the help of a quiz contest held in the open just inside the main gate of the college. Students who gave the correct answers received chocolates and other small gifts as spot prizes!



16-19 January: The ASL hosted Loop Week from 16-18 January. Students participated by dressing up in accordance with dress codes decided by the ASL, such as Mismatch Day (16 January), Pyjama Day (17 January), and Bollywood Day (18 January). Loop Week concluded with the celebration of Traditional Day on 19 January 2023. The Andrean King and Queen Contest, held as a part of the Traditional Day festivities, was judged by professor Vinita Fernandes and Belinda Jones. The winners were Chaitanya (TYB.Com) and Sania Aranha (FYBA). The class photographs for the TY students were also taken the same day.



18 January 2023: Our Open Mic event gave students, amateurs and professionals, a golden opportunity to perform in front of an always supportive Andrean audience. While most students opted to sing, there were others who danced, recited poems they had composed, and one student played the saxophone! Lynn Angel Essex (SYBA) and Orlena Ferrao (TYB.Com) did a great job of hosting the event and entertaining the crowd.

1 May 2023: The ASL concluded its events for the year with the much-awaited Farewell for Third Year Students, which incidentally, almost did not happen in the light of the visit by the NAAC Peer Team and the University exams. Fortunately for our TY students, they did get the promised farewell just when it looked like it was never going to happen, although the farewell programs for the Self-financed Departments and the TYBA/B.Com students had to be held separately.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo

General Secretary: Ms. Arshi Khan (TYBA Economics)

2021-2022

4 September 2021: The Andrean Students' League kickstarted its activities for the year by organising a short programme to celebrate Teachers' Day. Having to conduct a programme such as this online was challenging but the team did its best to honour their teachers. The ASL team also organised a poster competition and displayed the posters in a Power Point presentation that also had recorded messages of students thanking their teachers for all they had done for them.

8 December 2021: In accordance with the circular dated with regard to the commemoration of Minority Rights Day, the ASL hosted a session in collaboration with the department of Sociology, and was attended by ASL members, and students and faculty from the departments of Sociology, English and History.

Invited speaker Dr. Aashish Xaxa (Research Associate at the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, with a Ph. D. in Development Studies from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai) delivered a lecture titled "India's Religious Minorities: Historical Overview and Contemporary Challenges." His talk addressed religious minority politics in post-independent India and highlighted the importance of political representation in government as a necessary step to the empowerment of minorities. The broad focus of Dr. Xaxa's talk was on the trials and tribulations of minorities in India despite efforts to ensure equal rights for them.

Dr. Xaxa's lecture was followed by a brief personal account by Ms. Nida Parvez, a final year student from the Department of Sociology, of what it means to be a member of a minority community in India. Her talk provided a valuable first-hand insider's perspective of the condition of minorities in post-independent India.

20 January 2022: Take Charge, the well-known community-based mentorship for Catholic youth in Mumbai, conducted an orientation to their mentorship programme on. Mr. Luis Miranda, one of the founders of Take Charge, along with Ms. Cheryl Pereira (Director) and Mr. Ajit Martis informed the student attendees about the eligibility criteria for becoming mentees of Take Charge and the benefits of the one-on-one mentoring programme Take Charge offers selected candidates. Former mentees of Take Charge shared their experience of being Take Charge mentees and highlighted the difference that it had made in their lives.

25 January 2022: ASL members Ashley Rego and his team (Arshi Khan, Ashish Kale, Jonathan D'Penga, Nicole Murzello, and Rachel Noronha) conducted a session to commemorate India's 73rd Republic Day. Invited speaker Mr. Dilip D'souza shared his late father's experiences in the Civil Service in order to inspire students to join the civil services. Our second speaker, Dr. Suleiman Merchant, delivered a lecture titled "The Mystique of the Stigma Surrounding the Girl Child: Any Way Out?" focussing on the problems faced by girl children in India.

9 February 2022: ASL member Manas Mishra and his team (Maryann Barretto, Mevish Memon, Priyadarshini Kammalar, Amantika Sarkar, Kavya Yerram, and Pratiksha Dave) hosted a programme titled "De-Stress The Unrest." Invited speaker, Dr. Suleman Merchant (MD, DMRD, MBBS, and Former Dean of Lokmanya Tilak Medical College & General Hospital), enlightened students about how to deal

with stress and tackle mental health related situations in day to day college life. The event was attended by more than 100 students from various departments. After a short quiz prepared and hosted by ASL members Pratiksha and Mevish, Dr. Merchant educated the students about how they could balance their academic and social lives while also taking care of their physical and mental fitness.

- **3 March 2022:** After a hiatus of two years during the pandemic, the ASL was especially delighted to host Traditional Day on campus on. Although it was not possible to have the usual week-long festivities we used to have before the pandemic, even having just one day to celebrate Indian tradition and culture was heartening for both staff and students. The class photographs for TY students of the degree college and the self-financed departments as well as the staff photographs were also taken the same day.
- **16 March 2022:** The farewell was attended by nearly 800 students from the aided and self-financed sections of our college as also the students from the M.Com Department.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo

General Secretary: Enoch Chakrawarthy (TYB.Com)

2020-21

- **November 2020:** #SpreadTheLight, a Diwali-based event organised by ASL members Shivangi Poddar, Natasha Nakorn, Maitri Bangera and Jonathan D'penha and led by Ashley Rego in collaboration with the PR team of our college. Spread across 5 days (13th to 17th November), the event created awareness about the need to celebrate Diwali in a manner that was sustainable, safe, and ecofriendly. The following were the winners of the contests: 1st Place - Crystal Rodricks, 2nd Place - Sarah Khan, and 3rd Place (tie) - Sakshi Kumar & Shivangi Poddar.
- **"Hot Drinks, Hot Topics":** ASL members Enoch Chakrawarti, Merisa Patricio and Simran Butola hosted an open forum for discussion on topics like 'Online Education' (14 January 2021), 'LGBTQ Rights' (21 January 2021) and 'Covid-19 in India' (28 January 2021).
- **16 January 2021:** Sahil Jadhav organized an online session on Mental Health to raise awareness about what it really means and how best to combat it. Invited speaker Mr. Joshua James Tivade shared his insights about what one could do to fight this silent killer disease.
- **23 January 2021:** 'Open Mic' was held online event. Organised by Marc Mendonca and Vernon Pinto, students displayed a wide range of talents from singing, dancing, beat boxing and Stand-up comedy acts.
- **30 January 2021:** Sahil headed Game Hour, a fun event organized for the students to have some time off and take a much needed from their daily routine of attending online lectures. This virtual event gave participants an opportunity to 'meet' new people while playing interactive games.
- **4th February 2021:** Cancer Awareness to commemorate World Cancer Day. Resource person Ms. Villie Daruvala (Trustee of the NK Dhabhar Cancer Foundation, Mumbai) enlightened the attendees on various forms of cancer and methods of early detection. Her talk was followed by a student presentations by Aashish Jain (FYBAF) & Anjal Kumar Verma on "Cancer Awareness, Oral, & Lung Cancer"; Aisha Kurlawala (FYBA-A) on "Cancer Awareness & its Treatments"; and Abigail Albion Fernandes (FYBA-A) on "Breast Cancer & Awareness".
- **22nd February 2021:** A webinar was organised on the occasion of World Day of Social Injustice featuring two speakers, Dr. Frazer Mascarenhas (Former Principal - St. Xavier's College, Mumbai and current Parish Priest at St. Peter's Church, Bandra) and Ms. Liny Babu. (CAO - Rescue Trust & NGO). Fr. Mascarenhas stressed the need for greater involvement in social issues and provided a critical perspective on matters of concern such as the National Education Policy 2020 and the farmers protests. Ms. Babu turned the lens on topics like female foeticide, abortions, pornography and violence against women and children.
- **8th March 2021:** International Women's Day was celebrated with a webinar featuring four speakers: our ex-student, Ms. Ashmi Sheth (Co-founder @thecolourfulgrey), Ms. Rita Rego (Director at Aesthesis Foundation for Visually Impaired, Mumbai), and Dr. Urvi Jangam (First Visually Impaired Indian female to get a PhD in German Studies & Co-Founder at Aesthesis Foundation for Visually

Impaired, Mumbai), and Ms. Hasina Khan (General Secretary at Bebaak Collective - Voices of the Fearless). The talks were followed by a Student Presentation Competition. The winners of the contest were as follows: 1st Place – Chresaan D'souza (SYBA-A), David Jayaprakash (SYBA-A), and Diya Rajput (TYBA-English) for their presentation on "Pseudo Feminists are a threat to Feminism"; 2nd

Place - Brenelsa Pereira (SYBMS) for her presentation on “Women Entrepreneurs / CEOs”; and 3rd Place - Jaeel Panchal (FYBA-B) and Eshani Chemburkar (FYBA-B) for a presentation on “Women Filmmakers”.

- **21 March 2021:** iCARE (a non-profit initiative) team from Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai, comprising Ms Sumaiya Raghavan (Operations Head) and Mr Anand Shrivastav (Project Director) conducted a training session on what a sudden cardiac arrest is and how to save a person experiencing it. Qualified trainers on First Aid Heart saving and CPR, certified by the American Heart Association have trained over 20,000 people which include the general public, police personnel, railway and fire fighters on Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation. The training session was conducted free of cost. It included the following topics: Recognising Cardiac Arrest, Learning how to perform CPR, and Using the AED (Shock machine).
- **22 March 2021:** The final webinar was held on the occasion of World Poetry Day 2021. Titled ‘Poetry in Motion,’ this webinar featured Ms. Yashasvi Vachhani (Poet, Writer and Educator) who challenged the myth that poetry was difficult and boring. Ashley Rego and his team organised the Andrean Poetry Competition 2021 as a part of the celebration of World Poetry Day. Andreans as well as to students from other colleges were invited to write poems in English or in any other language of their choice. We received more than 80 entries, some from other colleges as well.

2019-20

- **21 December 2019:** Celebration of Christmas Day and Convocation Day.
- **13 – 18 January 2020:** Loop 2020 included events such as Athleisure Day (13 January), Monochrome Day (14 January), Fandom Day and Dodgeball Contest (15 January), Twin Day (16 January), and Retro Day (17 January). On Retro Day, the League also hosted the Open Mic event to give our students, amateurs and professionals, an invaluable opportunity to exhibit their talent in a non-intimidating, informal atmosphere on the basketball court, cheered on by a supportive Andrean audience. The ‘Mr. And Mrs. Loop 2020’ contest was held as a part of the Traditional Day festivities on 18 January.
- **1 February 2020:** The League hosted a student convention titled, ‘Becoming Global Citizens of the 21st Century’, for student representatives from Christian colleges across the city. The event was an initiative to gather feedback about what Christian institutions could do for the community, and make known the views of the participating students to the AIACHE (All India Association for Christian Higher Education). After a team-game, and an interactive session with the participants, we had three sessions aimed at empowering the 36 student attendees. Ms. Priti Chopra ((Life Coach), in her session on ‘Love Yourself, Heal Your Life’, encouraged students to be themselves, and not get disheartened by negative people or their disparaging comments. Ms. Margaret D’Costa (Faculty at St. Paul’s Institute of Communication Education) conducted a session on ‘Plan Your Goals and Change Your Life’, reminding students about the importance of having a vision and knowing their destination. Mr. Shane Gomez (Youth Animator), in his session on “Changing Negativity into Positivity”, echoed the need for taking responsibility for one’s actions, and thereby inviting positive responses from family and friends.
- **10 February 2020:** Mr. Luis Miranda, the Chief Guest for our Annual Prize Distribution day, conducted a short orientation to ‘Take Charge’, the mentorship programme he had co-founded a few years ago.
- **24 February 2020:** The ASL hosted the farewell programme for third year students of the degree college. The thanksgiving mass was followed by class photographs, and a small get-together and dinner for the staff and students. This event was organised under the able leadership of Priyanka Vales (SYBMS).
- Glendon D’souza (SYB.ScIT) and Valora D’souza (FYBMS) worked towards ensuring a cleaner canteen. They made laminated posters (which were glued onto the tables in the canteen) reminding students of the need to maintain cleanliness in the college canteen. They also created and circulated a short video on this issue on all class WhatsApp groups and on the college social media pages.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo

Student-in-charge: Joyston Nazareth (TYBBI)



CONVOCATION DAY



TRADITIONAL DAY (2019-2020)



MR & MS LOOP WITH JUDGES PROF. SAMSON
CARVALHO & PROF. SAUDAMINI BHAGWAT.



RINGING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.



BELTING IT OUT AT THE OPEN MIC.

2018-19

- **5 September, 2018:** Celebration of Teachers' Day.
- **22 December, 2018:** The ASL rang in the Christmas spirit by organising a Christmas Fair which had more than 20 stalls selling Christmas goodies. The League also organised an inter-departmental carol singing competition in association with the Faith on Campus group to add that extra zing to the celebrations. Seven departments of the institution participated in this event.
- **Leadership Training Course:** Some members of the ASL participated in the Leadership Training Course conducted on campus from 19 September, 2018, and in the intra-collegiate seminar on 'Land, Earth and Soil'.
- **11 October 2018 and 17 January 2019:** Open Mic events were held to give students an opportunity to display their talents before their peers. More than 20 students participated in each of these events, exhibiting their skills in music, dance, and performance poetry.
- **Loop Week and Traditional Day:** The much-awaited Traditional Day was celebrated on 19 January, 2019, preceded by the Loop Week, a week of fun-filled events that included Twinning Day, Pyjama Day, Hoodie Day, a treasure hunt, and an Open Mic.
- The Andrean Students' League played an active leadership role in other events in college such as the First Year Orientation programme during which they helped parents and students familiarize themselves with the institution. ASL members helped in the smooth run of the Convocation Day programme and the Annual Prize Distribution Day. They served in various capacities in other organizations including the Cultural Cell, the cultural festival, Mosaic, and the Scholarship Committee.
- ASL members also spear-headed a campaign to improve the college canteen, developing a system to collect and analyse student feedback to bring about the necessary changes in the canteen. Periodic reviews of canteen facilities and hygiene were also conducted under the leadership of League members from the Hospitality Department of our college.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo

General Secretary: Susheel Varghese (TYBA Sociology)



INTER DEPARTMENTAL CAROL SINGING



OPEN MIC



LOOP (2018-2019)



WINNERS OF TREASURE HUNT- LOOP 2019



TRADITIONAL DAY (2018-2019)

2017-18

- **4 September 2017:** Teachers' day Celebration: The League presented a short cultural programme as a token of their appreciation to their teachers.
- **16 December 2017:** The ASL inaugurated the festival LOOP. Traditional Day and Talent Hunt were celebrated to bring different cultures, traditions, and colours together under one roof.
- **17 - 21 2017:** Competitions like Treasure Hunt, Star-making, and Cake-decoration were organised.
- **22 December 2017:** The highlight of the Christmas Day celebration was a cultural dance programme by the children of MUSKAAN, an NGO working with underprivileged children. This was followed by a musical performance by the members of 'Faith on Campus'



MR & MS LOOP (2017-18)



CHILDREN FROM MUSKAAN

2016-17

- **3 September 2016:** Teachers' Day Celebration
- **22 December 2016:** Christmas Celebration: The League organized a fund-raising event by selling Christmas carol CDs; the proceeds of the sale were donated to the Mumbai Blind Association. The Christmas Carol competition included students from various classes, and the highlight of the programme was a musical performance by the members of Mumbai Blind Association.
- **6 February 2017 to 10 February 2017:** A week-long programme was organised for students on different themes.
- **11 February 2017:** Traditional Day

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Shirley Abraham

General Secretary: Sharaad Akhtar (TYBMM)