

SVD, SSpS in the SIGNIS-INDIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2013

Signis-India National Assembly 2013 was held at Secunderabad, India from 16-19 February with the theme 'New Media for New Generation'. About 100 Signis-India members from the 13 regions of India, including the Signis World President Mr. Lourdusamy and Secretary General Mr. Alvito DeSouza, participated in the Assembly. Quite many SVD Signis Members and one SSpS sister too participated in the assembly to update their communication ministry.

Addressing the assembly bishop Chacko Thottumarickal, SVD, the chairman of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of India Social Communication Office, said that the new generation is fully immersed into new media and the Church communicators should take full advantage of these media to be relevant to the present generation.



The Signis World President Mr. Lourdusamy addressing the gathering said that taking the Church documents on social communication seriously all the formation houses, especially the major seminaries, should make the communication studies mandatory if the church wants to form priests who would make sense to present day generation through their preaching. He said that the new generation is far ahead using the social media and the Church personnel are far behind not reading the signs of the time.

Mr. Alvito DeSouza the Signis World General Secretary lauded the efforts of the Signis-India wing. At the same time he urged all the members to be more committed, sincere and transparent in their implementation of media activities for the proclamation of the Gospel values.

The participants were enriched by the input sessions on new media by various resource persons. The assembly also had the chance to interact with the young students of various colleges with regard to the usage of new media and their outlook towards the older generation. The assembly ended with a grand stage program and a tour to 'Ramoji film City' Hyderabad.

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