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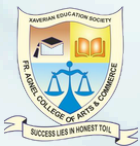
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THEME:

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– FAITHS IN ACTION



FEBRUARY

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

2026



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## Schedule

**DAY ONE - 6 February 2026**

9.00 – 10.00	REGISTRATION
10.00 – 10.45	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting of the Lamp</li> <li>Devotional Dance – Jinu Poonachan and Naina Simepurushkar</li> <li>Welcome Address – Rev. Fr. Lawrence Fernandes, sfx, <i>Director, Pilar Pilgrim Centre, Goa, India</i></li> <li>About the Conference – Rev. Dr. Elvis Fernandes, sfx, <i>Convenor, Sadbhav Sammelan 2026</i></li> <li>Address by Guest of Honour - Rev. Fr. Nazareth Fernandes, sfx, <i>Superior General, Society of Pilar, Goa, India</i></li> <li>Address by Chief Guest - Dr. Narayan B. Desai, <i>Educator &amp; Researcher, Goa, India</i></li> <li>Vote of Thanks - Ms. Janessa D'Mello, Member, Advisory Committee, Sadbhav Sammelan 2026 <i>Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa, India</i></li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.00	TEA BREAK
11.00 – 12.00	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Topic: Together for Peace – Faiths in Action</b> Building Peace through shared compassion: Interfaith Youth Encounters in South-East Asia Dr. Daniele Mazza, <i>Researcher and Scholar, Rome, Italy</i>
12.00 – 1.00	<b>PAPER PRESENTATION - 1</b> Moderator - Prof. Koshy Tharakan <i>School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University</i>
1.00 – 2.00	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 – 3.00	<b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b> <b>Topic: Balancing Religious Morality with Constitutional Morality</b> Prof. Kishu Daswani, <i>Govt. Law College and St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India</i>
3.00 – 4.00	<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> <b>Topic: Environmental Stewardship through Faith</b> Rajendra Kerkar, <i>Environmentalist &amp; Educator, Goa, India</i>
4.15 - 4:30	BRIEF CULTURAL PROGRAMME
4.30 PM	TEA AND FELLOWSHIP



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9.30 – 10.30	<b>WORKSHOP</b> <b>Topic: Resolving Conflicts through Dialogue</b> Urmi Chanda, Interfaith Peacebuilder, Peace Educator, and Programs Manager, Seeds of Peace, India
10.30 – 11.00	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
11.00 – 12.00	<b>PAPER PRESENTATION – 2</b> Moderator - Rev. Dr. Agnelo Pinheiro <i>Professor of Philosophy, Good Shepherd Institute of Philosophy &amp; Theology, Rachol, Goa, India</i>
12.00 – 1.00	<b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b> <b>Topic: Peace Building at the grassroots</b> Facilitators: Bhuvaneshwari Nikam, <i>Education Project Coordinator, Mumbai, India</i> Rachel Hanson, <i>Education Project Coordinator, Jaipur, India (from Preston, UK)</i>
1.00 – 2.00	<b>LUNCH</b>
2.00 – 3.15	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Theme: Creating Young Leaders for a Non-Violent Future</b> Moderator : Dr. Omkar Bhatkar <i>Educationist and Artistic Director, Metamorphosis Theatre Inc., Mumbai, Maharashtra</i> Panellist : Bojana Brajkov – <i>PhD Scholar in Philosophy at Goa University, (from Serbia)</i> Shakiba Noory – <i>PhD Scholar in Management studies at Goa Business School, Goa University, (from Afghanistan)</i> Sendra Pereira - <i>Assistant Professor DCT's Dhempe College of Arts and Science, President of NGO Uzwaad, Goa, India</i>
3.15– 4.00	<b>INTERACTIVE SESSION</b> <b>Topic: Development of a toolkit or best practices guide for Peacebuilding</b> Facilitators: Tallulah D'Silva, Ahana Gulwadi & Sohana Sarkar <i>Tambdi Maati Foundation, Goa, India</i>
4.00 – 5.00	<b>CONCLUDING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing Insights  <b>Dr. Frederico Rodrigues</b> - <i>Principal, Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa, India</i>  <b>Dr. Russell D'Souza</b> - <i>Principal, Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho, Panaji, Goa, India</i> </li> <li>Address by Guest of Honour  <b>Rev. Fr. Bento Rodrigues</b>, <i>Director, Fr. Agnel School, Greater Noida, UP, India</i> </li> <li>Valedictory</li> <li>Brief cultural programme</li> <li>Vote of Thanks : Ms. Irene George, Co-convenor, Sadbhav Sammelan 2026</li> <li>National Anthem</li> <li>Tea and Fellowship</li> </ul>

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