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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

**How abundant are the good things that You have stored up for those who fear You, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in You. Psalm 31:19**

The Josephite community is experiencing significant momentum, as evidenced by the numerous accolades the University students and staff have garnered in recent months. Daily updates on our official social media channels reflect a wide array of achievements, ranging from notable research presentations and publications



to advancements in NCC, sports championships, successful fests, community engagement initiatives, improved placement rates, and impressive alumni milestones. The collective dedication and faith demonstrated by our students and faculty have elevated the profile of St Joseph's University (SJU) considerably, and I take immense pride in the vibrancy of our community.

However, these positive developments are juxtaposed with sombre news. We mourn the loss of Mr Murali, a cherished maintenance staff member, and extend our condolences to the staff and students who have lost loved ones over the last year. Additionally, we reflect on the profound loss of Shri Ratan Tata, a revered nation-builder whose contributions to our nation are unparalleled and unforgettable. In navigating the dualities of the smiles and the strifes of life—whether around the world, in our country or on our very campus—we remain steadfast in our commitment to nurture hope. This commitment often extends beyond ourselves to uplift others, which aligns with our core mission as Josephites. At SJU, our focus remains on shaping individuals endowed with a sense of service and dedication to the greater good. Let us strive to reach new heights together and proudly elevate the Josephite flag even further!

**Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ**  
Vice-Chancellor  
St Joseph's University

# University Events

## STUDENT COUNCIL

### Student Council Investiture ceremony 2024-25

On August 21, 2024, the Student Council Investiture ceremony for 2024-25 was held. The Chief guest for the event was Mr Prathap Kumar, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. He was accompanied by Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Rev Fr (Dr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-chancellors Dr Regina Mathias and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Mr Prem Sagar, Student Council Governor, and Mr Ajay Krishna, Student Council President. The chief guest was welcomed by the piloting team of the National Cadet Corps. The event commenced with a prayer by the choir, followed by the university anthem and the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The chief guest was felicitated, following which he addressed the audience. Subsequently, the badging and oath-taking ceremonies formally inducted the new Student Council members. The dignitaries and the council's former president congratulated and addressed the new representatives. The end of the event was marked by the vote of thanks by the newly



elected president. Post the formalities of the event, the Student Council, the parents, the former Student Council, and the Student Council from other universities got along in Aloysius Hall for refreshments, congratulating and wishing the newly elected members a great year ahead.

### Awareness Campaign

The student council of the university spearheaded an awareness campaign on August 26, 2024 to raise awareness around violence against women and safety. More than 500 students from the university gathered in Freedom Park to protest using the medium of art. The Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor and Registrar at the event. Students contributed by creating placards and volunteering for performances. Various associations from the university such as Kalah, the Indian music association, the



National Service Scheme, and the Western Music association also came forward with their cultural programmes. The end of the event was marked by lighting candles as a tribute to the victim of the Kolkata's RG Kar Medical college rape. The event left everyone with a strong message that "the dignity of a nation is the dignity it gives its women."

### Teachers Day Celebration

On September 10, 2024, the Student Council of St Joseph's University organised a Teachers Day Celebration at the UG Quadrangle during the lunch break. The event began with a prayer lead by the Student Council's Treasurer. The programme featured performances by the faculty members of various departments. Members of the Student Council along with the dance team, Mrityunjaya, also dedicated performances to their beloved teachers. Rev Fr(Dr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, addressed the gathering, following which the vote of thanks was delivered by the Student Council's Sports Secretary.



### Onam celebration

The Student Council of St Joseph's University organised Onam celebrations on September 19, 2024, with vibrant cultural programmes that created a joyful atmosphere across campus.

Students from the first and second shifts gathered in the UG quadrangle during the lunch break. The celebration featured traditional art forms from Kerala, including Thiruvathira and Kalari Paitu. Students also jointly curated a playlist at the invitation of the Student Council to which the students danced during the celebration. Students of third shift began their celebration in the Arrupe Atrium. The Onam celebrations at St. Joseph's University saw students involved in a festive atmosphere, continuing a cherished annual tradition.

## Student Council - Swagath

Swagath, St Joseph's University's Freshers programme, was held on September 27, 2024. Organised by the Student Council, the theme for the occasion was 'Hollywood.' All the major

cultural and language associations of the university presented various performances to welcome the new batch of students. The main stage showcased cultural performances by Kalah, the Indian Music association, the Western Music Association, the University Fashion Team, Mrityunjaya - the Indian Dance Team and MIMA. All the language associations, including Kannada Sangha, Tamil Sangha, Hindi Parishad, and the North Eastern and Tibetan Students Forum, showcased their performances collaboratively. The event introduced a new element that gave freshers the opportunity to perform under all these associations on the main stage. The evening concluded with a musical performance by Jynsync Band. Swagath 2024 ended on a high note, leaving the freshers enthusiastic about their journey in the university.

# PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

## Candlelight Vigil for Women's Safety and Rights

On August 26, 2024, St Joseph's University's Public Relations Office, along with students and staff, organised a candlelight vigil at Freedom Park in response to the rising incidents of atrocities and serious crimes against women. This event called for unity and raised awareness about women's safety, security, and rights. Various speakers from the university shared heartfelt reflections on safeguarding women's rights. Students and faculty highlighted the role of education and collective responsibility in addressing gender-based violence and inequality. A moment of silence was held with candles lit for victims of violence, symbolising hope and resilience in the face of adversity. The peaceful gathering emphasised the university's commitment to advocating for dignity, respect, and justice for women.

## Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day

St Joseph's University commemorated Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day on August 9, 2024, with the theme 'Honouring Resilience,' celebrating Indo-Japanese relations. The event was organised by the International Students' Association and ASPIRE, the association from the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, bringing together students, faculty, and guests in Xavier Hall. His Excellency Mr Nakane Tsutomu, Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, was the keynote speaker, elaborating on resilience, peace, and the growing relationship between India and Japan. His address emphasised lessons from Hiroshima and Nagasaki and how the tragedy shaped Japan's commitment to peace. The gathering honoured the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings while celebrating the deep cultural and diplomatic ties between India and Japan. The event served as a reminder of the power of diplomacy, the importance of learning from history, and the shared responsibility of nations to work toward a more peaceful world.

## Investiture Ceremony of the Entrepreneurship Cell

On August 16, 2024, the Investiture Ceremony of the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell) was held in the Board Room from 11:30 am. 27 student leaders were officially inducted into the E-Cell during the ceremony. Mr Venugopal Padavu, Coordinator of the E-Cell, administered an oath emphasising the importance of fostering entrepreneurial initiatives. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Vice-Chancellor Rev Dr(Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, and Dr(Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies. Dr Ignacio Sanchez, President of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and Dr Lilian Ferrer, Vice President of the Office for International Affairs, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, served as chief guests, highlighting the global significance of the E-Cell's mission. Dr Sanchez bestowed the badges, officially inducting the new office bearers and marking the start of their leadership roles. The badge ceremony symbolized the readiness of the E-Cell to spearhead entrepreneurial ventures within the university.

## Investiture Ceremony of the OPEN HEART

On August 30, 2024, the investiture ceremony of Open Heart was conducted, marking a significant event in the institution's calendar. The ceremony, held at the Staff Seminar Hall, was a momentous occasion that officially inducted the association's student leaders for the academic year 2024-2025. The event was graced by Chief Guest Mr Arun Chakravathy, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, and Guest of Honor Rev Dr(Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies. 35 students were honoured during the event, taking an oath administered by Mr Venugopal Padavu, Open Heart Coordinator

and Associate Director of the Office for International Affairs.

## **A Job Fair for Senior Citizens**

On August 25, 2024, St Joseph's University collaborated with the Nightingales Medical Trust and Rotary Bangalore West to host the JOBS 60+ Job Fair, aimed at creating employment opportunities tailored for senior citizens. A dedicated team of 180 volunteers and 37 staff members worked to provide senior citizens with the support and confidence needed to navigate their job search. The event was graced by Chief Guest Rtn Mahadev Prasad NS, who spoke on empowering the elderly. Special guests included Mr P Venugopal, Associate Director of the Office for International Affairs, and Mr US Mahendar, CEO and Founder of Hatti Food and Beverages Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. The event drew an extraordinary response, with 1252 senior citizens, including 737 men and 515 women, registering to explore new career paths. A total of 72 employers participated, offering 2,541 openings. By the end of the fair, 112 seniors were successfully placed in jobs, and 549 were shortlisted for further interviews. The job fair emphasized inclusivity and showcased the growing recognition of seniors as valuable contributors to modern workspaces.

## **Visit of Presidents of Karnataka Government Language Academies**

On July 10, 2024, St Joseph's University welcomed the newly appointed Presidents of Karnataka's prestigious Language Academies, Mr Stany Alvarez, President of the Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, Mr Tharanath Gatti, President of the Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy, and Mr Umar UH, President of the Karnataka Beary Sahitya Academy. The Presidents were received by Rev Dr(Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Rev Dr(Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies, and Mr P Venugopal, Public Relations Officer. A formal felicitation honoured the guests. Discussions during the visit focused on the role of language in education and society. The visit laid the foundation for potential collaborations between the university and the language academies, aimed at promoting regional languages and fostering cross-cultural understanding. This event marked a significant moment in the university's ongoing efforts to promote linguistic and cultural diversity.

## **Visit of Rev Fr Martin Link SJ, Provincial of the Caribbean Province**

On September 13, 2024, St Joseph's University had the distinct honor of hosting Rev Fr Martin Link, SJ, the Provincial of the Caribbean Province. His visit, coordinated by the Public Relations Office in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), highlighted the university's commitment to fostering global relationships. Rev Fr Link was warmly received by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and

Deans from the university's various Schools. During the visit, Rev Fr Link was given a comprehensive tour of the campus, with a focus on two key areas: the university's Library and the Outreach Department, Bembala. He expressed his admiration for the University's dedication to both academic rigor and social engagement. The event celebrated global collaboration and reaffirmed St Joseph's University's openness to new ideas and partnerships that enhances its mission-driven education. Rev Fr Link's visit served as a reminder of the shared goals that unite Jesuit institutions worldwide—academic excellence, faith, and a commitment to social justice.

## **Visit of HE Mr Achim Burkart, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany**

On June 27, 2024, St Joseph's University had the distinct honour of hosting His Excellency Mr Achim Burkart, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Consul-General was accompanied by key officials from the university administration. The event was coordinated by key student bodies, including the International Students Association, the Epigram Debating Society, and SJU MUNSOC. Interactions centered on pressing global issues, such as foreign policy, international relations, feminism, and contemporary global conflicts, allowing for a rich exchange of perspectives. Mr Burkart emphasised the importance of the youth's participation in shaping the future, urging students to remain informed and engaged with current global events. Mr Burkart's visit enriched the students' knowledge and reinforced St Joseph's University's commitment to providing platforms for engaging with global leaders. The event left a lasting impression on all attendees and further solidified the university's role as a hub for meaningful global engagement and discourse.

## **Office of International Affairs**

### **Chadian Cultural Festival**

Mr P Venugopal, Associate Director, Office for International Affairs, St Joseph's University, attended a vibrant Chadian Cultural Event on July 6, 2024, hosted by the Chadian Students Association in India. The event brought together over 100 Chadian students and a diverse international community at the Royal Orchid in Bangalore. Vibrant performances showcased Chad's rich culture through dance, music, and cuisine. Esteemed guests included the Ambassador of Chad, representatives from the Honorary Consulate of Rwanda, the Director of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, and the Founder of the Federation for International Students Association-Bangalore. The Chadian Cultural Event was not only a celebration of Chad's heritage but also a testament to the broader spirit of unity and mutual respect among the international student body in India.

## Indian Youths Summer Camp on Central Plains Culture 2024

Ms Niharikaa Periwaal, a student in I JIP, was selected to represent the university in a prestigious 14-day study programme at Zhengzhou University, China. From August 24, 2024 to September 8, 2024, she had the unique opportunity to gain first-hand insights into Chinese history, culture, and language. The programme focused on providing a deeper understanding of the rich Central Plains Culture and other developmental changes taking place in modern China. In addition to attending academic sessions, Ms Periwaal visited several prominent historical landmarks, such as the Henan Museum, Songshan Mountain, Shaolin Temple, Songyang Academy, Longmen Grottoes, Yin Ruins in Anyang, and other scenic locations.

## Millennium Fellowship 2024

Students from St Joseph's University have been selected to host the prestigious Millennium Fellowship 2024, presented annually by the United Nations Academic Impact and Millennium Campus Network. The selection for the Class of 2024 was



highly competitive, with more than 52,000 applications from over 6,000 institutions across the world. Only 280 campuses – representing five per cent – were chosen to host the fellowship, which includes about 4,000 fellows globally. The team of students includes Anika Anand, Bhoomika Shet, Chaitanya Santosh, Chirayu Jain, Dev Sinha, Piyush Galagi, and Sanjan Vinod, along with Campus Directors Ms Anusha N and Mr Sooraj Nair. The students will participate in a four-month programme, working under the guidance of a nominated External Mentor to advance Sustainable Development Goals.

## Visit of Creighton University Delegation

St Joseph's University hosted a delegation from Creighton University, USA, as part of the India Immersion Programme, from July 31, 2024 to August 9, 2024. The delegation, consisting of 7 students, supervised by the Director of International Scholars & Scholarship Services and the Program Coordinator (IS&SS), had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Karnataka's rich cultural and educational landscape. The itinerary offered a balance of academic and cultural exposure, as well as community engagement. The visitors engaged in numerous activities, including discussions with faculty and students, visits to significant cultural landmarks, and educational sessions that deepened their understanding of India's societal and cultural landscape. A central focus of the programme was fostering mutual learning and understanding between the students of Creighton University and St Joseph's University. The university's commitment to holistic education and cross-cultural dialogue was evident in the comprehensive experience organised for the delegation. A highlight of the programme was the paddy planting event in Bollai Bant, where the Creighton University delegation and St Joseph's University students, along

with local schools, participated in traditional farming activities. The event blending education, tradition, and sustainability, was a memorable experience for all involved, strengthening global connections and promoting environmental awareness.

## Visit of Mr. Russell Williams

On September 3, 2024, Mr Russell Williams, Senior Faculty in Business Management, University of Aberdeen Business School, Scotland, UK, visited the St Joseph's University campus for discussions focused on strengthening global partnerships. During his visit, Mr Williams engaged in productive talks with the university's key officials, including Rev Dr (Fr) Victor

Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Rev Dr Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies and Director of the Office of International Affairs. The visit furthered the institution's commitment to internationalization and global academic cooperation.

### Visit Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile to St Joseph's University

On August 16, 2024, Dr Ignacio Sanchez D, President of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and Ms Lilian Ferrer Lagunas, Vice-President of the Office of International Affairs, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, visited St Joseph's University, to engage in high-level discussions with university officials. The meeting took place in the Board Room and was attended by key representatives, including Rev Dr(Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellors Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, and Rev Dr Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies and Director of the Office for International Affairs. The discussions centered on establishing a robust partnership between the two institutions, exploring collaborative opportunities such as student and faculty exchange programmes, joint research initiatives, and other avenues for academic cooperation.

### Visit of the First Lady of the Republic of Maldives

Her Excellency Madam Sajidha Mohamed, First Lady of the Republic of Maldives visited St Joseph's University on October 9, 2024 at 3:00 pm. This visit marked a nostalgic return for an esteemed alumna of St Joseph's College. She was received by Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellors,

Dr Regina Mathaias and Dr Ronald Mascherenas, Dr Melwin Colaço, Registrar, and Rev Dr Richard Rego, SJ, Director of the Office for International Affairs. Following introductory addresses by the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, Madam Sajidha Mohamed recalled her student life at the university, speaking of the transformative education she received. The Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and the Pro Vice-Chancellors then felicitated her. The university also acknowledged the presence of the delegation accompanied by Madam Sajidha Mohamed, namely Ms Fathimath Liusha, First Secretary at the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in India, Ms Lubaba Ali, Director (Personal), and Ms Khadheeja Nashwa, Social Secretary. Madam Sajidha Mohamed also engaged in an interactive session with the Deans, faculty members, and batchmates. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Rev Dr Rego, who expressed his gratitude to the First Lady for her visit and her continued engagement with the university.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola Eucharistic Celebration

The Eucharistic celebration for the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola and the inauguration for the academic year 2024-25 was held on July 30, 2024, at 11:50 am, in the University Auditorium. The event was attended by the 2500 Catholic students and staff of the university. The principal celebrant was Rev Clarence, SJ, and the co-celebrants were Fr Paulose, SJ, and all the Jesuit priests on the campus. The Eucharistic celebration concluded the week-long Ignatian Week events hosted by the All India Catholic University Federation for all students on campus. Rev Fr Clarence, SJ, was felicitated for his long service at St Joseph's University. Fr Paulose, SJ, was praised for his selfless service as a Jesuit for the marginalised. Campus ministry coordinated the Eucharistic celebration, followed by a fellowship lunch for all university staff and snacks for students.



## IGNITORS

IGNITORS-Integral Formation Programme, 2024-25, was organised successfully from September 10 to September 24, 2024, engaging students from all courses and shifts of the university. A dedicated team of 70 facilitators, each an expert in their respective fields, contributed to the all-round development of the students. The sessions covered a range of critical topics under three broad themes: soft skills, life skills, and social analysis. These themes were chosen to ensure that students gained technical knowledge and helped develop the emotional and intellectual resilience necessary for success in the real world. The programme also included career guidance, offering students practical advice on navigating the developing world, building their professional profiles, and making the right choices. Each group of students attended six sessions spread over the course of two days. The resource persons focused on life-affirming and motivational topics that successfully addressed the challenges young people face today. This initiative also aimed at integrating the holistic development of students at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, with the National Education Policy (NEP) framework.



# BEMBALA

## UG Rural Exposure Camp

In August and September 2024, students from various undergraduate programmes participated in a rural exposure camp organised by Bembala, the Outreach Department at St Joseph's University. The activities were carried out in Nelamangala, situated at the outskirts of Bangalore.

The first group, consisting of III BSc BCBT, BCMB, BZ, and ESB students, attended the camp from 5 to 7 August 2024. They were supervised by Outreach Coordinators Mr Noyel and Mr Rayan, along with Staff Coordinators Dr Sarjan and Dr Jincy. From 8 to 10 August 2024, students from III BSc BTBY, MBBY, CHES, CHMB, and PCH participated, guided by Mr Antony Derik and Mr Rayan as Outreach Coordinators, and Ms Cisy Abraham and Mr Anthony Johnson as Staff Coordinators. III BSc CHZ, CHBT, and BCZ students undertook the camp from 12 to 14 August 2024, under the guidance of Outreach Coordinators Mr Moses and Mr Rayan, and Staff Coordinators Ms Dayna and Mr John Paul. From 15 to 17 August 2024, III BSc MST and MCS students attended, supervised by Outreach Coordinators Mr Arun Kumar and Mr Rayan, along with Staff Coordinators Dr Deepa Mathew and Mr Susobhan Mazumdar. The camp concluded its August sessions with III BSc ECST, ELCS, and CST students from 22 to 24 August 2024, guided by Outreach Coordinators Mr Arun Kumar and Mr Rayan, with Ms Sandhya serving as the Staff Coordinator.

In September, students of I BCOM A, attended an orientation session regarding regular activities from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. A similar session was conducted for I BSc CEZ and I BSc CEBY students from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, respectively. The orientation focused on the guidelines for successful completion of the activity. Mr Antony Derick led the sessions, emphasising the importance of discipline during these activities. The discussion provided students with clear instructions to ensure a productive and respectful environment, helping them understand the expectations and fostering a sense of responsibility within the group.

III BSW and BVC students participated in the outreach camp from 26 to 28 August 2024. This group was supervised by Mr Moses and Mr Rayan, Outreach Coordinators, with Fr Simon and Ms Muktha as Staff Coordinators. Afterward, III BA ECPS, JPP, and JIN students participated from 19 to 21 September 2024, with Mr Noyel and Ms Karthika as Outreach Coordinators, and Dr Sharmistha Purkayastha and Dr Bhagya Lakshmi as Staff Coordinators. III BA ECI and PSCE students visited from 23 to 25 September 2024, who were supervised by Outreach Coordinator Mr Arun Kumar and Staff Coordinators Ms Gayathri Krishnan and Mr Rayan. III BA OEPY Shifts 1 and 2, participating from 26 to 28 September 2024. This group was

accompanied by Mr Antony Derik, Outreach Coordinator, and Dr Neeta Pereira and Ms Nirmala Cynthia as Staff Coordinators. Students started their day with morning walks, meditation, and yoga. The fieldwork activity involved students clearing overgrown grass around trees. Students visited a brick factory where they helped workers arrange bricks in the required sequence. A survey was created to gain insights into rural livelihoods, crops, and community programmes. Cultural performances were organised to entertain the community while raising awareness about topics such as alcoholism, education, and available government schemes for farmers. This combination of survey work and engaging performances aimed to foster both understanding and dialogue within the village.



## PG Rural Exposure Camp

Bembala, the Outreach Department at St Joseph's University, organised a rural exposure camp for all postgraduate students over the course of three months. The camps were held at two sites in North Karnataka, Sindagi and Manvi, under the supervision of Outreach Coordinators and faculty members from respective departments.

In July, second- and third-year students participated in an orientation session focusing on the upcoming rural camp. Mr Ebenezer K, Assistant Director, Bembala, and Field Coordinators Mr Arun Kumar, Mr Derick, Mr Moses, Mr Noyel, Ms Christabelle, and Ms Karthika provided instructions on camp activities and guidelines, to ensure that students are thoroughly prepared for the camps.

In July 2024, students from various programmes participated

in outreach visits to Sindagi and Manvi. MSW visited Sindagi from July 9 to 13, 2024. The visit was supervised by Mr Moses Jayakumar and Ms Karthika, Outreach Coordinators, along with Fr Simon and Dr Lavanya, Staff Coordinators. Following this, MCOM Shift 1 and 3 visited Sindagi from July 15 to 19, 2024, under the supervision of Mr Moses Jayakumar, Outreach Coordinator, and Staff Coordinators Mr Santhosh and Ms Vidhya. MA Political Science undertook its visit to Sindagi from July 22 to 26, 2024, supervised by Ms Christabelle, Outreach Coordinator, and Dr Shreejita Biswas and Dr Varun Wighmal, Staff Coordinators.

Simultaneously, students from two other programmes visited Manvi. MA English Shift 1 and 3 were in Manvi from July 15 to 19, 2024, supervised by Mr Arun Kumar, Outreach Coordinator, along with Staff Coordinators Mr Suresh and Ms Nikitha. MSc C P participated in its visit to Manvi from July 22 to 26, 2024, under the guidance of Ms Karthika Balachandran M, Outreach



Coordinator. In August 2024, students from three programmes visited Sindagi. MA Economics participated from August 5 to 9, supervised by Mr Moses Jayakumar, Outreach Coordinator, and Ms Athira, Staff Coordinator. Students of MSc AC and OC were in Sindagi from August 11 to 15, with supervision provided by Mr Noyal Serrao, Outreach Coordinator, and Dr Rita Pal and Dr Sreenivasulu, Staff Coordinators. From August 19 to 23, MSc Physics and CS visited Sindagi, under the guidance of Ms Christabelle, Outreach Coordinator, and Ms Pooja and Mr Vignesh, Staff Coordinators.

Parallely, students from three programmes visited Manvi. MA MCJ and APR were in Manvi from August 5 to 9, supervised by Mr Arun Kumar and Ms Karthika, Outreach Coordinators, and Mr Ravinandan and Ms Rupa Peter, Staff Coordinators. MSc BDA participated in the visit from August 11 to 15, supervised by Ms Karthika, Outreach Coordinator, and Dr Asha K and Ms. Francis, Staff Coordinators.

In September, students of the MSc Mathematics and Statistics programmes visited Sindagi from September 10 to 14, 2024, under the supervision of Mr Anthony Derick, Outreach Coordinator, and Dr Shubhashree and Mr Leonard, Staff Coordinators.

The rural camp at Sindagi began with an orientation led by Fr Santhosh, introducing students to Sangama CIRD and detailing their responsibilities. The students participated in a cultural programme at the village, conveying meaningful messages and promoting cultural exchange. The in-campus coordinator organised fieldwork activities by dividing students into groups. This approach allowed for effective collaboration and task completion. The students surveyed slums, with teams including Kannada speakers to facilitate communication. The survey provided insights into the community's living conditions and challenges, enhancing students' understanding and empathy.

For the visit to Manvi, Fr Don, the Camp Director, conducted an orientation session for the students on rural camp procedures. The camp was inaugurated by Fr Jeevan James. Students were divided into groups for community service activities centred around waste management, health, and disaster management. Some visited a government school to interact with students, while others helped paint school walls. Cultural programmes were organised to raise awareness about diseases such as dengue. A health check-up camp was also set up for the community by the groups that visited in August. Students also interacted with children at a malnutrition centre in Pannur. The camps successfully enlightened students about rural communities and their challenges.

## Special Activities

### Outreach Event at Global Concerns India, Koramangala

On July 24, 2024, II MSW students from St Joseph's University organised a community outreach event at Global Concerns India, Koramangala, Bangalore. The event lasted four hours and was open to women and children. Sessions on menopause were conducted for women, alongside anti-bullying and good touch/bad touch awareness programmes for children. Basic first-aid training was provided to all the attendees. Cultural programmes were conducted to engage the children. The children were provided stationery kits as a token of love and encouragement towards education. The interactive sessions, combined with cultural activities, ensured a comprehensive and enjoyable learning experience. This community outreach activity exemplified the impact of collaborative efforts in addressing social issues and empowering individuals through education and awareness.

### Visit to GKMPs Wilson Garden School

The class of MA MCJ visited GKMPs Wilson Garden School on September 13, 2024. The three-hour session began with an introductory speech outlining motor development skills, their importance, and the session's goals. Following this, the students were divided into two groups, each paired with groups of MCJ students. One group participated in outdoor activities that demonstrated skills such as hand-eye coordination, speed, and



## Visit to Bosco Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli

The students of MSc FST visited the Bosco Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli on September 26, 2024. The educational program included several interactive sessions aimed at enhancing students' knowledge of nutrition and food safety. The first session covered concepts such as 'My Plate', 'The Food Pyramid', and 'Common Nutritional Disorders,' utilising visual aids to present the information engagingly. Following this, students participated in a game of 'Food Charades,' effectively reinforcing their understanding of nutrition through a fun activity. A practical demonstration followed, educating students on how to detect adulteration in commonly consumed foods such as milk, honey, and mustard seeds. A focused session on personal hygiene and food safety practices specifically addressed the needs of bakery students. The programme concluded with a team-building game which fostered collaboration and strengthened camaraderie among participants.

agility, using various toys. Meanwhile, the other group engaged with educational puzzles designed to enhance colour and shape recognition as well as connection recognition. The groups were later interchanged to ensure all participants had the opportunity to experience both activities. Both teachers and students expressed satisfaction, with the principal giving positive feedback, noting that the interactions were fruitful.

## Chocolate Box Distribution

On July 25, 2024, the Bembala team took the initiative to distribute chocolate boxes to several educational institutions as part of the Outreach programme. The recipients included



## Visit to Government Tamil Highschool, Ashok Nagar

The students of the MSc BDA class visited the Government Tamil High School on September 26, 2024. To enhance the educational experience at the school, a series of initiatives were undertaken, including the revamping of desktop computers in the lab to provide students with modern tools for digital learning. A structured class focused on basic computer skills, particularly word processing, was conducted for sixth-grade students. Additionally, a spoken English class was organized for fifth-grade students to improve their communication skills through interactive activities, promoting fluency and self-expression. To foster creativity and teamwork, indoor cultural activities were held, creating an enjoyable environment. Collectively, these efforts contributed to the holistic development of the school students, equipping them with vital skills while promoting creativity and communication.

the Don Bosco Life Skills Training Centre, Sumanahalli, the Government Urdu Primary School, Akkithimanahalli, and the Moulana Azad High School, Akkithimanahalli. A total of 120 units were distributed across these locations. The distribution was coordinated efficiently by Mr Derick, Mr Anthony, and Mr Paul. Their efforts ensured a smooth and successful execution of this initiative.

## Nelamangala Field Activities

On July 25, the Bembala team successfully procured 500 saplings of six varieties from the Nelamangala Forest Department for a plantation initiative. On July 26, the team visited the Hasiruvalli, Doddabela, and Budhiyal Panchayats, where they secured permissions from the Panchayat Development Officers (PDO) and Presidents to visit these villages for upcoming camp activities.

# INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL REPORT

The IQAC office has been actively engaged in various initiatives from July to September 2024. Notably, the office successfully conducted 360-degree assessments for the Heads of Departments, Deans, and the Vice-Chancellor in collaboration with the HR office. Furthermore, student evaluations of the even semester teaching staff were completed and shared with faculty after individual discussions with Deans.

The University participated in the NIRF 2024 rankings, achieving notable scores in Perception and Graduation Outcomes. While the Research and Professional Practice score was lower, it is attributed to evaluating only one year of university data. The University also achieved significant rankings in various categories in The Week rankings, being placed among the top Multidisciplinary Universities in the country and within the State. The University secured top positions in several undergraduate programmes, including BCA, BSc, Mass Communication, and BA, in the India Today rankings.

The IQAC Core Committee Meeting was held, where discussions centered on strategies to improve NIRF scores based on suggestions from external members, including industry representatives, parent representatives, and alumni. Rev Fr Martin Link, Provincial of the Caribbean Province, visited the institution, interacted with administrators, and expressed appreciation for the University's work.

Looking ahead, the IQAC office is currently focused on implementing Bloom's Taxonomy level checking in question papers and coordinating with the NAAC coordinator for

Outcome-Based Education (OBE) training for all departments.

The IQAC office remains committed to continuous improvement in all areas of university functioning. It will continue to actively engage in activities that enhance the overall quality of education.

## Workshop on Panic Attack in Students

St Joseph's University hosted a workshop organised by Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice Chancellor titled - 'Panic Attacks in Students: Guidelines for Support'. The workshop aimed to equip 45 staff members with the knowledge and skills to support the increasing number of students experiencing anxiety and panic. Held on October 19, 2024 at Xavier Hall, the workshop was led by Dr Shailaja Shastri, a renowned mental health expert. Dr Shastri provided a comprehensive overview of panic attacks, including the physical and emotional symptoms, common causes, and contributing factors. The workshop emphasised the importance of reducing the stigma surrounding mental health and fostering a compassionate environment for students experiencing anxiety. Participants learned about evidence-based approaches like Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and relaxation techniques. Interactive discussions and practical demonstrations, such as using stress relief tools, enhanced the learning experience. Participants collaborated to create a display chart demonstrating their understanding of managing panic attacks. The workshop received overwhelmingly positive feedback, highlighting its significance in equipping staff with the necessary knowledge and skills to support students experiencing anxiety and panic on campus.



## School of Business

### Department of Commerce

#### Orientation Programme

The orientation programme for first year students was held on July 11, 2024, at the University Auditorium. Mr Divith V Manjunath, Assistant Professor, coordinated the event with 500 attendees. The program aimed to familiarise new students with the university's workings. Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Head of the Department of Commerce, gave an introductory address, followed by Ms Padma Nandan, Associate Dean of the School of Business, who emphasized the importance of adhering to the university's code of conduct. The Deputy Controller of Examination (COE), Mr Cyril highlighted the academic requirements necessary for graduation. The Welfare Officer, Ms Ahana Ruth Pinto was also introduced. Students were introduced to departmental associations and encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. The event provided valuable insights into university life and its functioning.



#### Library Orientation

A Library Orientation was held on July 29, 2024 at 11 am. Mr Santhosh J, Assistant Professor, coordinated the event which had 84 participants. Students were introduced to a variety of resources provided by St. Joseph's University's library. They were guided through the library, where the students were familiarised with the physical as well as digital material that can be accessed. The orientation also covered the information center, highlighting the availability of computer systems provisioned by the university. Mr. Premkumar, the librarian, guided participants in navigating the library's resources.

### ISDC ACCA Orientation

The International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC) ACCA Orientation was held on July 10, 2024 at De Nobili Hall, St. Joseph's University. Organized by Assistant Professors Dr Fathima Farzana and Ms Maha Shriesha V, the event hosted 88 participants at 11 am. The session aimed to familiarize attendees with the ACCA syllabus, examination structure, and career opportunities. It highlighted ACCA's global recognition and detailed the qualification levels. The session emphasized various career paths available to ACCA members in public practice, industry, and finance while discussing the global demand for ACCA-qualified professionals. Effective study techniques, time management strategies, and tips for passing ACCA exams on the



first attempt were shared. The orientation successfully equipped students with knowledge about the ACCA qualification, exam structure, benefits, and effective study strategies

#### Corporate Connect

A Corporate Connect session was held on September 12, 2024 on 'Interview Mastery - Techniques for Success', coordinated by Assistant Professors Ms Gisa George and Mr Aravind Nandakumar. The talk was conducted in PG Block, St. Joseph's University, with 55 attendees. Guest speaker Ms Shrawani Mukherjee provided detailed insights on how to excel in interviews, covering various stages and types of interviews. Following this, students interacted with Ms Mukherjee through an activity comparing the expectations and realities of an interview setting. The session encouraged students to learn about their evaluators and understand how they are being assessed.

Attendees left with a clear understanding of how to prepare for and approach interviews professionally and mentally.

## Career Paths in Finance and Accounting

The Placement Cell at St. Joseph's University conducted a career briefing for 100 third year students from the BCom IFA course On August 03, 2024. Coordinated by Assistant Professor Dr J Fathima Farzana, the session was conducted in Arrupe Block at 10 AM, focusing on the key competencies necessary for placements, such as communication and subject knowledge. The briefing was divided into two segments. The first discussed career goals, social networks, consulting, and corporate opportunities. It highlighted emerging demand in IT, start-ups, crypto, cab services, gaming, publishing, advertisers,



and e-gaming. The second segment centered on goal setting and the role of technology in planning. Factors for standing out in placements, including analytical and communication skills, were also discussed. The session emphasized proactiveness, communication, and willingness to take on opportunities and tasks as the main skills necessary for placements.

## Interactive Session with ACCA Affiliates

An interactive session with ACCA affiliates was organized for 200 first and second year BCOM IFA students on August 03, 2024. Coordinated by Assistant Professors and ACCA Coordinators, Dr Sayantani Banerjee and Dr J Fathima Farzana, the session was held at 9 am in Xavier Hall. ACCA affiliates Ridhi Raj, Mohammad Nouman, Deeksha, Tanushka Prasad, and Janvi Dodeja discussed all the elements surrounding the ACCA exams. They stressed the importance of discipline, urging students to maintain consistency while prioritizing their mental and physical well-being. Global rank holders on the panel shared personal strategies, emphasizing effective time management, deep understanding of the material, and regular practice. The session succeeded in informing students about the skills essential for excelling in the ACCA exams.

## Association Activities

### Finance Club - Inaugural Lecture

The Finance Club held its inaugural event on August 29, 2024 featuring guest speaker Mr Bhawarlal Sutar, Equity Advisor



at Geojit Financial Services, who shared valuable insights on the field of finance. The lecture was conducted in De Nobili Hall and attracted 140 participants. Mr Sutar's talk focused on the importance of long-term investment. He also provided an overview of stock market performance over the past decades, offering attendees a realistic understanding of market trends and behaviors. The talk explored key finance fundamentals, including financial literacy, personal finance management, investment strategies, risk assessment, and budgeting principles. Attendees participated in interactive discussions, gaining valuable insights on financial planning and decision-making.

## Staff Achievement

### Dr Sayantani Banerjee (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a National-level Research Development Program on 'Effective Research Paper Writing and Journal Publication' organized by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshawara Institute for Management Development, Mysore, on August 30, 2024.

Participated in a National-level workshop on 'Exploring Leadership Potential' organized by Christ University Higher Education Leadership Institute, Kengeri, Bengaluru, held from August 12 to 14, 2024.

### Ms Litty Joseph (Assistant Professor)

Participated in an International-level Short Term Program on the 'Third Woman's Leadership in Asia: Shaping Our Future' organized by Ewha Woman's University, South Korea, sponsored by The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia and Scranton Woman's Leadership Center, held from August 19 to 30, 2024.

### Ms Gisa George (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a National-level Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology by Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur, held from July 22 to 27, 2024.

Participated in a state-level FDP on Management Development Program 'Leadership Vanguard' by Acquire and Accord Solutions LLP, Bengaluru, held from May 18 to 26, 2024.

## Ms Maha Shriesha V (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper at an International conference on the topic “An Empirical Study on Social Interaction in Virtual Media: Dependency & Usage of Instagram Among Gen- Z With Special Reference to Bengaluru Urban District” organized by Vivekanandha Institute of Information and Management Studies, held from May 10 to 11, 2024.

Published a paper titled “An Empirical Study on Social Interaction in Virtual Media: Dependency & Usage of Instagram Among Gen-Z With Special Reference to Bengaluru Urban District” in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Review (IJRAR).

## Ms Shree Lakshmi KS (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “The Impact of General Elections on Nifty 50: A Comprehensive Analysis Using Market Data” in the TIJER - International Research Journal.

## Student Achievements

- Bibijan A from II BCom A cleared the CSEET in July 2024.
- Yashas J and Kishore K from II BCom A cleared the CA Foundation exam in July 2024.
- Ruchitha from III BCom B cleared CS Executive (Group 1) in August 2024.
- R Roshan Gulecha from III BCom B cleared CS Executive (Group 2) in August 2024.
- Darchy Rosario from II BCom A secured first place for choreography in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Mount Carmel College on August 02, 2024.
- Leo Stephen Manuel from II BCom A secured first place in Reversal Rumble in an inter-collegiate fest organized by St Claret College on August 23, 2024.
- Joshua Nicolson M from II BCom A secured third place in Vernacular Group in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Mount Carmel College on August 2, 2024.
- A Shreen Dass, Karis Delora D Mello, Siddarth K, David Clifford D & P Paul Preetham from II BCom A secured first place in Elixir organized by St. Joseph's University on August 19, 2024.
- Muktha Lakshman from II BCom D secured first place for Marketing in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Jyothi Nivas College on July 11, 2024.
- Dushan Jain, Kevia Mary Moncy, Joel S Doddamani, Kommatthy Maanini Anchal, Lavanya S & Aswathy S from I BCom A secured first place in Elixir organized by St. Joseph's University on August 19, 2024.
- Rajeev Dixith & R Abhinandhan from I BCom A secured second place in Wall Street of Affairs in an intra-collegiate event Regalia 4.0 organized by St. Joseph's University from August 22 to 23, 2024.
- Sania Maria from II BCom D & Karin R from II BCom BPS secured first place in Battle of Bands in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Charan's Degree College from May 09 to 10, 2024.

- Sania Maria from II BCom D secured second place in Group Song in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Kristu Jayanti College on April 14, 2024.
- Sania Maria from II BCom D secured first place in Western Wind (Solo) in an inter-collegiate fest organized by BMS Institute of Technology and Management from June 06 to 07, 2024.
- Sania Maria from II BCom D secured first place in Western solo singing in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Presidency University on May 25, 2024.
- Sania Maria from II BCom D secured first place in Wizardly Whispers in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering from June 13 to 15, 2024.
- Sania Maria from II BCom D secured fourth place in Western Singing (Duo) in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Dayananda Sagar Academy of Technology and Management on July 05, 2024.
- Athena C A from II BCom D secured first place in Western group dance in a national level competition organized by Chennai Dance Community on August 06, 2024.
- Athena CA from II BCom D secured ninth place overalls in Western group dance in a Professional level competition organized by Big Dance Center on July 22, 2024.
- Karin R from II BCom BPS secured second place in Solo song in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Kristu Jayanti College on April 14, 2024.
- Karin R from II BCom BPS secured second place in Group song in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Kristu Jayanti College on April 14, 2024.
- Karin R from II BCom BPS secured first place in Group song in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Goodwill Christian College for Women on April 16, 2024.
- Karin R from II BCom BPS secured second place in Solo song for Western solo in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Christ University on April 05, 2024.
- Karin R from II BCom BPS secured first place in Solo for Vernacular solo in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Christ University on April 05, 2024.
- J Rohith, Helon Reuban, Shiny A, Melveera Pinto, Bharath C K & Prashanthi V from II BCom BPS secured second place in short film in an inter-collegiate fest organized by Charan's Degree College on April 16, 2024.
- Harshini A Gowda, R Susan Margaret, Steffi M, Angel M, Yashika Singh, D Lincia, Varshini, Prakruthi D Athreya, Tejaswini K R and Jaya Harinee from I BCom D secured first place in Throwball in Pegasus Intramurals, an intra-collegiate sports event organized by St Joseph's University.
- Zaina Fathima from II BCom B secured second place in Women Carroms in Pegasus Intramurals, an intra-collegiate sports event organized by St Joseph's University.
- Silambarasan CJ from II BCom B secured first place in Men Carroms in Pegasus Intramurals, an intra-collegiate sports event organized by St Joseph's University.
- Tharang Kiran from II BCom D secured first place in Badminton (Men) in Pegasus Intramurals, an intra-collegiate sports event organized by St Joseph's University.

# School of Business

## Department of Management Alumni-Student Engagement Session

An Alumni-Student Engagement Session for BBA Strategic Finance (SF) students was organized on September 14, 2024, to provide insights into the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) programme. The event was held in Xavier Hall, PG Block, from 9:30 am. The key speaker for the session was Ms Shreya Lakshmi, Risk & Internal Controls Specialist ABB, an alumna who shared her personal experience of pursuing the CMA certification. The event aimed to offer guidance on the CMA journey and provide valuable tips for clearing the CMA papers. Ms Shreya Lakshmi discussed the CMA certification's structure, content, and benefits, emphasizing its importance for those aspiring to build careers in finance and accounting. The session provided practical advice on preparing for each section of the CMA exam and sharing effective study techniques. Ms Greeshma Francis coordinated the event. The session proved highly relevant for the BBA SF students, as they aspire to clear the CMA exams and pursue careers in finance. Hearing directly from an industry expert and former student provided invaluable insights, reinforcing the importance of strategic preparation and perseverance.

## Library Orientation

A Library Orientation Session was organized for I BBA and BBA SF students in the University library on July 26, and August 4 to 5, 2024, to familiarize students with the library and its features. Mr. Prem Kumar, the University Librarian, was in charge of the event, and the event saw a massive turnout from the students.

## Association Activities

### Regalia 4.0 – The Black Tie Gala

The Business Association organized its first flagship Intra-Collegiate Business Fest for 2024, 'Regalia' on August 22 and 23, 2024. The fest commenced at 9:00 am in the main auditorium, which set the tone for the two-day event. The presence of the students and faculty of the School of Business marked the event. The chief guest for the event was Mr Mohan Hariharan, Cluster Director of Manipal Hospital. The lighting of the lamp after the

inauguration ceremony marked the start of the fest. 'Regalia 4.0 - The Black Tie Gala' had an overall participation of 140 students who competed in various events. The fest promoted a healthy, competitive spirit among participants, introducing them to new perspectives and promoting collaborations between students and industry professionals. It provided the participants, event heads, volunteers, and office bearers a platform to learn and network.

## Faculty Achievements

### Dr Samuel Mores

#### Paper Presentations and Publications:

- Presented a paper "A Framework for Dynamic ESG Integration: Balancing Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development Goals in Corporate Strategy" in the ICSSR Sponsored 3 day National Seminar 'Navigating ESG Integration for Climate Resilience & Sustainable Development' organized by Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from August 21 to 23, 2024.
- Presented a paper "AI Tools Utilization Impact: Extending TAM Framework and Exploring Relevance to Job Performance among Bengaluru IT Professionals" in the third 'International Sustainable Cooperative Management & Social Entrepreneurship Conference' ( ISCM&SEC 2024) organized by IGonGFESR & Herme Academia in collaboration with the School of Law, KIIT – DU from May 26 to 28, 2024.
- Published a Scopus Indexed book chapter "Causes of Rural–Urban Migration in India with Special Reference to Metropolitan Cities: Structural Equation Modeling Approach" in Anticipating Future Business Trends: Navigating Artificial Intelligence Innovations by Springer, ISBN: 978-3-031-63402-4, September 12, 2024.
- Published a paper "Emotional Intelligence on Psychological Wellness of Women IT Professionals, Bengaluru: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach" in Journal of Informatics Education and Research an ABDC indexed journal in Vol. 4, Issue No. 1. 2024.
- Published a paper "Catalysts and Constraints: A Comprehensive Review of G20 Countries' Performance in Financial Stability, Climate Change Mitigation, and Sustainable Development (2023)" in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, a Scopus indexed Journal / Conference Proceedings in Vol. 1375. 2024.
- Published a paper "IoT Enabled Smart Homes in Tropical Regions as a Means of Sustainable Development" in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, a Scopus indexed Journal / Conference Proceedings in Vol. 1315. 2024.
- Published a paper "Understanding AI Adoption: The Mediating Role of Attitude in User Acceptance" in Journal



of Informatics Education and Research an ABDC indexed journal in Vol. 4, Issue No. 2. 2024.

- Published a paper “Enhancing Disaster Management Effectiveness: An Integrated Analysis of Key Factors and Practical Strategies Through Structural Equation Modeling(SEM) and Scopus Data Text Mining” in Geohazard Mechanics Journal from Elsevier in Vol. 2, Issue No. 2. June 2024.

- Attended an induction Program organized by SJU-HRDC (FDP) at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru from June 29 to July 6, 2024.
- Attended a workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation’ organized by St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru on April 20, 2024.

### Dr Shakila P

- Published a paper in scopus “Beyond City Limits: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Media in Rural Karnataka: A Structural Equation Model Analysis”
- Participated in one-Week FDP on ‘Sustainable Development Industry 5.0 with AI’ organised by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Haldia Institute of Technology, West Bengal, India from August 5 to 9, 2024.

### Dr Amudhan S

- Published a paper in scopus “Beyond City Limits: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Media in Rural Karnataka: A Structural Equation Model Analysis” on September 3, 2024.

### Student Achievements

- Maria Treesa Abraham of BBA SF cleared the CMA Exam.
- V.G.Madhan Raj of BBA SF cleared the CMA Exam.
- Hitesh Babu L of the 2022 Batch of BBA SF cleared Part I of the CMA Exam.
- Arjun Kris Saksena of the 2022 Batch of BBA SF cleared Part I of the CMA Exam.
- Aswin Kumar R of the 2022 Batch of BBA SF cleared Part I of the CMA Exam.
- Shivanee S G of the 2022 Batch of BBA SF cleared Part I of the CMA Exam.

### Resource Person:

- Acted as a resource person for a five-day national workshop on ‘Research Methodology’ organized by Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh from September 17 to 21, 2024.
- Acted as a resource person for a workshop on ‘Research Paper Writing’ organized by MSW – HR Forum, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru on September 14,, 2024.
- Acted as a resource person at a seven-day National level Professional Development Programme on ‘Harnessing AI and SPSS Integration for Advanced Research Writing’ organized by Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Vadapalani City Campus, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from September 9 to 17, 2024.
- Acted as a resource person at a one-week workshop on ‘SPSS and AMOS’ organized by Anthropic Center of Languages and Social Science (ACLSS), VIT-AP, Andhra Pradesh from July 8 to 13, 2024.

### Workshops Attended:

- Attended a two-day ORFG sponsored workshop on ‘Open-Access Publishing’, held at the National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE) from July 30 to 31, 2024.



# School of Chemical Sciences

## Department of Biochemistry Special Invited Talk on PAH

Dr Joel James, a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Indiana University, USA, delivered a talk. Deboshree Dutta of II BSc BCZ served as the emcee for the event. Dr. Daniel Andrew M.G. introduced Dr. Joel, and highlighted his research and achievements. Dr. Joel introduced the audience to pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a rare disease that adversely affects the pulmonary arteries of affected individuals. It causes cardiac hypertrophy and blockage of the pulmonary artery. The blood flow into the pulmonary artery is affected as a result, and this leads to right ventricle enlargement, and the heart can rupture or fail, leading to the individual's death. Multiple factors are involved in its etiology. Dr. Joel created a knockout mouse model of the NFU1 protein, a mitochondrial FeS cluster synthesizing protein. This mutant resulted in the classical PAH phenotype. Dr. Joel discovered a few new cells that are present in alveoli and are involved in PAH progression. Another interesting topic he is working on is N-aminopeptidase, an enzyme that causes pulmonary arterial tissue remodeling. Blockage of this enzyme with specific short peptides reversed the PAH phenotype, as confirmed by tissue histopathology.



## Inauguration of the Biochemical Society

The investiture ceremony of the Biochemical Society was held on August 03, 2024, to formally induct the new batch of office bearers for the academic year 2024-2025. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar of St Joseph's University, Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of School of Chemical Sciences and Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry were present during the ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Dr Melwin Colaco highlighted the significance of the Biochemical Society and the importance of biochemistry in the medical industry. The oath of office bearers was administered by the faculty coordinator Dr Shraddha K N. The event ended with a vote of thanks by the

President of the Society, Ms Anushka Suresh, and a short speech by the Vice President, Ms Deboshree Dutta.

## Freshers' welcome

The Freshers' event organised by the department of Biochemistry for the incoming batch of 2024 on August 03, 2024, saw enthusiastic participation from the students and staff. Addressing the gathering Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department encouraged the incoming batch to actively participate in events across the university and to make the most of their university experience. The students from second and third years organized engaging activities with an aim to build camaraderie. Students from the incoming batch showcased their talent by dancing and singing. While two winners were announced, all participants were commended for their efforts and encouraged to continue honing their talents.

## Elixir

Four different groups put up exhibits for Elixir 2024, hosted by the University;

Group 1 exhibit on 'A microbial fuel cell' was showcased by Subhanu, Julienna, Vandana, Samprathi, Joel, Susanna, and Vikash from III UG Biochemistry-Microbiology and Biochemistry-Zoology combinations.

Group 2 exhibit on 'Synthesis of bioplastic from algae-participants' was showcased by Lisa, Deboshree, Ankith, Ansh, Sooraj, Poojita, Kuwolee, and Saanvi from II UG Biochemistry-Zoology class.

Group 3 exhibit on Jahn Teller distortion model of heme was showcased by Sarah, Krisa, Litricia, Aswathy, Prashansa, and Razmi from II UG Biochemistry-Microbiology combination.

Group 4 exhibit on CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing model was showcased by Mary Sharon, Marion, Nawinaa, Roshan, Neha, Sneha, Glory, and Juwairiya from II UG Biochemistry-Microbiology combination.

## Blessing of the New Biochemistry Lab

Fr James Chin SJ, Campus Director, St Joseph's University, blessed the newly constructed Biochemistry laboratory on the ground floor of the science block. The prayer meeting began at 12:45 pm. Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University, and Dr Godwin D'Souza, the HoD of the Department of Electronics graced the event. Fr James Chin SJ led the prayer service asking for the safety of the staff and students using the lab. Faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry Dr Sandra Misquith, Dr Shraddha K N, and Dr Daniel Andrew M G cordially invited the gathering. Staff members and students from

the Department Biochemistry and Department of Chemistry were present during the ceremony.

workshop was attended by 40 student and staff participants who benefited from it.



## Art Therapy Workshop

The Biochemical Society and the Department of Biochemistry organized an art therapy workshop on August 13, 2024. The program 'Mindful Expression: Using Art Therapy to Navigate Mental Health' was organized to help students and faculty members understand how art can help improve mental health. Ms Ketaki Bali from Mazumdar Shaw Medical Center, Bengaluru, was the resource person for the event. She offered deep insights into how art helps her patients, especially those with cancer and neurological disorders. She gave insights into how mindful expression can be used to navigate mental health. She stressed on the role of art therapy in supporting mental well-being and offered practical techniques to manage stress and emotions. The

## Staff Achievements

### Dr Daniel Andrew M. Gideon

- Served as a resource person for an international symposium organized in May by
- the School of Artificial Intelligence, Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu, India).
- Delivered a talk on Heme peroxidases, Cyclooxygenase and Lactate Dehydrogenase.
- Served as an internal judge on behalf of the School of Chemical Sciences, SJU for Elixir 2024.

## Student Achievements

### Elixir - Awards

- Exhibit showcased by Group 2 on 'Synthesis of Bioplastic from Algae- Participants' from the department won the second prize in the School of Chemical Sciences (from a total of 14 exhibits - Chemistry & Biochemistry combined) by a panel of two external judges and one internal judge. The group consisted of Lisa, Deboshree, Ankith, Ansh, Sooraj, Poojita, Kuwolee, and Saanvi from II UG Biochemistry-Zoology class.



# School of Chemical Sciences

## Department of Chemistry Placement Committee Status

In 2023, a placement committee was established in the Department of Chemistry. An overview was produced of the current placement scenario, efforts made by the department for enhancing placements, challenges faced, and proposed strategies to improve future placements.

The committee was able to identify and formulate a list of successfully placed students post the completion of their course at St. Joseph's University into various other prestigious institutions for academia. The Department of Chemistry has demonstrated consistent progress in securing placements for its students. However, there is significant room for improvement, particularly in the placement of postgraduate students to match academic training with industry demands. Through concerted efforts in industry engagement, curriculum enhancement, and skill development, the department can achieve higher placement success rates and ensure students are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the professional world.

## Maths Bridge Course

Maths bridge course was conducted for MSc chemistry students who did not study Maths at their PU or degree level academic curriculum. Dr Anchal Singhal, course coordinator, took the initiative to design the bridge course curriculum along with the Dean Dr Libi Thomas, the Head of the Department Dr. Nalini G Sundaram, PG coordinator Dr Joyce D'souza. Faculties involved were Dr Sunita Rajamani, Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Dr Cisy Abraham. Classes were conducted online during semester vacation from June 24 to July 03. Four students attended the classes, submitted the assignments, and cleared the exam to be eligible for obtaining the course completion certificate. It was quite a successful initiative and the department would like to continue in the coming years to benefit students. The Department of Chemical Sciences often goes a step ahead of all in terms of helping the students of their department in not just a holistic sense but thoroughly so in academics too.

## Elixir 2.0

On August 19, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted its annual intercollegiate exhibition, Elixir, offering students from various schools a platform to showcase their creativity, innovation, and academic achievements. The department's nine exhibits blended theory and practice to address contemporary challenges. Projects such as 'Turning Coin into a Light Bulb', 'Wilson Cloud Chamber: Trapping Radioactivity' and 'Biosensor for Detecting Heavy Metals in Water Using Plant Extracts' captivated audiences with

their relevance and ingenuity. The standout exhibit, 'Organic Alternatives for Economic and Allergy-Free Sanitary Pads and Diapers' won first place in the School of Chemical Sciences, recognized for its focus on sustainability and public health.



## Association Activities

### Undergraduate Chemical Society

#### Inauguration

The Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) for the academic year 2024-25 was inaugurated on August 01, 2024. The event, held in Xavier Hall, was attended by Dr Melwin Colaco (Registrar), Dr Libi Thomas (Dean of Chemical Sciences), Dr Nalini Sundaram (HOD of Chemistry), and Dr Joyce D'souza (PG Coordinator) along with faculty and students of the chemistry department. The ceremony began with a prayer, and the dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp. Dr Colaco's inaugural address emphasized the role of chemistry in solving global challenges and encouraged students to explore opportunities within the field. He then officially declared the Undergraduate Chemical Society open for 2024-25. A key moment was the badging ceremony, where President Shubham Mazumdar led the new office bearers in taking an oath. This was followed by cultural performances, including a solo song and duo dance, which received an enthusiastic response. The Dean of Chemical Sciences wished all the office bearers and encouraged all the members of UGCS with her inspiring words. Vice President Suryan Isaac delivered the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the dignitaries and attendees. The event concluded with refreshments, marking the beginning of what is expected to be an engaging and enriching year for the association through academic and extracurricular activities.

## Post Graduate Chemical Society Inauguration

The Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) for the academic year 2024-2025 was inaugurated on August 10, 2024. The event was open to all the School of Chemical Sciences staff and students, and approximately 130 people were in attendance. The event was officially inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest, Dr Swetavalli Raghavan, Professor of Practice at St Joseph's University, shared her experiences and provided valuable insights into the RSC, highlighting its benefits for students' academic pursuits. She engaged with the audience, clarifying their doubts and answering their questions. Further, the office bearers of the PGCS were duly felicitated by giving away their badges according to their posts. The peer tutors of the peer tutor program organized by the Postgraduate Chemical Society were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation as a token to recognize and appreciate their efforts. The event concluded with a vibrant cultural performance featuring various groups. The performance included both singing and dancing, showcasing a diverse range of talents and adding a festive atmosphere to the event, followed by refreshments for the attendees.

## Introductory Event

The first Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) event was held on August 23, 2024, in Loyola Hall. The event welcomed the first year postgraduate students, who were officially inducted as members of PGCS. Senior members briefed the newcomers about the society's mission, its role in enhancing academic and social connections, and how PGCS will function this year. The year ahead promises a mix of academic discussions and fun activities designed to foster interaction. A significant highlight of the event was the formation of four groups, each comprising a mix of first and second year students. To encourage leadership

given unique names, adding a fun competitive element. Each group will be responsible for organizing and presenting their plans for fun activities on their assigned Friday. The order of presentations was determined through a lot-picking ceremony by the teachers, ensuring fairness and excitement. This system will keep the students engaged and build camaraderie within the society, setting a vibrant tone for the rest of the year. An initiative such as this not only familiarizes the students of the department with the roles and responsibilities of an association but also helps in building a sense of inclusivity within the activities of the association as well as a space for the students of the department across various streams to bond and form friend circles promoting holistic development.

## Freshers Day Programme

The Freshers Day program, organized by the final year students of MSc Chemistry, was held on July 12, 2024 for the first year MSc Chemistry students. The event was held in the Aloysius Hall, in the Auditorium block of St. Joseph's University, and the enthusiastic students of the I, II and III Year MSc Chemistry gathered at 2:00 pm in the afternoon to enjoy the planned festivities. The event commenced with a formal welcome, a prayer song, and an address by Dean Dr Libi Thomas, and Dr Suhas. The students were dressed in red and black as per the dress code. They enthusiastically participated in various activities, like games, dance, and singing. There were dance performances by Organic and Analytical seniors and a newspaper fashion show for the juniors. The program also featured song performances by II year students and a DJ dance session. The event's highlight was awarding Mr and Ms Fresher titles to Mr Pranav and Ms Joshna, respectively. The program concluded with excitement and joy, beginning a new academic journey for the first year MSc Chemistry students. The event ended by thanking the chemistry department and the seniors who organized the event.



and teamwork, each group was assigned two leaders—one from the second year and one from the first year. The teams were also

## Seminar

The seminar conducted by PGCS, on September 10, 2024, held in the Xaviers Hall, PG Block, began on a graceful note with a heartfelt prayer song, invoking divine blessings. Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, delivered the welcome address, warmly greeting the audience and lighting the lamp. Dr Helen Pain and Mr Ajith Sharma were then felicitated by the Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor, in a gesture of honour for their contribution to the global scientific community. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, provided a brief introduction of the Chief Guest, highlighting Dr Pain's esteemed career and pivotal role in advancing chemistry toward sustainable practices. Dr. Pain delivered an engaging seminar on the theme 'Moving Towards a Greener World: Meeting Net Zero Targets'. She discussed critical issues related to achieving sustainability goals and the chemical industry's role in addressing climate change. She emphasized on the collaboration of academia and the industries and how it impacts the practical development in sustainability. Students from the Department of Chemical Science performed a captivating Indian classical dance, which was met with great appreciation from the audience. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences.



## L'Elixir de Sens

The group Redox Rebels organized L'Elixir de Sens on September 13, 2024. The event was open to all the School of Chemical Sciences staff and students, with around 120 attendees present. The event commenced with an introduction to perfumes. The presenters explained what perfumes are made of, their key ingredients, and the differences between natural and synthetic perfumes. They also discussed how the two types of perfumes differ concerning their ingredients. Following the introduction, the stage was opened for questions. Dr Shobha S V, Dr Suhas D, Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi, and a few other audience members raised some insightful and fundamental questions that added value to the session. The group then conducted simple activities, including a round of quizzes, a crossword puzzle, and a final game called Quizades, where all three other groups participated. The words to guess were primarily names of chemical reactions and

other chemistry-related terms. As the event concluded, the group opened the floor for reviews and feedback, while all the faculties and students appreciated the effort. The PGCS association often promotes such group initiatives to provide the member students a space to express, present, and research various fields of their field of interest, making academia intriguing and intuitive.

## Staff Achievements

### Dr Libi Thomas

Participated in the Continuing Education Programme under the Short Term Certification Course on 'Electrochemical Technology in Contemporary and Emerging Energy Storage segment' from July 19 to 21, 2024 organized by Centre for Outreach and Digital Education, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

### Dr Nalini Sundaram

Was invited to serve on the interview panel for the recruitment of Teacher Developers for the RSC's Teacher Training Workshops. The interviews took place on August 10, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Was invited to a select committee of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Town Hall Meeting on 'Future of Chemical Sciences Education Strategy' on September 09 2024, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Plumeria Hall, Taj West End, Bengaluru. Attended JESCOL II from July 18 to 20, 2024 at Ashirvad, St Mark's road, Bangalore.

### Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza

- Attended residential workshop on 'Exploring Leadership Potential' at Christ University Higher Education Leadership Institute from August 12 to 14, 2024.
- Was invited to serve on an interview panel for the recruitment of Teacher Developers for the RSC's Teacher Training Workshops. The interviews took place on August 10, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and August 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### Dr Suhas D P

- Recently promoted to the position of Assistant Professor 3, reflecting recognition of academic contributions, research, and service to the university.
- Organized an orientation program for the parents of the 2024 batch, facilitating communication between the university and parents to ensure a supportive academic environment.

### Dr Sunita Rajamani

- Published 'Polyaniline and Graphene Oxide or Reduced Graphene Oxide-Based Composites for Environmental Remediation Application'. Water Conserv. Sci. Eng., 9, 50

(2024).

- Poster presentation on Ionic liquids as dual solvocatayst for esterification reactions with Geethanjali M in the 18th International Congress on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (ICTAC 2024); the 14th National Conference of the Indian Thermodynamics Society organized at IIT Madras India, from September 02 to 07, 2024.
- Presentation on Ionic liquids for energy production in the 18th International Congress on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (ICTAC 2024); the 14th National Conference of the Indian Thermodynamics Society organized at IIT Madras India, from September 02 to 07, 2024.

### Dr Debashis Ghosh

- Published 'ZnO Nanorod: An Efficient Reusable Catalyst for One-pot Multicomponent C-C Bond Formation Reactions Involving Isatins' Asian J. Org. Chem, on June 27, 2024.

### Dr Vinutha Salian

#### External Examiner:

- Was invited as an external practical examiner of chemistry course at NMKRV College for Women, Bangalore on June 06, 2024.

#### Publications:

Published 'Spectroscopic characterizations, RDG and docking study of 2-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(propane-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrozol-1-yl]-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1, 3-thiazole, Z. Phys. Chem- International Journal of Research In Physical Chemistry; Chemical Physics., 2024.

#### Paper presentation at International Conference:

Presented at a one-day state level symposium on recent trends

in active pharmaceutical ingredient landscape (ReTAP-2024), organized by Postgraduate department of chemistry, BMS College for Women in collaboration with Vidhathri Academy, Bangalore on July 19, 2024.

### Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi

Published 'Multi-component forms of the 2nd generation H1 receptor antagonist drug, Bilastine and its enhanced physicochemical characteristics', Bioorganic Chemistry 151, 107672, 2024.

### Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira

Attended JESCOL II from July 18 to 20, 2024 at Human Resource Development Center, Ashirvad, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru-01.

### Dr Pramod Kandoth Madathil

- Was invited as an external examiner of the M.Sc Organic Chemistry practical examination on July 12, 2024 and MSc Project Viva on August 10, 2024 at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore.
- Was invited to represent Malayalam poetry during the celebration of 78th independence day named 'Articulating Freedom' organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India collaborating with Kavya Sanje on August 24, 2024 at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Bangalore.

#### Student Achievements

- Ms Sargam Datta from II BSc. PCH has earned the prestigious INSPIRE scholarship, a program organized by DST, Govt. of India.
- Harshini Senthilkumar, Sauparnika Krishnan, and Suryan Isaac from School of Chemical Sciences participated in Jeevotsav at Christ University and won prize in the Quiz competition.



# School of Communication and Media Studies

## Association Activities

### Flashmob

The Rushes Film Club presented a flash mob in Aruppe Atrium on August 12, 2024. The aim of the flash mob was to open a club for all the students at the university. The event was done twice during the breaks at 8:45 am and 12:50 pm, informing the viewers about the Rushes film club and its objectives. The event had a dance performance to attract the entire audience to join the club. A WhatsApp group was created for the people willing to join the club, along with the Rushes Instagram handle page QR code, enabling interested students to join the club. Several interested students joined the club. The event met its objectives by bringing like-minded people from different departments in hopes of shaping the club.

### Photography Competition - Portraits of Diversity

The Rushes Film Club held a photography competition titled 'Portraits of Diversity'. The event encouraged students to capture the university campus's rich cultural and expressive diversity. The competition received impressive entries, with students eager to showcase their creativity. Participants were required to submit their photos in JPEG format, with strict rules to ensure that the images were original and aligned with the theme. The enthusiasm and talent displayed by the participants were evident in the variety and quality of the submissions.

### Jamming Session

The Rushes Film Club presented a jamming session on July 22, 2024 in three different venues: Magis canteen, Aruppe stone bench, and the bleachers. The club had quite some support from the existing club members and the new ones willing to join the club. The session aimed to open the club to all the students in the university. The event started at 12:50 pm and ended at 1:45 pm. The club council had made three groups of singers to start the jamming session with songs from different languages in three different locations, and others followed up on the songs,



allowing them to sing and also informing the viewers about Rushes film club. The club also made around 300 movie tickets with the Rushes Instagram handle page QR code, enabling interested students to join our club. The response to the jamming session was positive.

### Film Screening

A film screening of Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream was held on July 10, 2024, at Forum South Bengaluru, organized by Suhas Srinivas. The event ran from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm. It was attended by 50 students from the BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking program of St. Joseph's University, Bangalore. The screening aimed to expose students to independent filmmaking and diverse storytelling. Following the screening, students participated in an interactive session with the director, Arvind Sastry. He provided insights into the filmmaking process, answered questions, and discussed the technical aspects of the film. The session was a highlight for many students, who found the experience intriguing and educational. The event successfully met its objectives, offering students a deeper understanding of film production. The positive feedback from students emphasized their appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with a professional filmmaker. Organizers suggested allowing more time for future Q&A sessions and expressed interest in hosting similar events to continue enriching students' learning experiences.

### Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art

The IMAGES association organized a visit on July 25, 2024 to the National Gallery of Modern Art for a group of approximately 50-60 students, primarily from the BA Visual Communication program. However, students from other departments participated as well. Accompanied by IMAGES coordinator Mr Suhas Srinivas, faculty members, and the core team, the students assembled at the gallery by 2:15 pm, with the visit concluding at 4 pm. The main highlight was the 'Haripura' Panels exhibition by renowned artist Nandalal Bose which provided an enriching experience. Students found the artworks interactive and engaging, while curators offered an informative introduction to the gallery and Bose's significant contributions to modern Indian art. To commemorate the successful event, a group picture was taken. The association plans to organize similar cultural excursions to continue offering valuable educational experiences.

### Brandstorm Elections and Investiture Ceremony

Brandstorm Association conducted its elections on July 15 2024 to appoint office bearers for the upcoming term (2024-25)—18 students contested for the six positions. The newly elected members are Rakshith Bopanna B S as the President, Venkatesh

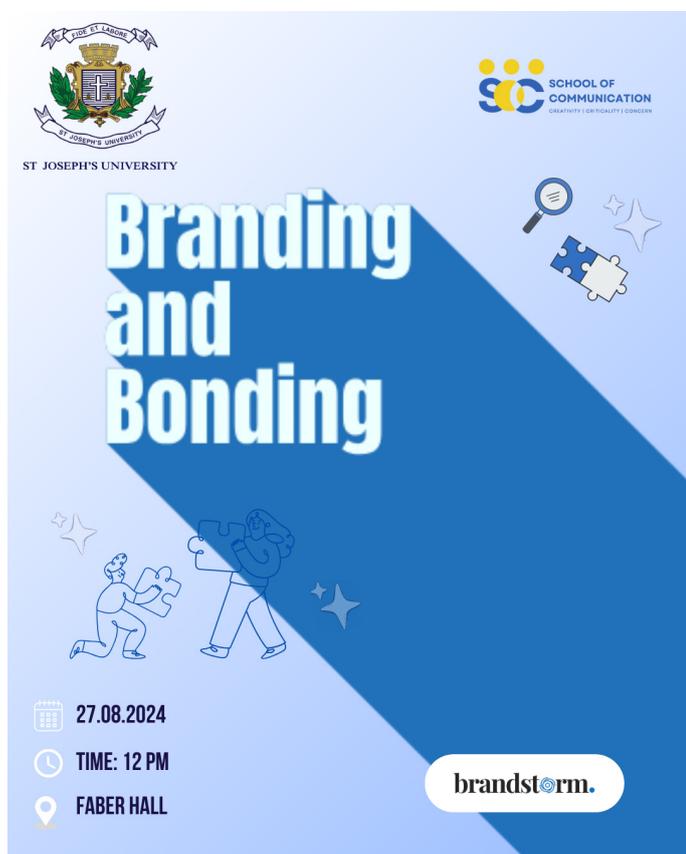
M as the Vice President, Riya Mathew as the Secretary, Christy as the Treasurer, Kiran Jose as the Social Media Associate, and Anoushka Ashok as the Creative Lead. In a notable shift from the previous term, the 2024-25 committee will be exclusively led by the first-year students of MA Advertising and Public Relations. The outgoing committee, Vice President Rehan Shah, Joint Secretary Aotula Pongen, and Social Media Associate Sarah Jhamb will continue to be part of the Advisory Board to support the new committee.

The investiture ceremony was conducted on July 19, 2024, marked by the presence of Fr. Richard Rego, Dean of the School of Communication, St. Joseph's University, and various faculty members from the School of Communication. The elected members were installed with badges by Fr Richard Rego. Dr Parinitha Shinde, Associate Dean of the Institute of Communication and Media Studies, then ceremoniously unfolded and inaugurated the Brandstorm Insider. The newsletter outlines the story and achievements of the association.

It was an extremely successful event, filled with enthusiasm. The official inauguration of Brandstorm marked the beginning of a new and promising term for the association.

## Brandstorm Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths

Brandstorm commenced its first university-wide event for the academic year 2024-25 on 13 August, 2024. Brandstorm, an association born from the Advertising and PR department of the



School of Communications, befittingly initiated its activities for the year by honoring the Father of Creative Advertising, Bill Bernbach. 'Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths' was launched on Bernbach's birth anniversary and drew inspiration

from his pioneering work of bringing together art direction and copywriting in the ad agency. The contest adapted three visuals from his legendary ads for Volkswagen and encouraged the students to reimagine the copy for these ads in the modern day. The response to this contest was astounding and prompted Brandstorm to extend the entry deadline to August 24, 2024. Nearly 100 students across St. Joseph's University submitted over 200 lines of copy. These entries were evaluated by Ms Vidisha Madonna D'Souza, who finalized the winners of the contest. The first and second prizes were awarded to Jake Varun Rebello and Syed Yasar Pasha from the first UG Digital Arts and Animation department of the School of Communication. The winners were accoladed on August 27 during Brandstorm's Branding and Bonding event.

## Brandstorm: Branding and Bonding

Brandstorm conducted an interactive learning session, Branding and Bonding, for MA Advertising and Public Relations (APR) students on August 27, 2024. The program included a range of educational and cultural events hosted by the first year students of MA APR, geared towards promoting a sense of fraternity in the department through course-related activities.

The programme commenced with a welcome speech by Alifiya A C. The MC for the day, Darryl Joseph Khan, set the stage for the guest speaker, Ms Steffi Gabriella, Account Manager at Kaizen Communications. An alumnus of the School of Communication, Ms Gabriella enlightened students on the scope and operations of a career in the Public Relations industry. She provided resourceful insight into the realities of the industry to the aspiring Advertising and PR professionals. Ms Gabriella was felicitated by Rev Dr Richard Rego, Dean of the School of Communication. The program also saw the honouring of the winners of Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths. Ms Vidisha Madonna D'Souza presented the awards to the winners and shared encouraging words appreciating the vast array of imaginative entries. The cultural sphere of the program then began with a captivating dance performance by the students of I MA APR. Following this were the thrilling Advertising and PR-themed quiz and brand charades events hosted by Fiza Anwar, Aaron Abraham Vivek, Varsha Babu, and Rivya Shaji. After a range of exciting and emboldening activities, the Branding and Bonding program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Lakshmi T M.

Brandstorm Internal Communications: An Insider's Perspective Mr Akshay Arambam, the Lead of Internal Communication at Lowe's India, held a talk on August 17, 2024, enlightening the first and second years of MA Advertising and Public Relations about an insider's perspective on Internal Communications. The talk focused on how essential Internal Communications functions are and their role in the operations of a company or a business. He also dived into the tools and technology used in Internal Communications and the challenges this aspect of the management faced. The session was incredible, as even

the students had the opportunity to interact and delve into the world of communications. The event ended with a Q&A session wherein numerous students could voice their thoughts and doubts, all of which were addressed by Mr Akshay Arambam. The students left with a greater understanding of the area of internal communications and also knowledge of how they could one day be a part of it.

## Art & Animation - Art Roulette

'Art Roulette', the live art event, was held by the Association of Art and Animation on August 7, 2024, in the Stationary Area from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The event featured around 150 participants. The event was about a live art challenge where each artist was supposed to draw the objects in front of them or draw something of their will. Every 3 minutes, each artist had to switch themselves to another canvas and continue drawing. Along with the live art challenge, there was face painting and caricature art, where everyone could get their faces painted and drawn—all the students aimed for active participation in every event hosted by the association.

The event's main objective was to bring exposure to the Association of Art and Animation to fellow college mates and seek hidden artists around the campus. It also served as a fun interactive session for fellow college mates. The event was successful; students and faculty enjoyed this new art experience and left positive feedback.

## PG Department of Mass Communication and Journalism and Josephite Media Forum

### Media Management Industry Visits

The students of MA Journalism and Mass Communication visited various industries; Vijayavani (Kannada Newspaper) on July 29, The News Minute (News website) on August 05, Dooradarshan (Television) on August 14, All India Radio (Radio) on August 08, Bud India (Advertising agency) on August 06, and Nirvana (Production house) on August 09.

The visits aimed to give students an idea on how organizations function, understand their roles and establishments. Students were able to interact with the existing founders of the media houses too.

### Josephite Media Forum Launch

The Josephite Media Forum (JMF) launch event took place on July, 26 and featured a series of engaging activities and performances that set the tone for the upcoming events. The event started with lively music, creating an energetic atmosphere for all attendees. Following the music, a flashmob performance was staged, surprising and delighting the audience. Open Mic performances were held where students showcase their different talents. After the initial performances, Shoab, the President of JMF delivered a speech following the official banner reveal,

marking the formal launch of the event.

## Staff Achievements Dr Thulasi Kumar Marella

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from Pondicherry University, Puducherry, in Journalism and Mass Communication in September 2024 for the thesis, 'The Cultural Debate(s) and Social Representation in R Narayana Murthy Film: A Semiotic Analysis', submitted under the guidance of Dr D Nivedhitha (Associate Professor, Department of Electronic Media and Mass Communication, Pondicherry University).

## Ms. Muktha Chand

Participated in a panel discussion alongside leading professionals and stakeholders from the Kannada film, television, and theatre industries. The discussion focused on industry practices and challenges highlighted in the Justice Hema Committee report. The event took place at the Bangalore International Centre on September 12, 2024.

## Student Achievements

Sherin Johnson from II MCJ won a bronze medal in the Pegasus Intramurals table tennis tournament conducted by St. Joseph's University.



The poster for the Photography Competition is presented by the RUSHES FILM CLUB. It features a QR code for submission and a silhouette of a person with a camera. The theme is 'PORTRAITS OF DIVERSITY' with the instruction to 'CAPTURE THE DIVERSITY IN CULTURE, FASHION AND EXPRESSIONS AMONGST THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN YOUR OWN UNIQUE WAY.' The submission deadline is 17th August. The poster also lists terms and conditions: submit only JPG or JPEG format, no AI-generated or heavily edited images, one photo per participant, no filters, and no inappropriate content. A 'FOR QUERIES' link is provided at the bottom.



# School of Humanities

## Department of Economics

### Association Activities Investiture Ceremony

The Economics Forum and Oikonomika held their Investiture Ceremony in De Nobili Hall on July 29, 2024, to appoint new executive members for the academic year formally. The event was attended by 100 participants, including faculty and students. Dr Suma M Singh, Registrar of Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, served as the Chief Guest, delivering a thought-provoking speech on leadership and the importance of economics. The presence of key dignitaries such as Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean of the School of Humanities, Dr Tulika Bhattacharya, Associate Dean, and Dr Keshavamurthy K, Head of the Department of Economics, further elevated the event's significance. The ceremony included vibrant cultural performances, including dance and song, adding a celebratory atmosphere. The presentation of badges to the new office bearers was a moment of great significance, symbolizing the transfer of leadership and the responsibility that comes with it. The event successfully highlighted the past year's achievements and set a positive tone for the upcoming academic year. It was a testament to the commitment of both the outgoing and incoming executive members, reinforcing the association's mission to foster growth and excellence.



### Loot and Leverage

The monthly event Loot & Leverage was conducted on July 24, 2024, focusing on critical flaws in the Indian banking system. The event challenged eight teams of three members each to devise a strategic heist of the fictional Piggy Bank, aiming to expose vulnerabilities in the system. In Round 1, each team presented a detailed plan to exploit the bank's weaknesses, with one team disguising themselves as election officials to infiltrate the bank during election day, while another team created a fictitious company to launder money through the account of a deceased individual. Despite strict rules, such as a three-minute presentation limit and the prohibition of electronic devices, the teams showcased creativity and innovation in executing their heists. In Round 2, teams demonstrated how they would invest their stolen funds in real estate and infrastructure, focussing on maximizing returns while using corporate social responsibility to avoid suspicion. Loot & Leverage shed light on the deeper systemic issues within India's financial sector,

urging reforms focused on transparency, accountability, and fair wealth distribution. The event left participants reflecting on the complexities of economic inequality and the need for systemic change.

### Forum 101

The Economics Forum hosted Forum 101, an engaging introductory event to welcome freshers and provide an overview of the association's mission and activities, on July 15, 2024. Held in the AV Room, the event attracted 60 attendees from various disciplines. The event commenced with a briefing by the Master of Ceremonies, who outlined the forum's mission, vision, and significance within the university. The core committee members introduced themselves and shared insights into their respective departments, giving the freshers a better understanding of the forum's operations. Interactive sessions like Speed Networking encouraged attendees to leave their comfort zones and engage with the core committee and fellow participants. The event also featured creative stalls, including face painting, quizzes, a DIY station, and an affirmation corner, allowing participants to enjoy fun, informative activities. Core committee members shared their personal experiences with the forum, motivating freshers to join. A QR code was shared, allowing attendees to sign up for the association. Overall, Forum 101 succeeded in introducing the Economics Forum to freshers, fostering interest, and encouraging active participation in future events.

### Elixir 2.0

The Economics Forum participated in Elixir 2.0 on August 19, 2024, to showcase the department's academic programs, research, and student innovations. The event ran from 9 am to 5 pm, attracting around 400 attendees, including high school students, college students, and professors. The exhibit aimed to provide a deeper understanding of key economic events. The highlight was a skit dramatizing India's 1991 financial crisis, illustrating the significance of the New Economic Policy (NEP) 1991. This performance helped the audience grasp the strategic economic reforms that led to positive developments, such as increased foreign reserves and a rising GDP. In addition to the skit, several models and displays were featured, including a newspaper titled The Economic Timeline, which covered significant milestones like the 2024 Union Budget, the 1991 Economic Crisis, and the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. These models explained key economic reforms, India's resilience during global downturns, and the transition from a state-controlled economy to a market-driven one.

The exhibition not only educated attendees about critical economic theories and policies but also fostered discussion on the ongoing impact of the NEP. The event successfully showcased St. Joseph's University's commitment to promoting economic literacy and student engagement.

# School of Humanities

## Department of History

### Association Activities

#### Inaugural Guest Lecture and Investiture Ceremony

An Inaugural Guest Lecture and Investiture Ceremony of the office bearers of the department association, Parishodhana for the academic year 2024-25 was held on July 24, 2024, at 10:00 am in the De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. Dr S K Aruni, Regional Director of the Southern Regional Centre of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi was the Guest Speaker for the day. Dr. Aruni delivered an engaging lecture titled 'Bengaluru—Its History and Monuments' to the I BA students. His talk provided valuable insights into the history of Bengaluru, exploring the city's development and significance across various historical periods. Dr. Aruni highlighted the rich



heritage and notable landmarks of Bengaluru, captivating the audience with his extensive knowledge and research on the subject

The event also featured the investiture ceremony of Parishodhana's newly elected office bearers, who were formally inducted through a badging ceremony. The new office bearers took an oath to uphold the association's values, marking the commencement of their leadership tenure and symbolizing a smooth transition of responsibilities.

#### Inter-Class Quiz Competition

The Department of History, in collaboration with Parishodhana and the History Association, organized an inter-class quiz competition titled Azmayish-E-Azadi on August 16, 2024, at 1:05 p.m. in the Arrupe Block to celebrate 78th Independence Day. The quiz aimed to test participants' knowledge of India's history, the independence movement, and significant national

figures and events. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 16 teams consisting of 32 students. The event was structured into multiple rounds, including image-based and audio-visual segments, which tested the breadth of participants' historical knowledge. The questions ranged from key historical facts to current affairs connected to India's journey to independence, making the competition challenging and engaging. The quiz served as a platform for students to demonstrate their knowledge and celebrate India's struggle for freedom. The competitive yet collaborative environment fostered a sense of patriotism and unity among the participants, highlighting the educational and commemorative essence of the event.



#### Elixir 2.0 : Sands to Valleys—A Voyage

On August 19th, 2024, the department led by Ms Jane D'Souza, participated in the second edition of Elixir, themed 'Sands to Valleys—A Voyage'. The event featured three life-sized models - 'The Ahoms of Assam', 'The Pharaohs of Egypt', and 'The Geographical Explorers'—that vividly portrayed historical narratives from the Ancient, Medieval, and Modern eras. The exhibits displayed rich cultural elements, including the royalty of Assam, the grandeur of ancient Egyptian pyramids and mummification, a majestic ship, and a treasure chest filled with coins and jewels. A notable aspect of the displays was the intricate craftsmanship, with many components painstakingly handmade, reflecting the participants' commitment to authenticity and detail. Students actively engaged by embodying various historical characters, such as regal kings and queens, enigmatic priests, ancient mummies, and intrepid captains, showcasing their versatility and dedication. Interpreters further enhanced the exhibits, which provided detailed insights into each model's historical context, significance, and purpose, enriching the audience's educational experience.

## Staff Achievements

### Dr Paul Newman (Associate Professor)

#### External Assessor:

- Participated as an assessor for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during a series of institutional visits to evaluate academic and administrative quality.
- Contributed to the assessment of Government First Grade College (GFGC) Shivalik in Nangal, Punjab, from June 20 to 22, where the team reviewed various academic parameters in line with NAAC standards.
- Part of an evaluation team at GFGC Kadri, Andhra Pradesh, from July 10 to 11, and subsequently at GFGC Penukonda, Andhra Pradesh, from July 22 to 23.

#### Articles Published:

- Published an article “Human Rights Abuses Continue in Sri Lanka without a reprieve”, in ‘Freedom and Refugees’, LISSTAR, Loyola College, on May 09, 2024.
- Published an article “Killing Rohit Vemula again” in International Policy Digest on July 9, 2024.
- Published an article “How India uses surnames to perpetuate caste discrimination” in International Policy Digest on July 27, 2024.
- Published an article “The imperative of caste census” in Deccan Herald on August 26, 2024.
- Published an article “Surge in Dropouts Among Dalits in Higher Educational Institutions” in Mainstream Magazine on September 14, 2024.

## Resource Person

- Delivered a talk on ‘Importance of Social Analysis for Teachers in Jesuit Educational Systems’ on July 20, 2024 at Ashirvad for JESCOL II.
- Delivered a talk on ‘Experiences in Jesuit Higher Education’ on August 2, 2024 at St. Joseph’s Institute of Management for JESCOL I.
- Delivered a talk on ‘Jesuit Higher Education’, at the Induction program for SJU faculties on August 6, 2024..
- Delivered an online guest lecture on ‘Indigenous People and AICUF for AICUF Karnataka.
- Delivered a Keynote address on Teachers Day at Lake Montfort school on September 5, 2024.

## Student Achievements

### Elixir 2.0

The life-size model ‘Ahoms of Assam’ exhibited at Elixir 2.0 organized by the University secured First Place in the School of Humanities, marking the History Department’s consecutive victory and earning them the status of hat-trick winners of Elixir for the second time in succession.



# School of Humanities

## Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy

### Association Activities Investiture Ceremony

The Association of Students for Public Policy, Peace, and International Relations (ASPIRE) conducted its investiture ceremony at 4:00 pm on August 7, 2024. The event hosted an audience of 110 students and faculty in Xavier Hall, St. Joseph's University. The event began with the President of ASPIRE's inspiring message to the students. Following this, Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, and Dr. Anitha V, the faculty coordinator of ASPIRE, were called upon stage to bestow the badges to the new members of ASIPRE. Dr Anitha then administered the oath, proceeding with an address welcoming the latest members to the team. Dr Karamala offered concluding remarks, emphasizing the importance of good character and academic achievements. The ceremony was followed by a Meet-and-Greet, with a varied roster of performances that included traditional and Bollywood-style dances, musical routines, and other lively acts. The performances also integrated elements of African culture, captivating the audience and drawing positive responses. The event was wrapped up by the Vice President of ASPIRE, who delivered a gracious vote of thanks. The event marked the successful induction of new members into the association, reinforcing its potential and strength.

opened with a Bharatanatyam performance, succeeding which Mr P Venugopal, Associate Director, Office for International Affairs, delivered the welcome address. Mr Nakane delivered a powerful speech about Japan and the effects of nuclear destruction, urging the audience to "value life above all." The advisors highlighted Indo-Japanese relations and student opportunities in Japan. The Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, reflected on the impact of Hiroshima. The Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaco, felicitated the guests. The dignitaries pinned ASPIRE members with badges. The Head of the Department, Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, concluded by speaking on Indo-Japanese relations. The event closed with the national anthems of Japan and India and a vote of thanks by the President of ASPIRE. The event was a grand success, fostering a deeper understanding of Indo-Japanese relations.



### International Day of Democracy

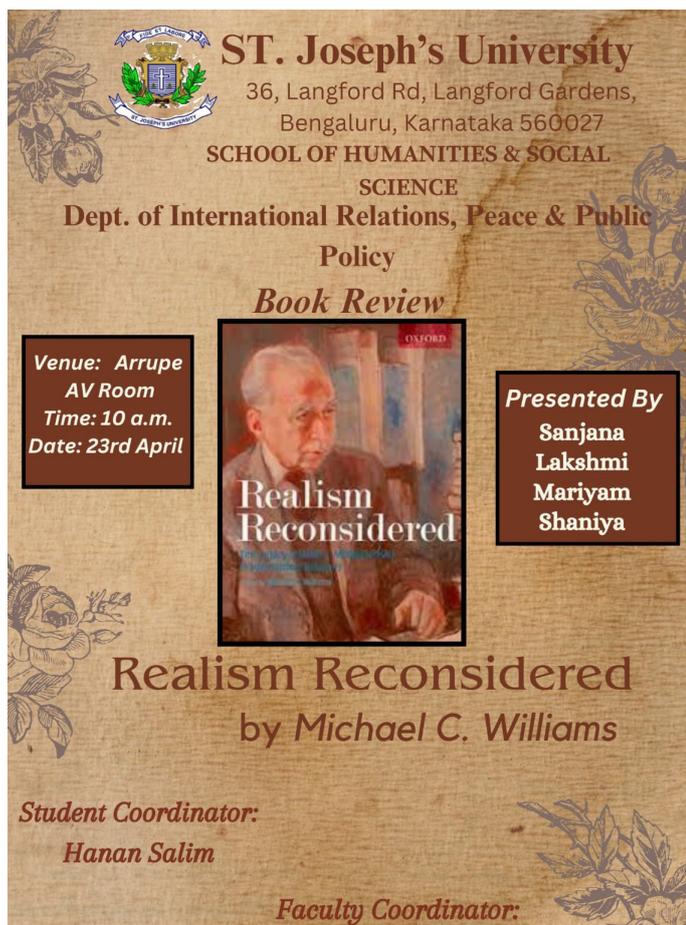
An Eight member team participated in the International Day of Democracy celebrations hosted by the Karnataka State Government On September 15, 2024, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. The team was led by Dr Anitha V and Neha Gaikwad from the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy. The event commenced with Karnataka's state anthem, followed by the oath of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddharamaiah. Dignitaries from the Karnataka government spoke on the importance of



### Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day

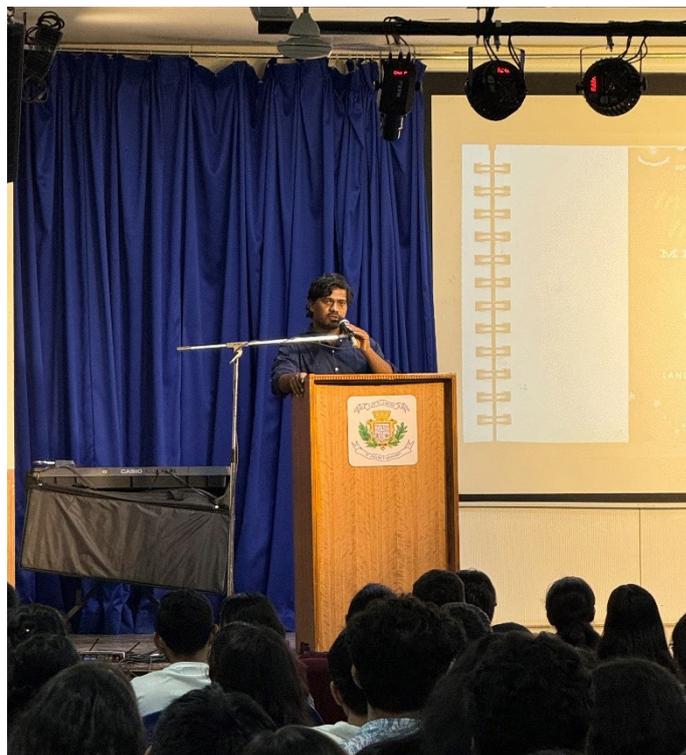
An event titled 'Honouring Resilience: Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day and Celebrating the Indo-Japan Relationship' was organized in Xavier Hall, with 107 participants on August 9, 2024. Dignitaries from the Japanese Consulate in Bengaluru, including Chief Guest H.E. Mr Nakane Tsutomu, the Consul General, Advisors Ms Meghna Ravoora, and Mr Dolwin Cutinha presided over the programme from 3:20 pm. The event

an egalitarian society and democracy. The Chief Minister also launched a massive tree-planting drive as part of the celebrations, aiming to plant over 10 lakh saplings statewide. The delegation participated in various activities at the Vidhan Soudha, including forming the world's longest human chain, Q&A sessions about the Constituent Assembly debates, and visiting stalls with books on the Constitution. Vinay Kumar of Reclaim Constitution, who encouraged visitors to handprint the Preamble, remarked, "When people print these by hand, they feel a special connection to the Constitution." The day reinforced the delegation's understanding of democratic values and inspired them to contribute to their communities.



## Book Review Sessions

Book review sessions were held for students of all years from April 16 to 23, 2024 by the Association. The initiative engaged 110 participants in the AV Room. The sessions aimed to foster critical thinking, curiosity, and knowledge sharing among students through discussions on International Relations. Participants were encouraged to explore new perspectives and readings, focusing on books related to International Relations. Over the course of the meetings, students were enlightened through several discussions and debates. Participants produced thought-provoking reviews, stimulating further discourse and questions on the topic. The outcomes of this initiative were a deeper understanding of International Relations concepts, improved communication and presentation skills, broadened perspectives on global issues, and stronger departmental bonding. Additionally, it sharpened critical thinking and analytical skills. Given its success, the program will continue, expanding diverse topics and genres to foster a culture of reading, discussion, and intellectual growth.



## Farewell Ceremony

On May 4, 2024, the first and second year students of JIP College organized a farewell ceremony for the third year students. The event was held at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, St. Joseph's University, at 2:30 pm. Fifty students and faculty members gathered for the farewell. The ceremony commenced with a song, setting the tone for an emotional yet celebratory atmosphere. An energetic dance performance followed this. Faculty members of the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy and the Department of English delivered inspiring speeches, sharing anecdotes and words of wisdom. Dr. Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy, also addressed the gathering, offering guidance and encouragement to the departing students. The event continued with music and dancing to celebrate the outgoing students.

# School of Humanities

## Department of Political Science

### Department Activities Visit to Vidhan Soudha

The visit to Vidhan Soudha was a department activity organized by the Department. III BA ECPS and PSCE students visited the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on July 25, 2024 to witness the session from 10 am to 1:00 pm. The course instructors, Dr Roshni Sharma and Mr Bhanuprakash, coordinated the initiative. With about 160 students, the Vidhan Soudha visit was part of the Vocational Course field visit. The visit successfully helped establish an understanding of the importance of parliamentary proceedings.



### Empowerment of Religious Minorities in Karnataka

The Department and Spectrum organised a guest lecture on the Empowerment of Religious Minorities in Karnataka. The faculty coordinators of Spectrum, Dr Roshni Sharma and Mr Bhanuprakash, spearheaded the event. The event hosted guest speaker Dr Azhar Khan CA, Assistant Professor in Political Science, School of Law, PES University, on August 03, 2024. Two hundred students and faculty gathered at De Nobli Hall from 10 am to 11 am. The session saw active participation from the audience and the coordinators.

### Anti Ragging Day

Spectrum, the undergraduate association, collaborated with the Anti-Ragging Committee at St. Joseph's University to organize an event on Anti-Ragging Day. As per the UGC mandate, several events were organized throughout the campus from 9:00 am to 1:50 pm on August 12, 2024. Approximately 800 visitors interacted with the exhibits, including Poster Display, Awareness Walk, and Human Chain. The awareness walk and human chain

began at 12:50 pm. The event witnessed a substantial number of supporters from all over the University. Dr P E Somaiah, Head of the Department of Political Science, guided the event successfully.

### Staff Achievements

#### Dr P E Somaiah (Associate Professor and Head of the Department)

- Was invited as a Subject Expert for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting, by the Department of Political Science, Maharani Cluster University, Palace Road, Indian Bengaluru-01, on July 12, 2024.
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- Was invited as a Subject Expert, Political Science Board of Studies Meeting (online), by the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshina Kannada District, August 29, 2024.
- Co-edited a book along with Dr Gurubasavaraj Panditha, titled, Globalization and the New World: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives, and published a chapter titled 'Impact of Globalization on law and order and Crime in Bangalore City', ISBN NO.978-81-948506-6-3, Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024.
- Co-edited a book along with Dr N C Sumathi, titled, Democracy and International Peace in an Open World: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives, and published a chapter titled 'Terrorism: History, Traits, Types and Trends', ISBN NO.978-81-948506- 5-6, Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024.

#### Dr. Shreejita Biswas (Assistant Professor)

Was an expert participant of the India-US Strategic Partnership Project, 'US-India Strategic and Defence Cooperation', co-led by Professor Deepa Ollapally, George Washington University



and Professor, N Manoharan, Christ University, supported by US Department of State, from January 2024 to June 2024. She participated in a two-day international-conference which was the concluding part of the project on June 10 and 11, 2024 and delivered a presentation for the Panel titled 'Military Operational Cooperation'

## Dr Ance Teresa Varghese (Assistant Professor)

Attended a three-day Faculty Development Programme organised by All India Association of Christian Higher Education in collaboration with St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Thiruchirappalli from May 31 to June 02, 2024 on the theme 'Teaching Learning Process and Prospects in 21st Century Classroom'.

## Dr Roshni Sharma (Assistant Professor)

Was invited as a Board of Examination (BOE) external member on June 13, 2024 by the Department of Political Science, Reva University, Bengaluru.

Was invited as a resource person to take a session on Glimpse of Indian Politics as part of 'Deeksharambh' – Student Induction Programme, organised by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, for MA students on August 23, 2024.

Was invited to take both offline and online classes on Constitutional Values - I by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from September 12 to 16, 2024.

## Mr. Bhanuprakash R (Assistant Professor)

Was invited as an External Reviewer to review the scripts of 'India and Indian Constitution' of IV Semester Examination by BMS College for Women, Bangalore, on July 31, 2024 and August 01, 2024.

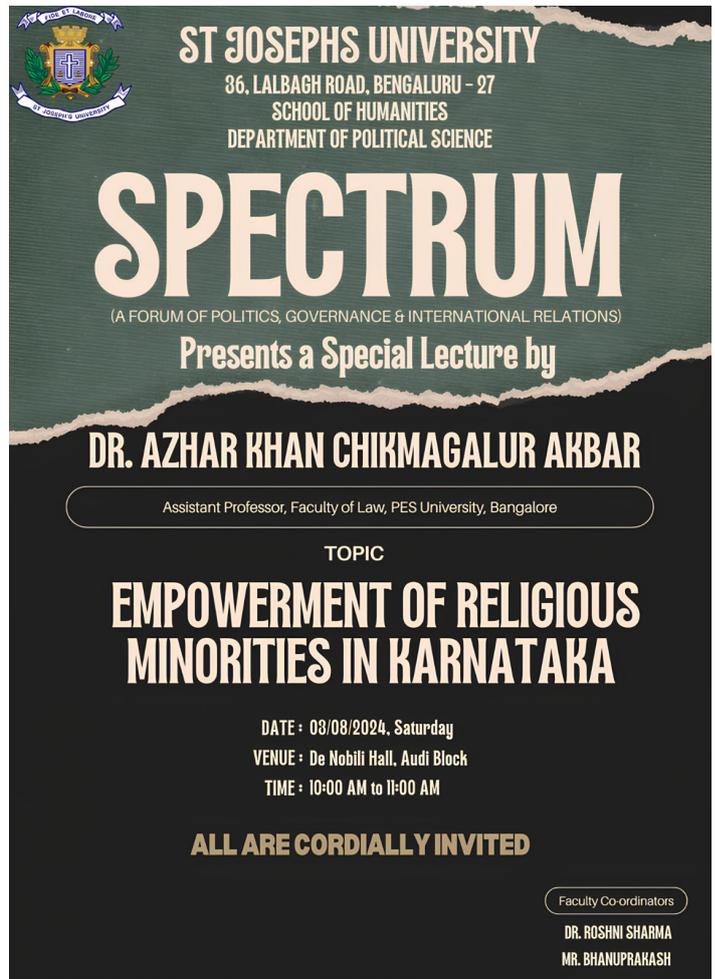
Was invited as a subject expert – external member in the Board of Studies (BoS) of Constitutional Values I and II, foundational paper by the Department of Political Science of BMS College for Women, Bangalore, on August 23, 2024.

Delivered a special lecture on Constitutional Values at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore on September 12 and 13, 2024.

## Dr Varun Wighmal (Assistant Professor)

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis titled, "Non-Dual Conception of Religion and Politics: A Study of Sikhism in Punjab", submitted to Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on June 26, 2024.

Presented a research paper titled, "Artificial Intelligence and Issues in Cognitive Freedom: A Response from Indian Intellectual Tradition" in the 11th Creative Theory Colloquium conducted by the Foundation for Creative Social Research (New Delhi) and Herbert Marcuse Society (USA).



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# School of Humanities

## Department of Psychology

### Department Activities

#### Research and Professional Development

Professor Romate John is a distinguished academician who has published numerous articles in high impact journals and edited books. He oriented the faculties from the department of psychology on research ethics and development of profile for visibility in academic excellence. Prof. Romate John guided the faculties on the various platforms such as research gate, google scholar, social media platforms and websites to be used as means to promote the article published. The session highlighted the need for publication, role of impact factor journals for growth in an academic career, h index journal, i10 index, guidelines for research dissertation, and ways to publish in quality journals.



#### Visit by Anugraha Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy, and Research in Dindigul

The Department hosted students from Anugraha Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy, and Research in Dindigul on July 10, 2024. During their visit, the students participated in various training groups led by second year MSc Counselling Psychology students. These training sessions covered topics such as self-compassion for trainee counsellors, building resilience among novice counsellors, and addressing body image. In addition to the training, the students had the opportunity to attend a session conducted by faculty member Mr Thomas Jacob on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. The interaction between the visiting students and the students and faculty at St. Joseph's University was positive and enriching. Both groups shared their experiences and insights, allowing for a valuable exchange of knowledge about counselling practices in different settings.



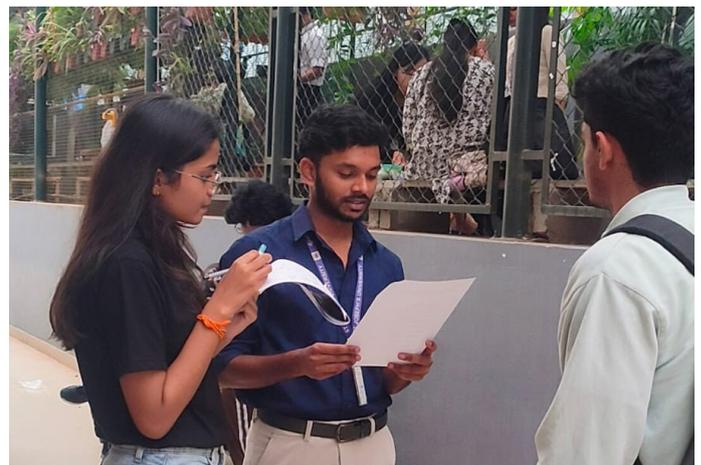
## Legal Education for Counsellors

A session titled 'Legal Education for Counsellors' was held at Aloysius Hall, St. Joseph's University for the post-graduate students of the Department of Psychology and Counselling. The primary objective of this session was to educate counsellors on the legal aspects relevant to their practice. The session was organized and coordinated by Ms Kodhai B Narayanan and Dr Maria Wajid. The session began with Ms Kodhai introducing the resource person, Ms Nidhi Srivatsa, assistant professor of law, PES University. She has specialized in Intellectual Property Law and World Trade Law. She has delivered guest lectures in various legal institutions regarding Intellectual Property Rights and Criminal Law. She highlighted various rights that are detailed under the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, basic of criminal law. She also helped the students understand the nuanced difference between terms like 'rape' and 'sexual harassment' POCSO Act and how counsellors can report cases of child sexual abuse. Overall, the session was very enriching wherein the students were able to understand how law may be linked with the practice.

### Association Activities

#### Sumana Association - Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The inauguration and investiture ceremony of Sumana Association was organized to officially induct the newly elected members of the association for the academic year 2024-25. The event commenced with an energetic flash mob which acted as a promotional activity drawing attention and inviting more audience for the event. The newly elected members were greeted by Dr Nisha Menzies Rao, the Head of the Department, and Dr Maria Wajid, the PG coordinator. The members took an oath pledging to uphold their responsibilities with integrity and commitment. The event also showcased a video of all the events hosted by Sumana which briefly highlighted the progress made by the forum for the past academic year and insights for the new



academic year. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Dhvani, the Vice president of the association.

## Roll a Reel - Mental Health Edition: Reel making competition

The PG Psychology Forum, Sumana organized its very first competition for the academic year 2024-2025, 'Roll a Reel-Mental Health Edition'. It was a remarkable initiative aimed at promoting mental health awareness through the art of short video creation. This event brought together participants from various departments of the University to create short, impactful reels that address the theme of youth and mental health. The competition's focus was to engage and educate the audience on the critical issues surrounding mental health among young people through creative expression. By encouraging participants to create reels that highlight these issues, the competition sought to bring mental health challenges into the spotlight, helping to normalize conversations around them. Giving participants a forum to share their ideas, experiences, and solutions pertaining to mental health, the event also aimed to empower youth.

## Mind Maze: The Ultimate Hunt

The Treasure Hunt event, organized by Sumana took place on August 28, 2024. Designed as a 50 minutes adventure across five different campus locations, the event aimed to challenge participants' cognitive and physical abilities through a series of tasks. Each team, consisting of two members, competed to figure out clues provided and complete challenges, making this a dynamic and engaging experience for all involved. The event was designed to promote teamwork and collaboration,

with each task requiring the participants to communicate and strategize effectively. The diverse nature of the tasks meant that participants were constantly engaged, with each challenge offering a new and stimulating experience. The Treasure Hunt was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of fostering cognitive development, encouraging teamwork, and providing a fun, competitive environment for participants.

## Staff Achievements

### Dr. Anaurene Roy

Was invited to the Mount Carmel PU college to orient the new faculties on the Dos and Don'ts in a teaching career. The orientation focused on the adaptability, ethics and etiquette in a classroom and in an institution. She also highlighted the need for effective and empathetic communication with the students, maintenance of professionalism, and overall holistic development of the teachers and students. The orientation was well received by the new comers who were given a glimpse into teaching careers and the challenges they face on a day-to-day basis.

### Dr Stephen Babu

Conducted an online session on 'Impact of VR and Digital Isolation on Mental Health' during the 2024 Short Term Capacity Building Programme on AI in Allied and Healthcare Sciences. The session explored the impact of VR and digital isolation on mental health care in India, highlighting AI tools like Woebot, IBM Watson, and Mindstrong, and their applications in the digital era.



# School of Humanities

## Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations

### Department Activities

#### Awareness Campaign and Candlelight Vigil for Women's Safety

In light of the horrific RG Kar Medical College case, St Joseph's University organised an awareness campaign and candlelight vigil on August 26, 2024 for the departed victim and sought to raise their voices for improvement in women's safety. Under the Department of Sociology, the Social Zest Association also participated in this campaign. The Campaign began with the students, dressed in black, holding up slogan inscribed placards with a moment of silent prayer. It was followed by an address speech by the Vice Chancellor, Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ. After that, the Student Council held a series of Nukar Nataks depicting the harsh reality of being a woman. Later a candlelight vigil was held as students paid their respects to the memory of the victim and many others who had lost their lives to violence. Overall, the occasion was a sombre yet meaningful event and saw the participation of students from all walks of life.



### Association Activities

#### Inauguration

Social Zest Association for the academic year 24-25 was inaugurated on July 25, 2024 with the investiture ceremony of the core committee by our honourable Chief Guest Mr. Dushyant Dubey, the founder of the BROSEPH Volunteering organization who is a social worker himself helping millions of people in and around Bangalore. The event started at 9:30 am in the Xavier's Hall PG Block of SJU. The event started by the arrival of the Chief Guest along with Dr Maria and Prof Anuplal and student coordinators escorting the guest and fellow dignitaries to the dais. The investiture started with invoking the blessings of the

Almighty through a prayer dance and prayer song followed by a moment of silence and the lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest was introduced by the President of the Association, followed by the words of wisdom by the Chief Guest Dushyant Dubey. Dr Maria along with Prof Anuplal felicitated the Guest for his renowned services he has done in and around Bangalore. The event proceeded with an introduction of Social Zest Association by a committee member, then Dr Maria handed over the badges of responsibility to the new Core committee of the Social Zest Association '24. The new members took an oath of rendering service to the Association and giving their best in everything we do. The GUSTO Magazine for the year was released. We then had the investiture of the IR forum done by Prof Anuplal and their core committee taking oath as well. The IR forum marks its 25 years this academic year. The investiture ceremony also included cultural program by the Student of Sociology as well

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**SOCIAL ZEST  
INAUGURATION**

**Chief Guest & Key Note Address: Mr. Dushyant Dubey**

Thursday, 25th July  
Venue: Xavier Hall, PG Block  
Time: 9:30 am

**Teacher coordinator**  
Dr. Maria

**Student coordinator**  
Abhigyan Chanda:  
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as the Industrial relations batches containing mesmerizing group dances and melodious group songs. The event was concluded by Vote of Thanks and a group photograph.

#### Confession Booth

The event was organized by the members of Social Zest on August 01, 2024 at 11:00 am in the Arrupe Atrium, UG block. The event was organized by Dr Maria, the Faculty Coordinator of Social Zest, Abhigyan Chanda the President of Social Zest along

with the rest of the core committee members of Social Zest. The event was kickstarted by the committee members as they wrote down their confessions and pinned them to the provided board. Students belonging to various departments from all walks of life also participated in the event. The event progressed as a lot of confessions by the students expressing their thoughts started to pour in. The event was finally concluded at 3:00 pm and was deemed a success by both the organisers and participants.

## Elixir Exhibition

Under the Department of Sociology, the Social Zest team actively participated in Elixir, hosted by the University on August 19, 2024 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in N104 with three teams made up individually of the I, II, and III year of both the Second and Third shifts. The First and Second year students from the second shift did an exhibition on the concept of Intersectionality and made cardboard wheels of Race, Gender and Sexuality respectively and had a chart of the related various combinations with the problems and advantages of the groups described, making for a fun yet educational way of raising awareness about the groups. The Third and Second year students from the second shift shot a voice-over short film revolving around the Social Mask Theory by the sociologist Erving Goffman which theorises that human behaviour in society is similar to those of actors on the stage. It involved three prominent sub-concepts: The Frontstage, Backstage and Off stage. The short film was projected in the classroom. The third shift students, consisting of all the students from all years, did an exhibition on the sociological interpretation of Personality and organised fun activities such as one inspired by the Beirut game but the cups

were labelled with insecurities. The winners were awarded with chocolates. Overall, the Sociology Exhibition was an immense success for both the participants and the organisers themselves. Staff Achievements

## Dr Maria

Was invited and honoured as the Chief Guest at Little Angel's School, KR Puram, Bengaluru, to commemorate the 78th Independence Day. After the flag hoisting and the National Anthem that followed, she addressed an assembly of students about the significance of celebrating Independence Day and honouring the memory and sacrifices of our freedom fighters who had shed blood for securing the freedom of our nation. She also emphasised the presence and importance of diversity.

Was a part of the PANA exhibition for Elixir 2024. Exhibited currencies of seven countries and a large collection of Indian coins. It was an educational exhibition and delved into the historical context of each of the currencies and coins displayed.



# School of Information Technology

## Department of Advanced Computing

### Association Activities

#### Sigma Squared Association and Analytica Inauguration Ceremony

The inauguration of the Sigma Squared Association and Analytica was held on August 26, 2024 with the welcoming of the chief guest, Mr Arun Munuswamy, along with other dignitaries. Dr Jayati Bhadra took the stage to introduce the associations, elaborating on their goals and mission, providing insight into the vision behind these associations and the impact they aim to create. Mr Arun Munuswamy delivered a captivating speech on the importance of associations in personal and professional development. Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dean of the School of Information Technology, addressed the gathering, focusing on success in life. The ceremony continued with the badging of the staff coordinators, Mr Francis Densil Raj V, staff coordinator of Sigma Squared Association, and Dr Asha K, staff coordinator of Analytica, followed by the office bearers receiving their badges. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the secretary, Mr Syed Hammad.



### Staff Achievements

#### Dr Sivakannan Subramani (Assistant Professor)

Edited a book titled Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing: Tools and Applications, published by Taylor & Francis Group, USA in 2024.

Organized an Internal Hackathon on September 11, 2024 at SJU. Dr Sivakannan S served as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the Smart India Hackathon-24, providing a comprehensive overview of the program's objectives and significance.

Published a conference paper along with Dr Asha K and Mr Francis Densil Raj V titled "Enhanced Short-Term Photovoltaic Power Prediction using a Hybrid Improved Whale Optimization

Algorithm with XGBoost" in the Second International Conference on Smart Technologies for Power and Renewable Energy.

Published three book chapters titled "Revolutionizing Concrete Engineering: Predicting Material Properties with AI Insights", "ECG-Based Diagnosis of Sudden Cardiac Death Using Machine Learning", "Comparative analysis of Features-Based Image Stitching Algorithms", and "Mlacc 2.0: Utilizing Machine Learning to Predict Anticancer Peptide Activity from Protein Peptide Patterns", in Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing, published by CRC Press on June 14, 2024.

#### Dr Asha K (Assistant Professor)

Completed Summer Faculty Research Fellow (SFRF), 2024 under the mentorship of Dr Monika Agarwal at CARE Lab, IIT Delhi from May 14 to July 12, 2024.

Dr Asha K published a book chapter titled "Detection of Fake News on Elections Using a Machine Learning Approach" in H. S. Text and Social Media Analytics for Fake News and Hate Speech Detection, published in August, 2024 by Taylor and Francis.

#### Dr Sanjay Dutta (Assistant Professor)

Published a research article "Multi-Objective Fuzzy Probabilistic Programming Approach for Obtaining Crops Pattern with Water Replenishment" in International Journal of Applied and Computational Mathematics.

#### Mr Francis Densil Raj V (Assistant Professor)

Presented a conference paper "Prediction of Cardiovascular Disease Based on Lipid Profiles" at the Second International Conference on Emerging Trends in Information Technology and Engineering (ICETITE).

### Student Achievements

Swathi G Reddy, B Anitha Pai, and Rekhashree BR, from II BCADA won the first prize in the Elixir 2024 Exhibition, conducted on August 19, 2024 by St. Joseph's University.

Harshid M of I BCADA won a bronze medal in 41st Sub junior, Junior, Senior, and 10th Cadet Taekwondo Championship, 2024, Bengaluru held from August 01 to 05, 2024, at Koramangala Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru.

# School of Information Technology

## Department of Computer Science

### Department Activities

#### Webinar - 'Cloud + Generative AI : Accelerating Digital Transformation'

A webinar titled 'Cloud + Generative AI: Accelerating Digital Transformation' was hosted by the AWS Academy, on July 19, 2024. The session, conducted via Zoom, was led by Mr Gourav Sharma, Technical Account Manager at AWS, and coordinated by Ms Sara Kutty, AWS Academy Coordinator. Approximately 70 participants were in attendance where they learned about how Cloud and Generative AI are revolutionizing businesses. Mr Gourav Sharma discussed strategies for leveraging the power of learners to drive innovation and efficiency, unlock new growth opportunities, and overcome challenges using best practices. Participants explored real-world use cases and gained valuable insights to transform their careers in the cloud computing sector.

#### Visit: Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum

The Department of Computer Science organized a visit to the Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum (VITM) for the students of Computer Science students on August 9, 2024. The resource persons for the event were Mr Timothy Paul, Dr Manivannan, and Dr Selvaperumal. Located in the heart of Bangalore, VITM is a premier science museum showcasing India's industrial and technological advancements, featuring a full-scale model of Chandrayaan 3, a Dinosaur enclave, a Biotechnology gallery, an Electro-Technic Gallery, a Science Park, and a Space Technology Gallery. The visit aimed to explore the intersection of technology and industrial development and to complement the theoretical aspects discussed in class by providing practical examples.

#### Webinar - 'Transforming Public Sector with Seamless Solutions on Cloud'

F13 Technologies, an AWS Tech Alliance Impact Partner, conducted an insightful webinar titled 'Transforming Public Sector with Seamless Solutions on Cloud', on July 10, 2024. Held from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm via Webex, the session was led by Mr Amanpreet Singh. The webinar, organized under the AWS Skills to Job Tech Alliance by Ms Sara Kutty, AWS Academy coordinator, had 72 participants giving them valuable insights into cloud adoption strategies tailored for the Indian Public Sector. Mr Amanpreet Singh discussed the challenges and opportunities within the Indian Public Sector. He outlined a strategic approach to cloud adoption, including comprehensive

assessment, phased mitigation, and secure integration. A notable feature of the session was the case study on the COWIN Platform, hosted on AWS, illustrating real-world applications.

#### IEEE Student Branch Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

Prof Devendra Gowda, SAC Co-chair, IEEE Bangalore Section led the IEEE Student Branch inauguration and investiture ceremony held on May 22, 2024. The inauguration, witnessed by 40 participants, celebrated the commencement of the branch's activities; it was a landmark event, marking the formal establishment of the IEEE Student Branch at our institution. The IEEE Student Branch Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony aimed at fostering innovation and leadership among students, and collaboration in engineering, technology, and science. The event's highlight was the investiture, wherein the newly appointed office bearers of the association were officially sworn in. They took an oath to uphold the values and principles of the IEEE and to lead the branch with dedication and vision.



The ceremony set the tone for the branch's future endeavors, encouraging students to engage in technological advancements, professional growth, and active participation in the global IEEE community.

#### Consensus for Change: Decentralised Approaches for a Sustainable Tomorrow

'Consensus for Change: Decentralised Approaches for a Sustainable Tomorrow' was organized by the IEEE Computer Society Student Branch Chapter in association with the School of Information Technology. The programme was conducted in Xavier's Hall, PG-Block, St. Joseph's University on August 10, 2024 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dr Deepa Nagalavi, Assistant Professor, and Dr Chengappa Munjandira, a senior Technologist at Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Vice Chair of IEEE Bangalore Section, facilitated the event. Dr Munjandira addressed an audience of 300 members with his insightful presentation on decentralized approaches to sustainable development, highlighting topics like Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Blockchain Technology. He briefly introduced Web3 and its

future impact on sustainability and summarised Blockchain's potential role in achieving sustainability goals. Dr Chengappa concluded the seminar with a quiz, and the winners of the quiz were awarded a prize.

## Seminar - 'Cloud Security and Ethical Hacking'

A seminar on 'Cloud Security and Ethical Hacking' was organized on August 23, 2024 featuring two distinguished guest speakers— Mr Ramkumar, Vice President of Rubixe Pvt. Ltd., and Ms Syeda Thasnim Fathima, a Cybersecurity Mentor and Guide, and Certified Ethical Hacker from EC-Council University. Mr Ramkumar began the event with a discussion on how AI and ML are transforming industries, and highlighted internship opportunities at Rubixe, where interns have the opportunity to collaborate with experts. Syeda Thasnim Fathima delivered an in-depth discussion on the threats, malware, and various critical topics involved in cybersecurity. She highlighted the growing demand for cybersecurity professionals and numerous vacancies available in the field, emphasizing the career opportunities in



various sectors, including government, finance, and healthcare. The seminar was highly engaging and interactive, providing valuable insights and encouraging active participation from attendees.

## Lecture - 'Career readiness in Cloud Computing with IBM'

In collaboration with AWS, IBM scheduled a lecture, 'Career readiness in Cloud Computing with IBM', a Learner's Orientation session, to provide valuable insights into IBM Cloud Practice businesses and emerging cloud-based skills, on Webex on July 24, 2024. The session explored the IBM journey, shedding light on IBM's extensive history and its Cloud Business Unit. Participants gained an in-depth understanding of the cloud career journey with IBM, discovering the vast opportunities and pathways available within the cloud industry. The orientation aimed to equip learners with the knowledge and skills essential for thriving in the rapidly evolving cloud computing landscape.

## Education Opportunity Overseas

A Seminar on overseas education opportunities was organized on August 8, 2024. Approximately 70 students were in attendance. The guest speakers, Mr Akash and Mr Winston, alumni of SJU aimed to provide students with insights on studying abroad, highlighting the benefits, challenges and procedure. Mr Akash

addressed students on the topic of studying abroad and the necessary modalities to follow and shared valuable key points about the benefits of international education, including enhanced academic opportunities, cultural exposure, and improved career prospects. Mr Winston emphasized the importance of thorough research, timely preparation for standardized tests, and the utilization of available scholarships and financial aid. Additionally, the talk highlighted the significance of cultural adaptation and leveraging university support services. The session concluded with advice on post-study work opportunities and networking strategies.

## Association Activities

### Cybernetics: Investiture

The Cybernetics Association and the Technophite Association, held their Investiture ceremony on August 13, 2024. Around 80 participants, including students and faculty, were present for the occasion. The ceremony started with an introduction to the association's mission, its values, and upcoming initiatives, acquainting new members to its objectives. This was followed by the investiture of the newly appointed office bearers of each



association, who were given the badges of their respective positions. The members then took a pledge to uphold the values of the association. The Investiture of Cybernetics and Technophite serves as a gateway for students who are aspiring tech enthusiasts to connect with like-minded peers and mentors.

### Fresher's Day - 'Hello World'

The Cybernetics Association hosted an offline event on August 16, 2024, titled 'Hello World'. The event was held to build excitement amongst the new students and help them build connections through fun games and activities. The event began with games in which 30 students participated. The event included a spirited round of Dumb Charades, where participants hilariously acted out a random prompt handed to them for their team members to guess the terms with creative and often exaggerated performances, and other engaging activities like 'Pic World'. The event not only helped break the ice amongst the freshers but also managed to foster teamwork and camaraderie among them, leaving everyone with a strong sense of belonging to the association.

## Cyber Hunt

The Association hosted 'Cyber Hunt' an engaging treasure hunt tailored for Computer Science enthusiasts, which blended digital puzzles with real world challenges on August 26, 2024. Participants were asked to form a team and embarked on an exciting journey through a series of cryptic clues, online tasks, and interactive challenges, all designed to test their problem-solving and tech skills. The clues were meticulously crafted to test a wide range of skills, including knowledge of computer science concepts, logical reasoning, and problem-solving abilities while fostering teamwork and strategic thinking. Ultimately, one team emerged victorious, successfully navigating the intricate web of clues to reach the end first. The winners were awarded prizes for their quick thinking, collaboration, and determination.

## Staff Achievements

### Dr B G Prasanthi (Associate Dean)

Published a paper titled "Comparative Study of RSA Algorithm Between two and 4 primes" , in the journal of Basic science.

Presented a paper titled "Efficient Data Hiding Through Steganography" at the International Seminar on Role of Technology and Media for a Smart and Sustainable Future held on April 15, 2024.

Successfully completed an online refresher course on 'Advanced Research Methodology', organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, from May 27 to June 9, 2024.

Successfully completed a course on 'Explore the Fundamentals of Computer Networking, Troubleshooting and Network Intrusion', offered by Alison, a portal for online courses.

Completed the International Online Faculty Development Programme on 'Outcome based education and Applications of Generative AI in Teaching and Research' organized by IQAC of Gauhati University, Assam in association with IPSR solutions ltd and Valin - UK, USA and Canada from April 17 to 24, 2024. Became a Professional Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in the field of Engineering, Computing and Technology from March 18, 2024.

Was invited as a subject expert for the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting at National college on June 22, 2024.

Was invited as a subject expert for the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting at Maharanis Cluster University on July 31, 2024.

Delivered a guest lecture on 'Contraptions to Avoid Path Redundancy in Router Domain" at Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur on May 5, 2024.

Was invited as a speaker for the International Seminar on Role of Technology and Media for a Smart and Sustainable Future conducted on April 15, 2024, at Presidency University, Bangalore.

### Dr B Nithya (PG Coordinator and Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed an online refresher course on 'Advanced Research Methodology', organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, from May 27 to June 9, 2024.

Successfully completed a course on 'Explore the Fundamentals of Computer Networking, Troubleshooting and Network Intrusion', offered by Alison, a portal for online courses.

Became a Professional Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in the field of Engineering, Computing and Technology from March 18, 2024.

### Dr Periyasamy Pitchaipillai (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled, "Link Reliable on-demand Distance Vector Routing for Mobile ad Hoc networks" in the International Journal of Information Technology.

Was granted European Patent titled "Object Detection and Voice Assistance Glasses for the Blind", Patent Application Number : 6342953, 2024.

### Dr Mithun D'Souza (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Multiclass Osteoporosis Detection: Enhancing Accuracy with Woodpecker-Optimized CNN XGBoost" in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (IJACSA).

Published a paper titled "Enhancing Tuberculosis Diagnosis and Treatment Outcomes: A Stacked Loopy Decision Tree Approach Empowered by Moth Search Algorithm Optimization" in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (IJACSA).

Authored a book titled Role of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science in Real World Systems, published by the Scientific International Publishing House.

### Dr AM Bojamma (Assistant Professor)

Published a book chapter titled "The Evolving Landscape of Cloud Security Algorithms", in Futuristic Trends in Computing Technologies and Data Sciences.

Participated in an online International Workshop on 'Data Analysis using Google Sheets and AI tools', organised by Institute for Statistical and Analytical Research (ISAR) , from June 24 to 26, 2024.

Successfully completed an online Faculty Development Programme on 'AI in Education', organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, in Collaboration with Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi, under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from March 29 to April 04, 2024.

### **Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor)**

Published a book chapter titled, “The Evolving Landscape of Cloud Security Algorithms” in Futuristic Trends in Computing Technologies and Data Sciences.

Successfully completed an online Faculty Development Programme on ‘AI in Education’, organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, in Collaboration with Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi, under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from March 29 to April 04, 2024.

Participated in an International Online Workshop on ‘Data Analysis using Google sheets and AI tools’, organised by Institute for Statistics and Analytical Research (ISAR) on June 22, 2024.

### **Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha M (Assistant Professor)**

Published a book chapter titled “Effective Temperature Prediction for An Enhanced Climate Forecast System”, in Artificial Intelligence in Forecasting: Tools and Techniques.

Was granted Indian Patent, “IOT Based Agriculture Farm Analysing Robotic Vehicle”.

### **Ms Sara Kutty (Assistant Professor)**

Presented 4 papers titled “Open Source Intelligence: Harnessing Public Information for Strategic Insights”, “Enhancing Gaming Experiences: Advancing Opponent AI through Learning Based Approaches in Video Games – An Investigation”, “Human Activity Recognition Using Sensor Data from Smartphones”, and “Blockchain Revolution: Transforming Logistics Network for Transparency, Security and Efficiency” at the International Conference on Advances in Intelligent Systems, Cloud Computing and Security (ICAICS), held on May 08 and 09, 2024. Completed the International Online Faculty Development Programme on ‘Data Visualization and Analytics’ with Excel, Power BI, Tableau and Generative AI organised by the PG Department of Computer Applications and IQAC of Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) in association with IPSR solutions ltd and Valin - UK, USA and Canada from July 05 to 11, 2024. Participated in the NPTEL E-Awareness Workshop, organised by NPTEL on July 03, 2024.

Delivered a Lecture on ‘Introduction to Cloud Computing & Career Opportunities in Cloud’ at BMS College for Women on May 17, 2024.

### **Ms Sandhya N (Assistant Professor)**

Presented a paper titled “AI Enabling FemTech for Women’s Health Optimization” at the International conference on Advances in Intelligent Systems, Cloud Computing and Security (ICAICS) held on May 08 and 09, 2024.

### **Dr Manivannan T (Assistant Professor)**

Authored a book titled Data Analysis and Visualization in Python, published by CiiT in 2024.

Dr Manivannan T, authored a book titled, The Complete Reference on Problem Solving Techniques, published by 720Degree Research Pvt Ltd.

Became a professional Member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) on June 30, 2024.

### **Mr Selwyn Paul J (Assistant Professor)**

Participated in a Virtual Faculty Development Programme on ‘Mastering Research Paper and Enhancing Case Study Writing for Leading Publications’, organised by Dayananda Sagar College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bangalore, from July 22 to 26, 2024.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme titled, ‘Exploring Data Analytics & AI’, organised by Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship from June 17 to 21, 2024.

### **Mr Melwyn Amrithraj (Assistant Professor)**

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on ‘Business Strategies and Reporting for Sustainable Development’, organised by St Paul’s College on April 18 and 19, 2024.

### **Dr Shashikala D (Assistant Professor)**

Successfully completed an online Faculty Development Programme on ‘AI in Education’, organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, in Collaboration with Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi, under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from March 29 to April 04, 2024.

### **Ms Banu M (JWL Coordinator and Assistant Professor)**

Delivered a talk on ‘AI and Sustainability’ at Surana College, Peenya, Bangalore on May 23, 2024.

Delivered a talk on ‘Software Privacy Issues’, organised by JSS Law College, Mysore on August 10, 2024.

### **Dr Deepa Nagalavi (Assistant Professor)**

Appointed a Member and Faculty Advisor for Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), student branch from March 18, 2024.



# School of Languages

## Department of English

### Mixer 2024

The English department organized Mixer Day, on July 22, 2024. The event was intended to introduce the new batch of undergraduates and graduate students with the various clubs and organizations within the English department. NOUS, one of the five associations that arrange events pertaining to journalism, film, culture, and conversation, commenced its presentation followed by the Linguistics Society. A brief summary of weekly events- the Listening Post and Nous Showing was given. Other events such as the Social Justice Film Festival, Blue Pencil and Zine Workshop were introduced. As part of the concluding remarks for Mixer Week, Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English spoke on the distinct commitment of each association. The closing speech was delivered by Dr Arul Mani, the Dean of Languages and Literature.

### Metonym 2024

NOUS, an association of the Department of English, conducted the Listening Post on August 7, 2024. The first Listening Post for the semester featuring Ms Gayathri Lakshmi, who spoke about her favorite Indie rock artist Hozier. She began by playing excerpts from his songs while the audience basked in lyrics. Ms Gayathri would pause to speak to the audience with her interpretations. She pointed out the politics that follows love-biases and preferences that surround it, that are just limited to binaries. Parai, a 'noise making' instrument that was otherwise ridiculed for its tune, was then given its rightful spotlight, making the audience cheer. Ms Gayathri ended the session by giving spectators one last insight to ruminate on about Hozier saying, "Hozier's songs are about love but there's an emphasis on the intense loving that he does, and the loss that comes with it."

### Khabar Singh 2024

NOUS hosted the event "Khabar Singh", a competition revolving around headlining and captioning by hand, on August 9, 2024. Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English, gave insights into the event and mentioned the rules that must be followed throughout. There were a total of 11 groups consisting of 2 students each, a total of 22 participants. The competition was also held for third shift students and saw five teams participate. The winners were decided by the professors of the English department and announced at the valedictory on August 23, 2024. The event gave the participants an opportunity to showcase their impromptu skills of writing headlines along with testing their creativity and quick-thinking abilities.

### Nose-Cut 2024

The Department of English hosted the Nose-Cut on August

10, 2024. The event, a mock press conference, had students impersonating personalities. Around 11 teams participated in the competition putting up a tough fight and 70 students were in attendance. The room was filled with laughter and eager participants put forward their acting skills paired with costume and music.

### Sketch Maga 2024

Sketch Maga, a cartooning competition was conducted by NOUS, an association of the department of English on August 15, 2024. The participants were given the theme "Crossing Langford Road" and "Olympic expert uncles" of which they had to choose one. Around 15 students took part in the competition where they produced creative sketches and write ups. At the end of the event, the judges were left with creative canvases, while the participants got a platform to showcase their talents and artistic abilities. The event's success highlighted the importance of organizing such initiatives to foster a thriving artistic community in the university.

### Zine Making Workshop and Competition 2024

The zine-making workshop and competition was conducted by Ms Nikitha Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English on August 24, 2024 under the aegis of the NOUS. The event commenced with the workshop where Ms Thomas introduced Zines as an artistic form, their history and passed around a few zines for all the students to look at. The attendees were taught how to fold and cut their sheets the right way to make a zine. The competition that followed was themed around "Fan Art" and students were encouraged to choose any of their favorite artists or actors to create zines. The competition not only showcased incredible talent but also fostered a spirit of artistic expression and cultural appreciation, leaving everyone eager for the next event.

### Listening Post 2024

NOUS organised the second edition of Listening Post on August 28 2024, featuring Mr Jade Thomas, a II MA English student from St Joseph's University. The edition titled Lullabies by et al was attended by students from various departments of the university. In a lively engagement with the audience Mr Thomas drew out various aspects of Lullabies featuring unusual musical pieces such as The Gambler by Kenny Rogers and Cat's in the Cradle by Harry Chapin. He highlighted the ability of each of these to make an impact on the individual and ended on a light note saying, "There are no lullabies to be specific. If you can sing well and the baby falls asleep, it's a lullaby."



# School of Languages

## Department of Sanskrit

### Samskrutha Tarangini Investiture 2024

Samskrutha Tarangini, the Sanskrit association of the university, organized a vibrant and meaningful event to induct the new office bearers of the association and celebrated the timeless relevance of Sanskrit. Padma Shri Rutger Kortenhorst, a renowned scholar of Sanskrit, was the chief guest of the event. Dr Prasanna S B, Head of Department of Sanskrit was also present at the event along with students from various disciplines of the university studying Sanskrit. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp followed by the General Secretary of the association welcoming the gathering. Addressing the students Mr Kortenhorst highlighted the beauty and practical relevance of Sanskrit in modern life, sharing how Sanskrit is more than just

a language. The event encouraged students to actively engage with the language by drawing inspiration from the likes of Mr Kortenhorst.



# School of Life Science

## Department of Biotechnology

### AUGmentation '24

AUGmentation '24, the introductory event by the Green Gene Guild (GGG), took place on August 3, 2024, at Aloysius Hall. The event began with a keynote address by Dr Antony Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology. Following this, a recap video highlighting the achievements and memorable moments of the previous year was presented. The event emphasised collaboration by featuring biotechnology-themed games designed to foster teamwork among students, further providing a platform for students from different years to interact. The programme also outlined the Green Gene Guild's mission and goals for the coming academic year. By setting the tone for future events and collaborations, AUGmentation '24 successfully laid the groundwork for an exciting and productive year for the Green Gene Guild.

### Biotech Colloquia 1.0

The inaugural lecture of Biotech Colloquia 1.0, organised by the Green Gene Guild (GGG) and Chiasma, was held on July 26, 2024, at Aloysius Hall. Dr BN Sri Kumar, Additional Professor, Department of Neurophysiology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, delivered a lecture on 'Novel Drug Discovery for Neuropsychiatric Diseases - Approaches and Challenges.' The event was attended by students of the Department of Biotechnology. Dr Sri Kumar's presentation explored the intricate drug discovery process for neuropsychiatric diseases, covering

various stages including preclinical and clinical testing, as well as the importance of intellectual property protection. He also discussed emerging technologies compared with conventional methods and shared real-world case studies. Dr Sri Kumar highlighted the role of academia-industry collaborations in driving innovation.



### Elixir 2024

On August 19, 2024, the Department of Biotechnology at St Joseph's University participated in Elixir 2024, an event aimed at showcasing undergraduate and postgraduate students' innovative research and experimental work. 30 undergraduate students were divided into three teams, with each project presenting a unique facet of biotechnology. The three segments demonstrated the role of biotechnology in developing environmentally sustainable bioplastics, sustainable energy solutions, and vaccines. Aside from team members, 20 students volunteered to assist with the smooth running of the event, while postgraduate students contributed by creating informative

posters on advanced biotechnology topics. Judges and visitors were invited to interact with the participants, gaining insights into the innovative solutions presented by the students.

## Department of Botany

### Inauguration of Botanical Society

The Botanical Society was inaugurated on August 17, 2024. The chief guest for the event was Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies. Other dignitaries present at the event were Dr Jacob Paul, Head of the Department of Botany, Dr Vaishnavi M, PG Coordinator, and Association Coordinators, Dr Paramesha Mallegowda and Dr Azariah Stephen. 60 participants attended the event, which was held at De Nobili Hall. A badging ceremony was conducted to induct the office-bearers of the association for the academic year 2024-25. Following this, Dr Mallegowda introduced the



guest speaker, Dr Nagesh Hegde, an IITian and Visiting Faculty at the Indian Institute of Journalism & New Media. Dr Hegde delivered an engaging presentation titled 'The Botany of New Desire: In the Age of the Anthropocene.' Dr Stephen concluded the event by delivering a vote of thanks.

### Inauguration of Molecular and Computational Biology

The Council for Molecular and Computational Biology (CMCB), an association from the Department of Botany, was inaugurated on August 3, 2024, in De Nobili Hall, with 60 attendees. Dr Jayaram Reddy, Coordinator of CMCB, introduced the three guest speakers - Dr Krishna Kumar Sugumaran, Associate Research Scientist, Environment and Life Science Research Centre, Kuwait Institute for Research, Dr Subburaman Senthilkumar, Dean, St Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli, and Dr Lalith Kishore, COO, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms-InDx. The guest speakers and Dr Jacob Paul VJ, Head of the Department of Botany, presented the badges to the office bearers. Dr Senthilkumar shared insights on the topic 'Computational Approaches on Biological Research'. Dr Sugumaran delivered a talk on 'Life in Extraterrestrial Space,' where he shared his experience as a researcher for NASA. Dr Kishore deliberated on 'Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing' and shared his knowledge of working with the Indian government for developing the COVID-19 vaccine. The ceremony concluded with a speech by

Ms Grace Leena Crasta, Coordinator of CMCB.

### Industrial Visit to ICAR-IIHR

Dr Vaishnavi M, PG Coordinator, Department of Botany, Dr Paramesha Mallegowda, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, and Dr Martin Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, accompanied 21 postgraduate students to ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bengaluru on August 27, 2024. As part of this industrial visit, students learnt about the history, management structure, and functioning of ICAR-IIHR. Students gained theoretical and practical knowledge of tools and techniques used in plant breeding and propagation. Students were introduced to various labs and departments, the Electron Microscopy facility, the Cryopreservation Center, and the nursery. Students also learned about various growing media, greenhouses, and propagation techniques.



### Industrial Visit to Indo-American Hybrid Seeds Pvt Ltd

On August 13, 2024, the Department of Botany organised an industrial visit for postgraduate students. Dr Paramesha Mallegowda, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, accompanied 21 students to Indo-American Hybrid Seeds (India) Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. Students learned about the company's history, management structure, and functioning. Students were introduced to the utility of Mendelian genetics in seed technology, hybrid seed production, and types of seed testing concerning seed viability and purity. In addition, students visited the equipment chambers, nurseries, and related propagating structures. Students were familiarised with the growing medium, terrariums, rainwater harvesting units, and tools used in plant breeding and propagation techniques.

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

#### Dr Jayarama Reddy, Professor

Dr Jayaram Reddy was promoted as Professor by the Government of Karnataka.

Dr Reddy was awarded a German Utility Patent for his patent titled "In silico Molecular Docking of a drug from Limonia acidissima L" in 2024.

Dr Reddy also published 2 books and 6 research papers in Scopus and Clarivate indexed journals.

## Dr Raju M, Assistant Professor

Dr Raju actively participated in the outreach with II MSc Botany students held at Loyola Institutions, Manvi, Raichur, from August 26 to August 30, 2024.

## Department of Environmental Science

### Green Skill Programme



The Green Skills Programme, held on July 13, 2024, aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools to engage in sustainable practices and green initiatives. The event was held at De Nobili Hall, attracting 40 participants. Organised by Dr B S Prabhakar, Associate Professor, the programme featured insightful presentations and interactive sessions. Dr Srinivas R, Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development, led the session, where he briefed the attendees on green skills and their future importance. He discussed the impact of the green economy on enhancing social wellbeing, further describing government initiatives highlighting the same. Dr Srinivas also offered insights into the multidisciplinary future of environmental science, elaborating on opportunities in the green sector and the demand for green expertise across different fields.

### Career in Sustainability

On August 2, 2024, a guest lecture on Careers in Sustainability was organised at the Staff Seminar Hall, with 42 in attendance. Dr B S Prabhakar, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, invited Mr Vittalkumar Ashwathrao, Director of Climate and Environment, AIA, Singapore, to provide valuable insights into the growing importance of sustainable careers and the diverse opportunities available in this domain. Mr Ashwathrao emphasised the pressing need for sustainable practices to address various environmental challenges, citing the need for sustainable solutions. He introduced several career prospects in sustainability alongside the required qualifications. Additionally, Mr Ashwathrao used case studies to provide a practical demonstration of the work involved. The event highlighted the growing importance of sustainable practices and the diverse opportunities available in the field.

## Investiture Ceremony of the Earthlings Association

The Earthlings Association held its Investiture Ceremony in the Staff Seminar Room on August 9, 2024. Dr Rajanna A H, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science coordinated the event, which hosted 38 participants. 12 office bearers were formally inducted into the association. The inaugural event featured a talk titled “Reviving Roots: Climate Resilience through Agrobiodiversity,” by invited speaker Mr Arkesh K. Shenoy, Founder of Prakheti and Earth Affair. Mr Shenoy elaborated on agrobiodiversity and its role in achieving climate resilience through agriculture. He also discussed the need to preserve native crops at risk of extinction. Mr Shenoy’s inaugural address successfully launched the association’s activities, highlighting the importance of agrobiodiversity in combating climate change.

## Waste Management Awareness Program for Elixir

The Waste Management Awareness Program was conducted on August 19, 2024, as a part of Elixir, St. Joseph’s University’s open day. Coordinated by the members of the Earthlings Association, the project aimed to educate the campus community about sustainable practices. The campaign attracted over 16 visitors, focusing on encouraging environmentally friendly behaviour. Posters, templates and memes were displayed at key locations across campus to inform visitors about proper waste segregation practices. The Department of Environmental Science took a remarkable initiative, inspiring and assisting students in promoting green practices to equip the campus community with the knowledge needed to make positive environmental choices.



## Panel Discussion on the Ganga River Rejuvenation Project

On August 17, 2024, a panel of experts gathered at Aloysius Hall to offer insights on the Ganga River Rejuvenation Project. Organised by Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor and P G Coordinator, Department of Environmental Science, the panel comprised experts Dr Ruchi Badola, Dean of the Faculty of

Wildlife Studies at WII, Dr S A Hussain, former scientist and Project Manager of the WII- NMCG Project and Dr Tanveer Ahmed, Scientist-C, WII. 90 students and faculty from the Departments of Environmental Science and Zoology were introduced to the river's ecological significance and challenges, laying a foundation for subsequent discussions. Participants raised queries regarding river Ganga, utilising the opportunity to explore their interest in related fields. The panel suggested that the project's impact would be significant in raising awareness and inspiring individuals and organisations to take action to protect and restore the Ganga.

### **Visit to the Indian Meteorological Department, Bengaluru**

On August 22, 2024, Dr Rajanna A H, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science, coordinated a visit to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru. 20 participants were guided by Mr Prasad, Scientist-D, IMD-B, as he described the history and responsibilities of the institution. Mr Prasad led the students through the campus, describing the equipment and methodologies used by the institution's scientists. He elaborated on the requirements to obtain a position as a researcher in the IMD. His presentation proceeded to draw real-life examples, including a description of officials' failures to take adequate precautions for the forecasted tragedy in Wayanad. The visit informed students of possible job prospects in meteorology.

### **Visit to M Visvesvaraya Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park, Jayanagar**

On August 23, 2024, 42 students from the MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability Programme participated in a field visit to Sir M Visvesvaraya Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park, Jayanagar. The programme was organised by Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor and PG Coordinator, Department of Environmental Science. Mr Sunil B, Project Associate Engineer, KSCST, IISc, Bengaluru, and Mr Nikilesh, BWSSB, Bengaluru, guided the participants through the park. They began by describing the current water supply system in Bangalore, following which they discussed the concept of rainwater harvesting and its techniques. The participants were also introduced to the tools used for harvesting rainwater. The field visit succeeded in informing the participants about the necessity of rainwater harvesting and showcased techniques for implementing rainwater harvesting systems.

### **Educational Tour/ Industrial Visit**

45 students from the MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability programme participated in an educational tour/ industrial visit from September 14 to 16, 2024. The tour aimed to provide students with hands-on learning and exposure to industries and natural heritage sites. Resource persons Mr K Madhusudhana, CEO, Baldota Groups, Mr Santhosh, AGM-

Environment, Baldota Groups, Mr Praveen Singhal, Vice President, Wind Power, Baldota Groups, Mr Veeresh, Vice President, Pellet Plant, Baldota Groups, Mr Santhosh Martin, Former Honorary Wildlife Warden, Ballari, Mr Samad Kottur, Ecologist and Wildlife Photographer, and Mr Sreeshaila Aladahalli, State Vice President, Janasangram Parishat, guided the participants during the visit. Students visited Hospete, where they examined the regional biodiversity and conservation tactics. At the Sandur mining industry and MSPL Limited, students explored modern mining techniques and sustainable practices. Their trips to Hampi and the Tungabhadra Dam gave them insights into wildlife conservation as well as the irrigation systems. This educational tour enhanced students' knowledge and practical experience in the environmental sciences. The industrial visit was supervised by Dr Alaknanda J Adur, Head of the Department of Environmental Science, Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor and PG Coordinator, Department of Environmental Science and Dr BS Prabhakar, Associate Professor.



### **Department of Food Science and Technology**

#### **Inauguration of Food Miles 2024-25**

The inauguration of 'Food Miles,' the association under the Department of Food Science and Technology, for the academic year 2024-25, was held on August 24, 2024, at De Nobili Hall, from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Dr Mohan Kumar S, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology, invited the chief guest, Dr Usha Ravindra, Head of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition, UAS, GKVK, to deliver a talk titled 'Food Roots: The Elixir of Life.' She emphasised the importance of understanding the origins of our food and how this knowledge can lead to a healthier lifestyle and innovative market opportunities. The new office bearers were formally inducted into the association by Dr Anupriya Mazumder, Association Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology. The outgoing President presented an overview of the association's achievements in the previous year. The newly appointed President outlined the agenda for the present year. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the newly-elected Secretary.

## Report on National Mango Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology collaborated with the Food Miles association to organise Mango Mania, a vibrant celebration of the National Mango Day, in the PG Quadrangle. The event took place on July 20, 2024, from 12:50 pm to 1:45 pm, featuring three stalls, each offering unique mango-based products, as well as a game stall. The atmosphere was lively, with a large turnout of around 150 participants. The first stall, Mangolicious, showcased mango-based baked goods. The next stall, Mango Tango, featured mango custard, and the final stall, Mangomast, featured mango-based chaats. The game stall, Mango Matchmaker, set up a series of engaging tasks for visitors. The Department of Food Science and Technology successfully organising a well-coordinated and delightful event on account of National Mango Day.

## Staff Achievements

### Dr Anupriya Mazumder, Assistant Professor

Dr Mazumder successfully guided Janisha John Fernandes from II FST for the completion of the 47th Series Student Project Scheme awarded by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) on April 19, 2024.

### Dr Mohan Kumar S, Assistant Professor

Dr Kumar successfully guided Mr Hari Ramanan R from II FST for the completion of the 47th Series Student Project Scheme awarded by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) on April 19, 2024.

Dr Kumar chaired a session and was a resource person in a National Conference titled 'Trends in Multidisciplinary Research: Challenges and Application (TMRCA)' organised by the Department of Sciences, M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru on May 15, 2024.

Dr Kumar presented a research paper titled "Role of Microorganisms in Sustainable Groundwater Management for Water Security" at National conference on 'Sustainable Groundwater Management for Water Security' organised by Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) on June 19, 2024.

Dr Kumar participated in a National Level One week Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology from July 22 to July 27, 2024 organised by IQAC, Kamala Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur.

Dr Kumar participated in 'NEP (2020) Orientation and Sensitization Programme' organised by UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Aligarh University, Aligarh from June 20 to June 28, 2024.

Dr Kumar participated in the Science Academies Lecture workshop - Recent Development in Agricultural Microbiology and Biotechnology, organised by the Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association

with Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, INSA, New Delhi and the NASI, Allahabad on May 7 and 8, 2024.

### Dr. Sunita Adak, Assistant Professor

Dr Adak published a chapter titled "Advancements in microbial production of polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) from wastes for sustainable active food packaging: An eclectic review" in Biocatalysis and Agricultural Biotechnology.

Dr Adak published a chapter titled "Modern Luminescent Technologies Embraced in Food Science and Engineering" in Nonthermal Food Processing, Safety and Preservation.

Dr Adak participated in a Jesuit Leadership programme titled 'JESCOL II', organised by Human Resource Development Centre, Ashirvad, BJES, Bengaluru from July 18 to July 20, 2024.



## Students Achievements

Anishta Bisht of II FST attended a five-day workshop-Rapid Detection of Food Adulterants, organised by Chamber for Advancement of Small and Medium Business, in July 2024.

Rubina Yasmin of II FST attended FoSTaC training on 'Advanced Manufacturing & COVID' held at Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal, in July 2024.

Shireen Fathima, Dabria Heleena Moniz, Sidharth S, Megha R Ullal, A Froilanmark Chrsihone, Thejaswini KP, Deepthi J, Ashika NM, and Thanish Somaiah of I FST participated and won first prize in Elixir 2024, an intra-collegiate event organised by St Joseph's University, Bangalore, held on August 19, 2024.

## Department of Microbiology

### Chromatistos

Chromatistos was a vibrant event organised by the postgraduate Department of Microbiology, held at De Nobili Hall with 40 participants. Students creatively represented various laboratory stains used to visualise microorganisms through their attire. Faculty and students of The Microbiological Society showcased

a spectrum of colors, each corresponding to different stains, fostering an engaging and educational atmosphere. This helped enhance students' understanding of the importance of staining in microbiological studies. This event not only celebrated the artistic side of microbiology but also reinforced the educational principles behind staining techniques, contributing to a deeper appreciation of the subject among participants.

## Science Academies Lecture - Workshop

The Department of Microbiology hosted the Science Academies Lecture- Workshop, "Recent Advances in Agricultural Microbiology and Biotechnology". 94 attendees, including students and faculty from St. Joseph's University, Jain University, and MS Ramaiah College, participated in the workshop, which was held on 7 and 8 May, 2024. Dr DJ Bagyaraj, Chairman, CNBRCD, Bangalore, convened the event. Dr Harini Kumar, Former Professor, Department of Biotechnology, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore, led two sessions titled 'Molecular Characterization of Microbes' and 'Bioenergy and Sustainable Earth.' Dr Dinesh A Nagegowda, Scientist-In-Charge, CIMAP Regional Centre, Bangalore, followed with his talks titled 'Probing Molecular Intricacies of Plant Specialized Metabolism for Strategic



Metabolic Engineering' and 'Exploration of Plant Volatile Terpenoid Biosynthesis.' Dr Bagyaraj presented his talk titled 'Microorganisms and Human Welfare' on the second day. He was followed by Dr Samay Pande, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, who led the session titled 'Bacterial Predator Mediated Enrichment of Antibiotic Resistance in Nature.' Dr Bagyaraj and Dr Pande presented the final two sessions titled 'Arbuscular Mycorrhizae' and 'Role of Membranes in The Origin of Life,' respectively. These presentations offered attendees a comprehensive overview of agricultural microbiology and biotechnology's current advancements and transformative potential. Q&A sessions and presentations centered around career opportunities further elucidated requirements for research opportunities in these fields.

## Elixir

Elixir 2024 took place on August 19, 2024, during which the Department of Microbiology collaborated with Microcosm to present two exhibits: "Nutri biome Nexus: Microbial Harmony" and "Dengue Virus in 3D," with 5 and 10 participants, respectively. The first exhibit provided insights into the gut-brain axis. The second exhibit was a collaborative effort between the department's undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students. The UG section focused on raising awareness about the dengue-causing virus, its life cycle, preventive measures, and related topics, while the PG section kept the exhibit interactive through science-based games. Additionally, the Microbe Tattoo Stall, organised by Microcosm, received positive attention and effectively engaged young visitors. Together, the exhibits attracted students of different age groups and fostered the formation of constructive opinions about microbiology.

## Association Inauguration

Microcosm and the Microbiological Society held their inaugural event on August 23, 2024. The ceremony began with the arrival of chief guest Mr Dhruv Gupta, whose presence set a positive tone. Following the chief guest's arrival, a prayer ceremony was held, and the lamp was lit. Subsequently, the new members of the Microcosm and Microbiological Society were introduced. The event discussed the achievements of the societies over the past years and the strategic plans for the coming years, reviewing the progress made, outlining successes, and setting forth goals and expectations for future initiatives. Mr Dhruv Gupta delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of scientific research and collaboration. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of the organisers of the event and expressing gratitude to the chief guest, attendees, and participants.

## Inauguration of the UG association: Microcosm (2024-25)

The investiture ceremony for Microcosm was held on August 23, 2024, alongside the inauguration of the Microbiological Society. The event was held in Xavier Hall, with over 50 attendees. Mr Dhruv Gupta, an undergraduate student at IISc, Bangalore, and an active JRD Tata Innovation Centre member was present. The event was attended by Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean, School of Life Sciences; Dr Popy Dutta, Head of the Department of Microbiology; Ms Shalmali Kamath, PG Coordinator; Dr Debalina Chaudhuri, Microcosm Coordinator, along with other faculty members. The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by an invocation song. Dr Chaudhuri delivered a welcome speech, following which the Presidents of the UG and PG associations presented the previous year's progress. The Editor and Secretary of the UG and PG associations, respectively, outlined the plans for the year. Following this, Mr Gupta discussed his startups and ideas,

offering advice on how to move forward and how to turn goals into results. Dr Dutta and Dr Sequeria then presented Mr Gupta a token of appreciation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Co-editor of the UG association.

## Research and scientific writing workshop

The Department of Microbiology conducted a Scientific Writing Workshop over two sessions, held on September 6 and 9, 2024. The workshop's esteemed resource person was Dr Saurabh, PhD in Biology from NCBS-TIFR, specialising in Microbial Genomics, Evolution, and Computational biology. The workshop's primary goal was to train students in formal scientific writing and equip them with professional writing skills. Through several sessions split over the two days, 62 participants learned skills essential for scientific and professional writing. The sessions included topics such as identifying the audience and purpose, reading effectively and organising articles, conducting effective literature searches, citations and references, reviewing literature, writing results and discussions, composing methodology sections, and crafting abstracts and summaries. Each session was highly interactive, ensuring a rich learning experience for all participants. The workshop concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing our deep gratitude to Dr Saurabh for his insightful guidance and the Department of Microbiology for organising such a valuable event.



## Faculty Achievements,

### Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences.

#### Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean of the School of Life Sciences

Dr Sequeria participated in an Online Faculty Development Programme on 'AI Tools for Teaching,' organised by the Star International Foundation for Research and Education, held on June 22, 2024.

Dr Sequeria participated in an online event, 'Mastering Intellectual Property Rights: Essential Insights for Innovators and Startups,' organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka BioNEST, held on June 24, 2024.

#### Dr Vanitha NM, Associate Professor

Dr Vanitha NM organised an online meeting titled 'Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting,' on May 4, 2024.

#### Dr G Mohanaj

Dr G Mohanaj was recognised as a PhD supervisor by the SJRIC on May 16, 2024.

## Department of Zoology

### Natural Science Association Investiture

The investiture ceremony of the Natural Science Association (NSA) was held on August 19, 2024, in the De Nobili Hall, with 40 attendees. The event began with the lighting of the lamp by the Coordinators of the Natural Science Association, Dr Viyolla Mendonce and Dr V Varun Rajan, Dr M Jayashankar, Head of the Department of Zoology, and Dr Sarjan, Assistant Professor. The faculty presented the council members with their badges. In a recent initiative, the Bombay Natural History Society partnered with St Joseph's University for an internship opportunity for 75 students from the university's Zoology department. Students who completed the internship were awarded certificates during the program. The event ended with a speech by Dr Mendonce, sharing her insightful thoughts and vision with the students to encourage them, and a vote of thanks by the President of the association.

### Natural Science Association Launch Event

The Natural Science Association (NSA) launched their association for 2024-25 on August 9, 2024, in the Arrupe Atrium at 12:50 pm. The program started with the emcees introducing the NSA to the audience. Following this, a set of cultural activities, involving dance and music, were performed by volunteers as well as association members. The office bearers also presented an entertaining and educational segment titled 'Weird Animal Facts,' where they described various unusual behaviours noted in the animal kingdom. The launch concluded with the unfurling of the NSA banner, successfully initiating activities for the year 2024-25.

## Staff Achievements- Department of Zoology

#### Dr V Varun Rajan

Dr V Varun Rajan attended a hands-on workshop on using *Drosophila melanogaster* for biology laboratory classes held at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore from May 29 to June 4, 2024. The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, organised this workshop in collaboration with the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

## Dr M Jayashankar

Dr M Jayashankar co-chaired a session and was part of the panel discussion in the Stakeholder Workshop under the National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), Ministry of Jal Shakti sponsored project titled 'Assessment of the ecological status of select Indian rivers for conservation planning,' held on August 16, 2024.

Dr M Jayashankar chaired a session in an international conference titled 'The Eighth International Conference on Ecosystem Conservation and Sustainable Development (ECOSAD 2024)' organised by AET College, Bengaluru, held on August 9, 2024.

Dr M Jayashankar published a research paper titled "Avifauna and their feeding Guilds in Cheethwari and adjoining villages of Northern Jaipur, Rajasthan, India" in Journal of Wildlife and Biodiversity.

Dr M Jayashankar was nominated as a member of the Board of Studies of Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women, Autonomous, Bangalore.

## Ms Rajini SV, Assistant Professor

Ms Rajini SV published a research paper titled "Ameliorative action of eugenol on nitrate induced reproductive toxicity in male rats" in Toxicology Reports.

## Dr Kavya K, Assistant Professor

Dr Kavya K was invited as an external examiner by Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore on July 15, 2024.

Dr Kavya K delivered a talk titled 'Impact of Education in Attaining Sustainable Development Goals,' organised by the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Center for Continuing Technical Education-Karnataka, in collaboration with SJ Government Polytechnic, Bengaluru, held on July 5, 2024.

Dr Kavya K successfully completed a State Level Faculty Development Programme organised by BMS College for Women, held from August 19 to August 24, 2024.

## Dr Viyolla Pavana Mendonce, Assistant Professor

Dr Mendonce published the discovery of a new insect species of Paraputo Laing 1929 (Hemiptera: Coccinellidae; Pseudococcidae) in the taxonomy mega journal Zootaxa.

Dr Mendonce participated in the Stakeholder workshop organised by the National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), Ministry of Jal Shakti, held on August 16, 2024.

## Cleanup Drive

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) collaborated with BOSCH to host a clean-up drive on May 5, 2024, in the forest landscapes of Turahalli, Karnataka. The mission of this clean-up drive was to encourage the association's

members and volunteers to uphold the university's vision of holistic development, with cleanliness and wellness of nature in mind. The activity started at 7:00 am and went up till 11:00 am. Around 60 members gathered on a Sunday morning to clean the surrounding area. The drive succeeded in cleansing the area of a large amount of waste, with volunteers upholding all safety and security measures. This initiative promoted ecological balance and called for the creation of a sustainable environment.

## Launch and Investiture of WACC

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) was launched on July 12, 2024, for the academic year 2024-25. Around 60 students from Shifts 1 and 2 gathered at the Arrupe and PG Atria for the event. The launch included several cultural activities, including various song and dance performances. Stalls and face painting counters were also set up by the association. The launch was concluded with the unfurling of the WACC banner. Similar events were organised for the Shift 3 students on July 16, 2024.

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) held its Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2024-25 on August 15, 2024. 21 office bearers were formally appointed with their positions and badges and pledged to serve the association to the best of their abilities. This ceremony took place in the De Nobili Hall at 3:00 pm. Around 60 attendees gathered in the hall in that moment of pride and honour, joining hands to celebrate the efforts of the outgoing office bearers and the zeal and enthusiasm of the newly elected members.

## Nature Walk

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club collaborated with the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) to organise a nature walk on August 15, 2024. The event was held at EMPRI, JP Nagar from 7:00 am to 11:00 am, with Mr K Manu, Bird Conservationist guiding 60 participants. Mr Manu introduced the students to fig wasps, gall insects, and the importance of not removing dead trees from a site. He also highlighted the adverse effect that human activities can have on insects. Overall, the event was a worthwhile experience for all nature enthusiasts and socially aware students. The participants were awarded a participation certificate from the EMPRI and the university for their efforts and interest.



## Plantation Drive

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) collaborated with the Wild World Conservation Trust to organise a plantation drive on June 5, 2024. The members of the association and the volunteers gathered at the Turahalli Forest Reserve and introduced themselves to the campsite. The association planted a total of 65 saplings. The association posted the importance of this initiative on social media platforms, emphasising how even a single tree can help combat climate change, preserve biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in general. This experience immersed students in an environment-friendly initiative and highlighted hands-on experience in the practices of planting and farming.

## Investiture Ceremony of the Zoologia Association

The Department of Zoology proudly hosted the inauguration and investiture ceremony of the Zoologia Association on the 23rd of August, 2024. The event was graced by esteemed guests, faculty members, and enthusiastic students. The ceremony commenced at 2:00 pm with a welcome speech, followed by a talk by the guest speaker on the scope of research and postgraduate opportunities. The speakers encouraged students to participate actively, providing valuable hands-on experience, research, and community outreach opportunities. The guest speaker also shared insights from his journey, motivating students to pursue

excellence and make meaningful contributions to science and society. During this event the newly elected office bearers of the Zoologia Association were formally inducted.

## Talk on “Organoids in Bioengineering”

The Department of Zoology hosted the talk in collaboration with Zoologia and Natural Science Association (NSA) on the topic “Organoids in Bioengineering” by Dr. Santhosh Arul, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, USA. The event was graced by faculty members of the Department of Zoology, enthusiastic postgraduate students, and PhD Scholars. The event commenced with a welcome speech and the introduction of the speaker, Farhan Imdad, the president of the NSA. Thereafter, the Zoologia Coordinator, Ms. Pratibha R.D, felicitated the speaker. The speaker shared insights from his journey and research work and focused on the emerging field of organoids in bioengineering and how these miniature, lab-grown versions of organs are pushing the boundaries of scientific discovery, medical research, and regenerative medicine. At last, the speaker mentioned the scope of study and postgraduate opportunities in foreign countries like that of a Junior Researcher, Lab Manager, Academic Professional, PhD Scholars, undergraduate and doctoral programs, and summer (March) and fall (September) internships. The session ended with a Q&A segment, followed by a Vote of thanks given by Atmaja Ghosh, the President of the Zoologia Association.



# School of Physical Science

## Department of Electronics

### JET CLUB INAUGURATION

The Josephite Electronics Technology (JET) association was inaugurated on August 29, 2024, for the academic year 2024-25. The event hosted 80 attendees in Xavier Hall. Dr Godwin D'Souza, Head of the Department of Electronics, Dr Neethu Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics, and Dr Naveen Kumar R, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics, invited the guest speaker Ms Reema, an alumna of the department and former treasurer of the JET association. Ms Reema shared insights on the association, urging students to participate in both intra- and inter-collegiate activities organised by the association. Mr Hitesha, alumnus and former student coordinator of the JET association interacted with the students during the event.



## Department of Mathematics

### Investiture Ceremony ABACUS Association

The investiture ceremony of the Abacus association was held on August 22, 2024, in the presence of Dr Maria Ancy, Head of Department of Mathematics, Dr Raisa D'Souza, the PG coordinator, Dr Gerard Rozario J, the teacher coordinator of the association, and the staff of the Department of mathematics. The Vice President (UG), of the association began the ceremony by sharing a few points about the ideology of mathematics and the association, followed by the prayer conducted by the university choir. Dr Rozario briefed the staff and students about the associations' flourishing over the years. The association heads were bestowed with the badges by Dr Ancy and Dr D'Souza. Dr



D'Souza addressed the gathering and the event then concluded with the vote of thanks given by the Vice President.

## Department of Physics

### PSA - Science of Soap Films and Soap Bubbles

The lecture on the 'Science of Soap Films and Soap Bubbles' was organised by the Physics Students Association on August 21, 2024. Mr H R Madhusudan, Former Deputy Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium delivered the lecture on the topic. The lecture began with a demonstration using soap bubbles. The lights in the classroom were dimmed and a painting by Pierre Mignard, depicting a girl blowing soap bubbles was projected. He explained the basic structure of bubbles and the role of soap film in stabilising the bubble's shape. The goal was to understand the need to study bubbles and their application across the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, and engineering. They



also play an important role in cleaning, beverages, climate change and virology. The lecture left the attendees with a deeper appreciation of the scientific principles underlying something as simple as a soap bubble.

### Crossword Competition

The Physics Student Association organised a crossword competition on August 14, 2024. The event aimed to blend the fun of word games with the intellectual challenge of physics concepts, making it a unique and educational experience. The competition began with a warm welcome by the PSA council members followed by an explanation of the rules and regulations

of the game. Participants were put into teams of two and were tasked with solving the puzzle within the time limit using clues ranging from basic concepts like ‘force’ and ‘energy’ to more complex terms such as ‘electromagnetism’ and ‘relativity’. There were 14 teams participating in the first round of which 10 teams were selected for the second round. The atmosphere was both intense and lively, with participants eagerly discussing potential answers and strategies. The competition emphasised the importance of mastering basic concepts in physics and making it fun.

## Gravitational Waves

The Physics Students Association organized a lecture on 28 August, 2024 titled ‘Gravitational Waves : Prediction to the Present. Mr H R Madhusudan, Former Deputy Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium was the guest speaker . Mr Madhusudhan began the lecture by explaining the importance of a theoretical scientist and experimental scientist. He explained his reason for choosing ‘Gravitational Waves’ as his topic . He enlightened the students about the Laser Interferometer Gravitational (LIGO) – Wave Observatory website, where one



can access science updates on a weekly basis. He then narrated the story of Galileo’s demonstration of gravity from the leaning tower of Pisa. He then explained the essence of Newton’s theory of gravitation and emphasised the importance of Gravitational wave detectors. He encouraged young minds to take up the field of gravitational waves and research about it theoretically and experimentally.

## Inauguration of Physics Students Association

The Physics Students Association was inaugurated on 29 July, 2024 at Faber Hall, St Joseph’s University. The ceremony began with a prayer song by the Josephite Choir . The newly appointed Vice President welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, the teachers and the students. Dr. Lora Rita Goveas, Head of the Department of Physics, spoke to the students and encouraged them to take part in all the events conducted by the association. She concluded her speech by congratulating the

newly elected council members of PSA. The events planned for the odd and even semester were discussed in detail by the president of the association.

## QUIZ

The Physics Students Association commenced its activities for the academic year on 9 August, 2024 with a Physics Quiz. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the students of various departments in the university. The questions for the quiz were based on scientists and their work, units and other simple concepts in Physics. Students participating in the quiz were put in groups of two, there were 13 groups of 26 members in total. The Physics Quiz event was a resounding success, bringing together students and physics enthusiasts for a challenging and engaging competition.

## Space Quiz

The Physics Student Association conducted its first Space Quiz on International Space Day on August 23, 2024. There were 13 teams that participated out of which 8 teams were selected for the following round. The final round was a rapid-fire segment where the teams answered as many questions as possible in a short amount of time. The Space Quiz was a resounding success, blending fun, education and community. It left everyone with a sense of wonder about the universe and a renewed passion for learning. The International Space Day is an annual event dedicated to celebrating humanity’s achievements in space exploration and fostering a greater understanding of the universe. Observed on the first Friday of May each year, the day serves as a platform for inspiring young minds, promoting scientific literacy, and highlighting the importance of space research and technology.

## Department of Statistics

### Frequentia Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony of Frequentia, the association from the Department of Statistics, was held on July 26, 2024, with 70 attendees. The event began with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Dr Mohd Yousuf Rather, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, St Joseph’s University, followed by a prayer song and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dr. Rather delivered a speech emphasising the crucial role of Statistics in real-world applications, citing examples from Biotechnology. Following this, the office bearers were officially inducted during a badging ceremony led by Dr Rather, Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar, Faculty Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, and Dr Archana V, Head of the Department of Statistics. The new office bearers then took an oath administered by Dr Dar, who also shared his insights on the field of statistics. The President of the association addressed the new office bearers, and the Conveners closed the event with a vote of thanks.

## National statistics day celebration

On June 29, 2024, the Department of Statistics organised an online talk titled 'The Role of Statistics in Everyday Life' to celebrate National Statistics Day. The event was coordinated by Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, and attended by 40 participants. The meeting commenced with Dr Kavitha N, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, introducing the invited speaker, Dr Tirupathi Rao Padi, Professor, Department of Statistics, Pondicherry University. Dr Padi's presentation focused on the contributions of famous statisticians, comparing colonial and post-independence statisticians, and introducing present-day statisticians from both India and abroad. The talk successfully informed and inspired both students and faculty about the impact of statistics in everyday life. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr Archana V, Head of the Department of Statistics.

## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Department of Statistics organised a Student Development Programme for CSIR-NET/K-SET competitive examinations from July 29 to August 2, 2024. The programme saw the participation of 25 Master's students from the Departments of Statistics and Mathematics, led by Dr Mallappa, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Bangalore University. Over the course of the week, students gained valuable insights into various topics, ranging from the significance of competitive exams to strategies and approaches for successfully clearing the papers. Dr Mallappa also guided the students through key statistical concepts, demonstrating the process of solving questions from different categories. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony, graced by the chief guest

Dr Parameshwar V Pandit, Chairman, Department of Statistics, Bangalore University.

### Staff Achievements:

#### Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar, Assistant Professor

Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar was awarded the 'Puraskara – 2024' by St Joseph's University, for his excellent and meritorious achievements, on May 18, 2024.

#### Dr Kavitha N, Assistant Professor

Dr Kavitha N served as a resource person for a five-day SDP titled 'Introduction to R Programming: Beginners Guide to Mathematical Concepts' at the Department of Statistics, Nrupathunga University, Bengaluru, from June 3 to June 8, 2024.

#### Dr Shubhashree Joshi, Assistant Professor

Dr Shubhashree Joshi served as a resource person for a five-day SDP titled 'Introduction to R Programming: Beginners Guide to Mathematical Concepts' at the Department of Statistics, Nrupathunga University, Bengaluru, from June 3-8, 2024.

### Student Achievements:

Divya Sathees, Sejal Kamat, Anusha P M, Pragyan Moktan, Arihant Jain and Jigisha Chandu from II CST secured second place in Elixir, an intra-collegiate event organised by St Joseph's University, on August 19, 2024.



# School of Social Work

## Department Activities

### Flood Relief Initiative: United for Wayanad

The Wayanad flood relief drive, United for Wayanad, was initiated on August 1, 2024, by the students of the School of Social Work. Student coordinators Kesiya Yohannan and Diya Prasanth from III BSW, along with 75 external volunteers, contributed by assisting with the collection of goods. Crown Workspace sponsored a truck to transport the items collected and stored at the university. The faculty organizers included the Dean of the School of Social Work, Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lordu, the Assistant Dean, Dr Alan Godfrey, and Assistant Professor Capt Akshay Mandlik. The two-week drive concluded on August 13, 2024. The collected goods were sent to TUDI Wayanad, an organization that supports the tribal community. A dedicated group of 10 volunteers from III BSW, along with other students from the School of Social Work, worked tirelessly throughout the drive. Due to the combined efforts of the resource persons, faculty, and volunteers, the relief drive was successful.



### Art Workshop by Swasthi Foundation

The students of I BSW volunteered at an Art Workshop conducted by volunteers at Swasthi Foundation. The activity conducted was 'Art & Love: Art Workshop with Children with Intellectual Disability'. Through this activity, volunteers from I BSW got an opportunity to experience the joy of giving their creative knowledge and time to children from the spectrum of intellectual disability. The aim of the activity was to inspire and instill interest in the students as art builds self-confidence in a way that children need.

### Commemoration of World Day Against Human Trafficking

The School of Social Work collaborated with Talaash Association to commemorate World Day against Trafficking in Persons August 04, 2024. The students from BSW performed a street play at Gandhi Bazaar and Cubbon Park on the theme. They

used placards with slogans to spread awareness about human trafficking.

## Association Activities

### SWSA - Introduction Programme

On August 21, 2024, Social Work Students Association (SWSA) launched its first initiative of the year with a symbolic protest against the 2024 Kolkata gang rape, reflecting the deep commitment to justice within the School of Social Work. The event was conducted in two sessions—first at the Arrupe Atrium from 8:45 am to 9:10 am, followed by a second session at the PG Quadrangle from 12:50 pm to 1:15 pm. Under the SWSA coordinator, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, the programme began with a vibrant introduction, marked by a lively flash mob. The event took on a profound tone with a powerful drama performance by first year MSW students, depicting the 2024 Kolkata rape incident. The performance served as a small but impactful protest, drawing attention to the urgent need for action against injustice, a core value of the social work profession. Following this, the SWSA banner was officially unveiled, setting the tone for the year.

### Fresher's Day - 'Movie Mania Fresher's Film Fest'

The 'Movie Mania Fresher's Film Fest' held on August 24, 2024, at 12:15 pm in Xavier Hall, was a celebration of creativity and camaraderie. Coordinated by Assistant Professor Ms Mary Princess Lavanya, the event encouraged first year students from the School of Social Work to dress as their favourite movie characters. The event was hosted by Ms Judith Cheiyam and Mr Deol Simon, with Mr Simon delivering a welcome speech to set the tone for the afternoon. The programme began with a flash mob performance by second year Masters of Social Work (MSW) students, and also featured dance and music performances by various classes. The red carpet segment highlighted students' creative costumes and attire. The festival concluded with a dance performance by the male students of the MSW and BSW



batches, marking an end to the Freshers' Day celebrations. The event successfully strengthened the sense of community among the students.

## **Investiture Ceremony: A New Beginning**

The Investiture Ceremony of the Social Work Students Association (SWSA) and the Green Spartans association was held on August 24, 2024 at 11:30 am in Xavier Hall. Over 280 students actively participated in the event, guided by Programme Coordinator Dr Mary Princess Lavanya. Dean of School of Social Work, Dr (FR) G Augustine Lordu, delivered an inspiring welcome speech emphasizing social change and the core committee's vital role in the coming year. Dignitaries included chief guest Mr Cyril Prabhu J, Vice President of the Youth Congress, Karnataka, Fr Lordu, Associate Dean Dr Alan Godfrey A, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, and SWSA President Mr Abin Joseph. The event featured a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by the investiture of the SWSA core committee members. Mr Cyril, presented badges to the elected SWSA committee members, following which the SWSA Coordinator led the oath. Dr Alan conferred badges and caps upon the elected Green Spartans Committee members, following which the Green Spartans Coordinator, Fr Lordu, led the oath. Dr Alan spoke about the significance of associations in social work education. The ceremony concluded with a token of appreciation for the chief guest, who shared valuable advice and a vote of thanks from the SWSA President.

## **Volunteering at Swasthi Foundation**

On 18 July, 2024 the first year Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students embarked on their inaugural volunteering experience at Swasthi Foundation, a special school located in Ashwathnagar, Bengaluru. The 25 students were supervised by Assistant Professors, Dr Viola M Noronha, in collaboration with Ms Josmy Joseph, Senior Relationship Manager, iVolunteer. The event commenced at 12:00 pm with a formal introduction to the NGO after which the students undertook a basic training on interacting with Swasthi Foundation's students. An icebreaker session helped foster a warm and inclusive atmosphere among the students, volunteers, and faculty. The highlight of the visit was an interactive art session, where the volunteers worked alongside the institution's students to create paintings using vegetable prints. The talented students at Swasthi Foundation showcased their skills, forming a strong bond with the visiting BSW students. The volunteering experience marked a significant milestone for the first year BSW students, introducing them to the world of social work and community engagement. The event's success was a testament to the collaborative efforts of Volunteering, the Swasthi Foundation, and the faculty at the School of Social Work.

## **Session: School Social Work - Scope and Challenges**

On August 26 2024, the School of Social Work, in collaboration

with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India, conducted a session on 'School Social Work - Scope and Challenges'. The event, organized by Faculty Coordinator, Dr Shari Tess Mathew, was attended by 60 Masters of Social Work students at 1:00 pm in Loyola Hall. University alumna Ms Swiss Rein, an Executive Assistant at Accenture, led the session, providing an overview of School Social Work. She highlighted its scope, challenges, and opportunities, stressing on the importance of supporting students through difficult situations and creating safe spaces for them to share their concerns. Ms Rein emphasized the role of social workers and counselors empowering students to improve their quality of life. Following the session, an engaging Q & A session discussed possible job opportunities. The Dean of School of Social Work, and Assistant Professor, Dr Premajyothi D concluded the event, appreciating the talk and encouraging students to take active action as change makers.

## **Lecture: Prison Ministry**

On August 17, 2024, an hour-long informative session was conducted on 'Prison Ministry' under the second year Masters of Social Work (MSW) course titled 'Juvenile Justice & Child Protection'. The event, organized by Assistant Professor Dr Rajendra, engaged 50 participants at 11:00 am in MSW classroom 214. The session was led by Fr Das, renowned for his voluntary work in the prison ministry across states such as Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, where he has counseled prisoners. Sister Salomi Das, Fr Das' wife, and Ms Swiss Rein, a volunteer in the ministry, accompanied him. Fr Das discussed the importance of a social worker's attitude towards prisoners and emphasized the need to understand the challenges they face throughout their lives. The presenters shared insights about their ministry, which offers financial assistance, educational classes for the children of incarcerated individuals, and job opportunities for their spouses. They also explained the counseling process within prisons and the positive outcomes of such interactive sessions. The event concluded with a Q&A segment, during which Fr Das announced an opportunity for students to observe prison life through an organized visit, offering further insights into the field.

## **Outreach Programme at Global Concerns India (GCI)**

On July 24, 2024 students from the School of Social Work organized an outreach program aimed at educating women and children. The event was conducted at Global Concerns India (GCI), LR Nagar Slum, from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. 75 students participated, including second year Master of Social Work students and trainees from Christ University, Bangalore. The programme was coordinated by first year Master of Social Work students guided by Outreach Coordinator Mr Moses.

The programme focusing on women commenced with an ice-breaker, followed by an awareness session on menopause, which included a video and a skit. The students also organized cultural performances and games, creating a lively and interactive atmosphere. Following this, an ice-breaker was held for children, followed by awareness sessions on Good Touch and Bad Touch, an anti-bullying skit and video, and a session on first-aid. These activities were designed to educate the children on personal safety, bullying prevention, and basic first aid skills. The session was concluded with fun activities and donated stationery was distributed. The coordinators expressed appreciation for participants and contributors with a vote of thanks. The event was a meaningful blend of education, awareness, and community engagement, benefiting both the women and children at GCI.

### Orientation Programme for First Year Students of MSW

The orientation program for first year Masters of Social Work (MSW) students was conducted on July 11, 2024 at 9:00 am in MSW classroom 213. The event, organized by class mentor and Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work, Dr Premajyothi D, hosted 56 participants. The session commenced with a prayer led by the first MSW students. This was followed by an ice-breaker facilitated by Assistant Professor Dr Mary Princes Lavanya. The Dean of the School of Social Work, Dr



(Fr) G Augustine Lordu, addressed the students. The Associate Dean, Dr Allan Godfrey, then provided a brief overview of the university's rules and regulations, as well as the exam pattern. Assistant Professor and Director of Shift III, Fr Fransis Pinto, introduced the university's history, after which Assistant

Professor Fr Simon Dsouza introduced various university associations. Dr Premajyothi D and Dr Mary Princess Lavanya explained the time table and class rules.

### Final Year Outreach: Bridging Communities and Learning in Nelamangala

From August 26 to 29, 2024, the Outreach Department at St. Joseph's University organized a rural exposure camp in Nelamangala, with 33 students from the third year class of the Bachelor in Social Work program participating. The program was supervised by the Program Coordinators Mr Moses and Ms Muktha Chand from the Outreach Department, along with Faculty Supervisor Fr Simon from the Department of Social Work. The outreach program proved to be a valuable experience, combining practical learning, community engagement, and cultural exchange. The primary objective was to give participants an understanding of rural life. Students took part in various activities, gaining direct exposure to rural settings and livelihoods. Their tasks included assisting in agricultural work, visiting villages, and conducting surveys to better understand the challenges faced by rural communities. They also gained practical insights by working at a brick factory, where they learned about labour and the economic activities that sustain village life. In addition, the trainees participated in cultural events, using their performances to raise awareness about various social issues affecting rural populations.



### HR Forum: Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The HR Forum's investiture and inaugural event, 'Leadership for the New Millennium', was held on August 27, 2024, at 2:30 pm in Xavier Hall. The event, attended by the first and second year Master of Social Work students specializing in HR, featured Mr S D Satish Chandra, Head of HR, IR, and Admin at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd, as the chief guest. The program commenced with a prayer song, followed by a welcome dance and the lighting of the lamp. During the oath-taking ceremony, facilitated by Dr Premajyothi D, the office bearers received their badges from the Chief Guest. Dr Premajyothi D outlined the objectives and action plan for the year. Mr Satish Chandra shared his valuable insights, emphasizing the equality between MSW HR and MBA HR students, and encouraged students to read extensively, stay active, and pursue additional certifications

to develop their skills. This was followed by an inspiring speech by Fr Francis, Director of Shift III, who was a Program Coordinator alongside Dr Premajyothei. The event concluded with remarks from the Dean of the School of Social Work, Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lordu, and a vote of thanks from the President of the HR Forum.

## Field Work Orientation Programme

An orientation program on Field Work, for over 120 I BSW and I MSW students, was conducted on July 11, 2024. The event commenced at 9:00 am, organised by Field Coordinator, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work. Dr Fr G Augustine Lordu, the Dean of the School of



Social Work, addressed the students, and Capt Mandlik outlined the fieldwork program. Alumni Kajal Singh shared her fieldwork experiences. An icebreaker was coordinated by Assistant Professors of the Department of Social Work, Dr Premajyothei D and Ms Viola with the MSW cultural team. Assistant Professor, Fr Francis Pinto SJ discussed Ignatian philosophy in education and social work, followed by Assistant Professor Dr Shari Tess Mathew, who stressed the importance of concurrent fieldwork and internships. III BSW students shared their fieldwork experiences and the program concluded with a campus tour coordinated by Dr Premajyothei. On July 12, 2024 Capt Mandlik shared anecdotes from his fieldwork, and Assistant Professor Dr Rajendra discussed contemporary issues in social work. Fr Lordu returned to share insights on and inspire social activism. Assistant Professor Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan provided guidance on documentation. Capt Mandlik concluded with a briefing on fieldwork requirements for the course, followed by Dr Shari's session on field visit protocols.

## Empowering Communities: 'Bags of Joy' Delivered

On August 16, 2024, I BSW students visited the Snehamahila Sangam, an organization dedicated to providing education and essential services to underprivileged children, in KS Garden. This initiative was supervised by Dr Fr Alan Godfrey A, the Associate Dean of School of Social Work, and Ms Viola Maria

Noronha, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, in collaboration with Ms Josmy Joseph, Senior Relationship Manager, iVolunteer, Bangalore. 25 students actively participated in the programme. The students had previously received training on upcycling, transforming old t-shirts into cloth bags. At 2:00 pm, they departed from campus to distribute the handmade bags to the children in the KS Garden area. The students interacted with the children in their native language, gaining insight into their living conditions and the support services provided by Snehamahila Sangam.

## Elixir

Elixir, hosted by St. Joseph's University on August 19, 2024, was a prestigious educational event aimed at bridging the gap between universities, schools, teachers, and industry professionals. It featured an Annual Students Exhibition in which almost all the schools of the university participated. All classes from the School of Social Work participated in Elixir and showcased their talents in Arrupe Block. The exhibition featured contributions from first, second, and third year BSW students, as well as first and second year MSW students guided by Assistant Professors of the Department of Social Work, Dr Premajyothei D, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, and Dr Shari Tess Mathew, and Capt Akshay D Mandlik. The II MSW students presented exhibits based on their specializations in Community Development, Human Resource Management, and Medical & Psychiatry. The event provided a valuable platform for students of the School of Social Work to showcase their innovative skills. The II MSW class won the first prize for their outstanding exhibit, while the II BSW class secured the second prize. These awards were a testament to the creativity and dedication of the social work students.

## Industrial Visit: Dairy Day Manufacturing Unit

On August 03, 2024, the HR (Human Resource) Forum from the School of Social Work visited the Dairy Day manufacturing unit. 20 second year Masters of Social Work students specializing in Human Resources began exploring the manufacturing unit at 9:00 am. The visit provided a unique experience of observing the ice cream production process firsthand, from mixing and freezing to packaging. The students were guided into the -25°C cold storage, which helped them recognize the challenges in maintaining product quality. The students also had the privilege of learning from Mr Manghat Prakash, who shared valuable insights about HR practices in the manufacturing sector, such as workforce management and safety protocols. His expertise helped bridge the gap between academic concepts and their practical applications. The visit was coordinated by Assistant Professors Dr Premajyothei D, Dr Mahesh, and Director of Shift III, Fr Francis Pinto SJ.

## Session - Mr Nelson Matthews, High Court Advocate

On August 9, 2024, the social work trainees of the School of Social Work, attended a session led by Mr Nelson Matthews, a High Court advocate, under the guidance of Dr Premajyothi D, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work. Mr Matthews discussed the nature of laws, criminal law, and the role of advocacy. He also talked about his collaboration with Professor Rajendra on social justice initiatives for families of undertrial prisoners. Drawing from his courtroom experiences, he emphasized the importance of empathy and ethics in legal advocacy, providing the trainees with informative and inspiring insights into the connection between law and social work.



## Field Visits

### Visthar Trust

On August 8, 2024, the Social Work trainees, visited Visthar Trust, supervised by Capt Akshay D Mandlik, Assistant Professor. Ms. Rajkumari Nimbale, Training Coordinator, Visthar Trust, and Ms Mercy Kappen, Executive Director, Visthar Trust, engaged the trainees in discussions about the agency's operations and its role in society. They provided insights into sustainable and eco-friendly practices, and later, Ms. Nimbale took the trainees on a tour showcasing the trust's eco-friendly infrastructure.

### Vatsalya Charitable Trust

On July 25, 2024, the trainees visited the Vatsalya Charitable Trust, supervised by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Assistant Professor. Vatsalya Charitable Trust is an organisation that focuses on supporting the development of children, particularly those of migrant workers, between zero and nine years of age. The trainees learned about the trust's initiatives in education, nutrition, family support, skill development, and counseling. They observed how women empowerment and income-generating programs can enhance leadership qualities, and they recognized education's vital role in fostering future generations' growth.

### Rise Against Hunger

On July 19, 2024, the social work trainees visited Rise Against Hunger under the supervision of Dr Fr G Augustine Lordu, Dean of School of Social Work. The session featured Mr Anthony Raj,

who provided valuable insights into the organization's vision and mission, particularly their efforts towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal of zero hunger. The trainees found the session highly informative. In the end, they participated in packing nutrition kits for underprivileged individuals, gaining hands-on experience in food packaging methods, baseline surveys, and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) techniques.

### Nightingales Medical Trust

On August 2, 2024 the social work trainees visited the Nightingales Medical Trust with Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Assistant Professor, and Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lordu, Dean of School of Social Work as faculty supervisors. Ms Sophia began the session with an overview of dementia, covering its types, causes, and symptoms. The trainees found this session impactful, learning about the importance of dementia awareness. Following this, Ms Susian guided them through the residential care center for the elderly, exploring various assessment methods and strategies for managing emotions.

### Quess Corp Ltd

On July 26, 2024, the Social Work trainees visited Quess Corp Ltd, with Dr Premajyothi D, Assistant Professor, as their faculty supervisor. This business service provider offered insights into corporate social responsibility initiatives, including their urban capsule model for employee naps and interview cubicles. The trainees learned about measures taken for employee happiness and work-life balance, and they gained a deeper understanding of the differences between private and limited companies and insights into the hiring process and HR policies.

### Center for Amenities, Rehabilitation, and Education (CARE)

On July 25, 2024, the trainees visited the CARE (Center for Amenities, Rehabilitation, and Education) Foundation with Fr Francis Pinto SJ as their faculty supervisor. They had the opportunity to meet Mr Manohar Elavarthi, a human rights activist and lawyer, who delivered an enlightening presentation on the foundation's operations and its impact on the community. He emphasized his work in improving the lives of individuals and children in slum areas. The trainees gained a clearer understanding of their roles in social work and drew valuable insights from Mr Elavarthi's experiences.

### All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC)

On August 1, 2024, the social work trainees visited the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), supervised by Dr Shari Mathew Tess. During the visit, Mr Satyanand provided insights into the organization's vision and mission. He discussed historical contexts, including the industrial and French revolutions, and highlighted the exploitation of serfs by capitalists. The trainees

recognized the importance of equitable work that provides fair wages and the need for government intervention to rectify these issues.

## Faculty Achievements

### Dr Fr G Augustine Lourdu (Dean)

Published 'Religio-Political Influence on Social Work Practice in Contemporary India in Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 2024.

### Capt Akshay D Mandlik (Assistant Professor)

Conducted a Base line survey at Maranayakanahalli, Ashyala Trust-School Social Work, Ashyala Trust-School Social Work on August 16, 2024.

### Dr Mary Princess Lavanaya (Assistant Professor)

Was invited as a Resource Person for the session titled 'Writing Research Articles and Publishing' organized by Jain University, Bangalore on July 26, 2024.

Was invited for a talk on 'Healing the Inner Child' by Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore.

### Dr Shari Tess Mathew (Assistant Professor)

Has become a PhD guide.

Conducted a session on 'School Social Work – Scope And Challenges' on August 26, 2024.

### Dr Premajyothi D (Assistant Professor)

Published an edited Book, Exploring Intersections: Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Research, published by Red Unicorn in April, 2024.

Was invited as a Chief Guest on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanthi, organized by Hosahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 06, 2024.

Was invited as the Chief Guest on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanthi, organized by Dalavayihalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 12, 2024.

Was invited as a Chief Guest and was felicitated for winning the Karnataka Mahila Ratna Award, on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanthi, organized by Indrabetta Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 12, 2024.

Led the orientation program for I MSW students on July 8, 2024.

Organized an industrial visit to Qness Corp Ltd for I MSW students July 26, 2024

Was invited as a Chief Guest for an Award function of 'Karnataka Seva Ratna Award' organized by Shree Durga charitable trust Mysore at Nayana Sabhangana, Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bangalore, on July 29, 2024.

Was invited as a Chief guest for a Library Inauguration, and on the occasion of Independence Day celebration by Shri Ranganatha High School, Byrenahalli, Koratagere, Tumakuru, Karnataka on August 14, 2024.

Was invited as a Chief guest for the Teachers Day Celebration, by Sukankshya Charitable Trust, Bangalore, on September 05, 2024.

Attended a Faculty Development Programme on 'Innovative Teaching Learning Pedagogy', organized by Research Foundation India from September 26 to 30, 2024.

Attended a Faculty Development Webinar on 'Research and Publication Ethics', organized by Mangalore University from August 03 to August 08, 2024.

Served as a Moderator for a session on 'My rights and My vote', organised by Spoorthidhama on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanthi on April 14, 2024.

## Student Achievements

Ms Sweeni, I MSW conducted An awareness programme on 'Good Touch and Bad Touch' for school children, in collaboration with Vathsalya Charitable Trust on August 29, 2024.



# Department of Physical Education

## Football

Preethi Serafina secured Third place in the Karnataka Women's Football League and representing Chennai in the All India Football Tournament, where she was awarded the Best Midfielder. Additionally, her contribution to the Mysore team in the National level Ultimate Frisbee league led to a Third place finish. The CSE Men's Football League tournament saw the team clinch the Gold Medal in September 2024.

## Roll Ball

Ishvarya S won a Bronze Medal at the Fifth South India Roll Ball Championship.

## Taekwondo

Yashas P Raju earned a Bronze Medal at the Tenth Asian ITF Taekwondo Championship.

## Athletics

Kalaripayattu practitioner Jeeva K P earned multiple medals

(Gold, Silver, Bronze) at the Karnataka State Kalaripayattu Championship.

Powerlifting saw Anish Agarwal securing a Gold Medal in the State Benchpress Championship.

Neole Anna Cornelio set a new National Record in the 4x100 meters Relay at the South Asian Athletics Federation Junior Championship, with a record time of 45.08 seconds.

Wushu, Taekwondo, Boxing, and Swimming competitors, including Poornima Boyapati, Srikanth G, Ashley Edwin Bosco J, and Victor Cashper L, performed admirably, with multiple podium finishes.

Shahan Khan made history by becoming the youngest racer to represent India in the International G S Trophy in Namibia, where he finished in Position 10.

These accomplishments highlight the hard work and dedication of St Joseph's University students, who continue to bring pride to their institution across various sports disciplines.

## SHIFT III

### KANNADA SANGHA INAUGURATION

The inauguration of the Kannada Sangha for 2024-25 was held on August 21, 2024, in Loyola Hall. Approximately 100 attendees were present for the inauguration, including special guest Sri Lakshmana CV, a renowned Janapada singer. Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Head of the Department of Kannada, Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Convener of Kannada Sangha, Dr Poornima BN, Associate Professor, Department of Kannada, and Dr Poornima S, Assistant Professor, Department of Kannada were present at the event. The new office bearers took an oath to discharge their duties faithfully, to uphold the association's values, marking a smooth transition of responsibilities.



### AICUF Shift-III

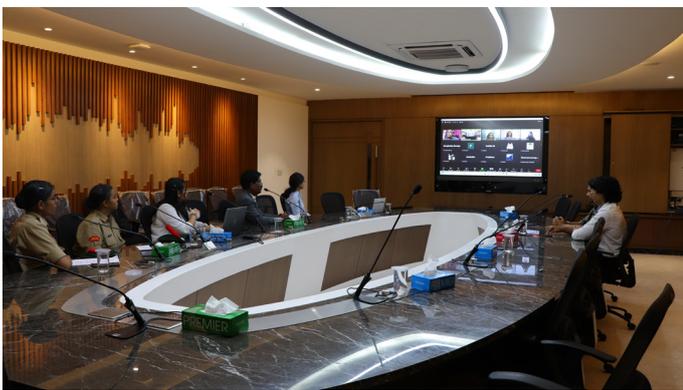
Four final-year students from Shift-III participated in a state-level program titled 'Transformational Leadership Programme for AICUF Unit Council Leaders,' held on August 30 and 31, 2024. AICUF Karnataka organised the programme at St Joseph's College, Hassan, Karnataka. The unit members were given a thorough orientation about AICUF's aims and were educated about the electoral process followed in India. As part of their leadership training, the students participated in team-building exercises, learned practical communication skills, and developed leadership goals to make a meaningful impact in their communities and at the university.

### Interactive Session with a Delegation from Seisen University, Japan

On September 4, 2024, St Joseph's University cordially welcomed students delegates from Seisen University, Tokyo, Japan, led by Dr Keitei Matsui, Professor, Seisen University, and Dr (Fr) Arun Prakash D'Souza, SJ. This visit was part of Seisen University's Global Citizenship program, aimed at immersing students in diverse cultural experiences. Other resource persons included Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), St Joseph's University, and Dr

Chandni Bhambhani, Faculty Coordinator. The attendees included undergraduate students from Shift III and PhD scholars from SJRIC. The interactive session commenced with the student delegates from Seisen University sharing their experiences at their university, a private Catholic liberal arts college in Japan. The delegates discussed the contrast between Japan's image as a highly developed nation and the significant issues of inequality in the country. Following the presentations, the Seisen University students engaged SJU participants in workshops on Calligraphy and Origami, fostering cross-cultural friendships through creative collaboration. The visit concluded with a meeting between the faculty, student delegates from Seisen University, and Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, St Joseph's University. Their discussion touched on potential student exchange opportunities, with both parties expressing enthusiasm for future collaborations.

Joseph's University. 35 participants attended the event in person at the university Board Room and online. The inauguration featured impactful addresses from key figures, including Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, Dr Shobha G, Director of the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, and Mr Sonikutty George, Child Protection Specialist from UNICEF. Student representatives from over 15 higher educational institutions, including St Joseph's University, Christ University, Mysore University, Maharashtra University, and Bangalore University, participated in a dynamic panel discussion. Two BA Journalism-



## WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 2024

On May 31, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted the national launch of the Arise Young India campaign, initiated by Mr SJ Chander, Convener of the Consortium for Tobacco-Free Karnataka. The event was held on World No Tobacco Day at 5:30 pm and was endorsed by Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, St

Sociology students represented the university, delivering thought-provoking speeches. The event underscored the need for concerted efforts to combat tobacco consumption among youth.



# Departments of Management & Commerce

## Department Activities

### Professional Interface Forum

Professional Interface Forum on 'Sustainable Finance and Investment Banking', was organized on September 14, 2024. Coordinated by Ms Jhanavi N, Assistant Professor, the event was attended by the first and second BBA students, and aimed to provide practical insights on the growing field of sustainable finance. The guest lecture was delivered by Mr Marshal J A Sebastian, a seasoned professional with over 12 years of experience in investment banking and operations management. Mr. Sebastian shared his vast industry knowledge, focusing on the importance of sustainable finance practices, investment performance, and analytics. He explained how digital transformation is shaping the financial sector and emphasized the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainability. Mr Sebastian highlighted best practices in investment banking, including integrating innovation, data analytics, and technology. He also addressed industry challenges, such as managing global operations and ensuring operational efficiency, while emphasizing the increasing demand for environmentally and socially responsible investments. The interactive session allowed students to engage with Mr Sebastian, gaining valuable insights on the world of finance. The forum was a success, inspiring students to explore careers in finance and think critically about the evolving landscape of sustainable investments.



### Corporate Connect: Investor Awareness Programme

A Corporate Connect: Investor Awareness Programme workshop was organized on September 12, 2024. The workshop was aimed at BCOM IFA students and students from all semesters of BCOM and MCOM. The session was led by Dr Chitra C N, an experienced SEBI Trainer from NSDL with 22 years of work experience, collaborating with NSE, BSE, NSDL, AMCs, and CDSL. The workshop provided crucial insights into personal finance, covering topics such as income types, inflation,

investment types, and the importance of investing wisely. Dr Chitra also shared practical tips on investing, emphasizing the power of compounding, diversification, and long-term investment strategies. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of the stock market, including the primary and secondary markets, market intermediaries, and buying shares through a Demat account. Dr Chitra also discussed the importance of financial literacy and understanding market dynamics for long-term wealth creation. The event was a great success, providing students with valuable knowledge of financial planning and investment strategies, aligning with the department's goal of enhancing practical learning through industry interactions.

### Career Mastery

Professional Interface Forum on Career Mastery was organized on August 12, 2024 at St. Joseph's University by Ms Jhanavi N, Assistant Professor. First and third year BBA students from various sections attended the event. The guest speaker for the session was Mr Varun Ramachandran, Assistant Director - HR, Learning Advisor, and Higher Education Lead at GDS India. Mr. Ramachandran, an expert in fields ranging from team management and employee training to public speaking and digital transformation, delivered an insightful session on bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications in the business world. His presentation focused on the importance of digital transformation in finance and its relevance to the current curriculum. Through his engaging style and real-life examples, Mr Ramachandran provided students with practical advice on navigating the modern workforce, emphasizing the importance of skills like creativity, management, and data analysis tools like Microsoft Power BI. The session left a lasting impact on students, offering them actionable insights into career development and industry best practices. The event was an inspiring and valuable learning experience, effectively linking classroom learning with industry requirements.

### Industrial Visits - Dairy Day Classic Ice Creams

An industrial visit to Dairy Day Classic Ice Creams was organized for first year BBA C and BBA SF students on July 19, 2024. Ms Jhanvi N and Dr Tadipigari Mahesh Babu, Assistant Professors, led the visit.

An Industrial Visit to Dairy Day Classic Ice Creams for first year BBA D students was organized on August 03, 2024. The batch of first-year BBA D (Shift – III) students was led by Mr. Davies Chacko and Dr T Mahesh Babu.

The objective of the visits was to provide students with hands-on experience in production and assembly line management.

During the visit, industry experts briefed the students on the entire manufacturing and processing operations at Dairyday, including the production of premium ice creams. Students gained insights on the step-by-step assembly process and the timing required for each production stage. They were also educated on managing demand and supply patterns crucial to maintaining mass production efficiency. The visit served as a practical supplement to classroom lessons on assembly line management, allowing students to observe the real-world application of production management, process coordination,



and operational workflow. The interactive experience provided a comprehensive understanding of how the manufacturing unit operates. Overall, the visit was an enriching learning experience that allowed students to grasp the intricacies of production management and the systematic procedures followed at Dairy Day Classic Ice Creams.

### ACCA Orientation

An orientation session for the ACCA program, was organized in collaboration with the International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC), for the incoming IFA batch (2024-27). The session was held in BCOM IFA classroom, at 4:30 PM, and was attended by 65 students. The session began with a welcome address by the ACCA Program Coordinator, Ms Raji Rajan, who provided an overview of the ACCA curriculum, emphasizing the program’s integrated nature and its benefits. She outlined the fee structure, payment options, registration process, and the necessary documents for enrollment. Ms Rajan also discussed exempted papers, explaining how they are treated equivalently to the End Semester Exams across all six semesters. The orientation highlighted the additional advantages of pursuing B.Com International Finance & Accounting (IFA) course at St. Joseph’s University, such as career opportunities and ACCA membership perks. The session concluded with a Q&A segment, addressing students’ concerns about exams, internships, and career options. Overall, the orientation was well-received, providing students with valuable information and a clear roadmap for their ACCA journey.

## Staff Achievements

### Department of Commerce

#### Dr Priya S

Participated in One-Day National Level FDP titled ‘Reimagining Business: Future Proofing Commerce and Industry through Innovation’ organized by Jain (Deemed to be) University in association with ICAI on August 27, 2024.

Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by University of Kerala under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from July 17 to 29, 2024.



#### Dr Vidhya B

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis titled ‘A Study on CSR in Private Banking Sector: Pre and Post Companies Act, 2013 with Special Reference to Bangalore’ from Bangalore University on June 14, 2024.

Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by University of Calicut under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from July 05 to August 14, 2024.

#### Ms Lakshmi S

Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by University of Calicut under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from July 05 to August 14, 2024.

Participated in three-day JESCOL II programme at Ashirvad organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society from July 18 to 20, 2024.

Published a paper titled “The Role of Emotional Bias in Investment Decisions of Working Women in IT Companies in Bengaluru City” in UGC International Journal of all Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM) ISSN: 2455-6211, Volume 12, Issue 9, September 2024.

## Dr Josphin

### Programmes Attended:

Participated in One-Day National Level FDP titled 'Reimagining Business: Future Proofing Commerce and Industry through Innovation' organized by Jain deemed to be University in association with ICAI on August 27, 2024.

Participated in Induction Program organized by SJU HRDC (FDP) from June 29 to July 06, 2024.

Participated in BIRAC Global Bio-India 2024 Roadshow hosted by Manipal Government of Karnataka-BioNEST on August 21, 2024.

Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by University of Kerala under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from July 17 to 29, 2024.

### External Assessor:

Served as an External Judge for collage competition at Baldwin Women's Methodist College on September 10, 2024.



Served as an External Evaluator for the paper Business Ethics of Department of Commerce for August 2024 examinations at T. John college, Bangalore.

## Ms Reshma Vijayan

Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by University of Calicut under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from July 05 to August 14, 2024.

Participated in Induction Program organized by SJU HRDC (FDP) from June 29 to July 06 2024.

## Mr Pradeep

Published a book titled Security Analysis and Portfolio Management for Fifth semester BCOM curriculum in May 2024.

## Ms Jayalakshmi K U

- Served as a resource person for a guest lecture organized by Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies on the topic 'Recent Applications of Income Tax Proceedings' on August 29, 2024.
- Participated in Induction Program organized by SJU HRDC (FDP) from June 29 to July 06 2024.
- Participated in National level e-FDP on Financial Modelling conducted by Ramaiah Institute of Management from July 22 to 26, 2024.
- Completed Swayam Online course on 'Behavioural Finance' offered by KIIT (deemed to be) University. Exam held on May 26, 2024.
- Served as a BOE member for Banking and Innovations subject of Department of Commerce for August 2024 examinations at T. John college, Bangalore.
- Served as an External Evaluator for Banking and Innovations of Department of Commerce for August 2024 examinations at T. John college, Bangalore.
- Participated in a five-day International Online workshop on 'Research Methodology' conducted by Global Institute of Statistical Solutions from June 12 to 16, 2024.
- Published a paper titled "Beyond Borders: Examining the Trade and Investment Relations of India with South Africa" in the Scopus Indexed Springer Anticipating Future Business Trends: Navigating Artificial Intelligence Innovations. Volume 535, ISSN 2198-4182.

### Student Achievements

#### Department of Commerce

#### Professional Course:

Mr Chethan from III BCOM E cleared the CA Inter examination on July 11, 2024.

#### Paper Presentations:

Ms Ashwini Mary B of II MCOM presented a paper titled "Comparative Analysis of Gold Loan Structure: Public vs Private Sector Bank" at the one-day National Conference on 'Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability' organized by St Joseph's College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Sharon of II MCOM presented a paper titled "The Impact of Social Isolation in Remote Work on Work-Life Balance and Employee Well-Being in Bangalore" at the one day National Conference on 'Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability' organized by St Joseph's College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Subhiksha N of II MCOM presented a paper titled "Navigating the Digital Landscape Innovative Strategies in

Modern Digital Marketing” at the one day National Conference on ‘Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability’ organized by St Joseph’s College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Praveena N V of II MCOM presented a Paper titled “A Study on Cross-Cultural Management in an Organization” at the one day National Conference on ‘Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability’ organized by St Joseph’s College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Agalya of II MCOM presented a paper titled “The Study on Addressing Socio-Economic Challenges in Sindagi Village” at the one day National Conference on ‘Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability’ organized by St Joseph’s College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Shashwathi JS of II MCOM has presented a paper titled “Exploring the Interplay between Work-Life Balance and Career Development” at the one day National Conference on ‘Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability’ organized by St Joseph’s College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

Ms Thainmuli P of II MCOM has presented a paper titled “A study on the role of corporate social responsibility in promoting environmental sustainability” at the one day National Conference on ‘Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability’ organized by St Joseph’s College of Commerce on September 12, 2024.

### **Participations:**

Ms Andrea Anthonette from III BCOM F participated in a State level Leadership program organized by AICUF Karnataka at St Joseph’s College, Hassan, Karnataka on August 30 and 31, 2024.

Mr Joseph Clinton from III BCOM F participated in a State level Leadership program organized by AICUF Karnataka at St Joseph’s College, Hassan, Karnataka on August 30 and 31, 2024.

Ms Dimple K from III BCOM E participated in a State level Leadership program organized by AICUF Karnataka at St Joseph’s College, Hassan, Karnataka on August 30 and 31, 2024.

Mr Franklin George from III BCOM E participated in a State level Leadership program organized by AICUF Karnataka at St Joseph’s College, Hassan, Karnataka on August 30 and 31, 2024.

Mr Allen Josuha from III BCOM E participated in the ‘Digital and Journalism Workshop’ organized by AICUF.

Mr Sujith from III BCOM F participated in the ‘Digital and Journalism Workshop’ organized by AICUF.

### **Achievements:**

Ms Andrea Anthonette from III BCOM F has been appointed as State Media Head for AICUF Karnataka.

Mr Preet Jain from III BCOM F won first place in Eminentia(Personality) in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 26, 2024.

Mr Preet Jain from III BCOM F won first place in Mad Ads in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 27, 2024.

Mr Govind B Vallekkattu from III BCOM E won first place in Mad Ads in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 27, 2024.



### **Department of Management**

#### **Achievements:**

Mr Prajwal Tenginkai from III BBA D visited Vietnam and met Mr Sandeep Arya, the Ambassador of India, at the Indian Embassy. Following the meeting, he visited the Communist Youth Union of Vietnam, where he learned about the various Youth Organizations in the Country on August 7, 2024.

Mr Prajwal Tenginkai from III BBA D was felicitated by the Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr Siddharamaiah on June 19, 2024.

Mr Farhan from III BBA C won first place in Mad Ads in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 27, 2024.

Mr Vineet Ghousal from III BBA C won first place in Mad Ads in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 27, 2024.

Mr Yash D Gurnani from III BBA C won first place in Mad Ads in the fest Poiesis organized by Sacred Hearts Girls High School on July 27, 2024.

## NCC 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B

### World Environment Day

On June 29, 2024, 17 (8SWs & 9SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B spread awareness on 'World Environment Day', celebrated on June 8. Divided into two groups, Alpha and Bravo, a significant awareness event was conducted within the college campus to emphasize the importance of environmental conservation. The event featured various activities aimed at spreading awareness, discussing environmental issues, and brainstorming solutions. The cadets designed posters with vivid images and compelling messages about environmental conservation. The enthusiasm and engagement demonstrated by Cadets and students highlights the potential for positive change through continued awareness and action.



### Wayanad Drive

On August 2, 2024, 31 cadets (18 SDs & 13 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B organized a charitable volunteer service for the Wayanad flood relief program. All cadets were present in combat, and the probies were present in tracks. The drive started at 0700 hrs in the NCC office and ended at 1700 hrs under the monitoring and guidance of ANO Capt. Akshay D Mandlik. The service program consisted of 31 cadets volunteering to collect fundamental necessities which included clothes, packaged food, hygiene and sanitary products, first aid, blankets, sweaters, pulses, rice bags, plates, water bottles, and groceries for in-need persons. The students who are ready to donate put forth their best efforts to aid those in need. The activities initiated by the cadets included collecting, creating awareness about the program, packaging, and distributing the items. The products were packed with care to ensure they were not damaged. Eventually, the drive ended as a success with everyone's participation and hard work.

### RDC Inter-Battalion Drill Competition

On August 30, 2024, 12 Cadets (5SDs and 7SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, participated in the Republic Day Camp Inter-Battalion Drill Competition. The event was conducted in ASC Centre, Bangalore, organised by the 9 Kar Battalion, with

Capt Akshay D Mandlik coordinating the visit. The competition commenced at 10:00 am with the arrival of all battalions from Bangalore B-Group, joined by their commanding officers and PI Staff. Four drill instructors evaluated the cadets on precision and performance in drill exercises. The event concluded at 3:00 pm with the announcement of the results. 4SWs and 1SDs from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 were selected for the next camp, marking a proud achievement for the unit.



### RDC Inter-Battalion Culturals RDC Inter-Battalion Culturals Rehearsal:

On August 26 and 27, 2024, 40 cadets (23 SDs & 17 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B participated in the RDC Inter-Battalion Cultural Competition selection for the year 2024-25. All cadets were in tracksuits and the event commenced at 8:30 am in the University Auditorium. The competition was organised by Capt Akshay D Mandlik. The programme started with cadets of inter battalion rehearsing for the selections of RDC Inter-Battalion Cultural competition at the university. Solo performances were rehearsed first, following which group performances were practised. The chief guest for the day was Lt Col Amar Rugge, SM (CO, 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC), who guided the cadets. The rehearsal day ended at 3:30 pm with everyone's hard work.

### Day 1:

On August 28, 2024, 40 cadets (23 SDs & 17 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the RDC Inter Battalion cultural competition for the year 2024-25. All cadets were dressed in A1 uniform and combat attire, while first-years were in formals. The event began at 8:30 am in the University Auditorium, with cadets of Battalion Bangalore B Group participating for the RDC cultural selection. Competing units included 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC, 5 KAR BN NCC, 7 KAR BN NCC, 8 KAR

BN NCC, and 9 KAR BN NCC. Each unit showcased a group song, group dance, and various solo performances, including solo singing, dancing, and instrumental acts, depicting different cultures of the Karnataka and Goa directorates. The esteemed guests of honor for the day were Col MS Prakash (Bangalore B Group Commander), Lt Col Amar Rugge, SM (CO, 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC), Col NM Rahman (CO, 9 KAR BN NCC) and Col Manish Malhotra (AO Bangalore B Group). The events for the day concluded successfully at 3:30 pm.

## Day 2:

On August 29, 2024, 40 cadets (23 SDs & 17 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated RDC Cultural Selections for the year 2024-25. All cadets were dressed in A1 uniforms, while first-years were dressed in formals. The event commenced at 9:00 am in the University Auditorium. Cadets of different Battalions of Bangalore B participated in the selections of RDC cultural events. 39 Kar BN NCC gave their group dance and song performance along with other solo performances. Solo performers were evaluated and filtered for further selections. The Chief Guests for the event included Col MS Prakash (Group Commander), Lt Col Ajith (TO GP 'B'), Lt Col Amar Rugge, SM (CO, 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC) and Col N M Rahman (CO, 9 KAR BN). The event ended successfully at 1: 00 pm.



## Parade 1

On August 09, 2024, 37 (18 SDs & 19 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the first official parade for the year 2024-25. All cadets sported A1 uniforms while the probies donned tracksuits along with sports shoes. The parade commenced at 1200 hrs in the ground and major physical as well as drill training resumed from 1220 hrs under the guidance and supervision of the PI Staff. Drill included 6 words of command and Flat Foot march. The Open Wing cadets were also present. Theory classes by ANO, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, for all three years, advanced drill and physical training also took place gradually. At 1430 hrs, all cadets were directed to Magis canteen for lunch. Following tradition, the Martyrs' table was set up and served first. This was followed by a hierarchical order of lunching. Eventually, a fall in for the purpose of Visarjan (dispersal) was conducted. The parade concluded with the NCC Song and the National Anthem after which the command of Visarjan was given.

## Parade 2

On August 13, 2024, 37(21SDs & 16SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD

SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B participated in the second Parade for 2024-25. The First years reported in tracksuits and sports shoes. The second year and third year reported in A1 uniform. The Parade commenced at 0700 hrs. The Cadets started the rally at the War Memorial from the NCC Office. The Parade ended at 1500 hrs under the monitoring and guidance of ANO Capt. Akshay D Mandlik. The main motive was to spread patriotism among the public. The Cadets were directed to the Magis canteen for breakfast. At 1300 hrs, CAPT took theory classes. The Parade concluded with singing our National Anthem and the NCC Song on the College Grounds.

## Parade 3

On August 23, 2024, 37 (18 SDs & 19 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the third parade for 2024-25. All cadets sported A1 uniforms, and the probies were in tracksuits and sports shoes. The parade commenced at 0700 hrs on the ground, and significant physical and drill training was done with SLR rifles under the guidance and supervision of the PI staff. The drill included six words of command and Flat Foot march. Theory classes by ANO Capt Akshay D Mandlik took place for all three years, and advanced drill and physical training also took place gradually. At 1030 hrs, all cadets were directed to the Magis canteen for breakfast. Following tradition, the Martyrs' table was set up and served first. Eventually, a fall-in for Visarjan was conducted.

## Parade 4

On September 12, 2024, 37 (18 SDs & 19 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the fourth parade for 2024-25. All cadets sported A1 uniforms, and the probies were in tracksuits and sports shoes. The parade commenced at 0830 hrs on the ground, and significant physical and drill training was done with SLR rifles under the guidance and supervision of the PI staff. The drill included six words of command and Flat Foot march. Theory classes by ANO Capt Akshay D Mandlik



took place for all three years, and advanced drill and physical training also took place gradually. At 1030 hrs, all cadets were directed to the Magis canteen for breakfast. Following tradition, the Martyrs' table was set up and served first. Eventually, a fall-in for Visarjan was conducted.

## National Sports Day

On August 29, 2024, 15 cadets (9 SDs and 6 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP – 3 were present on the occasion of National Sports Day. The cadets collaborated with the Sports Department of St. Joseph's University. The day began at 07:00 am where the cadets actively ran alongside the sports teams

showcasing the importance of all sports. First years, second years and third years were present on the day to highlight the importance of sports and physical activities for overall health.

## National Space Day

On August 23, 2024, 37(21 SDs & 16 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B were present for the third parade of the year. The First years reported in tracksuit and sport shoes. The Second Years and Third Years reported in A1 uniform. The National Space Day is celebrated on the same day as the 'Vikram' landed on the surface of the moon with the theme 'Touching lives while touching the moon' to commemorate its successful landing. This occasion was acknowledged by our cadet's spreading awareness about National Space Day to the students of St. Joseph's University.



## Kargil Vijay Diwas

On July 26, 2024, 20 cadets (10 SDs & 10 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B took part in the wreath-laying ceremony on Kargil Vijay Diwas at the National War Memorial Park. The event started with a 3.5 km run where the cadets ran from St Joseph's University at 0600 hrs to the National War Memorial and reached the memorial by 0700 hrs; the dress code was NCC tracks and jacket. The dress code for cadets not participating in the run was A1 uniform. The wreath-laying ceremony started at 0720 hrs and continued till 0820 hrs. Wing Commander P R Ponnappa, Lt Anshu Trivedi, Co Lt General Amar R., Wing Commander Tanishka Srinivas, Sqn Leader Dr Paul Newman, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ were all present for this prestigious ceremony. Cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B and 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC participated in the wreath-laying ceremony. The ceremony ended at 0830 hrs, and all the cadets returned to their respective colleges.

## Independence Day

On August 15, 2024, 37 cadets (21SDs & 16 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the Independence Day parade for the year 2024-25. All cadets sported A1 uniforms while the probies donned formals which included a white shirt and black pants along with formal shoes. The flag hoisting commenced at 0800 hrs in the ground. The event began with the pilots escorting the national flag and later escorting the dignitaries. The Honorable Vice chancellor was given guard of honor by cadets and then hoisted the national flag followed by the national anthem. The newly selected appointees were then given their new ranks by CAPT Akshay D Mandlik and SQN LDR Paul Newman in the pipping ceremony which took place.

The event concluded with a speech by the Vice Chancellor. All the parents and dignitaries were guided to the Magis canteen for breakfast. Post breakfast, the second and third-year cadets assembled at the Hostel Block with rifles to give their Drill Square Test (DST) in the presence of the ANO, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, followed by a lecturette by all the cadets and probies. The cadets of all three years along with the ANO then went to the basketball court for a match. At 1750 hrs the flag was De-hoisted. The day ended with all the cadets doing josh pushups as the event ended successfully.

## Har Ghar Thiranga

On August 16, 2024, 38 Cadets (22SDs & 16 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B on the account of 78th Independence Day parade for the year 2024-25, all cadets in A1 uniform and first years in black tracks captured an image of themselves holding the National flag with them for Har Ghar Tiranga activity from the Ministry of Culture of the Government of India. The activity commenced from 1300 hrs with the involvement of cadets. All the cadets uploaded their picture with the national flag on the website and were congratulated with a certificate. The activity concluded with everyone who volunteered receiving a certificate of appreciation and the event was a great success with their coordination.

## General Election Duty

On April 20, 2024, 10 SDs from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 attended a seminar for volunteers educating the cadets on the protocols for election duty at the Ambedkar Bhavan. The cadets were present in A1 Uniform. 6 First-year cadets and four second-year cadets attended the meeting from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3. The meeting commenced at 1030 hrs and continued till 1400 hrs. During the seminar, the cadets were informed about the election duties. The cadets were taught online registration and given their volunteer cards. A classical song in Kannada was sung to inaugurate the event, after which the PI staff shared information regarding the cadet's election responsibilities. Cadets from different units were also present in the auditorium. The cadets were given a pen and a notepad to write down important points. Making an effort to carry out the election process fluidly, the cadets were made aware of the formal behavior to be maintained during volunteering duties. Lunch was provided to all present at the event, which soon led to the seminar being dismissed.

## College Day

On May 14, 2024, 20 cadets (6 SWs and 14 SDs) were present, of which 11 Cadets (4 SWs and 7 SDs) were from Second Year and 9 Cadets ( 2 SWs and 7 SDs) from Third Years for the occasion of College Day. The event commenced at 1430 hrs in the University Auditorium. All the awardees from NSS, NCC, the Sports department, and various other departments were seated in the auditorium. The faculty of the college, as well as the parents of the awardees, filled the rest of the auditorium. The event commenced with the University Anthem, followed by a speech from Vice- Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ. The guest

of honor, Mr Subhakar Rao Surapaneni, the CEO and Chairman of Champions Group, honored the retired faculty of St. Joseph's University and spoke a few words of inspiration before the commencement of awards distribution. 11 Second year cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 received awards for their remarkable achievements and set an inspiration for the juniors. 9 Third-year cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 received awards for their various achievements during their tenure as a cadet. The Vice Chancellor felicitated the awards. Achievements spanned across Republic Day Camp 2023, SSB Super 30 Camp, Special National Integration Camp, Army Attachment Camps (CMP and MEG & Centre), and Inter-Group Competitions of RDC and AITSC. Parents and guardians of the awardees shared moments of content and appreciation with the ANO in the end.

## **CO Visit**

On May 13, 2024, 21 (8 SWs & 14 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 attended the visit of The Commanding Officer of the unit, Col. Amar Rugge at St. Joseph University. The event commenced with the arrival of the PI staff, JCO Sub Narendra Pratap Singh, NCO Dfr Satyavir Singh and Dfr Nagaraja Moorthy and ANO of MES College Capt Arun Kumar. The class took place in the Auditorium Block's Aloysius Hall at 0900 hrs. ANO Capt Akshay D Mandlik conducted a class on personality development and life skills, engaging the cadets in the various skills required in life and teaching them how to develop their personalities for the better by becoming self-aware. ANO of MES College Capt took another class. Arun Kumar is on the topic of disaster management. He explained the various kinds of disasters and protocols that are taken to protect the citizens from natural and artificial disasters. NCO Dfr Nagaraja Moorthy took a short session on weapon training and explained the parts and structure of a .22 rifle. The Guard of Honor was inspected in front of the Admin Block of St. Joseph's University. The event concluded at 1100 hrs, and the commanding officer shared his admiration for the sound execution of the event.

## **CMP Passing Out Parade**

On June 01, 2024, 09 cadets (4 SDs & 5 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B witnessed the passing out parade of CMP (Corps of Military Police), CMP Brass Band at the CMP Centre & School, Neelasandra, Bengaluru - 560047. The ceremony began at 0800 hrs and commenced at 1000 hrs. All cadets were present in their A1 uniforms. The event began with a brief introduction about the day's order by the emcee. Then, the gates opened to the passing out officers. Four contingents of Agniveer corps marched along with the CMP Brass Band. Awards such as 'Overall Best in Drill', 'Best Performer in Academics', 'Best Performance in Physicals', 'Overall Excellence Award' among four others were distributed by the Commandant Officer. Family members of the corps, new Agniveer recruits and CMP officers were among the audience as well. Towards the end, the cadets had a rare opportunity to interact with the Commandant Officer. This was a good exposure to the cadets among a myriad of more defense-oriented traditions.

## **ARMD Selections**

On July 11, 2024, 27 (14 SD & 13 SW) Cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 organized the first selection round from 1000 hrs. Commanding officer LT COL Amar R, ANO CAPT Akshay D Mandlik, and JCO Subedar Narendra Pratap Singh were all present for the selections. All the aspirants had a fall in the hostel block at 1000 hrs. The dress code for the aspirants was tracked with a t-shirt and sports shoes; female aspirants were instructed to wear an upper. The aspirants did some stretching and warm-up. The selection began with the female candidates' 400 m run, followed by an 800 m run for male candidates. After the run, all the candidates were provided refreshments, and the male candidates did the second part of their selection, which were 30 pushups and sit-ups each. After the physical selection, all the candidates had a medical test to check whether they were fit to join NCC. An interview was conducted with all the aspirants individually after the medical checkup by CO LT COL Amar R. The interview lasted till 1600 hrs. After this, all the cadets were dispersed.

## **ARMD Orientation**

On July 10, 2024, 24 (14SDs & 10SWs) 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 organized the ARMD orientation at 1250 hrs, in Loyola Hall of St. Joseph's University's auditorium. The session provided a detailed briefing on the history, benefits, and achievements of ARMD. A video was shown to highlight the key aspects of the ARMD visually. ANO capt Akshay D Mandlik elaborated on the 1 KAR ARMD SQN, offering additional insights and information. A doubt session with him followed this to clarify the aspirants' queries regarding the selections. The event concluded with formal acknowledgments and expressions, as well as a vote of thanks. The orientation successfully enhanced the aspirants' understanding of ARMD and the significance of further enrolling for its selections.

## **Annual Inspection**

On May 16, 2024, 15 cadets (5 SWs & 10 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B visited MES College of Arts, Commerce and Science for the 1 KAR ARMD SQN Annual Inspection by the GC of Bangalore B group, Col M S Prakash, along with the Commanding officer of 1 KAR ARMD SQN, Col. Amar Rugge. The event commenced at 1130 hrs. The ANO of St. Joseph's University, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, emphasized the objectives of NCC and NCO Dfr Nagaraja Moorthy took a short session on weapon training and explained the parts and structure of a .22 rifle. The Group commander had an interactive session with the cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC and inspected the documents of MES College. The Annual Inspection concluded by the Group Commander's Appraisal for the smooth flow of the event, followed by the NCC Song and the National Anthem. The event successfully ended by 1330 hrs.

# NSS Cell

## National Service Scheme

### Officer Training Workshop

The Training Workshop for NSS Officers and Staff, held on August 31, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the De Nobili Hall, focused on building leadership and operational skills within the National Service Scheme (NSS). 450 attendees participated in three sessions. The workshop began with the session 'Empowering Change - History, Objectives, and Leadership Role of NSS Officers'. The session provided a detailed overview of the mission, vision and evolution of NSS. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, addressed future NSS plans, emphasizing expanding outreach through slum adoption and sustained community service. The second session, 'Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation of NSS Activities', trained participants to develop effective action plans aligned with community needs and NSS objectives. The importance of post-project evaluation to measure activity effectiveness and improve future initiatives was stressed. In the final session, 'Mastering NSS Management - Budgeting, Accounting, Documentation, Special Camping Programmes, and Awards', officers were trained in financial management with a focus on transparency and accuracy. Essentials of clear documentation including financial records, attendance, and project reports were covered. Special camping programmes were highlighted as vital components of NSS. The workshop empowered participants with the skills to lead effectively, manage resources efficiently, and ensure successful NSS programs.



### NSS Programme Officers Meeting

The Officer Meeting on August 15, 2024 held at the University Ground from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, reviewed the NSS activities for the academic year 2023-2024 and planned for the academic year 2024-2025. 16 participants shared insights on NSS activities. The agenda included presentations, reports, and strategic planning for enhanced community engagement and

volunteerism. The meeting began with a prayer led by the Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized unity, service, and dedication and called for the guidance and success of the NSS officers and volunteers. The NSS Coordinator welcomed the gathering, followed by each NSS unit officer presenting their reports. They highlighted events organized and attended (state and national), achievements and challenges and improvements in 2023-2024. The Programme Coordinator delivered a detailed report summarizing activities and unit performance for 2023-2024. Plans for 2024-2025 included goals, strategic initiatives, and a stock report for Units 1, 3 and 4. Enrolment statistics were also presented for 2024-2025. The Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting by commending the NSS officers and volunteers for their efforts, encouraging them to maintain high standards



of community service. The meeting ended with a commitment from all attendees to achieve the goals set for the new academic year.

### NSS Inauguration 2024

The NSS Inauguration Ceremony 2024 commenced on August 15, 2024 at 11:00 am in the UG Quadrangle with 450 participants. The event began with the Chief Guest's address, where Capt. Sanghamita Boreddy spoke on the vital responsibilities of nation-building, emphasizing the role of young volunteers in contributing to social development, leadership, and community service. The Presiding Guest, Dr Melwin Colaco, delivered a speech on the importance of character formation, academic excellence, and social concern. He stressed that NSS is not only about community work but also about cultivating moral values, empathy, and personal growth. The event proceeded with the Programme Coordinator, Mr Selwyn Paul J, administering the NSS Oath to all the members of the Executive Council representing the five NSS units. Following the oath, all the officers pinned the NSS badges on the Executive Council members, symbolizing their formal induction into leadership roles and responsibilities within the NSS. The event concluded with an engaging cultural performance, celebrating the spirit of

service and teamwork that NSS promotes. This inauguration set a strong foundation for the activities ahead, inspiring students to contribute to both their personal development and the welfare of society.

## Leadership Workshop Series -1

The leadership workshop of the National Service Scheme (NSS) held for executive council members on August 10, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, focused on understanding key roles, effective documentation, community engagement, and the importance of volunteerism. 50 participants gathered at De Nobili Hall in the University's Auditorium Block for the presentations. The workshop began by emphasizing the various key roles and positions within an NSS unit, detailing duties including leadership, coordination, financial management, and maintaining records for transparency and accountability. The role of Special Camps in NSS was highlighted as an essential platform for rural development, which focuses on projects like environmental conservation, health, hygiene, and education. Similarly, the Annual Rural Camps were discussed, underscoring their role in providing hands-on experiences for volunteers in rural settings. These camps focus on addressing issues such as infrastructure, water conservation, and education, helping both the community and volunteers. Volunteerism was framed as the foundation of NSS, promoting the philosophy of "Not Me, But You." The workshop stressed the importance of personal

motivation, leadership through service, and fostering a sense of social responsibility. The workshop equipped participants with leadership skills, project management techniques, and an understanding of their roles in contributing to social change.

## Independence Day 2024

The Independence Day celebrations 2024 commenced on the University's Ground on August 15, 2024, after the flag hoisting. A warm welcome was extended to the 450 attendees by the NSS Coordinator and Unit Officers, who greeted the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor upon their arrival. The event focused on the significance of national pride and the role citizens play in safeguarding freedom and justice. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized the responsibilities of citizens, urging everyone to be vigilant and proactive when atrocities occur around them. He stressed that active participation in community welfare and standing against injustice are vital in upholding the values of a free society. A special moment during the event was the recognition of an NSS volunteer, Mr Dravid, who was honoured by the Vice-Chancellor for his outstanding contribution and participation in the State Republic Day Parade. The recognition not only celebrated his achievement but also highlighted the spirit of service and dedication that NSS fosters among young volunteers. The event concluded with a sense of pride and responsibility, inspiring everyone to contribute actively to the nation's progress and welfare.



# Unit 2

## National Service Scheme

### Orientation

On August 28, 2024, NSS Unit 2 organised the Orientation Day program aimed at introducing new members to the National Service Scheme (NSS) and reaffirming the commitment of existing volunteers. The event began with a warm welcome by the emcee, followed by an inaugural song that set a positive tone. Participants then collectively took the NSS pledge. The Program Officer and Assistant Program Officer addressed the gathering, offering insights on the role and impact of NSS. Their speech was followed by a detailed presentation covering the NSS activities, credit system, rural camps, and opportunities available to volunteers. An interactive Q&A session allowed attendees to ask questions and gain clarity about the program. An experienced NSS camper shared their inspiring journey. A short video was played, showcasing highlights from the previous camp, and feedback was collected from the audience to enhance future events. The program concluded with cultural performances by the NSS volunteers and a vote of thanks, acknowledging everyone who contributed to the event's success.

### Nightingale Medical Trust - Job Fair

The Nightingale Medical Trust, in association with Vayah Vikas and St. Joseph's University, organized a job fair for unemployed senior citizens on August 20, 2024 at St. Joseph's University. Ten volunteers, including one council member, participated in the event. Volunteers from various NSS units gathered at the Arrupe Atrium, where all the arrangements were made, and they were given instructions before taking their designated positions. Volunteers were assigned various tasks, including manning the registration desks, assisting senior citizens at HR counseling booths in the New Block, and serving refreshments in the waiting area. Others guided attendees around the venue. A feedback booth was set up to address any issues and gather suggestions for improvement. Around 900 senior citizens attended the event, which provided job opportunities for those aged 55-70 who were physically fit, with preference given to non-pensioners. Over 35 companies offered jobs such as tele-calling, reception, consulting, administration, and supervisory roles. The event also included lunch for all participants. The job fair was a success, offering senior citizens the opportunity to secure employment and achieve financial stability. Volunteers ensured the smooth departure of all attendees, marking the event's conclusion. This fair helped senior citizens secure jobs promoting their financial independence.

### Independence Day

The Independence Day celebration took place on August 15, 2024 at the University grounds, where NSS volunteers and NCC cadets participated actively. The event began with volunteers assembling at the UG quadrangle and then moving to the University grounds alongside the NCC cadets. The Protocol Officer took charge of

the National Flag and provided instructions to proceed. The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor inspected the NCC and NSS squads, marking the formal commencement of the ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor hoisted the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem, National Salute, and the administration of the National Pledge. University officials greeted the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, and the pipping ceremony of NCC cadets commenced, conferring ranks to the deserving cadets of the Karnataka Armoured and Air Squadrons. The Vice-Chancellor delivered messages emphasizing the importance of transforming India from a developing to a developed nation. The celebration concluded with a photograph session involving all participants. Sweets were distributed, and a select group of NCC cadets and NSS volunteers were assigned special duty to guard the National Flag throughout the day, ensuring its respectful lowering in the evening.



### Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The Inauguration and Investiture ceremony of the National Service Scheme (NSS) at St. Joseph's University took place at 11:00 am on August 15, 2024. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Capt. Sanghamita Boreddy, Retired SHRM-SCP, with Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar of St. Joseph's University, presiding over the occasion. NSS Program Coordinator, Mr Selwyn Paul J, along with NSS Program Officers with faculty members of each NSS unit - Mr. Samuel (Unit-1), Mr Ebenezer (Unit-2), Dr Magesh (Unit-3), Dr Gurudatta (Unit-4), and Mr Mahesh D K (Unit-5), were present at the function. The program commenced with a welcome address, followed by a graceful invocation dance and the NSS anthem. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp symbolized the beginning of the event, after which the profile of the chief guest was read. Capt. Sanghamita Boreddy delivered an inspiring address focusing on leadership, service, and teamwork. The presidential remarks were given by Dr Melwin Colaco, emphasizing the importance of NSS in shaping socially responsible students. Mr Selwyn Paul J then addressed the gathering, and the investiture ceremony followed, where the new NSS office bearers were formally inducted. The event concluded with a cultural dance performance and a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all involved. The investiture ceremony successfully inducted new NSS office bearers, strengthening team spirit and collaboration within the organisation.

# Unit 3

## National Service Scheme

### Orientation Assistance

St Joseph's University held an Orientation Programme for students and their parents. The programme was conducted for four days, from July 02 to 05, 2024. The orientation program was conducted for both UG and PG students. The PG orientation took place on July 05, 2024. Many volunteers of the National Service Scheme of our University assisted for the smooth functioning of the program. The events were conducted from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers were assigned with different tasks and roles. Volunteers assisted fresher students in finding their respective allotted classes, assisting parents in directions and registrations. Help desks were also set up to assist parents and students understand the flow of events. Volunteers also helped the organizing committee during the event in the auditorium. Volunteers also played a major role organizing and setting up refreshments and lunch arrangements.



### Blood Donation Camp

On July 25, St. Joseph's University hosted a blood donation camp, organized by the university's health committee in collaboration with a local blood bank. The event, aimed at contributing to the city's blood supply and raising awareness about the importance of blood donation. The event saw active participation from students, faculty, and staff. The camp, held from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, was efficiently organized with separate areas for registration, medical check-ups, donation, and post-donation rest, ensuring a smooth process.

Medical professionals conducted health screenings for all donors to ensure their eligibility and safety. NSS volunteers played a key role in managing the event. By the end of the camp, multiple units of blood had been collected, with each donor receiving a certificate and refreshments as a token of appreciation. The event was praised for fostering a culture of giving, and the university plans to make this a regular initiative to encourage further participation in lifesaving causes.

### Orientation

On August 24, 2024, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, at the Main

Auditorium an orientation for NSS Unit 3 and Unit 4 was held. The event commenced with the recitation of the NSS oath and the singing of the NSS anthem, setting a formal and inspiring tone for the morning. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp, a ceremonial act performed by the program officers and coordinators from both units, marking the official start of the orientation. The program featured a cultural dance performance that added a lively and engaging element to the event. Following this, the presidents of NSS Unit 3 and Unit 4 delivered a detailed presentation and showcased a documentary on NSS. They provided a comprehensive overview of the scheme, outlining its objectives, values, and the various activities it encompasses. This segment was crucial in helping new members understand the significance of their roles and the impact of their contributions. The orientation continued with a badging ceremony where new members were presented with their NSS badges, signifying their formal induction into the units. This moment underscored their commitment to the principles of NSS. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all those involved in organising and participating in the orientation. Overall, the



program effectively introduced new members to NSS, combining formal ceremonies, cultural elements, and informative sessions to ensure a memorable and impactful experience.

### Women's Safety Awareness Programme

On August 26, a Women's Safety Awareness program was held at Freedom Park, organised by St Joseph's University. The event began at 4:30 pm with an address by moderators Manasa and Gayatri, followed by a speech by the Vice-Chancellor, who highlighted the importance of student involvement in societal causes. The program featured a series of performances and speeches aimed at raising awareness about key social issues. A vibrant dance performance by Devi, Gauri, and Manasa captured the audience's attention, followed by a speech from student Charan Gowda. NSS Unit 5 then staged a thought-provoking

play, and the Women's Movement Association (WMA) gave a performance emphasising women's safety. Ms Brinda Adige, an advocate for human rights, delivered a powerful speech that resonated deeply with the attendees. Further performances included a cultural act by Kritika, Anjali, and Nivedita, and slam poetry by Gowri Krishna, which shed light on gender equality and justice. The event concluded with a candlelight vigil alongside a performance by Kalah, symbolising hope and solidarity. The program wrapped up by 6:00 pm, leaving the participants with a renewed sense of responsibility towards community service and social justice.

## The Unsung Heroes

On August 31, 2024, NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, organised an event titled 'Unsung Heroes' in the auditorium basement, honouring often-overlooked members of society such as security guards, cleaners, and auto drivers. The event, held from 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm with 50 participants, began with an icebreaker session led by Yashwini and Suhas, followed by an introduction to the event's objectives. Participants were divided into six groups to craft personalised thank-you cards for these unsung heroes. Once completed, volunteers hand-delivered the cards around the campus, offering heartfelt appreciation to the recipients, who were visibly touched by the gesture. The event was efficiently organised, with the core



committee handling refreshments and hospitality. After the distribution of cards, the group reconvened for refreshments and a group photograph. The event successfully fostered a spirit of gratitude and respect, highlighting the importance of appreciating individuals whose contributions often go unnoticed within the university community.

## Wayanad Relief

From August 6 to 10, 2024, the National Service Scheme in collaboration with the Social Work Department and AICUF, organized a donation drive to support flood affected Wayanad. Students, particularly those from the National Service Scheme (NSS), actively participated in this effort. A group of 10 volunteers from NSS Unit 3 managed donation boxes placed at strategic locations across the university, including the New Block, Aruppe Block, Magis Block, and PG Block, ensuring easy access for contributors. NSS Units 2, 3, and 4 oversaw the

collection points during specific time slots from 8:30 am to 11:30 am each day, assisting donors and ensuring proper handling of donations. The collected items, which included blankets and essential cooking ingredients like milk and chilli powder, were chosen to meet the immediate needs of the affected families in Wayanad. At the end of the drive, all donations were packed and dispatched to the flood-affected region, providing much-needed relief. The initiative showcased the strong sense of community,

generosity, and collaboration within St. Joseph's University, with the Social Work Department, AICUF, and NSS units working together to ensure the drive's success and the timely delivery of aid.



# Unit 4

## National Service Scheme

### Blood Donation Camp

On July 25, 2024, the alumni of St Joseph's University collaborated with St Martha's Hospital to conduct a medical camp for St Joseph's University staff and a blood donation camp open to all. The event required NSS volunteers to set up the necessary resources for the drive and provide support for the medical staff. The blood donation drive, which commenced at 11:00 am and concluded at 5:00 pm in Faber Hall, saw an enthusiastic response from the university community. Many staff members also utilised the opportunity for a comprehensive health check-up. The event fostered a strong sense of community, with participants contributing to a noble cause. The organisers expressed their gratitude for the support, emphasising the positive impact such initiatives have on both personal health and broader social welfare.

### Wayanad Donation Drive

St Joseph's University organised a donation drive from August 6 to 10, 2024, to support the people of Wayanad affected by the floods. Donations were accepted at three main campus locations - Arrupe Block, the Admin Block, and the Science Block - from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. The National Service Scheme, in collaboration with AICUF, organised the drive and stationed 25 dedicated volunteers across campus. Volunteers accepted donations only in kind and actively encouraged all campus members to participate for this meaningful cause. All donations collected were sent to Wayanad, reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to its motto of social consciousness.

### Sadbhavana Diwas

NSS Unit 4 celebrated Sadbhavana Diwas, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, on August 20, 2024. The event was organised by Dr Gurudatta, Programme Officer for Unit 4. Held in the Auditorium Basement, the event actively involved 111 NSS volunteers and faculty from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The occasion began with a reading of the Preamble, after which the Program Officer addressed the gathering and introduced the chief guest. Following this, Mr Manas Kumar, member of Unit 4, gave a presentation explaining the significance of Sadbhavana Diwas. Volunteers participated in an essay writing activity on the theme 'Unity in Diversity: Embracing Our Differences.' The event concluded with volunteers taking a pledge on harmony. The event instilled in volunteers the values of national unity, peace, empathy, and communal harmony, which was reflected in the thoughts and insights expressed through their essays.

### Job Fair for Senior Citizens

On August 25, 2024, the National Service Scheme (NSS) at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, partnered with the Nightingales Medical Trust to host a job fair tailored for elderly citizens.

Held on the university campus, the event featured 15 dedicated NSS volunteers who organised the fair to ensure a smooth experience for attendees. Volunteers began registrations at 8:00 am, efficiently guiding job seekers through the process and coordinating their interactions with several prospective employers. Additionally, volunteers led a series of workshops on interview strategies, resume writing, and career skills designed to empower the seniors. Through their skills and enthusiasm, the NSS team at St Joseph's University made a meaningful difference, creating valuable opportunities for senior citizens.

### Catch the Rain

Unit 4 of the National Service Scheme at St Joseph's University organised an event titled 'Catch the Rain' on August 30, 2024, to raise awareness about the importance of rain water harvesting. The event was conducted in Aloysius Hall at 4:30 pm with 35 students and faculty members in attendance. The programme commenced with the NSS song and a reading of the Preamble. Dr Bhanu Prakash, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, delivered an insightful speech about water conservation. The address was followed by an ice-breaking session, after which volunteers formed teams to create and present posters on the subject. The event successfully highlighted the need for rainwater harvesting as a crucial step towards mitigating global warming and promoting water conservation in response to the recent severe water crisis in Bangalore.

### International Literacy Day Celebrations

On September 11, 2024, Unit 4 of the NSS at St Joseph's University celebrated International Literacy Day with an event themed 'Every Word Counts'. Attendees gathered in Faber Hall at 4:30 pm for an inspiring programme led by Event Head Swetha R alongside Teachers in-charge Mr Rajul K, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. The guest speaker Mr Nigel George, Assistant Professor, Department of English, delivered an impactful talk on literacy and rural education, drawing from his extensive research on English language education in rural areas. The event concluded on a high note, successfully highlighting the significance of literacy, its barriers, and steps towards a more literate society.



# Unit 5

## National Service Scheme

### Annual Camp

NSS Annual Rural Camp(2023-2024) to Nagasandra Tumkuru was held from April 27 to May 3, 2024 led by Mr Mahesh D K(programme officer NSS unit-05) for Unit 5. 23 student volunteers were in attendance. On the first day of the camp, students left the University campus for Nagasandra. The inauguration was held at 1:00 pm and teams were assigned tasks. Cultural performances were held in the evening and evaluation took place at night. Students followed a regular routine of morning exercises and helped clean the village from the next day. An Awareness campaign was conducted in the afternoon, with the daily cultural events in the evening. Other activities the students volunteered for throughout the week included-

A discussion about local animal care from a veterinarian, survey of villagers about local issues, faculty members led discussions on village issues, cleaning of a nearby village, painting an abandoned temple, and an organized sports event for local children. Campfire in the evening.

On the final day, a valedictory was conducted in the morning, and the team left Nagasandra.



### Silent Protest Against Sexual Violence

Rev Fr Francis Pinto SJ, Shift III director, along with NSS program officer, Mr Mahesha DK, and the team, organised a silent protest against sexual violence, the rising number of rape cases in India, with particular emphasis on the brutal Kolkata rape case. The program was hosted, with Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, the Vice Chancellor, attending alongside all university professors, non-teaching staff, and shift III students. Students across the university participated by holding placards. The students performed impactful enactments to raise awareness, highlighting the mistreatment of women and drawing attention to the cruel mentality of rapists and harassers. The event concluded with a candlelight vigil, led by the dignitaries and joined by the

students, as a symbolic stand against sexual harassment and to advocate for women's safety and justice in society.

### National Sadbhavana Diwas

NSS Unit 5 led by Mr Mahesh DK on August 20, 2024, honoured India's former prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on his birthday anniversary with the National Sadbhavana Diwas in the Arrupe atrium. Eminent speaker, Mr Sathish Honnanagar, delivered his speech reflecting on Mr Rajiv Gandhi's contribution and his sacrifices. NSS volunteers reaffirmed their commitment to



service and social responsibility through a pledge. The ceremony served as a reminder of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's vision for India and a call to action for the youth to actively contribute to the nation's ongoing journey towards progress and development.

### Nightingales Medical Trust - Job Fair

Nightingales Job Fair event 2024 was organized by the Nightingales Medical Trust at St. Joseph's University on August 25, 2024, with volunteers from the NSS participating. The event aimed to provide an avenue for senior citizens to find suitable jobs. Nightingales Medical Trust conducts an annual job fair to connect employers with senior job seekers. Through the Nightingales Job 60+ initiative, thousands of retired individuals in Bangalore have been provided employment opportunities. The trust highlights a major demographic issue in India: the aging population and its wide-ranging economic and societal



implications. In India, only 10 percent of retired employees receive a pension from the government, while the remaining 90 percent are forced to rely on their savings. Many elders post-retirement depend on their children or other family members for financial support. This trust helps such elderly individuals by providing them with job opportunities.

## Donation Drive

On August 20, 2024, the volunteers of NSS Unit-5 organized a visit to Sneha Nilaya Orphanage. Under the leadership of Mr Mahesh DK, the event was a collective effort involving all the volunteers and faculty members who actively participated. The objective of the visit was to make the lives of its residents better and provide support by donating essential groceries to the orphanage. The volunteers brought various necessary items and engaged in meaningful interaction with the residents to understand their needs. After spending quality time with the children and staff at Sneha Nilaya, the volunteers handed over the donated items and returned to the university campus.

## Catch The Rain

Volunteers from Unit 5 of NSS organised a water conservation event named 'Catch the Rain' at the Arrupe Atrium on August 30, 2024. The event focused on raising awareness about the water crisis, especially in the Bengaluru region. Through a skit, the volunteers highlighted the severity of water scarcity and the urgent need to conserve this precious resource. The skit aimed to educate the university students about water-related issues such as depletion of water resources, overconsumption, and pollution. The volunteers provided practical tips for conserving water, including fixing leaks, reducing daily water usage, and rainwater harvesting. The event ended with a call for action, urging students to take responsibility for water conservation in their everyday lives.

## Women's Safety, Security, & Rights Awareness Campaign

The Women's Safety, Security & Rights Awareness Campaign was organized by all students of St. Joseph's University, regardless of association, language, or state. The campaign was held at Freedom Park on August 26, 2024 and was attended by the Public Relations Office(PRO), the Governor of the Student Council, the Registrar, and the Vice-Chancellor. The protest was aimed at raising awareness about the need to control rape cases in the country, with a special focus on the Kolkata rape case. The main theme of the event was 'Together we make a difference in demand, dignity, respect, and protection that every woman deserves'. All students were asked to come dressed in black attire. Placards with messages supporting the cause were held by students. An address, and various programmes, were performed to raise awareness. The Vice-Chancellor also addressed the students, followed by a candlelight vigil. After the event, everybody returned to the university campus.



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# Mrityunjaya

## Kristu Jayanti College

The team participated in Nrityanjali organised by Kristu Jayanti college on April 20, 2024, where the team competed against six talented teams. With a compelling choreography and precise execution, team Mrityunjaya captivated the judges and secured a commendable second place, setting a high standard for the events to follow. In addition to the group performance, team members Namitha and Royston shined in the solo categories. Namitha delivered an outstanding classical solo performance and secured a second place, while Royston impressed the audience with his Indian solo, also earning a well-deserved second place.

## Ramaiah Institute of Technology

The team's momentum continued at Udbhav organised by Ramaiah institute of technology on April 30, 2024. The team competed against eight teams and delivered a performance that stood out for its creativity and finesse. The hard work and preparation paid off as the team won the first place trophy, marking a significant achievement and showcasing a superior skill.

## Niite Meenakshi Institute of Technology

On May 3, 2024 team Mrityunjaya took the stage at NMIT, facing a diverse group of ten teams. The dynamic performance and strong stage presence earned a well-deserved third place,

reflecting consistent quality and competitive spirit.

## Vemana Institute of Technology

The success story of the team continued at the Vemanthsav organised by Vemana institute of technology on May 4. Competing with six other teams, the team once again delivered an impressive performance that earned the second-place position. This achievement underscored the team's ability to maintain high standards and perform consistently well across various platforms, including solo and duet categories. A heartfelt tribute to our educators was also delivered. This solo act was especially meaningful, as it allowed to showcase gratitude and creativity through one performer while honoring those who guided the team.

## Auditions

The auditions for Team Mrityunjaya 2024-25 began on August 9, with over 200 registrants. The first round, held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, led to the selection of 51 candidates. On August 12, the selected candidates participated in a second round where they learned and performed a new choreography on the spot. This round tested their ability to quickly adapt and perform under pressure. After reviewing the performances, 23 individuals were chosen to join Team Mrityunjaya for the upcoming year. This thorough process ensured the selection of top talent for the team.

## Personal Announcements

Congratulations to Mr. Tobin Varkey Simson from the Department of Chemistry on his marriage to Helen Vidhayathil Ignatius on August 17, 2024.



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