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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

I deeply grieve with the people of Israel and Palestine. I mourn the lives lost and the suffering endured in both these countries. As global citizens, as human beings and as the community of St Joseph's, many of us have been feeling heavy while witnessing the trail of human misery and degradation in today's world, including our very own nation. As much as we are grateful for being alive, for the food on our plates, for the clothes on our backs, for the roof above our heads and for all the blessings that we enjoy but take for granted, how can we be joyful when our brothers and sisters around the world are in pain?

In moments like these, I am reminded of these words of a beautiful song, "Carry your candle, run through the darkness, seek out the helpless, confused and torn, hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle, and go light your world." As an institution, the candle that we carry is our education.

In the words of Malala Yousafzai, "With guns, you can kill terrorists but with education, you can kill terrorism". And that is the highest education, that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence. Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. Establishing lasting peace is the work of education. And peace is not only the absence of war for as long as there is poverty, racism, segregation and exclusion, we will hardly reach a world of peace.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.

– Galatians 6:2

To make a better world we must make a better self. Dear Josephites, empower yourselves with education and wisdom. Start from where you are with what you have. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders. Today's students are tomorrow's agents – of change, of harmony, of humanity. May you not lose your hope and joy but rather be a living candle of hope and joy to the world.

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

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Swagath

In the history of this university and our erstwhile college, the main grounds were utilized to host Swagath, our in-house event to welcome freshers. Theme of the event was 'Rock in Retro'. The event kicked off with the Josephite choir, followed by performances from the university's associations: Fashion Team, Mrityunjaya, Kalah, MIMA, and J-Street. The personality event, Mr and Ms Swagath, started at 5:30 pm with judges Prem Sagar and Arun, and results were announced before the musical evening. The musical evening, hosted by the university's band 4th Riff, concluded Swagath 2023 at 7:30 pm. Additionally, the student council organized two events for the freshers during Swagath week: Open Stage and Personality for which the first and second places went to Mrudula R, Sania Maria, Hudson, and Aishwarya Lakshitha respectively.

Prathibha

The university's grounds became a mainstay with Prathibha, our intracollegiate fest being held there on October 19, 2023. The fest witnessed a grand inauguration featuring award-winning director and producer Mr Jeevan Claud D'Souza and the Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, officially declaring the commencement of Prathibha 2023. The morning and afternoon sessions included a variety of competitions such as dance, music, writing, and creative challenges. The day ended with a valedictory ceremony where the Pro Vice Chancellors distributed prizes to the winners. The evening featured DJ Wars, Sound Check, and a musical evening with performances by bands like The 4th Riff and Vortex.

Visages

The Student Council organized 'VISAGES' from February 9-10, 2024, at the University campus. The event ran from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on both days. A significant turnout was observed, with 6,000 students participating.

The 'Fame Faces Fiesta' face painting event featured 13 participants from various colleges, with Melangell D'Souza (SJCC) winning and Kaushik Das (KJC) as runner-up. Judges Ms Archita Murthy and Ms Simmi evaluated the artwork based on originality, creativity, adherence to the Pop Fiction theme, and explanations provided. The event, lasting 90 minutes, encouraged participants to explore and reinterpret pop culture and fiction. The '256 Hertz V2' beatboxer battle, held in the main auditorium, was a great success with Navneeth Menon emerging as the winner and Bhuvan as the runner-up. Judges Benjamin Solomon, Rushabh Shah, and Mr Melvin evaluated the high-level competition, which featured participants with notable rankings in the beatbox community. Despite a delay caused by the late arrival of external judges, the event concluded on time, ensuring subsequent events were not excessively delayed.

'Indian Solo Singing - Aroha', conducted by the Indian Music Association - Kalah, took place on the second day in De Nobili Hall. The event, starting at 11:00 am, featured over 25 participants, including on-the-spot registrations. The competition focused on vocal skills, creativity, and rare song choices. Judges Mr Mahesh Gowda (internal) and Mr Samuel Rodrigues (external) evaluated the performances, with Anubha Gopinath (Jain Jayanagar) winning and Nithin Sajin Varghese (Kristu Jayanti College) as the runner-up. The photography competition 'Pop



Framed' held in the PG block AV room, showcased the creativity of student photographers. Based on the theme, participants submitted diverse entries, from portraits to landscapes. Judges Vinay BS and Vidisha Madonna D'souza evaluated the photos on composition, creativity, and adherence to the theme. Andrews from SJCC won first place, with Devaraj from Presidency as the runner-up. The 'Battle of Bands' event showcased electrifying musical talent, with Xstasy (KJC) winning and Backrooms (SJCC) as the runner-up. Judges Rajul and Jaseena Arif evaluated performances ranging from rock to fusion. The competition was fierce, yet camaraderie prevailed among the performers, united by their passion for music.

The 'Western Solo Singing' competition saw Saakshi Subha (KJC) winning and Rishit (Jain College) as the runner-up. Judges Nathaniel Rufus and Ashish evaluated performances that ranged from soul-stirring melodies to electrifying renditions.

The 'Beyond the Runway' fashion show, organized by the university fashion team, featured the theme of Pop Culture and took place on the main stage at the university ground from 3:10 pm to 4:40 pm. Ten teams participated, each given 6+1 minutes to showcase their creativity. After a mandatory outfit check to ensure compliance with the university dress code, the teams dazzled with their style and fierce attitude. Violations of rules led to immediate disqualification. Judges Ms Sonia Patwardhan (internal) and Ms Jaspreet Kaur (external) faced a tough decision due to the high level of competition. Kristu Jayanti College won first place, followed by Jyoti Nivas College as the runners-up.

The Stand-Up Comedy event showcased the comedic talents of university students. Starting promptly at 10:30 am, the event featured 8 participants, including those who registered on-site. Attendees were treated to an hour of laughter and entertainment as contestants delivered their 3-minute sets, followed by a round of spontaneous improvisation. Judges Harini Madhusudan and Dhun Dhruve, both esteemed figures in the comedy industry, meticulously evaluated performances across multiple criteria. In the end, Froilian Mark from Kristu Jayanthi College emerged as the deserving winner, with Shelin from SJCC securing the runner-up position. The event concluded on a high note, leaving participants and audience members alike with fond memories of the day's laughter-filled festivities.

The Indian Group Dance competition, organized by the Indian dance team of St Joseph's University, Team Mrityunjaya, took place on February 9, 2024, at the Main stage. Eleven teams, including winners Team Mudra, Dayananda Sagar University, and runners-up Team Ekyam, Jain CMS, participated. Despite a delayed start, the event was a success, with enthusiastic support from the audience and energetic performances. Teams were judged on coordination, choreography, and costume.

The Indian Solo Dance competition took place at the Aloysius Hall on the same day. Over 20 participants from various colleges showcased their talent in styles like Assamese, Manipuri, folk, and classical dances. The event was filled with energy and competitiveness, with participants supported by enthusiastic cheer squads. They were judged on style, choreography, and technicality. Gouri from Kristu Jayanthi College emerged as the winner, with Swetha, also from Kristu Jayanthi College, as the runner-up.

Indian Classical Solo Singing - Advaya, hosted by the Indian Music Association - Kalah, took place on February 10, 2024, in Loyola hall. The event featured 8 to 9 participants. Advaya focused on participants' classical music backgrounds, with emphasis on shruthi and taal in their singing, without additional points for instruments. Judges provided interactive feedback post-performance to encourage participants. Savanna from KJC emerged as the winner and Ananya from SJCC as the runner-up.

The Western Group Acoustic event also saw intense competition and remarkable performances. Despite a slight delay caused by concurrent events, the event proceeded smoothly. With the cooperation of participants and judges, including winner Intreble from Christ (Deemed-to-be University) and runners-up Kristu Jayanti College, the event concluded successfully.

The event 'Mad Adds' hosted by MIMA association featured a vibrant mix of creativity and competition. The winners, SJCC non contingent, and the runners-up, SJCC contingent, showcased their talents amidst a spirited atmosphere. Judges, including internal judge Alishia CA and external judge Anthony Rithvik, oversaw the event, while event heads Abhay and Cynthia ensured smooth organization. The competition, held on February 9, 2024, at the main stage, saw participation from over 7 teams representing various colleges.

Alongside, participants engaged in intense battles like Personality and Council Wars, where cultural supremacy was fiercely contested. The Mock Rock segment electrified the stage with spontaneous dance performances, while Air Crash challenged participants to think on their feet in simulated scenarios. Street plays brought serious issues to life with comedic flair, while Improv sessions turned chaos into comedy gold. The Short Film Making competition tested filmmakers' storytelling skills under pressure, while Rap Battles and Stand-Up Comedy showcased verbal wit and humor. From rap showdowns to comedic monologues, each event was a testament to the participants' versatility and talent.

Voter ID

The Voter ID Registration Drive, organized by the Student Committee for Democratic and Electoral Literacy (SCDEL) at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, ran from February 12-29, 2024. Conducted during lunch hours from 1:00 pm to 1:40 pm, the drive operated at two strategic locations: the Magis Block and the main entrance gate. Led by Dr Usha Priyadarshini S and the SCDEL team, the initiative aimed to empower students by facilitating voter registration. SCDEL members assisted students in completing necessary forms and navigating the voter helpline app, fostering understanding and participation in the electoral process. The drive not only facilitated registration for 76 students but also promoted civic responsibility and engagement within the university community.

SCDEL Pledge Signing

The SCDEL Pledge Signing Event, inspired by the Viksit Bharat Campaign 'Mera Pehla Vote- Desh ke liye', aimed to educate and raise awareness among voters, especially first-time voters, about their roles and responsibilities. Organized by the Student Committee for Democratic and Electoral Literacy (SCDEL), the event, spearheaded by event heads Deboshree Datta and Anagha Girish, commenced on March 21, 2024, and continued for a week. Under the guidance of Student Governor and Teacher Coordinator Dr Usha Priyadarshini S, members engaged with students across campus, discussing the significance of voting and encouraging them to sign the pledge.

SCDEL Quiz

The SCDEL, inspired by the Viksit Bharat Campaign 'Mera Pehla Vote- Desh ke liye', organized an intra-college quiz event titled 'Quiz-On India's Democracy'. Held on March 22, 2024, at 1:05 pm, the event was under the guidance of Dr Usha Priyadarshini S, Jazz Philips, Shwetha Rajesh, Omdeep Sinha, and Anna Spoorthi Teresa J. Fourteen students from various streams participated, testing their knowledge on democracy, Indian politics, Constitution, history, and current affairs. Organized into teams A, B, C, D, and E, the quiz comprised two rounds: Elimination and Final. Three teams - A, C, E, proceeded to the final round, with Team A emerging as the clear winner with 95 points. Teams C and E tied at 50 points each.



SHIFT III INTER-CLASS CULTURAL FEST

Tejas

Tejas, the Interclass Cultural Fest for Shift III, commenced on March 16, 2024 with an impressive launch event. The launch featured the unveiling of banners and trophies, accompanied by a vibrant food fest organised by the students. Throughout the week, a total of 30 diverse competitions were held, captivating the attention and participation of students

from 19 different classes. These competitions ranged from performing arts to literary endeavours, offering a platform for students to showcase their skills and talents. The fest culminated on March 23, 2024, with a grand finale and valedictory ceremony. Amidst an atmosphere brimming with excitement, last year's runners-up, II BBA C, emerged victorious, clinching the overall championship. The finale was graced by esteemed guests from the Kannada film fraternity, adding an extra layer of grandeur to the event. They not only joined in our celebrations but also unveiled the trailer of their upcoming film, 4n6.



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Start-up Mela 3.0: Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The third edition of Start-up Mela took place at St Joseph's University on October 26, 2023, organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell and the Public Relations Office. This year's event featured over 35 startups from various industries and included a carnival-themed atmosphere.

The inauguration was attended by Mr Krishna Kumar of KSDC, representing Mr Ashwin Gowda, IRS Managing Director of Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor of St Joseph's University.

A notable partnership was formed with the Government of India through Startup India and Y20,

promoting the startup culture and youth collaboration among G20 member countries. Other key partners included Draper Startup House, IFIA Bharat, Atal Incubation Centre Dayananda Sagar University, and E-Cell Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology.

The event attracted students from various Bangalore colleges, such as Christ University, MSRUIAS, CMS of JAIN University, and SMVIT. Investors like Mr Rishav Agarwal (Picxele), Mr Manish D'souza (Eagle Wings VC), Mr Rohit Bafna (888 VC), Mr Ayush Gupta (Waterbridge VC), Mr Akash Jha (Startup India MAARG), and Mr Vinay Ghodke (Ginserv) were also present.

Start-ups showcased innovations in AI, automotive, fintech, healthcare, agriculture, education, media, entertainment, and fashion. Mr D Kiran Jeevan, Public Relations Officer of St Joseph's University, praised the tech startups' use of AI.

Start-up Mela 3.0 concluded with participants inspired and motivated. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration and mentorship in building a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem. St Joseph's University remains dedicated to supporting future entrepreneurs.

Dr Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture: Bridging the Gap in Education

St Joseph's University hosted esteemed economist, educationist, and former Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Dr Sukhdeo Thorat who delivered the annual Dr (Fr) Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture. Dr Thorat's illustrious career and expertise in economics, education, and social justice made him the ideal speaker to honor Fr. Ambrose Pinto, a visionary leader advocating for quality education for the underprivileged, SC, and ST communities.

Dr Thorat's address focused on bridging the gap in quality education for marginalised students, echoing Fr Ambrose's vision of inclusive education. He highlighted systemic barriers perpetuating educational inequality, highlighting education's role in social mobility and dismantling discrimination. Throughout his discourse, Dr Thorat emphasised the transformative potential of education policies targeting marginalised communities. He paid tribute to Dr (Fr). Ambrose's visionary leadership in establishing educational institutions for marginalised youth.

The lecture drew over a thousand attendees, including students, faculty, policymakers, and community leaders, with Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ lending gravitas. Dr Thorat's impassioned plea for equity resonated, inspiring collective action for inclusive education. In commemorating Fr Ambrose Pinto's legacy, the lecture further underscored education's transformative power and the enduring pursuit of social justice. Attendees left with renewed commitment to Fr. Ambrose's vision of a more inclusive world.

Open Heart

Open Heart orchestrated by the Public Relations Office of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was a celebrity symposium and assembly of eminent speakers. With the aim to inspire the youth and pave the path for their future endeavors, Open Heart epitomises the motto, "They were. We are. You will be," embodying the aspirations of the students who conceived this platform. Following the triumph of five previous editions, the 6th edition unfolded on January

29, 2024, marking yet another resounding success.

The 6th Edition, held on January 29, 2024, welcomed the esteemed presence of the 14th President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind. At 11:30 am, the event commenced with the University Choir rendering the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome extended by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, to Shri Ram Nath Kovind, dignitaries, and the audience.

The much-anticipated address by Hon'ble Ram Nath Kovind began with an enlightening discourse on fostering a positive mindset and attitude. He lauded the students for conceptualising Open Heart, noting its uniqueness amidst his visits to over 150 universities and colleges nationwide. Reflecting on India's remarkable achievements, from military feats to advancements in space exploration, President Kovind expressed hope for St Joseph's University students to emerge as leaders shaping India's future. He concluded by underscoring the significance of Open Heart as an event promoting moral integrity and positive decision-making for a brighter tomorrow.

A pivotal moment of the event was the inauguration of the St Joseph's University Gandhian Centre,



commemorating the upcoming 76th Shaheed Diwas of Mahatma Gandhi. President Kovind unveiled the center's poster, symbolising its commitment to Gandhian principles of truth, non-violence, and service to humanity. Additionally, the launch of the International Students Information Brochure, unveiled by President Kovind, highlighted the university's dedication to global engagement and cultural exchange.

The Main Auditorium witnessed a full house, with over 1100 students eagerly absorbing the wisdom imparted by the 14th President of India. As the event drew to a close, Mr Kiran D Jeevan delivered the vote of thanks,

while the audience remained seated, reflecting on the profound impact of President Kovind's words. The success of the 6th Edition of Open Heart was a testament to the meticulous planning, organisation, and execution by the newly appointed Student Core Committee and Organising Committee members.

Corporate Genesis

Corporate Genesis is an annual business conclave hosted by the Entrepreneurship Cell at St Joseph University. This event brings together industry titans, thought leaders, and aspiring entrepreneurs to explore and discuss pivotal topics shaping the business landscape. Each year, distinguished speakers share insights on diverse themes, fostering knowledge exchange and networking opportunities. The conclave features panel discussions, Q&A sessions, and provides a platform for attendees to gain valuable perspectives from accomplished professionals. Corporate Genesis aims to inspire, educate, and connect individuals passionate about entrepreneurship and the evolving world of business. The theme for this year is India 2047: The Future of Work, which aligns with the Government of India's initiative of Vision India@2047. This year our whole intention was to educate young minds about the Future of Work because the future is theirs. Unstop and iDare were the partners for the event. Unstop is an online registering application and a website that supports a lot of company's competition and also tells about events and conferences around the area. iDare is a mental health stimulation application helping young minds



The media partner was Indigo Music and the education partners were GMT and HDFC Credila. Mr A S Kiran, the Former Chairman of ISRO was the chief guest. The keynote addresses were delivered by Mr Arun Chittilappily, the Managing Director of Wonderla, Mr Karan Virwani, the CEO of WeWork India, and Mr Karan Bali, the Managing Director of Volvo Group of India. The cultural performance was held after the

keynote address and followed by a panel discussion about the topic Future of Work: India 2047. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms Amita Priyadarshini, who is the Head of Department of the Commerce. It was held on the topic 'Future of Work' and aimed at different agendas keeping in mind the variety of industry leaders that came. The panelists included Mr Karan Bahadur, the CEO of Draper Startup House India, Mr Mahesh Reddy, the CEO of GoPizza India, Ms Vanda Ferrao, the CMO of Wow Skin Care, Mr Rahul Arora, the CEO of Intervue, and Ms Vaamaa Baldota, the Founder of iDare. The discussions were related to the culture of work that we currently have and how it might look in the future.

Visit of Penpa Tsering, President of Tibet to St Joseph's University

On the 7 of February 2024, St Joseph's University had the honor of hosting Penpa Tsering, the President of Tibet, for a two-hour engagement aimed at shedding light on the Tibetan struggle for autonomy and freedom. The event, attended by approximately 1000 students and esteemed dignitaries including the Vice Chancellor, Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco, and PRO Mr Kiran Jeevan, served as a platform for discourse, reflection, and solidarity.

President Penpa Tsering described the historical journey of the Tibetan struggle, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of its origins, milestones, and contemporary challenges. Mr Tsering's acknowledgment of the Indian Government's unwavering support for the Tibetan cause served to strengthen bilateral ties and reaffirm the importance of diplomatic alliances in addressing global humanitarian issues. The recognition of India's role in sheltering and advocating for Tibetan refugees highlighted the shared values and solidarity between the Tibetan and Indian communities. Dr Victor Lobo, SJ's reflections on the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to St Joseph's University added a spiritual and ethical dimension to the discourse. His emphasis on compassion, tolerance, and resilience resonated



with the university's ethos of holistic education and service to humanity, inspiring students to embody similar values in their personal and professional lives. The visit of Penpa Tsering, President of Tibet, to St Joseph's University marked a significant moment of dialogue, solidarity, and reflection.

G20 Summit University Connect Lecture

On October 20, 2023, a momentous event unfolded at St Joseph's University as the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Research and Information System (RIS) for developing countries, brought forth the G20 University Connect Lecture Series. This unique and ambitious initiative, a flagship 'Jan Bhagidari' endeavour introduced by the Indian Presidency of the G20 Summit, aimed at fostering awareness among students about the priorities, nature of deliberations, and key outcomes of various G20 processes, with a specific emphasis on the Indian G20 Presidency in 2023.

The G20 University Connect programme engaged over 1 lakh students from universities across India. St Joseph's University became the 100th University to host the initiative.

A lecture on the Indian G20 presidency was presented by Retired Ambassador J S Mukul, who stated, "Non-alignment was the appropriate policy in a particular context; that context was a bipolar world. We have not moved away from non-alignment; what has happened is the context has changed."

The intellectual discourse continued with Prof Narendar Pani, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at NIAS Bengaluru, who delivered a lecture on "India Tomorrow: World Perspective." He provided valuable insights into the shifting dynamics of power, remarking, "The very way power is used itself, there is a very substantial difference that we tend to ignore, and that's the difference between power as a form of control and power as a form of influence."

Soon after, the Q&A Session was held, moderated by Mr Syed Ali, Consultant for Research and Information System for Developing Countries received several questions from students and faculty alike on India's role in the global stage as well as India's non-alignment stance in geopolitical issues. The programme came to an end with a shared lunch and a group photo, uniting dignitaries, staff, and dedicated student organisers.

The G20 University Connect Lecture Series enriched attendees, emphasising global cooperation. The event was organised by a collaborative effort of the Public Relations Office, the Office of International Affairs and PR Interns of St Joseph's University.

SJU members visit President Kovind

Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Director of Institute of Information Technology and Mr Kiran Jeevan, PRO of St Joseph's University called on the 14th President of India - Shri Ram Nath Kovind at his residence 12 Janpath, New Delhi.



TEDxSJU

On March 20, the TEDx team at St Joseph's University presented TEDxSJU Bangalore. TEDx, born from the ethos of TED's mission to unearth and propagate transformative ideas, serves as a grassroots platform for local communities to engage in dialogue about ideas worth disseminating. Spearheaded by Convener Aanaida Rehman, Licensee Satyam, Co-Licensee Vanshika, and, TEDxSJU Bangalore bore the theme "Looking through the prism."

This theme demonstrated the transformative power of knowledge, illustrating how it acts as a prism, refracting conservative and concrete ideas into a spectrum of possibilities. The event aimed to dismantle the constraints imposed by society on individual thought, showcasing how knowledge can encourage diverse perspectives and understanding.

The curated line-up of speakers and their topics resonated with this theme, offering fresh insights into familiar subjects. From "classroom experiences of a

trans teacher” to “deepfakes” and “life as an organ donor,” each idea challenged conventional notions, inviting attendees to view ordinary concepts through a new lens.

Prominent figures from various domains including law, academia, entrepreneurship, medicine, and entertainment graced the stage. Notable speakers such as Dr Roshan Jain, Dr Lena Robra, Mr Dhananjay Singh, Mr Manish Chowdhary, Mr Saakshar Duggal, Ms Ragini Dwivedi, Ms Mannara Chopra, Ms Nadika Nadja, Mr Syed Asad Abbas, and Dr Kiran Jeevan captivated the audience with their expertise and experiences.

The event received an overwhelming response from the community, igniting a fervent thirst for knowledge

and innovation. In addition to inspiring talks, captivating performances by Garuda and Sri Durga Parmeshwari Nriyanikethan were celebrated and appreciated.

The performances by Garuda and Sri Durga Parmeshwari Nriyanikethan were outstanding, earning them well-deserved accolades. We are grateful for the generous support of our partners, including Goldwings Aviation, who extended hospitality to our esteemed guests, and Vistaar Media Agency. Additionally, the backing of SERVO Indian Oil and Verve enhanced the event’s impact, given its significant platform. With a focus on fostering innovation and creativity, TEDxSJU Bangalore effectively ignited a passion for ideas that will shape the future for generations to come.



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind's Visit

St Joseph's University proudly hosted the sixth edition of Open Heart 2024 on January 29, 2024. The event, dedicated to promoting openness, dialogue, and inclusivity, reached new heights as it welcomed the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the 14th President of India. The occasion served as a platform for engaging discussions, cultural celebrations, and the exchange of ideas aimed at advancing societal progress and unity.

The sixth edition of Open Heart, 2024 attracted a diverse audience comprising students, faculty members, researchers, policymakers, and members of civil society. Held at the expansive campus of St Joseph's University, the event featured a comprehensive agenda designed to stimulate intellectual discourse and foster a sense of community engagement. Participants had the opportunity to attend a wide range of sessions, including panel discussions, keynote addresses, cultural performances, and interactive workshops, all aimed at addressing pressing issues facing society.

President Kovind also unveiled the International Students Information Brochure, signaling the university's dedication to global engagement and cultural exchange. The brochure serves as an invitation to talented individuals from around the world to join the vibrant academic community of St Joseph's University, enriching the learning experience for all.

In a symbolic gesture commemorating the upcoming 76th Shaheed Diwas of Bapu, Mahatma Gandhi, President Kovind unveiled the poster of the establishment of the St Joseph's University Gandhian



Centre. The center aims to serve as a beacon of Gandhian principles, promoting truth, non-violence, and service to humanity. It represents the institution's commitment to nurturing ethical leadership and social responsibility among its students and faculty.

Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration addressed students and faculty members of St Joseph's University

On February 7, 2024 Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration addressed students and faculty members of St Joseph's University. Sikyong held a twenty-minute meeting with the university's board of directors and addressed the students and faculties. Sikyong emphasized in his speech the global significance of the Tibetan plateau as well as the historical and contemporary ties between India and Tibet. Following the speech, the North East & Tibetan Students Forum and International Students presented cultural performances and held a lunch in honour of the visiting Tibetan political leader. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, extended his appreciation to Sikyong for the visit and offered a souvenir as a token of gratitude.

Visit of Bridgewater State University Delegates to SJU

A seven-member delegation, including Dr Michael D. Young, Senior Associate Provost and Chief Data Officer, Dr Jabbar A Al Obaidi, Professor of Communication Studies, and Dr Madhu N Rao, Professor of Geography and Director of the Center for Middle-East Studies from Bridgewater State University, MA, U.S.A., visited



SJU on February 21, 2024. During their visit, a fruitful discussion was held regarding joint partnerships in Academic Exchange, Faculty Exchange, Student Exchange, Short-Term Visits, and Joint Research Programs with the Management and the Office of International Affairs.

24 New Zealand Students (Recipients of NZ Prime Minister's Scholarship; hosted at SJU Campus

On January 18, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted 24 New Zealand students who are recipients of the New Zealand Prime Minister's Scholarship. The Office of International Affairs and the Public Relations Office collaborated to make this event a great success. The students enjoyed a campus tour, engaged in discussions with the Vice-Chancellor and other students, and participated in a friendly match with the SJU Cricket Team. Additionally, they had the opportunity to savor Indian delicacies at our Magis Canteen. The team also experienced the "War Call" performed by the New Zealand students, enhancing their cultural exchange. It was a remarkable experience for all involved, fostering the sharing of ideas, culture, and understanding.

Global Initiatives at SJU

Global Initiatives, SJU under the coordinatorship of Dr (Fr) Richard Rego facilitated several student exchange programmes. Mr Gaurav Chouhan

(221VOF25), Bachelor of Vocation in Visual Media and Filmmaking, from the School of Communication and Media Studies successfully completed the prestigious MAGIS EXCHANGE Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in his 3rd semester from 14 August to 15 December, 2023 at Loyola University - New Orleans USA. Miss Sheetal Sarah Ignatius (221MST04), Mathematics and Statistics from the School of Physical Sciences successfully completed the prestigious Magis Exchange Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in her third semester from September 2023 to January 2024 at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat, coordinated by Campus Ministry, began at 9 am in the University Auditorium and concluded at 4 pm with Eucharistic celebration. On October 14, 2023, all PG students and final year UG students attended, while on October 28, all first and second-year UG students participated.

The Bread of Life worship retreat, exclusively for 2300 Catholic students, aimed to nurture spiritual growth, deepen faith, and foster community among the youth. Organized over two days, the retreat featured talks by renowned Catholic speakers, group discussions, and opportunities for prayer and worship, including Mass and Eucharistic adoration. Participants engaged



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

At the start of the term, the IQAC director met with student representatives to discuss classroom teaching and infrastructure. An administration team from St Joseph's College, Trichy, including Fr K Amal, Fr Arockiasamy Xavier, Fr Joseph Xavier, and Fr Arul Oli, visited the campus to study its transition from college to university. The director showcased the university's best practices. Professors from Auburn University, USA, also visited to explore collaboration opportunities, including Dr Janaki Alavalapati, Dr Robert Boyd, Dr Muralikrishnan Dhanasekaran, and Dr George Flowers.

Students from Sri Vidyanikethan School visited to learn about university courses, interacting with deans, visiting labs, and playing basketball. The IQAC office coordinated this programme. Staff evaluations were completed in January 2024 and the data was presented to deans. The SJU-IQAC core committee met in November to discuss faculty evaluations, AQAR submission, and other quality issues, with external members including Mr A Jude Oswin, Mr Gulshan Chhabra, Mr Sunil Vishwanath, and Mr Nagesh.

The IQAC office met with Linways to improve the documentation upload portal and develop a teaching-learning outcome and assessment segment.

in dialogue about their faith journey, offering support and understanding. Additionally, service projects allowed them to embody their faith through action, fostering a sense of social responsibility.

St Joseph's Feast Eucharistic Celebration

The St Joseph's Feast Eucharistic celebration took place on March 23, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the University auditorium. Coordinated by Campus Minister of UG, Ms Litty Joseph, Assistant Professor, and Dr Lora Rita Goveas, Associate Professor, Campus Minister of PG, the event saw the participation of 2280 Catholic students of the university. Reverend Jijo Jose Manjackal, an alumnus of our university's batch of 2008, led the celebration as the main celebrant, accompanied by Jesuit priests from the campus as con celebrants. Following the Eucharistic celebration, snacks were distributed to all students.



They also refined the process of collecting photographs for the website, enhancing departmental visibility online. Dr Madappa was a resource person for a workshop on IQAC's role in strategic planning and attended various FDPs on NAAC accreditation, quality enhancement, and best practices.



The office collected student progression data from the 2013 batch, prepared files for the NIRF ranking 2024, submitted applications for India Today ranking, and compiled staff data for NIRF 2024. Linways logins were created for key university offices, with instructions on documentation processes. A 360 evaluation system, developed with the HR office, will be initiated. Documentation files for 2022-23 data have been prepared and departments provided with hard disks to save the same data.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Department Activities

CTC Analysis and Tax Planning

The workshop was conducted for the MCom students on February 24, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm with the intention of understanding the components of CTC (Cost To Company) of a salary package with hands-on experience on the basics of income tax return filing. The welcome address was delivered by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of the School of Business. The speaker, CA Priti Modi covered various aspects of tax planning and mentioned that paying less tax should not be the sole motive but earning more income should be the goal even if more tax has to be paid. The speaker covered the concept of CTC and the various components of CTC. What proportion of the salary is a good basic and what proportion of the CTC will be take-home salary was explained with real life CTC examples. The students got insight on how to choose between packages offered by companies. The second part of the workshop was ITR filing in which the steps of ITR filing were explained to the participants. The students opened their income tax account on the government website with details from their respective PAN card. The login was successfully done and students can thereafter explore the various tabs available for tax filing purposes. The workshop was successfully completed with the vote of thanks being delivered by Ms Dimple A, student coordinator; and felicitation of the speaker done by the teacher coordinator.

Hackathon

The corporate sustainability hackathon conducted on January 18, 2024 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, was a transformative experience, delving deep into the realms of sustainable practices and their crucial role in today's world. The participants were graced by the presence of two distinguished speakers: Mr Angelo George, CEO of Bisleri, and Ms Kanika Mayar, Knowledge Partner at Vertex Ventures. Mr George started the session with a short but enlightening talk on the importance of the 3 Rs: Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce. The discussion then transitioned to the topic of mineral water and its significance in various nations. Ms Kanika Mayar, in her role as the Knowledge Partner at Vertex Ventures, delivered a compelling talk on investing in sustainability and venture capital.

She highlighted the changing needs of the digitally native population and how companies are adapting to meet these needs through sustainable practices. The hackathon was not just an educational event but also a transformative one, inspiring the participants to think differently about sustainability and its impact on the world. The interactivity of the event allowed for meaningful discussions and exchanges of ideas, further enriching the learning experience. A competition was conducted on the same day, wherein 28 teams participated showcasing the vast array of ideas emanating from the young generation, highlighting their forward-thinking and sustainable mindset. They were judged by Ms Kanika Mayar, Mr Mohammad Umair, and Ms Kanishka.

ICBD 5.0-International Conference on Business Dynamics and Sustainable Development

The International Conference on Business Dynamics and Sustainable Development is a flagship event of the School of Business at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The fifth edition of the conference was held between March 14 - 15, 2024 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. A total of 44 full-time faculty members (including core-committee) and part-time faculty from the School of Business were present during the two-day conference alongside 60 paper presenters from various institutions, including a mix of academicians, research scholars, industry professionals and students of higher education. The paper presentations sessions showcased diverse research endeavours aimed at advancing sustainable practices and fostering a deeper understanding of the intricacies of sustainability within different domains. The theme of the conference revolved around the genesis and growth of various sustainable practices within and outside the boundaries of India. Every stakeholder has a huge role in pivoting business development through sustainable leadership. This conference enabled the confluence of research ideas and innovations in sustainable practices which was achieved triumphantly. To end the conference, Ms Immaculate Mary, co-conveyor of ICBD 5.0, extended her heartfelt gratitude to all the faculty members and the students who were instrumental to the success of ICBD 5.0 and to the sponsors whose support made the conference possible. In conclusion, ICBD 5.0 served as a platform for academia, industry, and policymakers to collaborate, share ideas, and inspire actionable strategies towards a sustainable future in business dynamics.

Industrial Visit - Karnataka Soaps And Detergents Limited

An industrial visit to the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited was conducted for I BCom and BCom IFA students on March 13, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, under the guidance of Dr Josphin and Mr Leyander Lobo. The visit began with a comprehensive overview of the industry's importance in our economy, emphasising its contributions to various sectors. The changing technology and even existing desire by the individuals and the organisation to produce a better product at a more economical rate has also acted as catalyst for the dynamic process of change. There was a video presentation on how Sandalwood oil is extracted. During the facility tour, the students were impressed by the advanced machinery and automation used in soap production. It was evident that the company prioritised safety, with strict protocols and protective gear for all employees. Environmental concerns were also addressed, with a focus on sustainable practices. Interactions with industry professionals provided valuable insights into career prospects and the industry's ongoing efforts to reduce its environmental footprint. The company provides its employees with social and cultural programs that are very much needed. The company has an effective human resource department wherein the employees are given good remuneration, incentives and extensive care is taken by providing facilities such as canteen, medical facilities, and extracurricular activities.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Emporio 2024

Between March 24-25, 2024, the Commerce Association organised its biggest two-day national-level intercollegiate commerce fest. The fest took upon the exciting theme of 'The Neutropian Realm-Survival War of Economies'. Mr S Anantharaman graced us with his presence as the chief guest on the first day of Emporio. The fest began with classic commerce and business competitions. The first event was Best Manager - a competition to identify the best student manager among the contestants. Next was HR+PR - a competition to test students' knowledge and skills in human resources and public relations. Then there was Finance - a competition to test the practical and theoretical applications of finance, followed by Entrepreneurship development program - a competition to test students' ability and prowess as entrepreneurs in the field of business. Then Marketing - a competition for students to showcase their creative abilities to market and revive products

and brands and last but not least was Bizzcrash - an open event for all students present, it involved giving a valid reason to obtain a parachute to survive an aircrash in the perspective of the business personality given to them. On the second day, March 26, the winners were announced pompously. Kristu Jayanti College, Manipal Institute of Management, and Christ (Deemed-to-be-University), Bangalore bagged the overalls in Emporio. All in all, Emporio '24 was a tremendous success. Credit goes to all the hardworking staff, faculty and association members who helped organise this event.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Christo Selvan

Served as an esteemed panel member for the international conference 'Digital Transformation: Navigating to the new frontier', held on October 13, 2023.

Ms Immaculate Mary A

Completed a 30-hour certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills', conducted by Samagra St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Center, Bengaluru, from August -October 2023.

Participated in an international webinar on 'Importance of Intellectual Property Rights' held on December 18, 2023 organised by SSMRV college in association with MIT square, London.

Participated in a five day online workshop on 'SPSS in Research' organised by Star International Foundation for Research and Education, Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu from December 26-30, 2023.

Attended and completed a 14-day faculty development programme on Tally Prime (from December 15, 2023 to January 10, 2024) conducted online and jointly organised by St Joseph's Institute of Tally Education (JITE) and the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli.

Presented a research paper titled, "Navigating the Digital Frontier: The Current Landscape and Future Prospects of AI in Higher Education" at the international conference on 'Emerging Trends in AI for Industry & Education: Opportunities & Challenges' from February 22-23, 2024, at Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship, Bengaluru.

Ms Litty Joseph

Completed a certificate course on Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills organised by

Samagra, St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Centre, Bangalore from August 3, 2023 to October 12, 2023 for a duration of 30 hours.

Published a paper titled "Social Media Dependency and Facebook Usage among the Older Adults of Kerala" in Studies in Media and Communication.

Ms Raj Kiran

Participated in the international training programme on AMOS:SEM and CFA conducted by Special Minds, from October 20-23, 2023.

Ms Gisa George

Participated in the international training programme on AMOS:SEM and CFA conducted by Special Minds, from October 20-23, 2023.

Dr Shankar R

Published a paper titled "Non-Performing Assets- A Case Study on Karnataka State Finance Corporation"

Published a paper titled "A Study on Work Life Balance Among Employees of IT Industry, in Bengaluru City".

Mr Mohammed Umair

Nominated as a member of the Board of Studies (BOS) for the academic year 2023-2024 for Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Koramangala.

Served as judge and quiz master for Manojavam 2023, the intercollegiate management fest of The Oxford College of Business Management (TOCBM) on November 2, 2023.

Published a paper on "Financial Management: A Strategic Approach 4th Sem BBA: NEP All University"

Dr Sayantani Banerjee

Served as event coordinator for organising a workshop on CTC Analysis and Tax Planning on February 26, 2024.

Served as a resource person for a guest lecture delivered at Christ Academy Institute of Law on March 13, 2024 on the topic 'Emerging Trends in Accounting' attended by 110 participants.

Ms Maha Shriesha V

Published a paper titled "A Study on Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) Scheme with Special Reference to Hoskote Taluk" in The Journal of Management.

Participated in the 'Eighth Short-Term Capacity Building Programme on Empowering Educators: Teacher Branding in the Digital Era', conducted by AIU-Avinashilingam Institute-Academic & Administrative Development Centre (AIU-AI-AADC) from October 10, 2023 to November 3, 2023.

Participated in a seven-day national-level online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Finovate 360: Navigating the Future of Fintech', held on March 14- 20, 2024 by the Post Graduate Department of Commerce at St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous).

Ms Sushmita Vincent Chemmannor

Participated in a one-week international Faculty Development Programme on 'Advanced Research Methodology and AI' between March 18-23, 2024.

Ms Shree Lakshmi KS

Participated in the international online workshop on 'Start Research with Smart Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology' from March 2-4, 2024.

Participated in a five day national level quality improvement programme on 'Commodities: an Emerging Alternative Investment Avenue in the Recent Times' and a virtual workshop on 'Commodity Derivatives using Ms-Excel', organised by the Department of Professional Studies, School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, India in collaboration with Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd., Investor Protection Fund, (MCX-IPF), Mumbai, India from March 20-24, 2024.

Student Achievements

Professional Courses

Prajwal P, Mahadeva B S, Vaishnavi P Mehta, Hita Shree T and Surya S of I BCOM A as well as Nithin M of II BPS cleared the CA foundation exam in November, 2023.

Ankeet Kumar of I BCOM A cleared the CS foundation exam in December, 2023.

Rithika Solomon of I BCOM A cleared the CS foundation exam in January, 2024.

Paper Presentation

Chaitrashree G A and M Vaishnavi of II BCOM B participated in 'People and Places Associated with Indian Freedom Struggle', a national conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on October 22, 2023 and secured third place.

Chaitrashree G A and Nanda Kumar T of II BCOM B participated in 'Young Historians Conference 2023', a national conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on November 11, 2023.

Adityananda of I BCOM IFA secured first place in an intercollegiate event JSR intercollegiate T20 tournament for Cricket organised by JSR on January 10, 2024.



Kavya Arvind, Samantha, Rubiya, Elsa Davitoria, Elsa Shiji, Vibha, Shanella, Ananya, Neffi and Pavithra of I BCOM IFA secured third place in an intercollegiate sports event named 140th Annual Athletic meet 2023-24 for Tug of war organised by St Joseph's University on January 19, 2024.

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J of I BCOM A secured second place in swimming (400m Freestyle) and secured third place in swimming (100m Butterfly) in a national event named Nettakallappa All India Swimming Championship on November 25-26, 2023.

Jeevan, Mohan, Nagaraj, Alwin, Amogh, Karthik A, Sumith, Venugopal, Darshan and Thanush of II BCOM C secured third place in intercollegiate sports event named PEGASUS for Cricket organised by St Joseph's University on October 8, 2023.

Sharath and Tony of III BCOM C won in an intercollegiate Bengaluru City University intercollegiate 23-24 for Handball organised by St Joseph's University on December 9, 2023.

Deepak Kaarthik of II BCOM B secured third place in Table Tennis (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles) in the Table Tennis intercollegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's University on January 17, 2024.

Naatya Dechakka A S of I BCOM C won in an intercollegiate event named Sportstakes for Handball organised by St Joseph's University on March 22, 2024.

Sharath of III BCOM C secured third place in Handball in an intercollegiate event named Dasara CM Handball Cup organised by Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and Karnataka State Olympics from October 16-21, 2023.

Alan of I BCOM B was part of the runner up team in football in an intercollegiate event Infinity National Sports Fest organised by PES University from October 12-14, 2023.

Awards

Dhanunjaya Roopesh of I BCOM A secured third place in EDP – Best Entrepreneur in an intercollegiate fest Uthan 2024 organised by Kristu Jayanti College on February 9, 2024.

Disha A of I BCOM A secured third place in EDP – Best Entrepreneur in an intercollegiate fest Uthan 2024 organised by Kristu Jayanti College on February 9, 2024.

Sports Achievements

Vinay Kumar G of III BCOM B won a Gold medal in Men's Boxing in Karnataka State Muay Thai Championship, State level tournament organised by Karnataka State on November 26, 2023.

Dinesh DV and Vikram M of III BCOM B secured first place in Bengaluru City University intercollegiate Handball Tournament organised on December 9, 2023.

Komal, Vanshika, Navya and Trisha of I BCOM B secured first place in the intercollegiate sports event 138th Annual Athletic meet 2023-24 for relay organised by St Joseph's University on January 19, 2024.

Alan of I BCOM B secured second place in the intercollegiate sports event 140th Annual Athletic meet 2023-24 for 1500 metres race organised by St Joseph's University on January 19, 2024.

Dorothy, John and Bhoomika of I BCOM B secured second place in an intercollegiate sports event 140th Annual Athletic Meet 2023-24 for relay organised by St Joseph's University on January 19, 2024.

Prabhath of I BCOM IFA secured second place in an intercollegiate event Chrispo for Kho Kho organised by Christ University on March 8, 2024.

Prabhath and Vibha of I BCOM IFA secured first place in an intercollegiate event Sportstakes for Kho Kho organised by St Joseph's University on March 22, 2024.

Karthik A of II BCOM C secured second place in Treasure Hunt in an intercollegiate fest Aniketana Athe organised by Mount Carmel College.

Karthik A of II BCOM C secured second place in Multifaceted Dimensions in a national level fest named 12th Century Poets organised by St Claret College.

Rohini of II BCOM C secured second place in State Youth Festival which was an intercollegiate fest conducted by the NSS on February 24, 2024.

Abhishek K of II BCOM A secured first place in Ice Breaker and first place in Street Play in an intercollegiate fest El-Shaddai organised by Jyoti Nivas College on December 12, 2023.

Abhishek K of II BCOM A secured second place in Mad Ads in an intercollegiate fest Scintillation 2024 organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Abhishek K of II BCOM A secured third place in Ice Breaker in an intercollegiate fest Nexus 2024 organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Culturals

Albina Mary of I BCOM A secured third place in Group Song in an intercollegiate NSS Fest organised by Raichur University from October 3-7, 2023.

Chakradhar of I BCOM B secured second place in Mad Ads in an intercollegiate fest Scintillation organised by Jyoti Nivas College on January 24, 2024.

Chakradhar of I BCOM B secured first place in Mock Rock, third place in Ice Breaker in an intercollegiate fest Dhvani organised by St Joseph's College Of Commerce on January 19-20, 2024.

Albina Mary of I BCOM A secured first place in Western Group Singing and first place in Vernacular Singing in an intercollegiate fest El-Shaddai organised by Jyoti Nivas College on December 12, 2023.

Keagan Jamal Fernandas of I BCOM A secured first place in Lost In Translation in an intercollegiate event Kairos organised by Mount Carmel College on January 19, 2024.

Eshwar Balaji of I MCOM secured first place in culture in an intracollegiate fest Aagaman 2023 organised by St Joseph's University on August 23, 2024.

Aardra of I BCOM IFA secured second place in Indian Group Dance in an intercollegiate fest Scintillation 2024 organised by Jyoti Nivas College on January 24, 2024.

Karthik A of II BCOM C secured second place in Fashion Walk in an intercollegiate fest Aniketana Athe organised by Mount Carmel College.

Mohan R of II BCOM C secured second place in Dance in an intercollegiate fest Kalarava organised by St Joseph's College Of Commerce.

Rohini of II BCOM C secured second place in Group Dance and 2nd place in Skit in an intercollegiate State Youth Festival organised by NSS on January 24, 2024.



SHIFT III DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT

Virtual workshop on investors awareness programme

A Virtual Workshop was organised by the Department of Commerce, Shift III, for I BCom-IFA and BCom students on the topic “Investor Awareness Programme - Market Ka Ekalvya” by Mr Sharad, Senior Officer-Standard Chartered Bank, Soft Skills Trainer, NSDL. The session was held via Zoom on October 30, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and was attended by 100 participants. Drawing from 20 years of experience, Mr Sharad taught the students about the types of income and investment, the impacts of inflation, power of compounding, and market strategies.

Parent-student orientation

On November 3, 2023, the School of Business organised a parent-student orientation at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. This orientation was meant for those who did not attend the first orientation. The emcee of the programme was Dr Josphin, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. The programme began with a prayer by Mr Santhosh J, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. Ms Maha Shriesha V, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, welcomed everyone, following by an address by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, who gave a brief overview of the college. Ms Amitha Priyadarshini, Head of the Department of Commerce, explained about the evaluation pattern for students. Dr Padma Nandhanan, PG Coordinator, Department of Commerce, explained about attendance and leave management. Dr Kanishka, Coordinator, Shift III, Department of Management, explained about the credit system, importance of outreach programme, and activities conducted by associations and various other services. Mr Prabhakar K, Welfare Officer, Management Section, also addressed the gathering by sharing his knowledge with the parents. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Ms Maha. The event was attended by 90 participants.

Industry expert session on global career opportunities for accountants

The School of Business organised an industry expert session on “Global Career Opportunities for Accountants” for the I and II BCom and BBA

students of Shift III on January 22, 2024, at 4 pm in the University Auditorium. Mr Anoop Mehta, CPA, CGMA, the resource person of the talk explained to students about the various career opportunities available for accountants, stressing on the point that US has shortage of accountants and are ready to hire qualified Indian accountants. He also mentioned that the US Bureau of Labour Statistics, projects an annual vacancy of around 136,400 accounting and auditing jobs from 2021-2031 and motivated the students to take up professional accounting courses which would help them get placed. The talk concluded with a round of questions. Mr Uttam Pai Umesh, CPA, Assistant Vice President of Academics and Corporate Relations (Learning and Development), Miles Education, explained in detail the process of applying for the CMA course. The session was attended by 750 participants.



Write it right - training session on writing on research article

The guest lecture on Research Article Writing session was held on February 7, 2024, at A204, Arrupe Block, from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, and was attended by 20 participants. The guest lecturer, Dr Ranjith Kumar, renowned expert in the field of academic writing with extensive experience in publishing research articles in Scopus and other reputable journals, provided insights and practical tips on effective research article writing techniques. During the lecture, he taught students to understand the structure and components of a research article and the importance of conducting thorough literature reviews to identify gaps in existing research and justify the significance of the study. He gave guidelines for writing clear and concise research

objectives, hypotheses, and research questions, and strategies for selecting appropriate research methodologies and data collection techniques. He also guided them on crafting a concise and impactful abstract and title that accurately reflect the study's scope and findings.



Industrial visit to Karnataka silk industries corporation limited

Led by Dr Josphin, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, and Mr Samrat Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, 17 students visited the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Limited (KSIC), Mysuru, on March 23, 2024. The primary objective of the visit was to provide students with practical insights into the silk production process and offer an understanding of the significance of the silk industry in the cultural and economic landscape of Karnataka. On arrival, representatives of KSIC greeted the students and provided an overview of the corporation's history, mission, and objectives. The students were then guided through the various departments of production. They firstly saw the cocoon sorting and processing, followed by the silk reeling where the cocoons were unwinded. They also saw how the silk was weaved. Students learnt about the parameters for assessing the quality of silk fabrics and the steps taken to ensure consistency and excellence in the final products.

Industrial visit to spice garden coffee plantation unit

On March 23, 2024, a group of 17 students from St Joseph's University had the opportunity to explore the Spice Garden Coffee Plantation Unit situated in Coorg, Karnataka. The visit aimed to provide students with practical insights into coffee cultivation, processing, and the intricate workings of a plantation. Additionally, it also aimed to highlight the significance of coffee as a major agricultural commodity and its

role in the local economy. Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by the staff of Spice Garden Coffee Plantation Unit, who provided an overview of the plantation's history, cultivation practices, and sustainability initiatives. The tour encompassed various aspects of coffee production. Beginning with a tour of the plantation, students witnessed the harvesting of the coffee beans and the methods of extraction of coffee. The event concluded with a tasting session.

Staff Achievement

Ms Vidhya B

Conducted a talk at Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, from 9:30 am to 12 pm on November 4, 2023, on the Impact of Globalisation for youth, which was attended by 50 participants.

Conducted a talk at St Alphonsus Academy, Bengaluru, from 9:30 am to 12 pm on March 9, 2024, on the New Education Policy for faculty, which was attended by 30 staff members.

Defended PhD thesis titled "A Study on CSR in Private Banking Sector: Pre and Post Companies Act 2013 with Special Reference to Bangalore" on March 28, 2024, at Department of Commerce, Bangalore University, between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm, attended by 50 participants.

Student Achievement

Pratham MU

Represented St Joseph's University in South West Zone University Karate Men held at Bhopal from January 13, 2024, to January 21, 2024, and has qualified for All India University Karate.



DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

IMA SJU Inauguration

The School of Business at St Joseph's University proudly inaugurated its IMA student chapter on February 13, 2024. The ceremony commenced with a melodious performance by the university choir setting the stage for a vibrant event. Mr Fenil Vedakken, Dr Madhavi Lokhande, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, along with other dignitaries on the dais ceremoniously lit the lamp, officially opening the chapter. Mr Fenil Vedakken, the Chief Guest took the stage to deliver an insightful address. He shed light on the significance of the IMA chapter and its numerous benefits for aspiring professionals in the business world. Following Mr Vedakken's address, the Vice Chancellor addressed the audience. He congratulated the School of Business on this momentous occasion and offered valuable insights into the university's progress and growth over the years. Dr S Amudhan, IMA SJU Student Chapter coordinator, then introduced the inaugural office bearers followed by a symbolic badge presentation ceremony conducted by the dignitaries. After which the newly elected officers had the opportunity to address the audience. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms Sarah John, Head of Department, expressing gratitude to all involved in making the event a success. This inauguration ceremony marked a significant step for the School of Business, opening a door for students to gain valuable knowledge, build professional networks, and enhance their career prospects through engagement with the IMA community.

Professional Interface Forum on Production and Operations Management

The Professional Interface Forum organised by the Department of Management, School of Business, St Joseph's University is a seminar conducted by a guest speaker to help students understand the practical representation of production and operations management. Our speaker for this seminar was Mr Ankeet Dadu, Head Strategy of Anand Sweets and Savouries, South India's largest sweets brand. Ms Christelle cordially greeted the dignitaries with a formal welcome, acknowledging their presence. Ms Sanjana Achar formally introduced the guest to

the audience after which Mr Ankeet was felicitated with a token of appreciation by Ms Sarah John. Mr Ankeet covered various topics in this lecture. He began with the history of Anand Sweets and how his father's passion evolved into one of the leading sweet brands. He also shared his journey from being a CA to a salesman in Anand Sweets and into the Head Strategist of the brand. He gave an overview of the different outlets and restaurants opened by the brand, their popular sweets, awards won by them, and their production facility. Mr Ankeet also went into detail about the standard operating procedures and the quality control and audit mechanism followed by them in their facilities. After the informative session the floor was open to a question-and-answer session. Curious students were given the opportunity to ask questions. The vote of thanks was given by Ms Thrishika Arul to extend our appreciation to the chief guest, dignitaries and students for their participation.

AICPA Strategic Finance Certification Examination Certificate Distribution

Miles Education, in association with the Department of Management at the School of Business, St Joseph's University, conducted an examination for Certification in Strategic Finance from AICPA (Association of International Certified Professional Accountants) for III CMA students of the 2021 batch. The AICPA Strategic Finance programme, which is a subset of the US CMA programme, covers key topics from the US CMA curriculum. The examination was moderated by Ms Rhea Mariam Zenu, Manager, Academics, and Mr Syed Abdul Basith, Manager, Institutional Relations, from Miles Education. The certificate distribution ceremony was held on March 23, 2023, in Xavier Hall. Dr Regina Mathias was the chief guest for the event, and Mr Uttam Pai from Miles Education was the guest of honour. Students of BBA SF attended the ceremony. The programme was coordinated by Ms Greeshma Francis.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Ascendance

The Business Association of the Department of Management, St Joseph's University organised its first of a kind intra-departmental business fest Ascendance on October 31, 2023. The fest was launched with an inauguration ceremony held in the main auditorium which commenced at 9:00 am, which set the tone for the one-day event. The chief guest for the event was Mr Mahesh Narayan, a renowned expert in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The dignitaries were welcomed by Mr Anees Ali, the vice president of the

Business Association. With immense pleasure, the chief guest delivered his speech to the gathering. He gave a brief introduction about how he got into the field of AI. He delivered a short presentation about the effects of AI in the corporate world and the use of AI for the development of young corporate leaders. Towards the end of the ceremony, the unveiling of the official poster and teaser of Ascendance was launched by the dignitaries. The ribbon was untied by all the dignitaries on stage, simultaneously on stage the official teaser of Ascendance was displayed on screen attracting cheers and applause from the crowd. Ascendance is a fest which gives a platform for students to showcase their skills and talents based on an array of specialisations. The fest featured three rounds, Treasure Hunt, case study and group discussion aimed to test the in-depth knowledge of participants. All the rounds were completed successfully and each participant was able to learn a lot and widen their perspectives.

Eminence 2024

The Business Association of St Joseph's University organised its annual flagship national level inter collegiate business fest Eminence from February 19 - 20, 2024. The fest commenced at 9:00 am at the main auditorium which set the tone for the event. A total of eight contingents and 16 teams of two took part along with few on the spot registrations leading to the numbers rounding up around 150 participants. The fest fostered a spirit of healthy competition among participants. This enhanced their problem-solving abilities and exposed them to different perspectives. Moreover, the fest encouraged collaboration between students and industry experts, creating a platform for networking and mentorship opportunities. After intense competition and meticulous judging, the winners of each event were announced during the most awaited, valedictory ceremony. The valedictory ceremony was conducted in the presence of the faculty members and participants. The winners were awarded not only with trophies and certificates but also with invaluable experience and exposure. Their achievements serve as a testament to their dedication and innovative thinking. Eminence 2024 was more than just a university fest; it was a celebration of innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurship. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and encouraged them to think critically, work as a team, and embrace the challenges of the business world. As we bid adieu to Eminence 2024, we look forward to the growth and success of the future leaders who were nurtured within its vibrant atmosphere.

Staff Achievements

Mr Akshay Kumar AV

Published a paper titled "The Platinum, Gold, and Silver Cohorts in the Consumer Market; A New Marketing Pyramid Model"

Served as a session chairperson for the 'Student Research Conference' for two sessions of Marketing Track conducted by the Department of Management Studies (MBA-BU programme), Dayananda Sagar College of Arts, Science & Commerce held on October 21, 2024.

Participated in a five day FDP on 'Advancing Faculty Excellence: A Comprehensive FDP on Academic Research Techniques for Publication and Patents'.

Participated in south zone faculty workshop on Peace and Reconciliation held at Kochi, from February 10-12, 2024.

Ms Greeshma Francis

Participated in a FDP on 'Qualitative Research using Nvivo' October 6-7, 2023 conducted by ISME Bangalore.

Presented a paper titled, "Neural Threads of Financial Fulfilment: An Exploration of Neurofinance in Investment Behaviour" in the international conference on 'Global Innovations: Sustainable Practices and Emerging Trends' conducted by ISBR on March 1, 2024.

Ms Sarah John

Participated in a ten-day online capacity development programme on Advanced Research Methodology between February 20, 2024 to March 2024 of 30 hours organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell in association with the Department of Commerce.

Participated and presented her paper "An Exploratory Study on the Evolution of Hybrid Work" at St Joseph's Institute of Management conference Utkarsh 24-6th international conference on 'Leading Digital Transformation- Past, Present, and Future' held from February 16-17, 2024.

Dr Amudhan

Presented and received a best paper titled "Beyond City Limits: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Media in Rural Karnataka using Structural Equation Model Analysis" conducted by Ahlia University

Presented and received the best paper award titled "Globalisation and India's Five Trillion Dollar Economy Vision" in the two days national seminar on 'India's

'\$5 Trillion Economy: The Vision, Challenges and Roadmap' between January 24-25, 2024.

Presented a paper titled "Causes of Rural-Urban Migration in India with Special Reference to Metropolitan Cities: Structural Equation Modeling Approach" between January 18-19, 2024.

Presented a paper titled "Stitch in Time: A Study on the Latent Factors of Awareness and Perception of Estate Millennials in Urban Bengaluru" during SIMSARC 23 from December 13-15, 2023.

Presented a paper titled "Navigating the AI Educational Frontier: Insights into Academic Performance among Higher Education Students in Bangalore" conducted by XIME Bengaluru.

Dr Shakila P

Presented a paper titled "Beyond City Limits: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Media in Rural Karnataka using Structural Equation Model Analysis" conducted by Ahlia University.

Participated in a seven-day national level online FDP programme on Python by Star International Foundation for Research and Education from March 19-25, 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Abigail Elizabeth Jacob of II BBASF won first place in Basketball at Umang 2023 an inter collegiate competition organised by IIIT Bangalore from November 3-5, 2023.

G Harshitha of II BBASF won first place in throwball at Umang 2023 an inter collegiate fest organised by IIIT Bangalore from November 3-5, 2023.

Ashok B of III BBASF, achieved second place in Regalia 2022 for event management on November 18, 2022 and won the first prize in the national level inter collegiate B-fest in Human Resource Management at Reva University, Bengaluru on April 18, 2023.

Rajesh A of III BBASF secured second place in event management during Regalia 2022 between November 17-18 in St Joseph's University Bengaluru. He also secured second place in the finance event fest at Revothsava conducted by Reva University Bengaluru between April 27-28, 2023.

Cynthiya Money of III BBASF secured third place in Classical Dance at Yuva SSMRV College, Bengaluru. She also won first place in Solo Classical Dance at Nriyjanjali held in Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru. Additionally, she achieved second place in Team Classical Dance at Leciel in NIT Puducherry, and won first and third place in team Classical Dance at Udbhav

in SJEC Bengaluru.

Anees Ali of II BBA A won first place in the business fest – Conscendo conducted by Manipal University on October 12, 2023.

Christelle Siblu Cheeran and Anjali Anna of II BBA A won second place in the business fest – Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on October 31, 2023.

Keerthana G, Rachel Sinu Thomas, Nishitha S and Swapna of II BBA A won first place in the Cricket event in Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on October 7, 2023.

Shantell Dias of II BBA A won third place in the shot put event in Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Diana Immanuel of II BBA A won third place in the Javelin throw sports event – Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

BBA A won 2nd place in the best out of waste event in Pratibha conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on October 13, 2023.

Thimmaiah PU of II BBA B participated in the academic event - Brain Storm conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on November 11, 2023.

Richard Sebastian of II BBA B won second place in the cultural event - Reel or Real competition conducted by Surana College Autonomous Bengaluru on November 10, 2023.

Thimmaiah PU of II BBA B was part of the organising committee in the cultural event - Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on November 31, 2023.

Nifty S Kuruvila of II BBA B participated in the cultural event - Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on November 31, 2023.

Mohammad Nazid Ahmed of II BBA B won third place in the sports event - Table Tennis Tournament conducted by Jain University, Bengaluru on January 17, 2024.

Hafsa Zackie of II BBA B participated in the cultural event - Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on November 31, 2023.

Fedrick Johnson R of II BBA B won 3rd place in the sports event - Pegasus intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Fedrick Johnson R of I BBA B participated in the sports event - Sportskates 2023 conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on April 13, 2024.

Sreekar C of II BBA B won third place in the sports event - Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's

University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Sreekar C of II BBA B won first place in the sports event - Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

SK Harita of II BBA B won third place in the sports event - Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Sahil Arjun Kamble of II BBA B won third place in the sports event - Pegasus Intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Sahil Arjun Kamble of II BBA B won second place in the sports event - Pegasus intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

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Mohammad Nazid Ahmed of II BBA B won third place in the sports event - Pegasus intramurals conducted by St Joseph's University Bengaluru on January 19, 2024.

Trisha Ananth of II BBA B participated in the cultural event - Prodigy the Chronicle conducted by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru on January 22, 2024.

Shivangi Praveen of I BBA B won first place in the Women's Team Open Badminton Tournament conducted by the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute on October 8, 2023.

Shivangi Praveen of I BBA B won second place in Umang 2023 Badminton Tournament conducted by IIIT Bangalore between November 3-5, 2023.

Shivangi Praveen of I BBA B was the runners up in the Badminton Singles Tournament conducted by Jain University on January 18, 2024.



Department Activities

Biochemical Society Election - 2024

On March 28, 2024, the Biochemical Society election for office bearers was held at S303. All Biochemistry students participated in the voting process. The election was facilitated by the outgoing office bearers of the Biochemical Society and new candidates were chosen to replace them. The students came forward and each category had three to four volunteers who applied for the post. The interested candidates came forward and gave a speech for a minute or two each. Ballot papers were circulated and all the participants voted for their candidates of choice for each of the posts mentioned above. Faculty members of the department of Biochemistry were in attendance.

Journal Club Meeting

On March 15, 2024, the Journal Club of the Biochemical Society (Anagram) organised a meeting in S301 and the topics of discussion were – Paracetamol - new vistas for an old drug, presented by Varsha SJ from III year BBZ. The talk was an eye-opener and created awareness on paracetamol and its toxic effects. Suhotra Das from I year BcBt spoke on how many spiritual and religious myths were believed about pandemics and shared his reflections from historical records, unravelling the importance of microbiological and biochemical techniques in deciphering crucial information pertaining to past pandemics. Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of Department of Biochemistry and other faculty members joined close to 30 students from various departments. A question and answer session was held after each of the talks enhanced the knowledge of the participants.

BIOCHEMIA 2.0

On February 24, 2024, the Biochemistry department hosted 'Biochemia 2.0', an intercollegiate fest that brought together students from colleges across Bangalore. The programme showcased academic prowess and creative talents of participants. Four events were organised; treasure hunt, creative writing, trivia, and an art exhibition.

The treasure hunt event tested participants' problem-

solving skills and ability to navigate through clues related to biochemical concepts.

In the creative writing competition, students showcased their literary flair by crafting compelling narratives and insightful essays on topics ranging from recent advancements in biochemistry to ethical dilemmas in scientific research.

The trivia contest proved to be a thrilling test of participants' knowledge, covering a diverse range of topics in biochemistry. Dr Arul Mani was the Quiz Master for the final round.

The art exhibition provided a platform for students to express their creativity and scientific curiosity through visually captivating artworks. From intricate illustrations depicting cellular processes to abstract representations of biochemical phenomena, each piece showcased the intersection of art and science.

Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar inaugurated the fest and Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences gave away the prizes and certificates to the winners of the events.

Special Guest lecture - AI in Medicine and Biology

On January 4, 2024, the Biochemical Society in collaboration with Sigma Squared from the Department of Advanced Computing, organised a special guest lecture on 'AI in medicine and biology'. The invited speaker, Mr Ashwin Colaco, PhD student at the University of California, Irvine, spoke on how Artificial Intelligence programs work and how AI is being used for solving mankind's problems in the arena of medicine and biological research. The programme was well-organised and there were more than 250 attendees.

He shared his profound insights into the mechanism by which AI programs operate and gave real life examples of the use of AI in medical biology. AI is rapidly revolutionising various fields, and one of the most promising areas of its application is in medicine and biology. With advancements in machine learning algorithms, AI systems are becoming increasingly adept at analysing complex medical data, diagnosing diseases, and discovering novel treatments.

One of the primary applications of AI in medicine is in medical imaging interpretation, radiology benefits greatly from algorithms that can accurately detect abnormalities in X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans with a level of accuracy that rivals or surpasses human experts. AI is playing a crucial role in genomics and

personalised medicine, with the exponential growth of genomic data, algorithms can analyse vast genetic datasets to identify genetic variations associated with diseases.

Journal Club Meeting - Anagram

On November 15, 2023, the journal club of the Biochemical Society organised a meeting in S301. The event was conducted by Deboshree Dutta and Lisa Rex of I year BcZ. They instructed the participants to construct as many scientific words from the given term - carbonic anhydrase, an enzyme. The participants were given close to ten minutes to complete their list of words and were handed out blank paper sheets. The event lasted for just 30 minutes and the persons who coined the most number of words were awarded prizes. The event helped Biochemistry students to learn how to make new words from anagrams and expanded their ability to think and form new words - particularly, scientific words from a given set of letters.



Journal Club Meeting

On November 11, 2023, the journal club of the Biochemical Society organised a Journal club meeting in S301 and the topics of discussion were – Breaking down sunscreen (Anandika Banduni from II year BcBt) and Microfluidics (Justin from III year BBZ).

Sunscreen is a topical product designed to protect the skin from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. UV radiation consists of UVA, UVB, and UVC rays. Sunscreen works by absorbing, reflecting, or scattering the sun's UV radiation before it can penetrate the skin. The active ingredients in sunscreen include organic (carbon-based) compounds that absorb UV radiation, such as avobenzene, octinoxate, and oxybenzone, or inorganic compounds like zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, which reflect and scatter UV radiation.

Microfluidics is a multidisciplinary field that involves the manipulation and control of tiny amounts of

fluids, typically at the microliter (10^{-6}) to picoliter (10^{-12}) scale, within microscale channels or devices. These devices are often referred to as microfluidic chips or microfluidic systems. Justin shared the basic components of microfluidic devices (lab on chip), such as microchannels & microstructures. The applications of microfluidics are - chemical analyses, biological & medical diagnostics, drug delivery and tissue engineering & organ-on-a-chip. A question and answer session was held after each of the talks and the exchange of ideas resulted in enhancing the knowledge of the participants.

Dr Sandra Misquith, Head Of Department of Biochemistry and other faculty members joined close to 50 Biochemistry students to listen to the talks held.

Staff Achievements

Dr Sangita Das

Dr Sangita Das edited a book titled 'Organic and Inorganic Materials Based Sensors', which has 3 volumes, published by Wiley. This is the first book publication that was edited by a staff member of the Biochemistry department. She has 1700 citations to her research work on Google Scholar.

Dr Daniel Andrew M Gideon

Dr Daniel Andrew M. Gideon was confirmed as a dedicated research faculty from January 2024.

He published a review paper as a co-author in American Institute of Physics: Advances (with SJU affiliation) in December 2023. On December 6, 2023, he served as a resource person for a one-day workshop on Scientific writing at the Department of Bioinformatics, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. About five faculty members of the department and 30 MSc Bioinformatics students attended the workshop.

Student Achievements

S Shivani and Sneha Bhattacharjee

III year BBZ students published a paper in the prestigious Q2 journal Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics. Their paper was titled "Behenic Acid as a multi-target inhibiting antibacterial phytochemical against *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Aeromonas hydrophila* for effective management of aquaculture infections: in-silico, in-vitro & in-vivo experimentation".

Neha, Glory, Juwariya, Marion and Sneha

Students of I year Biochemistry, secured the second prize at the event 'Bioaura', organised on January 24, 2024 by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Department Activities

Valedictory Ceremony of Certificate Course titled 'Better Living through the practice of Green Chemistry'

On April 2, 2024, the valedictory ceremony was held in the conference hall - the ceremony was graced with the presence of Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ - Vice-Chancellor, Dr Nalini G Sundaram - Head of Department, and Dr Joyce D'Souza - PG coordinator. The valedictory programme was organised by Dr Anchal Singhal, event coordinator and in-house coordinator of certificate courses and conducted by Mr Ram Mohan from January to March 2024, at St Joseph's University in association with the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences. Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ and Dr Ram Mohan addressed the gathering, students then shared their feedback about the course followed by the award ceremony.

Ethics in Chemical Sciences

On February 16, 2024, a talk on 'Ethics in Chemical Sciences' was presented by Mr Ram Mohan in de Nobili hall at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. It was organised by Dr Anchal Singhal, event coordinator and in-house coordinator of certificate courses and conducted by Mr Ram Mohan (January to March 2024) in association with the Department of Chemistry. Ms Sindhu of BSc Chemistry and Microbiology, II year introduced the speaker. Mr Ram spoke about the types of plagiarism commonly found in research or review articles. He cited many examples and discussed the consequences. He briefly spoke about the safety protocols to be followed in the chemistry laboratory. Following the presentation, questions from students were welcomed to the floor.

Industry - academia interaction

On February 6, 2024, the Department of Chemistry hosted an industry-academia interaction on. Mr Apoorv Shaligram, CEO, and Dr Uttam Kumar Sen, CTO, from e-trnl Energy visited the department for discussions with faculty and students. E-Trnl Energy is a start-up developing cutting-edge Li-ion battery cells, tailored for Indian conditions, cost-efficient, and fully indigenized. They engaged with PG Chemistry students, discussing the latest advancements in battery technology. Additionally, they met with Dr Libi

Thomas, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Nalini. G Sundaram, Head of Department of the Chemistry Department, and Dr Joyce D'souza, PG coordinator for Chemistry. The discussions concluded with two I year MSc Analytical Chemistry students securing summer internships at e-Trnl Energy, starting in June.

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation workshop

On January 31, 2024, Dr Ronald, the pro-vice chancellor, led a teaching, learning, and evaluation workshop from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Dr Michael Rajamathi served as the resource person. Faculty members from the Chemistry and Biochemistry departments participated. The workshop commenced with a prayer and an introduction by Dr Ronald outlining the session's plan. Dr Michael delved into Bloom's taxonomy, introducing 'KUPASE' and guiding us on integrating it into learning outcomes, teaching, and question papers via group activities. Teams actively engaged, presenting their work for constructive feedback. The session also focused on enhancing question papers. Overall, it was a fruitful experience, with plans to extend it to staff from other academic areas.

Association Activities

PG Association Activities

Mercedes Benz Sustainability Garage Workshop

On March 11, 2024, a workshop on sustainability was held at PRAYOGA CAMPUS, Bengaluru, jointly organised by PRAYOGA, MBRDI, and Mr Yogendra Shastri from IITB. Prayoga is a Non-Profit Organisation dedicated to fostering 'Research to Transform Learning'. The main objective of the workshop was to share the knowledge on the topic of sustainability and its development, the current problems in the field and ideas on how to implement the concept of sustainability.

The workshop, focused on green and sustainable chemistry, qualitative decision-making methods, and hands-on experiences with analytical instruments delved into sustainable development practices. Dr KS Nagabhushana from PRAYOGA delivered the lecture on 'Green and Sustainable Chemistry,' emphasising its fundamental principles and implications for promoting sustainability. Mr Yogendra Shastri's session on 'Qualitative methods in decision making' shed light on the challenges of sustainability and effective decision-making frameworks. The workshop included both theoretical and practical insights, fostering a deeper

understanding of sustainability - groups were given hands-on experiments on analytical instruments such as FTIR, 25kN Nano UTM, two roll mill, water vapour permeability tester, Bally water penetration Tester and many more.

Farewell

On February 24, 2024, the farewell ceremony for the students of MSc Chemistry (batch 2022-2024) was held at St Joseph's University. The event, graced by esteemed dignitaries like Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco and Dean of Chemical Sciences Dr Libi Thomas, honoured the graduating seniors for their academic achievements and contributions to the university. Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Chemistry Department, delivered a heartfelt address, acknowledging the students' dedication and perseverance. The ceremony featured speeches, testimonials, cultural performances, and a delightful dinner, encapsulating the spirit of camaraderie and academic excellence that defined the seniors' journey at the university.

ALCHEMY

On February 14, 2024, the event 'ALCHEMY' organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society was held at St Joseph's University. The fest, drawing participants from various educational institutions, the inauguration commenced featuring Mr Ajit K Sharma as the chief guest. The fest showcased various talents and highlighting teamwork among students and faculty, it included eight events.

Drug Development Process: Efforts Towards Combating Multi-Drug Resistant Bacterial Pathogens Using Drug Editing Technology

On January 23, 2024, a talk by Dr N Damodar Reddy titled 'Drug Development Process: Efforts Towards Combating Multi-Drug Resistant Bacterial Pathogens Using Drug Editing Technology.' was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society and held at St Joseph's University. The talk highlighted advancements in countering drug resistance, which involve interdisciplinary approaches and innovative methodologies. MSc Chemistry students and faculty members attended, gaining a deeper understanding of the ongoing battle against drug-resistant pathogens, emphasising scientific research and timely technological interventions in healthcare.

Environmentally friendly Organic synthesis using Bismuth(III) Compounds

On January 12, 2024, a talk by Mr Ram Mohan titled 'Environmentally-Friendly Organic Synthesis Using Bismuth Compounds.' organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society was held at St Joseph's University. The talk delved into the applications of Bismuth-based materials, particularly as catalysts in various industries like medicine and cosmetics. The talk underscored Bismuth's cost-effectiveness and non-toxic nature, advocating for its increased adoption in green chemistry practices. MSc Chemistry students and faculty attended the talk, gaining valuable insight into sustainable synthesis methods, paving the way for eco-friendly innovations in the field.

Application of Quantum Mechanics in Computational Chemistry

On October 26, 2023, Dr Renjith Thomas delivered an insightful talk on the application of quantum mechanics in computational chemistry, at St Joseph University. His lecture aimed to highlight the role quantum mechanics plays in understanding molecular behaviour, and the practical implications in computational methods. Dr Renjith outlined computational methods explaining their significance in predicting molecular structures, properties, and reactions. The lecture concluded with a vibrant 'question and answer' session, where attendees engaged in stimulating discussions and sought further clarification on topics ranging from quantum algorithms to applications in drug design. Overall, Dr Renjith's presentation left a lasting impression, inspiring attendees to explore the captivating realm of computational chemistry further.

UG Association Activities

Chemoz

On January 24, 2024, the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) participated in the intercollegiate chemistry fest 'Chemoz' at Christ University. They secured the Overall Champions title and the Rolly trophy.

Pursuit of Chemistry' and 'Chronicles of Chemistry'

The Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) hosts a weekly e-series titled 'Pursuit of Chemistry' and 'Chronicles of Chemistry'; these e-series aim to educate readers on various chemistry topics, including new techniques, emerging trends, and important concepts.

Elementia

On November 16, 2023, the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS), conducted an inter-collegiate fest, 'Elementia' for Pre-University students. A total of 750 students from 24 colleges had been part of Elementia. The fest 'Elementia' was a resounding success comprising ten events, celebrating and exploring the realm of chemistry, fostering collaborations among students and educators. Each event was meticulously planned and executed by designated teams within the organising committee.

Abbasid Chemifete

On October 10, 2023, the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS), conducted an event titled 'Abbasid Chemifete' at Faber Hall, for St Joseph's University students. A total of 43 teams of three members, from various Schools of the University participated in the event. The primary goal was to promote chemistry to a non-science background demographic.

Staff Achievements

Dr Ronald Mascarenhas

Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas co-authored a publication titled "Sweet, salty, sour, and romantic biochar-supported ZnO: highly active composite catalysts for environmental remediation in Emergent Materials" The article was authored by Arvind K Bhakta, Mengqi Tang, Youssef Snoussi, Ahmed M Khalil, Ronald J Mascarenhas, Zineb Mekhalif, Manef Abderrabba, Souad Ammar, and Mohamed M Chehimi.

On April 3, 2024, Ms Veera Erady, a PhD student of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, defended her thesis titled "Development of modified carbon paste electrodes for potential applications in the electrochemical investigation of antioxidants" at Bharathiar University.

Dr Shobha S V

On February 23, 2024, Dr Shobha S V attended a public lecture by Mr Ian Owens on 'Bending The Curve: Big data, Citizen Science And Conservation' at SJU's auditorium.

On February 21, 2024, she represented St Joseph's University (along with Dr Libi Thomas) at the inauguration of the 'Mercedes Benz-Sustainability Garage'.

On March 11, 2024, she accompanied MSc Chemistry students from St Joseph's University to the Mercedes Benz Sustainability Garage for a one-day workshop on 'Sustainability' and industrial exposure.

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day

workshop on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation' at St Joseph's University.

On February 9, 2024, she served as a judge for the Indian Music event during 'VISAGES' 2024 and attended a talk on 'Gender Sensitization'.

Dr Libi Thomas

In February 2024, Dr Libi Thomas attended the inauguration of the 'Mercedes-Benz Sustainability Garage' at Prayoga Institute of Education Research.

She co-authored a publication titled "Metal-organic frameworks: Recent advances in synthesis strategies and applications in Inorganic Chemistry Communications" in 2024. The article was authored by RU Rajesh, T Mathew, H Kumar, A Singhal and L Thomas.

Dr Shanty Mathew

Presented research work at an international conference in Gitam University.

Served as an external examiner for PhD synopsis at Christ University.

Published research papers in international journals.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram

Dr Nalini G Sundaram was invited as a Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) member for Ms Asha Devi, with the first meeting held on December 18, 2023.

On March 26 and 27, 2024, she attended a DST sponsored National Conference on "Sustainable Chemistry and Climate Change" at Christ Deemed to be University.

On March 26, 2024, she was invited as a resource person to give a talk on "Exploiting Functional Nanomaterials for Energy, Environmental and Biomedical Applications" at Nrupathunga University.

She also co-authored two publications: 'Polymorphism in LiDy(WO₄)₂' in Materials Today Chemistry, 2023, and 'UV Induced Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO₂-H-Beta Zeolite Composite' in Minerals, 2023.

Dr Joyce D'Souza

On October 27 and 28, 2023, she was part of the organising committee of SJU-HRDC(FDP) in association with AIACHE, New Delhi for the FDP FETS-2023 (Faculty excellence in teaching and scholarship).

On October 21 to 23, 2023, attended the Xaviour Board Annual General Board meeting at Rajagiri

Business School, Cochin, Kerala titled 'Institutional preparedness for the future: Challenges and the opportunities in higher education'.

On March 28, 2024, she was part of the organising committee of the FDP workshop on 'Safeguarding policy for all teaching and non-teaching staff' of St Joseph's University.

On November 23 and 24, 2023, she attended the national conference in higher education 'Ethics in Academics, Administration, Community, Society Initiative and Artificial Intelligence Impact' organised by Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC), Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

On March 26 and 27, 2024, she attended a DST-sponsored national conference titled 'Sustainable Chemistry and Climate Change' organised by the Department of Chemistry, Christ (Deemed to be) University.

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation' at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.



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Ms Christine Nigli

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On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation' at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr Anchal Singhal

On October 6 to 8, 2023, she was a member of the organizing committee of the international conference titled 'Integrative Chemical Science for Health and Environment- 2023' organised by Deshbandhu College - Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi in association with Augusta University, Indian Society of Chemists & Biologists (ISCB), Indian Association of Solid-state Chemists and Allied Scientists (ISCAS).

On October 6 to 8, 2023, she was invited as the Chairperson of an online oral presentation session and evaluated the work presented by participants of the international conference titled 'Integrative Chemical Science for Health and Environment - 2023' organised by Deshbandhu College - Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi in association with Augusta University, ISCB, and ISCAS.

On October 31, 2023, she was invited to be a resource person to deliver a lecture on 'Chemistry of quinolines and Heterocyclic Compounds' at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous).

On October 31, 2023, she was invited as an external examiner to evaluate postgraduate research projects as part of their end semester curriculum at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous).

Appointed as in-house certificate course coordinator for 30h, 2-credit course titled 'Better living through the practice of green chemistry' conducted by Mr Ram Mohan, Fulbright Fellow, USA from January to March 2024.

Organised a lecture in association with PG Chemical Society and Department of Chemistry titled 'Environmentally friendly organic synthesis using bismuth (III) compounds' by Mr Ram Mohan, Fulbright Fellow, USA on January 12, 2024.

Organised a lecture in association with PG Chemical Society and Department of Chemistry titled 'Ethics in chemical Sciences' by Mr Ram Mohan, Fulbright Fellow, USA on February 16, 2024.

Organised a valedictory ceremony in association with the Department of Chemistry on completion of certificate course conducted by Mr Ram Mohan, Fulbright Fellow, USA on April 2, 2024.

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation' at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

On March 11, 2024, she accompanied MSc Chemistry students from St Joseph's University to the Mercedes Benz Sustainability Garage for a one-day workshop on 'Sustainability' and industrial exposure.

Published a paper titled "Metal-organic frameworks: Recent advances in synthesis strategies and

applications” along with others in the journal Inorganic Chemistry Communications.

Published a paper titled “Advances in metal-organic frameworks for water remediation applications” along with others in the journal RSC Advances.

Dr Sunita Rajamani

Dr Sunita Rajamani attended the online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled ‘Crafting Excellence - Research and Innovation in the Age of AI’ from January 21 to 27, 2024, in collaboration with Globethics.net India, headquartered in Geneva.

Served as a representative speaker from the School of Chemical Sciences for the term paper seminar held for Chemistry and Biochemistry students on February 26, 2024.

Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira

Organised an international Faculty Development programme on ‘Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship (FETS)’ in collaboration with AIACHE and ASIA Network of United States at St Joseph’s University on October 27 and 28, 2023.

Attended and completed a 30 hours Certificate course on ‘Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills’ conducted by Samagra from November 2023 to February 2024.

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation’ at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Dr Rita Pal

Rita Pal, Ayano Yamazaki, Naoko Komura, Hide-Nori Tanaka, Akihiro Imamura, Hideharu Ishida, Hiromune Ando, ‘Convergent Synthesis of Functionalized Derivatives of Stage-Specific Embryonic Antigens 3 & 4.’ Carbohydrate Research (Elsevier)

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation’ at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Dr Debashis Ghosh

Published a paper titled “Electrochemical and photochemical reaction of isatins: A decade update” in the journal Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry on April 5, 2024, along with others.

Published a paper titled “Photochemical and electrochemical synthesis of oxazoles and isoxazoles: An update” in Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis in April 3, 2024.

Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi

On December 16, 2023, Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi attended a faculty development programme on ‘Research & Innovation’ at St Francis College and Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

On January 16 to 21, 2024, he attended a faculty development program on ‘Quality Enhancement to Facilitate Academic Excellence and Well-Being’ at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

On January 31, 2024, he participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation’ at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.



He completed a certificate course on ‘Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills’ at St Joseph’s PU college, Bangalore, held from February 8, 2024, to April 4, 2024.

Dr Vinutha Salian

Accompanied undergraduate and postgraduate chemistry students on January 24, 2024 to ‘CHEMOZ’ fest organised at Christ University, Bangalore.

Completed 30 hours certificate course on ‘Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills’, organised by Samagra from November 9, 2023 to February 1, 2024.

On January 31, 2024, she participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation’ at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Attended a DST-sponsored national conference

titled 'Sustainable Chemistry and Climate Change' organised by the Department of Chemistry, Christ Deemed to be University on March 26 and 27, 2024.

Invited as an external evaluator of MSc Industrial Chemistry answer scripts at Mangalore University, Mangalore on March 30, 2024.

Published a paper titled "One Pot Synthesis, Crystal Structure, Hirshfeld Studies, Docking Simulation and Antimicrobial Efficacy Assay of New Fused/ Substituted Pyrazoliny-Thiazolidinyl-Indolone Triheterocyclic Hybrid Scaffolds, Polycyclic Aromatic compounds" along with others.

Published and presented a paper titled "Molecular docking, hirshfeld surface analysis and single crystal XRD studies of bioactive hybrid heterocycle scaffold as effective inhibitor of parathyroid hormone-related protein" at the international conference on Transformative Chemistry for Sustainable Future at St Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore, on March 15, 2024, along with others.

Mr Tobin Varkey Simson

Participated in the valuation camp of International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) hosted by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) on February 11, 2024 at IAPT JSO Vidyavardhaka Sangha Centre, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore.

Accompanied undergraduate and postgraduate chemistry students on January 24, 2024 to 'CHEMOZ' fest organised at Christ University, Bangalore.

Served as the Chemistry resource person at the three-days RGC camps for Orientation cum Selection Camp (OCSC) of the International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) hosted by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) from March 8 to 11, 2024, at IAPT JSO Vidyavardhaka Sangha Centre, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore.

Participated in the international conference titled 'Transformative Chemistry for a Sustainable Future' at St Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore on March 15, 2024.

Presented on 'Computational investigation of non-covalent interactions between fluconazole and simvastatin: their significance in drug efficacy' at St Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore on March 15, 2024.

Participated in the DST sponsored two-day national conference on 'Sustainable Chemistry And Climate Change' hosted by the Department of Chemistry, Christ (Deemed to be University) on March 26 and 27, 2024.

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Published and presented a paper titled "Computational investigation on non-covalent interactions between simvastatin and fluconazole: their significance in drug efficacy" at the same international conference with others.

Dr Pramod KM

Filed and published the following patent: 'Compositions For Thermal Storage And Heat Transfer Materials And Their Method Of Preparation' along with Telbin Boban and Nirmal Peter Antony on October 9, 2023.

Attended a two-day national workshop on 'Sustainable Energy Materials (SEM-2023)' as a resource person in KKTU Govt. College, Pullut, Kerala from November 23 to 25, 2023 and delivered a talk on 'Materials for solar thermal energy storage'.



On March 11, 2024, he accompanied MSc Chemistry students from St Joseph's University to the Mercedes Benz Sustainability Garage for a one-day workshop on 'Sustainability and Industrial Exposure'.

Dr Ancila Urumese

Attended an online workshop on October 27, 2023, titled 'Artificial Intelligence Tools for Educators' organised by 'IGNITE Life Skill Academy & IQAC', Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi.

Attended six day international FDP on 'Quality Enhancement to Facilitate Academic Excellence and Well-being' organised by IQAC, Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous Bangalore from January 16 to 21, 2024.

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation' at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on January 31, 2024 .

Participated in the one -week virtual international Faculty Development Programme on 'Advanced Nanomaterials for Energy and Environmental Applications' organised by the Department of Science and Humanities, Sri Krishna College of Technology, Coimbatore from February 26 to March 1, 2024.

Student Achievements

Shruthi A Rao and Sinchana N Prasad: Earned the prestigious 'INSPIRE Scholarship', a programme organised by DST, Government of India.

Akash, Deerangana PA, Chandana TS, Amisha Sharma, and Ganesh C: Qualified the IIT JAM CHEMISTRY 2024 examination.

Suryan Isaac Kashinath: Secured first place in Chemistry Quiz at intercollegiate competition conducted on March 19, 2024, at NMKRV college for Women, Jayanagar.

Aditi Ashwin: Presented a paper at the science undergraduate research conferences (SURC 2023) organised by Azim Premji University, Bangalore held on December 8 to 9, 2023.

Mishael Mariya Sunny and Previya Skariah Valiyaparambil: Presented a poster titled 'Utilisation of organic waste for bioplastic synthesis- A sustainable approach' in a two-day national conference on 'Sustainable Chemistry and Climate Change' at Christ (Deemed to be University) on March 26 to 27, 2024.



Industry Visit - Chitrakala Parishad

On March 16, 2024, students, led by mentor Mr Avishek Suman, visited the 'Aesthetic Reverie Photography Exhibition' at Chitrakala Parishad. The exhibition displayed photographic works, of various genres and styles. With guidance, students learnt about composition, lighting, and storytelling of images. The experience provided practical insights for creative pursuits.

Field trip - Film viewing in Lakshmi Theatre

IIBVC went to watch the film Manjummel Boys as a part of the screenplay writing class on March 15, 2024. Dr Maruthu Pandian and Mr Ajay Chandran accompanied them.

Workshop on Film Preservation, Conservation and Archiving

On January 16, 2024, students of III year BVoc Filmmaking, led by Mr Johnson Rajkumar attended a workshop on 'Film Preservation, Conservation and Archiving' from the Film archival of Manipur at Lakshmi Theatre, S G Palya.

Field Trip - Museum of Art and Photography

On February 6, 2024, students of I year BVoc, visited the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm accompanied by Mr Nevil D'Souza, Dr Amutha and Mr Suhas Srinivas. The museum is renowned for its diverse collection of contemporary and historical art, photography, and textiles, showcasing both Indian and international artists. The visit to the Museum of Art and Photography was both informative and inspiring, displaying the diverse cultural heritage of India through extensive collections, and engaging exhibitions. An educational talk regarding the inclusion of physically and mentally challenged individuals in work environments was held, highlighting MAP's initiative to improve accessibility.

Field Trip - Bengaluru GAFX

On January 29, 2024, students III year BVoc Animation, accompanied by Mr Nevil, Ms Muktha and Mr Shabin, visited Bengaluru GAFX. An annual event, supported by the Government of Karnataka, based around the AVGC Sector (Animation, VFX, Gaming and Comics)

held at the LaLit Ashok Hotel. Students visited the convention to network, gain exposure and familiarise themselves with industry processes.

The event included panel discussions, pitches to top studios, and live competitions over 3 days.

Animation and VFX studios such as Cinesite, TheMill, DNEG, MPC, Mikros and Graphic India showcased their work and behind the scenes footage of the making of cinematic hits, allowing students to see the process of creation from ideation to post-production.

Gaming studios conducted talks about the rise of the gaming sector and relevance of gaming in modern digital media. Masterclasses were conducted on game development, animation theory and special effects in cinema.

Upcoming filmmakers showcased their films and panels were held on women empowerment in the AVGC sector. Students participated in various competitions or as volunteers to help organise events and showcases.

Trip to Gokarna

On October 18, 2023, students of II year BVoc BDMA accompanied by Mr Shabin PK and Ms Mathias Patricia Charles, visited Gokarna. The educational trip focused on the history of visual art through temple architecture in Karnataka.

Rushes National Film Festival

On November 2 to November 4, 2023, the sixth edition of Rushes National Film Festival (RNFF23) was organised by Rushes Film Club. The chief guest of the event was Mr D Satya Prakash, national award winning writer, director, lyricist & producer. The event began with a film screening then a master class on music direction held by Mr Victor Logidasan. Day two was marked by an interactive discussion with the director, Mr Pannaga Bharana followed by a workshop on 'Direction' with Mr Karthik Seenivasan.

On day 3, after a film screening, an interaction session with the director Mr Manso Re and Ms Anuja Chauhan was held.

Artistica

On November 2 to November 3, 2024, 'Artistica' was hosted by the Association of Art and Animation from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The exhibition aimed to showcase the diversity of contemporary art and foster artistic dialogue. The Association of Art and

Animation is a student led organisation fostering creativity in the field of animation and visual arts. It serves as a collaborative hub for students passionate about art and animation. The event consists of multiple programs which help artists enhance their skills to reveal the beauty and innovation of budding young minds. Multiple programs were planned including: art exhibition, live art Sessions, competitions, music Session, Origami station, face Painting, clay modelling, and painting. Students were accompanied by Mr Jenil K George.

Allura

On November 2 to November 4, 2024, 'Allura' the trademark event organised by students of bachelor's in visual communication, accompanied by Mr Suhas S was hosted. Kannada director Mr D Sathya Prakash inaugurated the event at the university auditorium.



The event had two flagship competitions- Red Carpet and Crimson Canvas. An interactive session with famous writer Ms Anuja Chauhan concluded the event.

Film Festival and Panel Discussions - The Elephant and the Ant: Story of a Republic

On October 19 to October 21, 2024, 'The Elephant and the Ant: Story of a Republic - Film Festival and Panel Discussions' was conducted by the Rushes Film Club in association with Bangalore Film Society, Pedestrian pictures, Gamana Women's Collective. Students were accompanied by Ms Muktha.

News in the making

On March 26, 2024, the Josephite Media Forum With the School of Communications and media studies organised a guest lecture by the author of the book 'News in the Making', Mr Premangshu Ray, from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. The talk discussed the qualities a journalist is required to have, the working of a newsroom and job of an editor. It iterated the challenges the author faced while writing the book. Discussion with the students addressed queries

regarding the field of journalism, ethicality, and the scope of women journalists in the field of crime. Students were accompanied by Mr Ravinandan BB.

You Think There Is No Room In Legacy Media?

On March 14, 2024, the School of Communication and Media studies, hosted a guest lecture, by media expert and senior journalist, Mr John Thomas at 1:00 pm. The discussion focused on navigating through Legacy Media, the role it plays in news dissemination, and the opportunities it provides.

The speaker underscored how newspapers are fed by news agencies, and mentioned how the top news agencies work around the world. The talk shed light on the role the 'Press Trust' of India plays. It emphasised how the print will always be the Mother of any kind of media, referring to prominent newspapers when compared to social media.

The lecture highlighted job stability and opportunities legacy media has to offer to future journalists, whilst also providing them a space for branding and skill development. Students were accompanied by Dr Anupama Sharma.

Looking Beyond Narratives the Scientific Way

On March 1, 2024, a workshop was organised by the Josephite Media Forum in association with the School of Communication and Media Studies on scientifically looking beyond narratives with Mr Narendra Nayak as speaker at 10:00 am.

The speaker's evidence-driven opinions go a step further in understanding and exposing the truth behind the 'godman' and their deceitful behaviour with the public. He demonstrated certain tricks that powerful people use to influence the public and mould their opinions, encouraging students to think critically and act logically when uncovering the truth.

The interactive session answered questions from the students and faculty about how to seek the truth, how to remain logical and think rationally. Students were accompanied by Mr Ravinandan BB.

Skills and strategies to kickstart a journalistic career in the AI and data-driven world

On February 28, 2024, the Josephite Media Forum organised a guest lecture with the School of

Communication and Media Studies on 'Skills and strategies to kickstart a journalistic career in the AI and data-driven world' with Mr Vignesh Radhakrishnan as the speaker.

The lecture covered evidence-driven opinions on the Print, electronic and online media platforms, the financial aspect of the career and the challenges the industry faces began the session followed by his insights into data journalism. Students observed a demonstration on how to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the field of data journalism. He stressed the need to be updated on current affairs for ease in finding sources for data stories, writing reports and so on, fact-checking and keeping the report as simple as possible.

He expressed that even though there are online news platforms which are emerging, print media will still exist as it continues to inform people and keep them up to date. He answered questions regarding the reliability of sources for data stories, several legacy newspapers having a paywall online, skills required for data reporting and so on.

Supporting journalists and media educators across India against misinformation

On February 27, 2024, a workshop was conducted to support journalists and media educators against misinformation, delivered by Mr Giridhar Narayan (trainer at GNI India Training Network). The workshop took place from 11:00 am to 1:15 pm.

The workshop addressed the importance of fact-checking with the rise in circulation of fake news and cleared the difference between misinformation and disinformation. A link was provided where the attendees immersed themselves in a fact-checking exercise.

Extensions like InVid, Tineye and Baidu were also introduced for video content fact-checking. The key takeaways were: to examine and verify the content, think of intent, search for sources and look for basic red flags.

Prospects and Scope in Business Journalism

On February 23, 2024, an interactive session on 'Prospects and Scope in Business Journalism' was held by the School of Communication and Media Studies in association with the Josephite Media Forum. Mr Raghu Krishnan, the Chief Editor of Happiest Health magazine spoke about his experiences in journalistic beats such as technology, space and business.

The session provided insights into the scope of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the field of journalism. It touched upon the importance of having the skills for the utilisation of AI in areas such as content writing, marketing and copywriting and concluded that professionals must never compromise on their ethics.

MEDIACON 2024

On January 23 and January 24, 2024, Mediacon 2024, a two-day International Conference conducted by the School Of Communication was held. The theme of the conference was 'Media, Politics, and Governance'.

The inauguration of the event included Mr Pawan Khera, Chairman of Media and Publicity, Indian National Congress, and Mr Rajeev Gowda, Former MP, and national spokesperson of the INC as the keynote speakers.

This following panel discussion was on the topic 'Freedom of speech: The state of play. The way ahead'. It brought together a group of experts who discussed and shared their experiences on the current situation of freedom of speech in India. The panellists were Mr Paranjay Guha Thakurta, a senior journalist, Mr Siddique Kappan, journalist and writer, Ms Aishwarya Mahadev, lawyer and politician, Ms Pooja Prasanna, editorial head, The News Minute and Brijesh Kalappa, advocate, Supreme Court of India.

On day two, there was an eclectic panel on advertising and public relations moderated by Dr Naresh Rao, Professor, Christ University. The panellists included Mr Niranjan Natarajan, Founder & Creative Director, Why Axis Advertising LLP; Ms Radha Radhakrishnan, Fractional Chief Communication Officer; Mr Ramamoorthi Narayanan, Marketing and Brand Consultant and Ms Sumathi Chari, Director and Senior Partner, PR Hub. The discussion threw new light on political agenda and the art of communication.

This was followed by an engaging international webinar moderated by Mr AV Varghese, the webinar was joined by Mr Chris Brown, Foreign Correspondent, CBC News, Moscow, Russia; Mr Mazhar Abbas, Geo News, Senior Analyst & Columnist for Daily Jang; Mr YP Rajesh, South Asia Breaking News Hub Chief & Lead Writer, Reuters; Ms Jeanette Rodrigues, Managing Editor South Asia, Bloomberg LP and Mr Atul Ranjan, Senior Analyst/India Correspondent with NNA, ASIA at Kyodo News.

The two-day conference saw the presentation of 50 academic papers by students, academicians and media professionals exploring a range of themes.

Inkarnate

On November 9, 2023, students of II MA Advertising and Public Relations organised 'Inkarnate', a literature festival in association with Author's Channel, a book publishing company which aims to celebrate literature and provide a platform for writers, poets, and speakers. Amassing around 200 attendees from other universities as well.

The event featured a diverse range of activities including author readings, poetry slams, panel discussions, workshops, and book signings. The Women Empowerment Panel featured esteemed authors Aruna Nambair, Andaleeb Wajid, and Aparna Devigiri, they discussed issues surrounding gender equality, women's rights, and the portrayal of women in literature. There were panels on romance, historical fiction, poetry reading and start-ups as well. Sessions offered attendees an enriching experience, catering to a wide range of interests and providing learning opportunities.

PRCAI Bengaluru Academia Conclave

On February 26, 2024, the Bengaluru Academia Conclave, hosted by St Joseph's University's School of Communication and Media Studies in collaboration with the Public Relations Consultants Association of India (PRCAI), took place at the De Nobili Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Moderated by Deeptie Sethi, CEO of PRCAI and Co-Founder of 'Complimentors', the event featured speakers Vaishali Ramakrishnan, Rev Dr Richard Rego SJ, Amrutha Moorthy, Sarah Gideon, Kaushik Kashyap, and Tarunjeet Rattan.

The seminar provided insight into the PR industry via panel discussions with professionals. It emphasised the skills and attitudes needed for success in PR, such as continuous learning, empathy, balance of AI and human interaction, research, analytical thinking, communication and the relationship of politics with the economy.

AI and the Attention Economy

On March 1, 2024 at De Nobili Hall, Girish Balachandran, Founder of On Purpose, discussed the impact of AI on information and brand building in the context of the Attention Economy. He addressed the challenges posed by fake news and the erosion of trust in the digital era, emphasising the need for brands to take a stand amidst AI's unpredictability. Balachandran also explored strategies for building a brand in an era of alternative facts, highlighting the role of PR professionals in shaping the future of PR amidst technological advancements.

Brandstorm

Creative Brief – A Strategic and Creative POV

On February 3, 2024, a session titled 'Creative Brief – A Strategic and Creative POV' was held for first year MA Advertising and Public Relations students, organised by the School of Communication in collaboration with Brandstorm, the session featured experienced media professionals Mr Saurabh KV, a Brand Strategist from Ex-Ogilvy, and Ms Parvathy Rajmohan, Creative Director, Copy at Ogilvy.



Mr Saurabh KV highlighted the challenges in crafting marketing ads, including the complexity of the advertising field, subjective creativity, and tight deadlines. Emphasising the importance of a clear creative brief, in guiding the objectives and messaging, facilitating collaboration and structuring the creative process. The 5C framework (Company, Category, Competition, Channel, and Consumer) was discussed as a tool to address marketing problems effectively. Ms Parvathy Rajmohan emphasised the role of insights derived from a good brief in creating impactful advertising campaigns.

The speakers advised students to gain practical experience through internships and freelance work. The session provided valuable insights into advertising's dynamic landscape through engaging visuals and concise delivery.

HEY. Humanity Empathy and You

On March 11 to 22, 2024, Brandstorm organised an event titled 'HEY. Humanity, Empathy and You' at St Joseph's University with the aim of promoting courtesy and kindness among students. It featured engaging activities, spread over a week from March 11 to March 18, 2024, with a grand culmination on March 22, 2024. Participants were encouraged to express courtesy and kindness through their poster designs displayed throughout campus, highlighting the importance of practising empathy and consideration in daily interactions at the culmination event on March 22, along with a live bingo game reinforcing the core message, and a flash mob performance. Winners were rewarded with Brandstorm merchandise. The event served as a reminder to students about the significance and benefits of practising courtesy towards others and its lasting impact.

Industry Visits - Zen Sciences, Anomaly Ads and Grey Worldwide (Brandstorm)

On April 4, 2024, students of MA Advertising and Public Relations visited three advertising agencies – Zen Sciences, Anomaly Ads and Grey Worldwide to interact with industry professionals from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At Zen Sciences, students were given an office tour and presentation on B2B marketing. The session culminated in a brainstorming activity addressing a hypothetical PR crisis. At Anomaly Ads, the students witnessed firsthand how advertising blends strategy, design, and storytelling to create impactful brand experiences through engaging discussions with the team shedding light on branding in today's dynamic market.

At Grey WorldWide, students had an engaging session with Mr Nishant Sethi on the advertising business, Ms Zainab Hajji regarding details of Grey's work with Bingo Mad Angles' GOAT pack ad campaign. Mr Deepak Puttaramaiah discussed media planning and buying, and Mr Vikrant Singh discussed account management.

Interactive workshop

On October 27, 2023, an interactive workshop organised by Josephite Media Forum, hosted veteran journalist Mr G Manjusainath who works with the Press Trust of India. The speaker addressed the first and the second year masters students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at 1:00 pm.

Student Achievements

On March 20, 2024, PRmoment India collaborated with Hill and Knowlton to launch the second edition of RISEUP PR+, a contest designed for aspiring public relations professionals, where St Joseph's University emerged as the winner. Mentored by HPE's Ms Diksha Verma, Team St Joseph's University—Thangamma KM (231ADP14), Rahul Srishailappa Murudi (231ADPO4), and Gopika Menon (231ADPO6) of I year MA Advertising and Public Relations—secured first place.

Staff Achievements

Dr Nevil Pradeep Dsouza

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from Jain University (Deemed to be), Bangalore, in Journalism and Mass Communication for the thesis, 'The Effectiveness and Teacher Perception of Using Media Technology in Education. Special Focus on Augmented Reality as a Tool of Communication' submitted under the guidance of Dr Bhargavi D Hemmige (Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Jain University).

Dr Maruthu Pandian

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, in Journalism and Mass Communication for the thesis 'The Influence of Video-On-Demand Services on Visual Narrative and Aesthetics: An Analysis of Television Series;' submitted under the guidance of Dr Sathyaprakash MR (Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kuvempu University).

Dr Mrudhusha Mohanan

On February 22, 2024, was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, in management. For dissertation, titled 'Hedonic Motivation and Social Influence Impacting Young Instagram Users' Travel Intention: A Technology Acceptance Model Perspective,' under guidance of Dr Suraj Kushe Shekhar (Associate Professor, Vellore Institute of Technology).

Dr Parinitha L Shinde

Was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, in Journalism and Mass Communication for the thesis 'Impact of Social Media on News Production and Consumption: A Case Study of Bengaluru City' submitted under the guidance of Dr Sathyaprakash MR (Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kuvempu University).

Student Achievements

UG Department of Communication

Bijo Benjimin

Secured first place in the short film making competition held at Ramaiah University on March 7, 2024. Secured third place in the short film making competition held at Jain University (Jayanagar) fest on March 2-3, 2024. Secured first place for the short filmmaking competition at Mount Carmel College's Kannada fest in February 2024. Received special mention award at the 48 hours short film making competition organised by Jain University on October 13, 2023.

Farhan Musthafa

Secured third place for short film 'Mind' at ICE 2024 conducted by Symbiosis, Pune on March 23, 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Department Activities

Clash of Economies

The 'Clash of Economies' event, held at St Joseph's University on November 7, 2023, marked a dynamic convergence of economic intellect and strategic thinking. This innovative forum brought together six teams, each comprising three students from diverse undergraduate courses, to engage in a conflict mystery challenge. The event simulates a clash between two fictional countries, unravelling the complexities of economic disputes. The participating teams were initially provided with the outcome of the conflict and tasked with deciphering the original cause. Teams deciphered clues strategically distributed throughout the event period. The interdisciplinary nature of the competition not only showcased the students' economic acumen but also emphasised collaborative problem-solving across various academic backgrounds. The engaging format encouraged participants to apply theoretical economic concepts to real-world scenarios, fostering critical thinking and analytical skills.

Association Activities

Econ Nexus

The Economics Forum hosted an intercollegiate economics fest on February 28, 2024, featuring a range of engaging events. 'Picture This' challenged participants with a Pictionary-style competition, while 'Express Elevator' tested quick thinking and communication skills. 'Coin-Quest' provided a platform for budget drafting expertise, and 'Discourse Duel' showcased parliamentary debate prowess. 'Bull Bear Blitz' simulated stock market strategies, complementing the intellectual depth of the 'Paper Presentation' and innovative thinking in the 'Policy Hackathon.' The Overall Contingent award was deservedly won by Mount Carmel College, reflecting their excellence across multiple events. The fest was a resounding success, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of learning, collaboration, and competitive spirit among participating colleges.

On-The-Case - Case Study Analysis Competition

On October 6, 2023, the Economics Forum of St Joseph's University conducted a highly engaging case analysis event for undergraduate students. Teams were tasked with analysing and proposing policy-level solutions to address entrenched economic issues in countries like Pakistan, Venezuela, etc. The core of the event revolved around the 10-minute presentations delivered by each team. These presentations showcased extensive research, economic theories, and innovative policy recommendations for addressing the complex economic challenges in their assigned countries. Ms Padmaja Pancharathnam from the Economics Department and Ms Harini Madhusudan from the Department of International Relations, evaluated the presentations. The event offered a platform for students to apply their knowledge but also highlighted the significance of practical policy solutions in tackling complex economic issues globally.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Department Activities

Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success 2.0

On November 2, 2023, the Department of History facilitated 'Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success 2.0', a lecture by Dr AR Khan, founder of Khan Study Group. This session provided UPSC aspirants with a thorough overview of successful exam strategies, focusing on study techniques, time management, and holistic preparation methods. Dr. Khan engaged with attendees actively, addressing their concerns about the often tedious nature of exam preparation. The lecture concluded successfully, with Dr Khan encouraging aspirants to maintain their motivation and persist toward achieving their civil service ambitions.

Young Historians Conference: Paper Presentation Competition

On November 11, 2023, the Department of History hosted the 'Young Historians Conference: Paper Presentation Competition' online. The event, under the theme 'Unearthed Narratives: Celebrating Unexplored Histories', aimed to highlight less recognized historical narratives through the scholarly contributions of emerging historians. The conference commenced with an inaugural address by Dr Monique Ingalls, titled 'I Love to Tell the Story: Music Making as a Rich Source for Unexpected Histories', setting the stage for a series of enlightening presentations. Participants from across city colleges presented on various topics, including neglected figures and events, contributing fresh insights and perspectives that challenge mainstream historical discourse. Their research was characterised by rigorous analysis, detailed investigation, and engaging storytelling, which not only captivated the audience but also stimulated lively discussions. The event successfully showcased the academic rigour and enthusiasm of new scholars in the field, emphasising the significance of diverse narratives in enriching our understanding of history and inspiring continued exploration and discovery.

Tourism Fair And A Trip To Bangalore Palace

On January 16, 2024, the Department of History

hosted an event that provided a profound exploration of Bangalore's cultural heritage, featuring a Tourism Fair and a visit to Bangalore Palace. It aimed to deepen participants' appreciation for the city's historical and architectural splendour. The event commenced with a guided tour of Bangalore Palace, where participants were enlightened about the palace's historical significance and architectural details. Guides shared intriguing anecdotes about the palace's royal past, enhancing the visitors' experience of the palace's interiors, which include elaborate artworks, antique furnishings, and ornate chandeliers. Following the palace visit, participants engaged in a Tourism Fair that showcased Bangalore's diverse cultural sites and tourist activities. This offered insights into the city's rich heritage, facilitating a broader understanding of Bangalore's historical context. This effectively celebrated and promoted Bangalore's cultural heritage, emphasising the importance of cultural preservation.

Workshop - Beyond the Questions: Mindset Mastery for Travel Job Interviews

On February 16, 2024, the Department of History organised the 'Beyond the Questions: Mindset Mastery for Travel Job Interviews' workshop, hosted by Upskills Minds and attended by 30 humanities students, effectively addressing the distinctive challenges of travel industry interviews. Through engaging exercises, the workshop emphasised resilience and adaptability, key traits for such roles. Participants reported heightened confidence and a better grasp of industry expectations, indicating that the session not only bolstered essential interview skills but also amplified interest in travel sector careers.



Association Activities

Sandesh - Ek Pegam

On October 10, 2023, the Department of History and Parishodhana (History Association), hosted 'Sandesh - Ek Pegam' to coincide with National Postal Day. This event aimed to revitalise the tradition of letter writing and underscoring the value of postal services in sustaining personal connections, and attracted over 90 participants across the university. Students and teachers were invited to write heartfelt letters to their loved ones, which were subsequently mailed through the collaboration of Parishodhana committee members and local postal officials. Participants were provided with writing materials, composed their letters, and deposited them in a specially provided post box. A life-size figure of a postman enhanced the thematic appeal, encouraging more students to engage in this nostalgic practice. The letters were then dispatched to a nearby post office with assistance from Mr KK Vinu, Postmaster, and Mr Macha Gowda, Postal Assistant at Shantinagar post office, ensuring timely delivery. This celebration of National Postal Day successfully revived interest in the art of handwritten communication, reinforcing interpersonal bonds through this traditional medium.

Timeless Tokens: Ancient Board Games Unveiled

On November 10, 2023, as part of Meraki 2023, the Humanities Fest at St Joseph's University, Parishodhana (History Association) hosted 'Timeless Tokens.' The event featured ancient board games, including Panchi, Pretwa, Sheep and Tiger, and Chausar. Students engaged in strategic competitions across these traditional games, with Chausar accommodating four players, while Pretwa, Panchi, and Sheep and Tiger were designed for two. Participants demonstrated significant strategic acumen and mastery of ancient tactics, contributing to intense gameplay and several remarkable highlights. The event offered entertainment encouraging cultural appreciation and learning, deepening participants' understanding of historical gaming traditions.



HISTORIA - Intercollegiate Fest

On April 8, 2024, the Department of History and Parishodhana (History Association), inaugurated 'HISTORIA', the first intercollegiate fest themed 'Jashn-e-Itihas: Celebrating History'. This one-day event aimed to foster a passion for historical studies and encourage scholarly exchange among students from various colleges throughout Bangalore. HISTORIA drew 80 participants and featured activities tailored to exploring and appreciating history, including Solo Classical Dance, a Written Quiz, Treasure Hunt, Dumb Charades, and 'History in 60 Seconds'. The fest commenced with an opening ceremony where esteemed guest Mr Uday Kumar delivered an address titled 'Why Should We Celebrate History,' setting an intellectual tone for the day. This address emphasised the significance of history in understanding societal developments and cultural heritage. As the fest concluded, it left a lasting impact on attendees, enhancing their appreciation for history and inspiring them to preserve and explore our collective past.



DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Association Activities

Annual Quiz

Annual Industrial Relations Quiz 2023 was hosted by the Industrial Relation, as part of School of Humanities Academic Festival MERA KI on November 4, 2023. A total of 17 teams participated. The event was organised by Mr G Anuplal.

Extempore Competition

Industrial Relations Extempore Competition was conducted on March 18, 2024, by the Industrial Relations Forum. The event was organised by Mr G Anuplal.

Logo Designing Competition

Designing Competition on the topic 'Redesign Your Favourite MNCs Logo' on October 21, 2023 by the Industrial Relations Forum. The event was organised by Mr G Anuplal.

Annual Lecture Competition

The Annual Industrial Relations Lecture Competition was held on March 25, 2024 by the Industrial Relations Forum. The event was organised by Mr G Anuplal.

The Philatelists And Numismatics Association (PANA)

Members of PANA visited Karnataka State Level Philately Exhibition - 'KARNAPEX-2024' from January 5 to 8, 2024, at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru, and interacted with Philatelists from different parts of India and made detailed study of Philatelic treasures on display.

PANEX-2024: Annual Exhibition of Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery, Coins and Currency Notes

Annual Exhibition of PANA was held from February 9 to 10, 2024. 19 members participated. A total of 249 Postage stamps, 34 Postal Stationeries, 375 coins and 109 currency notes were displayed on 114 Exhibition sheets. The highly educative exhibition was visited by a large number of faculty members, students and

general public. The five member Jury consisting of Mr G Anuplal, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Melwin Colaco, Lt EM Nagarajan and Mr Anit D'Souza, declared the winners. Ms KL Gowri Shastry of II BA EC and Ms Caroline Judi Benhur of II BA ESO were declared the Best Philatelist and Best Numismatist of SJU.

PANA Members also visited the National Numismatics Exhibition 2024 at Shikshakara Sadana, from February 24 to 25, 2024, and made extensive studies. Regular meetings of PANA have played a significant role in nurturing philatelic and numismatic knowledge among the members of the smallest but vibrant association of the University.

Philately Study Class

A study class on Travancore Anchel and Cochin Anchel - Postage & Revenue Stamps of erstwhile princely States was conducted on August 19, 2023. All participants were given postage stamps of Travancore, Cochin and definitive stamps of British India, which was used for comparative study. President of PANA Mr G. Anuplal was the resource person for the study class. Notaphily was another workshop conducted by PANA in the Odd semester.

Staff Achievements

Mr G Anuplal (HOD of Department of Industrial Relations)

Released 'Centenary Postal Cover of Alumni Association of St Joseph's University' for the Members of Cannanore Philatelic Club, Kerala on December 21, 2023.

Ms Sandhya Catherine (Guest Faculty)

Completed a certificate programme on Advanced Quantitative Research and Geographic Information system, from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, during January to March 2024.

Student Achievements

Ms Flavia Da Costa (III BA IES)

Completing her two year internship with the Office of the CHRO of St Joseph's University. She is the first student to Intern with the Office of the CHRO.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Department Activities

Visit to Sampangi Rama Nagar Police Station

Students of third BA EP visited Sampangi Ramnagar Police Station on October 9, 2023, as part of their Vocational Course field visit and interacted with Mr Harish Kumar. They were also briefed about the working of a Police-Station. The initiative was taken by the Department Head and the course instructor Dr PE Somaiah.

Association Activities

Speakeasy Jam

The Department of Political science and its Undergraduate Association Spectrum organised the event 'Speak Easy Jam' during the MERAKI, the Intra-university competitions week, on November 6, 2023. The programme invited all the aspiring orators, debaters and quick thinkers to participate in the debate and Just a Minute at Meraki. The intellectual showdown promised to be an exciting and enriching experience for students, faculty, and enthusiasts of political discourse.

Panel Discussion on 'Karnataka State Budget 2024 to 2025'

Spectrum and the Department of Political Science Organised a Panel Discussion on KARNATAKA STATE BUDGET 2024-2025 on February 23, 2024. The programme was chaired by the department head Dr PE Somaiah.

Students-Grama Panchayath Members Interactive Session

Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a Students-Grama Panchayath Members Interactive session on March 16, 2024. Mr Aruna Beba, Mr MP Kushalappa and Mr CU Bheemaiah from Napoklu Grama Panchayath, Kodagu District, spoke about the functioning of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka and interacted with the students.

Workshop - TEAM ATOM

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a Workshop on the theme, 'Career opportunities and Transition from Campus to the Corporate', on March 27, 2024. Mr Mahesh Aanagodumath and Ms Kavya shree, from TEAM ATOM were the resource persons.

Staff Achievements

Dr PE Somaiah (Associate Professor and Head of the Department)

Invited as Subject Expert, for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting, by the Department of Political Science, Maharani Cluster University, on October 20, 2023.

Invited by PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA ASC CENTRE (S) to deliver a Special lecture on the topic, 'Right to Education Act (RTE), 2009, to the Teaching faculty, on November 30, 2023.

Invited as a Subject Expert, Political Science Board of Studies Meeting, by the Department of Political Science, Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous), on December 6, 2023.

Received the invitation as Subject Expert, for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting, by the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujjre, Dakshina Kannada District, on February 9, 2024. He was invited as a political analyst in TV 9 News Channel for a Live discussion on Karnataka State Budget 2024 to 2025, on February 16, 2024.

Dr Ance Teresa Varghese, (Assistant Professor at the Department)

Awarded with PhD on October 18, 2023, for her thesis titled 'Agrarian Distress and State Response: A Case of Wayanad District, Kerala', through ISEC from the University of Mysore.

1. Invited as a Guest speaker at 'St John's Medical College, Bengaluru', on the topic 'Sacred Election and the Role of Electorate', to the first and second-year medical students, on March 15, 2024.
2. Invited as a member of Board of Examinations for the paper 'Indian Constitution' at St Joseph's College of Commerce on March 19, 2024.

Dr Roshni Sharma (Assistant Professor at the Department)

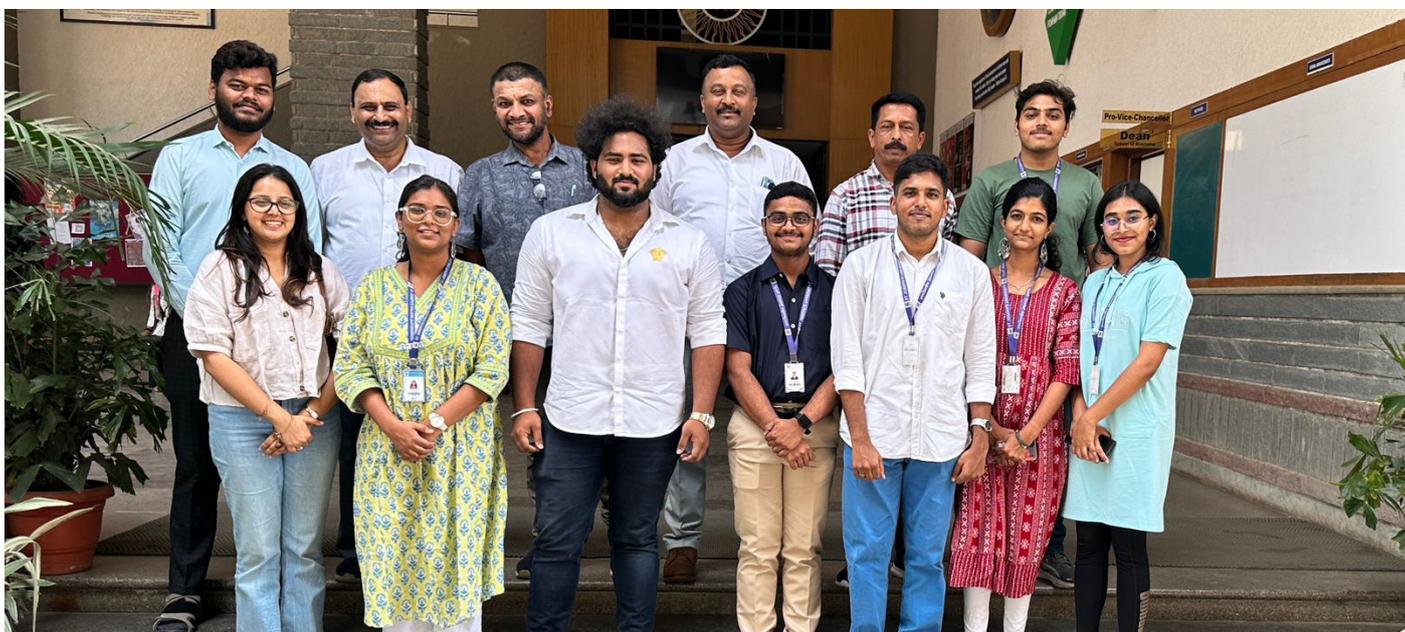
1. Presented a paper titled 'Making the Silences Heard: Voices of Rohingya Refugee Women' at a seminar 'People in Motion: Bridging Borders and Building Futures' organised by International Centre for Cultural Studies, Taiwan on November 25, 2023.
2. Presented a paper titled 'Refugee Resilience in the Face of Pandemic Crises: A Comprehensive Analysis', organised by CERSSE, Jain University, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, University of Kalyani on December 11 to 12, 2023.
3. Invited as a resource person at Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, for taking a session on Feminist theories of Power on December 24, 2023.
4. Awarded with PhD on February 3, 2024, titled 'Refugee Women: Negotiating Identity, Womanhood and Refugeehood'.

6. Presented a paper titled 'Remaining at the Margins: Voices of Pakistani Dalit Hindu Refugee Women in India' at the 5th Edition: Global Congress: Gender and Sexuality Studies, from March 25 to 26, 2024.

Mr Bhanuprakash R (Guest Faculty at the department)

Invited as a Board of Examination (BOE) subject expert on January 1, 2024, by the Department of Political Science, BMS College for Women to set the question paper for Constitution of India paper.

On March 26, 2024, he organised a guest lecture for all the BA (Shift III) students. Dr Azhar Khan CA, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, PES University was invited as guest speaker on the topic, 'Minorities in India: Challenges and Ways Forward'.



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Association Activities

Mental Health and Self Care - Open Mic and Stalls

The 'Mental Health and Self-Care' event, organized by Sumana, the Postgraduate Psychology association in observance of Suicide Prevention Day, served as a meaningful and engaging platform to raise awareness about mental health, promote self-care, and encourage talents. Held on October 6, 2023, the event brought together students in an atmosphere of support and understanding. It was designed to be an inclusive and welcoming space where individuals from all backgrounds could come together to express their talents, and engage in activities that promote self-care and well-being. The event effectively promoted the concept of self-care by offering attendees a range of engaging and therapeutic activities. These activities served as an opportunity for students to take a break from their daily routines and invest in their mental well-being. The event's multifaceted approach to self-care encouraged participants to explore different avenues for relaxation, creativity, and positive thinking. In conclusion, the 'Mental Health and Self-Care' event organised by Sumana was a resounding success. It accomplished its goals of raising awareness about mental health, reducing stigma, and fostering an environment of support and understanding.

Who's Your New Friend? - Mixer

The 'Who's Your New Friend?' a mixer event held on January 18, 2024, at the PG Block Quadrangle, organised by Sumana, aimed to foster a sense of community, and promote mental health awareness among Josephites. The event drew participants from various Undergraduate and Postgraduate departments and featured interactive activities and creative stalls. Interactive activities included a dynamic blend of traditional games with social elements such as Musical Chairs with Speed Friending, Group Story Building with a Memory Game twist, and Task-Based Games promoting exploration and socialisation. Stalls offered diverse experiences like the Emotional Polling Station for mood assessment, Face Painting for individual expression, Stickers on Mental Health for positivity, Emoji Station for emotional representation, Friendship Reflections for self-reflection, and reach-out cards for maintaining newly formed friendships.

The event successfully achieved its objectives, creating

a positive and inclusive environment where students could engage meaningfully. It promoted mental health awareness and social connections, contributing to a supportive campus community. Attendees enjoyed the varied activities catering to different interests, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie. Overall, the 'Who's Your New Friend' event was deemed a resounding success, exemplifying the importance of socialising and mental well-being within the campus community.

Craft Your Climax

The 'Craft Your Climax' event, organised by Sumana, the Postgraduate Psychology Forum at St Joseph's University, held on February 29, 2024, aimed to stimulate participants' creativity and critical thinking by exploring alternative endings to the movie 'Karthik Calling Karthik'. It commenced with a promotional campaign featuring games like 'Dumb Charades'. The first half of the movie was screened to provide participants with essential plot elements and thematic context. Participants were tasked with submitting videos narrating their envisioned second half and climax of the movie, encouraging them to delve into their imagination and analyse character motivations. Judged by Mr Shabin and Mr Ajay, submissions showcased diverse interpretations, demonstrating creativity and analytical skills. It served as a platform for creative storytelling, psychological analysis, and critical thinking, fostering a deeper understanding of the relationship between psychology and storytelling. The prize distribution took place on March 18, 2024, where Mr Shabin commended the participants' ideas and narrations, congratulating the winners.

She Shines - Women's Day Event for Housekeeping Staff

Sumana, the Postgraduate Psychology Forum at St Joseph's University organised a special event on March 26, 2024, to celebrate International Women's Day and honour the contributions of female housekeeping staff. Facilitated by Ms Kodhai Narayanan and Ms Thushara Mariam Thomas, it aimed to provide relaxation, engagement, and empowerment. Activities included a 'Gratitude Tree' where messages of appreciation were shared, singing performances, 'Antakshari a music game', and discussions on 'Women Empowerment And Workforce Challenges'. The event was a success, providing a break from routine duties, enthusiastic participation was observed in activities, contributing to a positive atmosphere. Discussions on women empowerment encouraged reflection.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Department Activities

Does Marxism work in the 21st Century

The Department of Sociology, hosted its very first debate on the motion 'Is Marxism relevant in the 21st century?' on February 3, 2024. Overlooked by the Adjudicator Mr Madhu M and chaired by the Vice Presidents Mr Abhigyan Chanda and Mr Jazz Philips, the debate had a total of 8 participants with four on each side of the motion, formed into the proposition and opposition team. The event began with a welcome address and the felicitation of the Adjudicator. Each Participant was given a total of seven minutes to speak, with 3 minutes for the opening statement where they had to emphasise their stance and then sum up their argument. Four minutes were allotted to elaborate their views and question their opponents' views. The event concluded with a speech from the Adjudicator who emphasised on the importance of keeping a healthy mindset while discussing complex social issues and urged us to not look at the social problems with a black and white lens but mainly as shades of grey.

Staff Achievements

Dr Maria A

Honoured in a felicitation event held by the Lions Club of NSC Bose under the organisation of Lions Club International, an international social service community which has organised programmes for sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and many other programs.

Awarded with Grade A Certificate for completion of an online, two-week interdisciplinary Refresher Course in 'Managing Online Classes & Co- Creating MOOCS' from January 7 to 21, 2024 hosted by the Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education, as a part of the Pandit Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching.

Ms Melissa Remedios

Organised an Inter-Religious Seminar on 'Human Fraternity Document' on January 6, 2024, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Coordinated and organised a talk on 'Gender Sensitization on Campus' at St Joseph's University on March 14, 2024, as a member of the gender sensitization cell.

Coordinated and organised an AICUF Rural Camp to Pandithahalli, Kundur from April 9 to 14, 2024, as a representative of the School of Humanities.

Student Achievements

Akshitha Unnithan of III BA Political Science and Sociology

Presented a research paper titled 'India's Position of Climate Change: Promoting Decolonization Internationally, Enforcing Colonialism Internally' at the International Conference on 'Development, Democracy, and Citizenship: Decolonial Perspectives from the Global South.' organised by Mahatma Gandhi University in collaboration with University of Nairobi, York University, and University of the Philippines Diliman on March 23, 2024.



Karyum Josephine Riba of III BA Political Science and Sociology

Presented a research paper titled 'Navigating Borders: Settler Colonialism, Global Citizenship and Immigrant Experiences Amidst Conflict' at the International

Conference on 'Development, Democracy, and Citizenship: Decolonial Perspectives from the Global South.' organised by Mahatma Gandhi University in collaboration with University of Nairobi, York University, and University of the Philippines Diliman on March 23, 2024.

Shift III

Department of Sociology & Industrial Relations

Guest session on research methodology in social sciences

A Guest Lecture on Research Methodology in Social Sciences was held on January 30, 2024, from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm in the AV Room, Arrupe Block. Attended by 50 participants, the event began with a welcome address, followed by prayer and a rendition of the University Anthem by the Shift III choir. The guest speaker, Mr Prajwal Nagesh, Doctoral Scholar, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, commenced his lecture by offering valuable insights in selecting a research topic. To make the learning experience more interactive, he introduced an activity where students were tasked with writing down potential research topics for their term papers. Moving on, he delved into the significant disparities between qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methods. Notably, he advised against using mixed methods without sufficient experience in both approaches. The lecture progressed to explore various primary and secondary data sources

employed in both types of research. Practical aspects of conducting qualitative research were illustrated, focusing on interview and ethnographic methods. Mr Nagesh emphasised key ethical considerations such as maintaining confidentiality and anonymity and reporting data honestly without bias. The session concluded after an interaction with the students. The event ended with the felicitation of Mr Nagesh by Mr Prashanth Kumar, Coordinator, Shift III, and a vote of thanks. The event was organised by Dr Chandni Bhambhani, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Shift III, Department of Sociology.

Staff Achievement

Dr Chandni Bhambhani

Participated in a two-week ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) sponsored Capacity Building Programme (CBP) from September 21, 2023, to October 3, 2023, at the Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi, on Emerging Transdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences and G20 Challenges.

Published a book review on Being Single in India: Stories of Gender, Exclusion, and Possibilities by Sarah Lamb in International Journal of Asian Studies, on November 6, 2023.

Secured the 'International FDP on Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship', organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education, Asia Network US, and St Joseph's University.



Department Activities

Industrial visit to ISRO

An Industrial visit to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was conducted from November 23-24, 2023 between 10 am - 2 pm. The visit commenced with an orientation session, where Students were briefed on safety guidelines and instructed on the dos and don'ts during the visit. This ensured a safe and productive experience for everyone involved. A highlight of the visit was the technology showcase, where participants were introduced to state-of-the-art machinery and equipment used in the production process. Demonstrations illustrated how automation used for making aircraft and digitalization have revolutionised industrial operations. A dedicated session on quality control shed light on the company's rigorous inspection procedures and quality assurance protocols. Students learned about the importance of maintaining product standards and ensuring customer satisfaction. An interactive session at the end allowed participants to engage with engineers, managers, and other industry experts. Discussions ranged from career opportunities to industry challenges, providing valuable insights into the sector's dynamics. The students gained an understanding of industrial processes, including raw material handling, manufacturing, and quality assurance as well as appreciation for the role of technology in enhancing productivity and efficiency in industrial settings. They gained insights into the importance of quality control and adherence to safety standards for ensuring product integrity and employee well-being and lastly got exposure to real-world industrial practices and career pathways in the industry. Overall, the industrial visit to ISRO provided a firsthand experience of real world industrial operations, offering valuable insights into manufacturing processes, technology utilisation, and organisational management practices.

Research opportunities at CSA-IISC

The event took place on November 17, 2023 from 11 am - 2 pm. The resource person for this academic interaction was Dr Deepak D'souza from IISC Bangalore. All the faculty members of the Department of Computer Science were present. The topics discussed included the syllabus, value added courses,

and current trends in IT and research. The topic of faculty and student exchange programmes were also brought up for discussion.

Workshop on Introduction to Embedded Systems

A workshop on Introduction to Embedded Systems was conducted in the Magis conference hall, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on December 1, 2023 between 5:20 - 7:20 pm. Mr Mahendra Nayak started with the definition of embedded systems. He taught the differences between general purpose computing systems and embedded systems with examples, classification of embedded systems based on generation, complexing and performance, deterministic behaviour, triggering and on functional requirements such as small scale, medium scale and large scale embedded systems. Classification of embedded systems based on deterministic behaviour, on triggering and on functional requirements were explained with examples. He explained the purpose of embedded systems with examples of data collection, storage, or representation, data communication, data (signal) processing, monitoring, control, and application specific user interface. Then he gave the application of embedded systems such as in various areas of household appliances, for example, washing machine, refrigerator, air conditioner, microwave, fire and gas alarms. In health care (For example, MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), ECG (ElectroCardioGram), CT (Computerised Tomography) scan machine. In banking and retail, for example, automatic teller machine, cheque collection machine, point of sales. Lastly in card readers (for example, barcode, smart card readers, RFID readers). Finally he taught RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computing) and CISC (Complex Instruction Set Computing).

Placements and Interview Talk

The event was conducted across three days from December 7-9, 2023 between 10 am - 4 pm. On day one the guest speakers Mr Ashwin Gnanashekhar and Mr Maddi Abhilash spoke about how to present yourselves in the corporate world and what to expect from it. How the corporate world recruits people, how to actively take part in interviews and recruitment processes, etc. They also elaborated on product based and service based companies, and understanding how corporate recruitment works. On day two, Mr Chethan Chinnappa was the resource person for the session on Personality Development and Soft Skills programme. It played a pivotal role

in empowering participants to cultivate essential competencies for personal and professional success. By nurturing communication, interpersonal, and emotional intelligence skills, the program contributed to the holistic development of individuals, enabling them to thrive in diverse environments and pursue their aspirations with confidence. Ms Kajal Tekwani was the resource person for the session on exploring LinkedIn, how a LinkedIn profile should be and how to make the profile efficient to increase the chances. On day three Mr Ram Kumar and Ms Annie conducted the session on an internship programme which was carried out in the department. The guidelines and modularity were specified and a placement drive was conducted. Around 45 students were selected. The placement talks and drive successfully facilitated meaningful connections between students empowering students to navigate their career paths with confidence. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the event contributed to the professional growth and development of all participants.

Workshop on Fun with C

The technical talk on Fun with C was conducted on December 19, 2023 between 5:20-7:20 pm in the Magis conference hall, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The talk focused on making learning C enjoyable and stimulating by incorporating interactive examples. The speaker began by demonstrating interactive code examples to illustrate basic C concepts such as variables, data types, operators, and control structures. Using live coding sessions, attendees were encouraged to follow along and experiment with the code in real time. The talk introduced creative coding challenges designed to make learning C more engaging and enjoyable. These challenges included tasks like creating ASCII art, Participants were encouraged to unleash their creativity and problem-solving skills while practising C fundamentals. Attendees were guided through hands-on practice to apply their understanding of C basics to build practical applications. The talk emphasised the importance of debugging skills and problem solving techniques in programming. Practical tips and strategies for debugging C code were discussed. The speaker introduced attendees to various C libraries and tools that can enhance their programming experience and productivity. In conclusion, the technical talk on Fun with C provided an interactive and enjoyable learning experience for attendees, offering practical insights, engaging activities, and valuable resources to deepen their understanding of C programming fundamentals. By fostering creativity, problem-solving skills, and a sense of curiosity, the talk managed to inspire learners

to explore the endless possibilities of programming with C.

Workshop on Uncover Cloud - The Power and Potential of Cloud Computing

The workshop was conducted on December 19, 2023 between 5:20 - 7:20 pm in Magis conference hall. The talk began with the resource person, Dr Nagesh B S, Associate Professor, Department of MCA, RNS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, giving an overview of cloud computing, clarifying its definition and fundamental concepts. Cloud computing refers to the delivery of computing services including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, and more over the internet to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale. The speaker discussed the three primary deployment models of cloud computing. Public cloud in which services are delivered over the public internet and are available to anyone who wants to purchase them, private cloud, in which computing resources are used exclusively by one organisation and can be located on-premises or hosted by a third-party provider and hybrid cloud, that combines elements of both public and private clouds, allowing data and applications to be shared between them. The talk delved into the various service models offered by cloud providers such as Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Software as a Service (SaaS). The speaker highlighted the numerous benefits associated with cloud computing. The talk also addressed the challenges and considerations inherent in adopting cloud computing. The speaker concluded by discussing emerging trends and innovations in cloud computing.

Session on Agile Methodology

The session was conducted on March 22, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Magis conference hall of the University. The resource person for the session was Mr Gowtham G, Senior Software Engineer at Impact Analytics. The objective of the Agile Methodology session was to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Agile principles, practices, and frameworks, enabling them to adopt Agile methodologies in their projects effectively. The session commenced with an introduction to Agile principles and its significance in today's dynamic business landscape. The facilitator emphasised the iterative and collaborative nature of Agile, highlighting its role in promoting flexibility, adaptability, and customer satisfaction. The session provided an overview of popular Agile frameworks such as Scrum, Kanban, and Lean, outlining their principles, roles,

ceremonies, and artefacts. Real world examples and case studies were shared to illustrate the application of these frameworks in different contexts. A case study was presented to demonstrate the application of Agile principles and practices in a real world project scenario. Participants engaged in group discussions and problem solving activities to identify key Agile principles at play and propose solutions to challenges encountered. The Agile Methodology session provided participants with a solid foundation in Agile principles, practices, and frameworks, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to embrace Agile methodologies in their projects effectively. By fostering a culture of collaboration, adaptability, and continuous improvement, Agile serves as a powerful enabler for delivering value to customers and achieving business success in today's fast paced environment.

Session on Power Platform

The session was conducted on March 23, 2024 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Magis conference hall, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The resource person for the session was Mr Jesse P Francis, Learning Manager and Member of the Board of Advisors, ProVision Asia. The hands-on session on Power Platform started with an overview of Power platform and its relevance in today's data-centric landscape. Participants then engaged in hands-on training sessions, gaining practical experience in navigating Power Platform, importing data, creating visualisations, and extracting insights. Advanced techniques for managing large datasets were also explored, alongside real world case studies demonstrating Power Platform's application in various contexts. The event concluded with an open q&a session, allowing participants to seek clarification, share experiences, and engage in discussions with experts and peers. In total, around 86 people attended the session. Feedback from attendees almost underscored the workshop's effectiveness in demystifying Power Platform and providing hands-on experience. Participants commended the knowledgeable speakers, interactive sessions, and practical insights gained, affirming the event's success in delivering valuable learning experiences.

Internship in Sklyena

St Joseph's University in collaboration with SkyLena Info Technology Pvt. Ltd. had provided an internship opportunity to the students. The internship program was announced for 40 students in the field of Cyber Security. The selected interns had the opportunity to work on tasks spanning three crucial domains: Offensive security (Red team), Defense security

(Blue team), and Infra deployment team on the AWS Cloud platform. The internship had a duration of 3 months, during which interns gained valuable hands-on experience in the specified domains.

National Level IT Fest

In a display of talent and technological acumen, students from St Joseph's University, Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) programme clinched victory at the national-level IT Fest hosted by the Department of Computer Science at Christ University, (Deemed-to-be-University). The event, held on January 25, 2024 from 10:00 am, showcased the exceptional skills of participating institutions nationwide, and St Joseph's University's BCA students emerged as the undisputed champions.

IIT Bombay Techfest 2023

The prestigious IIT Bombay Techfest held on December 28-29, 2023 witnessed a remarkable feat by two students who demonstrated outstanding skills and determination. Out of 32 competing teams, these students secured the ninth position, showcasing their expertise and commitment to excellence.

National Level IT Fest

In a showcase of interdisciplinary talent, students from St Joseph's University across various departments secured a back-to-back victory at the national-level IT Fest hosted by the Department of Computer Science at Jyothi Nivas College from February 14-15, 2024. The triumphs by students from Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), and Bachelor of Arts (BA) programmes underscored the University's commitment to excellence and innovation. Students from BCA, BBA, and BA programs showcased their prowess in a range of competitions, including programming, coding, software development, and other key IT disciplines. The winning teams from BCA, BBA, and BA programs presented groundbreaking projects that not only demonstrated technical competence but also reflected creative problem-solving and a deep understanding of current technological trends.

National Level IT Fest

The journey from Bangalore to Kochi proved to be a triumphant one for the Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) students of St Joseph's University. Participating in the National Level IT Fest at Rajagiri College of Technology on February 3, 2024, the BCA

students secured an impressive second place in the highly competitive coding competition.

National Level IT Coding Competition

BCA students from St Joseph's University, Bangalore, showcased their talent and dedication by clinching victory at the national-level IT Coding Competition held in Tamil Nadu on March 26-27, 2022. Despite the stiff competition, our team emerged as the Overall National Champions, marking a significant achievement for our university.

Association Activities



Syntaxia

Syntaxia, is the Cybernetics and Technophite association's annual flagship intercollegiate fest which is hosted to uphold the virtues of the association- to learn, socialise and code. Students from different schools and institutions around the country compete in this event to demonstrate their technical prowess in scenarios that challenge their capacity for quick thinking and applying all of their knowledge to win. Syntaxia took place with immense enthusiasm on March 12-13, 2024. The event lasted from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days. The festival's theme, Digital Oasis, inspired the décor and ambience. There was a total of 20 UG and PG events at Syntaxia 2024 this year. The two days of enthralling events came to a triumphant end on the March 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the University's main auditorium. The celebration concluded on a very high note with a stunning dance performance by the dance team. Certificates and mementoes were presented to each winner. Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dean, Department of Information

Technology, declared Christ University (deemed-to-be-university) as the overall champions and presented them with a trophy. Each participant received a certificate of participation, and the winners all received their cash prizes digitally. Overall, the event was neatly and seamlessly carried out. Even with a few minor technical difficulties, the members, volunteers, and participants were understanding and helpful in organising this yearly flagship event.

Staff Achievements

Journal Publications

Dr B G Prasanthi and **Dr B Nithya** published and presented a paper titled "Fuzzy and ANN based model for Test case prioritization for Regression testing", 2023, at the international conference on 'Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics'.

Dr B G Prasanthi published a paper titled "Analysing Sales Enablement Technologies and their Role in Enhancing Sales Teams" in the International Journal of Propulsion Technology.

Mr Melwyn Amrithraj published a paper titled "Exploring the Potential of Machine Learning in Improving Educational Outcomes for Students with Special Needs" in the International Journal of Emerging Trends and Novel Research.

Ms Annie Syrien published a paper titled "Predictive Modeling of Public Opinion for Karnataka Elections using Twitter Data Analysis" with Atlantis press.

Ms Sara Kutty T K published a paper titled "Science and technology of rice matters more in the 21st century", in the Indian Food Industry Magazine.

Mr Selwyn Paul published a paper titled "High Capacity Reversible Data Hiding by Recursive look-ahead in encrypted images adaptive MSB prediction for the cloud computing" in the Journal of Autonomous Intelligence.

Dr BG Prasanthi presented a paper "Efficient data hiding through steganography" at a national conference held at Presidency University on March 15, 2024.

International Conferences Attended

Mr Selwyn Paul presented the research paper titled "A Secure and Adaptable Framework for Decentralized Cloud Storage by Fusion of RDH-EI and Blockchain" in the IEEE sponsored third international conference on 'Innovative Computing, Intelligent Communication and Smart Electrical Systems (ICES 2023)' held at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, St Joseph's Institute of Technology (Autonomous),

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India from December 14-15, 2023.

Book Chapters published

Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha M published a chapter in the book Effective Temperature Prediction for An Enhanced Climate Forecast System in CRC Press.

Books Edited

Mr Melwyn Amrithraj edited Technological Frontiers, published by St Paul's College.

FDPs/Webinars Attended

Ms Sara Kutty attended an international online workshop on Containers and OpenShift organised by IPSR solutions limited and Valin - UK, USA and Canada on February 28, 2024. She also attended Educator Skill Map Orientation for AWS Cloud Engineer organised by AWS Academy from March 15-27, 2024.

Dr A M Bojamma, Deputy PRO, was a member of the core committee for G20 University Connect (G20 Conglomerate) held in October, 2023 at SJU.

Dr B G Prasanthi was invited as an academic expert BOS member at south end campus, Surana College Autonomous, on January 17, 2024 at 10:30 am.

Dr A M Bojamma, Deputy PRO was the co-convenor for the open heart programme with former President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind, held on January 29, 2024 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr A M Bojamma was the core committee member for the Celebration of the visit of Honourable Mr Penpa Tsering, President of the Central Tibetan Administration on February 7, 2024.

Ms Banu M was recognized for her outstanding presentation on the topic "Motivation to Overcome the Crisis of your Life to Reach your Destination" in the international webinar on Sensitizing Refugee Rights under the Aegis of Human Rights conducted by the School of Law, University of Mysore on February 24, 2024.

Ms Banu M has participated as the guest of honour in the International Model United Nations Conference on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities organised by Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysore on March 2, 2024.

A one-day workshop was organised on Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation on March 14, 2024 for all teaching faculty from the Department of Computer Science.

Dr B G Prasanthi was session chair for the international conference on Current Trends in IT held at Presidency university on March 16, 2024.

Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya successfully defended her thesis titled "Routed Optimization for Road Network using Soft Computing Techniques" on March 23, 2024 at Reva University.

Ms Banu M attended a five-day hands-on training workshop by Seitwerk GmbH, Germany on creating e-learning content.

Student Achievements

27 students managed to secure internships in both private and government fields.

Their names are:

Amrutha M, Samuel Savio Godinho, Sajin K S, Madhura N, Nikhil Swaraj, Sreehari S, Rajesh V, Shilpa G P, Prakriti Thapa, Shariba Thasneem, Arun Kumar E, Kucharkanti Karthik Reddy, Arpitha Marina Mascarenhas, Ravi Shankar S, M Shiva, Mangala S, D'mello Nolan Rosario, Fernandes Sanford John, Aishwarya.P, Aiswarya Sasikumar, Faizmohammad Nandoliya, Bijoy Biswa, D Lavanya, Jokim Nongkhlaw, Nandini N, and Thejaswini V

Elixir

Bharath Singh, Assham Arib V O, Joel Joseph, Jonathan Vincent D'Lima, Gurram Manas Kumar, Nanda Kumar KU, R Farhaan Baig, Pranav Upadhyaya V, Richi Ravistan, Anirudh Gonnuri, Vamshi Krishna S, Sharon White Gloria, Aryan Kundargi, Abhishek B, Keerthi Raju C, Sam V, Vishwas VS, K S Swarup Sathvick, V Anil Kumar, Jose Ephraim, Amrutha M, Tushar Hassan G, S Sachin, Jessie Esther Leena J, Chris James Dvaz, Sneha M, Jeswanth G, Yukta Noela Karamchand, Michelle Emmanuel, Akhilesh D, Yashaswini M, Triny Christopher, Gagan G, Sayad Rayan Ali and Nishanth Chandra CS participated in Elixir 2023.

Culturals

Harshitha R secured first place in the Let's Naacho event at Antarang 2023, organised by the Hindi Parishad of St Joseph's University on February 9, 2023.

Anagha Teresa Thomas secured second place in the

Let's Naacho event at Antarang 2023, organised by the Hindi Parishad of St Joseph's University on February 9, 2023

Dino C D secured first place in the Christmas Brain Teasers Quiz at the Inter Unit Christmas Fest held by AICUF Karnataka on December 23, 2023.

Mohammad Naseef Bin Mashood and Reaven Clint D'Souza secured first place in the Dumb Charades Masquerade Show at Arohana 2023, the IT Fest held by Presidency College Bengaluru from October 12 - 13, 2023.

Mohammad Naseef Bin Mashood and Gavin Livero secured first place in the Web Designing event at Arohana 2023, the IT Fest held by Presidency College Bengaluru from October 12 - 13, 2023.

Diya and Richy Ravistan secured second place in Hearsay at Luminous 2023, the inter collegiate fest organised by the Power bank club of Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru on October 10, 2023.

Sports

Gnanesh K C secured first position in men's tennis at Falak Surge, the annual cultural and sports event at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal.

Trisha S, Helen Lithvina J and Supriya P were part of the winning team in Kabaddi at the Fit India Movement 2023, the National Service Scheme inter-unit indigenous sports competition.

Supriya P and Helen Lithwina J got second place in Lagori at the Fit India Movement 2023, the National Service Scheme inter-unit indigenous sports competition.

Shift III

Department of Computer Science

Staff Achievement

Mr Prem Sagar

Coauthored a book Financial Analytics using Python, published by Himalaya Publishing House on December 24, 2023.

Presented a paper on "Exposing Deep Fakes: A Machine Learning Approach for Classification of Fabricated Media" at Woxen University, Hyderabad, for an International Conference from February 5 to 6, 2024.

Presented a paper on "Detecting Deepfakes: Leveraging Convolutional Neural Networks for Fabricated Media Classification" at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, for an International Conference held from February 8 to 9, 2024.

Presented a paper on "The Proliferation of Non-Consensual Deepfake Pornography and Its Impact on Women" at Jain University Auditorium, Bengaluru, for an international conference held from March 1 to 2, 2024.

Published a paper on "The detection of deep fakes using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)" in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences on April 1, 2024.

Student Achievements

BCA students won the overall championship at the National Level IT Fest held at Christ (Deemed-to-be) University, from 10 am on January 25, 2024.

Came second at the national-level IT Fest at Rajagiri College of Technology, Kochi, on February 3, 2024.

Participated in the national-level IT Fest held in Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) from February 14-15, 2024.

Won the national-level IT Coding Competition held at Kalasalingam University, Tamil Nadu on March 26-27, 2024, from 10 am, taking the title of Overall National Champions.

Akarsh Jaison and Astle Ligo Secured ninth position at the IIT Bombay Techfest 2023, held from December 28-29, 2023.



DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING

'Incognito'24'

The commencement of 'Incognito'24' was held with great zeal as Analytica association presented the Inauguration ceremony on February 26, 2024 in Xavier Hall. The ceremony was presided over by honourable chief guest- Ms Siddhi Mahajankatti, Actress and alumni of St Joseph's College of Commerce, dean- Dr (Fr) Denzil Lobo SJ, HOD- Dr Jayati Bhadra and staff coordinator- Dr Asha K. The Chief Guest-address inspired us to enhance communication skills, interpersonal skills and tech analytics skills. She also highlighted the importance of the techniques used in problem solving in real life. Our Dean, Fr Denzil Lobo stressed on the significance of the term VUCA- Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous and adjectives that describe our fast-paced world perfectly. He also gave us hope for upcoming better job opportunities, precisely 97 million jobs that the use of AI and ML would create. The event started at 11:00 am. BID WARS (Auction), Paper Presentation, Call of Duty (on mobile), Treasure hunt, and Photoshop were the major highlights of the fest. The two-day grand fest closed with a joyous Valedictory service where the winners as well as the participants were celebrated.

aDDa with Mr Atul Jain

On January 4, 2024, the Department of Advanced Computing conducted a session 'aDDa' headed by Dr Jayati Bhadra, the speaker of the talk was Mr Atul Jain. A passionate and persistent entrepreneur of TEOCO, who built a successful business on a set of values and principles, Mr Atul Jain spoke about persistence that a person should have in attaining goals in life. The speaker emphasised on the need for students asking questions and fostering a sense of curiosity. The students were curious about the current situations in the job industry, skills required, shifting of jobs, and current skill management.

MONGODB Workshop

A second workshop was organised by the SIGMA Squared Association "MONGODB" with a total number of participants of 200 on November 16, 2023 at SJU. The chief guest Mr Royal Praveen Dsouza, Assistant Professor, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) co-founder of SIONA SOLUTIONS, is an accomplished individual with a passion for both teaching and software development. The objective of this workshop

was to prepare the students to dive deeper into the field of data management and more confident about their knowledge in the same.

Talk on Industry Expectations

A talk was organised to understand the Industries' expectation for Data Science on November 23, 2023, at SJU. Dr Jayati Bhadra was the coordinator and the resource person Ms Chitrita Nath, represented Shell Company as their Customer Performance Analytics Manager. Ms Chitrita expressed the requirements of the industry specially the data analytics field.

Data Wrangling and Visualization Workshop

A workshop was organised on 'Data Wrangling and Visualization' by the SIGMA Squared Association with over 200 participants. The resource person was Ms Alexei Beuno H an esteemed alumnus of St Joseph's College, anticipated to join KPMG as a consultant. The workshop culminated in an engaging Q&A session, where participants enthusiastically posed queries, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas. The event was resoundingly successful, leaving attendees enriched with invaluable knowledge directly applicable to their careers.

DATAGRAM 6.0

The coordinator Ms Jeshma N D'Souza with other dignitaries inaugurated the

opening ceremony on February 29, 2024. During the event, students from different

universities and colleges participated in different events such as Christ University, Kristu Jayanti

College to mention a few. Mr L Ravichandran, Former President and Chief Operating Officer at

Tech Mahindra, served as the Chief Guest. The inauguration of the event commenced promptly

at 9:00 am. A message from the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Regina Mathias followed. The events at Datagram 6.0 showcased a diverse range of competitions catering to various interests and skill sets. The valedictory ceremony of Datagram 6.0 commenced with Ms Syona and

Ms Praicy serving as the emcees for the event. Dr Srinivas Bhogle, Honorary Scientist at CSIR

Fourth Paradigm Institute, was the chief guest. Christ University was overall champion for the event.

Staff Achievements

Dr Jayati Bhadra

Published a book chapter titled “Spam Message Filtering Based on Machine Learning Algorithms and BERT” in Lecture Notes on Data Engineering and Communications Technologies.

Was a resource person for a guest lecture on ‘Big Data Analytics’ in Vijaya College, Bangalore, in July.

Delivered a talk in an international conference on ‘Recent Trends in Data Science’ organised by PG Department of Data Science, St Xavier’s College, Palayamkottal, Tirunelveli, from February 21-22, 2024, titled ‘The power of Big Data Analytics’.

Dr Sivakannan S

Published a book titled Computer Network & Network Security with Scientific International Publishing House.

Published a book chapter titled “Spice yield prediction for sustainable food production using neural networks” in lecture notes on data engineering and communications technologies.

Published a paper titled “Citrus Leaf Disease detection using various deep learning architectures”.

Published a paper titled “Medical image watermarking technique using IWT- BSVD” in the International Journal of Advanced Intelligence Paradigms.

Published a paper titled “Robust medical image watermarking technique using integer wavelet transform and shearlet transform with BSVD” in the International Journal of Advanced Intelligence Paradigms”.

Published a paper titled “MEMS based eating and drinking gesture spotting using machine learning techniques” in the Journal of Statistics and Management Systems.

Published a paper titled “Cardiovascular diseases prediction by machine learning incorporation with deep learning” in the journal Frontiers in Medicine.

Published a paper titled “A study on dog emotion recognition using deep learning techniques” in AIP Conference Proceedings.

Was a resource person for an invited talk on ‘Artificial Intelligence and Deep learning’ at VSA Group of Institutions, Tamil Nadu, on March 15, 2024.

‘FPGA-based System Design using Verilog & VHDL’ given in Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai, on November 29, 2023.

Mr Francis Densil Raj V

Published a conference publication titled “Scene text detection, recognition and language identification” in AIP Proceedings.

A patent has been registered and granted in the year 2023.

Dr Asha K

Chaired a session at the international conference on ‘Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning’ organized by PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, at Peelamedu, Coimbatore.

Published a chapter titled “A Systematic review with recommendations on Intelligent Systems in Cognitive Healthcare” in a book titled Intelligent Solutions for Cognitive Disorders.

Published a chapter titled “Reducing Counterfeit Medicine through Blockchain” in the book Blockchain Security for IOE: Security and Privacy Perspective.

Published a chapter titled “Real-estate Housing Market Analytics and Prediction using Bigdata for Post Pandemic era” in the book Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems published by Springer, Singapore

Published a chapter titled “A Prognostic Approach to Crime Analysis” in the book Advanced in Machine Learning for Big Data Analysis

She is an active member of the NSS unit and have given three talks on ‘Women Rising:

Empowering Communities through Gender Equality’, ‘Health Family Welfare and Nutrition

Programme’, ‘Women Empowerment and Gender Justice: Addressing Equality Challenges’.

Dr Sanjay Dutta

Published a research article titled “A Novel Approach to Solve Multi-Objective Fuzzy Stochastic

Bi-level Programming using Genetic Algorithm” in Operations Research Forum by Springer publications.



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Linguistics Society

Bottle Painting Drive

As a fundraiser for its annual festival SomeAntics, The Linguistics Society conducted a bottle painting drive on January 25, 2024. Students were asked to donate glass bottles a week in advance for the event. Students filled the room with colour, illustrations of cats and several visual puns for a wholesome break from mundane routine. Students returned during break hours to finish, while others took the bottles home to return later. The painted bottles were auctioned off on February 6, 2024.

Punning Workshop

On January 16, 2024, alumni, teachers and students gathered for an hour and a half of punning. The workshop was conducted by Dr Arul Mani, who is known to slide puns into daily conversations, lectures, and quizzes. He challenged the notion that puns are a trivial form of entertainment and spoke about how puns can be homophonic, metonymic, homographic, or any form of wordplay that is bold enough to explore language. The audience were then given various prompts to get them punning. First, they used names of songs to make puns. The workshop was full of laughs and interesting conversations on what games one can play with language. This workshop led to the participation of many students in Punny Kutty, a punning contest held as part of SomeAntics.

SomeAntics

SomeAntics, is the Josephite Festival of Language, that celebrates language use and play, the 2024 edition was held from February 21 to 24, 2024. The event kicked off with an inauguration followed by the announcement of the prompt for Zine Making, and a fun word puzzle contest called Wordnik. The same evening, the celebration of International Mother Languages Day was held, with students from various courses coming forward to sing, dance, narrate a story, or present an aspect of their language they are fascinated by. The other days of SomeAntics featured events like Punny Kutty, a pun-making contest, V2R1, a game where a team of two people come together and

become one, saying only one word at a time to fulfil a given prompt, word games like Spelling Bee, What's the Good Word, and Anaphora, and so on. The last day of the fest, which was conducted online, had the association's first-ever inter-collegiate contestants, reinforcing the feeling of a successful SomeAntics 2024. The second edition of the Mother Tongue Essay Contest was also conducted as part of SomeAntics 2024. The prompt was 'Letting Fly' and the deadline for submissions was February 29. It was judged by Ms Sarah Mathew, editor at Dorling Kindersley.

Stape Events: Lang Time No See, Puzzle Tuesdays

The members of The Linguistics Society gathered on various Tuesdays for conversations about language and to solve word games. Lang Time No See took place on November 7, 2023, followed by two Puzzle Tuesday events, on January 9, 2024, and January 30, 2024. Lang Time No See celebrated linguistic diversity, featuring presentations on Konkani by Ms Vijetha Kumar, Nasween Beig, emphasising its dialects, cultural significance and how it reminds her of her maternal family. The session helped many understand the differences dialects can bring by interacting with speakers of Konkani. The Puzzle Tuesday events focused on cryptic clues and languages in fantasy novels and also introduced 'A Word A Week'. This edition featured questions related to the Harry Potter universe and the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Literary Society

Bring Your Own Book

On April 1, 2024, the Literary Society inspired by the famous 'Cubbon Reads' held their very first session of 'BYOB: Bring your own book'. Students sat with each other and read in silent, shared company for 45 minutes. People were encouraged to read whatever they wished to, whether it was a physical book or a digital copy. While most of the people present were reading actual books, some classics like Lolita or some sci-fi like A Place Called Here, some of them cosied up to read fanfiction of their favourite series. To conclude the session, a few of the students after some coaxing opened up about what they were reading; some of them also shared their favourite moments from their stories.

META 2024

The XII edition of Meta, the Josephite Festival of Literature began on February 12, 2024 and went on for eight days ending on February 20, 2024. It was organised by the Department of English and The Literary Society. The festival also saw the second edition of the St Joseph's University Prize for the Personal Essay, a writing contest open to school and college students as well the public. The theme for this year was 'Keeping Secrets'. The overall theme for Meta 2024 however was 'Sunny Side Up' and the festival was filled with egg related motifs. The festival of literature kicked off with a short inauguration and Teachers' JAM with faculty members of the Department of English. The four flagship contests at the inter-collegiate festival included The Fr Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution contest, the TRH Peck Memorial Lecture Contest, JAM, Love poetry and two quizzes - Bookends and Ottaku (quiz



on OTT) conducted in collaboration with St Joseph's University Quizzers. The edition of Meta featured a host of stellar writers invited for conversation with students.

In Conversation with Abhishek Anicca

Mr Abhishek Anicca's book *The Grammar of My Body* was released in December 2023. He graced the virtual stage on February 15, 2024. The event commenced with a student sharing their personal encounters with society's perceptions of disability, drawing parallels with Anicca's writing in his memoir. As the discussion unfolded, Anicca delved deep into his own narratives, shedding light on the intersection between disability, race, gender, sexuality, class and the necessity of embracing diversity and helping marginalised voices to foster true progress. They emphasised that inclusivity does not mean ignoring one's disability but rather creating spaces where an individual's diversity can be acknowledged and heard. The discussion came to an end with Anicca reading out a chapter from his memoir.

Bangalore Blues with Kirtana Kumar

Ms Kirtana Kumar's debut book *Bangalore Blues* features 33 stories about the lives of various characters in her beloved city, Bangalore. Moderating the panel was Dr Cheriyan Alexander, former Head of Department of English and adjunct faculty at St Joseph's University. Kirtana Kumar was energetic and began the panel by reading from her book. She provided some context on the story of a 'wannabe candid' vlogger. Dr Alexander said that he found many instances from the book amusing and pointed them out. Kumar also expressed her interest and love for the characters in between the cracks that somewhat almost go unnoticed. She talked about the third spaces that are present, where it is neither home nor the workplace and how one can find personal solidarity and take a break from everything that is going on around them. The city is developing fast and we are becoming a jingoistic society where the prominence of vernacular language is decreasing

Vichar Samachar with Anurag Minus Verma

On February 14, 2024, the air buzzed with considerable excitement awaiting the arrival of Mr Anurag Minus Verma. An intriguing screening featuring his various Bitmoji characters including the ingenious and infamous 'Ronnie', preceded the panel. Along with short clips, there were videos where he lent a comedic narration, giving dimensions unheard of at a solemn event. He was introduced in documentary style Hindi and welcomed with resounding applause. He spoke about finding creativity in his third year of engineering, discussed how essential adding humour to community journalism was, and explained his usage of various mediums for creative expression. He let the audience in on his strikingly accurate portrayal of the stereotype of the privileged, ignorant university student. He elaborated on looking at the liberal side of politics humorously, a feat that isn't as easily achieved like the criticism of the right. The panel haltingly came to an end with Mr Verma talking about privilege as not necessarily depriving oneself of good things, but recognizing the absurdity of the many things that affected that possession.

Why is writing like this ya? A conversation with Amulya Shruti

On February 15, 2024, a panel called 'Why is writing like this ya?' took place under the Banyan Tree at St Joseph's University, the chat with Ms Amulya Shruti featured key participants. The conversation ranged from questions about the miseries and joys of writing as also panellists' own experiences with their first

few writing journeys. The atmosphere was enhanced by a gentle breeze, creating a relaxed ambiance for the viewers. To further enhance the experience, attendees and panel members were treated to refreshing cups of lemon tea, made by volunteers of META adding a delightful touch to the gathering. The event extended for an engaging hour, with the lively conversation concluding with students throwing thoughtful questions to Ms Amulya Shruti.

History's Angel with Anjum Hasan

On February 19, 2024, a conversation between author and poet Ms Anjum Hasan and students was held. A gathering of excited students and teachers greeted the author, followed by an introduction. The conversation flowed easily, starting with her fondly reminiscing about her school days in Shillong, history classes taught on winter mornings and told like stories. As the questions moved towards the book *History's Angel*, she offered an enthralling account of her choice of setting the novel in old Delhi, and how "fiction comes alive through its setting." She gave glimpses into the protagonist Alif's tendency to look at the ordinary spaces around him from a historical perspective. The insight into the mind of a 'woolly-headed academic' finding his escape in the imagined space of his thoughts, to the frustration of his family members, was fascinating. The significance of naming a character, creating a plot by building tension and working out a resolution also came up. She also talked about critics' response to *History's Angel*, explaining how a novel centred on the political reality of India was not meant to be a report on it. As the discussion came to an end, she spoke about 'difficult pleasures' and how "all of life is a difficult pleasure" in a world of people trying to hold onto their lives despite the conditions around them. The panel concluded with Ms Anjum Hasan reading an excerpt from her book, followed by questions from the audience.



Panel on Contesting Masculinities

With an aim to get as many opinions on the idea of contemporary masculinity, a panel titled 'Contesting masculinities' was held on February 19, 2024. The last decade has been a testing time for questions around gender, sexuality, and masculinity. After the success of films like *Animal*, it is even more concerning. To address this, a diverse panel was organised, it was moderated by writer, translator, and teacher Ms Nadika Nadja. On the panel were students from Mount Carmel College and also students from St Joseph's University. Subtle and critical questions around gender, society, and love were raised. The panel was interesting, funny and signified how it is possible for individuals to act according to their desires rather than for societal pressures.

In Conversation With Carmen Maria Machado

On February 20, 2024, the Literary Society and the Department of English were pleased to welcome acclaimed writer Ms Carmen Maria Machado to a panel on writing and teaching moderated by Ms Drishti Rakhra. Ms Machado teaches at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. She is the author of the celebrated memoir *In the Dream House* and the anthology of short stories, *My Body and Other Parties*. The conversation took place on Zoom, and viewers tuned in to the live broadcast on YouTube. While the comment section flooded with responses, Ms Machado was witty and brilliant. When asked about her journey as a writer, she said: "Everytime I tried to do something different with my life, I kind of got pointed back towards writing. I've done all these other things and yet I feel like writing always became the thing that I sort of returned to."

In conversation with Jayant Kaikini and Tejaswini Niranjana

Writer Mr Jayant Kaikini's latest book, *Mithun Number 2*, translated by Ms Tejaswini Niranjana has been winning acclaim since its release in January 2024. The writer and translator were both invited to talk about the book on February 16, 2024. The panel traversed through Bombay with its questions; Bombay as a metaphorical and socioeconomic space rather than a geographic one. The panellists talked about the concept of Sante Salige; "the liberty of a market", and what makes a space urban. Ms Tejaswini Niranjana spoke about the various ethos of translation, how meanings moved through dialects, and the speculations she had to make to convey whatever the author wanted to the readers as eloquently as possible. De Nobili Hall was filled with excited whispers and students in awe and appreciation, whose enthusiasm to ask questions extended the panel and invigorated the authors.

An evening with Paromita Vohra

In a world that says no to work, few people endeavour to create their own niche of work in the already saturated world, Ms Paromita Vohra, founder of Agents of Ishq is one such individual who has taken upon the weight of creating her own style of writing; she writes about films, sex-education, books, desire, and pop culture. The director of *Where's Sandra?* was invited to an online conversation on February 13, 2024. "The world has changed a lot and so has work", Ms Vohra said while recalling her days as an intern working under filmmaker Mr Anand Patwardhan. When asked about how she entered into the world of films and documentaries, she chuckled that she never thought that she, as a very good scoring candidate during her undergraduate years at Miranda House, University of Delhi, would ever enter the world of cinematography and film-making. "I was unsure of my career, even unfit and so I decided to take a route that didn't have so many predetermined entries". The panel ended with Ms Vohra's conclusive thoughts on how independent filmmakers and writers need to carve out their own path, a path that allows them to adjust to the current environment but also allow them to be out their own path, one that is original and not moulded by society.



In Conversation with Roopa Pai

Ms Roopa Pai, children's author and journalist was in an engrossing discussion with panellists on February 13, 2024, about her book, *Cubbon park- The Green Heart of Bengaluru*. The panel opened with a short memory trip to Bangalore's many parks, its people, and growing up in the city among other things. The book, a 'biography of Cubbon Park' as she likes to describe it, brings out the emotion and love felt for the space she calls a 'Buffer Zone'. Growing up in Bengaluru, Ms Pai said, was like being embraced by Cubbon Park with its toy trains, cotton candy and popcorn. There are memories she deeply cherishes from her childhood, evident from the ardour in her voice. Through the conversation, Ms Pai managed to

orient the audience with the significance of Cubbon Park, not just to Bengaluru as a city, but also to the everyday life of a Bangalorean. Additionally, there was a brief discussion of her book series titled *Taranauts*, which brought up a set of quite riveting facts about the panellists themselves while giving the audience members an insight into Pai's interactions with children's stories.

In Conversation with Govind Krishnan V

Writer Mr Govind Krishnan V was invited to Meta on February 20, 2024, to talk about his latest book, *Vivekananda: The Philosopher of Freedom*. Mr Krishnan addressed questions about Vivekananda and talked about how Gandhi was a man who had the vision but seemed to struggle to attain it whereas Vivekananda, who was a more radical thinker achieved it with not much difficulty. He respectfully drew the differences between the two ideal role models and talked about how individuality and society play key roles, and about the contrasting rise of individuals who want to create a homogenous society.

In Conversation with Vivek Shanbhag

Writer Mr Vivek Shanbhag was at Meta on February 14, 2024, to talk about his latest novel *Sakina's Kiss*, translated from Kannada to English by Mr Srinath Perur. The panel spoke widely about Mr Shanbhag's writing process, his thoughts on translation, the presence of Savarna masculinity in his book and so on. He spoke about the importance of knowing one's position in society and the nation, to look at oneself and see where we stand. Towards the end of the panel, the floor was open to take questions from the audience. Many students as well as faculty members, asked questions regarding the contents of his book, the characters, his thoughts on what a writer's job is, how writing comes to him and so on. Mr Shanbhag had a way of indulging in the questions deeply and making the audience laugh in the process.

St Joseph's University Prize for the Personal Essay

The second edition of the SJU Prize for the Personal Essay held on January 8, 2024, welcomed entries from students at both school and college levels, as well as the general public. The theme this year was 'Keeping Secrets'. A total of 117 entries were received. Bangalore-based writer Ms Amulya Shruti was the judge this year. The award ceremony came to a close with the announcement of next edition's theme: small differences.

Teachers' JAM

Teachers' Jam was conducted on February 12, 2024, as part of the inaugural celebrations of Meta 2024. After a short introduction from the emcee, marking the beginning of the event, the mic was handed over to Dr Arul Mani who was the JAM Master, who introduced the 8 professors participating. They battled for several rounds sustaining multiple puns made by the JAM Master and surviving strange topics such as coconuts and happy frogs.

The Nicholas Parsons Trophy for JAM

The Nicholas Parsons trophy for JAM prelims took place on February 14, 2024. The emcee started the event with a brief introduction which was followed by the explanation of the rules by the JAM Master, Dr Arul Mani. After 2 rounds, 8 participants were finally selected for the finals. The seemingly never-ending event was packed with energy in every second and definitely acquired a vast, new group of students to its fanbase. The JAM Finals were held on February 20, 2024, featuring eight finalists. Each round introduced unique constraints such as the prohibition of common and widely used words like 'and' or 'because,' injecting an element of challenge that heightened the overall enjoyment for participants and audience alike. The rules were straightforward yet demanding — no hesitation, repetition or deviation, while ensuring a family-friendly ambiance. The carefully curated topics, ranging from the intriguing 'Sai Hariesh' s Sins' to the mysteriously titled 'Anushual Secrets,' not only showcased the participants' quick thinking but also kept the audience enthralled throughout. The participants engaged in friendly objection, adding a competitive spirit to the event.

Love Poetry

Love Poetry, a writing contest was conducted on February 14, 2024. Twenty two participants write about what it's like "When The Phone Doesn't Ring". There was an initial moment of confusion and blank facedness but soon enough ink was flowing onto the papers. After a brief and silent 30 minutes, the once empty papers now with poems, were handed in. The eloquent league of poets all collectively agreed that the topic was definitely an interesting and thought provoking one. Some were even new to poetry and found it a fascinating experience. The poems are to be judged by Mr Rohit R, alumnus of the 2017 EJP batch, currently working with Reuters.

The Fr Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution Contest

For twelve years now, Meta has conducted The Shakespeare Elocution contest in memory of our beloved the late Fr Hedwig Da Costa. On February 15, 2024, after a thick round of auditions, 4 contestants were selected to represent St Joseph's University. Dr Shirley Bernard, voice coach and former teacher at Jyothi Nivas College was the judge.

The Prof TRH Peck Memorial Lecture Contest

The Prof TRH Peck Memorial Lecture Contest was conducted on February 13, 2024, featuring 8 participants from St Joseph's and Christ University. The judge was Mr Raj Kiran. The participants gave lectures about various things including epics, long poems, post-colonial eco crime, nature, war, and Billy Collins. The judge announced the results soon after the contest.

Reading Room

On August 7, 2023, the Literary Society kickstarted their bi-weekly Reading Room sessions. Ms Vijeta Kumar introduced the concept of Reading Room to new readers present as a space to bring in a text or a writer and have discussions about it in a non-academic setting, as a way to not only talk about what people read, but also as a way for new readers to slowly ease themselves in to a community of readers. The author spotlight for the Reading Room was the French writer, Annie Ernaux. Ms Vijeta gave a brief introduction to the writer and talked about her experience of reading Annie Ernaux. She introduced two books by Ernaux, *Possession* and *A Girl's Story*, and offered a starting point to new readers on reading her. She briefly summarised the premise of the books before concluding the meeting and presenting the idea for a panel discussion on the author for next week. The dialogue centred around the book titled *Shame* and her other works. The panellists shared various opinions on the book and its thematic elements, setting a rich tone of introspection and analysis. The prominence of themes like jealousy and shame were dissected. Students from Science and Commerce streams were also present and a lot of students showed interest in talking in the panel. On October 10, 2023, the Literary Society hosted its second session of Reading Room, where Dr Arul Mani read out from Michael Bond's *Paddington* and talked about the symbolism that pointed towards the general experience of immigrants in a new country.

Writing Desk

On January 29, 2024, the year's first writing desk, led by Ms Cynthia was held. The theme for the session was Keeping Secrets, which was also the theme for this year's St Joseph's University Prize for the Personal Essay. She shared with the students attending a few of her secrets from childhood, which snowballed into the others sharing their previously best hidden ones as well. Metaphors were made and imagery was done as everyone shared their writing with the rest of the people, receiving comments and applause, marking another successful session. On February 10, 2024, things went off-campus as Ms Cynthia and Ms Gayathri took their group of writers to Bookworm on Church Street, where everyone sat on the terrace to write and share, both writing desks held before Meta worked as jumpstarts to encourage them to send in their submissions for the personal essay contest. Another session was held on March 18, 2024, where people wrote on the theme of Rage and childhood anecdotes were shared.

Exploring caste, gender, and writing with Sukirtharani

The final event on February 17, 2024, of Meta featured a discussion between writer Ms Sukirtharani and Ms Nadika Nadja. The topic of their conversation revolved around caste, gender, and writing. They delved into the idea that writing must serve both personal introspection and outward expression, encompassing both internal and external perspectives. They emphasised that literature should serve as a tool for translation and transcendence of one's experiences. They discussed how literature acts as a reflection of the times, highlighting the role of caste dynamics, particularly through the lens of women's bodies.

Performing Arts Society

Upstage 2024: an intercollegiate theatre festival

The Department of English, in collaboration with the Performing Arts Society, conducted Upstage, an intercollegiate festival from February 26 to 28, 2024. A series of performances followed through five stage events: Long play, short play, scenematic, street play and mime.

The first day started with a short inauguration by Mr Clement who reminded us of the importance of the joy of theatre, followed by a speech by Dr Arul Mani who shed light on learning that comes in different ways as long as we are curious to look for it. After the speeches and official inaugural, the performances began. On February 26, the filled Auditorium hosted

an audience from different departments and colleges who witnessed short plays, scenematic and mime. Short plays saw a range of performances that included shattered dreams of lovers, dilemma of Hamlet's actions, Gangubai's resilience and efforts to find oneself. Scenematic brought a blend of acting, music and dance on stage to tell stories of The Lion King and Thambi. The silence of Mime was unrecognisable, the acting moving the audience from fear and violence of caste to laughing at fart sounds. On February 27, two teams performed Street Play, choreographed by Mr Manjunath. The teams offered the audience a gateway into what can be achieved when humans come together. On the last day, the Performing Arts Society arranged seven long plays that swayed the audience in tension, fear, laughter and joy. The 40-minute-long acts seemed short as the teams gripped the attention of the audience throughout.

TOTO CIRCLE presents: a workshop in theatre

Ms Dheera and Ms Mahi from the Toto Circle were invited to conduct a theatre of resistance workshop for students as part of Upstage 2024. Ms Mahi began the session by asking the participants to write down anything that came to their minds. Soon, they began talking about theatre as a voice for the oppressed. A workshop exercise of "Relations and Choices" was played introducing the elements of fun and bonding. Then, divided into groups, participants were tested for their telepathic abilities, an exercise where participants didn't speak but after exchanging clueless stares, discomfort became comfort. The workshop ended after 2 hours of training in expressing vulnerabilities and drawing strength from them.

Intramural, Interclass Theatre Festival

Intramural, an inter-class theatre festival, was held from October 11 to 13, 2023. It was a vibrant showcase of talent and creativity, featuring a diverse range of events that captivated the audience from start to finish. The Short Play event, judged by Mr Ashish, saw teams deliver remarkable performances, each striving to leave a lasting impression. The competition was fierce, with winners announced across various categories, highlighting the breadth of talent among participants. Scenematic, the fest's culminating event on October 13, transformed iconic dramatic scenes into musical adaptations, captivating the audience's imagination. Teams, judged by Ms Gayathri Lakshmi, showcased their talent with themes ranging from The Lion King to Avengers, delivering memorable performances that left a mark on attendees.

NOUS

Quiet Debate

The programme, Quiet Debate, was organized by NOUS on September 27, 2023 in DeNobili Hall. The topic of the discussion was “What is Your NEP Like?”. The session was moderated by Dr Arul Mani, and the panelists included Srinidhi and Amrita from Mount Carmel College, Amrutha and Haniya from Jyoti Nivas College, Tanishk and Hridya from St Joseph’s University. The debate explored varying subjective interpretations of the National Education Policy 2020. The policy was widely criticized for being hastily implemented and for blurring the boundary between the sciences and humanities.

Listening Post

A weekly event hosted by NOUS, every Wednesday at 1 pm in Room A 314, Arrupe block, St. Joseph’s University, Listening Post gives students a space to talk about their favourite music artists or genre in music. Listening Post successfully held almost more than 5 sessions in this academic year. The first session was inaugurated by Dr Arul Mani, the Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures. There were a variety of topics that were spoken about, ranging from Namma Bengaluru’s ‘Killa K’ to K-pop’s favorite ‘Super Junior’.

Nous Showing

Every Wednesday, Nous would showcase films and short films exploring diverse aspects of culture, art, and life, spanning across different time periods, in the Communicative English Lab.

Registered viewers got the opportunity to watch and immerse themselves in films such as Mandela, a satirical political film set in the context of a village panchayat election, where the outcome of the election hangs on the vote of a local barber. The Nous Showcase featured classics such as Audrey Hepburn’s Wait Until Dark and Charades. The screenings were followed by discussions led by Dr Arul Mani or Ms Vijeta.

Social Justice Film Festival 2023

Conducted on the October 6- 7, 2023, The Social Justice Film Festival is the flagship event of NOUS, a news arts and film association run by the Department of English. After a short inauguration, we were introduced to our curator, the reputed documentary filmmaker, Mr RP Amudhan. The documentaries screened dealt with pertinent topics of social import – indigenous tribes and their relationship with

nature, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the marginalized, the stigmatization of menstruation, etc. The students also interacted with RP Amudhan and Deepak Verma, whose film Malipura Dam, was screened during the festival.

This year’s edition of SJFF featured international films for the first time where it showcased films that dealt with issues ranging from racial prejudice, immigrant crisis, welfare of single mothers, and so on. Fikirte screened at the festival was an absurd story about a woman who lives in a container, which raises questions regarding access to welfare, especially for single mothers. Another documentary thematises the issues of undocumented people living in Finland.

The Film Festival was a raging success. Every documentary screened at the festival highlighted different issues of social justice, making students view things from a new perspective.

Blue Pencil

Blue Pencil is an intercollegiate festival of writing and journalism organized by NOUS, an association for news arts and film run by the Department of English. Events in Blue Pencil were also collaborated with other associations like the Quiz Club for Who News?. The team from RVC – Aditya S and Adithya Acharya – won the first prize in this fact-checking quiz. Other successful contests included Off-Plate (food writing contest), Sub-Kuch (proof reading contest), NoseCut (mock press conference), and Mujhe Zine Do! (zine-making contest). We also had several panels including conversations with renowned writers like Aashish Rajadhyaksha, and Shelvin Sebastian. There were student discussion panels on OTT and K-Dramas.

The TG Vaidyanath Memorial Film Review Contest saw widespread participation, with those present watching a film and producing an original critique in the form of a four-minute video. Reet Kaur and Tavishi Batra from Christ (Deemed to be) University came out on top in the Event.

The SJU Debate

The fifth edition of Blue Pencil - the student festival of writing and journalism, saw the inauguration of the SJU Debate, hosted by the Department of English. The debate was held at the University Auditorium at 4:00 pm on February 5, 2024. The motion for the debate was “India can afford to provide university education free of cost”. Modelled on the style of Oxford Union debates, teams of two from diverse colleges such as Christ (Deemed to be) University, Alliance, Manipal, and St Joseph’s University participated in the event. The

distinguished panel of judges for the event consisted of Mr Vineeth Surendranath, a renowned leukaemia researcher at the German Stem Cell Foundation, and Mr Arvind Narrain, a lawyer and the author of the book India's Undeclared Emergency: Constitutionalism and the Politics of Resistance. The debate was moderated by Dr Cheriyan Alexander, former Head of the English Department who currently serves as an adjunct faculty member. The debating teams came from Christ (Deemed to be University), Alliance University, Manipal Academy, and St Joseph's University to deliberate on the topic "India can afford to provide university education free of cost." For the valedictory, NOUS office bearers were called upon to the stage to present the certificates and Bookworm coupons to the winners of each event that they hosted. After a rousing speech on Blue Pencil and participation

by all the students, the Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures, Dr Arul Mani presented the Blue Pencil Rolling Trophy to Christ (Deemed to be university). The audience poll yielded results in favour of the opposition, who presented arguments against the motion, ultimately concluding that it is not feasible for contemporary India to offer free higher education. Jishnu (Alliance University) and Neha Sen (Christ Deemed-to-Be University) were named first and second best speakers, respectively. Sana Kamal (Christ University) and Riya Pote (Alliance University) were tied for the third position. Wrapping up Blue Pencil, a cake was cut by the office bearers for all the professors, association executives, volunteers and participants. Having had a successful inaugural edition, the SJU debate is poised to grow as a platform for diversity and rationalism in future editions of Blue Pencil.



DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

International Language Fair

The students of St Joseph's University participated in the International Language Fair organised by the Centre for Global Languages, in the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium on the Bangalore City University Campus on February 24, 2024. The students of St Joseph's University participated in all the events organised like skit, cosplay, singing, dancing, poster making, poetry

recitation in French and secured prizes in various events. The events allowed the students to utilise their French language skills and they provided them with the opportunity to interact with students learning several other international languages like German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and many more. There were different stalls put up which highlighted the culture of different global languages. The different Stalls were about Japanese, French, Spanish and German languages and culture. Each event gave an insight into the other foreign languages, their traditions, and culture.

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI



Antarang (Intra-University Fest)

Antarang, an intra-university fest, took place on February 8, 2024. It featured seven events: a treasure hunt called 'Bhool Bhulaiya,' a quiz named 'Jo Jeeta Wahi Sikandar,' an activity titled 'Mogambo Khush Hoga' resembles an air crash scenario, a fashion show called 'Fashion Ka Hai Yeh Jalwa,' stand-up comedy titled 'Hasee Toh Phasee,' and a game of dumb charades named 'Barfi.' Participation was open to all, regardless of language proficiency. The inauguration ceremony commenced with esteemed dignitaries including our Chief Guest Dr Gurudatta and the Guest of Honour Mr Nagarajan. Following the inauguration, the various events began, showcasing the participants talents and skills. Winners were

recognised for their outstanding performances and efforts during the various competitions, rewarded with cash prizes amounting to a maximum of 2,000 rupees. The valedictory ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to making Antarang a memorable and successful event. To conclude the event on a celebratory note, a Bollywood night was organised for all students and participants to relax and celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout the event.

Association Activities

Garba Night

On October 20, 2023, the Hindi Parishad brought

the spirit of Navaratri to life through a vibrant Garba Night held in the basement of the Auditorium. The gathering was warmly welcomed, setting the tone for the evening's festivities. With approximately 250 participants, including 15 dedicated volunteers and a core committee comprising 10 members, the basement transformed into a colourful tapestry of traditional attire as everyone embraced the Garba theme. Throughout the event, a melange of spirited Garba songs resonated, upholding the college's decorum. The participants swayed to the beats and revelled in the cultural essence of the evening.

Visual Writing And News Reading

On January 17, 2023, the Visual Writing Picture Display and the News Reading Competition took place. The Visual Writing Picture Display was a unique challenge that demanded both speed and imagination. In this event, participants were presented with a visual prompt and given 40 minutes to translate their thoughts into a written masterpiece. The News Reading Competition was a platform for participants to emulate the skills of professional reporters. Participants stepped up to deliver news reports with precision and flair. Teachers provided guidance and encouragement, fostering an environment that nurtured the participants' confidence and skills. Ms Neena Dewassy, an esteemed figure, graced both events as the chief guest, infusing the occasion with a sense of importance and prestige. The day ended with the announcement of winners and runners-up from both events, marking the triumphs of those who excelled in the art of visual writing and news reporting.

Staff Achievement

Dr Hasan Pathan (Head of Department)

Selected as Board of Studies member of Bangalore University on March 4, 2024.

Presented research titled 'Ethics and Caste politics: U R Anantamurthy's Samskara' at Maulana Azad National Urdu University on March 1, 2024.

Dr Gurudatta

Selected as Board of studies member of Acharya Bangalore -B School on February 2, 2024, by the school research committee.

Published research article in well-known Hindi journal on march 2024 titled 'Aalochana aur Hindi pragatisheel aalochana ka tulanatmak Adhyayan'

Mr Satish Honnanagar

Invited for special talk as Resource Person about 'Hindi language and job opportunities' at HINDI DIWAS on September 27, 2023, at Dr NSAM First Grade College, Hesaraghatta, Bangalore.

Student Achievements

Students secured the runner up trophy at St Joseph's College of Commerce on December 28, 2023.

Students secured prizes at news reading and story writing competition organised by Bank of Baroda Bengaluru at the St Joseph's University on March 12, 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA

Association Activities

Sanchalana - Shift I & II

Sanchalana is an inter-class cultural fest conducted by Kannada Sangha every year. Dumb Charades, Quiz, Mono Acting, Love Letter writing, Poetry, Crafts, Escape Room, Debate, Painting, Story Writing, Mr and Ms Sanchalana, Photography, Reel Making, Group Dance, Fashion Walk are the various competitions. Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Kannada Sangha Co-ordinator Dr Hanumantharayappa, Dr Poornima B N and Kannada Sangha President Sampath Kumar coordinated the events at Xavier Hall on October 20 and 21, 2023. Valedictory was conducted on November 10 in De Nobili hall.

Kannada Rajyotsava

On November 4, 2023, the Kannada Sangha at St Joseph's University orchestrated a vibrant and culturally rich Rajyotsava celebration. The event was graced by esteemed guests, Mr Aravind KP and Ms Divya Udagatti. The festivities unfolded with a mesmerizing array of dance performances. Traditional folk dances like Hulikunita and Veeragase transported the audience to the heart of Karnataka's cultural heritage. The stage came alive with contemporary dance forms, showcasing the fusion of tradition and modernity. From Bharatanatyam to dynamic and energetic modern routines, the performers left an indelible mark on the hearts of the audience.

The Rajyotsava program managed to weave together the threads of tradition, entertainment, and inspiration.

ISIRI

ISIRI, an inter-college cultural fest was conducted from February 21-22, 2024. 250+ participants from 25 different colleges and universities participated in various competitions.

Sanchalana 2024 - Shift III

On February 29, 2024, an exciting intra-departmental event unfolded, bringing together students from St Joseph's University and College. This cultural celebration featured a diverse array of competitions, each reflecting the rich traditions of Karnataka.

Participants engaged in activities ranging from 'Cooking Without Fire' to intense matches of 'Kabaddi', and from the strategic game of Carrom to the nostalgic 'Lagori'. The event also witnessed creative expressions through photography and poetry. Students from all shifts enthusiastically enrolled in these contests, showcasing their talents and passion. The spirit of competition blended seamlessly with the cultural ethos, making it a memorable day for everyone involved. On the second day, the campus filled with anticipation as participants prepared for the grand finale. The stage was set for group dance, solo dance, and the prestigious Mr and Ms Sanchalana contests.

Staff Achievements

Dr Eraiah

Dr Eraiah, head of the department of Kannada, published a chapter titled "Vachana Sahithya matthu Mahila Samvedane" in Shivasharaneyara Vachangalu: Buhumuki Ayamagalu

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B took part in a one-day national seminar and presented a paper on 'Kaayaka Yogi Maadaara Dulayya' on February 29, 2024, at Bengaluru University, Jnanabharathi. He also presented a paper at a national seminar in St Clare's College on March 22, 2024. He edited a book titled Sahitya Sammilana published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana and Neergallu by the same publisher. He wrote a chapter titled "Mahadevi Akkana Vachanadalli Stree Samvedane" for the book Shivasharaneyara Vachanagalu: Bahumukhi Aayaamagalu published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana. He wrote another chapter titled "Mahilaa Kaadambarigalalli Streevaadi Vimarsheya Taatvika Swaroopa" for the book Nudi Thoorana published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana. He is credited with a chapter titled "Dharma Mattu Mahile" for Dalita Mattu Mahilaa Sahitya: Hosa Saadhyategalu.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Department Activities

Student Seminar - Frontiers in Biotechnology

On October 21, 2023, the department of Biotechnology hosted a student seminar titled 'Frontiers in Biotechnology', as part of the 'Research and Career Development' course, that enabled the postgraduate students to deliver seminars on emerging topics in the field of Biotechnology.

Biotechnology Research Symposium

On November 4, 2023, the department of Biotechnology conducted the 'Biotechnology Research Symposium'. MSc Biotechnology students presented the research proposals that they wrote as part of the Research Methodology and Scientific writing course taught by Dr Susan Mary Philip. The five research proposals were presented are the following: Using Oncolytic Viruses in combination with CAR-T cells for Targeted Therapy in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Deciphering the Influence of Sex Hormones on Obstructive Sleep Apnea Smart Prognosis: Leveraging AI in Bioprinted Tissue Implants Gut to Joints: Redefining Rheumatoid Arthritis through the lens of the Gut Microbiome Unravelling UV induced fluorescence in the tardigrade *Paramacrobiotus* sp. The research proposals were evaluated by Dr Vineeth V, from Institute of Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore, and Abraham Mathew, from Mr Deepak Saini's lab at IISc, Bangalore.

Seminar - Blueprint for Better Health: Crafting Policies for Impact

On January 25, 2024, the department of Biotechnology hosted a seminar titled 'Blueprint for Better Health: Crafting Policies for Impact' presented by Bhavya Balaji Krishnan, Genome Scientist at the PHG foundation, Cambridge, UK, to the 1 year MSc Biotechnology students. She talked about the need and impact of health policy, and shared her experiences working with public health policy.

Workshop - Using Planaria as a model for regulation of organismal regeneration

On February 5, 2024, the department of Biotechnology conducted a workshop on 'Using Planaria as a model

for regulation of organismal regeneration' for 1 year MSc Biotechnology students. Mr Atriya Mazumdar, a graduate student at Dr P Dasarathy's lab at the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (DBT-inStem) was the main facilitator at the workshop. He talked about the regeneration paradigm in Planaria, recent research in regeneration biology, and gave demonstrations on how to maintain the Planaria and make cuts. Students designed small experiments to study the effect of various chemicals or types of cuts on regeneration in Planaria. Dr Nirmalya Basu was the coordinator of the workshop.

Visit - Science Gallery Bengaluru

The Department of Biotechnology, with its 1 year MSc Biotechnology students, visited the Science Gallery Bengaluru on February 10, 2024. Twenty-five MSc Biotechnology students participated in the visit, and were accompanied by the PG coordinator Dr Susan Mary Philip, who coordinated the logistics of the visit. It featured various works of artists and science communicators on the coexistence of the wildlife with human civilizations, the plight of several industrial blue-collared workers such as coal miners, factory workers etc., the plant sensory system models, ecosystem level monitoring, carbon sequestrations, tracking of the carbon cycle and winds. Along the way, there were many hands-on participatory exhibits, such as visualising the carbon structures in VR, camera trapping recordings in a dark room, audio recordings from the upper atmosphere, representing an atomic force microgram through sound interactions, and many such which were very stimulating and provided an ample supply of diverse sensory experiences throughout the tour. The Lantana elephant sculptures were another debate evoking pieces showcased at the place. The participants enjoyed the tour and were spellbound at every place by the various concepts and the representation of the same. Students also were somewhat introduced to the bigger notion of science communications and the need and the scope of the same.

Seminar - Highly Accurate Protein Structure Predictions: Using AI to solve biology problems in minutes instead of years

Selected undergraduate and postgraduate Biotechnology students, along with a few undergraduate students from other science courses, attended a talk on AI in biology, organised by TNQ

Technologies, as a part of their 'TNQ Distinguished Lectures in the Life Sciences' on February 19, 2024. The talk was given by Dr John Michael Jumper, the CEO of Google's 'DeepMind', and was titled 'Highly Accurate Protein Structure Predictions: Using AI to solve biology problems in minutes instead of years' and was held at the JN Tata Auditorium at IISc. Dr Susan Mary Philip, PG coordinator, Department of Biotechnology, and Rakshith, 1 year MSc Biotechnology students acted as logistics coordinators for the event. The speaker dwelled on the various challenges usually faced in the world of deciphering the structures and functions of biomolecule structures, especially of proteins and on his works in computer science and his organisation's endeavours in integrating artificial intelligence to solve the same problems. Participants were introduced to the workings of the software, AlphaFold, and further shown its capabilities and evolutions across different versions. The need and importance of predicting and analysing misfolded proteins was also brought about and the complimentary software, being AlphaMissense, was also discussed. The future of such AI based programs and the field of proteomics and biomolecule discovery and analysis was thus at the crux of the talk.

Seminar - Round Table on Innovation and Sustainability in Agriculture

Ten 1 year MSc Biotechnology students and four faculty members from the Department of Biotechnology were invited to participate in a 'Round Table on Innovation and Sustainability in Agriculture', hosted by the LifeHub Bangalore at the Bayer R&D division at Manyata Techpark, on February 23, 2024. The Roundtable commenced at 10 am, and setting the stage was a warm welcome address delivered by Simon-Thorsten Wiebusch, the President of Bayer South Asia, who talked about the success of Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) and its transformative potential in sustainable agriculture practices. The inaugural panel discussion, moderated by Dr Anik Dhanraj, convened esteemed experts from diverse fields: Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director of TERI New Delhi, Dr TM Manjunath, renowned for his expertise in entomology and pest control, Shri Vishwanath Kulkarni, senior journalist from The Hindu, and Dr Veena Anil, Professor, department of Biotech, University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore, to delve into the pivotal role of biotechnology in advancing regenerative agriculture. The next panel, moderated by Ms Shambhavi Anand from Economic Times, brought together distinguished voices to delve into the crucial themes of innovation, sustainability, and water conservation in agriculture. The panel featured eminent speakers including Shri

Anil Kumar Gawar, representing food processing in the Government of Telangana, Shri Ravi Trivedi from The Nudge, Dr Kavya Dashora, a plant physiologist, and Dr Kamath, a partner at Bayer Asia Pacific. Amar, Sakshi, Simran, Anjali, Abhay, Deeksham Varsheetha, Shruti, Annette and Misbha from 1 year MSc Biotechnology participated in this round table, and were accompanied by Dr Grace Prabhakar, Dr Tejaswini Proful, Dr Nishanth MJ and Dr Susan Mary Philip. Dr Philip coordinated participation of the team in this event.

Visit - Thermo Scientific Labs

1 year students of MSc Biotechnology were accompanied by Dr Nirmalya Basu and Dr Anthony Johnson for a guided tour of Thermo Scientific Labs, Bangalore on March 14, 2024. Technologies incorporated in antibody production were showcased to students by Dr Vishnu and Dr Suchithra from Thermo Scientific.

Visit - Central Food Technological Research Institute, Defence Research and Development Organisation, and University of Mysore

The students of MSc Biotechnology accompanied by Dr Susan Mary Philip, Dr Madappa MB, Dr Anthony Johnson, Dr Nirmalya Basu, and Dr Dyna Susan Thomas for a three days industrial visit to Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and University of Mysore from November 20 to 22, 2023.

Association Activities

Cleotides 2.0

On January 22, 2024, the 'Green Gene Guild' (Biotechnology association of St Joseph's University) hosted 'Cleotides 2.0', an event in which students isolated the DNA of volunteers from cheek cells. This allowed the visualisation of precipitated DNA in real time and encouraged awareness in Medical Genomics. The event also explained DNA Sequencing which is the process of determining the nucleic acid composition with emphasis on personalised precision medicine and futuristic applications.

Genetic Gambit

On January 25, 2024, the 'Genetic Gambit' - a murder mystery event hosted by the 'Green Gene Guild' was held. The event comprised a dead body - a murder

- and various evidence around the body, suggesting the reason for the death. Participants had to solve riddles, puzzles based on biotechnological concepts and log all the evidence onto a piece of paper to finally conclude the nature of the death.

Glow and Tell

On February 8, 2024, the 'Green Gene Guild' hosted 'Glow and Tell', it incorporated the gene coding for 'Green Fluorescent Protein' into bacteria to create different drawings and templates. The participants, using their creativity and quick wit, needed to ruminate and make a guess at what they might be.

Flash Mob for launch of Sequentia 2024

On March 14, 2024, the 'Green Gene Guild' hosted a 10 minute 'Flash Mob' to promote the intercollegiate Biotechnology Fest Sequentia 2024. It was followed by distribution of prizes for 'Genetic Gambit'.

Sequentia 2024

On March 27, 2024, the 'Green Gene Guild' hosted an intercollegiate fest 'Sequentia 2024'. It was marked by various fun and interesting events throughout the day. Students from various institutions like Jyothi Nivas College, Mount Carmel College etc. actively participated in the event.

Bio-augmentation, 2023

On August 26, 2023, the inauguration event of the undergraduate Biotechnology Association Green Gene Guild was conducted at Faber Hall. The event consisted of the investiture of the office bearers followed by an ice-breaking session for undergraduate students and many interactive game sessions for participants.

Staff Achievements

Dr Nishanth MJ

Published a research article titled 'Transcriptome meta-analysis-based identification of hub transcription factors and RNA-binding proteins potentially orchestrating gene regulatory cascades and crosstalk in response to abiotic stresses in Arabidopsis thaliana' in the Journal of Applied Genetics. He also participated in a four-day workshop titled 'International Symposium on Plant Photobiology 2024' organised by EMBO and NISER between 9 - 12 January, 2024 at Bhubaneshwar.

Dr Tejaswini RP

Published a book chapter titled "Overview of Nanotechnology Applications in Healthcare" in Materials Research Foundations

Participated in a four-day workshop titled 'International Symposium on Plant Photobiology 2024' organised by EMBO and NISER between January 9 to 12, 2024, at Bhubaneshwar.

Dr Madappa MB

Presented a poster titled 'Longevity promoting efficacies of rutin in high fat diet fed Drosophila melanogaster' at an international conference titled 'Scientific Advancements in Natural Sciences and Technologies 2024' organised by Christ Deemed to be University between March 21 to 23, 2024.

Dr Madappa M B attended several faculty development programmes in 2024: 'Perspectives, Innovations and Future Developments in Biological Sciences' organised by the Centre for Bioscience and Nanoscience Research, Coimbatore, from February 5-9; 'Smart Data Storage: Next-Gen Archiving and Retrieval' at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women from February 19-23; 'Advanced Tools and Techniques in Research Methodology' organised by the Research Foundation of India and RFI-CARE from February 26 to March 7; and 'Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness' organised by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, Delhi, from March 4-7. He also served as a resource person for a workshop on 'Role of IQAC in Strategic Planning and Implementation Criteria in Autonomous Colleges' at Ramaiah College of Arts and Science, Bengaluru, on March 26 and was the chief guest at the hostel day organised by the Boys Hostel of St Joseph's University on March 16.

Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay

Presented a poster titled 'Longevity promoting efficacies of rutin in high fat diet fed Drosophila melanogaster' at an international conference titled 'Scientific Advancements in Natural Sciences and Technologies 2024' organised by Christ Deemed to be University between March 21 to 23, 2024.

Completed a 30-hour certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counseling Skills' conducted by Samagra, St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Centre from February to April, 2024.

Dr Nirmalya Basu

Completed a 30 hour certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counseling Skills' conducted by Samagra, St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Centre from September to November 2023.

Dr Archana A Malhari

Completed a Refresher Course in Bioinformatics and Biotechnology conducted by UGC- Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Calicut, from March 13-26, 2024.

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The entire staff of the department of Biotechnology completed a one-day workshop on

'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by SJU on February 13, 2024.

Student Achievements

Manya Kenchain DJ Secured silver medal in Best Cadet Competition on Republic Day 2024, belonging to I Kar Air Sqn NCC. Secured bronze medal in Skeet Firing competition at All India Vayu Sainik camp 2023, belonging to I Kar Air Sqn NCC.

R P Rithushree: Qualified CAT 2023 examination.

Rishikesh Balasubramanya: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology

Ganesh C: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Chemistry and Biotechnology.

K Anish Acharya: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Nila B: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Kritika Kanwal: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Purna Udani: Qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Mishael Mariya: Selected for Developmental Biology course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Andrea Alwyn: Selected for Molecular Genetics course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Akansh Sanctis: Selected for Molecular Genetics course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Tharun M R Secured third place in a state level Kabaddi championship titled Bangalore Bulls College Championship. Received B and C certificates for Air Wing NCC.

Aditi Ashwin Selected for integrated PhD in Neurosciences at University of Washington, St Louis and the prestigious Khorana program.

During June to August, 2023, she worked in the laboratory of Mr Yao Chen, at the Department of Neuroscience at Washington University in St Louis, as a scholar selected within the Khorana Program instituted by WINstep Forward (WSF), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, and the Indo-US Science Technology Forum (IUSSTF).

Aishwarya Menon: Received the Spandana Charity Centre Teaching Scholarship to impart education to children dwelling in slums.

Medha Savkur was selected to participate in a course on 'Transgenic Technology' at Cardiovascular and Muscle Research laboratory headed by Prof. Ravi Sundaresan at IISc.

Medha Savkur, Amara Nicodemus and Abhyunathi Bhaskar were selected to participate in the Molecular Genetics, and Developmental Biology courses respectively for Scienspur 2014, funded by Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Sakshi Varney and Misbah Rehman Published the following paper titled "In Vitro Assay for Determining Cyanotoxin Using Serological Methods" in Protocols for Cyanobacteria Sampling and Detection of Cyanotoxin

Harshitha S, Mukti Panda and Aswani Anil Published the following article as co-authors titled "Behenic Acid as a multi-target inhibiting antibacterial phytochemical against Vibrio parahaemolyticus and Aeromonas hydrophila for effective management of aquaculture infections: an in-silico, in-vitro & in-vivo experimentation" in the Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Association Activities

International Day of Forest

On March 20 and 23, 2024, the 'International Day of Forests' Celebration organised by the Botanical Society took the form of an enlightening talk. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and foster a sense of responsibility towards nature.

Dr S Natesh, Consultant Advisor, National Institute of Immunology and Senior Advisor (Scientist-H), Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, delivered an insightful talk on the importance of natural resources on the topic 'Newer And Sustainable Ways Of Making Money Through Plant Bioresources: Opportunities, Strengths, Limitations, and Outlook'. His expertise in the field added depth to the discussion, providing attendees with valuable insights and potential avenues for bioresource entrepreneurship. With an impressive attendance of over 100 participants, the event allowed for widespread participation and engagement across life sciences departments. Attendees actively participated in the discussion, posing questions and sharing thoughts on the significance of Forests and its resources.

Mr AM Annaiah, APCCF (Rtd.), Karnataka State Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, delivered an insightful talk on the importance of human and wildlife interaction on the topic 'Into the wild: Human-Wildlife Interactions'. His authority in the field added depth to the discussion, providing attendees with valuable insights and potential avenues for environmental stewardship. With an impressive attendance of over 60 participants, the event allowed for widespread participation and engagement. Attendees actively participated in the discussion, posing questions and sharing thoughts on the significance of Forests and its resources.

Gametophytic selection : A new technique in plant breeding

On March 15, 2024, the Council for Molecular and Computational Microbiology organised a talk on 'Gametophytic selection : A New Technique In Plant Breeding' by Mr Ravi Kumar, Department of plant breeding, GKVK, Bengaluru.

CELOSIA - Intercollegiate Fest

On March 14, 2024, the Council for Molecular and Computational Microbiology organised 'CELOSIA' an

intercollegiate fest. It was organised by Dr Jayarama Reddy and Ms Grace Leena Crasta.

The chief guests Johny Joseph, controller of examination of Christ University introduced by Dr Jayaraman Reddy and Mr GV Arun Kumar, a renowned director in the Kannada film industry, was introduced by Mr Charan Gowda from Kannada Sangam.

The inauguration was hosted by Ayona Paul and graced by chief guests Dr Johny Joseph and Mr GV Arun Kumar. The fest featured a diverse range of competitions : Forte (Music), Ikebana, terrarium making, memory loss, treasure hunt, and dance.

Career Pathways in Immuno-oncology

On February 29, 2024, the Council for Molecular and Computational Microbiology organised a talk on 'Career Pathways in Immuno-oncology' by Ms Yashaswini Chandramouli, Senior Research Scientist Achilles Therapeutics, London, United Kingdom.

Cervical Cancer Awareness

On February 13, 2024, the Council for Molecular and Computational Microbiology organised a talk on 'Cervical Cancer Awareness' by Dr Betty Daniel, Department of Botany, St Joseph's College.

Environment Awareness Rally

On October 27, 2023, an environmental awareness rally was held at St Joseph's University. The walk started at the science block quadrangle and ended at the post graduate block. The event was organised by Dr Jayarama Reddy and Ms Grace Leena Crasta.

The rally attracted a diverse crowd of people of all ages emphasising the universal concern for environmental issues. Participants included students and Teachers. The rally culminated in a peaceful protest march, where participants walked through St Joseph's University, holding banners, signs, and chanting slogans that conveyed their demands for immediate environmental action. The protest drew the attention of the public and local media, increasing the visibility of the cause.

The environmental rally served as a powerful reminder that collective action and advocacy are crucial for addressing environmental issues. It highlighted the fact that individuals, communities, and organisations can unite to create positive change and inspire hope for a sustainable and healthier planet. The event's success is a testament to the power of collective action and the growing awareness of environmental issues in our society.

Staff Achievements

Dr Jacob Paul V J

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr Jayaram Reddy

Published a paper titled 'Comparative study of phytoremediation of chromium contaminated soil by *Amaranthus viridis* in the presence of different chelating agents' in the Journal of Applied and Natural Science

Published a paper titled 'Review of the Cenozoic Era Vegetation in India' in the International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods along with Sumit Yadav

Visited Gurukulam Global School, Denkanikottai, Tamil Nadu as the Chief Guest and gave a talk in the Vignyan Utsav on December 16, 2023.

Visited LEWA English School, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru as the Guest of Honour and gave a talk on the Annual Day on December 22, 2023.

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Promoted as Professor and Felicitated by the Government of Karnataka on February 29, 2024.

Ms Poonam Ahuja

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

On March 5 to 7, 2024, participated in a three day workshop on 'Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness', organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) in collaboration with St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

Dr Vaishnavi M

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Organised a guest lecture on 'Gametophytic selection A new technique in plant breeding' on March 15, 2024.

Organised a guest lecture on 'Into the wild: Human-Wildlife Interactions' on March 23, 2024.

On March 5 to 7, 2024, participated in a three

day workshop on 'Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness', organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) in collaboration with St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

Ms Grace Leena Crasta

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024 organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Organised an 'Environment Awareness Rally' on October 27, 2023, to create awareness about the importance of the environment as a coordinator of the CMCB association.

Organised a guest lecture on 'Cervical Cancer Awareness' in association with Women's Cell, St Joseph's University on February 13, 2024, as a coordinator of the CMCB association.

Organised a seminar on 'Career pathways in immunoncology' on February 29, 2024, as a coordinator of the CMCB association.

Organised an intercollegiate fest 'CELOSIA' on March 14, 2024, and conducted various events and activities for the BSc & MSc students.

Organised a guest lecture on 'Gametophytic selection : A new technique in plant breeding' on March 15, 2024.

Published a research article titled 'Seasonal diversity & spatiotemporal distribution of fungal endophytes associated with the medicinal plant *Coleus forskohlii* Briq.' in a scopus indexed journal - Plant Science Today.

Dr Martin Paul A

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr Paramesha M

Successfully completed a 30 hours certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counseling Skills', conducted by Samagra (St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Center, Bengaluru), from August to October 2023.

On February 10 to 12, 2024, participated in the South Zone Faculty Workshop on 'Peace and Reconciliation' held at Kochi. Organised by Jesuit Higher Education of South Asia (JHESAS).

On February 22 to 23, 2024, presented a speech on 'Assessment of Carbon Sequestration Potential of Tree Species in St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India.'

at the International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences: Perspective and Prospectus' organised by Kristu Jayanti College and TDU, Bengaluru.

On February 22 to 23, 2024, he co-authored a paper entitled 'Ecosystem Services of Riparian Zones along River Cauvery, South India.' presented at the International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences: Perspective and Prospectus' organised by Kristu Jayanti College and TDU, Bengaluru.

On February 28, 2024, participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

On March 5 to 7, 2024, participated in a three day workshop on 'Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness', organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) in collaboration with St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

On March 28, 2024, participated in the 'Safeguarding Policy Workshop' on POC SO and PoSH, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

On April 15, 2024, participated in a 'Gender sensitization seminar', held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Attended 'International Day of Forests' where two talks were conducted. The first talk was delivered by Dr S Natesh on 'Newer And Sustainable Ways Of Making Money Through Plant Bioresources: Opportunities, Strengths, Limitations, and Outlook' on March 20, 2024.

Dr Neelam Mishra

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr M Raju

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on 28 February 2024 organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr A Stephen

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Participated in the 'Safeguarding Policy Workshop' on POC SO and PoSH, on March 28, 2024 organised by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Published Tavaram Arivom in Tamil

Attended 'International Day of Forests' where two talks were conducted. The first talk was delivered by Dr S Natesh on 'Newer And Sustainable Ways Of Making Money Through Plant Bioresources: Opportunities, Strengths, Limitations, and Outlook' on March 20, 2024.

Attended World Wetlands Day 2024, an online quiz which was organised at St Joseph's University under the theme 'Wetlands and Human Wellbeing'.

Dr N Praveen Kumar

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024 organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Dr Anisha David

Participated in a one day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' on February 28, 2024, organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Students' Achievements'

Adheena K T

Cleared CSIR-NET conducted in December 2023.

Dipshikha Tirkey

Cleared UGC-NET conducted in December 2023



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The department held five guest talks in the academic year 2023-2024. The resource persons were from various industries with domain knowledge and gave 360-degree insights for corporate demand and requirements. The department organized five field visits to study and to provide a practical exposure to students.

Department has developed and designed inhouse instrument for field sampling and study. This can be adjudged as a small initiative towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.

A department staff member has been recognized as a PhD guide.



DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Association Activities

Edesia'23 Intercollegiate Fest

Association 'Food Miles', organised an intercollegiate fest on November 11, 2023 to commemorate 'World Food Day'. The festivities began with a flash mob to promote upcoming events on November 3, 2023. The fest featured three food stalls, two games, and five department-hosted events. Throughout the day, attendees indulged in a variety of activities, such as the 'Food Ring' game and 'Shots in your mouth' challenge. Stalls like 'Kara' and 'Wholesome Witches' offered handmade jewellery and food. The event's highlight was the 'Goal Diggers - Treasure Hunt', and 'Culinary Crusaders'. The 'Feast of Thrones' food quiz and 'Fireless Flavors' cooking competition also captivated participants and spectators. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where winners were felicitated, and faculty members were honoured for their contributions.

Seasons' Nature Club

SNC conducted investiture ceremony for the year 2023-2024. The uniqueness of the association is that the members are not limited to the environmental science department but come from all the students in all the three shifts.

The association conducted an intercollegiate fest on Sustainability and Environment to bring awareness amongst the student population. Six colleges participated in the event whose organisation were ecofriendly and zero waste oriented.



World Pulses Day

Association 'Food Miles', organised an online competition in celebration of 'World Pulses Day' on February 28, 2024. The aim was to promote awareness and utilisation of pulses in our diets. Four different events were conducted which were open to all. Events conducted were 'Pulsography' (photography of pulses), 'Pulsation' (an essay writing competition on pulses), 'Poster Palooza' (poster making on pulses) and finally 'Pulse Palette' (rangoli competition using different pulses). The topic given for essay writing was 'Pulses for a sustainable future'. The essay competition was judged by Dr Anupriya Mazumder, coordinator of Food Miles Association and the winners of the competition were finalised. Hard copies of the certificate of achievement were given to these winners.

Staff Achievements

Dr Anupriya Mazumder

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University on February 28, 2024.

Completed Certificate Course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills for College Teachers' organised by

Samagra- St Joseph's Holistic Development Centre, Bengaluru from February to April, 2024.

Dr Mohan Kumar S

Secured first prize under faculty category for the oral presentation for the research paper "Structural characterization of antibacterial compound isolated from the coprophilous mushroom, *Coprinopsis cinerea*" in an international conference organised by School of Applied Sciences, Reva University in collaboration with Indian Association of Applied Microbiologists (IAAM).

Presented a research paper on "Coprinopsis cinerea: A treasure trove of Bioactive Secondary Metabolites" in an international conference on 'Biodiversity, Biotechnology and Bioprospecting of Fungi for Agricultural, Industrial and Environmental Sustainability' organised by University of Madras in association of Mycological Society of India (MSI) on March 6 to 8, 2024.

Participated in a six-day international Faculty Development Programme on 'Quality Enhancement to facilitate Academic Excellence and Well-Being' organised by IQAC, Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Bengaluru from January 16 to 21, 2024.

Participated in a workshop on 'Molecular Identification of Fungi and Other organisms' organised by IQAC, Sree Narayana College, Kollam, in association with MycoAsia Journal of Modern Mycology on October 14, 2023.

Dr Sunita Adak

Published a book chapter titled "Development of Nanocellulose-Based Nanocomposites and Its Properties" in the book *Nanocellulose: A Biopolymer for Biomedical Applications* by Wiley-Scrivener Publishing. Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University on February 28, 2024.

Ms Anugraha Lalu

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University on February 28, 2024.

Student Achievements

Ms Chrislee M Kurian and Ms Anshita Bisht

Participated in a viral symposium quiz competition

organised by Oxford College of Science, Bengaluru and secured third prize on February 24, 2024.

Ms Ranga Aparna

Secured first prize for her research paper presentation at a national symposium organised by Ramaiah University, Bengaluru on 'Multi-disciplinary Trends on Food Technology and Nutrition Safety' on November 3, 2023.

Secured internship training on December 11 to 26, 2023, in Hatsun Agro Product Ltd, Chennai

Ms Jennifer John

Secured second place for her research presentation at an international conference on 'Millets, genomic and biotechnological approaches', organised by Garden City University, on March 27, 2024.

Ms Rubina Yasmin

Participated and presented a research paper titled "Development of Buckwheat laddu incorporated with jaggery, dates, cashews, almonds and evaluation of its sensory and nutritional properties" at an international conference on 'Millets, genomic and biotechnological approaches', organised by Garden City University, on March 27, 2024.

Ms Anshita Bist

Participated and presented a research paper titled "Development of Amaranth flour based crunchy bites incorporated with jaggery and evaluation of its sensory and nutritional properties" at an international conference on 'Millets, genomic and biotechnological approaches', organised by Garden City University, on March 27, 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Department Activities

KALEIDOSCOPE 5.0

Kaleidoscope 5.0, the annual department lecture series was held on March 15 to 16, 2024. The fifth chapter of the series saw four of our esteemed alumni, from around the world, as speakers and held online using Google Meet. The event commenced with the welcome speech delivered by Ms Belinda Lobo and an invocation hymn. The Head of the Department of Microbiology Dr W Jothy and Dean of School of Life Sciences, Dr Beatrice Sequeira, addressed the audience.

On March 15, 2024, the first session was conducted by Dr Tess Archana Stanly, Postdoctoral Scientist, Department of Oncology, University of Oxford, UK. Spoke on 'Role of RASSF1A in Mechanical Signalling', enriching our understanding in signalling and oncogenic mutations. The second session was conducted by Dr Stephen Sukumar Nuthalapati, Postdoctoral Researcher-The Pirbright Institute, Justus Liebig University Giessen, United Kingdom, titled 'Global gene regulation : from nature to design' as well as his research on circular RNAs. His presentation stimulated critical thinking and sparked thought-provoking discussions amongst the attendees. On March 16, 2024, a session was conducted by Dr Apoorva Ravi Shankar, Research Scientist – HexagonBio, United States, on the topic 'Applying The Awesome Power of Yeast Genomics' and showcased her expertise on the same, with real-world applications. The last session was conducted by Dr Xavier Prasanna, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, who shared his knowledge on 'Understanding Biology Using Computer Simulations' and emphasised the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration. All the sessions were followed by question and answer sessions.

Kaleidoscope 5.0 was concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Janvi Rakhecha who delivered heartfelt appreciation to the speakers, audience and the organisers.

Association Activities

Undergraduate Association Activities

Microminds 1.0

Microcosm conducted MicroMinds 1.0 on March 18, 2024. The symposium was open to all, with a total of 52 attendees. The inauguration ceremony was followed by the first lecture delivered by Dr Santanu Dutta from BUGWORKS research Incl on 'Bio Entrepreneurial Insights'. Followed by a lecture on 'The Evolutionary Changes In Organisms Using Ecological Drivers And Genetics' by Dr Deepa Agashe from NCBS (National Center for Biological Sciences). Dr Vatsala Thirumalai, a Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardee from NCBS, spoke on how the brain studies itself, including the neural control of movements during development and in childhood. Then, Dr CN Vishnuprasad from TDU (University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology) delivered a lecture on 'Exploring Ayurveda Through The Lens Of Modern Biology' and provided career guidance to students. Lastly, Dr Ashwin Sai Narain Seshasayee from NCBS, delivered a lecture on 'Bacterial Genomes And Regulatory Networks'.

Microverse

Microcosm conducted 'MICROVERSE 2023' an intercollegiate fest on November 17 to 18, 2023. The promotion 'Entropy', an interactive game conducted on November 16, 2023. At the end of the game, the banner was dropped. Several games and registration desks were also set up to promote the fest. The association received 62 registrations for all the events combined.

On November 17, 2023, 'Eureka', the quiz competition, commenced. There were 10 teams of two participants each. The whisper challenge, 'Microbe Murmur', made sure that all the participants had a great laugh while also strengthening their science trivia. The event had nine teams with four participants each. The creative writing, 'Immune Imagery', had nine participants. The day concluded with 'Element-al palette', the face painting competition. Day two started with 'Epidemic showdown', the air crash competition and concluded with 'MicroMaze', the escape room contest.

The winners of each competition were declared through Instagram stories of the official Microcosm account and e-certificates were mailed to the winners through email.

Find your Journey

On October 12, 2023, Microcosm organised an informative talk by Dr Syed Wajeed from the Department of Microbiology. The seminar had 68 participants. Dr Wajeed enlightened the audience

about the various career options for life science graduates. He also elaborated about the various skills they need to possess. Students were encouraged to do a SWOC (strength, weakness, opportunity, challenges) analysis every six months. Brief discussions about JGEEBILS, CUET, JAM and other entrance exams for higher education were included. The discussion about higher education and entrepreneurship was conducted on October 26, 2023.

Postgraduate Association Activities

MICROCOSMOS – Annual Intercollegiate Fest

‘MICROCOSMOS’, the annual intercollegiate fest of the postgraduate microbiological society was held on November 11, 2023. ‘MICROCOSMOS’ was successful in conducting 9 events. The events BIOSHUTTER, a photography competition with the theme ‘Symmetry in Nature, Unveiling Microbes or Cellular Beauty’, PETRIART, themed ‘Artificial Intelligence and Geometric Art or Imprints’ and CREATIVE WRITING themed ‘The Lab Coat Narrative’ were online events.

The day began with the event ‘RANGOLI - Your Perception of Microbiology’. Then, ‘CRYPTIC CLUES CRUSADE’. Followed by ‘MICROWARS’, a debate. ‘JAM’ (Just A minute) was held at the same time. Followed by, ‘MICROMELODIES’, a solo singing event. The final event of the day was ‘BIOVIGILANCE - Navigating Biosecurity’, a Murder Mystery themed treasure hunt. The fest concluded with the valedictory ceremony.

The overall champions of ‘MICROCOSMOS’ was Vijaya College, Jayanagar.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Beatrice Sequeira

Participated in an international Faculty Development Programme on ‘Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Scholarships (FETS)’ by St Joseph’s University, in collaboration with All India Association For Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) and ASIANetwork USA on October 27 to 28, 2023.

Participated in a workshop on ‘Molecular Imaging and Stem cells’ organised by the Department of Biophysics, NIMHANS on January 29 to 31, 2024.

Participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning and Evaluation’ organised by St Joseph’s University, on February 13, 2024.

Winners of the ‘Arrupe Cup’ organised by Bangalore Jesuits Education Society as a member of the throwball team on February 17, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar ‘Kaleidoscope 5.0’ an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024. It was organised by the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph’s University.

Dr Vanitha NM

Participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning and Evaluation’ organised by St Joseph’s University, on February 13, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar ‘Kaleidoscope 5.0’ an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024. It was organised by the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph’s University.

Dr Syed Wajeed

Resource person for student seminar for a student’s association: Microcosm on October 12 to 26, 2023. Topic discussed was ‘Find your Journey’, a Career guidance seminar.

Resource person for one-week FDP on ‘Curriculum, Research and Innovation’ organised by the Post graduate and Research Department of Botany, Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on February 7, 2024. The topic delivered was ‘Engaging minds and hearts Towards Curriculum, Research and Innovation’.

Participated in a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning and Evaluation’ organised by St Joseph’s University, on February 13, 2024.

Appointed member of the Governing body of Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi, Tamilnadu for the academic years 2024 to 2029.

Resource person for five-day FDP on ‘OBE, Innovation in curriculum and Research, Counselling and NEP’ organised by IQAC, Curriculum Development Cell and the office of Controller examination of Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelvi, Tamil nadu on February 22, 2024. Topics delivered were Curriculum Design and Delivery and ‘Flexibility in Curriculum Design and Delivery’. Core member of inter-religious harmony seminar titled ‘Human Fraternity Document’ on January 6, 2024. The seminar was organised under the aegis of Inter Religious Harmony Association, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru and Ashirvad Centre for Inter-religious dialogue and Islamic studies Association, Delhi.

Organised and participated in the international webinar 'Kaleidoscope 5.0' an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024.

Bengaluru City University Nominee in Microbiology for Board of Studies for BMS College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Board of Studies member, Department of Microbiology, Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Dr Jothy W

Participated in a one-day workshop on Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation workshop organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru; on 13th February 2024.

Attended a four-day online session on 'Best practices and Institutional Distinctiveness' organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi and St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on March 4 to 7, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar 'Kaleidoscope 5.0' an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024.

Ms Mamatha S

Participated in a one-day workshop on Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation workshop organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru; on 13th February 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar 'Kaleidoscope 5.0' an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024.

Participated in a one-week Leadership Development Program(FDP) on 'Empowering Women for Leadership: Progressing Together' held from March 4 to 8, 2024, organised by Amity University Haryana.

Dr Popy Dutta

Completed UGC-sponsored refresher course (online) from UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly Human Resource Development Centre), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from November 22, 2023 to December 6, 2023 and obtained grade A.

Participated in a one-day workshop on Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation workshop organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru; on 13th February 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar 'Kaleidoscope 5.0' an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024.

Ms Shalmali Kamat

Completed a 30 hours Certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counseling Skills', conducted by Samagra from November 2023 - February 2024, through St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Center.

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University, on February 13, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar 'Kaleidoscope 5.0' an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024.

Dr Debalina Chaudhuri

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University, on February 13, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar Kaleidoscope 5.0, an alumni lecture series held on March 15 to 16, 2024 organised by the Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University.

Organised and participated in a symposium Microminds 1.0 by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on March 18, 2024.

Organised an intercollegiate fest Microverse by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from November 17 to 18, 2023.

Organised and participated in a Career guidance seminar series: 'Find your Journey', by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University on October 12 to 26, 2023.

Dr Mohan Raj

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' organised by St Joseph's University, on February 13, 2024.

Organised and participated in the international webinar Kaleidoscope 5.0, an alumni lecture series held from March 15 to 16, 2024 organised by the Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University.

Awarded with PhD guideship in Microbiology on March 3, 2024, from St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Student Achievements

Ms Dhanyatha S

Published a paper titled "Veratrum viride as a potential therapeutic source for the treatment of Bovine babesiosis".

Participated in a workshop on Pharmacovigilance conducted by Ethical Edu Fabrica Limited in association with Pravega 2024 at the Indian Institute of Science.

Participated in a Symposium on Clinical Facets of Viral Diseases held on February 24, 2024, at Oxford College of Science, Bangalore.

Mr Rohit Alexander

Secured first prize in the event PIXELS, conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA', hosted by the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) on April 20, 2024.

Runner-up in the event 'BIOPRENEUR', conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA', hosted by the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) on April 20, 2024.

in a 5k marathon organised by Sparsh Hospital Rajarajeshwari Nagar, on March 10, 2024, on the occasion of kidney awareness day; participated in the treasure hunt competition conducted as a part of the event 'BIOLOGIQUE 24', by Mount Carmel College; Participated in treasure hunt, quiz, Pictimystery Pixel, pointless, and Biopreneur events conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA' hosted by the Institute of bioinformatics and applied biotechnology on April 20, 2024; runner-ups in the event 'BIOPRENEUR', conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA', hosted by the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) on April 20, 2024.

Ms Sahana B Aital

Secured first prize in the quiz conducted as a part of 'BIOLOGIQUE 24', hosted by Mount Carmel College



Ms P U Rithika Shri

Successfully completed a two-day workshop on Cancer Biology conducted by Edufabrica in association with Pravega, IISc, Bangalore, from November 4 to 5, 2023; attended Symposium on 'Clinical facets of Viral disease' held on February 24, 2024 at Oxford College of Science, Bangalore; successfully completed a two-day workshop on PHARMACOVIGILANCE conducted by Edufabrica in association with Pravega, IISc, Bangalore on January 24 to 25, 2024; part of the event 'Beyond the lab: women triumph in science and tech' which was organised by Merck, Peenya on February 23, 2024; successfully completed the 'Genetics and Next Generation Sequencing for Bioinformatics' course in UDEMY on January 1, 2024.

Ms Prathiksha Shetty

Participated in a Symposium on Clinical Facets of Viral Diseases held on February 24, 2024 at Oxford College of Science, Bangalore.

Mr Callistus Nathan Monteiro

Participated in a cyclathon organised by Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta road on December 10, 2023, on the occasion for stroke awareness; participated

on March 19, 2024; secured third prize in the event HWISPARIAN conducted as a part of 'BIOLOGIQUE 24', hosted by Mount Carmel College on March 19, 2024; secured second prize in the event 'BIOPRENEUR', conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA' hosted by the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) on April 20, 2024.

Ms Hema Shruthi S

Secured third place in Neerathon quiz, secured first place in Sci-Quest, secured first place in Hwisparian at the intercollegiate fest 'BIOLOGIQUE 24' conducted by Mount Carmel College, Autonomous, part of the Runner-up team in the event 'BIOPRENEUR', conducted as a part of the annual fest 'AVINYA', hosted by the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB) on April 20, 2024.

Ms Sayi Sudharshana

Interned at RV Metropolis Ramaiah Hospital, in the Department of Microbiology for 15 days from December 12 to 26, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Association Activities

Captive Asian Elephants

On March 20, 2024, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Captive Asian Elephants' by Mr Nicolas Dubrocard, senior advisor in sustainable tourism, Universite Paris Jussieu. Students benefited from the knowledge of elephants in captivity. The speaker created the awareness of elephants and current threats to their population.

Visit to IISC Open Day

On February 24, 2024, Zoologia visited IISC Campus. Post graduate students visited various research departments and gained scientific knowledge. The visit was fruitful and students were motivated for their research career.

Conserving The Threatened 5.0: Slender Loris

On February 24, 2024, the fifth edition of 'Conserving the Threatened' Series was conducted on Microsoft Teams. The talk was steered by Dr Smitha D Gnanaolivu, a distinguished wildlife biologist and nocturnal primatologist who has specialised in the conservation of Slender Lorises. The talk began with a short note on the history of St Joseph's University by Dr Magesh, the teacher coordinator. She shares her real life experiences of working in the forest to study Slender Loris. The effect of her research has led to the establishment of two Slender Loris sanctuaries, and more people being aware about this beautiful critter. She cautioned everyone to be wary of the imminent dangers of working in the forest as future conservationists. The threats faced by these nocturnal animals at the hands of humans was also narrated as ranging from the superstition of bad omen, and their body parts being amputated for various rituals to them being trafficked.

Bending the curve: Big data, citizen science and conservation

On February 23, 2024, the Natural Science Association and Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Bending the curve: Big data, citizen science and conservation' by Mr Ian Owen Executive Director, Cornell University

department of ornithology. The public lecture was informative and the speaker enlightened the audience about the conservation of birds.

Great Backyard Count India

On February 16 to 19, 2024, the Natural Science Association and Zoologia held a bird-watching activity at the following locations: Jigani Lake, Indian Christian Cemetery and Hindu Cemetery and Valley school. Josephite birders actively took part in this activity in three locations and uploaded their sightings - Jigani Lake - Team 1 sighted 73 and Team 2 sighted 53 species, Indian Christian Cemetery and Hindu Cemetery - sighted 20 species, and Valley school - Team 1 sighted 44 and Team 2 sighted 56 species.

Observations of Birds in St Joseph's University

On February 16, 2024, the Natural Science Association and Zoologia held a bird-watching activity at St Joseph's University. Different birds were observed as a part of Campus Bird Count. Following is the list of birds observed during the survey: Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon), Asian Koel, Black-headed Ibis, Black Kite, White-cheeked Barbet, Cinereous Tit, Common Tailorbird, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Common Myna, Jungle Myna, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Green Warbler, and Spotted Owlet.

Spiders of Mumbai Mangroves

On February 8, 2024, a webinar on 'Spiders of Mumbai Mangroves' was organised with Arachnologists Mr. Akash Madghut as the resource person. He spoke on the mangrove forest, its distribution throughout Mumbai and the rich diversity of spiders present in mangrove forests.

A wide array of behaviour and interaction was observed among these spiders like mimicking other organisms to prey on a lower animal, or camouflage to prevent being preyed. This also helps in the interaction with the other species, especially with trees. Fumigation of the mangrove forests and the burning of wood threatens the diversity. Therefore, it is extremely important to research spider biodiversity and their ecology.

Golden Jackals of Mumbai

On February 8, 2024, Ms Shweta Patil spoke about the golden jackals (*Canis aureus*) and how we can identify them. She spoke about how the golden jackals are confined to the mangroves of Mumbai. She spoke about her study on the golden jackals and the timeline

through which the study was done. The main objective of her study was to understand the temporal activity and feeding habits of golden jackals. She spoke about the methods she used to achieve her analysis like camera trapping for temporal activity patterns and how she conducted an interview survey and did a scat analysis to understand their feeding patterns. She spoke about the signs to identify if the animal was in that area like pug marks and scats. She explained further about the formula of relative abundance and showed a video of golden jackals during the night and day. The webinar ended after a Q&A session was held.

Snake Awareness

On February 3, 2024, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Snake Awareness' by Mr Shuayb Ahmed, snake rescuer. Students benefited from the knowledge of snakes. The speaker created the awareness of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes and the current threats to their population.

Interaction with Researchers on Campus (IROC)

On January 31, 2024, Dr Grace Prabhakar spoke on how biotechnology has helped in the betterment of mankind through various fields, especially in biotechnology. Several intriguing topics were discussed, such as biofuels, bioremediation, and how it has helped to get rid of oil spills. The topic surely was interesting for the audience. She went on to speak about how biotechnology plays an important role in the food industry – from a loaf of bread to a bottle of wine and how the process of fermentation works etc.

Tiger of the Cauvery - the Humpback Mahseer

On November 16, 2023, Mr Basil Sarguroh delivered an informative talk on the topic 'Tiger of the Cauvery - the Humpbacked Mahseer,' based on a study conducted in the Cauvery Basin, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary by the Wildlife Association of South India. An intriguing revelation during the talk was that, for a long time, only one species of Mahseer was identified, until the discovery of two different species – the Bluefin and the Humpbacked. Noteworthy is the species' global standing as one of the largest fish, holding the dual status of being an endemic and keystone species in the Cauvery River. However, the conservation status of this fish was declared critically endangered in 2019.

Student Seminar Series 8.0: Ecological Importance of Ants in India

On November 13, 2024, Mr Paul Antony, a budding enthusiast of ant research and a bright student at St Joseph's University gave a talk on the diversity of ants and his research done so far on the ant biodiversity. The resource person briefed the general characteristics like their colonial habitat and their phylogenetic connection with bees and wasps. The evolution of this diverse group of animals have been traced to roughly over 150 million years ago. This rich history of their evolution has enabled them to efficiently take over habitats and establish a variety of defence mechanisms like the production of formic acid among weaver ants. With this background information, Paul went with his research team to Agumbe, Karnataka to investigate the diversity of ants over there. Using basic techniques for capturing these arthropods like handpicking, pitfall trap and light trap, Paul found that most of the captured ants belong to the subfamily Myrmicinae. After running us through his inspiring research work, Paul mentioned the risks faced by ants for its survival, the biggest of which is the threat of pathogens faced mostly by cryptic ants. With this, Paul has stressed upon the importance of the conservation of ants and the importance of expanding research into these not so widely known groups of organisms.

Career Prospectus in Zoology 1.0

On November 11, 2023, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Career Prospectus in Zoology 1.0' by Mr Tonyak Riba (MSc from Pondicherry University) and Mr Ayush Verma (MSc Chemistry, Amity University, Noida, India). Students benefited from the knowledge of elephants in captivity. Both first and second years benefited well from this informative and enlightening webinar. The speakers took the students through most of the career opportunities that lie ahead if one were to take up Zoology and its subjects as their specialisation.

Student Seminar Series 8.0: Illustrations (Autodesk and Canva)

On November 8, 2023, Ms Khushi Panchariya - Core Team member, Natural Science Association (NSA), Department of Zoology NSA, presented a talk on 'Illustrations – Introduction to Autodesk and Canva'. Autodesk and Canva which are frequently used in making illustrations for various purposes as well as other associated things such as brochures, poster design etc was explained.

Student Seminar Series 8.0: Urban Leopards

On November 7, 2023, a session about 'Urban Leopards' presented by Mr Prayash Borthakur. He talked about his work under Researcher Nikit Surve at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SJNP), Mumbai. Being in the very heart of the city, this National Park provides scientists with one of the best environments to study Human-wildlife conflict, and he spoke of the Leopard and Human interactions that were frequent in that area.

Applied Zoology 3.0

On October 27, 2023, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Applied Zoology 3.0' by Ms Arpana Hanumantharaju, JRF, University of Tartu, Estonia. The talk covered genetic, psychiatric disorders and laboratory mice. Specifically understanding of experimentation on rats concerning the treatments of psychiatric disorders like major depression disorder, schizophrenia and autism.

Zoologia Lecture Series 1.0

On October 14, 2023, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Secrets of the Deep, Exploring the Marine' by Ms Guillaume Dupuy - Researcher currently in Zebrafish Zootechnician at institute de Biologie Valrose, Nice, France and Ms Nairika Bharucha - Marine Biologist, Maldives. Both the speakers spoke extensively on aquaculture, sea turtle rehabilitation, coral reef restoration, conservation in the Maldives and more.

Applied Zoology 2.0

On October 13, 2023, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Applied Zoology 2.0' by Mr Anish Dsilva, PhD student, School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. A brief and foundational session on the effectiveness of immunotherapy for cancer treatment. The speaker spoke on Cancer treatment and Immunotherapy.

Conversation with Zoologist 2.0

On October 11, 2023, Zoologia featured a talk titled 'Conversation with Zoologist 2.0' by Dr Jhitesh Jhavar, Assistant Professor, Ahmedabad University. Students benefited from the knowledge collective behaviour. The speaker discussed the basics of behaviour and behaviour patterns in animals.

Zoonascent '23

Zoonascent '23, organised by Zoologia from August 22 to 26, 2023, included various activities to engage

St Joseph's University students. On August 22, a Bingo event attracted students, with the winner announced at the Investiture Ceremony the next day. The ceremony on August 23 featured the core team of Zoologia for 2023-2024 receiving their badges, attended by guests Dr Beatrice Sequera (Dean of Life Sciences) and Fr Arun D'Souza (Finance Officer). August 24 showcased 'Insectopia,' screening 'Unveiling the Jewels of the Night' to educate students on the economic and dietary importance of insects. On August 25, Wildlife Awareness, a movie about animals, was shown to raise awareness. The event concluded on August 26 with 'Interaction with Researcher On Campus' and an 'Insect Pinning Workshop,' led by Dr Syed Wajeed (Assistant Professor, Microbiology) and Ms Lochana R (Project Assistant, Biodiversity Lab, NCBS), focusing on insect preservation and their economic value.

Staff Achievements

Dr Samson S

From February 15 to 16, 2024, he served as the resource person in a national-level workshop on 'Hands-on Training in Histological Techniques' conducted by the Department of Life Sciences Christ (Deemed to be University).

Dr HN Sarjan

From February 15 to 16, 2024, he served as the resource person in a national-level workshop on 'Hands-on Training in Histological Techniques' conducted by the Department of Life Sciences Christ (Deemed to be University).

Dr Jincy George and **Dr Rajini SV** defended their PhD thesis from Christ University

Dr M Jayashankar

Was presented with the Nature Conservation Award by Avain Trust organised by Insect Environment.

Published "Observation of paper wasp nests in Holy Ghost church campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka" along with students

Co-authored and published on "A study on the public awareness and attitude towards weaver ant nests in and around St Joseph's University campus" in Insect Environment.

Co-authored and published on "Artificial intelligence (AI) in the Entomology-Indian scenario" for Insect Environment.

Student Achievements

Abhishek Mishra

Presented a poster on 'Observation of paper wasp nests in Holy Ghost church campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka' at Royal Entomological Society student forum on March 25, 2024.

Presented with the Young Naturalist Award 2023 by Avain Trust organised by Insect Environment.

Completed his internship on Wildlife Management and Line Transect Survey at Kanger Valley National Park, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, India, from December 2023 to January 2024.

Participated in the workshop on 'International Firefly Taxonomy Workshop 2024', hosted by the 'Environmental Management And Policy Research Institute' Bangalore, India in association with IUCN from March 8 to 13, 2024.

MS Supriya

Presented a talk on 'Observation of paper wasp nests in Holy Ghost church campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka' at the second international conference on 'Insects, Microbes and Environment: interactions, impacts and innovations', on February 28, 2024. It was organised by the Centre for Insect Molecular Studies and Environmental Research (CIMSER), Loyola college (autonomous), Chennai.

Farhan Imdad

Oral presentation on 'Pilot study of avian fauna in a cemetery in central Bengaluru, Karnataka' at an international conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research In Life Sciences: Perspectives And Prospects', on February 22, 2024, organised by the

Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti college, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the University Of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences And Technology (TDU), Bengaluru.

Abhinandan Singh

Oral presentation on 'Density assessment of Mysore day gecko, *Cnemaspis Mysoriensis* in a cemetery in central Bengaluru, Karnataka' at an international conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research In Life Sciences: Perspectives And Prospects', on February 22, 2024, organised by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the University Of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences And Technology (TDU), Bengaluru.

Paul Antony Mangaly

Presented with Young Naturalist Award 2023, by Avain Trust organised by Insect Environment.

Debora Honoach

Participated in the workshop on 'International Firefly Taxonomy Workshop 2024', hosted by the 'Environmental Management And Policy Research Institute' Bangalore, India in association with IUCN from March 8 to 13, 2024.



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Department Activities

UGC Sponsored Faculty Induction Programme

The Faculty Induction Program was attended by Dr RA Daisy Singh, Dr Raisa D'Souza and Dr Deepa Mathew conducted on November 22, 2023 to December 20, 2023.

Association Activities

Caesar Cipher

Intracollege quiz competition organised by the Abacus association.

Mathrix

It was an intracollege quiz competition conducted by the Abacus association, consisting of three rounds: Relay round, Math in pop culture, and Card game. Around 11 teams (two persons in each team) with students from both undergraduate and postgraduate took part in the event. In the relay round, sets of interrelated questions were systematically displayed with 30 second timing to solve. The Math in pop culture round included questions relating to mathematical memes and movie clips. The card round was an exciting mix of quickness and accuracy.

Upshot

The monthly lecture series Upshot, was conducted by the Abacus association on January 12, 2024. The resource person was Dr Meenakshi D'Souza of IIT Bengaluru. She gave insights on the History of Mathematics and Computer Sciences. The talk gave insights on the role of mathematics in shaping modern day computer sciences and how mathematics has helped to formulate and solve several fundamental problems in computer sciences. The Upshot programme offers students an excellent opportunity to learn from distinguished professors and enhance their understanding of mathematics.

Ad Infinitum

The Department of Mathematics conducted the intercollegiate Mathematics fest Ad-Infinitum on March 22, 2024 where students from various colleges participated. The inauguration ceremony began around 9:00 am. Jeffy Sabu of I MSc and Suhana of II MSc were the mcs. Mr John Binze, Head of Department, Dr Raisa D'Souza, PG coordinator and Dr R A Daisy Singh, Abacus coordinator, Anukul Sachan, Abacus president, and Prakruti, Abacus vice president carried out the lighting of the lamp. Following which Mr John Binze and PG coordinator Dr Raisa D'Souza addressed the gathering. The fest consisted of eight events which saw participation of more than 80 students from across Bengaluru as well as from other districts of Karnataka. The events concluded around 4:00 pm, following which there was an interactive session with the title sponsors Learnbay. Students of I MSc and II MSc showcased their talents in music and dance after which the prizes were distributed.

Staff Achievements

Ms Veena Nirmala R

Participated in the Skills for Understanding and Accompanying Youth workshop organised by the All India Catholic University Federation in collaboration with the Indian Social Institute between January 14-15, 2023 at the Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru.

Organiser of Chronicles – Journey to the Past, intercollegiate state level fest by AICUF.

Dr Raisa D'Souza

Attended UGC Sponsored faculty induction program (Online) organised by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi held from November 22 to December 20, 2023.

Dr RA Daisy Singh

Attended UGC Sponsored faculty induction program (Online) organised by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi held from November 22 to December 20, 2023.

Participated in the 'Seven Days International Faculty Development Program on Recent Trends in Mathematics and Technology' (virtual mode), conducted by the Department of Mathematics, SRM TRP Engineering College, Trichy, Tamil Nadu.

Dr Deepa Mathew

Attended UGC Sponsored faculty induction program (online) organised by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi held from November 22 to December 20, 2023.

Dr Gerard Rozario J

Attended five days FDP on third Mathematical Sciences for CSIR-UGC NET aspirants conducted by the Vellore Institute of Technology from October 17-21 October, 2023.

Dr K Nayan Bhatt

Presented the paper “Star Partial Order and Rank 1* Summands” at the international conference on ‘Linear Algebra and its Applications’ 2023 held from December 18-21, 2023 organised by MAHE, Manipal.

Mr Leonard Winston Aiman

Attended ten week workshop on ‘Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills’ organised by Samagra from November 9, 2023.

Ms Deepika S

Papers Published:

“A Computational Approach for the Generalised Genesio-Tesi Systems using a Novel Fractional Operator”.

Authors: S Deepika, Hari Baskar Ranganathan, P Veerasha.

Journal Name: Pramana – J. Phys.

“Modified Genesio-Tesi Systems with Trigonometric Functions and the Caputo Fractional Derivative”.

Authors: S Deepika, P Veerasha.

Journal Name: Mathematics in Engineering, Science and Aerospace.

Student Achievements

Forays - IIT Madras:

Mind Dash - Anukul Sachan, Akhil P and Sai Sanathann - first place.

Mind Dash - Prakruthi M, Shikhapriya and Bhoomika - second place.

Find the flaws - Akhil P - first place.

Arohan - Christ University (Central Campus) - overall winners:

Mathmafia - Prakruthi M and Aakanksha - first place.

Enigma - Sai Sanathann, Akhil P - first place.

Math Equations - Anukul Sachan, Heidi Bodosa, Shrey Samarth - first place.

Math Venture Expo - Alan Sabu, Neema D’Souza, Krishnapriya - first place.

Intellectual Debate - Aaryaman Y. Raj - first place.

Intellectual Debate - Lisa B - second place.

Shipwreck - Aakanksha - third place.

Manthanein - Jyoti Nivas College:Hypothesis hurdle - Shrey Samarth, Heidi Bodosa - first place.

Mime Marvels - Anukul Sachan, Shrey Samarth, Heidi Bodosa- first prize.

Colourful Stillness - Jeffy Sabu - first prize.

Pep talk - Akhil P - third place.

Fractal - Christ University (Yeshwanthpur Campus) - runner ups:

Mathflix - Akhil P - first place.

Number Games - Sai Sanathann, Akhil P, Leona Sheen - second place.

Hypatia - Mount Carmel College:

Math Tank - Disha of I PM, Madhurya of II PM- first place.

Math Mania - Chaithanya and Santosh of II MST - first place.

Equesters - Neeraj, Abhirami and Johanna of II PM - second place.

Convergence - Christ University (Central Campus) - runner ups:

Mathjack - Danny, Pryson of III EMS - first Place.

Numerical Estates - Arun, Ashish of III EMS - first place.

Equations Escalades - Mahir, Manasi of III EMS - second prize.

Cypher sprint - Santosh, Anushka of III CMS - second place.

National Science Day Quiz - Jyoti Nivas College - second place:

Manas Mayank Pradhan of II MCS.

Narasimha Ganti of II MCS.

Angela BK of II MCS.



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Department Activities

Teacher Seminar Talk

On October 26, 2023, Dr Arun Varma Thampan, PG Coordinator, Physics Department, delivered an engaging talk on Two-D Fourier Transforms and Fourier Filtering - A Pythonic Approach. The session delved into the realm of Image Analysis. Among the attendees were faculty members from the PG Physics department, including Dr Parul, Dr Praveen, Dr Vignesh, and Mr Ricky Wilfred along with the students of I and II MSc students. The session took place in the AV room of the Arrupe block. Dr Arun did an outstanding job of immersing us in the world of Fourier Transforms. The discussion covered a spectrum of topics, including Discrete Fourier Transforms, and various methods to filter noisy data and to soften old images using Fourier transforms. The interesting session came to an end with students interrogating Dr Arun with several questions based on the topic. He went a step further by encouraging us to explore the python programs related to the discussed concepts. Ms Sanjana Anand, the President of Physeeksee delivered the vote of thanks.

On Meteorites and the Early Solar System

The Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Physics Students Association (PSA), hosted an enlightening international webinar titled 'Meteorites and the Early Solar Systems' on February 12, 2024. The session was delivered by Dr Prajakta Mane, a distinguished Staff Scientist from the Lunar Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas, USA. The webinar, which commenced at 7:15 pm, offered an in-depth exploration of meteorites and their significance in understanding the early solar system. Dr Mane's expert insights provided valuable knowledge and sparked engaging discussions among attendees, contributing to a deeper appreciation of planetary science.

Inaugural Ceremony of an eight-inch Cassegrain Telescope

On February 23, 2024, following the vibrant closure of TekOlma, the annual Physics department fest, undergraduate and postgraduate Physics students, alongside the dedicated staff of the PG Physics

department, convened atop the postgraduate building. The occasion heralded the long-awaited inaugural ceremony of an eight-inch Cassegrain telescope and its corresponding dome, generously gifted by Dr Ajay Saxena, a former IIA professor, in his mission to cultivate a passion for Astrophysics among students. The distinguished guests for the ceremony included Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, the esteemed Vice Chancellor of SJU, Dr Ajay Saxena himself, and Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, Research Advisory Committee, SJU.

The introduction to the telescope and dome's acquisition was eloquently presented by Dr Arun Thampan and Dr Parul Goel. Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ illuminated the rich legacy of Astrophysics at the institute, igniting enthusiasm among students for night sky observations. Dr Ajay Saxena shared insightful anecdotes from his experience with telescopes, underscoring the value of hands-on observational learning in the realm of Astrophysics. Amidst resounding applause and excitement, Dr Ajay Saxena and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ jointly cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially inaugurating the dome. Subsequently, students eagerly took turns acquainting themselves with the telescope and the operation of the dome, marking the culmination of a day brimming with engaging Physeeksee club activities and unforgettable experiences for all participants.



Skywatching programme

As part of the Astrophysics course, two night sky watches were conducted under the guidance of Dr Arun Varma Thampan, PG coordinator of the Physics department. On March 10, 2024, I and II MSc Physics students assembled on campus at 6:30 pm to utilise the recently inaugurated eight-inch Cassegrain telescope. Despite the anticipation of observing Jupiter, Pleiades, and other celestial objects due to a no-moon day, only Jupiter was visible due to poor sky conditions. The misalignment of the telescope's viewfinder hindered manual alignment efforts. Despite

the setback, students gained valuable insights through discussions with Dr Arun Thampan, enhancing their understanding of instrumentation. On March 24, 2024, the second night sky observation aimed to determine the Field of View (FOV) of two telescopes: an eight-inch Cassegrain telescope mounted inside the dome and a movable six-inch Newtonian telescope. With the full moon illuminating the sky, students actively engaged in telescope handling. Two groups focused on indifferent tasks, one tried to focus an image of the moon with the six-inch telescope and the other took up the calibration of the motorised drive of the eight-inch telescope. Students successfully observed Jupiter, along with Mercury through careful naked eye observation. Despite a challenge with focusing the eyepiece on the secondary mirror of the eight-inch telescope, the students were able to get an image of the Moon on the primary mirror. Jupiter was eventually focused on the six-inch telescope, allowing all students to observe the biggest planet in the solar system.

Tekolma 2024

The highly anticipated annual Physics fest TekOlma unfolded on February 23, 2024, commencing with an inaugural ceremony at the main auditorium hall, hosted by Ms Sanjana Anand and Ms Bernadette Varsha. Graced by the presence of Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, SJU, Dr (Fr) Roshan Castellino, Research Advisory Committee, Dr Arun Varma Thampan, PG Physics Coordinator, SJU and Dr Parul Goel, Physeeksee coordinator, SJU, they addressed the gathering of students by recalling anecdotes from past fests and igniting excitement among students from various Bengaluru colleges. After acknowledging the title sponsors, Decathlon and Leapscholar, the ceremony concluded with a captivating dance performance by MSc Physics students, heralding the commencement of eight planned events. Inspired by the theme The Nuclear Dawn, derived from the movie Oppenheimer, each event resonated with this overarching motif. The day's agenda featured diverse activities, including Leptoons, a doodling competition, and Atomic Odyssey, a potpourri event. The eagerly awaited Manhattan Meltdown Treasure Hunt marked the midway point, allowing for a brief interlude for organisers to refresh. Following lunch, the intellectually stimulating Trinity Test quiz engaged participants, complemented by ongoing competitions such as the immersive Fission Impossible Escape Room and the adrenaline-fueled Radiant Rush gaming challenge. The final two events, an inventive Plutonium Playbook improv competition and the entrepreneurial Quark Tank event marked the culmination of all

events. As the events drew to a close, participants gathered for the closing ceremony, graced by the presence of esteemed guests Dr Ajay Saxena, former IIA Professor.

Other Activities

Dr Jayant Murthy, Honorary Professor at IIA, conducted a six-lecture series on 'Astronomy with Archives' introducing data collection and analysis in astronomy, enhancing students' field skills. Dibyansh Das, a II MSc student, presented at a seminar on quantum entanglement and its implementation with photons through optics on March 23, 2024. The Physics Students Association of St Joseph's University held their annual intercollegiate fest SPECTRA 2024 as well.

Staff Achievements

Paper Publications

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled "Green synthesis of carboxyl methyl chitosan based curcumin nanoparticles and its biological activity: Influence of size and conductivity" in the journal of Carbohydrate Polymer Technologies and Applications.

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled "Hierarchical Cu₄SnS₆ nanoflowers supported by MWCNT can accomplish everything: Supercapacitors, dye-sensitised solar cells and water splitting" in Electrochimica Acta.

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled "Donor dynamics of reverse type I core/shell nanostructure embedded in inorganic and organic polymer matrices" in the Journal of Nanoparticle Research.

Dr (Fr) Roshan Castellino co-authored a paper titled "Higher-indexed Moiré patterns and surface states of MoTe₂/graphene heterostructure grown by molecular beam epitaxy".

Dr Mohan A co-authored a paper titled "A novel selenization-free chalcopyrite CIGSSe formation in a heat-treated Cu₂Se/S/Ga₃Se₂/S/In₃Se₂ multilayer thin film (ML) and ML/n-Si heterojunction characteristics" in Surfaces and Interfaces.

Dr Parul Goel co-authored a paper titled "Electrical conductivity and relaxation in lithium-doped barium vanadate glasses investigated by impedance

spectroscopy” in the Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids.

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled “On the semiconductor to metal transition in a quantum wire: Influence of geometry and laser” in Modern Physics Letters B.

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled “The influence of screening function on exciton mott transition in an asymmetric double quantum well” in Modern Physics Letters B.

Dr Mohan A was the primary author for the paper titled “A novel selenization-free chalcopyrite CIGSSe formation in a heat-treated Cu₂Se/S/Ga₃Se₂/S/In₃Se₂ multilayer thin film (ML) and ML/n-Si heterojunction characteristics” in Surfaces and Interfaces.

Dr G Vignesh co-authored a paper titled “Theoretical study of exciton Mott transition in quantum wells through interband transition energy of excitons” in AIP Conference Proceedings.

Awards and Conferences

Dr G Vignesh completed a national level refresher course organised by UGC-TCL Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, and Army Institute of Education (AIE) from May 23 - June 21, 2023.

Dr G Vignesh attended a national level FDP at Centre for Biomaterials, Cellular & Molecular Theranostics (CBCMT) at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, between December 11–15, 2023.

Dr Parul Goel secured best paper award in the International Conference on Current Research and Advancements in Materials Science and Spectroscopy (ICCAMS 2023) held from February 10 - 11, 2023, at St Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

Dr E Bruno Martin successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled “Pure and zn-doped Copper Oxide nanoparticles and nanocomposites for effective utilisation of uv-visible region in photocatalytic performance” and received her PhD degree on July 8, 2023.

Dr Parul Goel successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled “Investigation and Optimization of Ionic Conductivity in Some Vanadate Glasses for Li-ion Battery Applications” and received her PhD degree on August 1, 2023.

Dr Parul Goel completed a 30 hour certificate course on mentoring and basic counselling skills conducted by Samagra from January - April, 2023.

Dr Mohan A presented a poster on ‘Investigations on the modified Alq₃ properties by thermally evaporated Alq₃/In/Alq₃ hybrid sandwich thin film structure’ in an international conference on Recent Trends in Materials Science (ICR TMS) organised by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, on March 7, 2023.

Dr Praveen D’souza presented four posters on the topics: Regge Trajectories Obtained for the Predicted Masses of Ds Mesons, Computation of Regge Trajectories for Charmonium, Analysis of Regge Trajectories for B Meson Mass Spectra Obtained from Hulthen Potential, and Study of Estimated Mass for D Mesons Using Regge Trajectories at the 67th DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics in December 2023, organised by IIT Indore.

Dr G Vignesh presented a paper titled “Study of the Impact of the Mixed Phase of Manganese Sulfide Nanophotocatalyst on Waste Water Treatment” at the International Conference for Advanced Functional Materials and Devices (AFMD 2024), between February 26 - 29, 2024.

Dr Parul Goel presented a paper titled “Correlating the properties of Li₂O-doped barium vanadate glasses for Li-ion battery applications”, at the international conference for Advanced Functional Materials and Devices (AFMD 2024), between February 26 - 29, 2024.

Dr G Vignesh availed of a PhD guideship in the “Semiconductor Nanostructures” domain in Physics in March 2024.

Dr G Vignesh participated in the IPA Young Physicists Meet (YPM)-South Zone, organised by GITAM Deemed to be University, Visakhapatnam, on February 26, 2024.

Dr Parul Goel participated in the Arrupe Cup Table Tennis Tournament held on January 20, 2024, representing St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and secured the runner-up position.

Dr G Vignesh completed a 30 hour certificate course on mentoring and basic counselling skills conducted by Samagra from November 2023 to January 2024.

Dr Parul Goel completed a 30 hour certificate course on mentoring and basic counselling skills conducted by Samagra from November 2023 to January 2024.

Students' Research Colloquium

Mr Chinmay Kulkarni of III BSc PYEC presented on the topic Magnonics, a New Paradigm for the Future on October 6, 2023.

Mr Sriram of III BSc PM presented on the topic Significance of Neutrino Experiments on October 13, 2023.

Ms Shraddha of III BSc PM presented on the topic Eco-impact of Quantum Dots on October 10, 2023.

Ms Sakthi Maheswari of III BSc PYEC presented on the topic Nanoparticles in Pyrometry on November 3, 2023.



Entrances

Shahan Ulla Khan of III BSc PM, cleared JEST 2024 with an All India Rank of 263.

Shahan Ulla Khan of III BSc cleared IIT Jam 2024 with an All India rank of 606.

Ninad Aithal of III BSc PM cleared IIT JAM 2024 with an All India Rank of 1398.

Ninad Aithal of III BSc PM cleared GATE 2024 with an All India Rank of 1548.

Aparna of III BSc PM cleared IIT JAM 2024 with an All India Rank of 1507.

Anirban Nath of III BSc PEM, cleared JEST 2024 with an All India Rank of 209.

Manav Raval Kumar III BSc PCM cleared IIT JAM 2024

Anindri Laha of BSc PCM cleared IIT JAM 2024.

Extension

Students of the III BSc Physics A section organised an extension work as part of the special activity. They conducted a science experiment demo with the children at Louisa Children's Home, Bengaluru, Karnataka, on March 21, 2024, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Department Activities

National Level Webinar on 'Mastering Data Science: Essential Tools, Techniques, and Skills 2024'

A one day national level webinar on 'Mastering Data Science: Essential Tools, Techniques, and Skills 2024' was organised by the Department of Statistics, St Joseph's University, Bangalore on February 24, 2024 from 9:00 am. It was organised online using the google meet platform. The speaker of the event was Mr Saravanakumar Sekar, Senior Data Scientist, from Pennsylvania, United States. The webinar was coordinated by Dr Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The event was mainly focused on the advanced concepts and theoretical background of Machine Learning techniques with Data Analytics. The webinar has explored the deep knowledge of Machine Learning to extract meaningful insights such as hidden patterns, unknown correlations, market trends, and customer preferences. A total of 49 participants from various institutions participated. The event started with the welcome note by Dr Suresh Kharvi. After the inauguration speech, Dr Sivakumar introduced the resource person to all the participants. Then, Mr Saravanakumar took over the session and shared his knowledge and information on Machine Learning techniques and its application. Dr Archana delivered a vote of thanks for the session. Finally, a short feedback session was conducted for the participants after which participation certificates were awarded to them.

Association Activities

Tilasto 2024 Intercollegiate Fest

Tilasto 2024 was the intercollegiate statistics fest organised by Frequentia. The activities commenced at 9:00 am on March 28, 2024 with an inauguration in Xavier Hall graced by the presence of chief guest Dr Parameshwar V Pandit, Chairman, Department of Statistics, University of Bangalore. The chief guest, Dr Archana V, Head of Department of Statistics, faculty coordinator to Frequentia and the president of Frequentia lit the lamp. Following this, the chief guest addressed the participants, and the events commenced from 10:00 am. There were eight events arranged under Tilasto 2024: Treasure hunt (La casa de papel), Jeopardy (Slumdog millionaire), Analytics (Mission impossible), Cricket bidding (Money ball), BGMI

(Top gun maverick), Game show (Alice in borderland), Reel making (Once upon a time in hollywood) and Just a minute (Talking tom). The events followed a Netflix theme, with statistics centric activities. The fest totalled 150 participants from within the University and from other institutions such as Christ University, Mount Carmel College, Nrupathunga University, KLE College, and IIT Bangalore. The valedictory ceremony was conducted in De Nobili Hall at 5:00 pm. The chief guests were the organisation heads of Sugama Counselling. The prizes were distributed to the first and second place winners. The overall event was won by Christ University. The event concluded at 6:00 pm.

Staff Achievements

Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar

Mr Gulbadin Farooq Dar completed his Doctor of Philosophy at Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry, India. He was awarded his degree on November 15, 2023.

Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar along with other authors published a paper titled "Impact of International Trade on the Share Prices of the Industrial Bank of Korea Using Stochastic Prediction Modelling" in the Journal of Global Business and Trade.

Dr Suresha Kharvi

Dr Suresha Kharvi published a paper entitled "A modified power Lindly distribution" in the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics, Springer.

Student Achievements

Members of Frequentia, the Statistics Association of St Joseph's University, Bangalore, won the overall Champions Trophy at the DATAMAZE 2024 fest held at Christ University Central Campus. Aryan Leon and Krithika Kannan of II CST, along with Thomas of II ECST, won the first prize in Algo Duel. Shubhan Cholin and Krithika Kannan of II CST secured the first prize in Adam's Pitch. Shubhan Cholin, Pranav M, and Adithya Yohance H of II CST took the second prize in My Hero Trivia. Thomas Samuel and Nikket Mesiliy of II ECST won the first prize in El Dorado. Preksha Jain and Riya Bhansali of III EMS, together with Aryan Leon of II CST, secured the first prize in Data Pulse. Adithya Yohance H of II CST achieved second place in Stat Snap. Lastly, Sana Abbas of I ECST, Aravind of III EMS, and Monish of II BCA earned the second place in Data Pulse.

They also won several prizes at Pegasus 2024. Their March Past performance at University Sports Event won them first place as well.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Greening our community: BOSCH and university associations collaborate for environmental action

On November 1, 2023, a significant environmental initiative unfolded as BOSCH partnered with the Social Work Students' Association (SWASA) and the Green Spartans Association from St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, to conduct a transformative plantation drive. A "Plant for the Planet" event with the aim of enhancing the ecological landscape, 70 dedicated students came together to engage in an impactful day of action. Dr S Rama Gokula Krishna, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, coordinated the event, and under the expert guidance of Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work, the students embarked on a mission to effect positive change in their community. Their collective efforts were focused on two primary objectives: cleaning the surrounding areas of Rayasandra Lake and planting over 100 fruit-bearing saplings. The plantation drive served as a testament to the power of collaboration and grassroots activism in addressing pressing environmental issues. Beyond the physical labour involved, the initiative was driven by a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and community welfare.

Kristu Jayanti college international conference

31 II MSW students enthusiastically engaged in and delivered presentations at a national conference themed "Health and Well-being: Bridging the Gap for a Sustainable Future." The conference, hosted by the Department of Social Work at Kristu Jayanti College, took place on November 7 and 8, 2023.

Empowering communities: cancer awareness programme at Catholic club

On November 17, 2023, the Catholic Club hosted a Cancer Awareness Programme, commencing at 6 pm and extending till night. Individuals from diverse backgrounds converged to lend their support and disseminate awareness during Cancer Awareness Month. Among the notable participants were members of the School of Social Work faculty, St Joseph's University, including Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, who graced the occasion with his presence on the vibrant ramp walk and fashion show. Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work, contributed to the evening's elegance with a graceful classical dance performance. Ms Latha Paul, Assistant

Professor, Department of Social Work, delivered an inspiring speech, articulating the critical importance of initiatives like this in raising awareness and fostering community engagement. Adding to the programme's cultural richness were students from I BSW performing a dance during the programme's inaugural ceremony. Their performance added a touch of tradition and artistry to the event, reinforcing the community's collective commitment to combating cancer through awareness and solidarity.

Bridging borders: UNCW and St Joseph's University's School of Social Work exchange programme

From December 7 to December 16, 2023, a transformative student exchange programme took place between the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), and St Joseph's University, within the School of Social Work. Ten students and two faculty members from UNCW participated in this enriching cultural exchange initiative, immersing themselves in the vibrant city of Bengaluru. Each student was paired with a buddy companion from the I MSW class. The coordination of the programme was overseen by Ms Latha Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, with additional guidance provided by faculty members from the School of Social Work. Throughout the exchange programme, participants had the opportunity to visit various settings relevant to social work practice, including medical psychiatry facilities, Visthar in Bengaluru, community visits in Mysuru, and engaging in sightseeing activities. These experiences offered invaluable insights into Indian culture and social work practices, enriching participants' understanding and appreciation of diverse global perspectives. A pivotal moment during the exchange was a board meeting held on December 10, 2024, bringing together students and faculty members from both institutions, alongside key figures such as Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor. During this meeting, discussions revolved around enhancing cultural exchange initiatives and conducting research to evaluate the impact of the exchange programme. As the programme concluded on December 16, 2023, students and faculty members bid farewell, carrying with them cherished memories, newfound insights, and strengthened cross-cultural connections.

Empowering action: symposium on human rights and human trafficking

On December 12, 2024, the Social Work Students' Association, in collaboration with the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), orchestrated a profoundly impactful symposium addressing critical issues concerning human rights and human trafficking. Under the coordination of Dr G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work, and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work, UNCW, the symposium took place at Xavier Hall, PG Block, commencing promptly at 9 am. The programme featured esteemed guests, including Dr Sylvia, Public Health Physician, and the keynote speaker, Dr Arthur J Frankel, Senior Professor, School of Social Work, UNCW. This collaborative initiative brought together students from both UNCW and St Joseph's University, specifically involving II MSW students from SJU. Through engaging presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, participants delved into the complexities of human rights violations and the pervasive issue of human trafficking, examining various socio-cultural, economic, and political factors contributing to these phenomena. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and leveraging the expertise of esteemed professionals, the event aimed to raise awareness, build capacity, and mobilise collective action towards combating human rights abuses and eradicating human trafficking at local, national, and global levels.



Exploring social work: second BSW rural camp at Vadageri village

From January 2, 2024, to January 11, 2024, the II BSW embarked on a transformative rural camp to Vadageri near Kolar. Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work, and Ms Latha Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, served as coordinators for the rural camp. This immersive experience aimed to provide students with firsthand insights into rural life while fostering opportunities for positive change within the village community. The camp encompassed a diverse range of activities, including visits to local institutions such as post offices, panchayats, primary

health centres (PHCs), and markets, as well as participatory rural appraisal (PRA) mapping exercises and voluntary labour (Shramadaan). Central to the camp's organisation were six committees, each tasked with distinct responsibilities that rotated daily. These committees, spanning cooking, cleaning, housekeeping, documentation, programme, and cultural tasks, played integral roles in facilitating community engagement and contributing to the PRA process. Interacting with village residents provided students with invaluable insights into the daily realities and challenges of rural life. Despite occasional disagreements, the students observed a remarkable sense of communal solidarity among villagers, emphasising the collective spirit that underpins rural communities.

Tribal camp report: exploring socio-cultural dynamics in Jamunamarathur, Tiruvannamalai

The class had their Tribal Camp in Jamunamarathur, Tiruvannamalai, from January 2 to January 7, 2024. The camp was a wonderful experience where the students were taken to different communities each day to understand about the tribes and their way of life in the villages. The students were divided in groups each day to conduct surveys on different aspects such as the socio-cultural systems, governance and political systems, religious systems, and the economic and livelihood systems. The class cooperated well with each other and presented street plays and skits on social issues at the different villages. Overall, the camp came with much learnings, observations, and understandings that was taken in by the students that enriched their overall social work learnings.

Exploring social work: I MSW rural camp at Choodahalli village

Embarking on a journey of transformation, I MSW students embarked on a profound ten-day from January 2 till January 11, 2024 rural immersion in Choodahalli village as an integral component of their second semester curriculum. Under the guidance of camp leaders, Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, and Ms Femina, the camp seamlessly translated classroom teachings into practical application. The first week started with Participatory Rural Appraisal sessions and household surveys, unravelling the intricacies of village life. Divided into committees, students synergised efforts in cooking, cleaning, and organising programmes for diverse community groups. Evenings were vibrant with cultural exchanges, fostering active participation among villagers. Residing in the Government school,

students conducted awareness sessions on critical topics like education, career opportunities, menstrual hygiene, legal rights, environmental stewardship and more. They also undertook community improvement projects, including cleaning and painting initiatives, addressing immediate needs.

Exploring Social Dynamics: A Recap of the MSW Study Tour to Kolkata

The study tour to Kolkata, which took place from January 2 to 12, 2024, was organised by MSW students of St Joseph's University. Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work, Captain Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, and Dr Premajyothi D, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, served as the coordinators for the tour. This immersive experience provided students with a unique opportunity to explore themselves within the rich cultural, social, and economic tapestry of one of India's most dynamic cities. Spearheaded by the School of Work at St Joseph's University, the tour complemented classroom learning with hands-on exposure, enabling students to delve into a myriad of social issues, community practices, and development initiatives. Throughout the study tour, students participated in a variety of activities tailored to their academic interests and goals. These activities encompassed meticulous planning, immersive field visits, and meaningful interactions with local organisations and communities.

Inspire to science: School of Social Work collaborates with I-volunteer

On January 3, 2024, a transformative educational initiative unfolded with 15 students from St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, I BSW programme, in collaboration with Team I-volunteer, embarked on a mission to enrich the educational experiences of young minds. The students embarked on visits to two government BBMP Higher Primary schools located in Lakasandra. This was an active citizenship programme called "Inspire to Science." The essence of this programme lay in empowering volunteers to leverage their skills and time to benefit children from government schools. Through this programme the volunteers were given an opportunity to share their skills and time to children from Government schools through facilitating a session on different science concepts with the help of a science experiment kit that comprised of ten different experiments made of low-cost materials.

Bembala outreach camp: empowering student engagement and development

From January 16 to 18, 2024, the students of III BSW participated in an enriching outreach camp held in Solur. This immersive experience provided them with a unique opportunity to cultivate not only basic skills but also crucial coordination and teamwork abilities through collaboration with peers from another class. Despite the minimalistic nature of the activities, each endeavour was imbued with profound lessons, ranging from visits to a brick factory, farmhouse, and various village locales. Working in unison, the students orchestrated a series of impactful activities and street plays addressing pertinent social issues for the local community.

Exploring experiences: reflecting on MSW rural camp and study tour presentations

On January 22, 2024, the School of Social Work convened a comprehensive presentation session at Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, spanning from 12:15 pm to 3 pm. This session was about discussion and reflection on the rural camp by I MSW students from January 2 to January 12, 2024, and the study tour embarked upon by II MSW students in Kolkata. The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to students and faculty members by the student coordinators of both the rural camp and study tour programmes. Students of II MSW initiated proceedings by sharing detailed presentations about their study tour experiences. Each specialisation, including medical and psychiatry, community development, and human resources, provided comprehensive insights into the diverse organisations visited, highlighting the unique perspectives gleaned from their respective areas of focus. Following this enlightening session, the I MSW students presented on their rural camp at Choodahalli village. Subsequently, group discussions ensued, centred around the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) activities conducted in Choodahalli village, enabling students to reflect collectively on their findings and the broader implications for community development. The session garnered participation from all faculty members of the School of Social Work. As the proceedings ended, heartfelt expressions of gratitude were extended to the faculty coordinators of both programmes.

Empowering inclusivity: St Joseph's University students organise Sports Day for differently abled children

On February 2, 2024, commencing at 8 am, a heartwarming scene unfolded as 15 students from St

Joseph's University, Bengaluru, IBSW stepped forward to offer their time and assistance in organising an inclusive sports day for differently abled children. This event was organised in collaboration with Pro Vision Asia, Bengaluru, and aimed at providing a platform for these children to participate in various activities tailored to their abilities. Acting as compassionate mentors and companions, the volunteers assumed the role of buddies for the children, offering unwavering support and guidance throughout the festivities. The fest consisted of inclusive activities such as dance, ball races, hoop throwing, and more, designed to cater to the diverse abilities of the participants. Every aspect of the sports day was meticulously planned with the children's needs and capabilities in mind. From setting up tents to marking tracks on the field, the volunteers immersed themselves in every facet of the event's organisation, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Unity in action: SWSA Sports Day for social workers

The Social Work Students Association (SWSA) organised a vibrant sports extravaganza for social workers, spanning from February 19 to February 21 2024, at the University Ground, from 1 pm to 3 pm each day. Over the course of three days, a diverse array of games including Throwball, Kho-Kho, Tug of War, and Cricket filled the atmosphere with excitement and camaraderie. Kicking off the festivities on February 19, 2024, the programme received a grand inauguration by Ms Manisha Sara, Alumna, St Joseph's University, setting the stage for an exhilarating sporting event. Spearheaded by Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, and supported by dedicated student committee members, the event unfolded seamlessly, offering participants a chance to showcase their athletic prowess and team spirit. Among the participants, II MSW class secured the runner-up position, displaying commendable sportsmanship and competitive zeal.



Financial management lecture for community development students

On February 21, 2024, Mr Cyril, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, conducted an exclusive lecture tailored for students pursuing social work with a specialisation in community development. The lecture delved into essential techniques for calculating the payback period and net present value, crucial components of effective financial management strategies. The coordination of this event was overseen by Captain Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, specialising in community development within the School of Social Work. Attended by a cohort of 20 students, the programme was hailed as immensely advantageous and impactful, significantly enriching their academic pursuits.

Interreligious peace and harmony - signing of memorandum of understanding

On February 17, 2024, a transformative gathering unfolded at the Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern, Bengaluru, spanning from 10 am to 1 pm. This pivotal event convened revered religious leaders and distinguished guest speakers, representing a rich tapestry of cultural and religious diversity. With fervent conviction, each speaker eloquently expounded upon the paramount significance of reverence and autonomy in matters of faith, emphasising their capacity to bridge divides rather than exacerbate differences. Delving into the depths of their respective religious traditions, they illuminated how these foundational principles serve as catalysts for fostering solidarity amidst varied communities. The event was attended by three students from I MSW and Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work.

Fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing: School of Social Work students at India International Social Work Conference 2024

Students from the School of Social Work actively took part in the India International Social Work Conference held from February 22 to February 24, 2024, a collaborative effort between the Indian National Professional Social Workers' Association (INPSWA) and the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai. Numerous social work students from various esteemed colleges also attended this international conference. The students not only participated but also presented papers during the conference. This esteemed gathering offers a unique opportunity for

policymakers, social work practitioners, educators, researchers, and students to come together and exchange their insights, innovations, best practices, and learning experiences. Four students from the School of Social Work presented their papers at the conference.

Promoting awareness: School of Social Work's initiative against drug abuse

On February 28, 2024, at 8:50 am, the School of Social Work organised an event led by I MSW students, with guidance from Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work. The event started with a message about drug abuse. Students gathered at the PG Quadrangle and grabbed attention with a flash mob. Then students performed a skit to show the dangers of drug abuse. The skit emphasised how friends can support those struggling with addiction and why parents and counselling are important. The Dean expressed his gratitude for the effort put into making the programme a success. The students handed out placards to remind everyone to fight against drug abuse and make the campus a better place.

Volcon: India's premier volunteering conference unites enthusiasts and experts

On February 29, 2024, and March 1, 2024, at Citadel Sarovar, Portico in Gandhi Nagar, the largest volunteering conference in India took place. This event, known as Volcon, was coordinated by I-Volunteer and Bhoomi Organisation. This flagship event of India's volunteering landscape was a dynamic gathering, bringing together enthusiasts and experts alike to explore the myriad dimensions of volunteerism. The conference spanned two days, with the programme meticulously structured across four meeting rooms, facilitating concurrent discussions on various relevant topics. Among the focal points were corporate volunteering, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and strategies for engaging GenZ audiences. Attending these sessions were a dedicated team of volunteers, comprising social work students from I and II BSW. Their role extended beyond mere participation; they were entrusted with the crucial task of recording minutes during the meetings, ensuring that valuable insights and discussions were accurately documented and communicated to the programme organisers.

Empowering change: St Joseph's MSW students lead drug awareness campaign

On February 28, 2024, at 8:50 am, St Joseph's

University witnessed a remarkable initiative led by the I MSW students under the guidance of Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work. This initiative took the form of an awareness campaign aimed at shedding light on the critical issue of drug abuse. Gathering at the PG Quadrangle, the students orchestrated a multifaceted approach to capture the attention of their peers. They commenced with an engaging flash mob, skilfully choreographed to draw in spectators and create a vibrant atmosphere. Transitioning seamlessly, the students then delivered a thought-provoking skit that served as the centrepiece of the campaign. Through powerful storytelling, they conveyed a poignant message about the perils of succumbing to negative peer influence and the detrimental consequences of drug abuse. The skit underscored the importance of support systems within the academic community, emphasising the role of classmates in aiding those struggling with addiction and advocating for parental involvement and access to counselling services. As the programme reached its conclusion, the Dean conveyed a heartfelt message of gratitude to all involved. The event concluded with the distribution of awareness placards, serving as tangible reminders of the collective commitment to combatting substance abuse and promoting a healthier, more supportive campus environment.

Empowering voices: Aweksha's peaceful protest on International Women's Day 2024

On March 9, 2024, at 5 pm, Aweksha organised a peaceful protest in front of Mayo Hall Civil Court in commemoration of International Women's Day 2024. The event drew participation from various institutions, with 15 volunteers from I BSW joining hands with Dr Premajyothi D, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, and numerous volunteers from diverse collegiate institutions. The protest commenced with a symbolic display of solidarity, as I BSW class and fellow volunteers engaged in a short dance and skit, amplifying the message of empowerment and unity. As the evening progressed, the gathering was enriched by the voices of impassioned speakers who underscored the importance of collective action in advancing the rights and safety of women.

Empowering advocates: School of Social Work students' engagement at the twenty-first Samanwaya International Conference

Students from the School of Social Work actively participated in the twenty-first Samanwaya International Conference and Social Work Students Meet, held on March 2024, at BCM College in

Kottayam. The conference's central theme was "Rise against Child Trafficking: Protecting the Rights and Future of Children." Numerous social work students from various esteemed colleges also attended this international conference. Moreover, these students were actively involved in presenting papers during the event. This conference serves as a significant platform for policymakers, social work practitioners, educators, researchers, and students to share their ideas, innovations, best practices, and learning experiences. By facilitating such exchanges, the conference fosters collaboration and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders committed to combating child trafficking and safeguarding the rights and well-being of children. Two students presented their papers at the conference.

Social work event on ecosystem preservation

On March 13, 2024, at 8:50 am, the School of Social Work arranged an event spearheaded by I MSW students, under the guidance of Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work. The event commenced with a message on ecosystem preservation. Students congregated at the PG Quadrangle and captivated the audience with a flash mob. Following that, they enacted a skit aimed at highlighting the significance of water in sustaining ecosystems and advocating conservation efforts to safeguard aquatic habitats and biodiversity. The Dean conveyed his appreciation at the end of the performance.



School of Social Work students present papers at national conference on sustainable transformative change and social justice

Social work students from both the I and II MSW programme actively participated in and presented papers at a prestigious national conference on social work for sustainable transformative change and social justice, which was organised by the Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, on March 14 and 15, 2024. The distinguished chief guest for the programme was Mr Shnan, Associate Editor, Frontline Magazine. Notably, 18 students from St Joseph's University, School of Social Work, showcased their research papers during the event. This conference provided invaluable exposure for the students as they had the opportunity to interact with esteemed research scholars and experienced social workers. It served as a platform for them to share their insights, engage in meaningful discussions, and gain a deeper understanding of various social issues and their implications for creating positive societal change. The experience enriched their academic journey and further inspired their commitment to social justice and transformative practices within the field of social work.

Empowering advocacy: BSW students collaborate with Sangama for social change

On March 15, 2024, as part of the BSW curriculum, students participated in an orientation visit to the NGO Sangama. Sangama's mission is to engage in public discourse regarding gender identity, sexual orientation, sex work, and urban poverty, linking it to discussions on development, human rights, and socio-economic justice. During the visit, Sangama highlighted five promises made by the Karnataka Government regarding the education and development of sexual minorities, which have yet to be fulfilled. One of Sangama's initiatives involves a signature campaign aimed at raising awareness and advocating for the fulfilment of these promises. Following the orientation session, I BSW students actively supported Sangama by participating in the signature campaign. Demonstrating purpose and enthusiasm, all 40 students pledged their support by collecting a minimum of 30 signatures each, providing their contact details for further engagement. Through their collective effort, the students contributed to Sangama's goal of advocating for the rights and welfare of marginalised communities, reinforcing the importance of social activism and community engagement in the pursuit of social justice.

Social work event on ecosystem preservation

On March 20, 2024, at 8:50 am, the School of Social Work coordinated an event led by II MSW students, under the guidance of Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work. Commencing with a discussion on the significance of water conservation, the event unfolded at the PG Quadrangle, where students captured attention through a flash mob. Subsequently, they portrayed the essence of educating individuals and communities about the importance of water conservation, its environmental implications, and ways to contribute to water preservation through a skit performance. The Dean conveyed his appreciation for the initiative at the end of the performance.

Silent messages: SWSA's mime for change

The Social Work Student Association (SWSA) organised a transformative event titled "Mime for Change" on March 20, 2024, hosted in the Auditorium Basement. This innovative initiative drew participation from both BSW and MSW students across all classes within the School of Social Work, each presenting unique and thought-provoking topics through mime performances. Under the discerning eyes of Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work, and Ms Natasha Carolle, Alumnus, St Joseph's University, lent their expertise as judges for the event. The mime presentations, executed with creativity and precision, captivated the audience and provoked meaningful reflections on pertinent social issues. Following a keenly contested competition, II BSW students clinched the first position and the I MSW students secured the second position, displaying their adeptness and commitment to conveying powerful messages through mime.

Survey for "Yes to Access"

Yes to Access is a pioneering project initiated by APD, aimed at fostering a more inclusive society for individuals with disabilities. At its core, this project endeavours to create a platform wherein individuals can contribute by uploading images of public spaces deemed accessible or inaccessible for persons with disabilities. The fundamental goal of this endeavour is to furnish individuals with disabilities with accurate and dependable information concerning the accessibility of various public spaces. In a concerted effort, on March 21, 2024, the I BSW class enthusiastically committed themselves to this cause within a span of two weeks. Each student diligently contributed seven to ten forms, meticulously detailing their observations regarding the accessibility status of different public for

wheelchair users. The survey conducted as part of this project provided students with a unique perspective on infrastructure and accessibility with the guidance of Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work.

Educational empowerment: School of Social Work faculty engage in teaching, learning, and evaluation workshop

All faculty members of the School of Social Work actively participated in a one-day workshop focused on Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation, which took place on March 23, 2024, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on the Third Floor, New Block. The workshop was specifically organised for the academic staff. Dr Michael Rajamathi led the programme, providing valuable insights and guidance on effective teaching strategies, enhancing learning experiences, and implementing robust evaluation methods. The workshop aimed to empower academic staff with the necessary tools and knowledge to enhance their teaching practices, foster a conducive learning environment, and ensure comprehensive evaluation methods to assess student performance effectively.

Second BSW SWEFT programme

On March 27, 2024, at 8:45 am, in the Arrupe Atrium, II BSW students organised the SWEFT programme, a dynamic initiative aimed at raising awareness about the pressing water crisis in Bengaluru. The programme featured both solo and group performances, including a captivating dance and skit focused on the significance of drip irrigation in water conservation. Accompanied by a narrator, the skit effectively conveyed the importance of adopting sustainable practices to mitigate the water crisis. Through engaging performances and compelling storytelling, the audience was enlightened about the urgent need for conservation efforts in water management. Additionally, the programme featured both solo and group dances, strategically incorporated to attract and captivate the audience. These performances served as powerful tools for furthering the message of water conservation and reinforcing the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges.

Collaborative symposium: exploring social work and mental health in India

On April 8, 2024, a significant online event unfolded: a collaborative symposium between the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and the School

of Social Work at St Joseph's University. Scheduled from 6 pm to 8 pm, this symposium served as a platform for sharing experiences gleaned from a previous visit to St Joseph's University in December, as well as facilitating discussions on the intersection of social work and mental health in India. Comprising the panel were four I MSW students from St Joseph's University alongside four UNCW students who had journeyed to Bengaluru. This diverse group of eight students, along with faculty members and attendees from both institutions, convened online for the event. The keynote address, representing the core message of the programme, was delivered by Dr Arthur J Frankel, Senior Professor, School of Social Work, UNCW. Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, commenced proceedings with an introductory address. Subsequently, during the Alumni Experience segment, each student took turns sharing insights garnered from their exchange programme experiences. The symposium transitioned into an open panel discussion, fostering dialogue among students on their programme encounters and broader conversations concerning social work and mental health in India.

Empowering HR professionals: insights from industry collaboration

On April 15, 2024, the II MSW students of the School of Social Work organised a collaborative programme with Aditya Auto Products and Engineering (I) Pvt Ltd. The programme took place at 12 pm in the Conference Hall, specifically tailored for HR students within the MSW curriculum. Approximately 40 students participated in this insightful event. Mr Sachin NS, Assistant Manager, Aditya Auto Products and Engineering (I) Pvt Ltd, and Mrs Neha Nanjaraju, HR Executive, shared invaluable insights derived from their extensive experience in the HR field. They offered guidance on effectively balancing personal and professional life, navigating interactions within the manufacturing industry, and fostering positive relationships with both employees and management. Furthermore, they elaborated on their respective career trajectories and provided background information on the company they currently serve.

Exploring contemporary Indian development: the social justice lecture in commemoration of Ambedkar Jayanthi

On April 16, 2024, the School of Social Work organised a pivotal event: the Social Justice Lecture focusing on "Contemporary Development of India through the Lens of Dr BR Ambedkar," commemorating Ambedkar

Jayanthi. Held in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 12 pm to 2 pm, the lecture drew participation of approximately 100 students from both MSW and BSW programmes. The session, led by Mr A Hariram, Senior High Court Advocate, delved into the nuanced understanding of contemporary Indian development through the perspective of Dr BR Ambedkar. Coordination for this enlightening session was overseen by Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, OFM, Dean, School of Social Work, and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work. The lecture shed light on the pervasive presence of discrimination in Indian society, prompting critical reflection among attendees. Faculty members were actively engaged in the event, underscoring its significance within the academic community. Mr Rajendra delivered a poignant message to encapsulate the essence of the lecture, emphasising its relevance in addressing societal inequalities and fostering a more just and inclusive future.

Staff Achievements

On March 15, 2024, five faculty members from St Joseph's University School of Social Work, namely Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Dr Alan Godfrey A, Ms Latha Paul, Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, and Ms Viola Noronha, collectively authored a paper published in a journal by Springer titled "The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications for Social Work Practice."

Ms Latha Paul

Presented a paper titled "Gender Discrimination and Mental Health" published in the proceedings book of a one-day conference at the Institute of Social Science and Humanities, Srinivas University, in December 2023.

Conducted a gender sensitisation session during a workshop for Mercy Fellowship at the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre in December 2023.

Presented a paper titled "Accessibility of Rural Healthcare Services for Women in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review" in the International Research Journal of Modernisation in Engineering Technology and Science (IRJMETS) in January 2024.

Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan

Invited Speaker at the Eka Educational and Charitable Trust Graduation Ceremony on November 25, 2023.

Attended Education Times sponsored 'Inspired' as a Delegate on 'Inspiring Excellence in Higher Education and Industry with Technology', on December 7, 2023.

Invited Speaker at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Department of Social Work National Seminar 'Metanoia 2024' and presented on Reforming Systems, Empowering Lives: Social Work Strategies in Preventing and Combating Child Trafficking", on February 28, 2024.

Conducted a one-day workshop on 'Making Smart Career Choices' on March 10, 2024, at the East Parade Church, Bengaluru

Conducted a Faculty Development Programme for the staff of St Joseph's College of Law on 'Developing a healthy student-teacher relationship', on March 20, 2024.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishna

Invited as a resource person to Fatima College, Madurai, on October 18, 2023, and spoke to students and PhD scholars from various institutes about community engagement and research.

Coauthored a paper titled "Online learning experiences of social work students in India " published in Journal of Social Work, on October 18, 2023.

Coordinated a 'Plant for the Planet' event on November 1, 2023, in association with BOSCH where students participated in a cleanup drive at Rayasandra Lake and planted fruit-bearing trees.

Invited as a guest lecturer on November 16, 2023, by the Department of Humanities at Ramaiah College, Bengaluru. The topic addressed was 'Human Rights: Euthanasia and Acid Attacks.'

Co-authored a paper titled "Child Sexual Abuse and Wellbeing Among LGBTQ + Individuals: The Role of Family in Healing" along with SRG Krishnan, Dr Alan Godfrey A, Ms Daly C, and Mr Avinash A, published in LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal on March 8, 2024.

Co-authored a paper titled "Religio-political influence on social work practice in contemporary India" along with Dr (Fr) Augustine Lourdu, JPS Nathan, and RG Krishnan, published in Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, on March 28, 2024.

Captain Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik

Facilitated a three-day workshop from March 20, 2024, to March 22, 2024, for 28 individuals from Good Business Lab (GBL) on team-building sessions tailored for nonprofit organisations in Colar.

Facilitated a 14-day Command Defence Service Examination workshop from March 26 onwards for the NCC cadets in the college, specifically targeting II and III year UG students, primarily aimed at IAS and IPS defence aspirants.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew

Completed a certificate course in Mentoring and Counselling Skills conducted by SAMAGRA - St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Centre, Bengaluru.

Fr Simon Paul D'Souza

Participated in an interreligious peace and harmony meeting on February 17, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern where he interacted with prominent religious leaders and guest speakers representing diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Dr Premajyothi D

Published a paper titled "Awareness and Utilisation of ESI Benefits Among Employee" in Scopus Journal of Propulsion Technology.

Published a paper titled "Induction Programme as A Process of Employee Socialization" in Scopus Journal of Propulsion Technology.

Guided many students in their paper presentations

Dr Premajyothi also received the 'Karnataka Mahila Rathna Award 2024' for Excellence in Education from Sri Durga Foundation, Mysuru, on International Women's Day, March 11, 2024. She was also invited as the chief guest for the International Women's Day celebration by Texport Industry Pvt Ltd. Bangalore, on March 8, and as a keynote speaker by AWEKSHA Foundation, Bangalore, on March 9 at Mayo Hall. She served on the organising committee for World Knowledge Day - Dr B R Ambedkar Habba, moderated a session on 'My Vote and My Future' on April 14, and organised a special lecture on 'Contemporary Developments in India through the Lenses of Dr B R Ambedkar' on April 16. Additionally, she coordinated an HR lecture series from April 15 to May 8, and a study tour for II MSW students from January 2 to 13. Dr Premajyothi participated in an international Faculty Development Programme by Eudoxia University from March 22 to 28, a teaching and learning innovation pedagogy workshop by IQAC on March 23, a discussion on strengthening the Social Work Association in India, a consultation on the Devadasi issue, and a Gender Sensitization Workshop on April 15.

Student Achievements

Maneesha Joy presented a paper titled “A Study on Adolescent Girls’ Attitude Towards Menstruation and its Impact on their Self-esteem” at the seminar on Women’s Mental Health held on March 30, 2024, organised by the Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.

Liya Carmel Joseph won second place at the “Elysian” national-level collegiate fest coordinated by Christ Academy Institute for Advanced Studies (CAIAS) in photography for the theme Expressions Unveiled, on March 23, 2024.

Th Padone Bliss and Zairah Zaheer presented a paper titled “Sustainability, Health and Wellbeing: Influence of Mass Media during Covid19” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Lakshitha and S Yompi presented a paper titled “Employability of differently abled individuals: A descriptive Analysis” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Sai and Tejeshwini presented a paper titled “A study on yoga Programmes in Hospital Setting” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Prarthana Santhosh and Sr Asha Paul presented a paper titled “Government Efforts to Reduce Dengue Across the World” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Chandrasekar and Swetha presented a paper titled “Exploring the Impact of poor Nutrition on Maternal Health Among Rural Women: A comprehensive Analysis” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Aiswarya Y and Swathika presented a paper titled “The Role of Sibling Relationships in Socialisation and Family Wellbeing” at Kristu Jayanti College from February 7 to February 8, 2024.

Divya and Elizabeth presented a paper titled “Post-Covid Panic Attack: An Emerging Condition with Special Focus On Youth” at Asia Pacific Conference: Building Positive hope in A Post-Pandemic World, organised by Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice on November 1 and 2, 2023.

Anaina Tigi and Gowri Nandan presented a paper titled “Examining the public perspectives on Social Workers in Kerala: A Societal Analysis” at Loyola College.

Shalom and Raghavendra presented a paper titled “A Study on organisational change and Sustainability” at Madras School of Work, Chennai.

Following are details of other paper presentations done by students in various conferences:

Betsy Binu Samuel and Mimil S Joseph presented a paper titled “Impact of Mass Media on Health and Well-being in Youth.” Maneesha Joy and Christan S presented “A Study on the Stigma Faced by HIV Patients.” Jaiba Tanbi, Jyothi Mariyaapa Goudar, and Pema Choden Bhutia presented “Impact of Smartphones on the Sleep Pattern of Youth.” Jemima Saji and Isaac A presented “Mental Health of Corporate Employees Across Various Nations.” Ritika Tirkey, Pushpa Rani Tirkey, and Khairii Tuni presented “The Psychosocial Impact of Urbanization on Health.” Alphonsa John and Charles T Chacko presented “The Role of Physical Education in Promoting Health and Well-being Among School Children.” Divya Thomas and Angela Elizabeth Oommen presented “Impact of Sleep Hygiene on Mental Health Among Youth in India.” Vanshika and Divya presented “Health and Management Practices in the Manufacturing and Service Sectors.” Aleena Saji presented “Pioneering Paths: Innovative Approaches in Public Health and Emergencies.” Anaina Tigi and Gowri Nandana K both presented “Examining Public Perspectives on Social Workers in Kerala: A Societal Analysis.” Sneha Yohannan presented “Pioneering Paths: Innovative Approaches in Public Health and Emergencies.” Ann Maria Jose and Kezia Susan Benison presented on “Impact of Domestic Violence on Children’s Mental Health Trauma and Healing in Bangalore.” Aleena Treasa Lukose presented “Strengthening Mental Health: Embracing Resilience in the Workplace.” Ann Mary John and Hanna Kuriakose both presented “Exploring the Influence of Social Support on Students: A Study on Students Living Away from Home.” Aswathy V M and Elizabeth C Sebastian both presented “Conglomerates and Sustainability: A Study on ITC Ltd.” Bala Vignesh and Isaac A both presented “The Role of Green Human Resource Management (GHRM) in Promoting Sustainability.” Christabelle Liza Lawrence and Megha S presented “The Imperative of Sustainable Human Resource Management in Manufacturing Organizations.” Judith Cheriyan and Tania Felix presented “Climate Change and Environmental Justice.” Kripa Thomas presented “Strengthening Mental Health: Embracing Resilience in the Workplace.” Lakshmi Suresh and Nirnanjan Suresh both presented “Strengthening Social Support Networks: Building Resilience Through Community Connections.” Merin Varghese and Sophia Sylvius M presented “Gender Justice and Equality.” Raghavendra Holla and Shalom S Basileia presented “Organizational Change and Sustainability.”

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Pegasus - Intramurals 2024

The inter-class competition (PEGASUS) for the 2023-2024 academic year was organised by department staff and student volunteers. The games took place on Saturdays and Sundays from August 4 to October 8, 2023, for both UG and PG students across all shifts. Preparations, including volunteer training and activity organisation, occurred on August 4, 2023. Students eagerly participated in all games, and academic classes were not significantly affected. The event concluded successfully on October 8. In the Carrom Men's competition, II BCOM D secured first place, II HSO took second place, and II ECI came in third place. In the Women's Basketball competition, II BBA secured first place, II BCA took second place, and II BCOM IFA came in third place. In the Men's Basketball competition, III EMS secured first place, II ECST took second place, and PG I ENG came in third place. In the Women's Throwball competition, III BCOM A secured first place, III CMS took second place, and I BCOM D came in third place. In the Men's Throwball competition, II BBA B secured first place, II BCOM A took second place, and II BCOM B came in third place. In the chess competition, Neha Gupta from I BCMB secured first place, Nayana K from I ECSO took second place, and Hillary Sharon from II PSCE came in third place. In the chess competition for men, Mohammed Hussain from II BBAC secured first place, Rudrannsh Mehra from I JNOE took second place, and Gaurav Gopal from I BCOM D came in third place. In the Women's Football competition, I BCOM BPS secured first place, II BBA A took second place, and I and II MSc Stats came in third place. In the football results, I BCOM BPS won first place, I BBA A took second, and I and II Year MSc Stats secured third. In table tennis for women, III EMS claimed first place, followed by II BCOM B in second place, and II BBA B in third place. In Men's Table Tennis, I BCOM B secured first place, II CST took second place, and II BBA B came in third. In the Women's Handball competition, II BCOM D claimed first place, followed by II JIN in second place, II BCA A in third place. In Men's Handball results, III BCOM D took first place, while first and second-year MSc Stats secured second place, and II BCOM IFA came in third. In Kho-Kho for women, III BBA A claimed first place, I ECSO secured second place, and II JIN took third. In Kho-Kho for men, III BCOM D secured first place, while MSc Stats consisting of first and second-year students took second place, and II BCOM IFA came in third.

In the Women's Kabaddi competition, II MA PS

Department Activities

Umang 2023

The University teams participated in Umang 2023, an intercollegiate sports tournament organised by International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore from November 3-5, 2023.

Overall winners in throwball and basketball (3x3) and runner up in badminton (singles).

National Games in Kalaripayattu

C S Shreyas Hariharan represented Karnataka in Kalaripayattu for the National Games held at Goa from November 7-8, 2023, and won Bronze.

Annual Sports Meet

Raghav YN, S Naghul Krishna, Mark Philip Jayan, and A Dhananjay participated in the 140th Annual Sports Meet - Inter Jesuit 4x100 metre relay (boys) organised by St Joseph's Pre-University College on November 20, 2023, and won the silver medal.

Nettakallappa All India Swimming Championship 2023

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J participated in Nettakallappa All India Swimming Championship 2023 in 100 metre Butterfly event between November 25-26, 2023, and won Bronze.

Reliance Foundation Youth sports 2023-2024

The University football team won the Reliance Foundation Youth Sports 2023-2024. The final match was against SJCC. The team won 1-0 in the duration of 90 minutes and topped the league table. Three of the players were awarded with individual trophies for their performance in the tournament.

Mysore Gravel Fest

Tarushi Vikram participated in the Mysore Gravel Fest conducted from December 2-3, 2023 at the Lalitha Mahal Grounds, Mysore, and won third place.

secured first place, followed by II BA ECSO in second place, and II BCOM D in third. In the Men's Kabaddi competition, III CBZ claimed first place, I BA ECSO took second place, and II BBA B secured third place. In the Women's Volleyball competition, II BCA A secured first place, followed by II BSC PM in second place, and I BA OEPY in third. In the Men's Volleyball competition, II BBA B claimed first place, II BCA A took second place, and III MSc Chemistry secured third place. In the Women's Cricket competition, II BBA A claimed first place, while II BCOM B secured second place, and II BCOM D took third. For the Men's Cricket competition, II BBA B secured first place, III BCOM IFA took second place, and II BCOM C secured third place. In the Women's Badminton competition, first place went to I BCOM D, second place to III BBA B, and third place to I HSO. In the Men's Badminton competition, I BCOM D secured first place, III BBA B took second place, and I HSO secured third place.



BCU Intercollegiate Tournament

The University handball men's team were the winners thrice in a row in the Bangalore City University intercollegiate tournament. It was organised by NITTE School of Fashion Technology and Interior Design on December 9, 2023.

Annual Sports Meet

St Joseph's University athletics team participated in the 51st Annual Sports Meet, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on December 15, 2023.

Bulls College Showdown

St Joseph's University kabaddi team participated in the Bulls College Showdown.

Intercollegiate Athletic Meet

Participated in hammer throw, discus throw, and 100 metre race events in the Bengaluru City University - Intercollegiate Athletic Meet held at Sri Kanteerava Stadium from December 19-20, 2023.

22nd Karnataka State Championship 2023

Participated in Wushu (Sanshou - U 56 kgs category) in the 22nd Karnataka State Championship 2023 organised at Bidar from December 27-30, 2023.

State Championship

Participated in the state championship held from December 23-25, 2023 conducted at Vidhya Nagar Sports Complex.

Karnataka State Muay Thai Championship 2023

Participated in the Karnataka state Muay Thai Championship 2023 held in Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru.

2023 State Boxing Championship

Participated in the 2023 State Boxing Championship in Bantam weight category while representing the Sports Authority of Karnataka.

JSR Intercollegiate Cricket Tournament

St Joseph's University cricket team were the winners of the JSR intercollegiate cricket tournament conducted by JSR Dental College.

Khelo India

Represented St Joseph's University in Khelo India University Games 2023 held at Ashtalakshmi.

Represented Karnataka in Khelo India rugby U18 held in Tamil Nadu on December 30, 2023.

Represented Karnataka in Khelo India in Women's Wushu League (South Zone) held at Coimbatore from January 18-21, 2024.

Table Tennis and Badminton Tournament

Jain Centre for Management Studies conducted a Table Tennis and Badminton Tournament on January 17, 2024.

Scintillation 2024

The University carrom players won in Scintillation 2024 organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) on January 24, 2024.

South West Zone University Aquatics Women

Represented St Joseph's University in South West Zone University Aquatics Women held at Chennai from December 31, 2023 - January 4, 2024.

South West Zone University Karate Men

Represented St Joseph's University in South West Zone University Karate Men held at Bhopal From January 13-21, 2024.

Asphalt Traxx 4

Participated in Asphalt Traxx 4 held by Ablaze Motorsports Club at Aruani Grid on February 3, 2024.

Devadan Cup 2024

Participated in Devadan Cup 2024, an all India intercollegiate/university tournament held on February 12, 2024.

MRF MMSC FMSCI National saloon Car Racing Championship

Participated in the MRF MMSC FMSCI National saloon Car Racing Championship Round 1, which took place from February 16-18, 2024 at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai.

Throwball club Men's Tournament

Participated in the Throwball club Men's Tournament held on January 20, 2024.

Udupi Tennis Premier League

Participated in the Udupi Tennis Premier League held at Udupi from February 22-26, 2024.

KHEL - 2024

Participated in KHEL - 2024, the intercollegiate sports fest organised by Mount Carmel College held from February 26-28, 2024.

Karnataka State under 19 Boxing Tournament

Participated in Karnataka State under 19 Boxing Tournament in the light flyweight category from January 26-28, 2024

National Inclusion Cup 2024

Represented Team Karnataka in the National Inclusion Cup 2024 taking place from February 29 - March 3 at Howrah, Kolkata.

22nd National Jr U20 Federal Athletics Championships

Represented Team Karnataka in the 22nd National Jr U20 Federal Athletics Championships held from March 8-10, 2024 at Lucknow, UP.

SPIEL

Participated in SPIEL, the intercollegiate sports fest organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce held from March 9-14, 2024.

Chrispo

Participated in Chrispo, the intercollegiate sports fest organised by Christ University held from March 6-12,

2024.

Under 19 District Level Boxing Championship

Participated in the Under 19 District Level Boxing Championship organised by King Boxing Fitness Club on March 17, 2024.

First National Open Relay Carnival 2024

Represented team junior Asian (Afi) in the First National Open Relay Carnival 2024 held in Chandigarh on March 24, 2024.

CFL Cup

Participated in the CFL Cup conducted by CMS Jain 2023-2024. The score was 3-1 against Dayanand sagar.

Dr Isaac Abraham Memorial Hockey Tournament

Participated in the Dr Isaac Abraham Memorial Hockey Tournament, the 44th all India intercollegiate hockey tournament - 2024, organised by St John's Medical College from April 5-6, 2024.

Time Attack Pro and INAC South Zone Qualifiers

Participated in the Time Attack Pro and INAC South Zone Qualifiers, which took place near Unite Off-Road Park, Sarjapur Road on April 13, 2024.



INAC Finals

Participated in the INAC Finals held by IARC at Nanoli Stud Farm, Pune from April 20-21, 2024.

JEET Tournament

Participated in JEET Tournament, organised by R V University on April 20, 2024.

Junior Asian Championship 2024

Represented India in the Junior Asian Championship 2024 at Dubai from April 24-29, 2024.

Sportstakes 2024

The University conducted Sportstakes, an intercollegiate sports fest in April 2024. Several colleges from all over Bangalore participated.

Student Achievements

Dasara 2023

Ashley Edwin Bosco J won a gold medal in boxing and was awarded the best boxer of the tournament. He also won a silver medal for triple jump.

Gardenia 2023

Ajay Krishna won a gold medal for long jump.

Navya Mol won a gold medal in 100 and 200 metre races.

Bharath CK won a gold medal for shot put.

Volleyball (women): Winners.

National Games in Kalaripayattu

CS Shreyas Hariharan won a bronze medal.

Annual Sports Meet

Sri Raghav YN, S Naghul Krishna, Mark Philip Jayan, A Dhananjay won silver medals.

Nettakallappa All India Swimming Championship 2023

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J won the bronze medal 100 metre butterfly swimming event.

Reliance Foundation Youth sports 2023-2024

Overall winners with a cash prize of :50,000.

Man of the match: Prashant J Patil

Top scorer: Alan Xavier

Best Goalkeeper: Manish RD

Mysore Gravel Fest

Tarushi Vikram secured third position in INAC and second position in the Ladies Open.

BCU Intercollegiate Tournament

Handball (Mens): Winners.

Annual Sports Meet at SJCC

Bala Sworup and Harshini won gold medals in the team event.

Bulls College Showdown

Kabaddi (Mens): Runner ups.

Intercollegiate Athletic Meet at Bengaluru City University

Vaishali V won a gold medal in Hammer and Discus Throw

Sri Raghav YN won a bronze medal in 100 metres

22nd Karnataka State Championship 2023

Poornima Boyapati won a gold medal in Wushu

State Championship

Ashley Edwin Bosco J won a silver medal in Boxing.

Karnataka State Muay Thai Championship 2023

Vijay Kumar G won a gold medal.

2023 State Boxing Championship

Bharath R won the gold medal and represented the Sports Authority of Karnataka.

JSR Intercollegiate Cricket Tournament

Cricket (Mens): Winners

Khelo India

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J placed sixth, better than the South Zone Timing.

Kavyashri K G was part of the winning team for Rugby

Poornima Boyapati won a gold medal.

Table Tennis and Badminton Tournament at Jain Centre for Management Studies

Table Tennis:

Deepak Kaarthik K won a bronze medal in Men's singles.

Deepak Kaarthik K and Md Nazid Ahemd won bronze medals in Men's doubles.

Deepak Kaarthik K and Vidya Shree BG won bronze medals in Mixed doubles.

Badminton:

Ria and Reshma won a gold medal in Women's doubles.

Maharnav and Reshma won a gold medal in Mixed doubles.

Shivangi won a silver medal in Women's singles.

Jai won a silver medal in Men's singles.

Akash won a bronze medal in Men's singles.

Ajay and Jai won a silver medal for Men's doubles.

Maharnav and Akash won bronze medals for Men's doubles.

Scintillation 2024

Carrom (Mens): Winners.

South West Zone University Aquatics Women

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J qualified for All India University Aquatics.

South West Zone University Karate Men

Pratham MU qualified for All India University Karate

Asphalt Traxx 4

Tarushi Vikram won silver medals in the Upto 1100 cc category as well as Ladies Open category.

Devadan Cup 2024

Volleyball (Womens): Winners.

MRF MMSC FMSCI National saloon Car Racing Championship

Tarushi Vikram secured second in the Ladies Open and won the Best Rookie Award.

Throwball club Men's Tournament

Throwball (Men): Runner ups.

Udupi Tennis Premier League

Gnanesh K C was the Runner up.

KHEL - 2024

Volleyball (Womens): Runner ups.

Hockey (Womens): Runner ups.

Karnataka State under 19 Boxing Tournament

Sanjith Sriram Sundara Raghavan won a silver medal.

National Inclusion Cup 2024

Preethi Serafina was a runner up.

22nd National Jr U20 Federal Athletics Championships

Neole Anna Cornelio secured silver with a timing of 12.14.

SPIEL

Tennis (Mens): Runner ups.

Chrispo

Tennis (Mens): Winners.

Under 19 District Level Boxing Championship

Sanjith Sriram Sundara Raghavan won the championship.

First National Open Relay Carnival 2024

Neole Anna Cornelio was among the winners.

CFL Cup

In this tournament, 4 special awards were presented to the players:

Best keeper - Manish RD.

Best player of the tournament - Bennet B Babu.

Man of the match - Emmanuvel Britto.

Top scorer - Prashant Patil.

Dr Isaac Abraham Memorial Hockey Tournament

The University team won the tournament and K A Likith Kalaiah was adjudged the Best Defender of the tournament.

Time Attack Pro and INAC South Zone Qualifiers

Tarushi Vikram placed first in the Ladies Open and third in Rollcage upto 1650CC.

INAC Finals

Tarushi Vikram placed second in the Ladies Open.

JEET Tournament

The University Badminton team won the tournament.

Junior Asian Championship 2024

Neole Anna Cornelio won a bronze medal in 4x400 metre Relay.

Sportstakes 2024 - Final Results

Badminton (M): Winners - SJU, Runners - SJCC,



Second runner ups - Kristu Jayanti

Badminton (W): Winners - BMSCW, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Kristu Jayanti

Basketball (M): Winners - Jain University, Runners - SJU (A), Second runner ups - Christ University

Basketball (W): Winners - Jain University, Runners - Mount Carmel College, Second runner ups - Christ University

Football (M): Winners - SJU (A), Runners - SJCC, Second runner ups - Presidency University

Football (W): Winners - Christ University, Runners - Azim Premji University, Second runner ups - Reva University

Handball (M): Winners - Presidency University, Runners - BMSCE, Second runner ups - SJU (A)

Handball (W): Winners - SJU (A), Runners - BMSCW, Second runner ups - SJU (B)

Kabaddi (M): Winners - Reva University, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Indian Academy

Kabaddi (W): Winners - BMSCW, Runners - Presidency University, Second runner ups - SJU

Kho Kho (M): Winners - SJU, Runners - GFGC Yelahanka, Second runner ups - Christ University

Kho Kho (W): Winners - SJU, Runners - Christ University, Second runner ups - BMSCW

Table Tennis (M): Winners - Jain University, Runners - BMSCE, Second runner ups - SJCC



Table Tennis (W): Winners - Mount Carmel College, Runners - Alliance University, Second runner ups - SJCC

Throwball (M): Winners - SSMRV College, Runners - Seshadripuram Main College, Second runner ups - SJU

Throwball (W): Winners - BMSCW, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Mount Carmel College

Volleyball (M): Winners - Surana College, South End, Runners - Christ University, Second runner ups - SJU

Volleyball (W): Winners - SJU, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Presidency University

Carrom Singles (M): Winners - SJU, Runners - Garden City University, Second runner ups - SJU

Carrom Singles (W): Winners - Garden City University, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Indian Academy

Carrom Doubles (M): Winners - SJU, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - SJU

Carrom Doubles (W): Winners - Garden City University, Runners - Nrupatunga University, Second runner ups - SJU

Chess (M): Winners - PES University, Runners - SJU (A), Second runner ups - BMSCW

Chess (W): Winners - BMSCE, Runners - SJU, Second runner ups - Christ University BNR



UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

NCC

1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B

War memorial cleanliness

On November 4, 2023, 24 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 participated in a War Memorial Cleanliness event at Sapper War Memorial, Brigade Road. They wore their A1 uniforms and were guided by different leaders. The event began at 8 am, where they cleaned the memorial and its surroundings. Additionally, they used placards to spread awareness about addiction prevention, and understanding the constitution. The cadets started their journey from college to the venue at 7:30 am, walking in pairs. Upon arrival, they performed a drill demonstration at 8:15 am. Following this, they engaged in cleaning activities and displayed their placards for the public to see. Cadets from various colleges belonging to the 1 KAR ARMD, along with the PI staff and the respective ANOs, were present. By 9:20 am, all tasks were completed. Refreshments were provided to the participants. To maintain cleanliness, separate bins were arranged for disposing of wet and dry waste.

Constitution day

On November 6, 2023, 25 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GRP-B took part in an event to make pedestrians aware about Constitution Day, held at War Memorial, Brigade Road. The event began at 8 am and students from all years were present in their A1 uniforms. Cadets from various colleges belonging to 1 KAR ARMD SQN were present along with the PI staff, and Captain Akshay D Mandlik. The cadets used placards to raise awareness about Constitution Day. The cadets took turns participating in various tasks, and by 9:20 am, all events were completed.

Pokhran Two

On November 7, 2023, 25 cadets (11 SDs and 14 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B took part in the celebration of Pokhran 2. The event was held between 8 am and 9:20 am. Cadets stood on the side of Mayo Hall Road with placards spreading awareness to the pedestrians and passing by vehicles about India's success in Pokhran 2 on May 11, 1998. Cadets from all years reported in their A1 uniforms. Starting from fall-in in the college at 6 am, the cadets made their way to

the venue to take part in the event with enthusiasm. Taking turns to hold placards, the cadets displayed their effort and energy.

Cleaning event

On the January 13, 2024, 19 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in a cleaning event, held on the premises of Ulsoor Lake. The cleaning event was conducted from 7 am to 11 am. Two PI staff, one caretaker, and CO Major Amar Rugge SM were present. Cadets from troops MES, MVG and Nightingale (JD/JW) reported in their A1 uniforms. The cleaning event commenced with the reporting of one cadet, each from their troop, to CO Major Amar Rugge SM. Later, the in-charge for continuing the cleaning event was handed over to the respective NCC Cadet. Masks and gloves were distributed to all the cadets. The cleaning event included holding placards, raising awareness about water scarcity, and cleaning the banks of the river by removing trash using brooms. All NCC Cadets were dispersed and directed towards empty boxes that were later folded and used for giving refreshments to all present cadets. The cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN reported back to St Joseph's University at 11:20 am.

140 athletics sports meet

On January 19, 2024, 30 cadets (15 SDs and 15 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the 140 Athletics Sports Meet of St Joseph's University. Cadets of all three years appeared in their tracks and DMS for the morning fall-in at 6:30 am to prep up for the Commando March. After practice, all cadets wore their combats along with paint on their face. All commandos assembled at the HQ. The sports meet began with hoisting the college flag, followed by a march past of the Student Union, Commando March of Armoured, NCC Air Wing, and different classes. Then, sport events such as relay, sprint, long jump, shot put, and javelin throw were held. The contingents dispersed before the sports fixtures began. The cadets of Armoured reached 'Hostel Block' in Commando March for further training and dispersal, followed by lunch. In the athletic meet, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, was escorted by a first-year cadet for the first time and was the first event for first years in their combats.

ITC Day 1

On January 21, 2024, 39 cadets (22 SDs and 17 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, competed against

each other in the Inter Troop Competitions which was held in the premises of St Joseph's University. The events conducted on the first day of ITC were volley ball and basketball, held from from 7 am to 1 pm. All years and open wing reported in their tracks and DMS. The ITC commenced with the reporting of the sergeants each from Troop Arjuna, Karna, Bhisma, and Vijayanta to The CJUO in-charge of ITC. The event then commenced with volleyball where each troop competed against each other. Troop Arjuna played the first match against Karna. Troop Karna emerged victorious after playing three rounds with Troop Arjuna. Later, Troop Bhisma Played against Troop Vijayanta, in which Troop Vijayanta won. Later, Troop Bhisma competed with Troop Arjuna. Troop Arjuna managed secured third place and Troop Vijayanta came first. After the volleyball match, the troops played basketball in which Troop Vijayanta won the first place and Troop Karna second, while Troop Bhisma won third.

ITC Day 2

On January 23, 2024, 44 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the Inter Troop Competition, conducted by the admin team. All the four troops, Troop Arjuna, Troop Bhisma, Troop Karna, and Troop Vijayantha took part in the cricket match. The event started at 3:30 pm. All the troops had fall-in in front of the university ground and the event continued till 5:30 pm. The troops were combined to two and played against each other. Troop Bhisma and Troop Vijayantha were Team A, and Troop Arjuna and Troop Karna were Team B. The troop sergeants came for a toss and Team B won the toss and chose batting. An enthusiastic play was showcased and showed their true sportsmanship.

ITC Day 3

On January 23, 2024, 24 Cadets (13 SDs and 11 SWs) and 40 Cadets (21 SDs and 19 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GRP-B took part in events for the third day of Inter Troop Competition 2024 respectively. Cadets of all four Troops stood in fall-in in front of the Auditorium Block, St Joseph's University, and after giving their respective reports and falling out, one first year, one second year, and one third year from each troop sat before the admin team and took part in a quiz displaying their intellect and hard work. In conclusion, the two events played important roles in providing learning to the cadets and all the people watching and, in the ITC, checking the Cadets' participation and mindfulness.

Malleswaram park cleaning and awareness drive

On January 23, 2024, 24 Cadets (13 SDs and 11 SWs) and 40 Cadets (21 SDs and 19 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GRP-B took part in a Cleanliness Drive held in Malleswaram. The event started with fall-in in front of NCC office at 6:30 am and went on till 12 pm. First years, second years, and third years were present in their A1 uniforms for the event. Cadets from various colleges belonging to the 1 KAR ARMD, along with the PI staff and the respective ANOs, were present. Some cadets used placards to raise awareness while other cadets went around cleaning the park. The cadets took turns participating in various tasks, and after all the events were successfully completed, refreshments were provided to the cadets, PI staff, and the respective ANOs. After that all the cadets sat together and had the refreshments.

ITC Day 4

On January 24, 2024, 45 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the fourth day of Inter-Troop Competition titled, 'Armoire's Got Talent.' This preliminary competition in the history of the unit's Inter-Troop Competitions was hallmarked by 18 distinct talents. The judging panel consisted of four Alumni of the unit – CSUO (2018), CSM (2019), CSUO (2020), and SGT (2020). The competition began at 12:50 pm and ended at 1:30 pm in Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block. Participating cadets donned various costumes while non-participating cadets appeared in formals. Troop Vijayanta showcased a musical splendour of an original script and Shankar Mahadevan's Shiv Tandav Stotram. Troop Karna put forward a table recital, an abhinaya of Krishna-Yashodha, and a Rajasthani dance. Troop Arjuna involved a dual performance for Bollywood songs, calisthenics display, and a Shayri recitation on gender roles by a duo. Troop Bhisma earmarked effectuated solo performances of beatboxing, a Bollywood dance, Kung Fu, and a Nanchaku performance. Special performances from Troop Bhisma, Troop Karna, Troop Arjuna, and the CSM marked the end. One of the alumni (CSM 2019) sang for everyone as well. All cadets were dispersed at 1:25 pm. Neither winners nor losers were declared. It was a day for the ones who were present to entertain and those who wanted to be entertained and not for those in between.

ITC Day 5

On January 26, 2024, 44 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 participated in the final day of the Inter Troop Competition. The day included various competitions like drill, flag area, Chakravyuh, Mission

Yudh, tug-of-war, group dance, and group song. Cadets arrived at 6:20 am in tracks and changed into A1 uniforms after a briefing. The drill competition started at 11 am, followed by the flag area competition where cadets created displays on climate change. After lunch, Chakravayuh and Mission Yudh challenges began at 1:15 pm, testing cadets' skills and teamwork. Tug-of-war commenced at 4 pm, with Troop Vijayanta emerging as the winner. Later, group dance and group song performances were held, with Troop Bhishma excelling. Troops were judged based on attendance, academic performance, discipline, and dress code adherence. The spirit of teamwork and camaraderie prevailed throughout the competition, emphasising the importance of collective effort, and facing challenges together.

National Women's Day

On February 13, 2024, 12 Cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B celebrated National Women's Day. First year and second year cadets valiantly took up the raising awareness on the significance of National Women's Day. Divided into three groups, they embarked on a spirited crusade across the entirety of the St Joseph's University grounds, disseminating vital information about the myriad challenges faced by women in contemporary society. Each cadet passionately engaged their peers in candid discussions, shedding light on the pressing issues confronting women and advocating for actionable solutions. Each cadet was given placards with woman empowerment posters, which helped the cadet convey their message more clearly. There was the presence of the esteemed former faculty member of SJU, Ms Srimathi Betty Daniels. She shared her experience both as a cancer specialist and the lone woman at the helm of the microbiology department. Her presence served as a powerful testament to the resilience and excellence exhibited by women in traditionally male-dominated fields.

Earth hour

On March 22, 2024, eight cadets (three SWs and five SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B celebrated Earth Hour. First year and second year cadets valiantly took up the raising awareness on the significance of Earth Hour. Divided into two groups, they embarked on a spirited crusade across the entirety of the college grounds and outside the college, disseminating vital information about the sustainability and environment conservation. Each cadet passionately engaged their peers in candid discussions, shedding light on sustainability and for actionable solutions. Each cadet was given placards with an Earth Hour poster, which helped the cadet convey their message more clearly. They prompted individuals to turn off non-essential lights from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Through these heartfelt exchanges, they catalysed a deeper understanding of the threats our earth is facing. In the end, the collective efforts of the cadets succeeded in not only spreading awareness but also in fostering a culture of appreciation for the sustainability and solutions.

Earth hour

On March 23, 2024, 16 cadets (eight SWs and eight SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B celebrated Earth Hour. 18 NCC cadets undertook a commendable initiative in observance of Earth Hour, demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation. The objective of the Earth Hour initiative was to raise awareness about energy conservation and environmental sustainability among the community. The cadets did not use electricity and they used candle lights between 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This initiative garnered significant attention from the local community and received positive feedback for its efforts in promoting environmental consciousness. The Earth Hour initiative led by our NCC cadets exemplifies their proactive approach towards environmental stewardship.



WILDLIFE AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION CLUB

Neerathon

On February 25, 2024, the Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club of St Joseph's University hosted Neerathon, dedicated to water conservation. The chief guests, Dr Uday Kumar Shetty, Director of Revenue, Karnataka State Government, and Mr Satish Seelan, Vice President, Tata Consultancy Services, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving water resources. Notable personalities such as, Ms Samyukta Hornad, Actress, and Mr KY

Venkatesh, Padma Shri, were also associated with the event. The event featured three categories: a 5km run, a 2km run, and a 1.5km para run for individuals with special abilities. Runners contributed to the cause while promoting physical activity and engagement. The event's inclusivity was evident in the 1.5km para run, providing a platform for individuals with special abilities to actively participate. The event began in the college ground and saw a turnout of around 1000 individuals. A portion of the registration fees was allocated to water conservation efforts. Neerathon not only promoted fitness but also inspired participants to become advocates for environmental conservation, reflecting the club's commitment to community involvement in safeguarding our planet's resources.

SHIFT III SAT-SOPHIA

Sat-Sophia

Sat-Sophia is an association of bright young minds that strive to create and explore. 'Conceive, Create, and Conquer' is the motto of in Sat-Sophia. A group of young individuals who come together in this journey of personality development, this association is led by Mr Jerin Chandan S, Assistant Professor, Department of English. Under his leadership, members were

taught the value of overcoming obstacles without giving up. The team consists of sub-groups such as Hospitality, Registrations, Marketing/PR, Content writers, and Technical team. The association conducts a monthly photography contest. The various themes of the contest include divinity in nature, love, and the strength of women. The association also regularly screens movies from various genres. Through these various endeavours, they strive to blend the realms of academia and artistry. The association serves not only as a platform for honing creative skills but also as a voice for the marginalised and a source of entertainment and enrichment for the University community.



International drug abuse day walkathon

The Department of Youth Empowerment and the Department of Sports, in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, organised a walkathon on June 26, 2023, from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm, to raise awareness on the usage of drugs and its illicit trafficking, in front of the Vidhan Soudha. All volunteers gathered at Gate Two. Volunteers included NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students from various colleges and schools. The chief guest for the event was Mr DK Shivkumar, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka. After a brief discussion on the consequences of using drugs, both physical and legal, the walkathon began. Around 500 students were present, and began walking towards KR Circle. From there, students walked to Corporation Circle and moved toward Vittal Mallya Road. They then continued back to Vidhan Soudha, and reached there by 11:45 am, following which they were served snacks.

Independence day

Independence Day Ceremony was celebrated by NSS and NCC on the University Grounds from 7:45 am to 11:30 am, on August 15, 2023, attended by 20 volunteers. The centrepiece of the ceremony was the hoisting of the Indian national flag and the national anthem. The NCC cadets formed a guard of honour during the flag hoisting ceremony. The ceremony included performances of patriotic songs, dances, and skits that celebrate the spirit of freedom and unity. Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, delivered speeches that reflected on the significance of Independence. The NCC cadets showcased their discipline and precision through a well-coordinated march past. The Piping ceremony also was a part of the event. Here, NCC badges for the guard of honour were handed out by our respected dignitaries. NSS volunteers took a pledge to uphold the values of service, social responsibility, and active participation in community development. After the event, refreshments were provided to participants and attendees.

Inauguration and investiture ceremony

The inauguration and investiture ceremony was held

on August 15, 2023, in the University Auditorium from 11 am to 1 pm. The event was graced by the presence of Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and chief guest Mr Rajesh S Kallaje, IFS Deputy Director, Chief Conservator of Forest, Government of India. The event was attended by about 500 NSS volunteers, Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, NSS Programme Officers, and guests. Mr Rajesh began the occasion with the lamp lighting ceremony. The NSS anthem was played, followed by a dance. Later, another dance was performed for the occasion of Independence Day. Mr Rajesh was called upon the stage where he spoke about not restricting oneself to just social services but also academics. He talked about writing competitive exams for one's own personal development. The ceremony included the investiture of the council members who would take up responsibilities within the NSS, such as coordinators, secretaries, and presidents. The NSS council members were bestowed with their badges on stage.

Blood donation drive

In collaboration with Lion's Blood Bank, St Joseph's University's NSS, NCC wings, and Youth Red Cross hosted a blood donation drive on August 25, 2023, from 9 am to 9 pm at Xavier Hall, PG Block, and the Auditorium Basement. The preparations for setting up the blood bank was done the previous day by the volunteers. The people who donated blood had to be above 45 kg and should have been healthy. They shouldn't have consumed alcohol or drugs of any sort. Their haemoglobin content was tested before they could donate blood. They were then sent to the donation area where beds were arranged, and nurses were present to take care of the people. The people who donated blood were given refreshments and a certificate of appreciation. Around 500 units were collected on the first day. The donation drive was held again to August 28 as many people couldn't donate on August 25. Overall, 700 units of blood were collected.

National sports day

National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29 every year. The Government of Karnataka along with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organised an event to commemorate the National Sports Day on August 29, 2024, at Kanteerava Stadium. Volunteers were sent from all five units to participate in the games organised. Games organised included miniature hockey, miniature football, chess, carrom, ludo, archery, and more. Registration was free. Volunteers were given t-shirts and refreshments.

Yogasana sports championship

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports conducted Yogasana Sports Championship. The event was held on September 9, 2023, and was attended by the NSS volunteers.

International democracy day

Mr Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister, Karnataka, read the preamble of the Indian Constitution on September 15, 2023, celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Democracy, from 10 am to 12 pm, in the Vidhana Soudha. Mr Siddaramaiah, who presided over the programme, said many nations have accepted democracy and provided administration per democratic systems. The democracy in India has evolved since ancient times. Volunteers became aware of the Constitution and its preamble. The CM also said that reading of the preamble would encourage people to develop secular ideals, and ensure they practise equality amid diversity.

Brand Bengaluru

An educational seminar held in Bengaluru on September 15, 2023, aimed to seek better education for underprivileged children. Organised by Brand Bengaluru, the Department of Education, and the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, the event was attended by two NSS volunteers. Inaugurated by Mr Tushar Giri Nath, it addressed the shortage of qualified teachers and emphasised updating the curriculum. Expert panellists discussed holistic development, including extracurricular activities and life skills.

Together for dementia

On September 23, 2023, as part of World Alzheimer's Month, an event titled Together for Dementia - The Blue Button Movement was organised by the Nightingale Medical Trust (NMT) along with Dementia India Alliance. The event took place at Sankey Tank, Malleswaram gate, and was graced by the chief guest, Dr Ashwath Narayan CN, MLA Malleswaram, and Former Deputy Chief Minister, and guest of honour, Ms Surabhi Santhosh, Indian Actress, Model, Lawyer, and Classical Dancer. The event aimed to raise awareness about dementia and Alzheimer's disease for the volunteers who attended, including 11 volunteers from Unit 2. The volunteers gathered at the college at 7:15 am. They set out for the event location at 7:25 am, arriving at the venue at 8:05 am. The event commenced at 8:35 am and ended at 9:18 am. Following the event, the volunteers participated in

a walkathon around a park in the locality while holding placards, symbolising their solidarity with dementia patients and their families. They were then provided with breakfast and refreshments by 9:40 am. The volunteers took their leave by 10 am.

Trekking camp

26 volunteers, under the guidance of Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, attended a Trekking Camp at Kumara Parvatha, Madikeri, from September 23, 2023, to September 24, 2023. The camp served as a catalyst for fostering teamwork, leadership skills, and cultivating environmental awareness amongst volunteers.

Suicide prevention workshop

The NSS Cell of St Joseph's University conducted an online workshop on September 29, 2023, on suicide prevention. It was conducted via Google Meet. Two sessions were held. The first session began at 2:55 pm and was headed by Mr Mohan, Experiential Educator, and Organic Farmer, on the topic 'Does suicide work?' He spoke about why people tend to commit suicide and its different categories. The second session started by 4:00 pm and was headed by Ms Maria Senora, Counselling Coordinator, St Joseph's University on the topic 'A guide on speaking to someone about suicide and intervening for individuals who appear suicidal.' She gave a complete guide and types of suicidal tendencies and how to approach them regarding the same. The workshop came to an end after students were provided contact details in case they needed help.

State youth festival

The NSS Programme Officers of various colleges organised a State Youth Festival in Raichur from October 3, 2023, to October 7, 2023. The event was attended by four volunteers.

FIT INDIA campaign

The FIT INDIA Movement was launched on August 29, 2019, by the Prime Minister with a view to make fitness an integral part of our daily lives. As a result of this, all five units of NSS conducted various events from October 16, 2023, to October 21, 2023, to contribute to this movement. On October 16 a poster making, collage competition, and exercise challenge was held. Volunteers had to make posters or collages related to the theme of Fit India Movement. A session on FIT INDIA was supposed to be held, but did not take

place. October 18 saw a quiz and debate competition conducted by NSS Unit 2 to commemorate FIT India Movement to spread awareness about fitness to volunteers. The volunteers actively took part in the discussion and learnt a lot. October 20 saw a healthy chef competition, conducted by NSS Unit 1 to raise awareness about a healthy diet to remain physically and mentally fit. The volunteers had various innovative ideas to cook without fire and add healthy items to make the dish tasty yet healthy. On the last day, an indigenous sports competition was conducted by NSS Unit 4 to spread awareness about few indigenous sports and to spread the importance of sports for a fit mind and body. Sports such as snakes and ladder, kabaddi, lagori, tug-of-war, and chowkabar were conducted.

State Republic day parade

The NSS Republic Day Parade Camp commenced on January 14, 2024, at 10 am at GKVK University. The camp aimed to prepare volunteers for the Republic Day Parade at Maniksha Parade Ground. The camp was attended by one volunteer. Participants registered on January 14 and were put into groups. Training sessions continued until January 16. From January 17, parade practice sessions intensified, and an inauguration was held by Dr Pratap Lingaiah, State NSS Officer, and Dr Karthikeyan. Expert sessions on life skills and youth engagement were also organised. On January 20, volunteers participated in the parade selection process at Police Grounds. This continued until January 23. Uniform trials began on January 24, and final rehearsals were conducted at Maniksha Parade Ground. On January 26, the Republic Day Parade marked the end of the camp, and a valedictory was held, awarding participants' achievement.

Annual athletic meet

On January 19, 2024, the sports department conducted the 140 Annual Athletic Meet in which NSS volunteers contingent marched on the ground. Around 30 volunteers from all five units had attended the practice sessions on shift basis. On the day of Annual Athletic Meet, volunteers were instructed to assemble at 7 am for a final rehearsal. The programme started around 8:40 am by welcoming the dignitaries, followed by the march past. The NSS contingent consisted of around 60 volunteers. The commands for the march past were given by a NCC cadet. The march past went on for 20 minutes followed by oath taking by the flag bearers. Later, few achievers from sports department went around the ground carrying the torch. Followed by this, there were various athletic

competitions. The day ended with a voters' day oath for the National Voters' Day event.

National integration camp – Hosadurga

The National Integration Camp, held between January 24, 2024, to January 30, 2024, by Government Polytechnic, Hosadurga, was attended by four volunteers. The camp was inaugurated on January 24 by Mr BM Govindappa, MLA, Hosadurga, and Mr Sunil R, Principal, Government Polytechnic, Hosadurga. The ceremony commenced with the watering of a sapling. Mr Govindappa emphasised the significance of serve, meaning to serve, in fostering unity and cooperation among individuals and communities. On the second day a flag hoisting ceremony and a yoga session by Mr Tyagisgwaranand Swami, followed by breakfast, began the day. Participants prepared for an awareness drive advocating plastic reduction, donning traditional attire to embrace cultural diversity. The next day being Republic Day, the camp hoisted the flag, followed by a speech by Mr Sunil, after which a trip was taken to the Chitradurga Fort. The next day focused on personality development led by Mr Tyagisgwaranand. The chief guest for the ceremony was Mr Ramalingappa, Member, Gram Panchayat. Participants engaged in educational sessions and cultural activities, culminating in cultural programmes and reflections on the day's experiences. On the fifth day, Mr JC Rajashekar, Personality Development Trainer, led a session in the morning including cultural exchanges and a Deepotsava ceremony. The next day saw developments in understanding and furthering teamwork. The session was led by Mr Naveen Kumar, Personality Development Trainer, who taught various skills including goal setting, time management, mindfulness and stress management, confidence building, and interpersonal skills. The camp ended on January 30 with a valedictory.

Republic day

Republic Day was celebrated at St Joseph's University on January 26, 2024. The event began around 8:20 am in the University Ground. The event was attended by Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, deans, faculty members, staff, and students of different associations. At 8:25 am the Vice-Chancellor inspected the Guard of honour. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor, followed by the singing of the national anthem and the reading of the national pledge. Then, the Pro-Chancellor and

Vice-Chancellor greeted the gathering. This was followed by the Piping Ceremony. The NCC cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron were awarded with their ranks by the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor addressed the students. They urged the students to uphold the values of democracy, secularism, and justice enshrined in the Constitution and contribute to the nation's progress. The celebrations concluded with National Salute at 9:30 am.

National integration camp

Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi conducted a National Integration Camp from February 6, 2024, to February 12, 2024. The camp was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and was attended by 150 volunteers across India. Four volunteers were sent from St Joseph's University. On February 6, following the flag hoisting and prayer, an inaugural session was held. The next day began with yoga and shramadaan. Sessions were held on career planning and empowerment. February 8 saw discussions on the role of youth in nation building. The next day, volunteers began rehearsals for a cultural performance. The following day, more discussions were held on youth empowerment after shramadaan was performed. On February 11, following shramadaan, a discourse was held on the role of higher education in India. The valedictory was held on February 12, where volunteers were awarded certificates. Volunteers visited SB Temple and Dargah, and then left for college.

Prayaag

Prayaag, a two-day inter-collegiate fest, held from February 15, 2024, to February 16, 2024, followed the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Colours of Harmony.' The fest was inaugurated by Mr Pratap Lingaiah, State NSS Officer, Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lordu, Dean, School of Social Work, Mr Selwyn Paul

J, NSS Programme Coordinator, and other dignitaries. The valedictory was graced by Dr D Cathigueane, NSS Regional Directorate, Bengaluru. Mr Pratap and Dr Cathigueane were keynote speakers, and spoke about contemporary social issues and the pivotal role of youth-led initiatives. Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) won the overall trophy, followed in second place by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

State youth festival

The NSS State Youth Festival, organised by the State NSS Cell with Mysore University, commenced on February 20, 2024, at NSS Bhavan, Mysuru. The five-day camp was attended by four NSS volunteers. The inauguration began with lighting of the lamp and a welcome address. Mr MB Suresha, NSS Programme Coordinator, Mysore University, outlined the mission of the camp. The speakers included Dr Shilpa J, Dr Prathap Lingaiah, Dr Loknath NK, and Dr D Cathigueane, NSS Regional Directorate, Bengaluru. The next day's theme was 'Save Water and Save Earth.' After the flag hoisting, a yoga session was held, followed by seminars from experts including Mr AP Chandrashekar. The next day's theme was 'Blood Donation and Make in India.' After flag hoisting, sessions were held by Mr M Rudraiah and Mr RA Chethan Ram. The next day saw an educational visit to Manasa Gangotri, Mysore University, followed by seminars. On February 24, 2024, the valedictory was held. Ms VR Shylaja and Dr P Krishna were the guests for the occasion. St Joseph's University won six prizes in the various competitions held.

National integration camp

Four volunteers of St Joseph's University's NSS attended a National Integration Camp in Gadag from March 14, 2024, to March 20, 2024. The camp was organised by the NSS Programme Officers of various colleges.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME NSS UNIT 1

Social injustice – poster-making event

On October, 11, 2023, NSS Unit 1 of St Joseph's University organised a Social Injustice Poster Making Event at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block. The event aimed to engage university volunteers in raising awareness about social injustices through art and creativity. After the welcome address, the 42 volunteers were instructed on how the posters should be made. Volunteers were then given some time to brainstorm and search for ideas to create impactful posters that would convey their message effectively. At 2:15 pm, the poster-making session began, and participants passionately transformed their ideas into visually striking posters. At 3 pm, everyone was asked to write their views and thoughts about the chosen social injustice topic on the back of their posters, giving depth and context to their artwork. The event concluded at 3:30 pm.

Healthy chef competition

The Healthy Chef competition organised by NSS Unit 1 for the FIT INDIA event showcased a remarkable dedication towards promoting health and wellness through nutritious culinary creations. The competition, held on October 20, 2023, took place in the Auditorium Basement from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm, and from 2 pm to 3 pm. The judging criteria, focusing on nutrition, taste, and presentation, ensured that the dishes were not only flavourful but also packed with essential nutrients. Mr Ebenezer R, Member, NSS Unit 1, presided as the judge. 19 participants took part in this event.

Meri maati Mera desh

Meri Maati Mera Desh, conducted under the collaborative efforts of NSS Units 1 and 2, on October 27, 2023, was held in the Quadrangle from 1 pm to 1:50 pm. The main objective of this event was to initiate a donation drive for those deprived of the necessity of food. Rice, generously contributed by our dedicated volunteers, formed the cornerstone of our donation drive. After the welcome address, Dr Shakila P, Member, NSS Unit 1, communicated the urgency and significance of the cause. Her presentation was well-structured and articulated with precision, leaving a lasting impact on the audience. 53 volunteers attended the event.

Rashtriya ekta diwas

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebration began at 2:34 pm, on October 31, 2023, with a welcome address followed by the NSS Anthem Dr Asha K, Member, NSS Unit 1, addressed the audience with insightful remarks, offering a unique perspective that enriched the event. Videos highlighting Sardar Vallabhai Patel's pivotal role in unifying the nation were shown, reinforcing the message of unity and patriotism. This was followed by the Ekta Diwas Pledge, where all attendees solemnly committed to upholding the values of unity, integrity, and diversity, reaffirming their dedication to the nation's progress. The event concluded at 3:21 pm after the vote of thanks with the NSS Clap.

Khadi mahotsav

Khadi Mahotsav was held on October 31, 2023, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, in Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block. One of the most striking aspects of the event was the collective effort to embrace and promote the cultural heritage associated with Khadi. Volunteers, demonstrating their commitment and respect for tradition, arrived dressed in resplendent cotton attire. From 3:50 pm onwards, the event transitioned into a lively creative phase. Volunteers engaged in the art of poster making. The posters, ranging from intricate designs to powerful messages, were a testament to the diverse perspectives and creative energies within the group. Each volunteer chose to have the flag emblem painted on either their face or hand, signifying their personal connection to the cause. This act served as a powerful visual representation of their commitment to upholding the values and ideals associated with Khadi. The event drew to a close with a resounding NSS clap and attendance. 50 volunteers attended the event.



Gift of euphoria – donation drive

From November 7, 2023, to November 13, 2023, NSS Unit 1 led a donation drive, the 'Gift of Euphoria,' drawing together a week filled with compassion and altruism. Volunteers and supporters rallied together, fostering an atmosphere of unity and generosity. Throughout this impactful week, the NSS organised two collection points strategically located at the NSS Office and the Arrupe Atrium, operating from 12 pm to 2 pm daily. The response from the community was astounding, with an array of stationery pouring in - pencils, books, colour pencils, pens, rulers, and various art supplies - for underprivileged children. The drive was followed by a visit where they would distribute the stationery.

Mental health day

NSS Unit 1 orchestrated a transformative Mental Health Day Awareness Event on November 9, 2023, at the Auditorium basement, advocating for holistic well-being. The event served as a haven for self-reflection and connection. Commencing at 1 pm, the event unfolded into a multifaceted experience with mindfulness exercises and interactive games. This balanced approach aimed to accommodate diverse preferences, fostering inclusivity and engagement among participants. Volunteers meticulously structured activities to evoke introspection and foster connections. Beyond the scheduled events, the day became a platform for open dialogues and shared experiences. Attendees actively engaged in conversations, nurturing an environment of understanding and support. The event ended at 3 pm, and saw the participation of 39 volunteers.

Road safety day

NSS Unit 1 orchestrated a vibrant and educational Road Safety Day event at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, on November 10, 2023, spanning from 1 pm to 3 pm. The primary objective was to engage participants in activities aimed at promoting road safety awareness. Attendees, organised into groups of five, created safety slogans. Armed with sheets and colourful markers, the groups embarked on crafting eye-catching slogan placards. Following this, each group took the stage to present their slogans. While some teams explained the meaning behind their creations with passion and clarity, others showcased their ingenuity through lively skit performances, effectively communicating the significance of safe road practices. 40 volunteers attended the event.

Children's day

NSS Unit 1 held an outreach event at Moulna Azad English Model School, Nanjappa Circle, on November 18, 2023, with 32 volunteers celebrating Children's Day, and promoting road safety among students. The day commenced at 9 am with an interactive session, where students actively shared their perspectives on road safety, paving the way for explanations on crucial road signs to enhance their awareness. To engage and educate, students were paired with volunteers for engaging road safety-themed games, balancing fun with informative learning. Cultural performances in singing and dancing added vibrancy and enjoyment to the day. Promoting camaraderie and connection, volunteers and students shared lunch, fostering bonds and connection within the school community. Concurrently, volunteers created illustrative charts elucidating road safety, leading to a congregation of all students in the school ground for an enlightening interactive session using these visual aids. The impactful outreach event culminated at 12 pm, uniting volunteers and students in a collective discussion bolstered by the informative posters and charts.

International human rights day

National Service Scheme Cell of St Joseph's University, Indian Social Institute (ISI), South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHRM) and various like-minded organisations, colleges, and individuals came together to organise a ten-day event from December 1 to December 10 every year over the last decade. On December 10, 2023, an event was hosted by St Joseph's University to commemorate International Human Rights Day from 10:30 am to 6 pm. 15 volunteers of NSS were a part of this event as well. The programme featured including discussions, talks, webinars, street plays, competitions, and cultural events. Participants actively engaged in thought-provoking discussions on pressing human rights issues, attended informative talks by experts in the field, and enjoyed captivating street plays that depicted real-life scenarios highlighting the importance of upholding human rights. Other colleges contributed to the event by submitting reports on the activities conducted in their respective institutions.

Women rising: empowering communities through gender equality

On February 8, 2024, an SEC event was conducted based on the topic, 'Women Empowerment.' The event began at 2 pm with the formation of seven groups, each comprising of seven members. An activity was conducted to gain the volunteers' interest. The

teams that completed the initial activities prepared posters on chart paper, while remaining teams solved puzzles featuring famous women figures. Volunteers completed their tasks by 3 pm and presented their findings on famous women personalities. At 3:15 pm, Dr Asha K, Member, NSS Unit 1, delivered a presentation on gender equality, including graphs demonstrating the persisting prevalence of gender-based violence and pondered the correlation between women empowerment and feminism. The presentation concluded at 3:36 pm, followed by a briefing from the vice president on administrative matters. It was emphasised that a blue book must be maintained for attendance records, and attendance was duly recorded at 3:46 pm. The event concluded around 4pm.

Green prosperity: sustainable practices for economic growth

On February 14, 2024, an SEC class was held on the topic of Green Prosperity: Sustainable Practices for Economic Growth. The event began at 1:40 pm, in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, and was attended by 55 students. Volunteers were divided into seven teams. Each team was given a unique situation related to water scarcity, waste management, rapid urbanisation, carbon footprint, energy consumption costs, soil degradation, tourism demotion, and production of waste. The groups had to propose five strategies to tackle the situations at hand. They put forward the plans to implement motion sensor lighting, energy audit systems, rain water harvesting, waste water installation units, desalination of sea water, promotion of electric vehicles, usage of bio and synthetic fuels, following efficiency standards, and carbon capture systems. The resource person for the today, Mr Ebenezer R, Member, NSS Unit 1, interacted with the teams. Examples were quoted of different countries excelling in the sustainability space. The presentations drew to a close at 3:25 pm, followed by marking of attendance.

Gift of love – awareness on blood and organ donation

On February 19, 2024, NSS Unit 1 conducted its third SEC class in AV Room, PG Block, on the 'Gift of Love: Awareness for blood and organ donation.' The event started at 1:30 pm with an introductory session by Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, for the volunteers. After the introduction, the event officially began at 1:40 pm. The volunteers were divided into five groups, each consisting of seven members. This division facilitated teamwork and collaboration throughout the event.

From 1:45 pm to 2:20 pm, the volunteers were given time to prepare for the skit they would be performing. The skit performances began with Group Four going first. Their skit depicted a mother-daughter situation related to organ donation. Following this, Group Two performed a skit highlighting the importance of blood donation, particularly addressing issues of caste discrimination. After this, the remaining groups each presented their skits, focusing on various aspects of donation, including eye donation and the importance of being a blood donor. At 3 pm, Fr Simon began his session, which included a story about two organ donors, discussions on the types of organs that can be donated, and the requirements of being a good donor. He also addressed concerns regarding blood donation, such as religious beliefs. His session concluded at 3:17 pm. Finally, attendance was taken at 3:21 pm, marking the end of the event.

Ballot brilliance

On February 21, 2024, the AV Room, PG Block, was filled with 48 participants from NSS Unit 1. The event commenced at 1:30 pm, under the guidance of Dr Shakila P, Member, NSS Unit 1. The event aimed to introduce the voting system. Participants were organised into groups, each tasked with selecting a leader and preparing their presentations. Following the presentations, participants actively engaged in a ballot voting. Dr Shakila spoke about voter awareness, emphasising the importance of active participation in the democratic process. The event concluded with the announcement of election results.



Art for community challenge

To prepare NSS Unit 1 volunteers for the upcoming slum visits, a session was conducted on February 26, 2024, in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, at 1:30 pm. It was attended by 57 volunteers. The topics discussed centred around empowerment of girl child education and awareness on alcohol consumption. The volunteers were divided into 7 teams each, among which a handful of volunteers were separated for cultural practice which consisted of skits and music. The 7 teams were made to settle down in round groups and were provided with 2-3 chart papers and stationery each. By 2:15 pm the preparation of charts began. Four teams had to prepare posters on girl child education, and the others on alcohol consumption. Skits were prepared on the given topics. The volunteers submitted their tasks to the council members around 3:30pm. The event ended after attendance was taken. The session was conducted by Dr Asha K, Member, NSS Unit 1, and Mr Ebenezer R, Member, NSS Unit 1.

From awareness to action

On February 28, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Auditorium Basement, a session was held on the living conditions and problems faced by those living in slums. 35 volunteers attended the event titled From Awareness to Action, under the guidance of Dr Shakila P, Member, NSS Unit 1, and Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Member, NSS Unit 1. Drawing from real-life case studies, the speaker shed light on the struggles faced by slum dwellers and highlighted their contributions to Bengaluru. It was noted that a significant portion of the slum population comprised individuals from scheduled caste backgrounds, as well as converted Christians and Muslims. A staggering statistic revealed that there are approximately 500,000 slums scattered across India, underlining the scale and complexity of the issue at hand. The chief guest concluded the insightful discourse at 2:10 pm, paving the way for Ms Valli to commence her orientation session promptly. Her presentation, spanning from 2:10 pm to 2:18 pm, provided additional context and depth to the understanding of the community's needs and challenges.

Empowerment of girls' education – slum adoption activity

Empowerment of Girls' Education, organised for an adoption in Rajendra Nagar Slum, was held on March 13, 2024, from 4 pm to 6 pm, with participation from 52 volunteers. Volunteers were organised into five teams, each comprising ten members, under the guidance of

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Member, NSS Unit 1. The event commenced with a briefing on the scheduled activities. Following the initial instructions, attendance was taken, and transportation arrangements were made. Upon arrival, the second round of attendance before the commencement of the rally. The rally witnessed active participation from volunteers. Noteworthy stops included a junction where a skit was performed, and the marketplace where a compelling monologue was delivered. Subsequently, volunteers returned to the hall, where refreshments were distributed, and attendance was recorded for the third time.

Importance of mental wellbeing

On March 18, 2024, under the guidance of Mr Ebenezer R, Member, NSS Unit 1, an event on the Importance of Mental Wellbeing was conducted at Rajendra Nagar slum from 4 pm. Two groups were formed to engage with the community. Group One visited Ambedkar Bhavan where they interacted with young children. Due to their age, activities like In and Out, Fire in the Mountain, and Simon Says were conducted instead of focusing directly on mental well-being. Group Two was further divided into sub-groups and were asked to come up with activities beneficial for mental wellbeing. One sub-group introduced yoga asanas while the other facilitated physical exercises like squats. The event concluded at 6 pm with a group picture taken. Refreshments were distributed. A total of 50 volunteers actively participated in the event.

Cleanliness drive

On March 20, 2024, a cleanliness drive was conducted in Rajendra Nagar slum under the supervision of Dr Asha K, Member, NSS Unit 1. Divided into four groups, each comprising of nine volunteers and one council member, a total of 48 participants actively engaged in cleaning the designated area. The event commenced at 1:30 pm and concluded at 3:30 pm. Volunteers diligently collected waste items, focusing on areas from the community hall to the nearby temple. Essential cleaning tools such as sand cutters, fork spades, shovels, and buckets were provided from the stock room. The drive aimed to promote environmental consciousness and cleanliness within the community. This initiative demonstrated the community's commitment to environmental stewardship and the importance of collective action in maintaining a clean and healthy living environment.

Food for the needy

NSS Unit 1 participated in the Food for Needy initiative on March 23, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm, with participation of three volunteers. With a theme centred around 'Nourishing Communities: Building Resilience through Food Equity,' the event to lay the foundation for sustainable, long-term solutions. One volunteer from NSS Unit 1 was member of the packing team, ensuring that food items were packed securely to prevent leakage and spoilage. Two other volunteers took charge of the distribution team, tasked with delivering 60 packs of food near the Majestic Bus Stand and Railway Station, targeting those most in need within the community. The objectives of the initiative were clearly outlined: to provide access to nutritious meals, particularly for vulnerable populations such as low-income families, homeless individuals, and the elderly; to reduce food insecurity and promote food sovereignty; and to implement sustainable practices to minimise waste and environmental impact. Additionally, the event sought to address systemic issues contributing to food poverty through advocacy and policy changes.

Cyber safe girl

In honour of International Women's Day, a collaborative effort was made to promote cyber safety among young women through the Cyber Safe Girl Workshop. Organised jointly by the State NSS Cell, the Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Government of Karnataka, the Women's Cell at RUAS, and supported by the NSS and Rotaract Club of RUAS, the event aimed to raise awareness and empower individuals in the digital age. The Ramaiah Medical College Auditorium buzzed with excitement on March 23, 2024, at 11 am, as more than 800 students and faculty members gathered to explore the intricacies of cyber safety, of whom eight students were from NSS Unit 2. Dr Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, a prominent figure in administration, highlighted the growing prevalence of cybercrimes, emphasising the importance of adopting vigilant cyber safety practices. Her insights provided a deep understanding of the risks associated with the digital realm and stressed the need for responsible online conduct. Through engaging sessions and informative discussions, attendees were equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the virtual landscape securely. Topics such as safeguarding personal information and identifying online threats were explored, fostering a culture of informed decision-making and proactive protection. The workshop served as a platform for dialogue, encouraging participants to share experiences and insights, thereby promoting community resilience against cyber threats. The workshop ended at 2 pm.

Spread awareness: alcohol prohibition in effect

On March 25, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, an awareness event focused on the theme of alcohol prohibition took place at the AV Room, Arrupe Block. Volunteers were organised into groups, each tasked with performing a skit to convey messages related to alcohol prevention. As part of the event, Dr Shakila P, Member, NSS Unit 1, delivered an enlightening talk on the topic of alcohol prohibition. She provided valuable insights into the physiological, psychological, and societal impacts of alcohol consumption, citing research and real world examples to support her points. The interactive session also included a quiz segment, where volunteers tested their knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. To further reinforce learning outcomes, Dr Shakila assigned two questions to the volunteers, challenging them to create informative charts. The event was attended by 58 volunteers.

Educating with essential skills

On March 27, 2024, an event titled 'Educating with Essential Skills' was organised at Rajendra Nagar, from 4 pm to 6 pm, under the guidance of Ms Immaculate Mary, Assistant Programme Officer, NSS Unit 1. The event aimed to impart essential skills to both volunteers and children through interactive sessions and activities. After reaching the venue, volunteers engaged in a dialogue about the meaning and significance of essential skills, drawing on their own interpretations and WHO's framework. Following this introductory session, volunteers were divided into two groups. In the preschool room, Group One organised engaging games focused on effective communication and coping with emotions. Group Two facilitated discussions and presentations aimed at enhancing children's understanding of essential skills. Through interactive sessions, children were acquainted with the importance of skills enhancement, WHO's role in defining essential skills, and the necessity of acquiring these skills for personal and societal development. Each group was given with a topic like critical thinking, decision making, problem solving, and self-awareness, and were made to present their given topic. By actively engaging in the dissemination of essential skills, volunteers internalised the importance of these competencies, thereby enhancing their own understanding and proficiency.

Disaster resilience

The Disaster Resilience event convened on April 1, 2024, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Attended by 46 students who were organised into groups of seven, each group delved into community preparedness for natural calamities. During the session, participants were time to research on the given topic. Following this, three volunteers from each group took the stage, delineating their findings on pertinent topics such as the definition of disaster resilience, its underlying causes, and ten key measures for prevention. Points discussed ranged from the imperative of prevention efforts and comprehensive risk assessment to the establishment of robust early warning systems and fostering international cooperation. Additionally, emphasis was laid on community engagement initiatives, infrastructural fortification, public education campaigns, recovery support mechanisms, and the integration of technological innovations in disaster management practices. As the seminar progressed, participants were enriched further by a Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Assessment spearheaded by Dr Shakila P, Member, NSS Unit 1, and Dr Hanumantharayappa SB,

NSS Programme Officer, NSS Unit 1. The SEC session included discussions on the benefits of alcohol prevention and an exploration into the reasons why alcohol remains legal in India.

Empowering communities with basic first aid skills

On April 3, 2024, NSS Unit 1 hosted a comprehensive event titled Empowering Communities with Basic First Aid Skills in the Auditorium Basement from 1 pm to 3 pm. Under the guidance of Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, NSS Programme Officer, NSS Unit 1, the event aimed to arm volunteers with vital knowledge and practical skills in first aid. 45 participants, divided into five groups looked into specific emergency situations, ranging from playground mishaps to mall fires, meticulously crafting responses and strategies to mitigate harm and save lives. Throughout the event, emphasis was placed on the foundational principles of first aid, with particular focus on CPR techniques, wound management, and effective victim stabilisation. The teams engaged in dynamic discussions and hands-on activities to deepen their understanding and proficiency in handling emergency situations.



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Fit India – quiz and debate

On October 18, 2023, a Fit India Week Celebration, featuring a Quiz and Debate Competition, was held by Unit 2. The event took place from 1:30 pm to 3:30 in Xavier Hall, PG Block. Upon arrival, volunteers registered their team with their team members' names. Ten teams registered for the Quiz competition. The Quiz competition was around sports, nutrition, and Fit India. It commenced at 1:50 pm and was conducted in three rounds. The organisers took attendance, ensuring the participation of all registered teams. Team Falcon emerged victorious, while Team Dhyanchand secured the runner-up position. The debate competition was equally captivating, focusing on the topic of 'Mental fitness vs Physical fitness.' It commenced at 2:53 pm, allowing teams to prepare and discuss their arguments. At 3:03 pm, the teams began presenting their arguments, engaging in thoughtful and informative debates. The event concluded promptly at 3:30 pm. The 25 participants present left after final attendance.

Meri maati mera desh

The Meri Maati Mera Desh event held on October 27, 2023, in the UG Quadrangle was a remarkable gathering, bringing together the students and faculty to celebrate the importance of soil, food, and sustainable living. The event commenced at 12:50 pm and was attended by 27 volunteers. Ms Shakila P, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, and Ms Immaculate Mary A, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, were the main guests for the event. The event began with a welcome speech at 1:05 pm, followed by a dance. The NSS Anthem was played, following which the Panch Pran pledge was read out by the President of Unit 1. Ms Shakila greeted the gathering at 1:16 pm, emphasising the significance of the event. One of the highlights of the event was adding rice to a matka by the programme coordinators, symbolising the importance of soil and food. This matka would be sent to New Delhi. This was followed by a thought-provoking folk song performance about the value of soil and food. A street play presented by NSS Unit 2 volunteers highlighted the importance and wastage of food. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the NSS clap at 1:32 pm.

Human rights day

On December 10, 2023, the NSS celebrated Human Rights. The event aimed to elevate awareness and understanding of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, spotlighting crucial principles such as equality, freedom, and justice for all. The activities encompassed diverse formats including discussions, talks, webinars, street plays, competitions, and cultural events. By 11 am, Bala Mela began, where children from different schools engaged in interactive play activities designed to enhance their participation and enjoyment. Subsequently, a lunch session provided an opportunity for relaxation and nourishment. Later, a seminar was conducted in Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, where participants gathered to gain insights and perspectives from our resource person, Mr Vasanth Adithya J, Founder, Kreetam Law Associates. The seminar served as a platform for knowledge exchange and meaningful discussions on the theme 'Yuva Hakku: Equality, Freedom, Justice for All.' To conclude the event, a valedictory session took place in Xavier Hall, PG Block, featuring our distinguished chief guest, Mr Rumi Harish, Consultant, Alternative Law Forum, presided by Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan, PRO and Placement Officer, St Joseph's University. Our guest speakers, Ms Cynthia Stephen, Dalit Activist, Writer and Social Policy Researcher, and Ms Sharadha Siddi, Sub-Inspector of Police Traffic Division, Ashok Nagar, spoke about the significance of Human Rights. This segment provided a formal closure to the event, acknowledging the contributions of all involved and reflecting on the day's activities. Six volunteers were present from the Unit.



Orientation – literacy

On January 18, 2024, a session was held on literacy, seeing a participation of 20 volunteers and eight council members. This was conducted for volunteers of Slot Two in the Auditorium Basement. Led by Mr Sathyanarayana R, Assistant Programme Officer, NSS Unit 2, and Mr Gerard Rozario J, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, the session, held from 1 pm to 3 pm, was an orientation session for the

volunteers on literacy. Dr Gerard delivered an insightful talk about the importance of literacy, emphasising its role in individual growth and societal progress. Following this, the volunteers were divided into groups of four or five and then dispatched to interact with the public and capture videos related to literacy. This engaging activity aimed to raise awareness and gather perspectives on the significance of literacy in the community. The session concluded with group activities, including singing, fostering a positive and collaborative atmosphere. Volunteers gave their attendance as a record of their participation, and the session wrapped up by 3 pm.

Slum survey

On January 23, 2024, a slum survey took place with 17 enthusiastic volunteers and four council members under the supervision of Mr Clifford Noel, Member, NSS Unit 2. Volunteers were taken to a slum or any less developed area where they would conduct a survey. The session commenced at 1 pm as volunteers gathered near the NSS office. Attendance was recorded, and instructions were imparted regarding the venue's location and transportation logistics. By 1:15 pm, the volunteers were ready to embark on their mission. By 2:30 pm, everyone had safely arrived at Chandra Reddy Layout, Koramangala, marking the commencement of the main activity. Volunteers were divided into pairs and tasked with conducting surveys in nearby houses, armed with questionnaires. The questions delved into various aspects, including the number of members in each family, the occupations and respective salaries of household members, the duration of residency in the area, and other pertinent factors shaping the local landscape. The survey activity concluded by 2:55 pm, with all volunteers returning promptly to submit their forms, following which refreshments were provided.

Elections

On January 30, 2024, a session unfolded from 1 pm to 3 pm, with 11 volunteers and two council members for the Tuesday slot volunteers. The topic of the session centred around voting rights and elections, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the democratic process among participants. The venue was Hostel Block, St Joseph's University. Ms Nikhita Thomas, Member, NSS Unit 2, the event in-charge, introduced the session which would comprise individual speeches delivered by volunteers, each highlighting the significance of elections and the vital role they play in shaping society. To further enhance understanding, volunteers participated in a small role play, allowing

them to immerse themselves in simulated scenarios related to elections. This interactive activity provided valuable insights into the complexities and dynamics of the electoral process. The volunteers were asked related questions about election process, political parties, voting system, and more.

Martyr's day

Martyr's Day was celebrated by Unit 2 on January 31, 2024, via Microsoft Teams with 17 volunteers participating in a session focused on writing about and sketching freedom fighters between 1 pm and 3 pm. Volunteers were given a chance to either do a pencil sketch of any freedom fighter or write a creative text on Martyr's Day and freedom fighters. All their submissions were compiled and submitted via Google Form. Volunteers were given time from 1:40 pm to 2:40 pm to showcase their talent in sketching and creative writing.

Cleanliness drive

On February 1, 2024, 16 volunteers participated in a Cleanliness Drive from 1 pm to 3 pm. The session commenced with crafting posters promoting cleanliness and environmental conservation. Volunteers worked on their posters until 2:15 pm. Each volunteer had to make at least one poster which would be later circulated to spread awareness. They were provided with sketch pens and chart papers



for the same. Following the poster-making session, volunteers embarked on a campus-wide circulation campaign, strategically placing their creations to raise awareness and inspire action among their peers and the wider community. The culmination of the drive included memorable photo sessions and the attendance was recorded. Overall, the event served as a proactive initiative to instil a sense of responsibility and promote sustainable habits, contributing to a cleaner, healthier campus.

Social harmony

On February 6, 2024, 15 volunteers convened under the guidance of Mr Gerard Rozario J, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, from 1 pm to 3 pm to explore the theme of Social Harmony. The session commenced at 1:10 pm. Mr Gerard began by delivering an insightful talk on the significance of social harmony, highlighting its importance in various spheres of life. During his presentation, he elucidated on the four types of social harmony: familial, national, communal, and organisational. His address, which lasted until 1:40 pm, laid the foundation for the subsequent activities. Following the talk, volunteers were divided into four groups based on the types of social harmony discussed. Each group was tasked with exploring specific aspects related to social harmony. Until 2:30 pm, volunteers diligently gathered inputs and insights on their assigned topics, preparing to present their findings to the rest of the group. The event ended after attendance was taken.

Pollution control measures

The session was held on February 8, 2024 in the Auditorium Basement at 1 pm. The event commenced with a welcome to all 19 attendees and an introduction to the significance of pollution control measures in preserving our environment. Mr Clifford Noel, Member, NSS Unit 2, set the tone for the event with insightful opening remarks, emphasising the urgent need for collective action to address environmental challenges. Participants gained valuable insights into the various types of pollution and their adverse effects on ecosystems and human health. Participants were divided into five groups and were tasked with preparing skits on different types of pollution. The performances began around 2:20 pm and each skit aimed to raise awareness about specific types of pollution, highlighting their causes, effects, and potential prevention measures. The event closed with a vote of thanks.

Road safety awareness session

The Road Safety Awareness Session, organised under the guidance of Ms Nikhita Thomas, Member, NSS Unit 2, was held on February 13, 2024, at 1 pm in the Auditorium Basement. The session aimed to enlighten the seven volunteers present about the importance of road safety and equip them with knowledge and strategies to promote safer road practices. Ms Nikhita commenced the event by delivering an informative talk, offering valuable insights and practical tips on how to stay vigilant and navigate traffic safely. She emphasised the significance of adhering to traffic

rules and regulations, highlighting the role of individual responsibility in ensuring road safety. Following her presentation, each volunteer was given the opportunity to share their insights on what changes they would implement if given the responsibility to alter existing rules and regulations related to road safety. In addition to internal discussions, volunteers were tasked with collecting public feedback on road safety concerns and perceptions. Armed with questionnaires, volunteers ventured into the community to gather valuable insights, fostering a deeper understanding of public sentiment and areas of improvement in road safety initiatives. The event ended at 3 pm, following this.



Cultural diversity

The session on Cultural Diversity was held at Hostel Block between 1 pm to 3 pm, on February 20, 2024, attended by eight participants. The event aimed to foster a deeper appreciation and understanding of the diverse cultural heritage prevalent across the nation. The event commenced with a comprehensive briefing on cultural diversity in India, emphasising the multitude of traditions, languages, and customs that coexist harmoniously within the country. Volunteers were then tasked with sharing insights into their own cultural backgrounds, traditions, and practices. Each participant eloquently articulated the unique aspects of their culture, highlighting traditional attire, dances, cuisines, and festivals that symbolise the essence of their heritage. Through shared experiences and enlightening discussions, the event on cultural diversity served as a testament to the richness and resilience of India's cultural fabric.

Insights on annual rural camp

The session, dedicated to the orientation for the upcoming NSS Annual Rural Camp, commenced at 1 pm in the Auditorium Basement, on February 29, 2024. The event began after taking attendance, ensuring the participation of all 18 volunteers present. After being detailed on how the camp would proceed,

volunteers were encouraged to actively engage by sharing their experiences from past camps or outreach activities. This interactive session allowed participants to glean insights and prepare themselves mentally for the upcoming rural camp. A significant portion of the session was dedicated to a general talk on NSS and its functioning, aiming to familiarise volunteers with the organisation's mission, objectives, and operational mechanisms.

Awareness on Constitution – distribution of Preamble

As part of Awareness on Constitution, a distribution of the Preamble was organised. On March 14, 2024, in preparation for Constitution Awareness, the NSS team printed 500 pamphlets featuring the Indian Constitution Preamble. The subsequent day, on March 15, volunteers convened near the NSS office at 12 pm to commence the distribution. Attendance was recorded to ensure participation of all volunteers. Instructions were then imparted, outlining the task of spreading awareness about the Constitution Preamble among students, staff, and the public present in and around campus. Volunteers were encouraged to engage with individuals, distribute pamphlets, and capture pictures to document the awareness campaign. Following the briefing, pamphlets were distributed among volunteers, and a group photo was taken to commemorate the occasion. Volunteers dispersed across the campus, diligently carrying out their assigned tasks. By 1 pm, volunteers regrouped and reported back, marking the conclusion of the distribution activity. Attendance was once again recorded to ensure all volunteers safely returned. 17 students took part in this event.

Annual rural camp

At 9 am, March 17, 2024, the unit left for Chammanahalli, the rural campsite, and reached around 10:30 am. By 4 pm, they were introduced to the Panchayat and inaugurated the camp. On March 18, all teams were assigned their duties. After eating, all teams were sent out for manual work, which they had to do every day. Around 3 pm, Dr Tejaswini Ronur Praful and Mr Sathyanarayana R, Assistant Programme Officer, NSS Unit 2, held a session on 'National Integration.' The session ended around 5 pm, followed by a round of games. The next day, Mr Clifford Noel, Member, NSS, Unit 2, conducted a session on 'Health, Family Welfare and Nutrition' at 3 pm. The interactive session ended at 4 pm, following which students made charts, and were asked to survey the crops grown in the village. In the evening, a cultural event was performed around the theme 'Women Empowerment.' The chief guest

was Mr Krishnan. On March 20, at 3 pm, Ms Nikhita Thomas, Member, NSS Unit 2, held a session on 'Social Service Programmes,' followed by a cultural event. The next day, Dr Anila MM, Member, NSS Unit 2, conducted a session at 3 pm on 'Gender Justice Addressing Equality Challenges' followed by games. The next day, a short session was held at 3 pm, followed by a campaign and a cultural event. Evaluation began at 9 pm and each team presented their report. On March 23, after manual work and cultural practice, Mr Gerald assembled everyone for the valedictory. After the valedictory, the students left for college.

Cyber safe girl

In honour of International Women's Day, a collaborative effort was made to promote cyber safety among young women through the Cyber Safe Girl Workshop. Organised jointly by the State NSS Cell, the Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Government of Karnataka, the Women's Cell at RUAS, and supported by the NSS and Rotaract Club of RUAS, the event aimed to raise awareness and empower individuals in the digital age. The Ramaiah Medical College Auditorium buzzed with excitement on March 23, 2024, at 11 am, as more than 800 students and faculty members gathered to explore the intricacies of cyber safety, of whom eight students were from NSS Unit 2. Dr Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, a prominent figure in administration, highlighted the growing prevalence of cybercrimes, emphasising the importance of adopting vigilant cyber safety practices. Her insights provided a deep understanding of the risks associated with the digital realm and stressed the need for responsible online conduct. Through engaging sessions and informative discussions, attendees were equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the virtual landscape securely. Topics such as safeguarding personal information and identifying online threats were explored, fostering a culture of informed decision-making and proactive protection. The workshop served as a platform for dialogue, encouraging participants to share experiences and insights, thereby promoting community resilience against cyber threats. The workshop ended at 2 pm.

Food for the needy

Food for the Needy, dedicated to preparing and distributing meals to the impoverished, commenced on March 23, 2024, around 10 am. Food preparation began at a private residence in Sampangiram Nagar, where the four volunteers gathered to cook and pack meals for distribution. By 1:30 pm, approximately 345 packs of food were prepared and packed into

aluminium foil bags. Volunteers divided themselves into groups and set out to distribute the meals across various locations, including bus stands at Majestic, Shanti Nagar, Shivaji Nagar, streets of Lalbagh, Koramangala, and slums at Ejjipura. Each group embarked on their assigned routes, spreading nourishment and hope to the less fortunate. Following the distribution the volunteers went back to the residence to clean it up, following which they arrived back in college by 2:30 pm.

National integration

The session on National Integration conducted on March 26, 2024, from 1 pm to 3 pm, served as a platform for fostering unity and understanding among volunteers. 14 volunteers were present and their attendance was recorded. The session commenced at 1:15 pm with an address by Mr Gerard Rozario J, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, who enlightened everyone about fundamental rights, with a special focus on cultural and educational rights. He emphasised the importance of respecting and preserving these rights as pillars of national unity and integration. Additionally, he provided insights into national festivals, highlighting their significance in promoting harmony and inclusivity among diverse communities. Following this, volunteers were tasked with writing a report in response. In the concluding

segment of the event, volunteers listened to former President Abdul Kalam's speech at the European Parliament. His message emphasised the transformative power of righteousness in fostering peace and harmony globally. Volunteers were tasked with transcribing this speech. As the event concluded, photographs were taken to commemorate the gathering.

Poster making

On March 28, 2024, a session focused on poster making, convened under the guidance of teacher-in-charge Ms Nikhita Thomas, Member, NSS Unit 2, began at 1 pm. The event was conducted in the Auditorium Basement After recording attendance, the event officially commenced at around 1:30 pm. To facilitate the creative process, chart papers and all necessary stationery supplies were provided to the 20 volunteers. They were then divided into groups of two, and tasked with creating innovative posters on designated themes. The themes for the poster making included 'Road Safety,' 'Pollution Control,' 'Social Harmony,' and 'Literacy.' By 2:45 pm, all the teams had successfully completed their posters, displaying their creativity and addressing the respective themes. Following the completion of the posters, volunteers submitted their works. All participants left by 3 pm.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

NSS UNIT 3

Blood donation camp

St Joseph's University NSS Cell organised blood donation camp twice wherein 50 volunteers participated and donated blood. Before the donation camp, there was an awareness activity done by the NSS units to promote blood donation and to spread the news. The first day was August 25, 2023, from 8 am to 12 pm. Blood donation was organised in two places: the University Auditorium and Xavier Hall, PG Block. Lion's Blood Bank contributed to the organisation of the camp. Volunteers had to take a test before the blood donation so after the test is successful and approved by the doctors they were allowed to donate blood. Those who donated blood they were provided with the refreshments and certificates. It was again organised in the Basketball Court, Magis Block, on August 28.

Walkathon

The Unit organised a walkathon on August 27, 2023, where 20 volunteers, who were part of the walkathon, began their walk at 8 am. They were accompanied by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor. The group was also helped by the traffic police. Volunteers were carrying posters and banners. The walkathon started from St Joseph's University and ended when the group returned to campus. After the walkathon all the volunteers were provided with breakfast.

Meri maati Mera desh

Meri Maati Mera Desh, held in Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, on September 5, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, was attended by 60 volunteers. After the President's welcome address, there was a brief presentation on the significance of the Save Soil Movement. The session was an interactive one, followed by a debate surrounding organic farming and farming that makes use of fertilisers and pesticides.

Orientation day

On September 27, 2023, an orientation programme was held for the volunteers of NSS Unit 3 from 4 pm to 6 pm. The venue, Xavier Hall, PG Block, was filled with 80 volunteers attending the orientation. The chief guest, Mr Anuplal, Head of International Relations, Former NSS Officer, expounded upon the essence of

NSS, elucidating how engagement in its multifaceted activities can sculpt one's character. Drawing from his personal journey as a former NSS officer, he highlighted how NSS had been instrumental in shaping his own character, underscoring its profound impact. The programme ended with Mr Rajesh, Assistant Programme Officer, thanking the chief guest.

Shramadaan

On October 1, 2023, NSS Cell organised Shramadaan activity in front of Lalbagh West Gate wherein 40 participants from all the NSS units were present. The volunteers walked till the Shramadaan place and started cleaning the area. The BBMP helped with providing cleaning equipment and tools necessary. The Units collaborated with another NGO as well. The MLA of that area also came there and interacted with the group. After an hour of Shramadaan, volunteers were divided into four groups and went for plastic picking campaign in and around Lalbagh. Volunteers collected around 40 kg of plastics and cleaned the places which were dirty. Refreshments were provided to the volunteers and the volunteers dispersed. The event lasted from 10 am to 12 pm, and saw participation from 20 volunteers.

Unity walk

October 31, 2023, the NSS volunteers were accompanied by several dignitaries, including Ms Veena Nirmala, Programme Officer, NSS Unit 3. All of them convened in front of the NSS cell at the University, equipped with the necessary posters. Commencing from the NSS cell, the 30 volunteers proceeded through the New Block and Arrupe Atrium, symbolising unity. Subsequently, they walked through the Science Block, ultimately convening at the quadrangle to collectively undertake an oath. The event was held between 12:50 pm and 1:10 pm.

Open day

The inauguration of Elixir commenced at 8:30 am near the university entrance on November 30, 2024. Volunteers were asked to be present at 6 am in the morning to help students. On the day of Elixir, everything went smoothly and all the volunteers did their given work properly and we were given refreshments breakfast and lunch coupons. The event last from 6 am to 4 pm, with Mr Ramalinga Reddy, Minister of Transport, Karnataka, appearing as the chief guest. The Unit was represented by 14 volunteers.

Food for the needy

On March 23, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm, the NSS units together for a community service event centred around the theme 'Nourishing Communities: Building Resilience Through Food Equity.' The event was structured with various units assigned specific roles to ensure a smooth and impactful food distribution process. Unit 1 was responsible for packing and distribution. They packed food products and distributed them near Majestic Bus Stand and Railway Station. Unit 2 focused on food preparation and distribution in Shivajinagar. Similarly, Unit 3, with 15 volunteers, operating in the Shanti Nagar area, collaborated with Unit 2 to source fruits and vegetables for cooking. They followed strict

guidelines to minimise waste and ensure hygienic food preparation before distributing the food packs. Unit 4, the media and distribution team, played a crucial role in documenting the entire event. They captured clear images and videos of food preparation and distribution activities from all units, highlighting the efforts and impact of our collective initiative. The food distribution was carried out effectively in key locations like Majestic Railway Station, Majestic Bus Station, Shanti Nagar Bus Station, Streets of Shanti Nagar, and Koramangala. These areas were chosen strategically to reach out to a diverse group of people in need within our community.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME NSS UNIT 4

Shramadaan

Swachhata Hi Seva campaign was being celebrated from September 15, 2023, to October 2, 2023, under the joint aegis of DDWS and MoHUA for undertaking shramadaan activities aiming to generate jan andolan through community participation. The theme this year is 'Garbage Free India' with focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of Safai Mitras. NSS Unit 4 was a part of a cleanliness event organised by NSS Unit 2, in collaboration with Young India CII, The Indian Ploggers Army and BBMP. The event took place on October 1, 2023. 11 volunteers were asked to assemble in front of NSS office by 9 am. The volunteers left the college premises by 9:30 am and walked all the way to Lalbagh West Gate. The cleaning was carried out in both the main roads opposite to the gate as well as on the mud park at the junction. The park was levelled, and plants were planted. The premises were cleaned by one set of volunteers. Gloves were provided to all the volunteers. Few politicians and members of an NGO accompanied the volunteers in the beginning. Two other sets of volunteers were asked to clean the road midway. Waste bags were provided to collect plastic wastes. The volunteers returned by 11:30 am. The waste was then disposed through a garbage truck. Later, refreshments were served to all the volunteers. The event ended by 11:45 am.

Suicide prevention theatre play

The NSS Cell organised a play production in Xavier Hall, PG Block, regarding the prevention of suicide, on October 4, 2023. The event was headed by a team of theatre artists called Yours Truly Theatre Group. There were four actors, a moderator, and a head of team. The event began around 4:15 pm. The event began with a welcome speech and a small introduction about the team. Later, the moderator took over and asked questions to the audience and the actors prepared an impromptu skit out of it. The audience's life was showcased in the form of an act play. The event ended by 5:00 pm with a vote of thanks. It was attended by 28 students.

National wildlife week

NSS Unit 4 organised a session for National Wildlife Week on October 6, 2023. The event was held at

Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The event was a session headed by Dr M Jayashankar, Head of the Department of Zoology. The event began with a welcome speech by 4:45 pm. Later, the guest speaker took over the stage and gave a talk on wildlife and its study as well as steps to be taken as citizens to conserve it. The stage was then opened for students to ask questions. A pledge was taken by the volunteers to protect wildlife guided by Mr Prasadh CN, Assistant Programme Officer, NSS Unit 4. The event ended with a small activity of putting thumb impression on the endangered species of India as a promise to protect them. Later, a group photo was taken.

State youth festival

The State Youth Festival was conducted in Raichur by the Raichur University from October 3, 2023, to October 7, 2023. On October 3, the volunteers reached Raichur and were assisted by a NSS senior of Raichur University. After an informal orientation and procession, the group was briefed on the activities planned for the camp by the Vice-Chancellor, Raichur University. Many cultural programmes were organised the next day. Before the competition, a shramadaan was organised. The group was divided into four teams namely Kaveri, Krishna, Tungabhadra, and Bhima. Later a main event with various performances took place. On the third day, a speech was given by Mr Bajarappa and Ms Padmaja. After that was a yoga session by Dr Devraj. Thereafter individual competitions were conducted such as essay writing, quiz, poster making, and exhibition. The day ended with a debate and the quiz finals. On the fourth day, the group went to a trip to Mantralaya after visiting Raichur University. The day ended with Deepotsava (lighting of diyas) in the evening. On the last day, contacts were collected and a group photo was also taken. The "samavopan" programme started when prizes and certificates were received. The group won third place in group singing competition.



FIT INDIA campaign

The FIT INDIA Movement was launched on August 29 2019 by the Prime Minister with a view to make fitness an integral part of our daily lives. As a result of this, all five units of NSS conducted various events from October 16, 2023, to October 21, 2023, to contribute to this movement. On October 16, a poster making, collage competition, and exercise challenge was held. Volunteers had to make posters or collages related to the theme of Fit India Movement. A session on FIT INDIA was supposed to be held, but did not take place. October 18 saw a quiz and debate competition conducted by NSS Unit 2 to commemorate FIT India Movement to spread awareness about fitness to volunteers. The volunteers actively took part in the discussion and learnt a lot. October 20 saw a healthy chef competition, conducted by NSS Unit 1 to raise awareness about a healthy diet to remain physically and mentally fit. The volunteers had various innovative ideas to cook without fire and add healthy items to make the dish tasty yet healthy. On the last day, an indigenous sports competition was conducted by NSS Unit 4 to spread awareness about few indigenous sports and to spread the importance of sports for a fit mind and body. Sports such as snakes and ladder, kabaddi, lagori, tug-of-war, and chowkabara were conducted.

National unity day

National Unity Day is celebrated in India on October 31 every year. NSS Unit 4 organised an event regarding the same. The event began at 4:40 pm in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. A small activity was arranged for the 68 volunteers present. The volunteers were divided into teams. There were 6 teams in total. Each team member had to hold a digit from zero to nine. A series of basic questions related to the Unity Day had been displayed on the screen and each question had a number series below it. Once the question was displayed on the screen the team had to arrange themselves in the same order as displayed. The first team to arrange themselves in order got the chance to answer the question. The activity went on for a while and after ten questions, the winner was declared. Deepotsava (lighting of diyas) followed the games. A map of India was made with rangoli colours and diyas were kept around it by the volunteers. The unity pledge was delivered and the event ended at 5:30 pm with a group photo being taken.

Primary school visit

Joy of Giving is the annual charity drive from National Service Scheme. NSS Unit 4 took up the initiative to

conduct this event. 17 volunteers from Unit 4 visited Shastry English Higher Primary School in Benson Town, Bengaluru. Fruits were collected from volunteers as well as bought by NSS unit 4. Chocolates had also been bought. The group reached the school around 12:30 pm, and were accompanied by Ms Kanchana, Principal, Primary School, Social Worker. On the ground floor of the school were pre-primary children. After distributing a chocolate and a fruit, the group went to first floor where they continued distributing the same to primary children. After distribution, they went to the terrace and played with middle schoolers. Later, a volunteer performed a dance for the kids, followed by distribution of bags containing stationary items collected by the volunteers earlier. The students returned to college around 2:40 pm.

World AIDS day

NSS Unit 4 undertook the conducting of an awareness campaign about AIDS. On November 30, 2023, a poster for AIDS awareness with its causes, symptoms and preventive measures was sent to the volunteers. They were asked to put this up on their stories, status, and retweet on X. This social media awareness drive attempted to curb HIV and support to people suffering from AIDS. The poster included causes of HIV like unprotected sex, used syringes, and others. It explained symptoms including fever and fatigue. It also had a page for preventive measures like having safe sex and using sterilised needles. Many volunteers took part in this social media drive by posting stories and status. They also retweeted and reposted our posts on official social media handles. They were also asked to forward it to their family and friends' group to broaden the reach of the cause.

International human rights day

National Service Scheme Cell of St Joseph's University, Indian Social Institute (ISI), South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM) and various like-minded organisations, colleges, and individuals came together to organise a ten-day event from December 1 to December 10 every year over the last decade. On December 10, 2023, an event was hosted by St Joseph's University to commemorate International Human Rights Day from 10 am to 6 pm. 17 volunteers of NSS were a part of this event as well. The programme began with a cultural performance and activities for slum children. The volunteers played games with them and sang songs as well. A short break was taken for lunch after which a session was conducted on Human Rights. The event ended after the valedictory and oath taking. A human chain was

formed for solidarity.

Annual rural camp selections

NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University conducted a camp selection process for the students who wished to participate in the Annual Rural Camp 2024 programme of NSS. The camp selection process was held from January 6, 2024, to January 10, 2024, and involved various activities to test the fitness, cultural, and social skills of the volunteers. The camp selection process was divided into three phases. The fitness test was conducted on January 6, 2024, at the BBMP playground at 1:00 pm. The volunteers had to undergo physical exercises such as running, sprint, push-ups, and plank. The cultural selections were conducted on January 9, 2024, at the Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. The volunteers showcased their talents in various cultural activities such as singing, dancing, skit. Volunteers performed the cultural activity in Kannada. The Fieldwork selections was conducted on January 10, 2024, at the nearby University premises. The volunteers participated in a social service activity of cleaning the surroundings. The cleanliness drive was aimed at assessing the social responsibility, empathy, and leadership of the volunteers. The camp selection process was supervised and evaluated by a panel of NSS teachers-in-charge.

Annual athletic meet

On January 19, 2024, the Department of Physical Education conducted the 140 Annual Athletic Meet in which NSS volunteers contingent marched on the ground. Volunteers were instructed to assemble at 7 am for a final rehearsal. Around 30 volunteers from NSS Unit 4 took part in the march past. The programme started around 8:40 am with welcoming of the dignitaries followed by the marching of various contingents. The NSS contingent consisted of around 60 volunteers. The march past went on for twenty minutes followed by oath taking by the flag bearers. Later, few achievers from sports department went around the ground carrying the torch. Followed by this, there were various athletic competitions. A group photo of NSS Unit 4 volunteers along with the Programme Coordinator was taken in front of NSS office.

National voters' day

National Voters' Day is observed on January 25 every year. NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University celebrated National Voters' Day on January 26, 2024, to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of

India and to promote the electoral participation of the citizens. The Unit organised activities to create awareness and enthusiasm among the volunteers and the public about the importance of voting and democracy. The celebration started with the pledge ceremony, where the NSS volunteers took the National Voters Day pledge to uphold the democratic values and exercise their franchise in a free and fair manner. The pledge was administered by Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, who also addressed the gathering and highlighted the role and responsibility of the voters in strengthening the democracy. As an awareness activity, the 67 NSS volunteers conducted a survey among the students and the nearby residents to assess their level of awareness and satisfaction about the electoral process and the functioning of the government. The results showed that most of the respondents were aware of the basic electoral procedures and their voting rights, but there were some issues and concerns regarding the accessibility, transparency, and accountability of the electoral system and the government. The event lasted from 11 am to 11:30 am.



Republic day

Republic Day was celebrated at St Joseph's University on January 26, 2024. The event began

around 8:20 am in the University Ground. The event was attended by Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, deans, faculty members, staff, and students of different associations. At 8:25 am the Vice-Chancellor inspected the Guard of honour. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor, followed by the singing of the national anthem and the reading of the national pledge. Then, the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor greeted the gathering. This was followed by the Piping Ceremony. The NCC cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron were awarded with their ranks by the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor addressed the students. They urged the students to uphold the values of democracy, secularism, and justice enshrined in the Constitution and contribute to the nation's progress. The celebrations concluded with National Salute at 9:30 am.

National integration camp – Hosadurga

The National Integration Camp, held between January 24, 2024, to January 30, 2024, by Government Polytechnic, Hosadurga, was attended by four volunteers. The camp was inaugurated on January 24 by Mr BM Govindappa, MLA, Hosadurga, and Mr Sunil R, Principal, Government Polytechnic, Hosadurga. The ceremony commenced with the watering of a sapling. Mr Govindappa emphasised the significance of serve, meaning to serve, in fostering unity and cooperation among individuals and communities. On the second day a flag hoisting ceremony and a yoga session by Mr Tyagiswaranand Swami, followed by breakfast, began the day. Participants prepared for an awareness drive advocating plastic reduction, donning traditional attire to embrace cultural diversity. The next day being Republic Day, the camp hoisted the flag, followed by a speech by Mr Sunil, after which a trip was taken to the Chitradurga Fort. The next day focused on personality development led by Mr Tyagiswaranand. The chief guest for the ceremony was Mr Ramalingappa, Member, Gram Panchayat. Participants engaged in educational sessions and cultural activities, culminating in cultural programmes and reflections on the day's experiences. On the fifth day, Mr JC Rajashekar, Personality Development Trainer, led a session in the morning including cultural exchanges and a Deepotsava ceremony. The next day saw developments in understanding and furthering teamwork. The session was led by Mr Naveen Kumar, Personality Development Trainer, who taught various skills including goal setting, time management,

mindfulness and stress management, confidence building, and interpersonal skills. The camp ended on January 30 with a valedictory.

Annual rural camp

On January 28, 2024, 42 volunteers were greeted by Fr Denzil E Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology. Around 9 am, the volunteers left and reached Jaalamangala, Ramanagara, by 11 am. The inauguration was conducted near Laxmi Narayanaswami Temple at 6 pm. After dinner, volunteers were divided into six teams. All volunteers were assigned manual work every day after morning exercise and breakfast. On the first day, volunteers cleaned a dry drain, government hospital, campus, and held a plastic drive. Later, they had an activity by Dr Vignesh, NSS Programme Coordinator, NSS Unit 4, on team building. There was an awareness programme on Public Hygiene. The next day, volunteers cleaned a wet drain, government hospital, campus, and held a plastic drive, followed by an activity by Ms Tulika Bhattacharya, Member, NSS Unit 4, on various topics like AI and time management. The next day saw the same activities. On February 1, volunteers also planted seeds. Ms Sara Kutty, Member, NSS Unit 4, led a session on women empowerment, followed by a skit. The next day, volunteers went on a hike, followed by a cleanup activity. Dr Magesh, Member, NSS Unit 4, led an activity on building the ideal village. The next day, a session was led by Ms Veena Nirmala R, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, who tested team coordination and life skills, following which students enjoyed a bonfire. On February 4, the valedictory started at 10 am in front of the Laxmi Narayanaswami Temple. Volunteers left the campsite around 12:30 pm, and reached college by 3 pm.



World cancer day

NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University celebrated the World Cancer Day on February 5, 2024, to raise awareness and inspire action against the global cancer epidemic. The Unit organised an event to educate and empower the volunteers about the prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer. The event was conducted in N107, New Block, at 8:30 am. The event began with a welcome speech followed by the introduction of the guest speaker Dr Anthony Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, who delivered a lecture on the current scenario and challenges of cancer in India and the world. He also explained about the different types of cancer and their effects. The event concluded with a vote of thanks at 9:15 am. It was attended by 18 students.

Prayaag

The inter-collegiate fest, Prayaag, was held over the span of two days, from February 15, 2024, to February 16, 2024. Embracing the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' meaning the world is one family, the fest aimed to encourage and promote youth involvement in societal affairs. On February 15, the day commenced with the inaugural ceremony, where Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of the theme in today's globalised world. Various events were conducted like photography, skit, group dance, case analysis, art and depict and plane crash. On February 16, there were events like JAM, quiz, chalk art, collage, debate, treasure hunt, cultural show, face painting, and short. Volunteers showcased their talents through various forms of art, be it music, drama, or recitation. The day concluded with the valedictory ceremony. The events were conducted between 9 am and 6 pm, attended by 115 participants.

Literacy and women empowerment

NSS Unit 4 organised an event focused on literacy and women empowerment, highlighting the transformative power of education in women's lives on February 27, 2024. The event took place in the Conference Hall, Magis Block, at 3:30 pm, and was attended by 39 volunteers. To make the event more exciting and engage volunteers in participation, they were divided into teams of seven. The event featured skits performed by NSS volunteers, addressing critical themes such as literacy at home, gender equality, financial literacy, and the role of literacy in preventing violence against women. Volunteers were given about 30 minutes for the preparation for their skits.

Volunteers actively took part and came up with unique ways of representation. After the skit performed the teams, the teacher in charge Ms Sara Kutty, Member, NSS Unit 4, evaluated the performances and announced the team which performed well to its topic objective. The event ended at 5 pm.

SEC orientation

NSS Unit 4 organised an SEC Orientation for its 43 volunteers on March 12, 2024, in the AV Room, Arrupe Block. Skill Enhancement Course is a compulsory course for students. The orientation programme started by 8:10 am and all the first years were briefed about the roles and responsibilities of being a volunteer under this course. The event was presided by Dr Vignesh G, NSS Programme Officer, Unit 4. The overall agenda and marking scheme of SEC was discussed. The calendar of events was also discussed and the volunteers were asked to select any slot out of the two available slots. One slot was on Monday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and the other was on Friday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The volunteers present selected their slots that were convenient for them and this marked the end of the event. The event closed at 9:30 am.

Personality development (SEC)

The first class for Slot Two SEC was held on March 15, 2024 at 8:10 am by Ms Sarah Kutty, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. Attendance was taken followed by an icebreaking session where all the students introduced themselves. The topic, personality development, was introduced. The discussion centred around difficulties a student faces and the importance of various key qualities such as time management, discipline, cooperation, team player, leadership skills, importance of self-confidence, and emotional intelligence. After the discussion the speaker made the students take the 16 Personality Factor Questionnaire and asked analyse the results. After the test, the volunteers were asked to find different solutions for the water crisis Bengaluru faces. After the summation of the solutions and the importance of personality development, the class ended at 9:55 am.

Constitution day

NSS Unit 4 organised an event on March 15, 2024, in the Conference Hall, Magis Block, from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm, to commemorate Constitution Day. The event was an interactive session by Dr Manohar, Retired Professor, St Joseph's University, and Lawyer.

He currently teaches slum kids in KS Garden. Dr Manohar pointed out the sheer negligence of citizens in our society about the Constitution and stated that the Constitution is in danger. He addressed various factors and situations where Constitution holds power only when a person is aware about it. He insisted volunteers to observe things and raise their voice when needed. The event was attended by 66 students.

Paper bag distribution

NSS Unit 4 organised a paper bag distribution as part of SEC for its 40 students. Volunteers were asked to assemble at 9:00 am in the morning at the Quadrangle. They were divided into five teams and each team was given an hour of time to prepare bags out of newspaper. One set of volunteers helped in arranging the documents. Another set of volunteers helped in cleaning the unit store room in the Science Block Basement. After an hour, a total of 1139 paper bags were made by the teams. The teacher-in-charge instructed the volunteers to distribute the prepared paper bags to street vendors near the university premises. The volunteers left the college premises and distributed the bags to vendors like vegetable vendors, tea shops, and provision stores. The students returned at 12 pm.

Climate change (SEC)

On March 18, 2024, NSS Unit 4 conducted the first SEC session for UG first-year student volunteers. 20 students gathered in classroom 111, PG Block. The session commenced at 4:30 pm. Led by Dr Tulika Bhattacharya, Member, NSS Unit 4, the discussion focused on the critical issue of climate change. Ms Tulika initiated the session by explaining the fundamentals of climate change, its causative factors, and its profound impacts on human existence. After this, volunteers were divided into five groups, each tasked with exploring a specific aspect of climate change such as its economic consequences, effects on human health, environmental effects, gender disparities, and more. Collaboratively, volunteers brainstormed and formulated key points on their assigned topics. The culmination of the session saw representatives from each group delivering presentations explaining the findings and insights garnered by their respective teams. The session concluded at 6:30 pm.

Language skills (SEC)

The second class for Slot Two SEC was conducted on March 22, 2024 at 8:05 am by Dr Guru Datta, Member,

NSS Unit 4. His class was attended by 20 students. The topic for the day was importance of language skills in everyday life. He discussed the importance of having language and speaking skills, and how language plays a major role in socialisation and communication. He spoke about the importance of learning Hindi in India. He also talked about how language skills have an important part in a student's life and the importance it will have in the future. The speaker gave the volunteers an activity to communicate with other college and know their opinions regarding the upcoming election without any hate or favours to any political party or leader. The volunteers were given the liberty to communicate in Hindi, English, or Kannada. For this activity, volunteers were divided into groups and each had a conversation to some students on the topic. The session ended after taking attendance at 9:10 am and then the class was dispersed for the assigned activity.

Food for the needy

All Units of NSS collaborated to organise an event focused on helping the needy by providing food on March 23, 2024. The volunteers accompanied by Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, arrived at the food preparation site at 10 am and started preparing the food by 10:20 am. After the food was prepared, it was packed into boxes and packets. Volunteers from all five units went out to distribute the food packets to the needy. One set of volunteers went to Majestic, the other volunteers went to Lalbagh, Shivajinagar, Shanti Nagar and Ejipura to distribute curd rice to the needy. Various people on streets were given food packets. People in slums, bus stands, signals and others were also given food packets. The event came to an end at Lalbagh around 4 pm, and all the volunteers returned to their homes. There were 16 volunteers from Unit 4.

Importance of giving back to society (SEC)

The SEC class, conducted on March 25, 2024 was conducted by Dr Guru Datta, Member, NSS Unit 4, in classroom S203, Science Block, from 4:30 pm to 6 pm. He made sure the volunteers understood the importance of giving back to society and how it shapes us as individuals. The volunteers learnt about empathy, teamwork, and leadership—skills that go way beyond the classroom. Through discussions and activities, volunteers got to explore their own strengths and weaknesses, becoming more self-aware in the process and the speaker made it easy for volunteers to speak up and be themselves. The volunteers did not just walk away with practical skills, by the end of the video lectures too, volunteers felt empowered to make a difference in the communities through a multilateral learning approach. The class was attended by 17 students.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

NSS UNIT 5

Inauguration and investiture ceremony

The inauguration and investiture ceremony was held on August 15, 2023, in the University Auditorium from 11 am to 1 pm. The event was graced by the presence of Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and chief guest Mr Rajesh S Kallaje, IFS Deputy Director, Chief Conservator of Forest, Government of India. Mr Rajesh began the occasion with the lamp lighting ceremony. The 20 volunteers present pledged to serve their communities selflessly, uphold the values of NSS, and actively contribute to the betterment of society. The NSS anthem was played, followed by a dance. Later, another dance was performed for the occasion of Independence Day. Mr Rajesh was called upon the stage where he spoke about not restricting oneself to just social services but also academics. He talked about writing competitive exams for one's own personal development. After this, Dr Hanumantharayappa, NSS Programme Officer, NSS Unit 1, also delivered an inaugural address, emphasising the importance of community service, the role of youth in nation-building, and the impact that NSS can have on society. The ceremony included the investiture of the council members who would take up responsibilities within the NSS, such as coordinators, secretaries, and presidents. The NSS council members were bestowed with their badges on stage.

Independence day

Independence Day Ceremony was celebrated by NSS and NCC on the University Grounds from 7:45 am to 11:30 am, on August 15, 2023, attended by 20 volunteers. The centrepiece of the ceremony was the hoisting of the Indian national flag and the national anthem. The NCC cadets formed a guard of honour during the flag hoisting ceremony. The ceremony included performances of patriotic songs, dances, and skits that celebrate the spirit of freedom and unity. Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, delivered speeches that reflected on the significance of Independence. The NCC cadets showcased their discipline and precision through a well-coordinated march past. The Piping ceremony also was a part of the event. Here, NCC badges for the guard of honour were handed out by our respected dignitaries. NSS volunteers took a pledge to uphold

the values of service, social responsibility, and active participation in community development. After the event, refreshments were provided to participants and attendees.

NMT's job fair for senior citizens

The Job Fair for Senior Citizens was organised by the Nightingales Medical Trust in association with the Rotary Club. NMT was established in 2011 to provide a financially independent life for employable retired elders by enabling them to re-enter the job market or become self-employed. These job seekers are between 55-65 years of age, are physically fit and from varied backgrounds and regions. To provide an avenue for senior citizens to get suitable jobs, Nightingales Medical Trust conducts annual Job Fairs to connect employers to senior job seekers. The Job Fair for Senior Citizens this year was planned for August 20, 2023. 622 elderly job seekers participated and 321 of them were shortlisted for jobs by 23 employers who participated. This programme was completely free for employers as well as job seekers. The volunteers reported at Arrupe Block and New Block. There was a karaoke booth where people could relax. Refreshments were also provided by NIMHANS. 10 volunteers from NSS worked hard from 7:45 am to 4:30 pm to assist the elderly.

Blood donation camp

In collaboration with Lion's Blood Bank, St Joseph's University's NSS and NCC wings, and Youth Red Cross, a blood donation camp was conducted on August 25, 2023, from 9 am to 9 pm at Xavier Hall, PG Block, and the Auditorium. This event aimed to contribute to the cause of saving lives through voluntary blood donations. The camp attracted a diverse group of donors, including students, staff, and members of the local community. All students were encouraged to donate. NSS volunteers, in collaboration with medical professionals, ensured the smooth operation of the event. The camp featured a well-organised layout, including registration areas, donation booths, refreshments, and a post-donation rest area. The Blood Donation Camp organised by NSS was a remarkable success, showcasing the spirit of service and compassion within our community. There were 20 volunteers from Unit 5.

Walkathon – heartbeat hustle

NSS organised a Walkathon on with the theme 'Walk for a Healthy Heart' on August 27, 2023, held between 8 am to 10 am. The event was aimed to raise awareness

about heart diseases and promote a healthy lifestyle within the community. The event was attended by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, who handed a memento to the chief guest Mr Suresh Ramu. Dr Samarth Arya, SPARSH Hospital, also attended the event. Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Programme Coordinator and other NSS programme officers were also present. 40 volunteers took part in the walkathon. The event featured a designated route from St Joseph's University to Kanteerava Stadium and back to campus again. Safety measures and medical support were provided for. Participants were provided with healthy refreshments and access to water stations along the route.

National sports day

On August 29, 2023, NSS celebrated National Sports Day at Kanteerava Stadium from 8:30 am to 12 pm. 11 volunteers participated in the various games held. The theme for the year was 'Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society.' Volunteers and participants were handed out t-shirts, and last-minute additions to games were allowed. 28 games were held, and food and refreshments were also provided.

Trekking expedition camp selections

The trekking expedition camp selections were held in the University Grounds on September 9, 2023, from 10 am to 5:30 pm. It was attended by ten volunteers. The trekking camp selection process involved a thorough and multi-stage assessment to ensure that the chosen participants were physically prepared and mentally equipped for the trek. The selection process began with a physical fitness test that included checkups on prior trekking experience, motivation, and potential to foster a positive and collaborative camp environment. In the physical tests, participants were supposed to run seven laps of the field. They were further tested on long jump, throwball and sprinting.

International democracy day

Eight volunteers joined Mr Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister, Karnataka, in reading the preamble of the Indian Constitution on September 15, 2023, celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Democracy, from 10 am to 12 pm in the Vidhana Soudha. Mr Siddaramaiah, who presided over the programme, said many nations have accepted democracy and provided administration per democratic systems. The democracy in India has evolved since ancient times. Volunteers became aware of the Constitution and its preamble. The CM also said that reading of

the preamble would encourage people to develop secular ideals, and ensure they practise equality amid diversity.

Shramadaan

Shramadaan Day was organised on October 1, 2023, from 10 am to 12 pm, for 11 volunteers and all NSS Units. The volunteers assembled at the college main gate and walked till Lalbagh West Gate. On the way, volunteers assisted the civil female workers and conversed with them to be more aware of the current conditions of the city and their rigorous work. On reaching the Lalbagh West Gate, the volunteers cleaned the surroundings and collected the plastic waste in the garbage bags. They dug the soil, planted plants and mini trees. Volunteers were also provided with refreshments. Shramadaan activities included the cleaning of residential colonies and public places, learning of civil workers work of cleaning of drains, public toilets, and waste collection.

Joy of giving back to the soil

The Joy of Giving Back to the Soil event, held on October 10, 2023, from 10 am to 4:30 pm in the University Garden, was attended by 25 volunteers. It aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices through the creation of seed balls and informative posters. Volunteers enthusiastically engaged in the process of creating seed balls. The activity involved mixing clay, compost, and a variety of seeds to form small balls that would later be dispersed in designated areas. Simultaneously, another group of volunteers expressed their creativity by designing informative posters. These posters highlighted the importance of soil conservation, the benefits of seed balls, and general environmental conservation practices. Once the seed balls were ready, volunteers took to various areas within the campus to distribute them strategically. The posters created by volunteers were prominently displayed at the event venue and in community spaces. The event successfully brought together volunteers with a shared passion for environmental conservation. The combination of hands-on activities, informative sessions, and community engagement resulted in a meaningful impact. The distribution of seed balls and the display of informative posters served as a tangible contribution towards creating a greener and more aware community.

Debate competition – national unity day

The Debate Competition, held in the New Block from

4 pm to 5 pm on October 31, 2023, centred around National Unity Day. The objective was to encourage insightful discussions, foster a deeper understanding of the significance of unity, and inspire a sense of collective responsibility among the participants. Ten volunteers were encouraged to share their perspectives on how unity contributes to national progress. They were divided into teams, each presenting arguments and counter-arguments based on the theme. The debates covered aspects such as cultural diversity, regional integration, and the role of youth in shaping a united India. It concluded with a call to action, urging participants to carry the spirit of unity forward in their communities.

National youth day lecture

NSS Unit 5 held a National Youth Day Lecture at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, on January 16, 2024. Held between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, the lecture focused on gender equality and the need for its acceptance by society. The guest speaker for the day was Mr Aadithya Rnath, who critical analysed the current societal culture and the evolution of acceptance of gender in society.

Republic day

On January 26, 2024, NSS and NCC celebrated Republic Day in the University Grounds from 7:50 am to 10 am. After the NSS pledge, the national anthem was played. The national flag was hoisted and unfurled, following which the chief guests handed over NCC laurels and NSS volunteers and programme officers were acknowledged. The guests for the day were Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

Prayaag

Prayaag, an inter-collegiate fest encouraged

youth involvement in societal affairs. The fest saw participation from around 90 colleges across the city. Volunteers and council members gained experience from different events of Prayaag. The logistics, event management requirements and refreshments etc were managed by our unit members. On-spot registrations were also available. The chief guests, Dr Pratap Lingaiah and Dr D Cathigueane spoke impactfully in their respective speeches on both days of the fest. The theme for Prayaag was Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam or Colours of Harmony. Events held included photography, skits, chalk art, face painting, plane crash, collage, short film, and jam. The inauguration was held from 9 am to 10:30 am on February 15, 2024. Events were held until 3 pm. On the second day the stalls were put up. Events were held between 10 am to 3 pm, following which the valedictory was held until 5:45 pm on February 16, 2024.

Rural integration camp

On March 13, 2024, the students left Bengaluru for Gadag, and reached Karnataka Rural State Development and Panchayat Raj University (KRSDPU), who were hosting the rural integration camp. After checking in, a small procession was held, imitating the Sabarmati demonstration. The procession continued till the Auditorium, where the Vice-Chancellor, faculty, and students, welcomed the four NSS volunteers. After the welcome speech and invocation dance, two lectures were held on one's responsibility in saving the environment, and on saving water and birds. After lunch all the students were divided into 5 different groups namely, Ganga, Yamuna, Godhavari, and Kaveri. The day ended with a lecture. The next day began with a flag hoisting and a brief report on the previous day's activities. This was followed by a yoga and fitness session, and a shramadaan session. Following this was a brief session and lunch. The evening saw cultural activities. The camp ended on March 20, 2024, and the students returned to Bengaluru via train.



SJU QUIZ CLUB

Anime quiz

Otakus from all around campus assembled on November 16, 2023, in A314, Arrupe Block, at 1 pm, as SJU Quizzers held the Anime Quiz, the last weekly quiz of the semester. Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, set the questions for this event. It was hosted by the office bearers, and was attended by 28 teams. Ranvir and Mohammad came first. While two teams ended up with four points, it was Manju & Shweta who finished second and Aryan & Abhishek placing third.

Food quiz

On January 11, 2024, students poured into A314, Arrupe Block, at 1 pm for the Food Quiz, set by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. Dr Arul Mani was welcomed with a round of applause by the 36 participants present, and started the quiz with a bonus question about Turkish food. The winners were Eshana and Manas, followed by Arsheya and Prasthana finishing second. Nammaha Gupta finished third.

Music quiz

SJU Quizzers, the quizzing association of St Joseph's University, held its second weekly quiz for the even semester with the Music Quiz, held on January 18, 2024, in A314, Arrupe Block, at 1 pm. The quiz masters tested the audience, a crowd of 45, with ten questions, spanning from Indian classical music to songs that were created by dogs. First place was won by I MA students, Tony and Kevin, while Sunidhi Arekere, also of I MA, came second. Third place was won by three teams, Aryan and Devyani, Shruthi and Sanjana, and Spandan and Ruth.

Arty detours

The afternoon of January 20, 2024, started off strong for the SJU Quiz Club as Arty Detours, the first open quiz of the even semester kicked off at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. Beginning at 2:30 pm, the event was attended by 18 participants. A written quiz for teams of two, the event presented 40 questions to the crowd in attendance. The quizmasters were Ms Nikitha Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages

and Literatures. The quiz included questions on Renaissance classics, Warli art and more. Anustup and Udupa won first place. Jaidev and Supratim, and Venky and Subrat won second and third place respectively.

Askqance last place I

Askqance Last Place, a successor to Askqance Just Miss was held on January 20, 2024, at 4:30 pm in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Hall. 36 teams of two, both open and college categories, answered a set of 20 questions made by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. After navigating polar bears, airlifts and more, the top eight teams were teamed into eight quartets as the finals began. Beginning with a cryptid round surrounding the Mughals, the finals had two rounds titled Clockwise and Anticlockwise. The winners of the quiz were Parth from APU in the college category, and Anustup and Udupa in the open category. In second were Anuj and Suhas from PESU, and Venky and Subrat. Karthik and Shreyas from SJU, and Jaidev and Supratim won third place.



Fruits quiz

The Quiz Club conducted its weekly quiz, themed around fruits, on January 25, 2024, at 1 pm in A314, Arrupe Block. Attended by 17 participants, the quiz, consisting of ten questions, was conducted by an office bearer. Prarthana and Andrea won first place, while Anush and Ananya, and Denzel and Sunidhi came second.

Bengaluru quiz

SJU Quiz Club held the Bengaluru Quiz on February 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm in A314, Arrupe Block. 18 quizzers tried to identify specific places in the city, and

explored iconic eateries around college like Makkah Café. Shweta and Arya won first place, while Nasween and Shifa came second. Bhoomika and Arya won third place.

Guesstalt

The Quiz Club of St Joseph's University began the month with a general quiz, Guesstalt, open only to school and college teams. This quiz was created and hosted by alumni quizzers Rohit R and Venkataraman R alongside Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. Attended by 28 teams, the quiz was held in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, on February 3, 2024, at 11 am. Eight teams made it to the finals after the written preliminary round. The finals had multiple rounds. In the end, Pranav and Vaishnav from PESU grabbed the first place, Aditya and Adithya from RVCE came second, and Udayan and Shashank from RVCE came in third. Samartha and Sriniketh from RVCE received a special mention.

Who news

Blue Pencil began with Who News on February 3, 2024, in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, at 3:30 pm, inviting high school students for the first time in the intercollegiate competition. The event was organised by Nous, Association for Journalism and News Arts, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with the Quiz Club under the Department of English. Participants came from PES University, Christ (Deemed to be) University, RV College of Engineering, St Joseph's College of Law, IISc, SJCC, Jyoti Nivas College, Jain University, and St Joseph's University, along with JSS Public School (in the school category). The Quiz Master, Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, curated a set of 28 questions for 23 teams of two, which was also graced by the presence of several quizzers under the Karnataka Quiz Association. The third place was bagged by Udayan Mishra and Shashank Shenoy of RV College of Engineering, The second place by Aditya S and Adithya Acharya of RV College of Engineering, and the first place by Pranav K and Vaishnav Mohan of PES University. JSS Public School received a special mention.

Ottaku

The Ottaku quiz was held by the SJU Quiz Club in collaboration with the Literary Society under the Department of English, as part of Meta in A314, Arrupe Block, at 3 pm on February 17, 2024. It had 27 registered teams. The first two sets were conducted by the office bearers, and the third set by Dr Arul

Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. The Quiz Masters read out the questions and occasionally provided clues to the participants. The questions ranged from futuristic shows, recreations, authors from Meta who made cameos in niche films, to movies documenting historical events. Peter Panchali, Debanjan Bose, and Rohit Rao secured first place, while Shweta Philip and Shruthi came in second. Raouf A and Venky Srinivasan won third place.

Bookends

Bookends began a little after Ottaku ended, at 4:30 pm in A314, Arrupe Block, on February 17, 2024. About fifteen college teams and twenty open teams were present. The prelims, conducted by office bearers began at 4:55 pm. The prelims looked at film adaptations of books, and radio shows on Martian invasions. After a 15-minute break, the finals were held at 6 pm. The eight teams that qualified moved to the front. The finals were conducted by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Ms Nikhita Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English, contributed five questions each. Two of the rounds were written. Teams that could crack the theme for a particular round were given ten extra points. The quiz ended at 7:50 pm. Keshav and Nishanth won first place, Avinash and Nagaratna won second place, and Jaidev and Shenoy won third place.

Amor and tongues

Amor and Tongues, a quiz by the Quiz Club, was held on March 9, 2024, in A314, Arrupe Block, at 3:30 pm. The emcee introduced the event and gave instructions on how to go about the quiz to the 11 teams present. The participants had to write down their estimated answers on sheets of paper. It was a duo and solo event. The questions were curated by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures. There was a total of 42 questions. The questions were based on the origin of languages and words. Raouf and Subhadeep won first place, followed by Rijul and Abhijeet, and Abhay and Rahul, in second and third place respectively.

Eve-ntually

Eve-ntually, the general quiz for women was attended by nine teams. It took place at 4:30 pm on March 9, 2024, in A314, Arrupe Block. The questions were set by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor,

Coordinator, Communicative English and Theatre Studies, Department of English, and Ms Nadika Nadja, Visiting Faculty, Department of English. The final written round featured Disney favourites Pocahontas and Mary Poppins as statues to be identified. After four rounds, the quiz ended with Aru Shukla and Riddhima Nag, a team from Christ (Deemed to be) University in third place, a promising solo school participant, Jyothsna Vadivel in second place, and Arya and Shweta of St Joseph's University coming in first.

YA book quiz

SJU Quiz Club held its fifth weekly quiz of the semester with the Young Adult Books Quiz at 1 pm on March 14, 2024, at A314, Arrupe Block. The quiz had ten questions surrounding literature that shaped teenage years, with questions ranging from the spells of Harry Potter to the mythical world of Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson. The quiz saw a participation of 21 students. Sanjana and Mohammad won first place, while Aditi and David secured second. Samanwita and Nadana earned the third spot.

Weird-e-alam

At 6 pm on March 15, 2024, ten open and eight college teams scabbled around to solve the mysteries of Weird-e-alam in A314, Arrupe Block. The quiz was set by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, and hosted by The Linguistics Society in association with The Quiz Club. It featured 55 anagrams, cryptic clues, and etymological questions across various languages apart from English, including Persian, Sanskrit, Latin, Italian and German. The evening concluded with the valedictory at 7:30 pm. Anustup and Karthik won first place, Shiv and Urmila won second place, and Keerthana and Pranava won third place.

Taylor Swift quiz

21 teams of two congregated in A314, Arrupe Block, on 22 March, 2024, at 1 pm for the Taylor Swift quiz, the sixth weekly quiz by SJU Quiz Club. The ten questions asked dived deep into the musical catalogue of the megastar. Making a conscious decision to avoid the details of her personal life that the media obsesses over, quizzers were forced to remember albums and their inspirations. Questions spanned from the appearances of Taylor Swift songs in movies to her ubiquitous 2022 Eras tour. Nandhana and Sweekriti won the quiz, with Zainab and Mary coming second. Aneega and Shweta secured third place.

Magister

Magister is the solo quizzing championship organised by the SJU Quiz Club in collaboration with the Karnataka Quizzing Association. Following the MAGISTERial tradition of having alumni setters and quiz masters, this year the club had six alumni setters. The quiz began at 5 pm, on March 22, 2024, with over 33 participants in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The quiz began with a set of 15 questions on popular culture, and general knowledge. The quiz had 65 questions in total, with the last 30 being two-pointers. The session was conducted by Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, Ms Nadika Nadja, Visiting Faculty, Department of English, and alumni Rohit R, Venkataraman R, and Avinash TN. The best open quizzer was Sachin Deshpande. Pranava from SJU won best college quizzer. The best school quizzer was won by Jyothsna Vadivel from Presidency school. Shweta Philip won best woman quizzer.

Fashion quiz

The Quiz Club conducted a fashion quiz on March 28, 2024, at 1 pm in A314, Arrupe Block. Attended by ten teams of two, the questions looked at the various items of fashion people wore throughout the world. Manas and Karthik won first place, with Sunidhi and Jaden at second place. Arya and Shweta came in third.



MRITYUNJAYA

Indian dance team – St Joseph’s University

Team Mrityunjaya, the official Indian dance team of St Joseph’s University, is headed by Ms Sushmitha Vincent Chemmannoor, Faculty Coordinator, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. The choreographer of the year is Mr Salim Khan from Dance Stories in Bangalore. The creation of the choreography for the year was based on the theme ‘India’ and the chosen song is “Phir Se Ud Chala” from Rockstar. The team consists of 17 members with different styles like Bollywood, classical, contemporary, folk, and freestyle.

The team participated in numerous intercollegiate fests including Cambridge Institute of Technology, Mount Carmel College, Jyothi Nivas, BMS College of Law, St Joseph’s College of Commerce, Hasnath Womens and Evening College, and Krupanidhi Group of Institutions. The team qualified in the preliminary round of IIT Kharagpur’s Spring Fest where the team stands as one among the top college level dance teams. The team also secured second position in Cambridge Institute of Technology and Jyothi Nivas College. The team also received special mention in various colleges. They have performed over ten in-house performances for various associations in the university. They have also performed for the launch and promotion of TedXSJU. Individually, team members have also placed first, second and third in various dance competitions.



UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations are in order...

Bembala Outreach Center received a token of appreciation from the government of Karnataka for their contributions to World Aids day programme in collaboration with the department of Health on December 1, 2023.

Ms Parinitha L Shinde from the School of Communication defended her PhD thesis titled "Impact of social media on news production and consumption: A case study of Bengaluru city" under the guidance of Dr Satyaprakash M Ramaiah from Kuvempu University.

Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar completed his Doctor of Philosophy at Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry, India. He was awarded his degree on November 15, 2023.

Dr Rita Pal from the School of Chemical Sciences secured the Vision Group of Science and Technology's grant of 20 lakhs for her project titled "Development of carbohydrate-based chiral bronsted acid catalyst and its application in asymmetric organic synthesis"

Ms Annie Syrien from the School of Information Technology defended her PhD thesis titled "Knowledge-based machine learning algorithms for opinion mining and sentiment analysis in social media" under the supervision of Dr M Hanumanthappa from Bangalore University.

A commendable number of nine students from the School of Languages and Literature cleared NET in the last cycle of exams held in December 2023

Ms Shilpa Sajeev from the School of Languages and Literature defended her PhD thesis titled "Interrogating the 'post' in the postdramatic: Reading contemporary Indian theatre practices" under the guidance of Dr Ipshita Chanda from EFLU, Hyderabad.

Mr Prasanna S B from the School of Languages and

Literature defended his PhD thesis titled "Critical study on Patanjali's Ashanga Yoga in congruence with Vyasabhashya" under the guidance of Dr C Palaiah from Karnataka Sanskrit University.

Ms Sabbah Qamri from the School of Languages and Literature defended her PhD thesis titled "An exploration of dialectal intelligibility and second dialect acquisition in Assamese" under the supervision of Dr Surabhi Bharati from EFLU, Hyderabad.

Ms Roshni Sharma from the School of Humanities defended her PhD thesis titled "Refugee women: Negotiating womanness, identity, and refugeehood" under the guidance of Dr Priyanca Mathur from Jain (deemed-to-be) University.

Ms Mrudhusha Mohanan from the School of Communication defended her PhD thesis titled "Hedonic motivation and social influence impacting young Instagram users' travel intention: A technology acceptance model perspective" under the supervision of Dr Suraj Kushe Shekhar from Vellore Institute of Technology.

Mr Marudhu Pandian from the School of Communication defended his PhD thesis titled "The influence of video-on-demand on visual narrative and aesthetics: An analysis of television series" under the guidance of Dr Sathyaprakash M R from Kuvempu University.

Mr Nevil Pradeep D'Souza from the School of Communication defended his PhD thesis titled "The effectiveness of teacher perception of using media technology in education: Special focus on augmented reality as a tool of communication" under the supervision of Dr Bhargavi D Hemmige from Jain (deemed-to-be) University.

Ms Vidhya B from the School of Business defended her PhD thesis titled "A study on CSR in private banking sector: Pre and post Companies Act 2013 with special reference to Bangalore" under the guidance of Dr Lily David from St Joseph's University.

In Education World's private autonomous colleges' ranking, our university is ranked second in India and first in Karnataka.

Ms Neole Anna Cornelio of I JPY was part of the Bronze medal winning 4x100 relay team representing India at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships held in April.

Congratulations to Dr Neil Tannen from the department of Political Science for securing a project worth 15 lakhs funded by the World Consortium for Political Science Research. He was also invited as subject expert-consultant on the theme of Garvi and Maha Gujarat for the newly envisioned Gujarat Vandana Museum at Sardar Patel Statue of Unity, Ektanagar, under the aegis of the Government of Gujarat.

The University also featured in The Week's rankings for educational institutions across categories

Rendezvous..

Jesuits from St Joseph's College, Trichy, visited our university

Shri Ram Nath Kovind, ex-President of the Government of India, visited our university for Open Heart

Dr Adam Fagan from King's College, London dropped by

The Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot visited our university to felicitate Director General of CSIR N Kalaiselvi



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Hearty Congratulations

Kudos to **Dr Rita Pal** for this remarkable achievement!

Dr Rita Pal secured the Vision Group of Science and Technology (VGST) grant of Rs 20 lakhs for her project entitled "Development of carbohydrate based Chiral bronsted acid catalyst and its application in asymmetric organic synthesis."



Private autonomous ASC colleges: State rankings



St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru students: Karnataka #1

Rank	India 2024	State 2024	Total score (700)
99	1	Jagannath Barooah College, Jorhat	432
106	2	North Lakhimpur College	424

Rank	India 2024	State 2024	Total score (700)
75	1	St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna	458
94	2	Patna Women's College	437

Rank	India 2024	State 2024	Total score (700)
48	1	MIER College of Education, Jammu	493
111	2	Islamia College of Science & Commerce, Srinagar	415

Rank	India 2024	State 2024	Total score (700)
16	1	PB Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, Vijayawada	547
34	2	Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada	516
38	3	St Durga Matlewara Siddhartha Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada	512
54	4	Ch. SD St. Theresa's College for Women, Eluru	482
71	5	Duvvuru Ramanamma Women's College, Nellore	464
75	6	St. Joseph's College of Education for Women, Guntur	458
76	7	Osmaria College, Kumool	457
76	7	Akkineni Nageswara Rao College, Krishna Dist (AP)	457
81	8	Jagarlamudi Kuppuswamy Choudary College, Guntur	452
94	9	St. Joseph's College for Women, Gnanapuram, Visakhapatnam	437
94	9	St. Yerramilli Narayana Murthy College, Narsapur, West Godavari	437
95	10	Maris Stella College, Vijayawada	436
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2	1	St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru	590
3	2	Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru	584
11	3	Presidency College, Bengaluru	560
13	4	Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru	554
33	5	Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru	517
36	6	JSS College for Women, Mysuru	514
46	7	The National College, Jayanagar, Bengaluru	496
61	8	St. Ann's College of Education (Women's), Mangaluru	475
64	9	Lingaraj College, Belagavi	471
69	10	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udupi	466
73	11	Indian Academy Degree College, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru	460
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77	13	PC Jabini Science College, Hubballi	456
84	14	NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, Bengaluru	449
85	15	JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mysuru	448
90	16	St. Philomena's College, Mysuru	442
92	17	SBRM Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru	440
93	18	AS Patil College of Commerce, Vijayapur	439
94	19	St. Agnes College, Mangaluru	437



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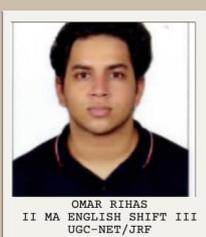
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Ranked 10th in the private/deemed multidisciplinary category for the South Zone.

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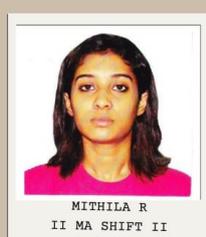
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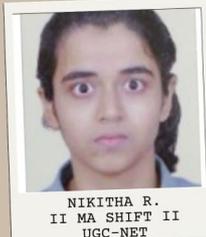


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Congratulations also to Prof. Gayathri Lakshmi
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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ms Deepika S from the department of Mathematics is blessed with a baby boy named Aaron Benedict on January 2, 2024.



Congratulations to Dr Suhas D P from the Department of Chemistry on his marriage to Sahana on February 11, 2024.



Ms Ayesha Mohammed from the department of Mathematics is blessed with a baby boy named Agasthya on December 7, 2023.



Mr P Michael, Accountant, is the proud father of a baby boy named M Ethan Leo, born on October 20, 2023.



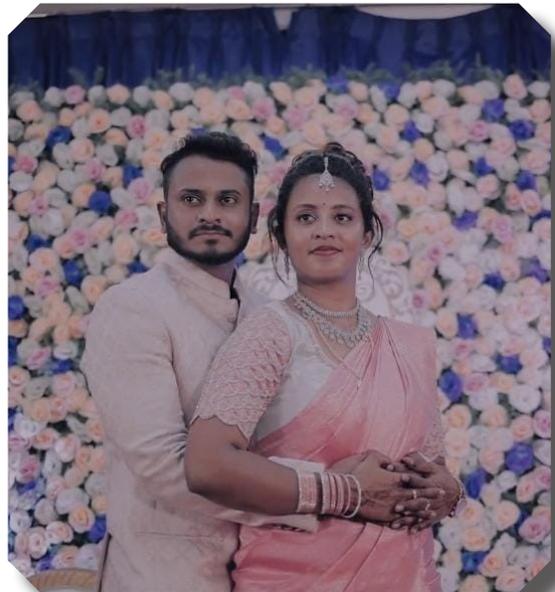
Ms Shiny KG from the department of English is blessed with a baby boy named John Thomas Cherian on January 4, 2024



Mr Prasanna Nirmal Raj, attender, School of Communication and Media Studies, is blessed with a baby boy named Auberon Savio on November 29, 2023.



Ms Sushmitha Vincent Chemmannoor from the department of Commerce is blessed with a baby boy named Jordan Caleb Immanuel on January 28, 2024.



Congratulations to Mr Justin Bernard G from the Accountant department on his marriage to Thanuja Y S on November 12, 2023.



Dr Preethi Sarah from the department of Management is blessed with a baby boy named Joshua Ashish Wilson on September 27, 2023

OBITUARY

Mr Venkateswara Rao Arthimalla, father of Jaswanth Arthimalla from the department of English passed away on November 24, 2023.

Ms Laxmi Devi (57), mother-in-law of Dr Gurudatta from the department of Hindi, passed away on November 28, 2023.

Mr Mani (74), father of Mr Saravana M, electrician, passed away on January 4, 2024.

Mr Walter D'Souza, who worked as our carpenter, passed away on January 5, 2024.

Mr Wilson Rodrigues (34), brother of Ms Vereena Rodrigues from the department of Biotechnology, passed away on January 6, 2024.

Mr Pedru Introz Siddi (57), retired attender from the department of Physical Education and the father of Mr Praveen Siddi, attender, passed away on January 12, 2024.

Ms Bhagyalakshmi (77), paternal aunt of Dr Poornima from the department of Kannada, passed away on January 19, 2024.

Mr George A P (63), father of Dr Jincy George from the department of Zoology, passed away on January 20, 2024.

Mr Santosh Naidu, a long-time patron of the department of English and husband of late Dr Barbra Naidu, former head of the department of English, passed away on February 22, 2024.

Mr Jayadeva passed away on March 5, 2024.

Mr Leo Pereira (68), brother of Mr Lawrence Albert Pereira from shift III, passed away on March 17, 2024.

Ms Leelavathy (92), maternal grandmother of Mr Ricky Wilfred G from the department of Physics, passed away on April 5, 2024.

Mr Nagaraju (51), father of Chandan, attender at Vice-Chancellor's office, passed away on April 17, 2024.

Mr Gnanapragassam (80), father of Fr Augustine Lourdu, Dean of the School of Social Work, passed away on April 20, 2024.

Mr Ashok (44), brother of Mr Velu from the support staff, passed away on April 22, 2024.

Ms Mythili Iyengar (93), mother-in-law of Mr Nagarajna from the department of Hindi passed away on May 14, 2024.

GALLERY



Shri Ram Nath Kovind, ex-President of India, sharing a light moment with the audience



A 'Genesis' moment



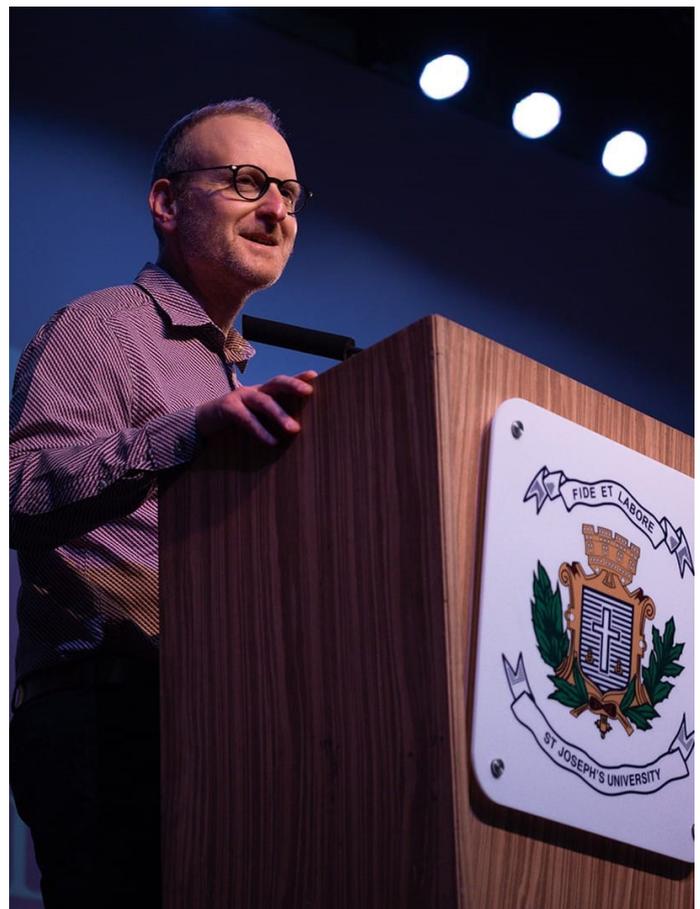
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Addressed the vibrant young minds at Open Heart - 2024, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Focus on excellence along with ethical values and a sense of service would shape the students of today into leaders of tomorrow.



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Shri Ram Nath Kovind's tweet after visiting our university



Prof Adam Fagan captivating spectators



Intended listening: Governor in campus



Election Blues: When NDTV sought prevalent sentiments among Josephites

ನದಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಹೊಣೆ

ಸಂ.ಕ.ಸಮಾಚಾರ,ಬೆಳಕವಾಡಿ ನದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲುಷಿತಗೊಳಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಆರೋಗ್ಯದ ಮೇಲೆ ದುಷ್ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಬೀರುತ್ತಿದೆ ನದಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಪಂಡಿತಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲ ಫಾದರ್ ಸ್ವೀವನ್ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸೇಂಟ್‌ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ 50 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತಂಡ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಬಿಜಿಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಬೆಳಕವಾಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೊರಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಾವೇರಿನದೀರ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಮೆಟ್ಟಲು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಬುಧವಾರ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ನೇತೃತ್ವವಹಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ಸೇಂಟ್‌ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಎನ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್ ಶಿಬಿರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಮೂರದಿನಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಪಂಡಿತಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಳಕವಾಡಿ, ನೆಟ್ಟಲ್ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆಗೆ ಕಾವೇರಿನದೀರದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ನದಿಯ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ ಕಾಳಜಿಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ನಾಗರಿಕರು ಪರಿಸರವನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛವಾಗಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಉತ್ತಮ ನೀರು ಗಾಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಾತಾವರಣ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಎನ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್ ಶಿಬಿರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದ ಅನುಭವ ಸದುಪಯೋಗ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರು.

ಬೆಳಕವಾಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕಾಶಿವಿಶ್ವನಾಥಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತ ಕಸಕಡ್ಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ, ಕಾವೇರಿನದಿ ತೀರದ ಮೆಟ್ಟಿಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹಲವು ರಸ್ತೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗೊಂಡರು. ಪರಿಸರ ಕುರಿತು ಬೀದಿನಾಟಕದ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರಿವು ಮೂಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಶಾಲೆಯ ಪೋಷಕರ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಮಹೇಶ್, ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರಾದ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಎ.ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ, ಅರ್ಚಕ ಅನಂತಪದ್ಮನಾಭಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಇತರರು ಇದ್ದರು.



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