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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Dr. Fr. Victor Lobo SJ

He who can listen to the music in the midst of noise can achieve great things.

– **Dr Vikram Sarabhai**

The second year of St Joseph's University and the new semester began with the exhilarating joy of witnessing the success of Chandrayaan-3, and when the realisation dawned that the ISRO Control Centre was housed in our very own Bengaluru, it was double the happiness. It was not just the rocket that took off to space, but

a billion dreams that were launched that day. What a spectacular achievement it is for us to become the first country to land on the lunar south pole, bringing back to mind the euphoria of 1984 when the legendary Sri Rakesh Sharma made his ground-breaking voyage as the first Indian in space! On the one hand, India scripted history by walking the moon yet again, on the other, Manipur burned. I was torn between rejoicing for our nation and mourning for our brothers and sisters in Manipur, more so as it is home to several of our Josephites. This year, the world witnessed two completely opposite sides of India. This stark contrast is our reality today. There are as many dark shadows in our country as there are rays of hope. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "In a country, we must trust the people to hear and see both the good and the bad and to choose the good." As an educational institution, it behoves us to shine a light that would extinguish the prevalent and entrenched

darkness, not just by teaching facts to our youth but by training their young minds to choose the good. Education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope and hope breeds peace. Let us train our young Josephites to choose education over ignorance, gratitude over attitude, grace over grudges, forgiveness over vengeance, the power of wisdom over the power of weapons, getting better over getting bitter, and choosing the right over what feels right for the greater good of mankind.

Peace and progress require that we keep on choosing the right whenever faced with a choice. Thank your dear Josephites, for choosing education, for choosing excellence and for choosing to pour out your efforts into all the activities of the University in your own unique way. Education is indeed the movement from darkness to light. May every Josephite walk in the light and never lose an opportunity to be the light.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR

STUDENT COUNCIL

TEACHERS DAY

The Student Council celebrated Teachers' Day on September ,5 2023 from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm in the University Main Auditorium for its teaching and non-teaching staff. This ceremony was hosted to honor and respect the efforts of our faculty members in making our students' future brighter and successful. The emcees for the day were Student Council members, Mr Ajay Paul (President) and Ms Aleeza Seemab (Vice President). The teachers were welcomed with a small token of appreciation on their entry to the venue. The entire ceremony was conducted under the guidance and support of Dr Usha Priyadrashini S, Governor of the Council. The event began with a soulful welcome dance by Ms Dhruthi, a student from II PCH followed by a welcome address by our Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ. The occasion was continued with a few dance performances and a beautiful rendition by Varnith and group. This warm day was made even more memorable by a talent show by our very own faculty members Mr Satish, Dr Parameshwara and Ms Sarala. Later into the ceremony, the teachers were felicitated with prizes and rewards they had competitively won in the games hosted a day before. The event was put to a melodious end by a beautiful acoustic performance by Richard and the vote of thanks presented by the General Secretary, Mr Roxan Francis.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2024-2023 took place at St Joseph's University on August 2023 ,31 in the University Auditorium. The event was graced by the presence of Mr

Hamza Hussain, Commandant/SP KSRP, Tumkur, as the chief guest and Dr Swetha Raghavan, Head of Innovation, Engagement & Government Affairs for India, and South Asia as the guest of honor. The Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Regina Mathias, and Student Council Governor Dr Usha Priyadarshini were present. All class representatives, ex-student council members, other colleges' councils, and parents were also present.



The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and alumnus Mr Hamza Hussain, guest of honor Dr Swetha Raghavan and the other dignitaries present on dais. Following which the oath was taken, where the newly elected council members pledged to uphold the values and principles of the university and work towards the welfare of the students. Dr Usha Priyadarshini welcomed the new members and congratulated them on their success. The Vice-Chancellor addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of leadership and responsibility. Mr Hamza Hussain also shared his story and inspired the students. Dr Swetha Raghavan spoke on how a position is not the most important thing but working



ONAM CELEBRATIONS

St Joseph's University celebrated the festival of Onam 2023 with a heavy dose of culture, tradition and most of all, fun. Organized by the Student Council under the guidance of cultural coordinators Ms Sushmitha Vincent and Ms Arpitha Jain, the celebration took place on August ,29 2023 from 12:50pm to 1:45pm (for Shift 1&II) and 6:30pm to 6:55pm (for Shift III). The event saw active participation from all the nine schools and all the shifts of the university.

The afternoon gala started with the emcees introducing themselves to the crowd and inviting them into the spirit of Onam. Following the introduction, the day was commemorated by the performance of a unique dance performed in Kerala called Thiruvathira by Schools of Business, Information Technology, Life Sciences, and Humanities. The festivity saw a special entry by the man of Onam himself, King Mahabali. Dressed in the traditional attire, King Mahabali brought a special cheer and excitement among the audience. The hour continued with the students dancing along to some groovy Malayalam songs. By the end of the lunch break, all students returned back to their classes.

The festivity for Shift III saw no loss of energy and a strong participative spirit from all students. The hour began with the emcees cheering the crowd up. Following which, Thiruvathira was performed by 18 girls with a graceful showcase of tradition. Few students gave the evening a soulful rhythm with a melodious musical performance. The evening experienced a surge by an energetic dance performance by the talents of Shift III.

The dance floor was then opened to the audience to break a leg to Malayalam beats. The evening came to an end with a special performance by teachers.

VISIT OF DR BU ABDULLAH

Dr Bu Abdullah, Emirati Entrepreneur, accompanied by Mr Kiran K Addala, an NRI based in UAE, visited the St Joseph's University Campus on August 26, 2023. He was received on arrival by the Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Pro Vice-Chancellors, Registrar and other senior officials of the university.

A special interaction session was arranged at the Board Room in honour of the visiting guests where Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors and Registrar felicitated the distinguished guests with flower bouquets, shawls, and mementoes.

Dr (Fr) Richard Rego SJ, Dean of ICMS and Director of International Affairs Office welcomed the distinguished guests. The interaction session was attended by the Deans, Registrar, Finance Officer, IQAC Coordinator, Student Council members and a few faculty and students from various departments.

Dr Bu Abdullah in his remarks assured that he will extend all possible assistance to the university with regard to student/faculty exchange programmes, internships and placement facilities.

Dr Abdullah also mentioned that he is looking forward for long-term and beneficial relationships with SJU. The Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of the School of Information Technology apprised Dr Bu Abdullah and his team of the vision and mission of the university, sought his support in successfully implementing it and also in promoting SJU in the Middle East.

The visit was coordinated by the Office of International Affairs and Public Relations Office, SJU.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY CELEBRATION



In a dazzling display of international unity and cultural splendor, the Office of International Affairs, St Joseph's University and the Federation of International Student Associations-Bengaluru (FISA-B) organized the International Students' Day on August 6, 2023 at latter's campus. As part of the celebrations, a food festival was in the card; exotic flavors from every corner of the world tantalized taste buds with offering that spanned the continents – from the spicy delicacies of Bhutan to the soul soothing dishes of Kenya and from the aromatic delights of Nepal. The culinary voyage extended further encompassing the distinct tastes of Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Sudan, Nigeria, Congo, Afghanistan, Syria, Bangladesh, Liberia, Egypt and Japan each contributing to a symphony of flavors that echoed the world's diversity.

The formal program was held at the SJU Auditorium at 4:30 pm and was graced by Ambassador Smt Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India;

HE Mr Jane Ngoy Mvunzi, Member of Parliament and Minister for Finance, Kinshasa Province, DR Congo; Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, Dean, School of Communication and Media Studies and Director, Office of International Affairs, SJU; Dr Joseph W Lobo, former Director of ICCR and Founder-Director of Federation of International Student Associations-Bangalore and Mr Alikali Sy Simwange Aly, President of FISA-B. All the distinguished guests while addressing extended their greetings to all the international students present and shared their beautiful insightful thoughts on the occasion. It was followed by a vibrant cultural presentation by international students representing different countries. The special attraction of the day was on the spot sketches and paintings by Urban Sketchers, Bengaluru. More than 1000 international students from about 60 countries participated in the event.

GANDHI: THE SOUL FORCE WARRIOR



St Joseph's University in association with Sarvodaya International Trust - Karnataka Chapter organized a book launch event for Kannada, Telugu, and Urdu editions of Gandhi: The Soul Force Warrior authored by Ambassador Pascal Alan Nazareth, IFS (retired) on September 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University. The esteemed chief guest for this occasion was Justice Sri Nitte Santosh Hegde, the former Judge of Supreme Court of India and Lokayukta of Karnataka.

The other distinguished guests on the dais were the author of the above book Ambassador PA Nazareth, Rev Fr C Francis, the Vicar General of Bangalore Archdiocese, Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor of St Jo-

seph's University, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University.

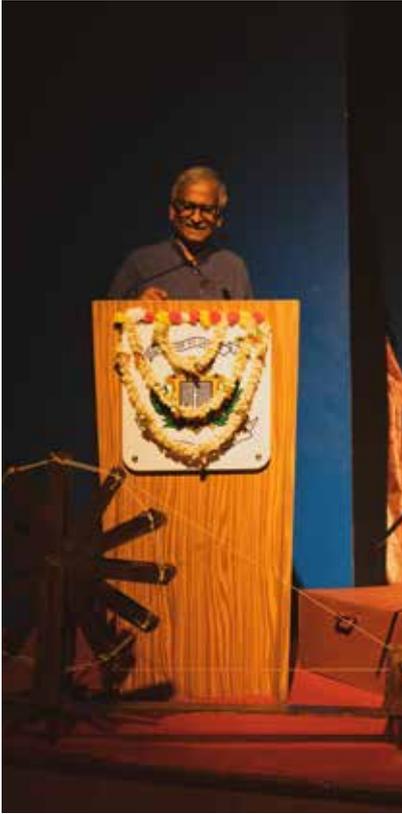
The book explores the life and principles of Mahatma Gandhi and their profound influence on the world. Gandhi's Philosophy of non-violence, truth and his dedication to social justice have left an indelible mark on history, inspiring countless individuals and movements. Justice Sri Nitte Santosh Hegde after releasing the book in his address emphasized the enduring relevance of Gandhi's principles in today's world.

He highlighted the importance of non-violence, truth and moral leadership in resolving conflicts and achieving social justice. Justice Hegde's insight resonated with the audience, underscoring the continued relevance of Gandhi's teachings.

The book release was followed by attendees' interactions with the author specially on the book and Gandhi's philosophy. With the release of Kannada, Telugu and Urdu editions, the book is now accessible to a wider audience, ensuring that Gandhi's legacy continues to inspire and guide people from diverse linguistic backgrounds. The event concluded with a note of gratitude to all the participants and a call to action, encouraging everyone to reflect on Gandhi's principles and strive for a more just and peaceful world.

A fellowship-refreshments were also arranged after the programme. The above event was coordinated and executed by the office of International Affairs, Public Relations Office and Chief Human Resource Officer's office of SJU.

GANDHI: A BEACON OF LIGHT AMIDST THE DARKNESS



On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi on October 2, 2023, hearts and souls converged at St Joseph's Auditorium, Bengaluru to pay homage to the life, work and timeless values of Mahatma Gandhi. The event was jointly organized by Sarvodaya International Trust – Karnataka Chapter, DRIK Foundation and St Joseph's University. The event was graced by Dr D Jeevan Kumar, former Professor of Political Science, Bangalore University and Managing Trustee, Sarvodaya International Trust, Dr JW Lobo, former Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Managing Trustee of Sarvodaya International Trust, Karnataka Chapter, Ms Anita Reddy, Chairperson of Sarvodaya International Trust – Karnataka Chapter Sri Surendra Kumar Hegde, Treasurer, Sarvodaya International Trust and others.

Dr Jeevan Kumar in his address reminded everyone of the enduring relevance of Gandhiji's principles in today's world. He emphasized the importance of Gandhiji's statesmanship, especially in today's political scenario. Cultural programmes were presented by the students and volunteers of DRIK Foundation.

The day's centerpiece was the live musical drama titled "A Light in the Darkness" performed by DRIK Jeevanostava. As a concluding piece, Ms Nimisha Kumar along with DRIK Jeevanotsava Team sang "Abide with Me", a song of special significance. As the song filled the auditorium, members of the Jeevanotsava team held candles beautifully symbolizes hope and unity, reinforcing the idea that even in the darkest of times, the light of Gandhian values can guide us towards a better world.

ST JOSEPH'S RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL (SJRIC)



ADIEU

St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC) bid adieu to Fr Xavier Savarimuthu SJ as he took charge as



College to St Joseph's University (SJU). Fr Roshan Castelino SJ took charge as the Dean of SJRIC in early June 2023.



The call for PhD studies under SJU received an overwhelming response. After a rigorous interview, 49 scholars joined the PhD programme in the July 2023 session.

The inauguration of the PhD programme was held on July 11, 2023. Dr P Balaram, former director of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

In his address, he highlighted the relevance of research in today's context. He advised the scholars to observe nature and think independently. The candidates interacted with their supervisors over lunch.

the principal of St Xavier's College, Jaipur. We remain grateful to him for all his hard-work in getting SJRIC on its wheels in its initial stages of transition from St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY, ELIXIR 2023

St Joseph's University opened its doors on Saturday, September 30, 2023, to welcome students, faculty, and guests to the much-awaited Elixir 2023, the first ever open day under the banner of St Joseph's University. From 9 am to 5 pm, our campus was transformed into a hub of creativity and intellect as we celebrated a day of discovery and inspiration.

Elixir 2023 boasted an impressive line-up of 236 exhibits, and nearly 1000 students representing 28 diverse departments that showcased their cutting-edge research and creativity. From the fascinating realms of Physical Sciences to the digital landscapes of IT, the intricate experiments of Chemistry to the intricate complexities of Life Sciences, and the dynamic world of Business and Commerce to the profound insights of Humanities,

Visual Communications, Languages, and Psychology—every corner of academia found expression.

Notably, Elixir 2023 also welcomed exhibits from schools, highlighting the promising talents of our younger generation and reinforcing our commitment to nurturing education. Beyond the academic exploration, there was an array of vibrant stalls ranging from delectable food options to exquisite handicrafts and books. The main sponsors for the event were St Joseph's University and M/s Jagdale Industries.

A core team consisting of Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino SJ, Coordinator for Publicity, Dr Jothi Williams, Coordinator for Finance, Ms Thejaswini Balaji, Dr Maria David, Dr Gerard Rozario, Dr Parul Goel, Coordinator for Logistic Support, Dr Shashikala, Dr Asha, Dr Amutha, Dr Susan Mary Philip (Coordinator for

Evaluation of Exhibits), Mr Tobin Varkey, Dr Joyce D'Souza and led by Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras worked relentlessly to ensure that every detail of the event was impeccable. The day began with an inaugural function graced by the presence of the Honourable Minister for Transport and Muzrai, Shri Ramalinga Reddy. Dr Rabbi extended a warm welcome to our esteemed guest, setting the tone for a day filled with intellectual discourse and inspiration.

Shri Ramalinga Reddy was felicitated by an esteemed panel comprising Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Pro-Vice-Chancellors Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias, and Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco. As the day came to a close, the valedictory function commenced at 5 pm, presided over by Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ. Prizes were awarded for the winners in four groups.

The prize winners of Elixir 2023 were as follows:

Group 1: **School of Languages and Literatures, School of Business**

First Prize:

Team 1MA-12: Hexapoly

Anees Ali M (221BBAA025), Shantell Dias (221BBAA044), Rahul Kumar Singh (221BBAA016), Juzer Y Chanasmawala (221BBAA046), Diana Immanuel (221BBAA059), Visisth Vaibhav (221BBAA087)

Second Prize:

Team 1CO-03

Ariya (21BCOMA31), Manasa (21BCOMA02), Jude (21BCOMA25), Deepthi (21BCOMA07), Lisha (21BCOMA70), Disha (21BCOMA08)

Third Prize:

Team 1KA-21: Virupaksha temple

K N Lekha (222MCS27), Rufina S Anthony (222MCS67), Ananya P Kumar (222MCS24), Ramachandran G (222MCS39), Sandeep L (222MCS50), Gopi K (222PCH05)

Group 2: **Schools of Humanities, Social Work and ICMS**

First Prize:

Team 2HS-22: Harappan Civilisation

Om Thekki (222HSO44), Harshita Dixit (222HPS11), Netha Ram (222HSO07), Samiya Ayesha M (21HEP101), S Praveen (21HEP010), Shwetha Rajesh (232HSO01), Suchith SL (222HSO38), Srushtee Manjrekar (UO5AY22A0088), Thakshitha (232HSO40), Rajesh Singh (222HPS06)

Second Prize:

Team 2CM-14: Film set

Priston Mariano Dsouza (21VOF17), Arshia Adarsh Ronald (21VOF06), Shraddha R (21VOF08), Preksha N Jain (21VOF25), Hannah Sneha M (21VOF34), Bron Sherman J (21VOF30),

Third Prize:

Team 2EC-53: RBI+Commercial banks

Ayandeka D (232ECST06), Anagha Girish (232ECST08), Ethan Rosario (232ECST16)

Group 3: **School of Chemical and Life Sciences**

First Prize:

Team 3CH-16: Novel Spectrometer

Mahima Rodrigues (232CHA20), Nafisa Banu (232CHA22), Akifa Kaunain (232CHA05), Vivekanand Nayak (232CHA13)

Second Prize:

Team 3ES-78: The Snake and Ladder game

Noel Malang (232ESS16), Ashish Paul (232ESS11), Sristi Akansha (232ESS13), Shweta Kumari (232ESS15)

Third Prize:

Team 3CH-13: Bioplastics and Piezoelectric effect

Mishael Mariya Sunny (222CHBT11), Previya Skaria Valiyaparambil, (222CHBT44), Hiten A V(21MCB04), Chandana T S(21M-CZ11), Bhuvan Raj (21CEZ44), V C Pranav Harish Nambiar (21MCZ28)

Group 4: **School of Physical Sciences**

First Prize:

Team 4PH-03: The Ohmies

Dibyansh Dash (221PHY15), Yogesh J Banshali (221PHY01), Bernadette Varsha (221PHY27), Anitta Augustine (221PHY24), Pragna M Jodidhar (221PHY09), Anjali A (221PHY03),

Second Prize:

Team 4MT-46: Einstein's Tile

Darrel Dsouza (232MAT02), Prakruthi. (232MAT22), Krishna Priya. (232MAT31), Ann Elza. (232MAT07), Alan Sabu. (232MAT28), Neema Dsouza (232MAT33)

Third Prize:

Team 4AC-35: XERION

Pradeep Samuel (21BCAF50), Francis Infant: (21BCAF40), Akshaya (21BCAF42), Chakrikaa (21BCAF09)

PU/School Exhibit Prizes

First Prize: **St Joseph's Indian Composite PU college**

Project Title: Self Sufficient Villages

Dhanalakshmi, Lakshmi, Maffida, Deepak and John

Second Prize: **St Joseph's Indian Composite PU college**

Project Title: Welfare of employees

Aditi, Geetha, Tansheed


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INAUGURATION	30th	VALEDICTORY
Time: 8:30am	September	Time: 4:00pm
Venue: University Entrance	2023	Venue: University Entrance

CHIEF GUEST
MR. RAMALINGA REDDY
 (HON. MINISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MUZRAI)

Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras
 Convenor
 Open Day-Elixir-2023

Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ
 Vice-Chancellor

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED



PARENTS' COUNCIL PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



The Parents' Council team at St Joseph's University organised a 3-day orientation program for the parents of students who joined various undergraduate and postgraduate courses this academic year. The program took place on July 14, 15 and 17 2023, with the objective of welcoming the parents of new students and familiarising them with the University.

The orientation on July 14 and 17 was for parents of UG students (Shift 1 and Shift 2) and July 15 was allotted for parents of the students of PG courses. The Parents Orientation programme for Shift 1 students kicked off with registration starting promptly at 7:30 am, efficiently organised by Dr Suhas and the team. Around 1300 parents attended the first day of orientation. The official event commenced at 9:30 am with Ms Tejaswini Balaji, the emcee, warmly welcoming the audience.

Ms Mamatha S, Coordinator of the Parent Council, introduced the council and its activities to the audience. The Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ addressed the gathering on the vital role parents play in educational institutions. He also mentioned the significance of parent support and involvement in shaping the children's educational journey. Following that, Ms Prathibha introduced the keynote speaker Dr Shailaja Shastri, Director of Research and School Mental Health

at 'Your Dost', Bengaluru—an organisation dedicated to promoting 'emotional wellness' for all. Over the past three decades, she has excelled as a teacher, trainer, researcher, counsellor, and an advocate for mental health and education. During her session with the parents Dr Shastri highlighted three key focal points for the parents in attendance. Firstly, she encouraged parents to view things from a different perspective as their children transition from a school environment to university life. Secondly, Dr Shailaja Shastri advised parents to adopt a management approach rather than trying to control every aspect of their children's lives. Lastly, she emphasised the significance of parental support when their child faces failure. The session proved to be enthralling, with active participation from many parents, and the speaker provided numerous real-life examples to illustrate her points effectively. The session was followed by an engaging Q&A session.

Upon reconvening, the functioning of the university system was explained by Ms Amita Priyadarshini. Following this, the Deans representing the various schools Dr Arul Mani, Dr V Christo Selvan, and Dr Beatrice, along with Mr Cyril the Deputy COE clarified the queries of the audience. After the discussion Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, gave a presentation on the rich history and future expansion

plans of the St Joseph's University. The day's events concluded at 12.30 pm with a vote of thanks by Dr Shari Tess, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees. Lunch was provided to all the parents who attended the session.

Day 2: Orientation PG

The second day of the Parents Orientation program began with registration opening at 8:00 am, allowing participants to check in and settle in comfortably. At 9:00 am, the event officially commenced with a beautiful prayer and anthem performed by the university choir. Ms Sushmitha, the emcee for the day, warmly welcomed the audience to the program.

Ms Mamatha S, the Coordinator of the Parents Council, extended a heartfelt welcome to all attendees, introducing the Parents Council's essential role in fostering collaboration between parents and the educational institution. Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, addressed the gathering. After a brief introduction by Ms Champa Kumari, he felicitated Dr Shailaja Shastri, the chief guest of the day. Dr Shastri shared invaluable insights on a crucial topic - supporting our children during moments of failure. She emphasised that setbacks are a natural part of learning and that parents play a pivotal role in providing encouragement and guidance during these challenging times.

Afterward, the parents and dignitaries were invited for a tea break, providing an opportunity for networking and further discussions with other parents and staff members. Following the break, the parents were introduced to a detailed presentation on the university's expansion plans by Fr Denzil Lobo. Dr Sayantini delivered a comprehensive presentation on the structure and functioning of courses at SJU. This presentation aimed to offer clarity on our educational approach and provide a deeper insight into what students can expect during their time at the university. To enhance the parents' understanding of SJU and its functioning, talks from the Deputy Controller of Examinations, Mr Cyril and the Deans of various schools were arranged. Dr Rabbi Angiras represented the School of Physical Sciences and Fr Augustine Lourdu represented the School of Social Work. This allowed many parents to interact directly with these key individuals and gain valuable insights about academic policies, curriculum design, and faculty support. Around 700 parents attended the program. The event concluded at 12.00 pm and later parents enjoyed a sumptuous lunch at the Magic Block .

On the third and final day of the Parents Orientation, the registrations commenced at 8:00 am. The official event

began at 9.30 am with a heart-warming prayer . The emcee of the day Dr Viyolla Mendonce warmly welcomed the guests. Ms. Mamatha S, the Coordinator of the Parents Council, extended a warm welcome to all the parents, introducing them to the institution and the Council. Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, addressed the audience, highlighting the significance of active parental involvement in their children's lives. He emphasised the concept of team parenting, where teachers, parents, and the institution work together to create a supportive environment for students.

Dr Mohan Kumar introduced the chief guest of the day, and the dignitaries facilitated the keynote speaker, Dr Gururaja Kharjagi, the founder and Chairman of the Academy for Creative Teaching (ACT), Bengaluru, – a unique organisation dedicated to bringing about quality in education in general and teacher training in particular. Dr Kharjagi delivered an insightful session, urging parents to be attentive listeners to their children's joys and concerns. He also discussed the potential dangers of technology that might lead to students feeling disconnected from their parents and teachers. Following the thought-provoking speech, the session was opened to a question-and-answer segment, encouraging active engagement between the

speaker and the parents. After this, parents had a tea break to mingle and share their thoughts.

The post-tea break sessions featured presentations by Dr Denzil Lobo SJ, then presented the university's expansion plans, highlighting the institution's commitment to continuous improvement. Dr Tesmine Martin, shedding light on the university's functioning, and interaction with Deputy Controller of Examinations Mr Cyril, and the Deans of various schools. Dr Beatrice represented the School of Life Sciences, Dr Libi represented the School of Chemical Sciences, and Mr. Clement D'Souza represented the School of Humanities. These sessions aimed to provide parents with comprehensive insights into the university's academic structure and support systems. Parents actively interacted with the speakers during the Q&A sessions, addressing their concerns and seeking clarifications.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr Eraiah, expressing gratitude to all attendees, speakers, and organisers for their valuable contributions to the seminar's success. The active participation of around 1400 parents on the third day of orientation demonstrated their commitment to being actively involved in their children's education and the overall growth of the university community.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

IGNITORS INTEGRAL FORMATION PROGRAMME

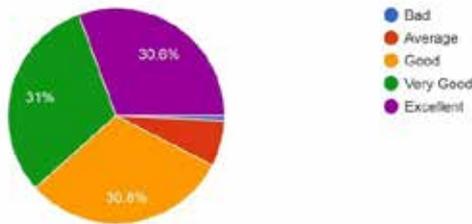
True to the title, Ignitors is an interaction-based session that aims to ignite youth with life skills, social skills and sessions based on experience. Jesuit Education aims at academic excellence and forming a society of love, care and concern and its ultimate goal is to form men and women for and with others. St Joseph's University has been organising this event for more than a decade. Following the motto,

Fide et Labore (Faith and Toil), SJU aims at integral formation - spiritual as well as secular. Ignitors believes in the idea that "To ignite your life, you must focus on one thing long enough for it to catch fire". This year's Ignitors' event kick-started with huge responses from the resource persons and the students alike. The resource persons, who are proficient in a variety of fields, were invited to share their insights and experiences.

Ignitors 2023 focused to ignite the lives of men and women for others by allowing them to focus on themselves. Since 2011, Ignitors has addressed more than 1,00,000 college students in Bangalore, Mangalore and other parts of Karnataka. During Ignitors, sessions/workshops on Personality Development, Leadership Training, Life-Skill Coaching, Social Analysis, Faith Formation (Retreat) and Value Education are conducted.



How were the Ignitors Sessions ?
2,477 responses



With no pandemic this year, the committee for Ignitors-2023, coordinated by Fr Maxim Dias SJ, Mr Ebenezer and Mr Salman planned and executed the programme well. Ignitors is an integral formation programme offered by the Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society (KJES) for the youth.

Ignitors visions to ignite the aspirations of students to think critically and creatively, to ignite passions in the hearts of young people for committed and constructive action. Ignitors aims to ignite the missions of the young spirits to dream dreams for the better world. The Ignitors 2023 has met the underlined motto, "A Fire that Kindles other Fires". The sessions have enhanced the students of St Joseph's University with an unique enhancement of their intellectual and moral facets of life. The active involvement

of various resource persons from diverse walks of life enhanced the quality of Ignitors this year and 9770 students attended the programme this year.

The sessions were organised for all the students of all the three shifts from September 20 to October 6 with 9770 student participants. There were around 70 resource persons who volunteered happily to be a part of this programme and took the sessions for the students. There were 6 sessions organised for each class throughout the two days with different life motivating topics by different resource persons. The team consisted of dynamic people from various arenas of expertise. The sessions were with a blend of Social Awareness and Analysis, and Soft Skills. The topics that were dealt in the sessions were: Conflict Management and Decision Making, Creative and Critical Thinking, Love and Infatuation, Stress Management and Self-care, and Career Guidance to cite

a few. Various activities held within the confinement of the class and outside the class gave a fun learning experience to the students this year. Ignitors 2023 aided the student in their integral formation of emotional, social and faith dimensions of life. This programme was intended to build a genuine democratic and secular society in India. The feedback received from the students was positive at a large scale and most of the students were happy about Ignitors. The students were kept engaged with activities and tasks, unlike typical classroom methods like the <chalk-talk> method. At the end of the first day, about 90% of the students rated the sessions very good, and good. One of the students who benefitted from the sessions commented: «The sessions were very insightful and I learnt about creativity, anger management and leadership.»

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA - EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Eucharistic celebration for the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola and the inauguration of the academic year 2023-24 was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 11:50 am, in the University Auditorium. The event coordinated by Campus minister of UG, Ms Litty Joseph, Assistant professor and Dr

Lora Rita Goveas, Associate professor, Campus minister of PG was attended by all Catholic students and staff of the university.

The main celebrant was Rev Msgr S Jayanathan and con celebrants were the Jesuit priests in the campus. The Eucha-

ristic celebration was the conclusion of the week-long Ignatian week events hosted for all students on campus by ALCUF (All India Catholic University Federation). The Campus ministry coordinated the conduct of Eucharistic celebration and was followed by fellowship lunch for all staff of the university.

FDP: FACULTY INDUCTION PROGRAMME



A Faculty Induction Programme was conducted for the new faculty members who joined in July 2023. The focus of this programme was to familiarise faculty with the on-boarding process, teaching, learning and classroom management. The venue was Xavier hall, PG block.

On July 4, the HRDC, FDP committee headed by Mr Clement D'Souza and Dr Joyce D'Souza welcomed the gathering post registration. A faculty tour and self-introduction sessions were organised. Dr Usha the gathering with an invocation. The programme was inaugurated by Father Victor Lobo, SJ, Col. K C Menon Chief Human Resource Officer along with Ms Alice D'Souza, Human Resource Officer. The Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco, post-lunch, detailed the administrative structure at SJU .

On the second day, July 5, Mr Anuplal, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations conducted a session on the establishment of Jesuit educational institutions, making of SJC and transition from SJC to St Joseph's University. The second session by Dr (Fr) Joseph Lobo SJ, Director, HRDC Ashirwad, Bengaluru reflected

on the Jesuit ethos, objectives of Jesuit service. The third session, an interactive session conducted by Dr Neeta Periera, Assistant Professor, HOD of Department of Counselling and Psychology, SJU focused on understanding adolescents and young adults. The fourth session was by Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, Director Research Centre who talked about API policy of SJU. This session was divided into two parts, in the first half Father briefed about the API policy followed by detailing the career progression of the faculty at SJU. The second half of the session was conducted by Dr Michael Rajamathi in the online mode. In this session he focused upon journal management, importance of publications and calculations to be followed in the selection of Journals. The day ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Mahesh, Dr Bharath, Dr Premajyothi, and Dr Safeya Makhmur.

The session on July 6 commenced with an invocation by Dr Prema Jyothi. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice Chancellor at SJU, emphasised the importance of mentoring, the university's mentoring system, and mentor roles. Dr Madappa, the IQAC Coordinator, discussed IQAC operations

and documentation. Dr Cherian Alexander, former Professor at SJU, shared insights on effective classroom management. The day also included a practice of the university anthem and a session on teaching and learning in university classrooms, led by Dr Etienne Rassendran, former Professor at SJU.

On July 7, the day began with Dr Shivakumar, the University Librarian, highlighting available software and tools for both staff and students, facilitating their research endeavours. Next, Ms Vijeta Kumar discussed classroom diversity. The final session featured Dr Etienne Rassendren from the Department of English, covering social awareness and university education. In the afternoon, Dr Gerard Rozario J from the Department of Mathematics conducted sessions on micro-teaching.

The morning on July 9 started with a talk by Dr Jebamalai, Former Principal adviser and Director General, UNIDO, Vienna Austria and was titled "Teaching teacher: style and professionalism."

On July 10, Ms Grace Prerana from the Department of Commerce discussed self-awareness for empathetic teaching.

Subsequently, Ms Raj Kiran CA, Department of Commerce talked about fostering a multi-disciplinary approach among students and the faculty's role. Ms Teena Joseph, also from the Department of Commerce, addressed teaching pedagogy. Dr Arul Mani, Dean of the School of Languages, spoke about Magis creativity and student life. Lastly, Mr Ebenezer from the Department of Management discussed SJU's outreach efforts.

On July 11, the day began with an invocation by Dr Shankar, Dr Premajothi, and Mr Santhosh. Mr Helius D'Souza, Fitness Coach, led the first session on «The Power of Balance: Managing Employee Stress for Peak Performance,» shedding light on the benefits of exercise. After a tea break, Mr Cyril, the Deputy Superintendent of Examination, explained the examination and evaluation procedures. Mr Prashanth, Coordinator of the third shift at SJU discussed work-life balance, involving interactive dis-

cussions and activities. Mr Leonard, the University Choir Coordinator conducted a musical session to teach the University Anthem to the new faculty members .

The day concluded with an address by Vice-Chancellor Fr (Dr) Victor Lobo SJ, with feedback from new faculty members and a discussion on responsibility, commitment, and accountability. The day closed with a vote of thanks and a tea break.

JESCOL II



JESCOL II was conducted from July 10 to July 12, 2023. The sessions at JESCOL II were conducted by Dr (Fr) Joseph Lobo SJ, Dr (Fr) Joseph D'Mello SJ, Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias SJ, Dr (Fr) Alphonse Fernandes SJ.

The day on July 10 began with registration at the Ashirwad Centre, where faculty members from various Jesuit institutions gathered for training. The first session commenced with an inter-religious prayer, setting the program's tone. The morning focused on Jesuit leadership, with Father Lobo SJ discussing three dimensions of Jesuit learning. In the second part of the session, interiority and effective leadership were linked, emphasising Ignatian leadership. In the afternoon, Fr D'Mello SJ addressed six important aspects of Ignatian Ideals: Vision, Mission, Compassion, Passion, Introspection, and

Devotion. The session included activities where participants shared their interior thoughts within their groups and engaged in in-depth conversations.

The day on July 10 started with the registration to the programme at Ashirwad Centre where faculty from all the Jesuit institutions met. The first session for the day started with an inter-religious prayer. The first half of the day focussed on Jesuit leadership where Dr (Fr) Lobo SJ spoke about three dimensions of leadership that consists of the personal dimension that deals with one's interiority, institutional dimension dealing with leadership dynamics, and the wider world that deals with reaching out to the society. Followed by this, there was an activity conducted where three video clips were shown and participants were asked to reflect on their feelings. In the second part of the session, the idea of interiority and effective leader-

ship were connected and was further related to Ignatian leadership focussing on depth dimension.

On July 11, the day started with Dr (Fr) Lobo's session on «Shifting from Transactional to Transformational Leadership.» Ten essentials for developing as transformational leaders, emphasising a positive vision, belief in that vision, and having a genuine, passionate, and supportive network were discussed. In small groups, participants identified their leadership opportunities, assessed their current levels of leadership, and discussed the challenges of advancing to higher leadership levels. In the afternoon, Fr Joseph D'Mello discussed decision-making from an Ignatian perspective, covering various decision-making styles.

The third day of the JESCOL II on July 12 focussed on how as collaborators

we can reach out to the wider society. The day's session was conducted by Fr Maxim SJ and Fr Fernandes SJ. Participants were told about the functioning of the Society of Jesus and the works of justice undertaken by the Society of Jesus. Participants were asked to reflect upon the following questions-What are the challenges in the South Asian context? How do we respond and combat these challenges? How can we protect our pluralistic society? In the second half of the morning session Fr Alphonse Fernandes SJ spoke on social health.

In the afternoon session, participants in groups were asked to reflect on the following questions: What are non-negotia-

ble dimensions of Jesuit Institutions? What opportunities do we have to realise and implement the values? What are the major internal challenges that we face when we attempt to implement these values? The secretaries of all the five groups were asked to present their group ideas and was followed by the discussion amongst all of us.

Jescol II was also conducted at Ashirvad, Bengaluru from August 21st to 23rd, 2023. There were more than 45 participants across the state participating in the Jescol II program and the sessions were conducted by the following resource persons: Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias SJ, Fr Arun Luis SJ, Fr Joseph D'Mello SJ, and Dr Joseph Lobo

SJ.

The day on August 21 started with the registration to the program at Ashirwad Centre. The first session for the day started with inter-religious prayer. The first day in JESCOL II focused on how as collaborators we can reach out to the wider society.

The wider realities and find out the situation. The day's session was conducted by Fr Dr Maxim Dias SJ and Fr Arun SJ.

The second day on August 22 focussed on Jesuit leadership where Father Lobo SJ spoke about three dimensions of leadership. He spoke about the anatomy and dynamics of Interiority and concept of Discernment.

ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL



The IQAC committee meeting was held on March 5, 2023. The data pertaining to the ranking of the college/ University for the NIRF, Indiatoday and The Week was presented to the members.

The feedback from the online mode of Open Elective courses was presented to the committee. The committee decided to implement the documentation activity in the department and decided that all departments would follow the template provided by the IQAC to document all the details.

The IQAC office completed the staff evaluation for the semester 2022-2023. The students completed the evaluation of all the staff members who had taught them for the semester. The deans have also completed the one-to-one evaluation with the staff members. For the School of ICMS, Dean Dr (Fr) Richard Rego SJ organised and completed the Staff Evaluation.

The evaluation of the Open Elective courses for the classroom sessions was also conducted at the start of the term. This is the first time hybrid modes of Open Elec-

tives have been conducted on campus. The overall feedback from these sessions has been good.

The IQAC office has been constantly improving the LMS system on the campus. Several meetings were held with the Linways team to integrate parameters into the system. An events and activities tab is included in the advanced profile to get uniform access to events conducted on the campus by all important offices. The ongoing-events report is also integrated into the website through this method.

Meetings with the criteria coordinators were organised regularly to obtain feedback on the important functionings of the university. A school-wise online meeting was conducted with all the staff members to update the process of accessing Linways and improving documentation at the department. Suggestions from the department have been recorded and discussed at the IQAC meeting.

A meeting was held with the documentation in charge of the departments on 17 August, 2023 to update the details of Linways systems for document uploads.

A delegation from Farook College, Kozhikode, Kerala visited the university to study the best practices. Dr Madappa M.B presented the overall approaches at the university. The team met the university officials and visited the facilities at the campus.

One of our mentee institutions from the UGC Paramash Scheme, St Joseph's Degree College, Hunsur, looking to get the NAAC accreditation, visited the campus to understand the functioning, preparation and documentation process. Dr Syed Wajeed, presented the team with suggestions and approaches. Dr Wajeed has been the mentor for the Paramash Scheme for this college. Dr Jyothi has been appointed as the

NAAC coordinator of the university. A meeting was held at the IQAC office to introduce the NAAC coordinator to the IQAC criteria coordinators. A time map has been suggested to work towards publishing a newsletter from the IQAC office.

Dr Madappa met with the counsellors of the University on 25 September, 2023 to discuss the data management of reports. The data for the term 2022-23 will be collected and presented to the management. The IQAC office has prepared the application file and applied for the awards under the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India in four categories: Best College, Best Researcher- Science, Networking and Academic Collaboration and Outreach and Extension.

Dr Madappa and Dr Syed Wajeed were the resource persons for the seminar on "Role of IQAC in Autonomous Status". The seminar was organised in Ramaiah College, Bengaluru. Dr Madappa spoke on the approaches in documentation maintenance of LMS that is necessary for a college to upgrade to autonomous status.

Dr Madappa was part of the Exam Reforms Committee constituted by the university. The team visited MAHE university and had several meetings with the stakeholders of the university.

Dr Madappa attended the workshop on "integration of NAAC standard with ISO

21001" on August 25, 2023, by ISDE Academy India. Dr Madappa also attended the FDP on NAAC accreditation framework, by Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for women from 9 to 16 September. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Madappa prepared the presentation for the KSHEC Inspection Committee visit to the university. Ms Swathi assisted the preparations.

The old AQAR submissions were reopened for error-check by the NAAC office. The documents of the last five years of AQAR were rechecked and submitted back to the portal. The IQAC office has initiated the process of documentation maintenance at the departments. Dr Madappa has been meeting with the heads of departments and presenting them with a format, file, and pen drive.

The process is ongoing and will be completed shortly. The IQAC office has initiated the collection of the student's progression for the year 2022-2023. The student progression will be completed shortly. The department of collegiate education data has been prepared and submitted to the collegiate office

The renovations of the IQAC office were completed and the office was inaugurated on August 18, 2023. Currently, the office is working on the All India University registrations.

OUTREACH

The BEMBALA programme, whose name is derived from the Kannada language, is dedicated to reaching and supporting the underprivileged and vulnerable segments of society. Its core focus is on creating avenues for education, awareness, and skill development. Participation in Bembala initiatives through rural exposure programmes fosters a learning environment for both students and faculty, contributing to the holistic growth of individuals. These activities play a pivotal role in shaping

a student's character, encompassing behavioral, value-based, and attitudinal developments crucial for navigating life and relationships.

They serve as foundational elements in the self-discipline of young adolescents, shaping their futures. The programme includes a diverse range of activities tailored for undergraduate and postgraduate students. These encompass initiatives such as promoting education, healthcare, hygiene, and instilling a sense of community among students. Interaction with local vil-

lagers provides insight into the challenges faced in unorganized sectors.

Additionally, activities include raising awareness about the lives in elderly care facilities, extending support to the LGBTQ+ community, organizing eco marches, cleanliness drives, sapling plantations, village surveys, skits, weeding, wall paintings, group discussions, engagement with self-help group women, teaching at government schools, and volunteering in community service

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Social Work Students' Field Work Orientation

In an effort to prepare the next generation of social workers, the Department of Social Work organized a comprehensive Field Work Orientation programme for the incoming I BSW and I MSW students. The event, held at Xavier Hall from July 20 - 21, 2023, welcomed a robust participation of more than 250 students.

The two-day programme, coordinated by Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department, commenced at 9:00 am each day, providing an extensive coverage of crucial subjects.

This orientation program served as an invaluable initiation into the world of fieldwork activities, offering participants a profound insight into the department's rich history, the historical evolution of social work, and the pressing societal challenges they will encounter in their careers.

Goodness Painting at Sanrakshan Rainbow Home

I BSW students volunteered to paint and decorate the Sanrakshan Rainbow Home, an orphanage with the aim of providing a revitalized and welcoming space for the residents. The event took place on July 22, 2023, at Rajaji Nagar from 11 am to 2 pm, allowing students to interact with the children and create a positive environment. 10 participants, under the supervision of Josmy Joseph, painted the school and helped the marginalized students to learn in a better environment.



MSW Students Outreach Camp

Bembala Outreach Camp was conducted for II MSW students between July 24-28, 2023, under the supervision of Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work and Dr Prema Jyothi, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work. The camp commenced in Manvi, a remote location in Raichur, situated in the northern region of Karnataka. During the three-day endeavour, students fully embraced the rural environment. They engaged in a range of activities, including a plastic collection drive that yielded a substantial amount of plastic waste, primarily comprised of water pouches and tobacco wrappers. Additionally, students participated in activities like tree planting, offering tuition

classes, and contributing to wall painting projects. Some of the students took on teaching roles, providing valuable education to the village's school children. They also conducted a Social Analysis session with the school officials, addressing the specific challenges faced by the local community.

This village, characterized by a lack of basic necessities and limited awareness, presented an opportunity for the students to make a meaningful impact. Bembala Outreach Camp left students with real-world experience, enhanced empathy, and practical skills, equipping them to address societal challenges and make a positive impact in the field of social work.

Peace Meet for Manipur

In a powerful display of solidarity and concern for the ongoing violence in Manipur, the School of Social Work organized a peace meet at the entrance of the university's administrative block on July 25, 2023, at 12:55 pm. Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the Department, School of Social Work, spearheaded the event in which 150 students from Manipur participated. The peace meets evolved into a passionate protest, attracting students, faculty, and concerned citizens alike. The participants united under a common goal: to demand swift action against violence, raise awareness of injustices in Manipur, and vehemently condemn the acts of terror that have plagued the region while advocating for human rights. Visually striking placards bearing messages such as «stop violence, initiate dialogue» effectively conveyed their heartfelt plea. Distinguished speakers at the event, including Dr Paul Newman, Fr Paul Lelen, and Alexander Zozanguel, shared harrowing accounts of the reality in Manipur, underscoring the urgent need for change.

Meeting at Freedom Park

On July 27, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, the School of Social Work orchestrated a peace gathering at Freedom Park in Bangalore, with a resounding message of condemnation against the violence unfolding in Manipur. The event, under coordination of Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department, brought together approximately 20 participants. The students made striking placards and posters, which they displayed during the gathering. Rallying slogans underscored the importance of community engagement in tackling urgent social issues.

Participation in State Level Education Convention

On July 28, 2023, a state-level education convention, organized by the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), was held at Gandhi Bhavan in the city.

Students from I MSW participated in this state-level convention that expressed its concern about the National Education Policy (NEP) posing a threat to equity and the quality of education. Dr HC Mahadevappa, Minister of the Social Welfare Department, Dr MC Sudhakar, Minister of Higher Education, and Mr Madhu Bangarappa, Minister of Primary & Secondary Education and Literacy, served as special guests for this event. Educational challenges, developing textbooks that promote scientific, secular, and democratic values, and tackling issues related to hostels and scholarships faced by SC, ST, and Backward Class students, were important topics discussed.

Tableau Display in Collaboration with Talaash

Talaash Association, an organization committed to supporting and advocating for the welfare of every child and woman, in collaboration with I MSW students, organized a compelling tableau display at the town hall in Bangalore. The programme was led by Seema Diwan, Founder President, and was held at 5:15 pm on August 3, 2023, with the participation of 30 students. Students portrayed various situations that victims of trafficking may have experienced. Through this programme, the students played a crucial role in educating communities about the tactics employed by traffickers to ensnare potential victims, empowering individuals to recognize and avoid risky situations.

Participation in Susumaya

On August 3, 2023, II BSW students, under the guidance of Ms Mariam Susumaya, embarked on a field trip to the YWCA in Kormangala. Their destination was the "Susumaya" project, an initiative aimed at ensuring that school-going children do not drop out. During their visit, the students were granted a unique platform to interact with these young learners, engage in games and activities, and learn from their experiences. This fieldwork experience served to bridge the gap between theory and practice for the budding social workers, equipping them with

a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the field.

National Seminar

A national seminar titled 'Religion and Society in India: Contemporary Multidisciplinary Exploration' was held from August 7-8, 2023 at National Biblical Catechetical & Liturgical Centre in Bangalore. The event was jointly organized by National Biblical Catechetical & Liturgical Centre, St Joseph's University, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Christ University, United Theological College, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, Kristu Jyothi College, St Peter's Pontifical Institute, and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr (Fr) A John Baptist and was inaugurated by Dr (Bro) Arul M. This seminar served as a platform for scholars, students, faculty members, and professionals to share their research findings. Esteemed keynote speakers, including Mr Felix Wilfred, Ms Ruby Sain, Dr VD Swaminathan, and Dr YT Vinayara shared their insights and experiences.

Awareness Programme on Dementia

The event was organized by the School of Social Work in collaboration with the Nightingale Medical Trust on August 25, 2023. The session was conducted by Ms Sreejah, a distinguished faculty member from the Nightingale Medical Trust. The programme focused on dementia and its multifaceted aspects. The objective was to equip trainees with knowledge, raise public awareness about dementia, promote person-centered care, and spotlight the invaluable work of the Nightingale Medical Trust Dementia Daycare. A sense of community emerged as trainees openly shared their experiences and concerns. Additionally, the session explored empowering senior citizens and accentuating their quality of life through engagement and support.

Inauguration of Green Spartans

St Joseph's University celebrated the official launch of Green Spartans August

28, 2023, at a ceremony held in the quadrangle. The event, inaugurated by the Dean of the School of Social Work, Dr (Fr) Augustine Lourdu, was a significant milestone in the university's commitment to environmental conservation. Father's address resonated with the audience as he spoke about the association's mission and the pressing need for environmental preservation in the modern world. Following the inauguration, students gathered in the auditorium basement for the investiture ceremony, where elected members assumed their official roles. The day's events continued with cultural performances, symbolizing that environmental activism can be both purposeful and enjoyable. This association holds the promise of making a positive impact, not only within the university but also in the broader community, as it fosters a spirit of environmental consciousness and responsibility among students.

The members of Green Spartans for the academic year 2023-2024 are:

President: **Immanuel SR**

Vice President: **A Avinash**

Treasurer: **Reshma**

Cultural Secretary: **Rupali**

General Secretary: **Christina Sibichan**

Programme Coordinator 1: **Sahana S Kumar**

MSW HR Forum

The MSW HR Forum was launched by the School of Social Work at St Joseph's University on September 2, 2023, with Mr Jatinder Mohan serving as the distinguished chief guest. Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, Dean of the School of Social Work, oversaw the programme. Fr Francis, Assistant Professor and MSW-HR Forum Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr Prema Jyothi, Co-Coordinator and Assistant Professor, elaborated on the objectives of the MSW-HR Forum. Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the Department, praised the initiative as a unique beginning. Mr Jatinder Mohan, renowned for his accomplishments



as an author, entrepreneur, trainer, and teacher, delivered the keynote speech titled 'Heart of the Matter', addressing HR challenges, information accessibility, and employee well-being. Ms Zairah Zaher, the student coordinator, expressed gratitude to all participants. Additionally, special recognition was given to Fr Simon, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, for his consistent guidance and support to the HR specialization. The MSW-HR Forum promises to be an invaluable resource for MSW-HR students, facilitating growth, fostering innovation, and promoting networking opportunities.

Eleventh Social Justice Lecture Series

On September 4, 2023, the School of Social Work, in conjunction with the Social Work Student Association, hosted the eleventh Social Justice Lecture, at Xavier Hall, from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. The event was coordinated by Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan. The highlight of the day was the address by distinguished guest speaker Ms Supriya Shrinat, a prominent politician and journalist. Ms Shrinat spoke on the pivotal role of social media platforms in amplifying the voices advocating for social justice. The event drew an audience of more than 200 enthusiastic participants.

The eleventh Social Justice Lecture proved to be a substantial platform for the promotion of social justice ideals and the

utilization of social media to drive meaningful change.

Interaction between St Joseph's University and American College

On September 23, 2023, an academic interaction took place between the School of Social Work of St Joseph's University and 15 students and two distinguished faculty members from American College Puducherry.

Dr Augustus Julian, the Director of the School of Social Work, and Mr Alen Potter from American College Puducherry, were pivotal figures in this exchange. Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the Department of School of Social Work, organised the programme. The event was not only an opportunity for cultural exchange but, more importantly, an avenue for intellectual and academic engagement.

During the session, students from American College shared insights about the programmes and the remarkable work undertaken by their department.

This exchange provided an invaluable window into the practices and perspectives of another academic institution. Conversely, students from St Joseph's University reciprocated with their own innovative ideas and programs, fostering a rich exchange of knowledge.

Kaveri Drinking Water Protest

On October 3, 2023, a group of ten students from MSW, under the guidance of Dr YJ Rajendra, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, embarked on a journey to Freedom Park. Their mission involved participating in the protest related to the contentious issue of Kaveri water distribution between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. From 3 to 5 pm, the students dived into the heart of the protest, conducted interviews and delved deep into the motivations behind the protest and the myriad challenges faced by those advocating for equitable water rights in the region. This hands-on experience was driven by the students' commitment to apply the theories, skills, and principles they had acquired in their studies, especially in the context of their subject, 'Working with the Community'.

Participation in Paradigms on Vulnerability Student Conference 2023

On September 22, 2023, four III BSW students participated in the Paradigms on Vulnerability Student Conference 2023, hosted at St Claret College, Bangalore. Guided by Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the School of Social Work at St Joseph's University, and a moderator at the conference, the students were split into two groups. One group presented a paper titled 'Domestic Violence: A Vulnerability-Based Study Cutting through Gender,' while the other focused on 'The Influence of Social Media on Youth.'

Paper Presentations at Roshni Nilaya College

The following students presented papers at Roshni Nilaya College, Mangalore on October 6, 2023, under the guidance of Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work. S Shruthika and Zainab Shereen presented a paper titled "Millennials and GenZs: examining the learning techniques & patterns". Sivram K and PR Saibarianandhan presented a paper titled "Sexual and gender minority families: a

review on challenges, wellbeing of children and legal provisions globally". Rosemary Thabab and D Reshma presented a paper titled "Marriage vs live in relationship in Indian context - a conceptual study.

Bala Vignesh M and Crystal Riya Pinto presented a paper titled "Family as a source of informal education". Thomas Frejoy Fernando and Anjitha Babu presented a paper titled "Ageing and family life"

Contemporary Challenges of Social Work In India

Indian Society of Professional Social Work held a special lecture on Contemporary Challenges of Social Work in India by Mr BT Lawani, retired Professor, Department of Social Work and Dean of Bharti Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Maharashtra on October 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

More than 300 students participated from different universities across Bangalore including St Joseph's.

Staff Achievements

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan became the first PhD Guide from the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University and is currently guiding two PhD scholars.

Fr Simon Paul D'souza

Fr Simon Paul D'souza presented a paper titled "Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Religion and Politics in Indian Society: Youths' Perspectives" at a national seminar held from August 7-8, 2023, at the National Biblical Catechetical & Liturgical Centre.

Fr Francis Pinto SJ

Fr Francis Pinto SJ coordinated the HR Forum launched by the School of Social Work at St Joseph's University on September 2, 2023

Captain Akshay D Mandlik

Lieutenant Akshay D Mandlik has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Ms Latha Paul

MsLathaPaul presented a paper on "Mental Health" at Srinivas University, Mangalore.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew

Dr Shari Tess Mathew completed an E-workshop on Reference Management using Mendeley September 17, 2023, by the Commacad.

Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan

Mr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan coordinated the program DESHAW which was conducted for Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) students by the school of social work.

Dr Prema Jyothi

Dr Prema Jyothi coordinated the outreach programme at Manvi, Raichur District on August 24-28, 2023.

Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu

Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu published a paper titled "Debates on reservations in private sector: death of merit or social equality" in the bi-annual journal Anvesak.

Welcome

The School of Social Work welcomes Dr Prema Jyothi to the department. Her two decades of experience as a practitioner, researcher, and academician and her engagements in International Innovative Programme (IIP) at Eudoxia Research University in the USA will stand the University in good stead.

Congratulations!

In a union of hearts and minds, Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, and Ms Yaalini Venkateshwaran, celebrated their matrimonial vows on June 4, 2023.

Social Work Students' Association New Committee

The new core committee of the Social Work Students' Association was sworn in on August 9, 2023, in the presence of more than 200 students.

Open Day

On September 30, 2023, the Social Work Students' Association in collaboration with the School of Social Work, set up seven exhibits on open day that was organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The exhibits by students from all five classes showcased the creative minds of the students of social work. While some of the exhibits highlighted social issues, others provided a clear insight into the vastness of the career opportunities for those who pursue a degree in social work. The judges also appreciated the efforts of the students in this regard.

Parlance

On October 4, 2023, the Social Work Students' Association organised the first debate series titled – Parlance (Vol 1) on the National Council of Social Work Education Bill, 2021. Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, the coordinator of SWSA informed the gathering that the debate series was aimed at encouraging student participation on the discussions surrounding issues that affect social work profession as well as society.

The debate took place in Xavier Hall with three students speaking for the bill in its current form and three students

against the bill in its current form. While Allen, Vanshika, and Anto George from II MSW, spoke against the bill in its current form, Mansi from I BSW, Aleeza from III BSW, and Ishwarya from I MSW, spoke in favour of the bill in its current form. Mr YJ Rajendra, faculty, School of Social Work, also enlightened the audience about the features of the bill.

This was followed by a vote by the audience, through which the team speaking against the bill in its current form, won the debate. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head of the Department, Dr Alan Godfrey.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS



Guest Lecture: Skills required for Statisticians to work in companies
'Skills Required for Statisticians to Work in Companies' is a guest lecture about the necessary skills required for statisticians to work in a company. The session started at 11:00 am on August 14, 2023, with the welcome speech by Mr Gulbadin Farook Dar, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics. The resource person, Dr TPM Pakkala, Adjunct Professor, Department of Statistics, Manga-

lore University, gave a brief idea about the importance of various skills namely computer programming skills, mathematical ability, a clear understanding of statistical terms and concepts, in-depth knowledge of statistical theory to analyse the various data sets, analytical skills, written and oral communication skills, problem-solving skills, the ability to communicate results and findings to non-statisticians. Teachers of the Statistics department, both undergraduate and postgraduate students

participated in the event. The event was conducted in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, and a total of 100 students attended the lecture. After the speech of the resource person, the session had a fruitful discussion through the queries raised by the students and teachers. Students from various combinations participated in the event and benefited from the session. Dr Suresh Kharvi, PG Coordinator, Department of Statistics, presented a memento to the resource person as a token of love. The session ended with a vote of thanks.

Inauguration of Activities

The inauguration of activities for the year 2023-24 of Frequentia, the statistics association at St Joseph's University was conducted on September 1, 2023. The event began with the Association Coordinator presenting a token of appreciation to the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest, Department Head, Association Coordinator, PG Coordinator, and President then lit the lamp, followed by a prayer led by the choir. The Chief Guest addressed the association. The Association Coordinator gave a speech and unveiled the association's logo. The event

was organised under the guidance of Dr Dileep Kumar Shetty, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics. The core committee received their badges, succeeded by an oath-taking. The President of the association conveyed an Inaugural Address, followed by the conclusion with a vote of thanks from the Vice President.

Staff Achievements

Ms Architha M (Head of the Depart-

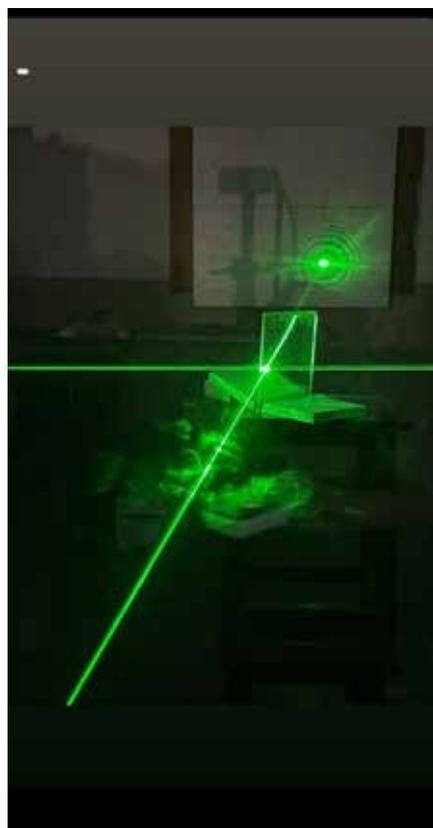
ment of Statistics) Presented a research article entitled 'Classical and Bayesian Estimation of Conditional Stress-Strength Reliability Based on Chen Distribution' at the International Conference on Statistical Theory and its Applications, which was held from September 1-2, 2023, organised by the Department of Statistics at Bharathiar University in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.

Dr Suresha Kharvi (PG Coordi-

nator, Department of Statistics)

Presented a research article entitled 'A New Two-Parameter Distribution with Bathtub Shaped Hazard Rate' at the International Conference on Statistical Theory and its Applications, which was held from September 1-2, 2023, organised by the Department of Statistics at Bharathiar University in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS



Friday colloquium- Talk on aerodynamics for a sustainable future in aviation

Friday Colloquium is one of the Physics Student Association's academic wing where students, teachers, and science enthusiasts come forward and share their ideas, knowledge, and perspectives on scientific topics and brainstorm with like-minded people.

These colloquiums have been organised by the Physics Students' Associ-

ation for the past few years and have received a positive response. The platform invites all students to participate despite their course and discipline. This Friday Colloquium hosted by the Physics Students' Association featuring Ms Angela James was the first of many this year.

It was conducted on August 11, 2023, in Room N204, New Block. The session was informative, thought-provoking, and inspiring. Ms Angela explained the concepts of Aerodynamics, and the science

behind it—which turned out to be simple physics that drives our everyday life, and its applications. She stressed the concept of 'lift and drag', merits and demerits of aeroplanes and further rendered down methods to overcome the same. A total of 21 students attended the talk. The end of the talk was welcomed with a ton of questions from the audience who enthusiastically participated throughout the session. Overall, the session received positive feedback and was a success.

Physics Students' Association Investiture Ceremony

An investiture ceremony showcasing the essence of responsibility and reliability was held by the Physics Students' Association. The ceremony was conducted on August 23, 2023, in Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, at 1:00 pm. The Chief Guest, Dean of Physical Science, and the honorary members of the Physics Department were warmly welcomed by the council members. The Council expressed their gratitude towards the Department and the University for making physics more accessible and for enhancing the concept of physics. The ceremony started with the lighting of the lamp and a prayer song and this was followed by a welcome speech. The audience was informed about Spectra, Peer Mentoring, the International Physics Tournament, Friday Colloquium, and some wonderful Excursions. The honorary guests were invited on the stage to hand over the responsibilities to the Office Bearers. After the entrusting of responsibilities, all the Office Bearers came forward to take the oath. The event ended with a photo session.

Friday Colloquium: Green Synthesis of Nano-particles

A research presentation on the Green way of synthesising nanoparticles was conducted for the students of St Joseph's University as a part of Friday Colloquium lectures of the Physics Students' Association. The presenter was a third-year student who researched this topic as a part of a second-year term paper supervised by Dr G Vignesh, who was also present in the lecture. The session was conducted on August 18, 2023 in Room N205, New Block. The talk discussed the use of leaf extract instead of NaOH for the synthesis of nanoparticles, for the latter is known to be an irritant. The presenter explained her purpose for research and brought this topic into the limelight. At the end the presenter allowed the streams of

questions which were directed towards the presenter's topic, The question about the particular metalloids that can be used in the solution and a supposed nanoparticle in question, that being none. The attendees were left enlightened about new innovations taking place in the field of science and felt proud of the awareness of eco-friendly and sustainable ways of development being explored.

Physics exhibits for Elixir 2023

Elixir 2023, conducted on September 30, 2023, was St Joseph's University's Open Day where students from all departments of the university were allowed to exhibit models and showcase the concepts from their disciplines to students and other enthusiasts from various schools and colleges. The Department of Physics held their exhibits for Elixir at the labs in the science block. There were thirteen teams and 72 participants in total. They exhibited their models and demonstrated experiments covering topics from electromagnetism to surface tension to optics to gravitational wave astrophysics to much more. The department put a lot of effort into going through the students' ideas and guiding them in their projects. There were several rehearsals, presentations, and dry runs conducted to allocate spaces and shortlist group members for the big day. This was a tedious task because several teams were demonstrating optical experiments that required a dark workspace environment. Students demonstrated an MHD Pump, Eddy current tube, Rotating confined, Plasma, and Solid Battery. All the presentations were thought-provoking, fun, and inspiring. The department received positive feedback from students and other departments for the same. The event was an overall success.

Inauguration of the PG Physics Association PHYSEEKSEE

The Physics PG department's Physeeksee ushered in the new academic year with a captivating talk by Dr Prajwal Shastri, an Astrophysicist formerly associated with the

Indian Institute of Astrophysics. The topic 'The heftiest things we know through sharp and wide eyes: The Sherlock Holmes argument and Beyond,' added to the anticipation. As the hour of the event approached, excitement filled the air as eager students awaited to hear Dr Shastri's insights on black holes. The event happened on August 17, 2023, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The event began with distinguished guests Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, Dr (Fr) Roshan Castellino, SJ, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Research Advisory Committee, SJU, and Dr Arun Varma Thampan, Physics PG coordinator taking their seats on the stage. The dignitaries lit the lamp, accompanied by a prayer song. Dr Parul Goel, the Physeeksee coordinator, warmly welcomed the audience and introduced the Physeeksee team. Then Dr Prajwal Shastri began with the fundamentals, gradually weaving the narrative of black hole existence - from hypothesis to indirect proof using the Sherlock Holmes argument «When you have eliminated all which is impossible then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.» to finally collect direct evidence. It was an enlightening talk that ignited numerous questions among the students, and Dr Shastri's enthusiasm to answer them satisfied their curiosity. Overall, it marked a splendid start to the academic year.

Alumni Talk by Mr Dinesh Reddy

Mr Dinesh Reddy, an alumnus of St Joseph's University, graced the campus with his presence to deliver an insightful talk to current students. He embarked on his academic journey by pursuing a Master of Science in Physics at his alma mater, and his thirst for knowledge led him to Friedrich-Alexander University in Germany, where he is currently pursuing an MTech in Advanced Optics. The event happened on August 24, 2023, in the PG Physics lab. During his talk, Mr Dinesh generously shared his experiences and wisdom regarding the myriad ca-

reer options available to those who hold an MSc in Physics in India. He delved into the intricate web of entrance exams required for admission into esteemed government institutions and research centres, providing invaluable insights into the qualifications needed to secure a place in these prestigious institutions. Drawing from his personal experiences, Mr. Dinesh also offered practical tips and tricks to help aspiring students achieve their desired scores in these competitive exams, lending them a hand in navigating the complex admissions process. Moreover, Mr. Dinesh illuminated the path to higher studies abroad, recounting his own journey and shedding light on the diverse industry-based opportunities available to students in foreign countries. The session, though brief, was exceptionally informative, leaving the audience with a treasure trove of knowledge to contemplate. After the talk, Mr. Dinesh generously extended his stay, affording students the opportunity to interact with him personally, further enriching their understanding of the academic and professional possibilities in the field of Physics.

Student seminar talk by Ms Sanjana Anand

Ms Sanjana Anand, a second-year PG Physics student at St Joseph's University, showcased her passion for Astrophysics during a captivating pres-

entation. She has immersed herself in the intriguing world of Radio-Loud Active Galactic Nuclei as part of her master's thesis at the renowned Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Bengaluru. The talk was conducted on August 31, 2023, in the AV Room, PG Block. Ms Sanjana's talk centred around the fascinating concept of Gravitational Lensing, a phenomenon influenced by the gravitational pull of celestial objects. She artfully elucidated the intricate relationship between gravity and the curvature of spacetime, leading to the lensing effect. Her presentation also explored the practical application of using the sun as a gravitational lens to enhance our understanding of planetary studies. Throughout the talk, she skillfully guided the audience through the lensing process, unravelling the mysteries of how massive objects in the cosmos can bend light and distort our perception of distant objects. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A session, during which attendees had the opportunity to delve further into the complexities of gravitational lensing.

Talk on Laboratory Astrochemistry by Dr Bhalamurugan Sivaraman

Dr Bhalamurugan, a professor at the Atomic and Optical Physics division in PRL Ahmedabad delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the intriguing field of astrochemistry, shedding light on the mysteries of the cosmos. His presentation began by exploring the concept of astrochemistry

and the universe's unyielding temperature, emphasising that it cannot dip any lower. He then transitioned to the vital role of water in the context of life, underscoring its significance as a fundamental element for the existence of living organisms. The talk happened on September 21, 2023, in the AV Room, PG Block. Astrochemistry, he elucidated, is gradually unravelling the enigma of life's origin in the universe. He went on to discuss the presence of frozen water on other planets, speculating that these icy reservoirs might harbour the building blocks of life. Highlighting the importance of atmospheres in sustaining life, Dr Bhalamurugan emphasised that in astrophysics, anything in a frozen state qualifies as ice. He said that certain planets, while seemingly inhospitable as a whole, might offer habitable niches. As an example, he cited the intriguing case of a cold crater on Mercury and the peculiar clouds of Venus. The presentation took a fascinating turn as Dr Bhalamurugan delved into the significance of shockwaves and their impacts on astrochemistry. He expounded on how innovative setups like the South African Large Telescope (SALT) are used to simulate planetary conditions and induce shockwaves to study their effects. He captivantly described how, through these experiments, researchers have observed the formation of amino acids from waste materials when subjected to shockwaves.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS



Investiture Ceremony Of Abacus Association 2023-24

The investiture ceremony for the Abacus Association was held on August 10, 2023, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, between 1:00 and 1:40 pm. It began with the university choir's soulful prayer followed by the lighting of the lamp by members of the Mathematics Department Mr John J Binze, the Head of the Department of Mathematics, Dr Raiza D'Souza, the PG Coordinator, Department of Math-



ematics, and professors and students from the Department. The welcome speech was delivered and the Abacus Association was introduced. Mr Binze provided students with insightful advice highlighting the importance of creative participation and leadership. Dr D'Souza laid emphasis on the importance of solidarity, encouragement, and participation all pointing towards the progressiveness of the association. The event was successfully organised under the guidance of Mr Binze. The core committee members were presented with badges of their respective designation in the association by the members of the Department of Mathematics. A total of 70 people attended the event. Further, the plan for the year 2023-24 was presented, it was a glimpse at the mathematical events, talks, and activities planned to be conducted. Finally, a vote of thanks concluded the investiture ceremony.

Open Day-Elixir 2023

The Open Day - Elixir was conducted

on September 30, 2023, and was inaugurated by Mr Ramalinga Reddy, Minister of Transport, Karnataka. The Abacus association from the Mathematics department presented eleven exhibits for the open day. Intricate mathematical concepts, baffling patterns that disprove intuition, easy maths solutions to physical world problems, and crazy similarities between maths, music, and various other fields were all modelled forming a wonderful duo with the exuberant explanation by the students presenting them in S101 and S103, Science Block. The presenters of every model explained the concepts to pre-university students, students from other departments, teachers, and lecturers breaking down the ideas to various levels of thought. Interesting puzzles, and hands-on games all formed a food for mathematical thought to the audience. There were models of 15 Tile Problems, Impossible Square, Math and Music, Wobbly Table, Martingale Strategy, Einstein Tile, Brachistochrone Problem, Copernicus Theorem, Moser's Circle Problem, and many

more. Dr Meenakshi D'Souza, Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIIT-B, and Dr Reji Philip, Professor, Department of Physics, Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru, were the judges who evaluated the exhibits.

Staff Achievements

Dr Gerard Rozario J (Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics)

Resource person for the 5th National Seminar on Recent Trends and Advancements in Engineering Mathematics (NSRTAM – 2023) conducted on June 10, 2023 at SRM Valliammai Engineering College, Chennai.

Resource person for Igniters Integral Formation Programme conducted at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru from September 20 - 29, 2023.

Organiser of National Conference on 'The Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics' from July 10 - 12, 2023 at St Joseph's University

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS



JET CLUB Inauguration

The inauguration of the Josephite Electronics Technology (JET) Club was held on August 21, 2023, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The Chief Guest, Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, emphasised the role of electronics in shaping the future. Dr Regina Mathias, Dr Godwin J D'souza, Mr Gregory Sequeira, and Mr Rajesh G were present for the inauguration event. The Vice President's welcome speech highlighted the club's goal of fostering electronics enthusiasm and collaboration. A notable moment during the event was the investiture ceremony where newly elected club members received their badges. This symbolic gesture marked their commitment to the club's vision and their responsibility as its members. The JET Club's vision aligns with the

institution's efforts. commitment to providing platforms for students to explore and innovate. The inauguration marked the beginning of a journey fostering curiosity and creativity in electronics. A total of 76 people attended the inauguration. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by expressing gratitude and acknowledging the Chief Guest's insights and the organising committee's efforts.

Crossword

The Jet Club Association hosted an event called Crossword on September 21, 2023, in Aloysius Hall at 3:30 pm. The event commenced with a warm welcome from the event heads. All the members of the JET Club Association were present at the venue and volunteered until the end of the event. Participants were handed their crossword puzzles, and excitement filled the air as they eagerly

prepared to showcase their electronic knowledge. Participants were provided with a well-crafted crossword puzzle specifically tailored to test their understanding of electronic concepts. The puzzles included a variety of clues related to components and gadgets. As the crossword competition intensified, participants engaged in a friendly but competitive atmosphere. The room buzzed with students brainstorming and sharing insights to complete their puzzles. A total of 30 people attended the event.

Open Day - Elixir

St Joseph's University hosted an insightful Open Day exhibition on September 30, 2023. Elixir proved to be an engaging and informative event that attracted students, Parents, faculty, industry professionals, and the general public. Elixir, the open-day exhibition in the



Electronics Department at St Joseph's University was an unequivocal success. It showcased the department's involvement and student innovations. The event reinforced the department's dedication to excellence in electronics education and research, providing a glimpse into the future of electronics and highlighting its role in shaping the next generation of electronics enthusiasts and researchers. The Electronics Department at St Joseph's University remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing knowledge in electronics and preparing students for successful careers in this dynamic industry. The success serves as a foundation upon which we will continue to inspire and educate future electronics leaders.

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY



Paths After College'. Mr Teron is an alumnus of the University (then college) and is now a placement consultant at Harrow International, Bangalore. He led students through his PowerPoint presentation and encouraged them to take risks and focus on versatility and diversity. Mr Teron also suggested a few courses that the students could take up after college and a few institutions where such courses are available. He ended his talk with a very active question-and-answer session. The afternoon ended with a vote of thanks.

Inauguration of the UG association: Microcosm (2023-24)

The Inauguration of 'Microcosm' took place on August 19, 2023, in Xavier Hall, Auditorium Block, along with the 'Microbiological Society' the Postgraduate association of Microbiology. It was the first official event of the year and a start to further festivities throughout the scholastic year. Present at the event were Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Dr W Jothy, Head of the Department of Microbiology, Dr Popy Dutta, PG coordinator and Coordina-

tor of Microbiological Society, Dr Debali-na Chaudhuri, Coordinator of Microcosm, and Chief Guest, Mr Andrew Clive Teron, Head of Science & Educational Consultant, Harrow International, Bengaluru. The programme started off around 12:30 pm by lighting the lamp followed by a prayer song. Next was a welcome speech by Dr Jothy, succeeded by an address from the Dean. The office bearers of the UG and PG associations were introduced to the audience. These gave way to the address by the chief guest, Mr Andrew Clive Teron. His talk was based on 'Navigating Career

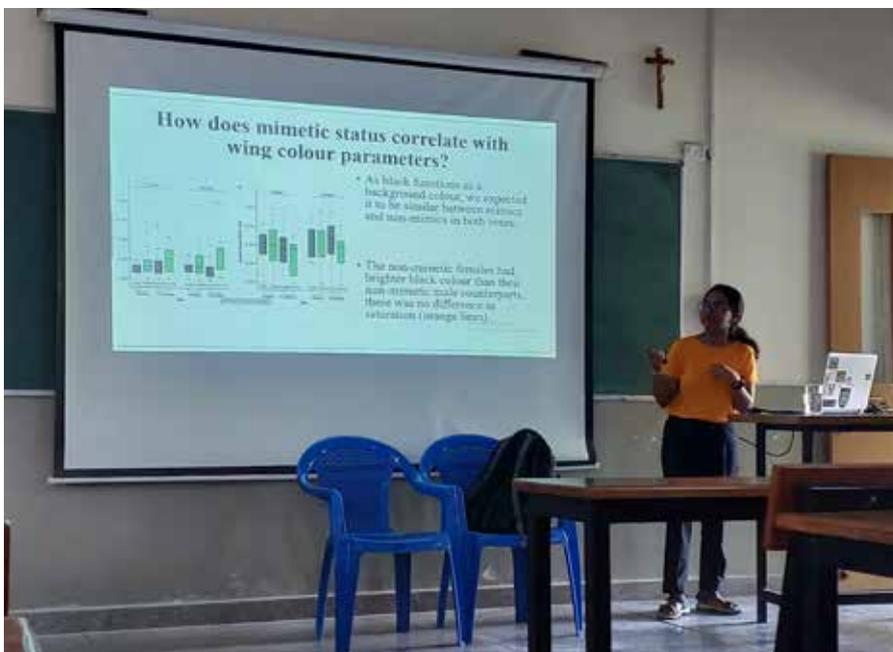
Open Day - Elixir

On September 30, 2023, Elixir started off at 9:00 am sharp in the morning with a lively crowd, the energy of which remained throughout the day. Several teams from the department participated. The Microbiology department on that day looked particularly bright and colourful. The PG students displayed their exhibits at the Molecular Biology Lab. Further along the corridors of the department, were the Career Desk: A Cultured Future, Petri Art, and Microbe tattoo stalls.

small activities aided in keeping a flurry of guests coming in and out of the department throughout the day. Moving into the department, Lab One exhibited such as School of Outbreaks, Mycota, and a small activity “DNA Base Pairing”. In another lab, seminars were presented by the students of 2nd year and quizzes ran simultaneously on a team called Gray Matter, who had an amazing display of charts and models of the brain. Guests flooded the department throughout and requested explanations and were quite pleased with our department judging by their pleasant expressions. The exhibits were shown until 4:00 pm.

Inauguration of Microbiological Society

The UG and PG Microbiology associations, Microcosm, and the Microbiological Society were inaugurated for the current academic year on August 19, 2023, at 12:30 pm in Xavier Hall, Auditorium Block. Mr Andrew Clive Teron, Head of Science & Educational Consultant, Harrow International, Bengaluru was the Chief guest. The office bearers of Microcosm were introduced. Ms Dyuti Adavi, President of Microcosm gave a report on the previous year’s activities and Ms Lakshmi Chandana, Editor of Microcosm delivered the year plan for the current academic year. This was followed by the introduction of the office bearers for the Microbiological Society. Ms Yamama Firdous, President of the Association delivered the report on the association’s activities in the previous academic year and Ms Michelle Liz Cyriac, Editor, presented the year plan for the academic year 2023-2024. MicroLens, the newsletter of the Microbiological Society was officially released by the dignitaries present, along with the editorial team. The Chief guest, Mr Andrew Clive Teron delivered a talk titled ‘Navigating Career Paths after College’. He emphasised the need to take calculated risks as well as the importance of hard work and determination. The rousing talk culminated with an enthusiastic Q&A session.



Guest lecture

August 26, 2023, witnessed the first event of the academic year 2023-2024 from the Microbiological Society of St Joseph’s University. Ms Bhavya Dharmaraaj, PhD student at Krishnamegh Kunte’s lab, National Centre for Biological Sciences, is an alumnus of our college. She delivered

a guest lecture on the topic ‘Natural Selection, Sexual Selection & Evolution of Butterfly Wing Colours in Animal Communication’. She presented an excerpt from her PhD thesis which delved into the beautiful and mysterious topic of butterfly wing colours. The talk was followed by eager questions from students and

teachers alike. A memento was presented to Ms. Bhavya in appreciation. The talk took place in Room 211, PG Block.

Industrial Visit

The Department of Crystallography and Biophysics at the University of Madras was visited on September 15, 2023, and had an invigorating session with Dr P Karthe, Head of the Department wherein he enthralled students with the history and establishment of the department. Furthermore, students were given a tour of the department and its facilities.

Later in the day, we had the great pleasure of visiting the BCG Vaccine Laboratory in Chennai. Students got to see how the vaccines are prepared, on what frequency each batch is made, how each and every step is monitored for its quality – an essential step since these vaccines are administered to children – and many more steps in the production of the vaccine. On September 16, 2023, TICEL Bio Park in Chennai was visited. There were totally 30 students in attendance.

Clinical Laboratory Visit

St John's Medical College Laboratory graciously provided students with the opportunity to observe how a hospital-based laboratory works. 30 students from II MSc Microbiology went on August 2-3, 2023, and August 16-17, 2023, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. They got to witness sample collection, sample processing, running the sample for the respective tests, and obtaining the result. After the results are obtained, they are documented and stored for further reference and testing. They visited the lab in two batches of 15 students each. They got to see how each department divided the work as per the required testing. The department was broadly divided into bacteriology, serology, TB lab, molecular biology with biological safety cabinet level 3, and the newly introduced ICMR mycology lab where day-to-day analysis of samples and identification of infectious pathogens are performed. Watching the

lab personnel handle potentially infectious samples was scary as well as mesmerising.

Open Day - Elixir

The Open Day of St Joseph's University, the first of its kind was conducted on September 30, 2023. The PG Department of Microbiology participated in the event with great zeal. Various models encapsulating diverse aspects of Microbiology were displayed at the Open Day exhibition. First-year and second-year students of MSc Microbiology displayed 3 models. Models on sarcomere contraction and relaxation, sand filter, bacterial flagella, cell membrane, and the prokaryotic cell were displayed. Models were displayed in the Molecular Biology Lab, Science Block, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Staff Achievements

Dr Beatrice Sequeira (Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Attended a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on July 5 -7, 2023.

Dr Vanitha NM (Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology) Attended a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on July 5 -7, 2023.

Dr Syed Wajeed (Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Mentored Niligiri College of Arts and Science, Thaloor, Tamilnadu for NAAC Accreditation under the UGC-Paramarsh Scheme. They achieved the grade of A++ in its first cycle of NAAC Accreditation with a CGPA of 3.59.

Resource person at the NAAC-sponsored two-day National Seminar organised by MES College Marampally, Aluva on July 6, 2023, with the theme 'Total Quality Management in Higher Education Through Assessment and Accreditation' and the topic deliberated was 'Role of Best Practices in Quality Enhancement of Higher Education.'

Resource person for five-day Internal Level FDP organised by IQAC of St Anne's First Grade College for Women, Bengaluru.

The Inaugural speaker for IROC 1.0 (Interaction with Researcher on Campus) organised by 'The Natural Science Association Zoologia', Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University on August 26, 2023. The topic of the lecture was 'Emergence of Viruses and Health Risks'.

The resource person for Ignitors – Integral Formation Programme organised by St Joseph's University from September 20, 2023, to October 6, 2023. Handled topics 'Magis Spirit – To be the best', 'Advanced Leadership – Be your own cheerleader', and 'Time Management'.

Dr W Jothy (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Was BOE member of Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on August 29, 2023. Appointed as the first NACC coordinator for St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on September 14, 2023.

Assistant Coordinator of the first SJU Open Day-Elixir 2023 organised on September 30, 2023.

Ms Mamatha S (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Completed an online two-week refresher course on 'Digital skills and competencies for Teachers: With a Special focus on MOOCs and E-Content development', from June 9 - 22 2023, organised by the Association of Indian Universities and Amity University Haryana, Gurugram.

Dr Popy Dutta (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Attended a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on July 5 -7, 2023.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Staff Achievements

Dr Jayashankar (Head of the Department of Zoology)

Attended the mini-symposium titled 'Genetics: Basic and Applied' held on June 10, 2023 at the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru.

Completed five-day Internship Training in Animal Husbandry from July 3, 2023 to July 7, 2023, at the Centre of Excellence for Animal Husbandry – Animal Husbandry Academy of India (CEAH), Hessaraghatta, Bengaluru.

Attended one-day faculty development programme on 'Research Grant Proposals, Manuscript Preparation and Bridging the Industry – Academia Gap' on July 11, 2023, at Ramaiah College of Arts and Commerce.

Attended workshop titled 'In-vitro systems and Animal models in behavioural studies' held on August 22, 2023 at Indian Academy Degree College Autonomous, Bengaluru.

Mahendra Devanda and Dr M Jayashankar published "Sightings of the Common Monitor Lizard, *Varanus bengalensis* in Sirohi District" in International Journal of Zoological Investigations. Mahendra Devanda, Jayashankar Murnirathinam and Shantabala Devi Gurumayum published "Avifaunal diversity of Pakke Tiger Reserve in the Eastern

Ms Shalmali Kamath (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Completed a workshop on 'Communicating Biology Research' organised by the Center for Researcher Training and Administration (CRTA) and Center for Urban Ecology, Bio-diversity, Evaluation and Climate Change (CUBEC), Jain University, School of Sciences, Bengaluru.

Dr Debalina Chaudhuri (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Contributed as second author in a re-

search article titled: 'Deceiving the big eaters: *Salmonella Typhimurium* SopB subverts host cell xenophagy in macrophages via dual mechanisms' published in *Microbes and Infection*.

Dr G Mohanraj (Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology)

Attended Faculty Induction Programme conducted by St Joseph's University at Xavier Hall for the newly appointed faculty held on July 4-11, 2023. Participated in JESCOL - 1 conducted by St Joseph's University held on September 14-15, 2023.

Himalaya hotspot of Arunachal Pradesh" in *Journal of Wildlife and Biodiversity*.

Subject expert of Board of Studies held at MLA College on September 22, 2023, and also at Bangalore University on September 5, 2023.

Delivered a talk on Citizen Science organised by NSS unit 4, SJU on October 6, 2023, during National Wildlife Week.

Ms Prathibha RD (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Completed 10 weeks certificate course on 'Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills' conducted by Samagra, St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Center, Bengaluru.

Dr Viyolla Pavana Mendonce (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Viyolla Pavana Mendonce along with Sunil Joshi and Nafeesa Mohammad did a discovery of a new insect species of *Aulacaspis Cockerell, 1893* (Hemiptera: Cocco-morpha: Diaspididae) infesting cardamom from India.

Attended Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Pedagogical Approaches to Enhance Teaching and Learning' organised by the Centre for Learning, Development, and Transformation Mount Carmel college, Vasanth nagar from August 24-30, 2023.

Dr Samson S (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Presentation of a research work entitled 'Effect of coloured light induced stress on the olfactory memory in Molly fishes, *Poecilia sp.*' In a national conference bearing the theme 'Environment, Health, and Sustainable development' organised by the Department of Studies in Environmental Studies, University of Mysore, Mysuru on June 5, 2023.

Dr Varun Rajan (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Published a research paper in 'Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems' (Volume 29 Issue 1: June 2023) on 'Modifying oviposition behaviour of the Oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Hendel) to obtain uniform G0 stage eggs for microinjection.'

Dr Jincy George (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Completed faculty development program organised by HRDC team from St Joseph's University.

Completed JESCOL 1

Attended Mentoring program: Basic counselling Skills session organised by St Joseph's University.

Dr Magesh Daniel (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology)

Underwent a 21-day long induction program conducted by St Joseph's Univer-

sity. Participated in two-day JESCOL 1. Underwent a training session for mentoring. Completed a series of six-week online courses in collaboration with ag-MOOCs, TANUVAS in Chennai, and the Commonwealth of Learning in Canada. In May 2022, attended a course on 'Flu-id Therapy and Management of Clinical

Syndrome in Cattle and Small Ruminants.' In July and August 2023, participated in two courses: 'Practical animal nutrition for augmenting livestock and poultry productivity' and 'Agricultural Statistics in Practice.' *Dr Bharat Parthasarathy* (Assistant Professor, De-

partment of Zoology)
Appointed as Dedicated Research Faculty. Organised a lecture - Scientist and Assistant Professor affiliated with Ahmedabad University was invited to deliver a talk on the collective behaviour of animals for first and second year PG students on October 11, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



Guest Talk

On August 10, 2023, 'Symbiosis- A way to achieve Sustainability', An Invited talk was organised by the Department of Environmental Science, St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The Speaker was an alumnus of the department, Mr Siddharth Vinod, currently working as a Forest Programme Associate in African Bamboo, an Ethiopia-based Company. The talk was mainly focused on 'Sustainability and Agroforestry' and to understand the current situation of the Man-Environment relationship. Mr Vinod illustrated problems such as human-wildlife conflict, deforestation, population explosion, and loss of fertile land and elaborated on the concept of Symbiosis between humans and nature and how this Symbiosis is being greatly affected by human activities. He emphasised the concept of agroforestry as a strategy for sustainability towards both forest con-



servation and agricultural development. During the interaction, He clarified and answered all the queries that the listeners had in their mind. Moreover, the main objective of this talk was to understand the scope of sustainability and to understand the importance of sustainable development in the professional field to solve the ongoing problems in the current scenarios.

Inauguration of the Association 'Earthlings'

Mr DR Kumaraswamy, Chief Environmental Officer (Retd), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Government of Karnataka, inaugurated the Department association 'Earthlings' and on this occasion, he addressed the students of undergraduate and postgraduate studies on Environmental Science and Sustainability. Mr Kumaraswamy is currently working as the Director of the Prakruti Institute of Environmental Studies, Bangalore. The event happened

on August 12, 2023, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Speaker started his address with the concept of Sustainability and 17 Sustainable Development goals. He clearly explained the importance of these goals and how these 17 goals can impact a country's economic, social, and environmental development and also mentioned the obstacles to achieving these goals as the three main components economy, society, and environment are very much contradictory to each other. From an Economic perspective, he spoke about the potential of industrialization as one of the most considerable options for the fastest economic growth, adding to that he also illustrated one of the worst industrial disasters, the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, and its effect on the environment, humans, and wildlife till today. He explained the aspects of all the 17 SDGs, considering different components of the environment such as biodiversity, water, and air, and how India is heading towards it. He mentioned sustaining the use of fossil fuels and other non-renewable resources and illustrated the concept of Electric Vehicles. He concluded by mentioning the challenges that lie while implementing a policy that is focused on sustainability.

Talk on: Journey Towards Net Zero in Buildings

On August 19, 2023, a session was conducted on 'Journey towards Net Zero in Buildings' in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Ms Nandana Dilip Kumar, Executive General Manager, LEAD Consultancy and Engi-

neering Services (India) Pvt Ltd started the session by mentioning the climatic zones, efficiency in the use of resources, and increasing population, added to that she explained the unplanned urbanisation and its adverse effect on biodiversity and wildlife. From an Environmental perspective, she elaborated on the concept of Green Buildings, which is aligned with nine sustainable development goals. She briefly explained current trends in Green Building materials that include carbon-capturing materials, recycling and upcycling of products, low-carbon concrete alternatives, 3-D printing, smart glass, life cycle of the product, etc. This concept is more concerned with energy efficiency, Resource Conservation, Waste management, and providing a healthy indoor environment. She illustrated some of the initiatives such as the Indian Green Building Council and Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) which has been done by India to promote the concept of Green Building and in implementing this concept, India is leading in the worldwide scenario. The main objective of this concept is to implement the "Net Zero Energy Buildings" by selecting some very energy-efficient appliances and renewable resources of energy. At the end of the session, she shared her experiences and real-time

case studies motivating the students to understand the practical applications of the net zero concept in the current time. The session was attended by 85 students

Tree Walk

Department of Environmental Science, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru organised a Tree walk in Cubbon Park on August 26, 2023. The invited Experts were Ms Priya Venkatesh, Founder and Director, of The Naturalist School, Bengaluru, and Mr Karthikeyan S, Chief Naturalist Jungle Lodges & Resorts Bengaluru. The Tree walk started with the identification of trees. The students were divided into two groups. The experts briefly explained the process of identifying the tree and the parameters that influence the growth and rate of photosynthesis in the plant. The programme was very successful as it covered the identification of several different species of plants with common names, scientific names, and local (regional) names. Ms Priya explained how the leaf as an individual entity can be studied, with fruit structure, type identification, dispersal, and germination of seed. The Tree walk includes identification trees such as Bauhinia variegeta, Mahogani macrophylla, Pongamia pinata, Jacaranda Mimosifolia, etc. The study continued with the Carbon Sequestration and Quadrat method to

study tree abundance. The faculty members of the Environmental Science Department helped and briefly explained the procedure and importance of these two methods. For the carbon sequestration, more than 20 species were studied which showed the ability of each and every plant to estimate the amount of carbon sink that can take place in the locality. The Tree walk overall was a very productive activity. The experts were completely involved with the students and answered all the queries which thrilled and developed more curiosity for being with nature.

Seasons Nature Club – Investiture

The Investiture ceremony of Seasons Nature Club was held on September 2, 2023. The event happened in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, with the participation of 80 members across the schools. Dr SN Srinivas, Consultant to UN Agencies was the resource person present for the event. The club is open space to students from all the streams and the office bearers are from the Department of Commerce, Humanities and Sciences. The Association majorly focuses on environmental issues through various programs like awareness drives, cleanliness, and hygiene programs through various competitions and events.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



'World Environmental Day 2023' Celebration Talk

The Botanical Society under the Department of Botany hosted an event on June 5, 2023, as part of World Environment Day. It was an online meeting, conducted via Zoom, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in which the resource person was Dr Sathish BN, Assistant Professor, and Project Head College of Forestry, Kodagu. More than 100 people attended the event.

National Wildlife Week 2023 Celebration

The Botanical Society under the Department of Botany hosted an event on October 8, 2023, as part of the National Wildlife Week. There were two talks, the first one was conducted by Dr Naresh Loudya Assistant Professor, IISc, Bengaluru, and the second one was by Dr Arthur Selwyn Mark, Head of Sustainability Practices, Simsy Ventures, Bengaluru. The first talk was held in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, and the second talk was held in the AV Room, PG Block, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. More than 60 people attended the event.

Inauguration of 'Botanical Society' for the year 2023-24

The Botanical Society under the Department of Botany was inaugurated on August 12, 2023 in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.. Dr Siddappa Setty R, Senior Scientist, Centre for Environment and Development, ATREE, Bengaluru, was the resource person present for the inaugural function. More than 60 people attended the event.

Inauguration of 'Council for Molecular and Computational Biology'

The inaugural function of the 'Council for Molecular and Computational Biology' an association under the Department of Botany, was conducted on August 19, 2023, from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm.. Dr H



Venuprasad IFS, Regional director, Forest Survey of India was the resource person present for the event. The event happened in the Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, and more than 60 people attended it.

MoU Signing

St Joseph's University signed an MoU on September 7, 2023, with the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru. During this Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Dr Jacob Paul, Head of Botany Department, Dr N Praveen Kumar, and Dr A Stephen, were present from SJU and Dr N Palanikanth, IFS, Conservator of Forest and Head of Extension Division of IWST signed the MoU on behalf of IWST. Dr M P Singh, IFS, Director of IWST was also present on this occasion. This MoU will facilitate the exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information as well as the exchange of UG, PG students, and

research scholars for joint projects, internships, and studies from all departments of the Life Sciences. The exchange of faculty through sabbatical and academic visits; exchange of undergraduate and graduate students through internships; and joint application and operation of research funding/grants, subject to the terms and conditions of the funding agency will also come under the purview of this MoU.

Staff Achievements

Dr A Stephen and Dr Neelam Mishra, along with four Research Scholars of the Department of Botany, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University had a meeting with Dr Amritha Suresh, Principal Scientist, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Foundation, a research wing of Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru on August 30, 2023. In the meeting, Dr Amritha suggested having a Statement of Work (SoW). Also, she

Dr A Stephen (Assistant Professor, Department of Botany). Attended a two-week online refresher course on Botany organised by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University

of Delhi. Organised an educational field trip for MSc students to Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu, The Museum of Natural Science History of Palni Hills, Tamil Nadu & Forests of Western Ghats.

The field trip was accompanied by Dr Anisha David, Mr Sagayanathan, and Mr Abraham.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY



A panel discussion on industry careers after a degree in Biotechnology

On September 23, 2023, the Department of Biotechnology organised a panel discussion on industry careers after completing a degree in Biotechnology. The panel was conducted in Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:15 am to 1:00 pm. Final-year UG and PG students attended the panel. The discussion was done by Dr Vishnu Janardan (Thermo Scientific), Dr Dhanalakshmi R (Bayer, India), and Dr Jayan Joseph (Syngene International). It was organised by Dr Susan Mary Philip, PG Coordinator, Department of Biotechnology.

Panel discussion on 'Academic Vs Industry Research

Which is right for you? On July 22, 2023, the Department of Biotechnology organised a panel discussion on 'Academic Vs Industry Research: Which is Right for you?' at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The session aimed at preparing II MSc Biotechnology students for a research project or industry internship, giving them an understanding of the pros and

cons of academic vs industry internships, and providing insights into the application and interview processes involved. The panel discussion was mediated by Ms Gayathry Suresh (Intern at Thermo Fisher Scientific), Ms Teresa Fernandez (Jubilant Biosys Ltd), Ms Yuti Vaghela (Technical trainee at Barcode Biosciences) and was chaired by Dr Susan Mary Philip, PG Coordinator, Department of Biotechnology. The sessions were lively and followed by active discussions.

Field collection tour

Students of first-year PG Biotechnology were taken on a field collection tour on the streets of Bangalore to collect figs and fig-wasps on August 8, 2023, to study the co-evolution of fig and fig-wasps as a part of their Physiology course.

Session on 'What is Biotechnology?'

PUC-Science students from Bylukuppe, Kodagu, visited the Biotechnology laboratories on October 4, 2023. A session on 'What is Biotechnology?' was conducted by Dr Anthony Johnson and Dr Madappa MB, both Assistant Professors from the Department of Biotechnology, to provide

a sense of basic Biotechnology to PUC students.

Inauguration event of the UG Biotechnology Association

'Bio-augmentation' – the inauguration event of UG Biotechnology Association Green Gene Guild was conducted on August 26, 2023, at Faber Hall. The event comprised the investiture of the office bearers followed by an ice-breaking session for UG first-year students and many interactive game sessions for participants.

Staff Achievements

Dr Anthony Johnson (Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology) Approved to provide PhD guideship from the Department of Biotechnology. Participated in a one-week-long online National Faculty Development Programme on 'Education 2.0' organised by the Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. Participated in a four-week long online National Induction/Orientation Programme for 'Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of higher education' organised by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan



College, University of Delhi.

Participated in a two-week long National Refresher Course on Biochemistry organised by HRDC, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Meghalaya.

Dr Madappa MB (Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology- Attended a three-day international workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the

21st-Century Classroom' organised by St Joseph's University, Bangalore. Attended a one-week-long National Faculty Development Programme on the 'NAAC accreditation framework' organised by Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for Women. Attended a one-day seminar on 'Integration of NAAC standard with ISO 21001' organised by ISDE Academy India Pvt Ltd.

Dr Nishanth MJ (Assistant Professor,

Department of Biotechnology)

Received Doctoral degree from Shastra Deemed to be University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, for 'Understanding the influence of RNA-binding protein – Pumilio, on terpenoid indole alkaloid biosynthesis and cell wall invertase *Catharanthus roseus*.'

Dr Archana Malhan joined the Department of Biotechnology as the newest faculty on October 3, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Inauguration of Association Food Miles

The Department of Food Science and Technology, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, inaugurated the department's association 'Food Miles' on August 12, 2023. The official ceremony commenced around 2:00 pm, with an introduction about the event. The event was followed by a song performance followed by the welcoming of the gathering by Dr Vanitha NM, PG Coordinator, Department of Food Science and Technology. The guest speaker for the day, Mr Aravind G, and his colleague Mr Kaushik were introduced by Dr Anupriya Mazumder, Assistant Professor,

and coordinator of the association. The guest speaker spoke on the topic 'The Power of Possibility– Unleashing Your Potential as a Life Science Student.' He began by speaking about the hardships he faced in life which led to the dream of him becoming an entrepreneur and starting up his own company Dextrose Technologies Pvt Ltd, a fast-growing biotechnology start-up in Bangalore. He gave a brief introduction about his company which is a biotechnology testing industry with a wide range of instruments such as NMR, HPLC, Analyzer, GCMS & LCMS. Their current area of research is microbiological analysis of food. The talk was continued by Mr Kaushik, a colleague of Mr Arvind.

He spoke about the different grants available for startups. Finally, the main speaker, Mr Arvind G concluded the speech by talking about the current opportunities available for internships at his company followed by a Q and A session where the students and faculty cleared up their doubts related to the future aspects.

Open Day - Elixir

The first-year students of the Department of Food Science and Technology took part in the 'Open Day – Elixir 2023' on September 30, 2023. The event started at 9:00 am wherein all the projects were set up at the UG science block. The first group presented a project on



'Natural pH Testing and Non-Newtonian Fluid(3FS-31)' where different raw materials were used in addition to reagents to observe a range of colour changes. In the case of non-Newtonian fluids, cornstarch, and water mixture was used to show that these fluids will change their viscosity when pressure or stress is applied. The second group presented on 'Chroma Tension (3FS-33)' where the objective was to demonstrate the property of surface tension and the effect that soap (a surfactant) has on the surface tension of milk. The third group presented on 'Microbial Spoilage of Fruits and Vegetables(3FS-34)' in which different media were inoculated with the microorganisms from the spoiled portion via serial dilution and then the plates were incubated for 48 hours at 37°C. Followed by which gram staining was done and observed under the microscope. The fourth group presented 'Edible Plastics(3FS-35)' where the main objective was to show the alternatives for plastics and the advantages of edible plastics in the food industry. The fifth group presented 'From palate to palette(3FS-37)' where the aim was to create five vibrant and eco-friendly watercolour paints using natural pigments extracted from readily available discarded organic materials and natural chemicals like alum and calcium carbonate.

World Coconut Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology in association with 'Food Miles' hosted its first event on Septem-

ber 2, 2023, at the PG block to celebrate World Coconut Day. This small event was conducted to spread the word on World Coconut Day. Two food stalls and a game stall were set up by the department at the PG quadrangle to attract fellow students. Flyers about the event were circulated one week prior throughout the university to various departments inviting the students and faculty for their active participation in the event. The event started around 12:30 pm with all the stalls set up. People entered the PG block and had fun playing a game called 'Cocoring,' where they tried to throw rings onto coconut shells to win prizes. Over 75 people, including faculty members, joined in. Two students set up a 'Chaat stall' with delicious snacks like pani puri, dahi puri, and more. It was a big hit with over 100 students and faculty members enjoying the tasty and affordable treats. Some ran a dessert stall called 'Sweet Sliders' with mouthwatering cakes and desserts. The main attractions of the day were two competitions, one of them was 'Cocofusion,' students had to cook using coconut without fire, and the judges were impressed by their creative dishes. In 'Crafted with Coconut,' participants showcased their creativity by making things out of coconut shells. The event came to an end with prize distribution to the competition winners followed by a vote of thanks.

Staff Achievements

Dr Mohan Kumar S (Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology)
Published Purification and Characterisa-

tion of lectin from Indian borage leaves (*Plectranthus amboinicus*). Asian Journal of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Volume 13, 2023 along with Roopashri N Arekal, Mohan Kumar S, Keerthana H, Manoj Kumar D, Muralidhar S, Priya R, Vijay Kumar CB, Savitha Janakiraman.

Acted as a resource person and delivered a lecture on Mushrooms: a treasure trove of bioactive secondary metabolites at a national conference organised by KMG College of Arts & Science, Gudiyattam, Vellore District on September 20, 2023.

Joined the Jescol-II program, organised by HRDC at Ashirvad Bengaluru.

Took part in a three-day online workshop titled 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Attended the MycoIndia World Fungus Day 2023 Lecture series on October 1, 2023, and successfully completed a certificate course on 'System Biology Approaches of Drug Discovery in Cancer' which was organised by the Institute of Innovations (MSME) in Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu.

Dr Anupriya Mazumder (Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology)

Published Biodiesel and emerging fuel derived from waste cooking oil. Frying Technology (CRC Press), Page 21, Along with Mitra Abhirup and Routray Winny.

Acted as a reviewer for two research articles in the Journal of Applied Phycology

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

World Photography Day

On August 19, 2023, students of I BVOC Digital Media and Animation were taken on a class trip to the Lalbagh Botanical Gardens for a photo walk from the Department of Communication. This was an assignment given by Mr Avishek Suman, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, to ensure the learn-

ing of writing skills for travelogues taught to them by Ms Patricia Michelle Mathias, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication. All 43 students were guided by both Ms Patricia and Mr Avishek as they captured photographs of the scenery around them. The educational trip taught the students the importance of nature and helped them bond with their peers.

Elixir

On September 30, 2023, students of III BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking from the School of Communication constructed a film set for the Elixir exhibition on Open Day. This fetched them second place. The set was meticulously designed to replicate the living room of a Carnatic musician. The idea was to capture the

vintage essence of an old house inherited from the musician's grandmother, a renowned Carnatic musician during her time. To achieve this ambiance, the team used traditional Indian prints, classical instruments like the veena and tambura, as well as other props to adorn the set and emphasise its classical aspects. Sustainability played a pivotal role in the process with a strong focus on repurposing discarded materials and furniture found in the college basement. Plywood from discarded sources formed the walls and students refurbished the old furniture. Additionally, students generously contributed props, set pieces and decorative items such as lamps and trinkets. The primary objective of the set was to provide a glimpse of the craftsmanship required for filmmaking. This project aimed to unveil the hidden reality of temporary, often recycled sets constructed from scratch to appear genuine. It served as a valuable reminder that filmmaking extends beyond the camera and acting, emphasising the intricate artistry involved in crafting backdrops for cinematic storytelling



Beyond the CV

The School of Communication conducted Beyond the CV on September 9, 2023, for the second-year students of MA Mass Communication and Journalism. Col KC Menon, Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO) at St Joseph's University, who also has an illustrious career in the defence forces and experience of recruiting for companies like ITC, elucidated to students the need for having an attractive resume in an era of cut-throat competition and economic recession where AI is replacing humans. Col Menon stressed the importance of having a resume not exceed two pages. He insisted that credentials must be backed by ability and students must make a company's environment and goals their top priority. Focusing on the pay scale, he said, would be detrimental in seeking jobs. The session ended on the note that one must always work hard, and be ready to learn.

Staff Achievement

Mr Shabin PK (Assistant Professor, Department of Communication) Won Second Best Actor Award for his performance in the film Ennam Pol Vazhkai at the Indian Film House Short Film Awards on September 22, 2023.

Dr Rupa Peter (Assistant Professor, Department of Communication) Published a short book of poetry, Feelings are like Bangalore Skies, on August 25, 2023, by Write Order Publications. Won the Best Paper Award in 'Mediatron' a national media conference organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), held from October 12-13, 2023, for the paper "A Thematic Visual Analysis of the Typefaces in the Titles of Quentin Tarantino's films."

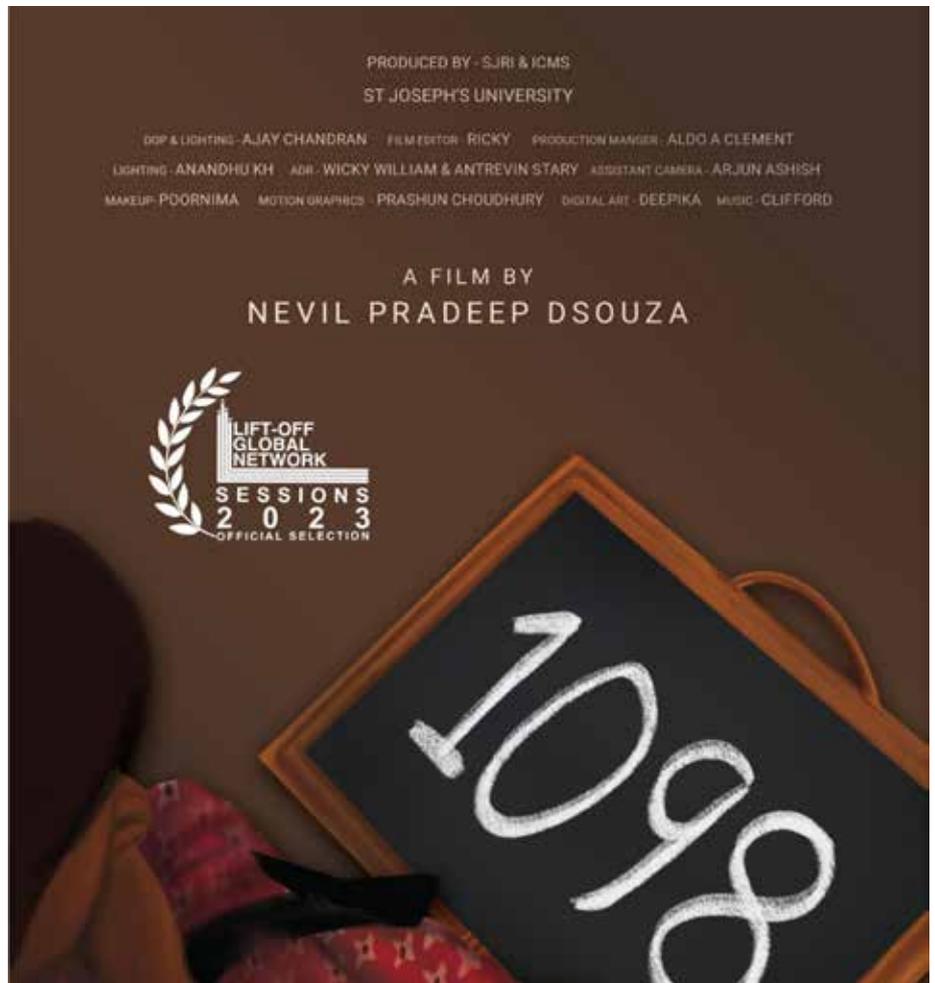
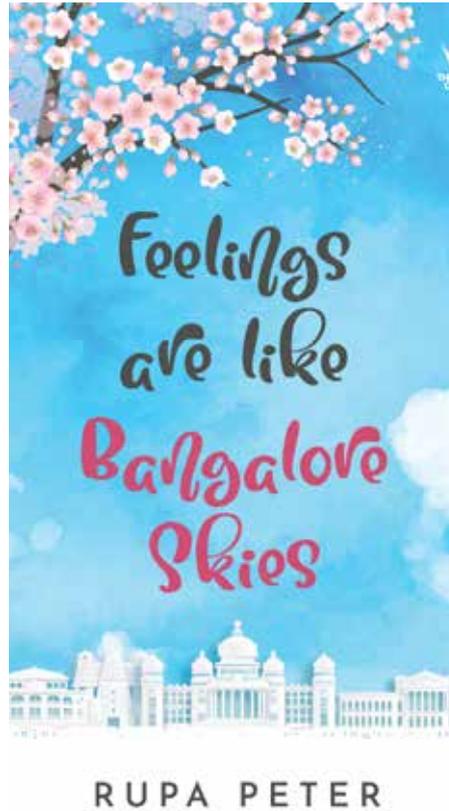
Mr. Nevil Dsouza (Assistant Professor, Department of Communication) Won Best Paper Award from Jain deemed-to-be University, on July 6 and 7, 2023. He was also the resource person for St Joseph's Pre-University College from July 6-7, 2023. 1098 Film was selected in the Lift-off session, organised by Lift-off Global Network on July 7, 2023. The film was later shortlisted in the Non-Competition Section for the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival held from August 3, 2023, to August 13, 2023. Mr. Nevil Dsouza and Mr Ajay Chandran worked on the production of 1098.

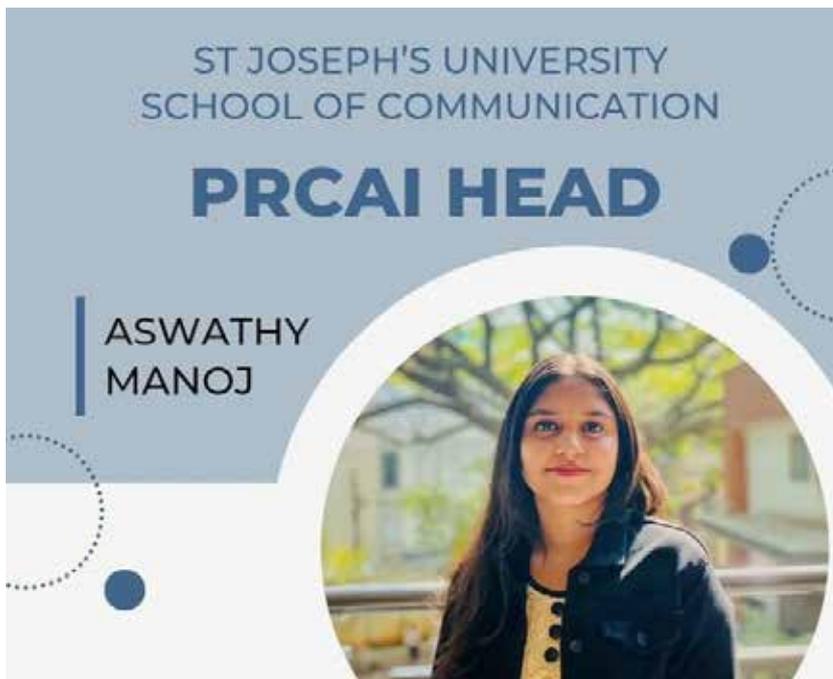
Student Achievements

Srishti RJ won Second place for Piece-to-Camera (PTC) in Journotri'23, a state-level media fest.

Brandon Fernandes and Anita C from I VC were declared winners for Elixir, Open Day.

Roby Jayson, Sandra Mariah, Aditya Chacko, Selwyn Joseph, Smrithi Ganesh, Trinity John Opperman, and Tamil Iniyam won the Mokkho International Film Festival for the Best Screenplay.





Aswathy S Manoj

Appointed as President of the Public Relations Consultants Association of India (PRCAI).

Digital Introspection – Ready Set Digital

Digital Introspection – Ready Set Digital was a talk conducted for the students of Advertising and Public Relations in the AV Room, Arrupe Block on August 4, 2023 at 11:00 am. Mr Don Bosco, Chief Strategy Officer & South Head, 21N78E Creative Labs, was the speaker for the occasion. He spoke to an audience of 40 about the need to understand the dynamics of digital usage better by internally introspecting usage and habits as individual users. He spoke about how to maximally utilise the fast-paced technology to target specific groups. He also informed the audience about the need for hook steps and other strategies used in digital marketing.

News Writing News Writing was an informative session on newspapers, media, and their significance in public relations and advertising. The session was held in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, on August 8, 2023, at 11:00 am. The session was conducted by Brandstorm, the association of Advertising and Public Relations and had an audience of 40 people. The speaker, Mr John Thomas, employed an interactive question-and-answer format, allowing students to actively engage in his talk, while highlighting the pivotal role newspapers and media play in shaping public perceptions and disseminating information. The interactive nature of the session encouraged students to ask questions, enabling exploration of the multifaceted impact of media on public relations and advertising.

St Joseph's University Students Excel at IBM's Think Event: A Multifaceted Journey into Innovation .

On September 12, 2023, 12 students from

of Advertising and Public Relations participated in IBM's Think, organised by George P Johnson, occurring from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. The journey began on September 11, 2023, with students familiarising themselves with the event layout and their respective roles. Students were assigned to various departments. Some students were stationed in the tech byte zone, where they engaged with cutting-edge technology of silent conferencing, learnt about IBM's latest innovations, and interacted with tech enthusiasts. Others explored generative AI, witnessing how artificial intelligence is transforming industries. Several students worked behind the scenes, contributing to the production of the main stage events, ensuring that presentations, discussions, and the stage set up ran smoothly. In the hybrid cloud department, students learnt about the importance of cloud technology and its impact on businesses today. Some students were responsible for document-

ing information and interviews to preserve the event's highlights. To provide a holistic experience, some students were stationed in the massage zone, where attendees could relax and rejuvenate, promoting the well-being of participants. Students not only gained practical exposure to the tech industry but also developed essential skills in teamwork, communication, adaptability, and event management.

Meta Conversations

Fourteen students on Advertising and Public Relations were sent to attend Meta Conversations at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, from September 18-20, 2023. The event was organised by George P Johnson, and was held from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm. The event featured digital activations and renowned keynote speakers, who spoke about the evolving landscape of digital communication. Students also learnt about the power of digital experiences, handling crowds, and multi-tasking while coordinating with teams.

World Public Relations Forum 2023 & PRaxis 10

WPRF and PRaxis featured over 40 speakers, each an expert in their field, who delved into a spectrum of PR-related topics. Held at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, and organised by Mr Amith Prabhu, Co-creator of PRaxis and Founding Dean of School of Communication and Reputation (SCORE), the events occurred from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. WPRF was held from September 21-22, 2023, and PRaxis was held from September 22-23, 2023. The speakers' addresses ranged from exploring how PR can be a catalyst for global change to challenges and opportunities presented by generative AI. 12 students from the Department volunteered at this event. Attendees were also treated to four captivating live performances. WPRF and PRaxis

not only served as epicentres of PR excellence but also as hubs of cultural exchange and inspiration.

AI-powered Consumer Insights

A talk on AI-powered Consumer insights was organised for the students of Advertising and Public Relations in Xavier Hall, PG Block on August 9, 2023, at 12:00 pm. It was attended by 200 people. The resource person for the event was Dr Ajay T Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of Marketing, Albers School of Business & Economics, Seattle University, Washington. The session provided attendees with valuable insights into how AI technologies are revolutionising the understanding of consumer choices. Students asked various questions regarding analytics, agency, and experience, and whether AI will soon steal jobs. Mr Abraham's lecture underscored the pivotal role of AI in reshaping consumer insights, while stimulating thought-provoking discussions on the integration of technology and human experiences. The event left participants with a profound appreciation for the dynamic interplay between AI, consumer behaviour, and the ever-evolving business landscape.

Gearing towards Corporate Excellence

A talk titled Gearing towards Corporate Excellence was organised for the students of Advertising and Public Relations on August 10, 2023, in Faber Hall, PG Block, at 11:00 am. 40 students attended the session. The speaker was Mr Nawaz Mohammed, Director at Uniphore, and published author of *That Girl*. His was an FAQ session on the intricacies of the marketing industry, giving real-life examples of his experience of the same. He emphasised the need for personal growth and enhancement of knowledge and skills. He spoke about the necessity of taking risks in new job roles. He also advised students to find mentors to guide them throughout their journey.

Association Inauguration & Lecture on the Advertising Ecosystem – How it functions Brandstorm, an association of MA Advertising and Public Relations, was inau-

gurated by the chief guest, PG Aditiya, Co-Founder of Talented. The ceremony was held in Xavier Hall, PG Block on August 24, 2023, at 12:00 pm. The inaugural ceremony was marked by the presence of Fr Richard Rego, Dean, School of Communication, St Joseph's University, alongside various faculty. Brandstorm, aims to provide a platform for developing future advertising and PR leaders. Through immersive experiences, educational initiatives, and impactful campaigns, Brandstorm encourages inclusive peer-to-peer learning, empowering students to become influential voices in the field of advertising and public relations. In his keynote address to the students, Mr Aditiya elaborated on his vision for reimagining the advertising agency experience. He emphasised that advertising, as the most visible art form, would never cease to exist, and commercial creativity plays a pivotal role in this continuum. The ceremony also saw the honouring of Brandstorm's office bearers. The interactive keynote session was followed by entertaining acts, including musical and mentalist performances. Good and Bad Press Releases

Ms Aishwarya Balachandran, Account Manager, The Practice, conducted an interactive workshop on 'Good and Bad Press Releases.' The event was held under Brandstorm, association of MA Advertising and Public Relations, in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, on August 26, 2023, at 11:00 am. Attended by 40 students, the session explained the various activities that focused on the essence and quality of good press releases, and mistakes to avoid. Ms Balachandran shared from her experience at Ernst and Young, emphasising the importance of effective communication in public relations. She also included practical exercises showcasing the key elements of a compelling press release.

Media & Political Discourse Today

The School of Communication organised

a session on Media & Political Discourse Today on September 4, 2023, in Xavier Hall, PG Block, at 12:00 pm. The resource person was Ms Supriya Shrinathe, Journalist and National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress.

She began by articulating two essential questions that journalists must consider in their quest of a story – why now and who cares. Every story has two sides, and a skilled journalist must communicate with both. Today, fake news is used as a tool for weaponisation, deflecting attention away from issues that matter. She explained that the journey to responsible journalism begins with a critical examination of our immediate

surroundings. To fight against unfair press freedom, it is important to tell both sides of the story and let different voices and opinions be heard. Her advice on questioning misinformation and holding those in power accountable made students realise the importance of voicing opinions.

Writing & Idea Generation

Writing & Idea Generation workshop was conducted under Brandstorm, the association of the Advertising and Public Relations department, on September 5, 2023, in Xavier Hall, PG Block, at 1:00 pm. The speaker, Mr Niranjana Natarajan, Creative Director and Copywriter, WHY Axis, spoke to an audience of 100 and emphasised the need to establish intimacy with one's

listeners. The ability to touch the hearts and minds of an audience can elevate the impact of the written word. He touched upon the importance of honesty and the use of vivid imagery in writing. He explained that injecting an element of surprise into writing can pique the reader's interest and keep them engaged. Further, he urged the students to be true to themselves, whilst effectively managing time and continually honing their skills.

Mr Natarajan also emphasised the value of convergent thinking. A recurring theme throughout the lecture was the imperative to 'follow your craft.' Mr Natarajan encouraged aspiring writers to embrace their chosen path and continually hone their skills.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT



Industrial Visit to Jumpking International Manufacturer

50 students from III BBASF visited the Jumpking International Manufacturer at Jakkur on April 10, 2023. Students were greeted by the Jumpking team and were taken for an introductory session that briefed on the company and its product lines. The company mainly focuses on adventure sports ranging from snow activities to fine dining in the sky. Started

by two brothers, Jumpking revolutionised small-scale bungee jumping. The company also promotes entrepreneurs. After the discussion, students visited their recreation space. They were later provided snacks and refreshments, after which a group picture was taken. Dr S Amudhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, and Dr Preethi Sarah, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, accompanied the students.

Orientation on professional programmes for the academic year 2023-24 (Shift III)

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potential, emphasising self-awareness in academic and personal development. He advocated for aligning academic choices with personal interests and aspirations and urged students to embrace continuous learning. The programme was organised by Dr Priya S, Shift III Coordinator, Department of Commerce, Dr Kanishka, Shift III Coordinator, Department of Management, and Mr Pradeep P, Faculty Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. Ms Vidhya B, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce welcomed the attendees.

Investor Education Programme for BBA Students

The Department of Management under the Professional Interface Forum organised an Investor Education Programme (IEP) for the students of III BBA section B and II BBA section A on Capital Market Awareness, Introduction to Mutual Fund & Financial Planning. This was conducted as part of the Bombay Stock Exchange capital market awareness initiative. It was conducted on August 12, 2023, from 9:15 am to 11:00 am in rooms A202 and A203, Arrupe Block. Ms Greeshma Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, organised the event. The resource person for the session was Mr Rahul Dhawan, Equity Research and Founder of Lotus Knowledge (LKW). Mr Dhawan is an expert in Equity Research and Financial Planning with over two decades of work experience across leading financial services and IT Solutions companies. A total of 125 students participated in the session. The event was organised by Ms Greeshma Francis.

Industrial Visit to TVS Motor Company Ltd

The Department of Management planned an industrial visit to TVS Motor Company Ltd, Hosur, Tamil Nadu, on August 21, 2023, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. 45 students from II BBA students were led by Mr Akshay Kumar AV, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, who organ-



ised the visit. At the beginning of the visit, Mr P Ranjith, the industry expert, briefly explained the process pattern followed in the industry to the students and informed them about the product's manufacturing, production, processing, and sales. Then the students were taken to manufacturing Plant Number Two, where they explored the mixed process assembling of motor vehicles which included both human and machine efforts in assembling the various parts of the motor vehicles. They were taken to the engine production unit and explained the various parts required to frame an engine for the vehicle. In Plant Number Ten, students saw the AI-based processing of premium vehicles manufactured by

the company. Students were taught the timing process in various vehicle assembly processes and their parts production procedures. The visit aimed at teaching the students about the practical aspects of Assembly Line management taught in class.

Industrial Visit to Mysore – Cycle Pure Agarbathies

99 students from BBA and Bcom were taken on an industrial visit to Mysore's Pure Cycle Agarbathies, run by Mr N Nanga Rao and sons, on August 22, 2023, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The visit was organised by Mr Prabhakar K, Assistant Professor, Department of

Management. Dr S Amudhan, and Ms Niha Asif from the Department of Management, and Mr Clifford Noel A, and Ms Maha Shriesa V from the Department of Commerce, accompanied the students. On reaching the corporate office, the staff and students were welcomed by Ms Savitha Shetty, their host for the day. She spoke to them about the history of the industry and how the company came to be. She informed them of the marketing strategies used as well as the corporate social responsibility of Mr Rao and sons. After this, the students were taken to the production plant, 25 km away from the corporate office, where they witnessed the entire production process.

Professional Interface Forum on Security Analysis and Temperament

The Professional Interface Forum, organised by the Department of Management on August 25, 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, at De Nobili Hall, 2023, aimed to provide finance elective students with valuable insights into various aspects of finance. Mr Anupam Roongta, SEBI Registered Research Analyst and Certified Financial Planner, was the guest speaker. Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, honoured Mr Roongta with a felicitation. The guest speaker took the stage at 11:10 am to share his knowledge and insights on evaluating financial instruments, making well-informed investment decisions, and cultivating the necessary temperament for success. He delved into the significance of management analysis in evaluating financial instruments and emphasised the importance of the net fixed asset turnover ratio in financial assessment, highlighting its often-overlooked role. He discussed common behavioural biases that impact investment decisions and challenged the conventional belief that higher risk necessarily leads to higher returns. The session included insights from Warren Buffett's investment

philosophy, offering students valuable perspectives on successful investment approaches. Students had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with Mr Roongta. The event ended with a vote of thanks. Ms Sarah John, Head of the Department of Management, Dr S Amudhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, and Dr Shakila P, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, organised the session with the help of the student coordinators. It was attended by 50 students.

Industrial Visit to Avon Plastic Industries Pvt Ltd

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began with an overview of the YTPY programme, an international tax competition started in 2011 to identify and develop future tax leaders. They explained that the contest brings together upcoming tax professionals below 30 years of age from over 60 countries for a national and global competition. Elaborating on the Indian edition, the speakers highlighted that the winner of EY India YTPY would receive exciting prizes and exclusive coaching from senior EY India tax experts. The speakers motivated students to enrol and participate in the YTPY contest to gain global exposure, test their tax skills, and get noticed by recruiters. Key dates, eligibility criteria, selection process, timeline and other logistical details were shared. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session where student queries regarding competition format, case studies, assessment criteria, work experience requirements and post-win opportunities were addressed.

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event concluded with a vote of thanks.

Intra-Collegiate Business Association Fest: Regalia 2023-24

The Business Association organised its flagship Intra-Collegiate Business Fest, Regalia, from August 29-30, 2023. Mr Sathyanarayana R, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, and Dr Preethi Sarah JP, Assistant Professor, Department of Management were the faculty-in-charge of the fest. The fest commenced at 9:00 am in the Auditorium. Dr Preethi delivered the welcome address and introduced the Chief Guest, Ms Deepika Venkatesh, Capital Markets Division, Indian School of Business. Following the inauguration, an investiture ceremony took place where the office bearers were formally entrusted with their responsibilities. Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, congratulated the office bearers. Regalia was officially launched, and the event ended with a vote of thanks.

Regalia consisted of eight events, each designed to test and enhance different aspects of business acumen. Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, SJ, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, was the guest speaker at the Valedictory on August 30, 2023. In his speech, he lauded the spirit of all participants, and spoke about the concept of 'Magis,' following which the prize distribution took place. 29 students out of 152 participants were given certificates and medals. The overall trophy was given to III BBA Section A. The event ended with a vote of thanks.

Staff achievements

Dr Shakila P (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Participated and secured 92 per cent in National Level online quiz on Banking and Financial Awareness organised by the Department of Management, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Bangalore, on September 29, 2023.

Ms Greeshma Francis (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Attended two-day Faculty Development Programme on Qualitative Research Using NVIVO held on October 6-7, 2023, in ISME, Bangalore.

Mr Samuel Mores Geddam (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Participated in 10-day FDP on "Research Methodology & Data Analysis" organised by the Seshadripuram Academy of Business Studies, Bangalore from August 9-19, 2023.

Participated in seven-day FDP on "Applied Corporate Finance" organised by Pune Institute of Business Management, Pune, in association with Skill India and National Skill Development Corporation from August 21-26, 2023. Participated in two-day seminar on "JESCOL Towards Proactive Partnership (JESCOL-1)" organised by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bangalore, from September 14-15, 2023.

Dr Kanishka (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Participated in five-day FDP on Unleashing the Potential: Transforming Research Using Modern Tech-Tools organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St Paul's College, Bangalore from June 19-23, 2023.

Acted as resource person for five-day International FDP on the topic "Rejuvenation and Teachers Adaptability in Quality Enhancement" organised by the Department of Management, St Anne's First Grade College, on July 21, 2023.

Acted as resource person for FDP on "Imperatives and Best Practices of Faculty Development Programmes" organised by Department of Commerce, CMR University, on July 27, 2023.

Acted as resource person for a talk on "Impact of Digital marketing on Consumer Decision Making Process" organised by the Department of Commerce, Post Graduation Studies at Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College on August 2, 2023.

Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20, 2023, to October 6, 2023.

Mr Ebenezer Sam (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Acted as resource person for Orientation Programme at St Joseph's PU College on July 20, 2023.

Acted as resource person for Orientation Programme at Bon Secours Degree College on 20th July 2023.

Presented and published paper on "Impact of Bank Mergers on Account Holders" in International Conference organised by Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, on August 25, 2023.

Participated in FDP on International Virtual Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodologies - A New Perspective (Multidisciplinary) organised by AVP College of Arts and Science Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, India & Cape Comorin Trust, India from August 25-31, 2023.

Participated in an online course/ lecture Series on Pathway to India organised by Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow, from August 21-27, 2023.

Participated in two-day Interdisciplinary National Conference (Virtual Mode) on 'Technological Advancement in Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science' organised by Dr SC Gulhane Prerna College of Commerce, Science, and Arts, Reshimbag, Nagpur, from September 8-9, 2023. Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20, 2023, to October 6, 2023.

Mr Akshay Kumar AV (Assistant Professor, Department of Management)

Invited as external examiner for BBA

students at REVA University, from July 27-28 2023.

Acted as resource person for Capacity Building Programme for MCom students organised by Christ (deemed-to-be) University on August 16, 2023.

Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

Invited as judge for Tharang, Intra-Collegiate Fest organised by Commerce Association of St Joseph's University, from September 25-26, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ACCA Orientation Programme for I BCom IFA

The orientation programme was organised by the Department of Commerce to discuss in detail about the professional course – ACCA, to I BCom IFA students. The programme was held in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, on July 18, 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and started with a welcome speech by Dr J Fathima Farzana, ACCA Coordinator. Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, and Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Head of the Department of Commerce, addressed the gathering. Ms Nithya, Representative, ISDC, explained the agenda of the programme, ACCA qualification structure, the syllabus and exemptions, the registration documentation, the details of fees, exam entry, awards from Acca, training for non-exempt papers, study material and resources, EPSM and finally about the career portal. All queries and clarifications addressed by the students were resolved. Contact details were also shared for any further clarifications. The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Sayantani Banerjee, ACCA Coordinator. 83 students were present.

Student Achievements

Prajwal Tenginkai (II BBA D Shift 3) represented SJU and NCC Karnataka/Goa in National Vayu Sainik Camp.

Shashank Dwaraknath Murki (II BBA A) participated in the World Scout Jamboree at Saemangeum, South Korea, from August 1-12, 2023.

Ms Kumud and Ms Manisha of II BBA A won second place in Event Management, Regalia.

II BBA student team *Hexapoly* won first place for Elixir, 2023.

Rithanya Shree SK, Salvia May Savio, Shantell Shailesh Dias, Angeliza Titus,

Merlin Anish, and Anuksha D'Cunha Of II BBA A won gold medal for basketball in interclass sports event, Pegasus, August 6, 2023.

Rithanya Shree SK, Salvia May Savio, Diana, Merlin Anish, Merlyn angel, Angeliza, and Varsha won silver medal for football in interclass sports event, Pegasus, on August 26, 2023.

Diana I, Salvia Mary Savio, Angeliza, Varsha, Merlin Angel, Keerthana, Rachel Sinu Thomas, Nishtha, and Swapnashree of II BBA A won gold medal for cricket for the interclass sports event, Pegasus, on October 7, 2023.



ACCA Orientation Programme for I BCom IFA (Shift III)

The Student ACCA Orientation programme for I BCom IFA (Shift III) students was conducted on August 1, 2023, at 4:00 pm in

De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The session was compered by Ms Vidhya B, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. Dr Josphin, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, began with

a prayer. Ms Nithya, Senior Associate, ISDC, oriented the students about the ACCA programme. She covered the qualification and exam structure, the necessary documents for registration, fee structures, exam entry, awards, career portals and the role of ISDC. The orientation was followed by a Q&A session. Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, interacted with students and emphasised on the importance of ACCA programme. Mrs Reshma Vijayan, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, proposed the vote of thanks. There were 60 students in attendance.

Professional Orientation & Development Programme Session One

The Department of Commerce & Management organised a one-hour Professional Orientation and Development (POD) session for new faculty members on August 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the boardroom. Mr Cyril, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, initiated the session by introducing the new faculty to the features and functionalities of the Linways platform utilised on campus. The session aimed to familiarise the attendees with various features, including attendance marking, MCQ assessments, exam conducting, and mark uploading for evaluation. During the session, participants were guided on efficiently marking attendance for students, conducting MCQ-based assessments, and seamlessly conducting exams using the Linways platform. Furthermore, Ms Immaculate Mary A, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, provided a comprehensive demonstration covering advanced profile updating methods for new faculty members. Ms Princy Nisha, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, helped organise the meeting. There were 14 participants in attendance.

Orientation on professional programmes for the academic year

2023-24 (Shift III)

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practised on the production floor and in various departments. Students visited the Quality Checking department and watched the tests happen batchwise. They also visited the water tank production unit where different chambers were installed and studied them. The visit bridged the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications, offering a deeper understanding of the industry and the various dimensions involved.

Industrial Visit to Avon Plastics Pvt Ltd, IFA

The Department of Commerce organised an industrial visit to Avon Plastic Industries Pvt Ltd, Bommasandra, on August 26, 2023, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. 60 students from I BCom IFA were led by Dr Tadipigari Mahesh Babu, Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Ms Reshma Vijayan, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. 70 students from I BCom Shift III were taken by Ms Vidhya B, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, and Ms Lakshmi S, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. At the beginning of the visit, the students were instructed on the processes followed in the industry. Students were made aware of the product's manufacturing, production, processing, and were allowed to see the processing of premium products manufactured by Avon Plastic Industries Pvt Ltd. Students were also mentored on the timing process for each substance assembly processes and their parts production procedures. The visit aimed to teach students about the practical aspects of assembly line management taught in class. This exposure helped students understand how the manufacturing unit operates with various function plants

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TCS Orientation and Placement Aspirant Session

The Department of Commerce organised TCS orientation for first-year students and placement aspirant session for third-year students in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, on September 6, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The resource persons were Mr Ravikumar Murthy, Regional Head, Academic Interface Programme, Mr Seetharam J, Senior Manager – Operations, and Mr Abhishek Nayar, HR Trainee and Recruiter. Mr Murthy briefed the students about the Academic Interface Programme (AIP) and



Guest Lecture by Ms Vasanti K

A guest lecture was organised by the Department of Commerce (Shift III) for BCom IFA and I BCom students on 'Exam Preparation and Time Management' on September 6, 2023, in Xavier Hall, PG Block, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and was attended by 215 students. The resource person was Ms Vasanti K, Associate Professor, APS College, Bengaluru. She spoke about the need to manage time properly by removing barriers and prepare by improving communication skills. Guest Lecture on Investment Fundamentals

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cial planning. After the lecture, there was a question-and-answer session. Students given an opportunity to ask questions on any doubts they had following which the event concluded with a vote of thanks. Tharang.

On September 25-27, 2023, the Commerce Association organised its two-day Intra-Collegiate fest Tharang-23. The theme was Money Heist. Dr Sanjay Shantaram was the chief guest on the first day of Tharang. After the lighting of the lamp, sponsors were thanked. The quest to be the best finally began. Classic commerce and cultural events were successfully conducted in many rounds. The commerce events included Best Manager, HR+PR, Business Quiz, Finance and Mock Stock, Corporate Sustainability, Brand Launch and Marketing, Group Dance, Reel It, Josephites Got Talent, and Corporate Fashion Walk. The second day was postponed due to an unexpected bandh. The second day of Tharang happened on September 7, 2023, and Ms Padma Vasanti, Kannada film actress was the chief guest for the valedictory ceremony.

Staff Achievements

Ms Immaculate Mary (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce) Participated in online Investor Awareness

Programme on Introduction to Financial Planning organised by Edify EduTech held on September 20, 2023.

Secured 92 per cent in National Level online quiz on Banking and Financial Awareness organised by the Department of Management, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Bengaluru, on September 29, 2023.

Dr Usha Priyadarshini (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Has actively participated in JESCOL II held during August 21-23, 2023.

Ms Sana Begum (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Has actively participated in JESCOL II held during August 21-23, 2023.

Ms Gisa George (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Secured 100 per cent in National Level online quiz on Banking and financial awareness organised by the Department of Management, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Bengaluru, on September 29, 2023.

Awarded best paper for "The Role and Impact of ICT in Teaching Process - A Teachers Perspective" in the two-day international conference on 'Bridging the gap on the intersection of science, technology, education, commerce and management' organised by De Paul Degree College, Mysore, from July 15-16, 2023.

Has published a paper titled "The Role and Impact of ICT in Teaching Process - A Teachers Perspective" in UGC Care Journal Education and Society.

Ms Raj Kiran CA (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

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Ms Grace Prerana (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Acted as resource person for the Faculty Induction Programme conducted by FDP committee, St Joseph's University on July 10, 2023.

Ms Teena Maria Rani J (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Acted as resource person for the Faculty Induction Programme conducted by FDP committee, St Joseph's University on July 10, 2023.

Ms Maha Shriesha V (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Published a paper titled "Financial Inclusion: A Study on Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) Scheme with Special Reference to Hoskote Taluk" in Innovations - The Journal of Management, Volume 2, January-June 2023.

Participated in eight-day Virtual Faculty Development Programme on "Sustainable Teaching Practices in Academic 4.0" conducted from May 28, 2023, to June 4, 2023.

Completed an online one-week Faculty Development Programme on "ICT for Teaching & Learning" from April 30, 2023, to May 6, 2023, and obtained Grade A+.

Ms Vidhya B (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Acted as resource person for the Orientation Programme on NEP at Lowry Memorial Institution conducted on June 2, 2023.

Acted as resource person for the Faculty Development Programme on Effective

Teaching Strategies conducted from September 1-2, 2023, at Montfort College, Bengaluru.

Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

Dr Josphin (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Participated in seven-day National FDP on 'Research Methodology and Teaching Pedagogy' organised by the Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru from August 21-27, 2023.

Ms Lakshmi S (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Participated in three-day workshop on "Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom" organised by the School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.

Acted as resource person for the Webinar on 'Time Audit: Key to Optimise Your Productivity' held by HigherEd for All Pvt Ltd, on July 27, 2023.

Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

Ms Reshma Vijayan (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Participated in seven-day National FDP on 'Research Methodology and Teaching Pedagogy' organised by the Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru, from August 21-27, 2023.

Mr Manoj Prabhakar (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Acted as resource person for the Igniters Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

Mr Pradeep P (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Published a paper titled "A study on the impact of online teaching tools and its challenges faced by teachers" in Emerging Trends in Commerce and Management, August 2023, published by St Paul's College, Bengaluru.

Published a paper titled "Data Mining for MMOG-Social Network Analysis in MMOGS" in Technological Frontiers, September 2023, published by St Paul's College, Bengaluru.

Student Achievements

Ashwina Ganesamurthy secured Global Third rank and India First rank in SBL paper.

Akanshya Das and Abel Thomas from 2019 BCom IFA batch are ACCA Affiliates.

Sevanthika N, and Keerthana of II BCOM D cleared the CA Foundation exam, June 2023.

Rishi G of I BCOM D cleared the CA Foundation exam.

G Nikhila, Prisha Hariharan, Muskan Pincha, and Ridhi Raj of III BCom IFA cleared the Audit & Assurance paper of ACCA, June 2023.

Chidambaram Moorthy, Vandhitha, Sejal Raval, Aayush Vardhan Raj, Sneha Upadhyaya, and Hiral Trilok of III BCom IFA cleared the Financial Management paper of ACCA, June 2023.

Shruti, Nirajan, Irene Anna Sebastian, Aayush M Shetty, Sneha Mariam Isaac, Khadija Rasmiya MB, Aparna Singh, Amala Josephine, Vaibhav Arun Kumar, and Neeraj Sagar Gowda of III BCom IFA cleared the Financial Reporting paper of ACCA, June 2023.

Vishwas Raju, Vineet Shivananda Nayak, T Anjali, HM Nuthan Gowda, and Kenneth Jude Veigas of II BCom B cleared the CS Level Ome exam in June 2023.

Jayakumar K from BCom IFA secured 88 per cent in National Level online quiz on Banking and Financial Awareness organised by the Department of Man-

agement, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Bengaluru, on September 29, 2023.

Nikhil Jude Sebastian of II BCom C secured Second place in Wushu organised by Twelfth Bangalore District Wushu Championship 2023.

Hiba Faud, Jaldhisha, Yuvanjalini, Tanya, Karin Ramesh, Tanya, Karin Ramesh, Cinderella, and Meghana of I BCom BPS secured First in Intra-Collegiate fest, PEGASUS Intramurals for Football organised by St Joseph's University August 27, 2023. Shrestha, Kavana, Muktha, Bhumi, Vismaya, Aikyatha, Jeena, and Roshni of I BCom D secured Third in Intra-Collegiate fest named PEGASUS Intramurals for throwball organised by St Joseph's University on August 13, 2023.

Shrestha and Kavana of BCom D secured Third in an Inter-Collegiate Fest named ZEAL 2023 for Volleyball organised by BMS College held on July 14, 2023.

Shrestha, Kavana, and Ashwathi of I BCom D secured Second place in an Inter-Collegiate BMS Tournament for Volleyball organised by BMS College held on October 7, 2023.

Vikram M and Dinesh DV of III BCom B secured First place in Bengaluru City University Inter-Collegiate Handball Tournament organised by Acharya Institute of Technology held on July 31, 2023.

Sharath and Tony of III BCom C secured First place in BCU Inter-Collegiate Tournament for Handball organised by Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies on July 31, 2023.

Kavyashree of I BCom D secured First place in Inter-Collegiate Throwball tournament organised by Bangalore Medical College held on October 6, 2023.

Srinidhi of III BCom D secured Second place in Inter-Collegiate Sports competition for Throwball organised by Bangalore city university.

Neha Narayanan and Ananya V Shetty of II BCom B secured Second place in Women's Table Tennis in an Intra-Collegiate fest named PEGASUS Intramurals organised

by Department of Sports, St Joseph's University held on August 27, 2023.

Anthony Rahul, Vineeth Nayak, Samson Terrence J, HM Nuthan Gowda, Tejas Shetty, and Kevin John of II BCom B secured Third place in Men's Throwball in an Intra-Collegiate fest named PEGASUS Intramurals organised by Department of Sports, St Joseph's University held on August 13, 2023.

Esther Mansak Abraham, Tejeshwini C, Jolene Marilyn Sequeira, Maria Anusha, Radhika V, Neha Narayanan, M Vaishnavi, Sarah Patrick, Ananya V Shetty, and Chaitrashree GA of II BCom B secured Second place in Girl's Cricket in an Intra-Collegiate fest named PEGASUS Intramurals organised by Department of Sports, St Joseph's University held on October 7, 2023.

Kavyashree of 1st BCom D secured First place in Throwball in an Inter-Collegiate Competition organised by St Francis College held on July 15, 2023.

Prince Joel III BCom B secured First place in Carrom in an Inter-Collegiate sports event named Adristh 2K23 organised by JSS College held on August 16, 2023.

Kavyashree of I BCom D secured Second place in Throwball in an Inter-Collegiate sports event organised by JSS College held on August 16, 2023.

Kavyashree of I BCom D secured First place in Throwball in an Inter-Collegiate sports event organised by SMSG Jain College held on September 5, 2023.

Tony of III BCom C secured Second place in Handball in an Inter-Collegiate sports event named Dasara Tournament organised by Youth Empowerment and Sports on September 26, 2023.

Ashley Edwin of II BCom B won gold medal in Men's Boxing in Dasara Tournament, a District level tournament organised by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association (KABA) on 27th September 2023. Franklin of III BCom C, a runner up in Carrom in an Inter-Collegiate sports event named Adristh 2K23 organised by

JSS Academy of Technical Education held on August 16, 2023.

Srinidhi of III BCom D secured First place in Throwball in an Inter-Collegiate event named Tantra organised by St Francis College held on July 14, 2023.

Paul K Raju and Tejaswini C of II BCom B secured Second place in Brand Launch in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Paul K Raju II BCom B secured Third place in Inter-Collegiate fest KJC Bio Aura 23 organised by Kristu Jayanti College on September 27, 2023.

Leo Stephen Manuel of I BCom A won Best Manager in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Sanskriti II BPS secured Third place in Marketing event in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the

Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023. Rishikesh Sharma of II BPS secured Second place in Business Quiz in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Deepak R of II BCom E secured Third place in Mock Stock in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Mithun N of II BCom E secured Second place in Product Relaunch in intercollegiate competition organised by the Nagarjuna College on August 11, 2023.

Karin Ramesh of I BPS secured First place in Solo Singing in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Karin Ramesh of I BPS secured Second place in Solo Singing in intercollegiate fest organised by Gopalan College of Commerce, Whitefield on August 26,

2023.

Aikyatha, Ekanth, Srimanth, Poojitha, Sirishya, Saamaira, and Sophia of I BCom D secured Second place in Group dance in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Anish Christopher, Kennez Jeffrith, Dhanesh Shiva, and Jacob Raj of II BCom B secured First place in Group dance in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

Amisha Singh of II BPS secured Second place in Fashion show in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University September 26-27, 2023.

Sana Ann, Aniketh and Joseph of III BCom S secured First place in Group Dance and Business Quiz in intraclass competition Tharang 2023 organised by the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University from September 26-27, 2023.

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Online Webinar on AWS Certification

An online webinar on AWS Certification was conducted in association with AWS Academy. Ms Akankshi Rai Sharma, Technical Program Manager, AWS

Academy addressed the students and briefed them about the AWS Academy Programme and AWS Global Certification. The webinar was conducted on July 27, 2023. The speaker began the session with

an introduction to Cloud and its services along with its potential growth prospective in the Indian Job market. We were educated on the application and benefits of using the Cloud. This was followed by a talk on the importance of AWS Certification. Insights on the exams and tips to clear the Global Certification exams were discussed. A brief introduction to Cloud Communities and the role the community plays in building one's career was spoken about. Pointers on how to build a strong resume were given. The benefits of choosing AWS Academy for beginners, the provision of practice labs, and resources provided by the Academy were emphasised on. The session was concluded with a Question and Answer session where the speaker cleared doubts and gave valuable suggestions to the students.

National Level Workshop on React Framework

Cybernetics and Technophite, under the Department of Computer Science, organised with the help of Ms Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, and Dr Shashikala D, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, a national level workshop on React Framework. The workshop was held on July 28, 2023, and August 4, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm via Zoom. The speaker for the workshop was Mr Stuart Olivera, Cloud Associate, Niveus Solutions, Mangalore. On the first day, Mr Stuart gave an introduction on how to download the react framework code. He guided participants through setting up React, emphasising the convenience of the create react app and recommending VS Code for development. They explained React's modular structure and introduced NPM. A detailed session covered Virtual DOM, source folder importance, naming conventions, coding extensions, and React packages. The session culminated in creating a login page with Material UI for easy and quick design. Mr Stuart started the session by telling the participants to practise NPX (Node Package eXecute) in React. The lesson covered React's lifecycle, including the use-effect function for initialising values and data fetching, with an interesting challenge to create a loading screen. Mr Stuart explained data mapping, container use, and styling with theme.js. He stressed the simplicity of creating dynamic components in React and used Instagram as an example. The session encouraged participants to delve deeper into React's capabilities and highlighted its significance in the market, while also suggesting learning the fundamentals of programming for future employment opportunities. 242 participants attended the conference.

Placement Interaction with the CEO of GeeksforGeeks

The Department of Computer Science organised a placement interaction on



August 4, 2023, at the Computer Science Department, Magis Block, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Sandeep Jain the CEO of GeeksforGeeks is a visionary entrepreneur and esteemed computer science expert. Fueled by his unwavering passion for coding and education, laid the very bedrock upon which GeeksforGeeks stands today, He discussed his indomitable spirit which made him very instrumental in its remarkable growth and resounding success. The students and faculty members were extremely pleased with his presence and he is a role model for many academicians. He discussed the syllabus, value-added courses in current trends in IT, and placement activities. He also discussed Faculty exchange programs. 15 students attended the talk.

Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony of Cybernetics and Technophite the department associa-

tion was conducted on August 10, 2023. The event began with an introduction by the emcees Celesta and Payal. They welcomed Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Chief Guest, Mr Sanjai Gangadharan, and the teachers. After invoking the blessings of the Almighty, the lighting of the lamp ceremony took place, shining light on the inauguration of these associations. Ms Mrinmoyee, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, introduced and gave a warm welcome to the Chief Guest. He is the president of NETCON technologies and an alumnus of AAVI College Bangalore. Then Rev Fr Denzil Lobo felicitated the Chief Guest. Then the badge distribution began with the announcement of Office Bearers of the Technophite association. They were felicitated by the Chief Guest Mr Sanjai. The Office Bearers of the Cybernetics Association were felicitated by Fr Denzil Lobo, Dr B Nitya, and Dr Prashanti. The oath

was administered by Dr Shashikala. After the oath-taking, the presidents of the respective associations, Shashank and Nikhil, addressed the gathering. They gave words of motivation to the office bearers and encouraged the audience to join the association. They gave a detailed overview of the association. The association is a tool to bridge theory and practice. They ended their speeches with words of gratitude to everyone for all the opportunities. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks.

Workshop on Personality Development

On August 11, 2023, an online workshop was conducted on Personality Development by the Department of Computer Science via Zoom. The workshop was conducted between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Before the seminar began, the rules and regulations were announced to the participants. The emcees for the day introduced the speaker, Mr Amit Paul Babu, Global Ambassador, World Assessment Council Pvt Ltd, and Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology. Dr Shashikala D, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, introduced the speaker. Mr Amit explained that the two factors that shape personality are nature and nurture. To develop your personality, you need to be aware of your strengths and weaknesses, you must have emotional intelligence and good communication skills. What makes us human is the interplay between nature and nurture. He explained the difference between skill and competence; skill is acquired through training and time whereas competence is a combination of skills and knowledge and many more factors. After the seminar, there was a Q&A session. He cleared all the doubts raised by the participants ingeniously. The seminar ended with a vote of thanks and a photo session. 149 participants attended the event.

An Introduction to the World of Ethical Hacking

An informative international workshop was conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, School of Information Technology on the topic 'An Introduction to The World of Ethical Hacking'. The workshop was conducted on two days August 17 and 19. With about 240 dynamic participants representing 20 universities worldwide, the energy and enthusiasm were truly electrifying. The guest speaker at the seminar was Mr Arnold Prakash, Technical Engineer, IBM Kyndryl, and a devoted security researcher and corporate trainer at Ehackify, he exemplifies dedication and expertise in his field. His passion for security has propelled him to remarkable heights. His journey of learning is a constant one, evident through his certifications as a Certified Ethical Hacker by EC Council, a Certified Pen tester by Elearn, and his recognition in Cybersecurity by ISC2. On Day 2, we embarked on an exciting journey by cracking CTF challenges on the 'TryHackMe' platform, followed by an interesting question & answer session. Despite facing unexpected power and network interruptions, the passion and cooperation of both participants and coordinators shone through, enabling us to triumph over these hurdles. The webinar provided valuable insights into Ethical Hacking. The speakers effectively addressed key points such as empowering us with free resources, a few tools like Wireshark and Nmap, and cracking CTF challenges on the TryHackMe platform, engaging participants in meaningful discussions.

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Workshop on 'Building Resume and Enhancing Interview Skills'

The Department of Computer Science at the School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an insightful workshop on Resume Building and Interview Skills. The workshop was conducted online via the Zoom platform and was held on the evening of September 29, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm. The distinguished speaker for the event was Mr Aditya Labroo, Chief Operating Officer at GIVA, a prominent emerging jewellery company. The workshop comprised two informative segments, the first being Resume Building and the second Interview Skills Enhancement, both led by Mr Labroo. In the resume-building session, students learned to craft compelling resumes by focusing on structure, content, and presentation. It was an in-

teractive session with opportunities for students to engage and seek clarifications during the Q&A. In the second part, Mr Labroo shared insights on enhancing interview skills, emphasising confidence, communication, and technical knowledge. Practical tips on body language, active listening, and answering interview questions effectively were provided. Both segments included interactive Q&A sessions, allowing students to seek personalised advice. Post-workshop feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants praising Mr. Labroo's knowledge depth, interactive approach, and practical content. Many students found the workshop highly beneficial for their academic and professional development. The workshop proved to be an enriching experience for all attendees, empowering them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their future endeavours.

Staff Achievements

Dr Puneet Kumar BS (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)

Published a paper entitled 'Image Analysis using Machine Learning and Traditional Image Processing Approaches' in *NueroQuantology*, Scopus publication (Volume 20, No 9)

Presented paper entitled 'Detection of Covid 19 Using Lung Xray Images by Seeded Region Growing Method a Machine Learning Approach' at 6th International Conference on Intelligent Computing organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Presented paper entitled 'Detection of Skin Cancer Using LBP-GLCM a Machine Learning Approach' at 6th International Conference on Intelligent Computing organised by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Presented paper entitled "Novel Method for Recognition Sign Language Using Regularized Extreme Learning Ma-

chine' at 2nd International Conference on Applied Artificial Intelligence and Computing (ICAAIC 2023) organised by Narasu's Sarathy Institute of Technology, Salem, India

Attended a two-day National Workshop on 'Introduction to React Framework' on July 28 & August 4, 2023.

Ms Sara Kutty (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)

Published a paper on 'Analysis and Implementation of Linear and Multiple Regression for Data Visualisation' *Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovation Research*, Volume 10, Issue 5, May 2023, (UGC Recognized).

Presented a paper titled 'Web enabled Air Quality Monitoring System', International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing, May 2-3, 2023.

Presented a paper titled 'IoT Enabled Smart Parking Technology', International Conference on Advances in Engineering and Technology for Intelligent Systems", May 16-18, 2023.

Presented a paper titled 'Implementation of Image, Video, Audio and File Data Compression Techniques', International Conference on Advances in Engineering and Technology for Intelligent Systems", May 16-18 2023.

Invited as reviewer for an International Conference on Advances in Engineering and Technology for Intelligent Systems, May 16 - 18, 2023.

Participated in seven-day national Level Online Faculty Development Program on ChatGPT & AI Tools for Educators, In-line with OBE Organised by Marian College Kuttikkanam, in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council from June 14 to June 21 2023.

Attended Two day National Workshop on Introduction to React Framework on July 28 & August 4, 2023.

Attended Two day International Workshop on Introduction to the World of Ethical Hacking from August 17 - 18, 2023.

Completed a 4-Week Faculty Orientation Programme for 'Faculty in Universities/

Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education' conducted by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from August 21 - September 19, 2023.

Invited as a resource person for an expert class on 'Analysis and Design of Algorithms' organised by the Department of Computer Science, RJS First Grade College on June 19 and 21, 2023.

Dr BG Prashanthi (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)

Published a paper on 'Analysis and implementation of linear and multiple regression for Data Visualisation' in *Journal of Basic sciences*, Volume 10, Issue 5, May 2023, (UGC Recognized).

Published a paper on A study on customer satisfaction & expectation towards after sales service of TVS two wheeler at Sri Babu motors, Bangalore in *TIJER* Vol 10, issue 6.

Published a paper on 'an efficient approach on the implementation of RSA algorithm in network computing environment'.

Presented a paper on the topic 'A clustering Method based on K-means clustering algorithm using Elbow Method' at ICAETIS held during May 16 - 18, 2023 organised by DSCE Bangalore.

Presented a paper on the topic 'Implementation of Image, Video, Audio and File data Compression Techniques' at ICAETIS held during May 16 - 18, 2023 organised by DSCE Bangalore.

Invited as reviewer for an international conference on 'International conference on Networks, Multimedia and Animation' on September 1 - 2, 2023 organised by Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology. Attended one week FDP on 'Advanced trends in computer science' at Kristu Jayanti college from June 9 - 16, 2023.

Ms Mary Merline Rani (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)

Participated in 7 Day national level online faculty development program on ChatGPT & AI Tools for Educators, In-line with OBE Organised by St Josephs' College, in association with The Kerala State Higher Ed-

Education Council from July 19 - 26, 2023.
Dr Shasikala D (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)
Attended International Level online Faculty Development Program on Advanced Technologies and Trends in Computing, organised by Mangayarkarasi College for Arts and Science for Women, Madurai from July 24 - 28, 2023.

Dr AM Bojamma (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)
Presented a paper at ICAETIS held during May 16 - 18, 2023, organised by DSCE Bangalore.

Attended Two day International Workshop on Introduction to the World of Ethical Hacking from August 17 -18, 2023.

Ms Sandhya N (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)
Participated in 7 Day national level online faculty development program on ChatGPT & AI Tools for Educators, In-line with OBE Organised by St Josephs' College, in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council from July 19 - 26, 2023.

Ms Banu M (JWL Coordinator, Department of Computer Science)
Attended five day hands on training with SEITWERK Global, Germany on creating e-learning Content in the month of August.

Dr A M Bojamma, Ms Mrinmoyee

Bhattachaya, Dr B G Prasanthi authored a book titled 'Operating System.'

Student Achievements

Reyna Royce

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

Jestin Joseph

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

Md Mueen Pasha M

National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professor

Yamuna P

Presented a paper titled 'IoT Enabled Smart Parking Technology', at International Conference on Advances in Engineering and Technology for Intelligent Systems", ICAETIS-2023, May 16-18, 2023.

Presented a paper titled 'Web enabled Air Quality Monitoring System', International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC-2023), May 2-3, 2023.

Rida Ahmed

Participated as a delegate of the World Organization (WHO) at Asia youth International model united nations held on August 12-15, 2023 Kuala Lumpur , Malaysia

Shift 3

Department of Computer Science & Computer Application

Pragya 2023

Pragya 2023, conducted by the Department of Computer Science & Computer Application, was an intraclass event or-

ganised by Ms Annie Syrien, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science (Shift 3). Held in Xavier Hall, PG Block on August 12, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, the event boasted 250 participants. Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology, addressed the Shift III students of BCA and SJEC. He asked them to aim for greater targets in day-to-day actions following Jesuit ethos. His motivational talk was followed by cultural events presented by the BCA students.

Staff Achievement

Mr Prem Sagar (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science)
Successful clearing of UGC-JRF in Computer Science amongst the top six per cent on July 24, 2023.

Gave a lecture on 'AI Unleashed: Shaping the Future of Intelligent Business using Machine Learning' to an audience of 250 at Sacred Heart Degree College for Women, organised by Ms Deepa, Head of Department, Department of Computer Science, Sacred Heart Degree College for Women, on August 2, 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Gave a lecture on 'Artificial Intelligence and Mental Health' to an audience of 300 at Jain deemed-to-be University, organised by Dr Pooja Verma, Head of Department, Department of Psychology, Jain deemed-to-be University, on August 21, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA

Inauguration of the association

The inauguration of the Kannada Sangha for the year 2023-24 was held on September 1, 2023, at Xavier Hall. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr Devanahalli Devaraj, Kannada actor, director, and playwright. Personages included Dr Eraiah Hampapura, The Head of the Department, Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Assistant Professor,

Department of Kannada, and Convener of Kannada Sangha, and Dr Poornima BN, Associate Professor, Department of Kannada. With passion in their hearts and a strong sense of purpose, the newly elected office bearers took an oath to discharge their duties faithfully.

Open Day - Elixir

On September 30, 2023, St Joseph's Uni-

versity conducted its Open Day - Elixir. The Kannada department actively participated in the event; nearly ten models were exhibited by the students, including the still models of Mysore Palace, Bengaluru Palace, Hoysaleswara Temple, Hampi Virupaksha Temple, Hampi Stone Ratha, etc. The exhibition was conducted in A204 and 205 'Hampi Virupaksha Temple' model won Third prize in the Elixir model ex-

hibition.

Staff Achievements

Dr Eraiah Hampapura (Head of the Department of Kannada)

Published «Harijanabhyudaya: As-prushyateye ashaya» in Aruhu Kuruhu, Volume 14, September 2023.



DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

Hindi Parishad

Investiture Ceremony

On August 28, 2023, an Investiture ceremony of the Hindi Department was conducted, welcoming the new office bearers of the Hindi Parishad and honouring the former members.

The event commenced with an enthusiastic performance by the Kalah team, signifying the presence of the divine and seeking blessings. This was followed by a captivating classical dance performance. Afterward, the symbolic lighting of the lamp was carried out by esteemed guests, Dr Md Tauseef, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Dr Sajida Ahmed, a former Hindi professor, graced the occasion as Chief Guests. The programme was initiated by welcoming all esteemed dignitaries and attendees, followed by the introduction of the chief guests. The event proceeded with a felicitation ceremony, honouring the outgoing office bearers for their hard work. Certificates were presented to the former members of the Parishad by the Guest of Honour. Dr Tauseef delivered a speech sharing insights from his research, focusing on various phonetic sounds. Dr Sajida spoke about her teaching experience and emphasised the significance of discipline in students' lives. The occasion smoothly transitioned into the Investiture Ceremony, where the newly elected office bearers of the Hindi Parishad were formally introduced. The event concluded with an inspiring speech by



Dr Hasan Patan, Head of the Department of Hindi, who spoke a few words about our chief guests, appreciated the former members, and expressed expectations for the current ones. Subsequently, the former president infused the gathering with energy and motivation. Lastly, a vote of thanks was delivered to express gratitude to all attendees and contributors.

Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas was celebrated in the main auditorium on September 27, 2023, at 10:00 am, through a collaboration between the Hindi Parishad and the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The esteemed Colonel Anshu Trivedi (veteran) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The audience was entertained by shayaris and poems until the arrival of our chief guest. Sow-

mya Gupta, General Secretary of the Hindi Parishad, and Mukund, a senior cadet from NCC took the initiative to personally escort the chief guest from his residence, ensuring a seamless and hospitable experience. The programme began with NCC piloting the chief guest from the main entrance to the venue. Dr Hassan Pathan, Head of the Department of Hindi, along with Mr Nagarajan and Dr Guru Datta, both Associate Professors from the Department of Hindi, joined the Guest of Honour. The event started with a welcome speech and performance by team Kalah. Then the Chief Guest was introduced and the significance of Hindi Diwas was emphasised by Mridusmita Bhadra, Science coordinator. Later on, a poem called 'A Tribute to Our Soldiers' penned by Colonel An-

shu was recited, paying homage to the brave servicemen. To provide deeper insights into the life of Col Anshu, a video highlighting his journey was played. Finally, in his address, Col Anshu delivered an inspiring speech that drew upon his rich experiences and journey in the army. He added some humorous

moments from his life, making everyone laugh, and shared valuable life lessons.

Open Day - Elixir

On September 30, 2023, the Open Day of St Joseph's University called 'Elixir' was conducted. The Department of Hindi actively participated by conducting three

events. A skit called 'FreeStyle Gawa-hi' was presented which explained the corruption in the contemporary judiciary system.

Team Kabira presented posters on Hindi poetry and the poets and Team Meera conducted an event of poetry reading.

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

Inauguration Of Rendezvous, the French Association

The inauguration event of the French Association Rendezvous was conducted on August 8, 2023, at 12:50 pm in N204. The event was organised by Ms Satyasree, Coordinator, Department of French, and Staff Coordinator of Rendezvous. The alumni invited to the inauguration Ms Bhavya Dharmaraj, a PhD Scholar at the National Institute of Biological Sciences, and Mr Ryan Peter, Department of Counselling, addressed the students. They spoke to the students present about their experience of learning a new language, the camaraderie they had in the French class, and their activities in the French Association, and gave out their take regarding the ups and downs of college life. More than 90 people attended the event. A beginners quiz competition was organised for the first semester classes of both shifts. The students were divided into two teams and the questions were asked. Team 2 comprising the shift 2 students won the prize for the quiz competition. Following the quiz, a song by Indie La was performed by a third-semester student Safa Manhal. In the end, a French vocabulary game was also held. There were four teams in total and the winners were members of team 3 of the afternoon shift.

Seminar with Campus France

A seminar with Campus France was conducted on August 17, 2023, at



12:50 pm in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Mr Yash Khakkar, Manager of the Campus France, and Ms Satyasree, Coordinator, Department of French. Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, also attended the event. The seminar was organised by Ms Satyasree. Dr Mascarenhas addressed the students present and spoke about the importance of choosing a career that gave happiness and contentment and also asked the students to utilise all opportunities available to them like those being offered by Campus France and explore different career options. Mr Khakkar elaborated on several key points related to studying in France. He talked about the merits of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the education sector between France and India, aimed at fostering educational co-operation. He shed light on the diverse of-

ferings of French universities and schools, outlining the various courses available. He discussed the steps to access the comprehensive Campus France catalogue, which is a valuable resource for international students. Furthermore, he emphasised the opportunities for studying and working in France, highlighting the new education pact with France. Moreover, the presentation touched upon course details and scholarships, making it a comprehensive overview of studying and living in France. The presentation was followed by a question-answering session.

Movie Screening

A movie screening was held over two days August 30 and September 1, 2023, organised by Rendezvous, the French Association. The projection of the 2004 French musical drama 'Les Choristes' directed by Christophe Barratier began at 12:50 pm in N204, New Block. It was

co-written by Barratier and Philippe Lopes-Curval, and is an adaptation of the 1945 film *A Cage of Nightingales* (*La Cage aux rossignols*). The story is inspired by the origin of the boys' choir the 'Little Singers of Paris'. The film follows the life of an unemployed music

teacher, hired to teach troubled boys in a boarding school. The first half of the movie was watched by attendees on Wednesday and the same was completed on Friday.

The movie allowed the students to discover the wonderful music score composed

by Bruno Coulais which was nominated at several award ceremonies in the US and in Europe. On both days, 30 to 50 people attended the screening. The film also helped the students to understand French pronunciation, cinema, and culture.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Literary Society

Reading Room

The Literary Society conducted the first session of the bi-weekly association event Reading Room at 1:00 pm on August 7, 2023. The session took place in room A314, Arrupe Block. Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English, introduced the concept of a Reading Room to the freshers and new readers as a space to bring in a text or a writer and discuss them. 30 students attended the event. The second session of the Reading Room was a student panel discussion on French author Annie Ernaux. It was conducted in the Black Box, Arrupe basement. The panel was moderated by Arya from II OEPY. There were six panelists and ten attendees for the session.

Writing Desk

On August 1, 2023, the Writing Desk, a bi-weekly association event, began its first session at 4:00 pm in A314. Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah, Assistant Professor, Department of English, spoke about what happens in the Writing Desk which is writing and talking about writing, or listening to people's writing. She welcomed all those who were scared of writing or hated writing as well. She gave the diverse bunch of students from various streams two prompts to write about: crying on the bus and sitting on the stairs. On September 25, 2023, the second session of Writing Desk was led by Ms Cynthia where students worked with prompts like supermarkets at midnight and reci-



pes close to you. She also shared multiple writing competitions and opportunities for students.

Meta Schools: Fandom Menace

On August 18, 2023, Fandom Menace was held as a part of the Meta Schools. The event happened in Faber Hall in the Auditorium block. The Literary Society was in charge of the event and it started at 10:30 am. The prompt 'The coconut opened its eyes and screamed, and the red ants scattered in six directions' was provided to the participants. The event head was Samira from III EJP. The event had a total of 29 school students who participated in it. In the Junior Section, the first place went to Pranav R Varma from National Public School, the second place to Rashika Agarwal from National Public School, the third place to Sai Dhruithi



VP from National Public School, and a special mention to Sara K Mannath from National Public School. In the Senior Section, the first place went to Parnika Angadi from St Clare PU College, the second place went to Shreeja KS from St Clare PU College, and the third place went to Shafiya Shehnaz from Mount Carmel PU College.

Metonym

The Literary Society organised three contests for the department inter-class competition Metonym. Love Poetry was held at 1:00 pm in room A314 and had 84 participants who wrote 15 lines about 'Three fruits to woo them with.' Some participants registered in advance through the MS form, while others registered on the event day. Daryl Elijah Momin from I INPP secured first place, Sahana Rebec-

ca Vijay from I OEPY secured second place, and Aleena Mariya from II MA secured third place. Fandom Menace took place at 4:30 pm in room A314 and the participants had to bring together literary or fictional characters to spin their own story. It was a solo competition. Sanjana Vinod from II JPY secured first place, Medha Rao from I MA ENG secured second place and Shweta Philip from II MA ENG secured third place. For the Art Essay, participants had to create a visual essay on the theme 'Waiting for Water.' This was a group competition held at 4:30 pm in room A310. Arya Singh and Rinnia Fernandes from II OEPY secured first place, Shweta and Pranava from II MA ENG secured second place, and Emma Rose, Prathik Jayaprakash from I JIN, and Sai Harish from II OEPY secured third place. Special mention went to Lavanya Singh from II OEPY.

Creative Writing competition - Prathiba

The Literary Society conducted a creative writing contest for the Intra College fest Prathiba on October 10, 2023. The event was conducted in two sessions, at 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. 125 students participated in the competition. It took place in the AV Room of the Post Graduate Block. The Event Heads of the contest were Arya and Lavanya from II OEPY. The prompts for the first session were 'Falling' and 'Eating on a Sunday'. For the second session, it was 'Swinging' and 'Fruits in a main course'.

The Linguistic Society

Linguistics Society Inauguration

During the Mixer Week organised by the Department of English from July 24 to July 28, 2023, the Linguistics Society Inauguration took place on August 8. It introduced first-year students to some of the events and activities organised by the Linguistics Society such as Puzzle Tuesdays, Semantics, panels, the celebration of International Mother Lan-

guages Day, as well as promotion activities to raise funds. Following this introduction, audience members were invited to participate in 'Trigger Lee,' a speaking event where one is required to either defend or abolish the existence of a particular word. The participants had fun with topics like defending the use of the word 'cute' or abolishing the word 'rizz', and they took it in different directions. The event took place both during the lunch break at 1:00 pm as well as at 4:30 pm to ensure that students of all three shifts got the chance to be a part of it. The performances were judged by Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and cat-themed coasters and bookmarks were given as prizes to the winners. Some of the student-produced merchandise like postcards and bookmarks were also on sale, which helped raise funds for the society.

The convenor of the Quiz Club, Pranav VS of II MA ENG, collaborated with the Linguistics Society to organise an etymology and cryptic clue quiz for the first weekly meeting of the association, known as Puzzle Tuesday. The etymologies of words like tamarind, apocalypse, berserk, and the phrase beat around the bush were some of the discoveries the participants made that day. Quite a few of them were new to cryptic clues so it was interesting to see their reactions when the answers were revealed and they realised how to solve them. Cryptic clues contain hidden anagrams and clues, and essentially cannot be read as a straight sentence but have to be parsed, that is, broken down. The quiz also featured a bonus question from Ms Cynthia which went as follows: Which apocalyptic word means 'bad star' referring to an ill-omened event based on the position of stars/planets? The second part of the word is also a flower and the answer to this question is disaster.

Meta Schools: Spelling Bee

As part of the sixth edition of Meta Schools, the Spelling Bee prelims commenced at

De Nobili Hall. The first round was written and students were divided into junior and senior categories. The preliminary round had three parts, which included spelling error identification and solving anagrams. The much-awaited finals of the Spelling Bee were conducted at 11:00 am by Shweta Philip from II MA ENG. The finalists, including Ramith G, Ragapriya G, Sunidhi S, Sukrit Sivaprasad, Unnati N, Dev Anoop, and Saanvi Patil, faced off in four intense and fun rounds that involved both writing and speaking. The first round was called 'Bugging' for the insect-themed questions that it consisted of. It turns out there is a moth named after Pablo Picasso because of its artistic blue, yellow, and red patterned wings, a beetle called Goliath because of its large size, and the Damselfly is named so because of its dainty and delicate appearance. The second round required the participants to come forward and spell words aloud. These words were of French origin and had everyone confused with their funny pronunciations. The third round was again a written one and was themed on clothing items, some of which, like the Leotard and the Jinnah cap are named after real-life people. The final round was a spelling round, this time with words of German origin.

Weekly Meeting: V2R1

V2R1, a new addition to the Linguistic Society's events, was first introduced to the students of St Joseph's University on August 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm in room A314. The event was hosted by Shweta and Senti, who provided a brief introduction to how it works. Approximately 21 people showed up which made the event lively. V2R1 is a team-based activity where participants are assigned a topic on the spot and are given two minutes to construct sentences using only one word each. It often results in funny sentences being created and a hearty laugh for all. Once the rules and guidelines were explained, everyone was eager to participate. A wide

range of topics, from 'telling your mom where you were last night' to 'informing your cat about a trip and your return,' were included. Many students took part and found themselves bursting into laughter at the sentences they created. Aadhya and Gopika, both second-year students, were given the topic of 'writing an email to a shampoo company to complain about their product,' and they crafted a narrative about a friend experiencing hair loss and their concerns. This event garnered many positive responses, and students eagerly anticipated the next occurrence of V2R1.

Metonym

Metonym 2023 saw a lineup of events organised by the Linguistics Society, which included Spelling Bee, V2R1, and Anaphora. Spelling Bee, which took place on September 29, had a preliminary round in written format. This round included three sections: spelling words correctly, kangaroo words, and solving anagrams. The Spelling Bee Finals took place in the CE Lab. Later that day, a new event called V2R1 was introduced at Metonym 2023. In this event, teams of two participants engaged in a narrative situation where each person spoke only one word at a time to complete sentences on various topics. Topics were provided on the spot, and participants had one minute to prepare and two minutes to perform. The performances ranged from explaining to their mother why they didn't come home the previous night to sharing embarrassing moments and comparing food items. The audience enjoyed the humorous and creative narratives. Anaphora was another new event introduced at Metonym and had a prelim round and a final round. The competition involved solving puzzles in Kingale, a fictional language, and other cryptic clues.

Weekly Meeting: Zine Making

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Linguistics Society held a short



zine-making session in A314 at 1:00 pm. During this session, students were taught how to fold and cut a zine and were also told a little bit about the different purposes zines serve. They were given a choice of three prompts: 'What's in Ma'am's/Sir's bag?', 'What fictional character is your teacher?' and 'Ingredients to make a good teacher.' They were provided art supplies such as stickers, sketch pens, glue, scissors, and colour paper. Each student spent around 20 minutes working on their zines, which could include text or visual elements such as drawings or pasted cut-outs. Their zines included wholesome caricatures of teachers, guesses as to what they bring for lunch, quotes from classes, and conversations with teachers that left an impression on them. A few students even made zines

for their school teachers. At the end of the session, each student had produced one zine. Some of the students exchanged zines to look at the different sorts of zines that can be made. A few students gave their teachers the zines as little tokens of appreciation for Teachers' Day.

Open Day: Puzzling Workshop

On September 30, 2023, the Department of English hosted Open Day where students from college, as well as guests from outside, were invited to take part in workshops and quizzes, and watch performances. The Linguistics Society organised a Puzzling Workshop which was designed and facilitated by Shweta Philip along with Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah, Assistant Professor, Department of English. This was a workshop that focused on how

to crack puzzles, particularly related to cryptic clues, which contained multiple meanings, homophones, and anagrams. For beginners and interested people, this workshop was particularly helpful as it made Linguistics and the world of words less intimidating, and more fun. There were three volunteers to help with this workshop and the society's merchandise was also on display right outside the hall as the workshop was being conducted. The event saw many people coming together, sometimes in teams of two, helping each other solve the clues that were given after each explanation on how to solve different types of puzzles. The workshop finally wound up with an activity. Coloured chits of paper were passed around with words written on them and the participants had to form their own cryptic clues based on what they had learned at the workshop. Some volunteered to even pose their cryptic clues to the audience. There were certificates given out to all the participants who attended this workshop.

Weekly Meeting: Puzzle Tuesday

On October 3, 2023, as a part of the Linguistics Society's weekly cyclic event, Puzzle Tuesday was hosted in A314 at 1:00 pm. Around 20 people enthusiastically showed up and started filling up the desks as the projector and cables were set up. This puzzle Tuesday mainly focused on cryptic clues and crossword puzzles. As the event began, the participants were given some rules and also explained how the whole event worked. Then a set of 13 cryptic clues were presented and similar to a general crossword, a clue and the number of letters the answer had were also displayed. Students paired up in teams and they were given twenty minutes to solve all the questions. As they shifted between solving clues and having lunch, most of them were excited when they found the right answer. Soon after the time was up, a quick correction was done by the office bearers present there. "I'm super excited

to find out the answers, especially to the sixth one," said one of the participants. The winners were awarded hand-made bookmarks made by students towards the end.

Documentation Screenings

As part of the weekly Tuesday meetings of the Linguistics Society, a screening was organised on October 10, 2023. The Linguistics students of II MA English have been working on documenting languages that are relatively less documented and researched in the mainstream. The first group that screened the video of their documentation effort looked at the language of Sindhi. They discussed how after the partition in 1947, the speakers of this language have been scattered into different geographical regions, and as a result, they hoped to observe some variations in the language spoken. The second group looked at the language Kokborok, which is spoken by most of the tribes in Tripura. They discussed how the language used to have a script which has since been lost. Later, it adopted the Bengali script and the Roman script, and the group hoped to observe the influences of other languages on Kokborok resulting from this. The methodology of research involved the narration of a popular local tale or story by different speakers of the language, and they each narrated it in the way they are familiar with it. This process showed variations in the dialects in terms of sounds, vocabulary, and word choices, as well as some minor variations in the plot. The students who had worked on the project shared observations and reflections on the same.

NOUS

Film matters and films that matter

The third edition of the Social Justice Film Festival, organised by the Department of English and Nous, screened a total of fourteen films curated by filmmaker RP Amudhan on October 6-7, 2023. The two-day festival aimed to deepen understanding of social justice issues and their portrayal in film through screenings and conversations. On the first day, the festi-

val screened seven films: The Leopard's Tribe, Our Film, Malipura Dam, Pehla Anda, Fantasy Parks, Awadagin Pratt: Black in America, and Lo Que Queda en El Camino. Each film and conversation shed light on different communities, their struggles, and accomplishments. The films followed the stories of people from Aarey to Tijuana, covering tribal rights, rural poverty, sex education, and racial discrimination. After the screening of Malipura Dam, there was a discussion with filmmaker Deepak Verma.

On the second day of the festival more films were screened: Yaan, The Unjust, and Beyond, Wanted 'Naxal' on Demand, Tam-Bram Cooking, Miles Away, Bonded, Fikirte, and Undocumented. The films explored a range of social issues that included distress migration, caste-based discrimination, police brutality, child marriage, and the disproportionate effects of natural calamities. The festival ended with an interaction with Mr Amudhan on the different ways of documenting struggles rooted in history and the significance of the filmmakers' relationships with those being filmed. A student from EFLU highlighted how lucky the attendees were to be at a film festival that boldly advocated for justice in today's political and academic climate.

Nous Showing - 1

Nous Showing is an event hosted by Nous, the co-curricular association for journalism and the news arts which aims to bring students together to build an appreciation for culture through the world of films. The event was inaugurated for the semester with the Audrey Hepburn series, dedicated to screening her films from various points of her career. The first screening was the 1953 romantic comedy film 'Roman Holiday', hosted on August 2, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the CE Lab. The event gathered about 25 students from different courses as well as faculty members who are Hepburn fans and share a passion for classic films. The emotions of the viewers were palpa-

ble as they enjoyed watching a young Hepburn fall in love and experience a renewed zest for life. They did not shy away from laughter as Hepburn rode a Vespa for the first time and nearly crashed into Roman bystanders. The audience gave a resounding applause for the film as the final credits rolled.

Nous Showing -2

Moviegoers came back to an Audrey Hepburn in a state of confusion for Nous Showing's second screening for the semester. 'Charade', the 1963 mystery film starring Hepburn and Cary Grant was screened as part of the Audrey Hepburn series, a month dedicated to Hepburn's films at various junctures of her career. Hosted with about 15 students in attendance, participants watched a more mature Hepburn, settled in her acting career, perform on screen. While she retained the grace and elegance that she is popularly known for even in 'Charade', her unfortunate embroilment with law enforcement agencies and subsequent fear for her life was noted by viewers, especially having watched her as a meek princess seeking a night of freedom in the 1953 romantic film 'Roman Holiday' for Nous Showing's first screening. The event was held on August 9, at 4:00 pm in the CE Lab.

Nous Showing - 3

After the Audrey Hepburn series of films, Nous Showing began a new set of screenings where Indian films were the focus. Its first screening was the 2021 Tamil film 'Mandela' starring Yogi Babu, marking the event's fourth screening for the semester. The event was hosted on August 23 at 4:30 pm in the CE Lab. The screening garnered attention among Yogi Babu fans as well as lovers of Indian cinema. Hosted with about 20 participants, they paid attention to how the usually comedic star portrayed an ostracised barber in a village ravaged by caste right before the local elections.

Many were able to draw parallels between the protagonist's experience of caste politics and election campaigning from real-life instances found in many parts of India. Many were also appreciative of how humour was used in the film to depict the stark realities of Indian society.

Quiet Debate

On September 27, 2023, Nous- the Association for Journalism and News Arts under the Department of English held its first Quiet Debate for the year on the topic 'What's your NEP like?' at De Nobili Hall at 4:30 p.m. The event provided a platform for students to express their experiences after the implementation of the National Education Policy. Students from Mount Carmel College, Jyoti Nivas College, and St Joseph's University joined the panel discussion that was moderated by Dr Arul Mani. Amrutha and Haniya from Jyoti Nivas College presented an in-depth review of the rigorous week which does not allow them to do anything outside of college, in addition to their struggles with the NEP. Srinidhi from Mount Carmel College found no time to pursue her passion for sports anymore, while Amrita, also from MCC, likened the whole experience to a horror film. Tanishk from St Joseph's University found a positive aspect in the NEP's insistence on learning the local language while Hridya from SJU gave a brilliant masterclass on what Open Electives and Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) under the NEP should be like as opposed to what they are. The discussion involving multiple institutions provided a forum for students to compare, relate, and analyse their individual and collective NEP experiences. The event was also live-streamed which provided the opportunity for students to view online.

Listening Post - 1

Listening Post hosted its first program for the semester with 'Keeping Company with Art', a session on 80s pop music with Dr Arul Mani. Dr Mani discussed some of the earliest times he was introduced to pop music

as he grew up in the 80s and discussed some of the songs that have marked watershed moments in pop culture. He talked about his life as a PU student in 1986 and noted the boom of pop culture with Lionel Richie's 'Hello'. He also discussed the impact of brands on pop culture and thereby their sales through Pepsi's popular 'new generation ad' featuring Michael Jackson. Prince's 'Purple Rain' and The Art Company's 'Susanna' were some of the other songs played, with the latter played in its entirety to the delight of the audience. As Dr Mani put it, "I had to make sure all of you listened to it and sat through the four minutes as I was once obsessed with the very song." The event was conducted with more than 60 participants on August 23 in A314 at 1:00 pm.

Listening Post - 2

Listening Post saw its first student host introduce both music enthusiasts and avid listeners to the world of Filipino pop music through the popular boy group Alamat. Sammita, a student of III EJP (A), shared her first introduction to the group and how she has come to change the way she understood the music they produced.

She briefly explained the linguistic diversity within the Philippines and how Alamat has successfully incorporated various languages, Filipino and Tagalog among many, in their lyrics. She also highlighted some of the shared religious histories many Asian countries share, with nations like Thailand and the Philippines following Hindu traditions like India. One of the music videos she screened was 'Maharani,' meaning wife of the lord, similar to its Sanskrit version. While the 15 participants were naturally captured by the charisma of the six members of the group, they were more interested in watching Sammita's face burst into laughter and smiles as her favourite moments from the videos showed up on the screen. The event was conducted on August 30, 2023, in A314 at 1:00 pm.

Listening Post - 3

KPop fans united in hordes to listen to Vrishti, a student of II JIN, talk about her favourite boy band Super Junior in 'A Boyband that Deserves More Attention,' Listening Post's fifth session for the semester, and second with a student host. With about 30 participants in attendance, she explained to listeners how the 10-member South Korean group contributed to South Korea's economy by engaging in cultural exchanges and becoming the first musical group in the country to perform in various countries for the first time, including Singapore. They are also proud representatives of their nation on the global stage, standing as South Korea's ambassadors for tourism as well as Korean cuisine. She also played songs from various points of their career to showcase their transition in looks and content over the years. Listeners loved how Vrishti fangirled over her favourite band and even made impromptu song requests after a short Q&A session. The event was hosted on October 4 in A314 at 1:00 pm.

Cartooning at Meta Schools

Pieces of blank cardboard came alive with sketches and colours during the Cartooning contest conducted on August 18, 2023, at Xavier Hall from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Open for both the Junior (Grades 8 to 10) and Senior (PUC/Grades 11 and 12) categories, the contest saw two entries from the Junior category and seven entries from the Senior category. The contest was one of the first events that marked the start of Meta Schools 2023. Participants put on their thinking caps as they cracked the given topic, 'Making TikTok Videos' and 'The Disappearing Tomato- Some Theories.' Many participants experienced their emotions running high as the ticking clock brought their time to a close, many made the most out of the experience, including creating friendships with fellow competitors and posing cheerfully for the documen-

tation team. Members of the audience, as well as association office bearers, also felt an overwhelming sense of nostalgia, with many becoming the oldest participants and drawing to satisfy their childhood memories. In the senior category, Jay Kiran of St Claret PU College bagged the first position while Sidra Tul Muntaha of Mount Carmel PU College came second, and R Sherita Blessy of St John's High School bagged the third position. In the junior category, Aaron Stephen of Frank Anthony Public School bagged the first position while Pranav Varma of National Public School came second.

The Performing Arts Society

PAS introduces itself with a Bang Performing Arts Society commenced its mixer day at 1:00 pm on July 28, 2023, at the Arrupe Atrium with the convenor, Rashmi, welcoming the audience to the first-ever event of the society for the new academic year 2023- 24. This was fol-

lowed by stating the ethos of what PAS stood for, a judgement-free zone, where everyone can perform, calling interested students to take the centre and 'do your own thing.' Among the loud cheers emerged various talents. Yuktha of III JIP sang a beautiful rendition of a popular Hindi classic. Anush of III TEP fascinated the audience with his imitation of a cat.

Mayukan of BVOC hooked the audience with his energy infusing Tamil dialogues. As the clock ticked faster it was time for what the audience was here for, the Encanto performance by the office bearers and members of the SJU Performing Arts Society.

The performers took positions and began their dance which came to an end with loud cheers and applause. PAS also organised a stall with stickers of some movies like PS-2, Vikram, and The Notebook available for purchase.



Jam Jar 2023-24 launches, bringing together students of all years

The first weekly event for PAS commenced at 1:00 pm in A314 on August 4, 2023, with Elisha, the treasurer of the association, addressing the audience, and stating the rules for JAM while also introducing the Jam master, Ms Vismaya V, Assistant Professor, Department of English. Anusha and Anush were in charge of time and scores while Cassandra and Rashmi were the spotters. The event saw some on-the-spot registrations from different batches. Mohamad of III CPE, Unnikrishnan of III JIP, Ananya Mehta of II PSCE, Soumya, Rhythm, and many others. 'Fingerless gloves' was one of the topics given to the participants. Ms Vismaya encouraged the participants to not hesitate stating that the Jam Jar was a space for everyone to learn. The event came to an end by 1:45 pm.

New Energies collide at Meta School

The META schools JAM took place at Xavier Hall on August 18, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. There were seven participants from various schools across Bangalore. Ms Vismaya V, Assistant Professor, Department of English, explained the rules and conducted a riff round that familiarised the participants with the rules of the game. The topics during these rounds included 'the boy's washroom,' 'the Panchak sound,' 'double meaning texting' and 'pen fight.' among others. The main round started with the topic 'elevator rides.' Aditi from NPS scored bonus points for managing to speak till the 60-second mark. The next round's topic was 'filling ink in pens,' during which Firmin from Mount Carmel College got 10 points for also managing to hit the 60th-second mark. She also scored another point for her presentation. After these preliminary rounds, the scores were announced. The next round's topic was 'shady friend,' during which Aryaki from St Claret scored 10 points for managing

to speak till the 60-second mark. The next round was 'unfair punishments.' For the next few rounds, other students from the audience were invited to join the session. The winners for Jam at META schools were announced, with Nitya Dani from Mount Carmel College bagging the first place while Aryaki Gupta from St Claret College bagged the second prize. The third place was a tie between Adarsh from St John's High School and Ben Sabu from St Claret.

Song, Dance, and stand-up share the stage at Do Your Own Thing

PAS conducted Do Your Own Thing as a part of their weekly event on August 25, 2023, in A314. The event commenced at 1:00 pm and ended at 4:00 pm with Anusha Mary Jones, the joint secretary of the association addressing the audience. The event saw three dance performances from first-year students, a stand-up act by Rudransh followed by a Japanese song performance from a popular anime, Demon Slayer. The enactment of Alia Bhat's monologue from The Highway left the room speechless whereas the song with the table as the sole musical instrument, left the audience hooting and cheering. The event also saw a few members of the audience taking to the stage to dance to 'Just Want Rock' by Lil Uzi Vert.

Metonym Day 5. PAS presents JAM

PAS conducted Jam at Metonym on September 1, 2023. Round one of the prelims was scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. The event saw a few on-the-spot registrations as well. Anusha introduced the jam master, Ms Vismaya V, Assistant Professor, Department of English, stressing that the jam master is God. Ranvir and Anusha managed the time and scores. Jam round one saw six participants, Ananya Mehta, Soumya, Rudransh, Adora, Priya Kumari, and Adhya. 'Pressed Handkerchiefs' was one of the topics given to the participants. Round one concluded at 1:35 pm and it was announced that the finalists would be announced by the end of the day. Round two of Prelims for the event JAM began

at 4:40 pm. The event progressed with participants- KC Kaverappa, Sai Hariesh, Tony, Hridya, Yusuf, Nyx, and Chinmae. The JAM master, Ms Vismaya of the English Department, for the session, was introduced. The Riff round began with the topic 'orange lipstick' with Nicks going first, followed by Sai Hariesh on the topic 'Denim jackets.' The third person was Tony for the topic Dress code followed by Hridya for 'closed windows.' Chinmae and KC Kaverappa got the topics 'stuffed dolphins' and 'Lego' respectively. Since a lot of them were only JAM-ming for the first or second time, many objections were mistaken but the event progressed interestingly. The third round of the event had the topic 'Breathless.' After that round the event ended by 5:30 pm.

Tableau Escobar

The Performing Arts Society of St Joseph's University conducted Tableau Escobar, a performance-based inter-class competition as part of Metonym 2023. The event was held in the black box at 1:00 pm on September 1, 2023. Five teams participated in the event, which required each team to pick a film, a book, or a TV series, and enact four moments from the source. The first to perform was the team from II MA English, with Bhoomika as their narrator. The team presented 'Sometimes Khushi, Sometimes Gham', their humorous take on the iconic scenes from Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham. Johana and the team of II ECS were the next to perform, who presented snapshots of the film Om Shanti Om. Milisha and the team from II OEPY performed their rendition of Mean Girls next, highlighting the most memorable scenes from the movie. Denzel and the team of I MA English later performed their wildly hilarious take on The Lion King. Nicks and Parthiv from 3rd JIP were the last to perform, who presented their short adaptation of Romeo and Juliet in which nobody dies. The first prize was awarded to Denzel and the team from I MA English won the laughs of the audience with Simba's screams. Milisha

and the team of II OEPY, who impressed the audience with their meanness, won second place in the competition. Bhoomika and the team from 2nd MA English came in third place with their hilarious rendition of the iconic Bollywood movie.

Bringing out the spook in SJU, Bhoot Polish commences

The dark room was all set for the chills and goosebumps by 4:45 pm. Lights were turned off, the vibe set, and our first participant, Joel from II MA English was called upon to tell his wonderful story, he told us his spooky story in Malayalam. Our second participant Anush, left us with an icy cold spine with his acting and delivery of narrative. We had 15 participants who came up, entertained and equally scared our souls out with their stories. Ramita from II MA English, Samiya from III BS HEP, and a few more participants told us real stories that had happened to them while a few others proudly presented the stories they wrote and some of them brought to us the stories that they heard from their mothers, grandmothers or friends or that they read themselves somewhere. Our judge for the day was Ms Simran who is an alumna of our English department. Though all the stories were amazing she had to finally pick three winners. Ramita, who told us about a dead cat in her pg, which led her to its own dead body won first place, second place was bagged by Anusha Jones from BA psychology and optional English for her amazing story of not a literal ghost but a ghost of guilt within her, she enhanced the performance beautifully with her acting and performing skills, our third winner was Anush from 2ITEP, whose performance and narrating style was mesmerising.

From Nixon to Salem, Jam Finals ends Metonym in style

The Jam final was scheduled to begin at 4:45 pm in the Black Box on September 2, 2023. A total of 6 participants were

shortlisted for the finals, KC Kaverappa, Unnikrishnan, Ananya Mehta, Chinmae, Sai Hariesh, and Hridya. Dr Arul Mani was the Jam master, who was introduced by Anusha as the 'legendary Jam master'. The Jam master stated the rules of the event and encouraged the participants to take the topics on interesting trajectories rather than resorting to boring and simple thoughts. 'No hesitation, no deviation, and no repetition', the age-old Jam rule was heard again within the walls of the black box. 'My relationship with Richard Nixon' was a topic given which saw some fascinating responses from the participants. Ananya Mehta took Nixon to Chikpette before being interrupted by an objection. 'Trip to Salem' was another topic where KC changed the geography of nations when we heard him say he walked from Salem to the neighboring country Japan. Sai Hariesh through his words painted a vivid picture of KC covered in Jam. Jam came to an end with Ranvir announcing the scores. Ananya scored first with a staggering 143.5, followed by Sai Hariesh who scored 70, and Unnikrishnan placed third with 68. KC Kaverappa scored 46.5 and Hridya scored 19. The last event at Metonym 2023, came to an end with the dean of the School of Languages, Dr Arul Mani thanking the participants and congratulating everyone on a successful Metonym.

The Clowning Workshop

Anush from III TPY enthusiastically introduced the central theme of the day's workshop: the stronger one's shamelessness, the more their inner clown could emerge. The workshop, dedicated entirely to the art of clowning, aimed to clarify its intricacies. Anush explained that clowning is a vital aspect of the theatrical world, which piqued the interest of the attendees, including the narrator, a theater enthusiast. Anush clarified that in theater, clowning doesn't necessarily entail portraying a traditional clown with oversized shoes and exaggerated features. Instead, it revolves around exaggeratedly expressing oneself, be it verbally or non-verbally. Anush

emphasized that taking on the role of a clown requires a continuous state of rebirth, free from the burdens of the past or future, and an immersion in various lifestyles and perspectives. The introductory discussion sparked excitement in the audience, making the subsequent games and activities more engaging. These activities were designed to draw out even the most reserved participants from their comfort zones, a significant achievement in the realm of theater. In conclusion, Anush noted that the workshop's success was largely attributed to the high level of interaction exhibited by the audience, who willingly embraced curiosity, ultimately reaching the realm of art.

JAM Workshop

JAM or Just a Minute was one of the many workshops that were conducted at St Joseph's University on September 30, 2023, at 10:00 am on Open Day. JAM is an impromptu speech where an individual needs to speak on a topic that is given to them in a minute by not hesitating or repeating lexical items or even deviating from the topic itself. This workshop was conducted by Ms Vismaya and two other jam experts Ms Astha and Ms Shireen. There were about 7 participants who were very active and enthusiastic about learning about JAM. The event started with Ms Vismaya saying that they would give the participants a prompt and they had to talk about it. They were given very interesting prompts such as holding hands, candy, heartbreak, etc. After this session, the participants were divided into groups of three and were taken to separate rooms so that the teachers could work with them in a more personal manner. After about 15 minutes they were called back to the previous room that they were seated in so that they could have an actual JAM session. Here the participants had gotten better at speaking and coming up with stories. The stories they came up with were interesting and funny. Other participants were also able to pick up on the mistakes that were being made eas-



ily and it became an overall enjoyable and interesting session. Everyone got to speak and learn something from this session.

The Short Plays

Akai Hito

The play commenced at 11:25 am immersing the audience in a tumultuous childbirth scene. The narrative unveiled the parallel lives of two girls, symbolically connected by an unbreakable red string delving into the complexities of love. Dance sequences portrayed love's beauty and disillusionment. The story ended ambiguously, pondering love as fate or choice. While captivating, the play left some perplexed due to its brief and somewhat convoluted plot.

Rhinoadaptation

The second play unfolded with people transforming into rhinos, creating chaos. Two parties in a city square engage in humor-laden discussions until a humanoid rhino disrupts, sparking skepticism and pandemonium. The story shifts to an office debate, involving

various characters. The climax reveals an old lady's husband has turned into a rhinoceros, leading to a comedic and immersive performance that delighted the audience. The play's absurdity combined with a human touch resonated well.

The Future is in the Egg

Jaque is tasked with an unusual act involving procreation, and the narrative humorously explores the implications. The story's dark undertones and ignorance towards white supremacy contribute to its perplexing nature. The play delivers a potent message through humor, although its scattered execution divided the audience's reception.

The Chairs

The play revolves around an elderly couple, with the man fixated on meeting the king while the woman yearns for a story. The narrative takes a darkly comedic turn, addressing childhood trauma and delusion. It concludes with a surprising double suicide, prompting reflection on the complexities of a seemingly simple life.

Prof Taranne

It explores the theme of self-doubt. Accused of indecent exposure, the titular character attempts to prove his innocence using his supposed fame. However, his colleagues have no recollection of him, and his sister unveils the truth, leaving many unresolved questions. The play's charismatic lead and audience engagement are highlights, but the lack of a clear ending leaves a sense of ambiguity.

Evam Indrajit

The tale explores an unnamed writer's fascination with Indrajit Ray, a man from Calcutta, and his seemingly peculiar life. Through secret observations, the writer uncovers Indrajit's affair with his first cousin, revealing a life shaped by unfulfilled desires. The audience welcomed the somber tone after lighter stories, though the play's gradual pacing demanded patience. It offers a well-crafted narrative with a natural conclusion.

Department Publication Launch

The department launched home publications with ISBN numbers on September 16, 2023

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION





Staff Achievement

Throw Ball Team

Won Third place in ZEAL Tournament, organised by BMS College for Women, July 14, 2023.

Student Achievement

Volleyball Team

Secured Third place in ZEAL Tournament, organised by BMS College for Women, July 14, 2023.

Handball team

Runners-up in ZEAL Tournament, organised by BMS College for Women, July 17, 2023.

Won BCU Intercollegiate Handball Tournament for Men, organised by Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, July 31, 2023.

Runners-up in Dasara District Tournament, organised by Youth Empowerment and Sports on September 27-28, 2023.

Badminton Team

Runners-up in ZEAL Tournament, organised by BMS College for Women, July 17, 2023.

Throw Ball Team

Won Carnavalesque-23, Intercollegiate Fest Tantra, organised by St Francis College, July 15, 2023. Runners-up in BCU Intercollegiate Throw Ball Tournament, organised by Dr NSAM First Grade Col-

lege on July 18, 2023.

Runners-up in ASRISHT 2K23, organised by JSS Academy of Technical Education, August 16, 2023.

Won in AIKYAM, Intercollegiate Sports Fest, organised by SMSG Jain College, September 5, 2023.

Carrom Team

Participated in ASRISHT 2K23, organised by JSS Academy of Technical Education, August 16, 2023. In the singles category, the team got both Winner and Runner-up, and were Runners-up in the doubles category.

Tarushi Vikram

Participated in Race Weekend at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai, from July 22-23, 2023, in three races, and finished Eighth overall, and Third in the Ladies' Championship.

Participated in Dirt Prix 5, conducted by Ablaze Motorsports Club, from August 26-27, 2023, at Muglivali Race Track, Chikmagalur, and won Second place for the Ladies open category, and Third place in the Upto 2000CC category.

Participated in Round 2 of the MRF MMSC FMSCI National Car Racing Championship on September 19-24, 2023, at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai, and qualified Sixth on the grid and finished Fifth overall and Second in the Ladies Championship.

Bala Sworup -Participated in the 5000-me-

tre race in Kristu Jayanti College, conducted by Decathlon, and won a gold medal.

Arsheya Sivakumar

Participated and won in AIKYAM, Intercollegiate Sports Fest for Chess, organised by SMSG Jain College, September 9, 2023.

Sam D Simon

Represented Karnataka in Thirty-ninth Senior National Taekwondo Championship, organised in Guwahati, Assam from September 9-11, 2023.

Cedric Paul

Participated in the Boxing 60-63.5 category Dasara District Tournament, organised by Youth Empowerment and Sports on September 27-28, 2023, and won.

Won gold for 100-metre race, and silver for 200-metre race in the Bangalore Urban District Junior & U-23 years Athletic Meet, organised by Karnataka Athletic Association on September 16-17, 2023; was also selected for state level. Won gold for participation in Karnataka State Junior Meet 2023 and represented Bangalore in a 100-metre race, from September 26-30, 2023. Naghul Krishna S Won bronze for 100-metre race in Bangalore Urban District Junior & U-23 years Athletic Meet, organised by Karnataka Athletic Association on September 16-17, 2023; was also selected for state level.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Inauguration of the Economics Forum and Oikonomika

Oikonomika and the Economics Forum successfully organised their Inauguration Ceremony to mark the commencement of the new academic year. The event, held on August 7, 2023, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, was a culmination of anticipation and enthusiasm among the members. The event saw around 80 people in attendance. During the ceremony the newly elected office bearers of the association were awarded badges and officially installed into their respective positions, symbolising their commitment to promoting economic awareness and academic growth beyond the walls of classrooms. The positions ranging from President to Editor-in-chief of the Economics Gazette were filled with dedicated individuals who demonstrated their passion for economics and leadership. Following the installation ceremony was a guest lecture on the 'Economics of Adam Smith' delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr Alex M Thomas, Professor of Economics, Azim Premji University. The lecture explored the foundational ideas of Adam Smith emphasising their relevance in contemporary economic thought. Attendees gained valuable insights into Smith's theories and their impact on modern economic paradigms. The inauguration ceremony and guest lecture set an inspiring tone for the academic year fostering a sense of unity and intellectual curiosity within the economic association. The event not only celebrated the new office bearers but also enriched attendees' understanding of economic theories and managed to instil within them an intuitive sense of learning.



Treasure Hunt

The Economics Forum of St Joseph's University successfully kickstarted the academic year with its first event, a dynamic treasure hunt infusing academia with adventure. The event held on August 26, 2023, aimed to amalgamate economic principles with an engaging outdoor challenge fostering both learning and camaraderie. The event was open to all UG and PG students and witnessed the participation of 20 teams of five students each across all years. The event commenced near the Economics department on the ground floor of Arrupe Block where the participating teams were given the instructions before embarking on a captivating journey across the campus. Each team armed with clues inspired by economic concepts navigated through various checkpoints. The clues required a blend of analytical thinking, teamwork, and economics knowledge. There were three routes leading to the final destination, the skywalk connecting the new block and Arrupe block. The students from first-year Economics and Industrial Relations emerged as the winners and were awarded a food hamper and a certificate in recognition of their achievement. Participants exhibited enthusiasm and zeal as they decoded economic

puzzles connecting theory to real-world scenarios. The meticulous planning and execution by the organising committee ensured smooth operations and an intellectually stimulating experience. The event was a resounding success leaving attendees eagerly anticipating future events organised by the Economics Forum.

Economic Pictionary

Economic Pictionary was the first event of the new team of Oikonomika for the year 2023-2024. Oikonomika is the PG academic association of the Department of Economics. It took place on August 31, 2023, at 3:30 pm in Room 211, PG Block. The competition was conducted in five rounds. There were six teams with two participants each. The competition was very fun and eventful. Suggestions from the participants were also taken to make the competition smooth and hassle-free. First place was secured by Anuka and Ajaib Abbas, both I MA Economics students. Second place went to Gunandro and Medonhi, who are also I MA Economics students. Third place was secured by Vaishnavi and Adithya, both I BCOM 'D' students. All the winners received mementos and certificates.

SJU Open Day

Open day was organised by St Joseph's University on September 30, 2023. On this day Oikonomika the PG academic association of the Department of Economics demonstrated the importance and opportunities of studying economics. It took place at Room N208, New Block, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. As a part of the Elixir exhibition, Oikonomika presented models of the stock market and the five-sector circular flow model. Both the models received immense attention and appreciation. Apart from the exhibition they organised two games, Pictionary and a business game. Both the games were based on economic concepts. They experienced a significant turnout, marking the event a resounding success.

Elixir - SJU Open Day

The Economics Forum of St Joseph's University organised an engaging and informative exhibition on September 30, 2023, that showcased the talents and research efforts of students from both the undergraduate and postgraduate departments. The event aimed to elucidate various facets of economics from its applications in public policy and banking to the career opportunities that are available to those wishing to pursue this field. Held on the university campus, the exhibition commenced at 9:00 am and ran until 4:00 pm, attracting an impressive attendance of approximately 500 individuals. The audience ranged from students to professors, demonstrating the wide-ranging appeal of economic insights. The main attraction of the exhibition was a diverse range of models and visual aids, each designed to explain the intricate monetary tools employed by the RBI to control inflation, the dynamics of the Indian stock market, the Prisoner's Dilemma, and the complex factors that led to the global financial crisis in 2008 among many others. These models helped demystify these economic



concepts and also made learning enjoyable and interactive. In addition to the models, interactive games were organised which allowed participants to simulate economic scenarios, make decisions, and witness the consequences of their choices. Furthermore, the exhibition featured research papers authored by students and professors that delved into various aspects of economics. These papers were presented, opening avenues for discussion and further exploration of these topics. The exhibition saw the participation of 60 students

On The Case - A 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. The event, which ran from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, witnessed the active participation of four teams out of the 12 initially registered. Each team was 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. The depth of analysis and creativity displayed by the students was impressive. Distinguished judges, Dr Padmaja Pancharathnam, Assistant



Professor, Department of Economics, and Ms Harini Madhusudan, Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, evaluated the presentations. Their expertise added a layer of rigour to the event ensuring a fair and insightful assessment. In the end, the team of Salwa Iqbal and Nancy Sundas from II ECS emerged as the victorious duo after their insightful and detailed presentation on the Argentinian economic crisis. Their exceptional analysis and policy recommendations set them apart. The event not only offered a platform for students to apply their knowledge but also highlighted the significance of practical policy solutions in tackling complex economic issues globally. It underscored the university's commitment to nurturing future economists and policymakers.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

15-day Internship at Mythic Society

As representatives of the Department of History, four II BA students got the privilege of attending a 15-day workshop centred around the preservation and digitisation of Bengaluru's historic inscriptions. Hosted by the esteemed Mythic Society, an institution dedicated to Indic Studies in Bengaluru. The workshop took place from June 26 to July 8, 2023, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The students' main task was to use 3D image scanning to digitally conserve inscriptions dating back to the 8th to 19th centuries. The objective of this project is to make this valuable history accessible to the public. During the workshop, students gained hands-on experience working with digital 3D models of the inscriptions. They painstakingly identified and labelled each alphabet of the old Kannada script, then archived the information. Additionally, they gave presentations highlighting the inscriptions' historical significance and the valuable insights they offer. The archived cuttings will be utilised in the Mythic Society's forthcoming open-source online database, allowing anyone to trace the evolution of the Kannada script from as early as 750 CE to the present day.

Jashn-e-Itihas – Celebrating History

The Department of History and Parishodhana, the History association hosted an outstanding series of events from August 4 to August 14, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, in honour of India's 76th Independence Day on August 15, 2023. This one-week commemoration included a diverse range of innovative and engaging activities, including Digital Art, Story Writing, Debate, and Quiz competitions. The 'History in 60 seconds' street play was a standout highlight. The series culminated on August 14, 2023, with a grand cultural program that showcased India's rich heritage. The events were conducted in different

venues from the Arrupe quadrangle, AV room, and different classrooms. The interdisciplinary nature of the celebrations was evident as students from various academic disciplines participated with enthusiasm. The department's initiative not only provided a platform for students to showcase their skills in different fields but also fostered a spirit of camaraderie and intellectual stimulation. The impressive response with over 100 registrations and active participation across multiple events speaks about the success of the endeavour. Such initiatives by the department underscore its commitment to holistic education and promote a deep appreciation for India's history and culture.

Inaugural Guest Lecture on 'Changing Societal Perceptions towards Devadasis and their Art' and Investiture Ceremony

On August 9, 2023, the Department of History hosted its inaugural guest lecture featuring the esteemed Dr Jamuna, a retired professor from Bangalore University. She delivered a fascinating talk titled "Changing Societal Perceptions Towards Devadasis and their Art" to second and third-year BA students. The event was conducted in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. The lecture provided valuable insights on the subject and highlighted the need to reassess societal perceptions that have marginalised Devdasis. The investiture ceremony followed, where the new office bearers of Parishodhana, the History Association were officially inducted. Dr Jamuna presented badges to the core committee of Parishodhana 2023-24 during the ceremony. The event was organised by Mr Sonal Manoj, Coordinator, Core Team - Parishodhana.

Jashn-E-Azadi - Independence Day Event

India's independence was celebrated with great pomp and show on August 16, 2023, by the Department of History and the History Association Parishodhana. The events happened in the Arrupe

quadrangle and it was a brilliant depiction of the country's cultural diversity, patriotism, and unity. The highlight of the celebration was a series of cultural performances that depicted India's rich heritage. The audience was mesmerised by the energetic Yakshagana dance, a traditional classical dance from Karnataka with its colourful costumes. The Bharatanatyam performance which is the classical dance of South India added grace and elegance to the event, while the classical song resonated with the crowd celebrating India's rich musical heritage. The audience was also captivated by the rhythmic footwork and graceful twirls of the Kathak dancers. The cultural performances were concluded with melodious tunes of Bengali songs, which brought a regional flavour to the event. One of the most moving moments of the celebration was the semi-circle formation with the national flag while singing our national Song. The climax was the showering of flower petals on the flag, symbolising love and respect for the nation. Mr Sonal Manoj, Coordinator, Core Team - Parishodhana, organised the event.

Teacher's Day Event – 'Say Cheese'

To foster appreciation between students and educators, the History Association Parishodhana hosted an event on September 5, 2023, from 1:00 am to 11:59 pm, entitled 'Say Cheese.' During this event, students were given the opportunity to express their gratitude and admiration for their teachers through heartfelt letters. Following this students and teachers captured special moments together through selfies. This event served as a meaningful gesture of showing gratitude to the dedicated teachers who play a pivotal role in shaping the futures of their students. The objective of the event was to create lasting memories and strengthen the bond between teachers and students. 21 students participated.

Guest Lecture on the topic 'Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success'

On September 22, 2023, the Department of History hosted a lecture entitled 'Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success' delivered by Mr Ashish Kumar Vashisht, Senior Faculty, Khan Study Group, Institute of IAS Exams. The lecture was intended for first-year BA students and was held in Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm.. It was attended by 100 students. Mr Vashisht shared his expertise and experience on a range of topics. These included the structure of civil services exams, effective study strategies, time management, and the importance of a well-rounded approach to preparation. The question-answer session that followed the lecture was highly engaging and informative, allowing students to delve deeper into the topics discussed and enhance their learning experience. Mr Vashisht's words served as a source of motivation and inspiration for the students leaving them feeling more confident and better prepared for their future civil services journey.

Elixir 2023- Open Day

St Joseph's University in Bengaluru hosted the Elixir 2023 - Open Day on September 22, 2023, where the Department of History and the History Association Parishodhana showcased their theme 'Travel in Time: To the Indian Past'. The event featured an exhibition that celebrated the rich and diverse facets of history, taking visitors on an intriguing journey through significant historical periods. The exhibition highlighted the Harappan civilization in the ancient Period, the Jauhar of Rani Padmini in the mediaeval period, and the Partition of India in the modern period. The Department of History secured first place in the School of Humanities, during the Elixir 2023 - Open Day, providing a unique and engaging platform for students to connect with history. This success is a testament to the ded-

ication of the Department of History and Parishodhana in bringing history to life for students.

Workshop on the topic 'Unveiling the Past: Storytelling Through Museum Artefacts'

As representatives of the Department of History, 18 BA students participated in a three-day workshop titled 'Unveiling the Past: Storytelling Through Museum Artefacts' organised by SL Bhatia History of Medicine Museum in St John's Medical College, Bengaluru, from October 4 to October 6, 2023. The workshop was helmed by Ms Radhika Hegde, Assistant Professor, Department of History of Medicine, and Curator, SL Bhatia Museum Library. The workshop comprised several informative sessions, including one led by Ms Priya, an experienced storyteller who shared valuable insights into the art of presenting and narrating stories. Ms Sindhu conducted a session on Artefact Preservation and Ms Meera explored the intriguing world of animation and its creation. The significance of empathy in the context of museums and storytelling was also discussed during the workshop with Mr Dhruv and Ms Radhika leading sessions that emphasised the crucial roles of time and space in a museum setting. Furthermore, students participated in various activities such as public speaking, presentation skills, and story writing which allowed them to confidently present and narrate their stories on the final day of the workshop.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

During the odd semester, the student association of the Department of Industrial Relations (IR Forum) conducted a series of activities. These events included an inaugural guest lecture on 'Social Security Measures in the USA and Relevant Legal Provisions by Mr Kiran Jeevan, the Public Relations Officer, on August 10, 2023. Moreover, a guest lecture on 'Placement as an HRM Function' targeted at final year Industrial Relations students was delivered by Mr Kiran Jeevan on the same day. A swearing-in of office bearers and

an inaugural ceremony took place on August 12, 2023, featuring a discourse on the significance of Social Sciences by Fr Arun D'Souza SJ, the Finance Officer of SJU. Further events included the SJU Open Day-Industrial Relations Exhibition on September 30, 2023, a cartooning competition focusing on 'Employee Mental Health' on October 7, 2023, a designing competition centered on 'Redesign Your Favorite MNCs Logo' on October 21, 2023, a sketching competition themed around 'Workplace Diversity' on November 4, 2023, and culminated in the Annual Industrial Relations Quiz-2023 as part of the School of Humanities Academic Festival, MERAKI, also held on November 4, 2023.

Staff Achievements

Mr G Anuplal, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, engaged in a series of guest lectures across various platforms. Commencing with a discourse on 'St. Joseph's College through the ages - History with a special focus on the role of SJC/SJU in the Indian Independence Movement, delivered at the SJU Faculty induction programme on July 5, 2023. Following this, he served as a resource person on 'One Rupee Indian Currency Notes' at the Annual Workshop for Philatelists and Numismatists Association on August 30, 2023. Mr Anuplal further contributed insights on the 'Role of National Service Scheme in Nation Building' for the National Service Scheme Volunteers of Unit 3 on September 28, 2023. He also spoke on the 'Influence of Mahatma Gandhi on the Student Community' during a session for National Service Scheme Volunteers of Unit I on October 2, 2023.

Ms Sandhya Catherin, a guest faculty member, participated in the Dalit Muslim Adivasi Project Capacity Building Training Programme facilitated by the Azim Premji Foundation on August 11, 2023. Additionally, she attended the Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Training Programme conducted by Asian Aid (Australia) from August 24 - September 14, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

First Practical Session of the Vocational Course 'Introduction to Police Administration'

The first practical session of the vocational course 'Introduction to Police Administration' offered by the Department of Political Science for III BA (EP) students was held on July 28, 2023, in the Aruppe block classroom, St Joseph's University, at 11:00 am. It was organised by Dr Somaiah PE, Head of the Department of Political Science. The Traffic PSI and Assistant Chief Traffic Warden of Ashok Nagar traffic police station trained the students about road safety and traffic regulations.

SJU Open Day Elixir

The Department of Political Science took active participation in the Open Day programme Elixir of St Joseph's University on September 30, 2023. The exhibition was well presented with the contributions of all the members of the organising committee, especially Dr Somaiah P E, Dr Surya Sankar Sen, and the Spectrum Committee members. The highlight of the exhibition was the mock parliament. The other aspects were the history of the department, courses offered, faculty profile, and the job opportunities of the subject.

76th Independence Day Intra-University Quiz

An Intra-University quiz as a part of the 76th Independence Day was organised by the Political Science Association Spectrum. The event had two rounds. The first round was held on August 14, 2023. Out of the twelve groups that participated, eight groups qualified for the finals. The final round was conducted on August 18, 2023. The topics covered were the Indian national movement, constitutional developments, and constitutional assembly debates. Aryan Nair (I ECPS), Ria Pillai (II PSCE), and Viswas Vinod (III EP) secured first, second, and third positions respectively. The Quiz-



masters were Dr Surya Shankar Sen and Ms Ance Teresa Varghese, both from the Department of Political Science.

Panel Discussion: 77 Years of India's Independence

The Association Spectrum under the Department of Political Science organised a panel discussion of students on the topic '77 years of India's Independence'. The panel was conducted on September 6, 2023, at 3:45 pm. The four panellists, Rohan Naidu (II ECPS), Roopani Sood (III ECPS), Ananya Dubey (II JIN), and Akash Chand (I ECPS) presented on healthcare and education, society and culture, economic development, science, and technology respectively. The session was chaired by Ms Ance Teresa Varghese, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. The moderator of the session was Satyam from II (ECPS).

Special Lecture by Adv Anu Chengappa

The forum of Politics, Governance, and International Affairs of the Department of Political Science, School of Humanities Spectrum organised a special lecture by Adv Anu Chengappa, a leading advocate in the High Court of Karnataka on the 'Working of Police Department: A Reality Check' on September 30, 2023 at 2:30 pm. The venue was Arrupe Block classroom 205. The session was chaired by the organisation coordinator Dr Somaiah PE, Head of the Department of Political Science. The talk invited a very active interaction from the participants.



Special Lecture by Dr Siddarth Malavarappu

Spectrum, the association of the Department of Political Science, organised a special lecture by Dr. Siddarth Malavarappu, Professor of International Relations, Shivnadar University, New Delhi. The session was held on October 4, 2023, at 3:35 pm. His talk was on 'The study of International Relations: What We Know Now?'. The session was chaired by Dr. Somaiah PE, Head of the Department of Political Science. The lecture invited active participation and interaction of the students as well as the teaching staff who were present.

Staff Achievement

Dr Somaiah PE (Head of the Department of Political Science)

The Alumni Connect Initiative was conducted by the Bangalore University Political Science Association (BUPSAA) on July 15, 2023 at 10:30 am where Dr. Somaiah PE, Head of the Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University delivered a motivational talk

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

Consilium – The UG Psychology Forum

Investiture Ceremony

The Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony of Consilium (2023-24) was held on August 28, 2023, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block. Chief guests invited were Dr Neeta Gerosa Pereira, Head of the Department of Psychology and Counselling, Dr Nisha Menzies Rao, PG Coordinator, Department of Psychology and Counselling, and Ms Neha Jha, and Mr Reghunath Prakash, both Assistant Professors from the Department of Psychology and Counselling, and Association Faculty Coordinators. Investiture of the core team members was conducted and students were assigned different positions. The event ended with a dance performance. Over 150 people attended the ceremony.



Mixer

The first event held by Consilium, the UG Psychology Forum for the year 2023-24 was the Mixer event. The Mixer event was held with the goal of accommodating interaction and engagement among the first-year students across shifts and courses. The event was held on August 23, 2023, during the lunch hour at UG Psychology Labs. The event was organised by Ms Neha Jha, Assistant Professor, Department. of Psychology and Counselling, and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Assistant Professor, Department. of Psychology and Counselling. There were multiple activities planned to facilitate interaction among students, these included Chinese whispers, Heads-Up, draw and pass, and draw on the back, each facilitated by designated core team members. Around 80 students participated and the event was a great success.



Movie Screening

The first movie screening event held by Consilium, the UG Psychology Forum for the year 2023-24 was held on August 25, 2023, at 3:30 pm, in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. A Japanese animated movie titled 'I Want to Eat Your Pancreas' was selected for the screening. It was selected as it had psychology-related themes exploring grief, isolation, and interpersonal relationships. This movie is a good start as it deals with topics related to psychology but starts with very basic ones. The event helped the first-year students get introduced to psychological concepts and understand grief.



Sumana - The PG Psychology Forum Sensitization workshop on Trauma

A virtual workshop on trauma-informed care was organised for PG final-year students of MSc Counselling Psychology. The workshop was conducted by Mr Ashlon Noronha, Practising Counselling Psychologist in association with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. The online workshop lasted for 3 days from June 16, 2023, to June 18, 2023.

Seminar at NIMHANS on World Brain Day

On July 22, 2023, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, celebrated World Brain Day. They hosted an event at Ashwini Hall within the Neuro Centre, titled "Brain Health and Disability: Leave no one Behind" which aimed to raise awareness about neurological well-being. PG students and faculty members from St Joseph's University got the opportunity to attend the event. Dr Pratima Murthy, the Director of NIMHANS, graced the occasion with her inspiring address. Next, the stage was handed over to another distinguished expert, Dr Jamuna Rajeswaran, Head of Clinical Neuropsychology and Cognitive Psychology at NIMHANS. Dr Rajeswaran shared her insights into the advancements made in the field of brain health and disability. The event featured two informative sessions led by respected experts. Mr Dhawal Shukla talked about 'Traumatic Brain Injury,' highlighting its impact and the challenges of recovery. This led to discussions about better support and care. The second session by Mr Keshav Kumar discussed 'Neurofeedback and Cognitive Retraining' and how these techniques can improve cognitive abilities for people with neurological conditions. NIMHANS was praised for its commitment to brain health and disability awareness. It was a significant step in promoting brain health. The event included interactive stalls on topics like Neuro Training, Brain health,

and Neuropsychology for attendees to explore. The event concluded with a sense of accomplishment and optimism as it underscored the importance of raising awareness about brain health, promoting inclusivity, and advancing research in the field of neuroscience.

Existential Group therapy

The Department of Psychology and Counselling organised a week-long experiential workshop on group therapy for II MSc Counselling Psychology students from July 24 to July 28, 2023, in Xavier Hall, PG Block.. The sessions were facilitated by three experienced industry experts, group counsellors, and trainers Ms Shreya Giria, Ms Megha Dhiman, and Ms Princy Jain. The faculty coordinators for the event were Dr Nisha Rao, PG Coordinator, Department of Psychology and Counselling, and Ms Grace Maria Jochan, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology and Counselling. Students had hands-on experience in group therapy and reported that the session helped them harness their therapeutic skills.

Inauguration & Investiture ceremony - Sumana

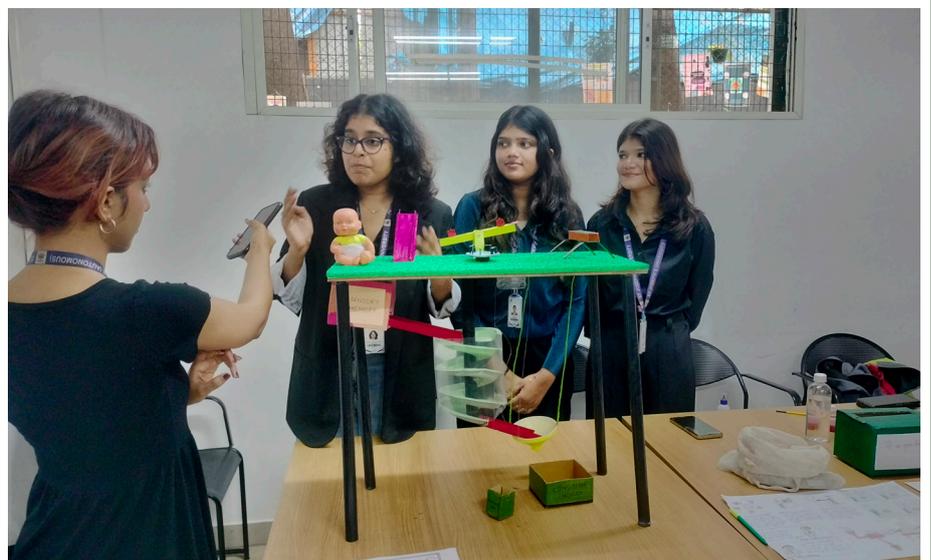
The most awaited inauguration of SJU's PG Psychology forum, Sumana 2023-24, at St Joseph's University, was a remarkable event that brought together students

and faculty to celebrate the birth of a platform dedicated to the exploration of the depths of psychology. The event was conducted on September 6, 2023, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The day also marked the investiture ceremony for the office bearers of Sumana for the academic year. The event began with a soulful prayer symbolising the connection with inner selves and seeking divine blessings for the journey ahead, followed by a warm welcome address emphasising the importance of this forum in empowering the students through emotional support, opportunities for growth, and academic excellence. After formally welcoming the guests for the day, Dr Nisha Rao, PG Coordinator, and Dr Neeta Pereira, Head of the Department of Psychology and Counselling, along with the other faculty members the lighting of the lamp was done as a symbol of the beginning of the auspicious ceremony. The event then featured the felicitation of the newly appointed office bearers of Sumana for the academic year 2023-24. These individuals, chosen to lead and represent the forum, were recognized for their dedication and fresh ideas. The Teacher Coordinators of Sumana, Dr Stephen Babu and Dr Anila MM, were also acknowledged for their support and inspiration.



Mental Health and Self Care – Open Mic and Stalls

The Mental Health and Self-Care event, organized by Sumana, the PG 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. The event took place at the PG Campus, attracting a diverse audience from among all streams. 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. The event was a resounding success. It accomplished its goals of raising awareness about mental health, reducing stigma, and fostering an environment of support and understanding. It is evident that initiatives like these play a crucial role in promoting mental well-being within the student community.



Open Day Elixir Exhibition

The open day Elixir 2023 was organised at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on September 30, 2023. It was a captivating experience for both current and prospective students and curious minds alike, which included school children and their families. The Department of Psychology and Counselling opened its doors to visitors with an array of exhibits designed to unravel the mysteries of the human psyche. From interactive displays to creative working models, the offerings by students were nothing short of enlightening. 10 selected teams from across UG and PG courses exhibited and presented their models to all the guests from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. In addition, other students of the department were also involved in conducting some of the major psychological experiments on interested visitors and



kept the space full of life. An informative video on the 'Scope of Psychology' was also presented throughout the day. The Psychology labs and the surrounding spaces were filled with creative posters made by students on various psychological concepts and theories, which kept the visitors engaged throughout their time at the Arrupe basement. Students from different Pre-University colleges in Bangalore enjoyed the exhibits and took back with them a sense of curiosity to know more about Psychology.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Inauguration of Social Zest

The inauguration ceremony of the Social Zest took place on August 12, 2023, at 8:30 am. The event was organised by Dr Maria A, Coordinator, Department of Sociology, along with the newly elected office bearers of the Social Zest. It was attended by around 300 students. The Chief Guest for the inauguration was Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza, SJ, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, and Finance Officer, St Joseph's University. The ceremony commenced with a captivating classical dance performance, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest and teacher coordinators. The chief guest was presented with a sapling and a token of gratitude. Fr Arun delivered a heartfelt speech, which was complemented by appreciative words from Dr Maria A and Mr G Anuplal. The event proceeded with the distribution of badges to the respective office bearers and an oath-taking ceremony was also conducted. The programme showcased student talents through choir songs and many other performances. The conclusion featured a closing speech.

Field Visit to St Martha's Hospital

Under the guidance of Dr Maria A, Co-ordinator, Department of Sociology, the Final Year Sociology students had the privilege of participating in a field visit to St Martha's Hospital in Bangalore as part of their vocational paper 'Social Intervention in Healthcare and Hospital Management'. This experience provided an opportunity to engage with the real-world dynamics of medical sociology by immersing ourselves in the hospital's administrative operations. The students were assigned to the administrative block. Here, they witnessed the front-line activities that play a crucial role in the patient experience. The administrative staff managed tasks such as providing tokens, confirming appointments with doctors, and handling billing procedures. The students observed how efficient coordination and effective communication were vital in ensuring the smooth flow of patients through the hospital. The students were given the opportunity to assist in filling out forms for first-time visitors to the hospital. Through conversations, they learned about the backgrounds of the patients, their medical histories, and their reasons for seeking medical care. This exercise highlighted the social and economic diversity among patients and their varied experiences within the healthcare system. Interacting with patients during

the form-filling process exposed the students to a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures, and socio-economic statuses. The field visit to St Martha's Hospital was a transformative experience that allowed students to apply theoretical concepts from our sociology studies to a real-world setting. The students were reminded of the critical role that sociological understanding plays in addressing healthcare disparities and fostering patient-centred care.

Meraki

Meraki was a series of events organised by the Department of Sociology under the guidance of Dr Maria A, Co-ordinator, Department of Sociology, to provide students with an opportunity to relieve their stress and improve their collaborative skills. The theme of the event derived its inspiration from the Greek word 'Meraki', which means to do something with soul, creativity, or love; to put something of yourself into your work. The first club meeting was held on August 12, 2023, and involved 60-70 student participants from the final year Sociology students and 12 student leaders. The second Meraki event was held on August 18, 2023, for first-year Sociology students. The third event took place on August 22, 2023, at Xavier Hall for the second-year Sociology students. The fourth event was on August 26, 2023, and was held for the final-year Sociology Students for the second time. All the events followed the same schedule and started off with a small introductory talk by Jeffrey Samuel, student leader, on the meaning and purpose of the events. Several games such as freeze dance, freestyle dancing, and karaoke were conducted as part of the events. Jeffrey gave a talk on 'Empathy and Self-Esteem' in every session which was well received by all the student participants. The participants were cooperative and supportive in all events. Meraki was an enriching experience for everyone as they were able to connect with each other through the games and improve their mental and social well-being.



Confession Booth

The Confession Booth Event was held at the Arrupe Atrium on August 23, 2023, and started at 11:00 am with the students of the university writing the confessions and placing them in the confession box prepared. Many students expressed that the act of writing a confession helped them feel relaxed and relieved. The main purpose of the event was to apply the findings of sociological theories on human interactional behaviour. Confession is closely related to the sociological theory known as 'Symbolic Interactionism.' This theory was developed by scholars such as George Herbert Mead and Herbert Blumer and focuses on how individuals create and interpret meaning through social interactions, symbols, and shared understandings. Symbolic interactionism helps us understand how confession operates as a dynamic social process, where meanings are constructed, negotiated, and shared through interactions, symbols, and shared cultural frameworks. The event was successful in achieving its objectives and over 300 students participated in it, all of whom expressed that the event made their day better.

Guest Lecture: Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Idea of Democracy in India

Dr Zeeshan Husain, Independent Researcher and Sociologist, delivered an engaging and insightful lecture that traversed the life and ideas of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. He emphasised Dr Ambedkar's profound belief that economic and social democracy are the bedrock upon which political democracy must stand. Dr Husain delved into Dr Ambedkar's contributions to shaping the Indian Constitution, particularly his role in ensuring the inclusion of affirmative policies such as reservations for marginalised communities. The lecture was punctuated by moments of active student participation, as attendees posed thoughtful questions. These questions covered a wide range of topics, including the significance of affirm-



ative policies, Dr Ambedkar's pivotal role in drafting the Indian Constitution, and his conversion to Buddhism as a means to empower the marginalised. Dignitaries present at the event: Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, SJ, Director of Shift III, Dr Paul Newman, Principal of SJEC, Mr Prashanth Kumar, Coordinator of Shift III.

Guest Lecture: Water and Waste Management in the City of Bangalore

Dr Chandini Bhambhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Shift 3), organised a guest lecture on August 31, 2023, in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Dr Renukumar, Additional Chief Engineer, BWSSB, was invited to enlighten Journalism-Sociology students as a part of their core paper on Urban Sociology. Dr Renukumar's presentation on Bangalore's escalating water demands shed light on a pressing issue faced by the city's burgeoning population. With expanding city limits and a surge in urbanisation, the strain on the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to provide adequate water coverage has intensified. The speaker astutely identified alternate water sources as a crucial strategy to meet future demands, emphasising the pivotal role of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in recycling and reusing wastewater, a sustainable approach that's gaining traction. Furthermore, the presentation underscored the



significance of collaborative efforts involving various stakeholders, including BWSSB, civil society organisations, NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and individual citizens, to ensure equitable access to water. This inclusive approach recognizes that addressing the water challenge in Bangalore requires collective commitment and innovative solutions. The guest speaker's engaging session drew to a close with a dynamic exchange of ideas. Students displayed a keen interest in the topic of water, and their questions spanned a wide spectrum. The diversity of questions demonstrated not only the students' engagement with the topic but also their recognition of the broader implications of water-related issues, making it a thought-provoking and insightful conclusion to the session. The talk was attended by 56 students.

Potpourri

The Potpourri Event was organised under the guidance of Dr Maria A, Coordinator, Department of Sociology, in A015, Arrupe Block, at 1:00 pm on September 1, 2023. The event was a mixture of three rounds: the first round was riddles, the second round was dumb charades and the third round was pictography. All the events were based on the theme 'Marginalisation'. The teams were given riddles to solve with a time duration of 10 minutes. The participants were put through a rollercoaster of riddles based on the theme. The teams who solved the riddles correctly and on a timely basis proceeded to the next round. In the second round, there were four rounds of three minutes each along with a bonus round being conducted as the teams had come to a draw. The participants were put together as four members in 2 teams in which they were given a word related to the theme which they then had to depict using actions. In the end two teams qualified for the final round. In the third round, each team was given a single-word prompt relating to 'marginalisation' to draw. One member had to come up and draw and the other three members had to guess it correctly. In the end, the winning team was chosen based on overall points. The Potpourri event was based on creating awareness of the marginalised in the society and this objective was successfully achieved as all participants expressed their eagerness to learn more about the topic.

The Elixir – SJU Open Day

On August 30, 2023, at 9:00 am, the Department of Sociology under the guidance of Dr Maria A, Coordinator, Department of Sociology, hosted an exhibition for The Elixir Exhibition in Room N205, New Block. Over 50 students participated in this event in groups, showcasing their unique and creative models on various sociological topics. These models explored concepts such as time travel from traditional society to modern society, social stratification, the law of three stages, and the positive and negative aspects of homogeneous



and heterogeneous life. The exhibition drew a diverse crowd, with more than 400 university students, including those from various Pre-University Colleges (PUC) attending. The attendees were captivated by the remarkable models created by the sociology students, which combined creativity and a deep understanding of sociological concepts. A panel of judges arrived to evaluate the models and engaged with the participants. The judges expressed their appreciation of the quality and innovation of each model. They had interactive discussions with the students, seeking insights into their creations. The judges provided valuable feedback and opinions, highlighting the excellence displayed in the models. The event concluded

with the sociology students engaging with PUC students, sharing knowledge and information to foster a broader understanding of sociological concepts. The exhibition successfully showcased the creativity and dedication of the sociology department's students, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.





Staff Achievement

Dr Maria A (Coordinator, Department of Sociology)

Completed four-week Faculty Induction/Orientation Programme from June 22 to July 21, 2023, and obtained grade A, organised by the Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi (Accredited Grade A++ by NACC)

Published a book Access To Education Of Street Children in Bangalore City, Clever Fox Publishing, Chennai, on August 23, 2023.

Shift 3

Guest Lecture: Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Idea of Democracy in India

The Department of Sociology & Industrial Relations conducted a lecture on 'Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Idea of Democracy in India' on August 26, 2023, at Xavier Hall, PG Block, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Organised by Dr Chandni Bhamhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Shift 3), the lecture was conducted by Dr Zeeshan Husain. Dr Husain is an alumnus of JNU Delhi, CSSS Kolkata, and TISS Mumbai and an independent researcher and sociologist. His lecture covered the life and ideas of Dr Ambedkar. He emphasised Dr Ambedkar's belief that political democracy requires the bedrock of eco-

nomie and social democracy. He delved into Dr Ambedkar's contributions to shaping the Indian Constitution and his role in ensuring the inclusion of affirmative policies such as reservation for marginalised communities. Around 150 students of BA Shift III attended the lecture. They asked various questions on the significance of affirmative policies, Dr Ambedkar's role in drafting the Indian Constitution, and his conversion to Buddhism to empower the marginalised. Dignitaries present at the event were Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, SJ, Director of Shift III, Dr Paul Newman, Principal of St Joseph's Evening College, and Mr Prashanth Kumar, Coordinator of Shift III.

Industrial Visit to BWSSB Tertiary Treatment Plant, Cubbon Park

The Department of Sociology & Industrial Relations organised an industrial visit to the BWSSB Tertiary Treatment Plant in Cubbon Park on August 31, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Dr Chandni Bhamhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Shift 3), organised the visit for the second-year students of BA Journalism-Sociology. 17 students visited the Plant.

Guest Lecture: Water and Water Management in the City of Bangalore

Held in the AV Room, Arrupe Block on August 31, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, the Department of Sociology & Industrial Relations conducted a guest lecture 'Water and Waste Management in the City of

Bangalore' with a strength of 56 students. The lecture was organised by Dr Chandni Bhamhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Shift 3) and conducted by Dr Renukumar KS, Additional Chief Engineer (Design), BWSSB, who enlightened our Journalism-Sociology students on Bangalore's escalating water demands, a pressing issue faced by the city's burgeoning population. With expanding city limits and a surge in urbanisation, the strain on BWSSB to provide adequate water coverage has intensified. She identified alternate water sources as a crucial strategy to meet future demands and emphasised the role of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in recycling and reusing wastewater. The presentation underscored the significance of collaborative efforts involving various stakeholders such as NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and individual citizens to ensure equitable access to water. Her session ended with enquiries on part of the students delving into the effects of water quality on everyday concerns and the presence of toxic foam in certain lakes within Bangalore. Dignitaries present at the event were Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, SJ, Director of Shift III, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean, School of Humanities, and Mr Prashanth Kumar, Coordinator of Shift III.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PEACE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Special Lecture- Politics and Conflict of Outer Space in the 21st Century

On June 28, 2023, a special lecture was organised by Aspire, the student association of the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. This lecture marked the first event organised by the association for the new academic year 2023-2024, as it heartily welcomed all the first-year students from the department. The special lecture on the topic of 'Politics and Conflict of Outer Space in the 21st Century' was given by the esteemed speaker Ms Harini Madhusudan, Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy. The lecture was indeed engaging and informative as she explained the geography of space, the existing treaties governing space politics, and their loopholes. In her elaborate discussion, she also emphasised the continuing space race delving deeper into the controversial aspects surrounding weaponization, militarization, and commercialization of outer space. Overall, the event successfully broadened students' perspectives, providing them with valuable insights and details regarding the ongoing space politics. It was attended by 75 students.

Special Lecture- Myanmar's Troubled History: Failed Democracy, Ethnic Conflict and Violence

On August 11, 2023, a special lecture was organised by Aspire, the student association of the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy. The event commenced at 9:30 am in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, with a moment of silent reflection, followed by a warm welcome message. The esteemed speaker for the event was Ms Aparupa Bhattacharjee, renowned for her research focused on Southeast Asia, particularly Myanmar, Thailand, and Malaysia. Her expertise lies in politics, conflicts, and peace processes related to Myanmar with a specific emphasis on the Rohingya conflict. She has played an active role in the outreach teams of IPCS and the National Institute of Advanced Studies and has affiliations with the Consortium for South Asian Think Tank (COSATT) Network. Ms Bhattacharjee explored Myanmar's past in the lecture, especially the era of British colonial rule (1886–1948) when the country was referred to as Burma. She further presented the religious and ethnic breakdown of the country with 87 percent of the population being Buddhist, followed by 6.2 percent being Christians. The Hindus and the Muslims represent the minority in Myanmar. Later in the lecture, the speaker emphasised the significance of the symbols and emblems utilised in socio-political contexts.

The speaker repetitively focused on the religious and ethnic divide prevailing within the country since its dynastic period. The event then culminated in a Q&A session, followed by appreciation and gratitude towards Ms Bhattacharjee. She was presented with a token of appreciation for her valuable insights into the complex history of Myanmar. 75 students attended the lecture

Meet and Greet

In August 2023, St Joseph's University witnessed a lively and inspiring event organised by the student association Aspire, belonging to the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy. The event commenced with a friendly meet and greet session followed by a moment of prayer to set the tone for the day. The student coordinators introduced the purpose of the association which was followed by an Introduction to International Relations video. To bring a warm touch, Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, SJ, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, graced the stage, sharing his valuable insights on education and college life. As the event proceeded, artistic talents from the third year took over the stage with a beautiful dance. The event featured many performances like songs, dance, and an energetic beatbox performance. The day concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees for making this a memorable event.



Guest Lecture- Youth and Democratic Citizenship

On September 15, 2023, a guest lecture was organised by the student association Aspire to celebrate the International Day of Democracy. Students across all disciplines were invited. The event commenced at 2:30 pm, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University. Dr P Somaiah, Head of the Department of Political Science, and Honorary guest Dr D Jeevan Kumar, Professor of Political Science, and Secretary, Indian Institute of Public Administration, graced the occasion. Dr Jeevan gave a lecture on the topic 'Youth and Democratic Citizenship.' The event commenced with a welcome note extended by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy. In his speech, he spoke about various dimensions of democracy urging the audience to view it from different dimensions. Dr Jeevan cited the annual reports published by the IDEA and V-DEM, to highlight the current condition of Indian democracy. He spoke on the rise of autocratisation, polarisation, populism and the lack of academic freedom in the country; the flaw in the Indian electoral system. In the end, he expressed his concerns about apathy being the greatest threat to democracy and urged the youth to participate actively in the political and administrative matters of India. The lecture was concluded with a Q&A session, after which a recitation of the Preamble marked the end of the celebration.

Bureau Briefings

On October 12, 2023, Aspire, the student association of the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy welcomed bureaucrats from the IIPA (Indian Institute of Public Administration) to deliver a series of lectures titled 'Bureau Briefings'. Dr Jagmohan Sharma IPS, Additional PCCF (Principal Chief Conservator of Forests) at the Karnataka Forest Department



delivered a lecture on the topic 'Governance for Drought Economics.' He was accompanied by three other bureaucrats Mr Jeevan Kumar, Mr S Ramanathan, and Mr T M Vijay Bhaskar. The lecture series was conducted at the De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, extending invitations to students from all three academic years within the department. The event started with a welcome speech by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, who spoke about the importance of such collaborative sessions. Following this, Mr Jeevan introduced Mr S Ramana-

than to the attendees. Dr Jagmohan, an environment expert, discussed climate change, pollution, and 'Doughnut Economics' by Kate Raworth, emphasising the planet's critical state and the importance of sustainability. After the lecture, he took some questions from the attendees, primarily questioning how prepared India is to address these climate and pollution issues. Following the Q&A Mr T M Vijay Bhaskar provided his own insights into the current environmental crisis. With this, the lecture series came to an end.

SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Freshers' Welcome

Every new academic year, the new entrants into a department wait eagerly for a formal function in which senior students and faculty members welcome them. This practice allows for students who have just transitioned from PUC life in school to a higher education setting. The welcome party by the Department of Biochemistry was organised in Xavier Hall, PG Block, at 12:45 pm. Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, addressed the students for about five minutes, exhorting them to study well and take their career seriously. She encouraged them to work hard and get good grades. She also briefed them about the Biochemical Society, which organises lectures and quality events like quizzes and journal club talks. Dr Daniel, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, also spoke a few words to welcome the new students. A few senior students entertained the audience with their fabulous singing. Students were divided into teams and were asked to participate in a biochemistry quiz. Winners of the quiz were given prizes. At the end of the event, students and staff played Chinese whispers. The programme was coordinated by office bearers of the Biochemical Society.



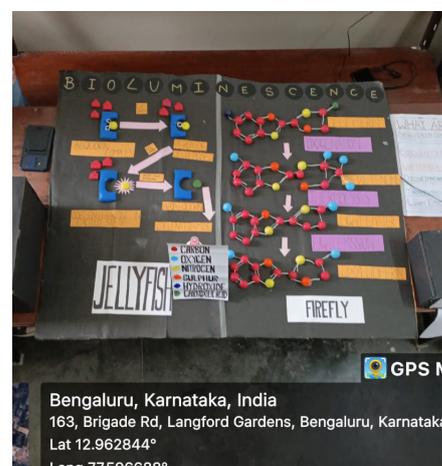
Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom

'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom' was a workshop conducted online via Zoom from July 5-7, 2023, from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm. About 100 Faculty members and teachers from different universities, colleges, and schools all over India attended the workshop. Dr Susan Mary Philip, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, St Joseph's University, Ms Rachel Stone, Senior Lecturer, Sheffield-Hallam University, UK, and Dr Jennifer Loertscher, Professor of Biochemistry at Seattle University, Washington, USA, were the speakers. On July 5, the workshop commenced at 8:30 pm and Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, gave the welcome address. Dr Daniel Andrew M Gideon, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, began with a word of prayer. Dr Sandra introduced Dr Susan, who delivered her talk titled 'Enabling enquiry and self-learning in the classroom.' On July 6, Dr Shraddha Namannavar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, opened the meeting with prayer at 8:30 pm and introduced Ms Rachel Stone, who delivered her talk titled 'Supporting student-centric learning.' Dr Sandra offered a prayer on July 7, and Dr Daniel introduced Dr Jennifer, who delivered her talk, 'Connecting research with purpose: Strategies to support whole person education.' Dr Daniel summed up the entire workshop by offering a brief reflection of all three talks and the session closed with a vote of thanks by Dr Sandra.

Elixir

St Joseph's University organised Elixir on September 30, 2023, for Open Day. 27 students from the Department of Biochemistry participated by presenting five different models in room S308, Science Block. The first model, presented by students of I BCZ, was on the mechanism of enzyme action. Models two and three, by the second-year students of Biochemistry-Microbiology were based on ABC transporters, and biochemical mechanisms of anti-TB

drug resistance respectively. The fourth model explored insulin structure and its industrial production, presented by students from III BBZ. The fifth model on bioluminescence was presented by second-year Biochemistry-Botany students. These models were presented to the judges and were open for students and faculty members of other departments from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Faculty members also played a promotional video in the classroom to emphasise on the UG programme of our department and highlight some memories of events to the audience.



Investiture Ceremony and Expert Talk on Genome Editing

Organised by the Biochemical Society (with Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry as the faculty in-charge), this meeting had a two-pronged agenda. Firstly, an expert talk on genome editing by Dr DN Rao, Former Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, and incumbent President of the Biochemical Society of India. This was followed by the investiture ceremony to formally entrust the new office bearers of the Biochemical Society, for the academic year 2023-24, with their designated roles and responsibilities. Held in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block, on August 2, 2023, at 12:45 pm with an audience of 100, the event commenced with prayer and a reading from the Holy Bible. Dr Sandra introduced Dr Rao who then shared his insights into the ideas of Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier, who shared half the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their fundamental discoveries into how genome editing works using the CRISPR-Cas9 system, which defends bacteria from viral pathogens. By exploiting this system for editing genomes, it is possible to delete or introduce DNA sequences into any genome of interest. This modern technological discovery has ushered in new prospects for solving many genetic diseases and opened new avenues to study genetics further. After the talk, Dr Melwin Colaço, Registrar, confirmed the office bearers of Biochemical Society and conferred them with badges.

Journal Club Meeting: Bee Vaccines and Unveiling Paracetamol

Bee Vaccines and Unveiling Paracetamol was the topic of discussion for a meeting of the journal club wing of the Biochemical Society, held in S303, Science Block, on August 12, 2023, at 12:45 pm. The meeting was open to all students, and had 140 participants. The discussion explored how bee vaccines aim to improve bee immunity against bacterial pathogens which causes foul-



brood disease, a highly contagious bacterial disease that reduces larvae to brown goo. A killed version of the pathogenic bacteria (the etiological agent of foul-brood disease) is injected into the “royal jelly” which the worker bees feed to the queen. The queen bee then deposits the vaccine in her ovary and confers immunity against pathogens to her progeny. Super foods were also discussed where students explored food fads related to the hype around super foods in social media. Many super foods are being consumed indiscriminately without scientific grounding. Since the speaker who had prepared to talk about paracetamol did not turn up, the topic was cancelled. The participants received e-certificates for attending the session.

Expert Talk on Immunology of T-cell Development

The Biochemical Society organised an expert talk on Immunology of T-cell Development, under the Department of Biochemistry at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block on October 3, 2023, at 12:45 pm. The speaker, Dr Kushagra Bansal, highlighted the key processes involved in T-cell (Thymus cell) development. T-cells are involved in cell-mediated immunity. They mature in the thymus, the primary lymphoid organ, located above the heart. T-cells undergo positive selection and cells with higher affinity against our own body's self antigens are destroyed while cells with lower affinity towards self-antigens are allowed to survive and mature. The mTEC (medullary thymic epithelial cells) possessing the Aire (autoimmune regulated) gene was found responsible for the gene expression

of a plethora of self-antigens, counted to be as high as 766 using the outdated method of DNA microarray and 7621 genes using the more sensitive method of RNAseq. Dr Bansal shared about the interaction of Aire gene with topoisomerase-I, an enzyme involved in DNA topology. Deletion of topoisomerase-1 in an experiment led to development of mice lacking the thymus gland in his laboratory and this is being explored in animals and the therapeutic implications of this are important in advancing research in thymus gland development and autoimmunity. The talk was received with great enthusiasm by faculty members and students of the Biotechnology, Microbiology and Biochemistry departments.



Staff Achievement

Dr Sangita Das (Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry) Selected for SJU Dedicated Research Faculty Scheme and assumed duty on October 1, 2023. Crossed a new landmark of 1600 citations to her research work on Google Scholar (h-index of 20 and i-10 index of 29).

Dr Daniel Andrew M Gideon (Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry) Published a paper on “Phytochemistry” in the journal *Molecules*, MDPI (IF 4.6) as a coauthor (with SJU affiliation). Published three book chapters in *Phospholipases in physiology and pathology* (Ed Sajal Chakraborti), Academic Press. Resource Person for online workshop “Tactful techniques to enhance article writing” jointly organised by Tamil Nadu Association of Intellectuals and Faculty (TAIF) and GRABS Educational Charitable Trust on September 20, 2023, between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Welchem: Fresher's Day 2023-2024

Welchem – Fresher's Day for MSc Chemistry students was organised in Xavier Hall, PG Block, on August 5, 2023, by the II MSc students of the Chemistry department. All students and teaching faculty from the department were part of the programme. The event began with the welcome address by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences. Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry, also addressed the gathering. The event included activities such as games and quizzes. Sharath Shaji Thomas was crowned Mr Fresher, and Afna Ummer Ms Fresher. The event closed with a vote of thanks.

Inauguration of IIT JAM Coaching class

The Department of Chemistry initiated coaching classes for UG chemistry students to prepare for IIT JAM Chemistry examination 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Dr VM Biju, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli on July 27, 2023. The inaugural programme was via MS Teams at 7:00 pm. The programme began with a prayer by Ms Christine Nigili, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, followed by a welcome address by Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, PG coordinator, Department. The Course coordinator, Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, briefly introduced this coaching course. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, and Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, addressed the student fraternity and appreciated their interest in pursuing the course. Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, introduced the speaker. Dr Biju emphasised various job opportunities and the necessity of developing a variety of skills. He briefed on the question paper pattern of the examinations, strategies to qualify them, and



opportunities after qualification. Dr Valeen Rashmi Periera, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, proposed the vote of thanks. The emcee for the programme was Dr Vinutha V Salian. 98 participants attended this session.

Inauguration of CSIR-UGC NET Coaching Classes

The Department of Chemistry inaugurated CSIR-UGC NET coaching classes on August 1, 2023. The meeting was organised by Dr Debashis Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. Mr. Nikhil N Rao, PhD scholar and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bangalore, was the invited speaker for this session, attended by 53 participants. Mr Rao spoke about his journey in college and how he developed himself under the training of Department of Chemistry. Classes began from

August 2, 2023. Course coordinator Dr Debashis Ghosh listed out the timetable and lecture plans. The teachers teaching the course are: Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi, Dr Sunita Rajamani, Dr Suhas DP, Dr Valeen Rashmi, Dr Anchal Singhal, Dr Rita Pal, Dr Debashis Ghosh, Dr Pramod KM, Dr Cisy Abraham, Dr Reena Serrao, and Dr Ancila Urumese, all from the Department of Chemistry. The course duration is from August 2, 2023 to May 30, 2024. The teaching platform is MS Teams Live lecture and lecture recordings, with classes being held on Monday to Saturday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On Sundays, students will have a 30-mark test from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Besides weekly test, a total of five centralised tests of 60 marks for one hour will be conducted during the course period. The total number of students registered for this course is 12.

RSC ChemCareers India 2023

The Royal Society of Chemistry and RSC Local Section Deccan in association with Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, organised a workshop 'ChemCareers India' on August 10, 2023, with 200 attendees. ChemCareers was inaugurated by Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry, Dr Rajdip Roy, Membership Executer-External Relationship, Royal Society of Chemistry India, and Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ. Session One saw Dr Libi as Chairperson, and Dr Swetha Raghavan, Scientists and Co, UK & India, spoke on science policy. Following this, Mr E Mohan, Researcher, Osmania University, talked about applications of science to law. In Session Two, Ms Christine Nigli, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, was Chairperson. Dr Suman Kumar Jana, Staff Scientist, SABIC, Bangalore, spoke about opportunities in chemical companies. Following this, Dr Karunanidhi Gnanavelu, Deputy General Manager, Anthem Biosciences Private Limited, Bangalore, talked about chemical technology. Dr Debashis Ghosh, Assistant Professor, was Chairperson in Session Three. Dr Rajdip spoke about the activities of RSC in India. Dr Joyce was Chairperson for Session Four where Ms Laura Woodward, Career and Professional Development Advisor, RSC UK, spoke about how to write a better resume and answer interviews followed by Dr Debasis Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, IISC, talking on evolving careers in chemical sciences. The event ended with singing the national anthem.

Elixir

The Department of Chemistry participated in Elixir, Open Day, on September 30, 2023, with great enthusiasm and maximum participation. The faculty coordinators were Mr Tobin Varkey Simson and Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza.



There were 32 sound scientific exhibits by a total of 154 students from UG and PG students put on display in the Chemistry Labs from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Students from PU colleges visited our campus and enjoyed this experience. The first and third place were secured by exhibits from PG and UG Chemistry teams respectively. Mahima, Vivekananda, Akifa, and Nafisa from I Msc won first place for their exhibit Novel Spectrophotometer. Pranav, Bhuvan, Chandana, Hiten, Mishael, and Preiya won third place from UG for their model on Biopolymers and Piezoelectric. The Department of Chemistry was awarded the Elixir 2023 rolling championship trophy. Moreover, the total number of students who presented non-competitive exhibits was 68.

Inauguration of UGCS and PGCS

On August 5, 2023, the Department of Chemistry presented the Inauguration of Postgraduate and Undergraduate Chemical Societies, PGCS and UGCS 2023-24, at Xavier Hall, PG Block from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. The event was open to the students and staff members, with approximately 150 people in attendance. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Dr Libi Thomas,



Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Nalini Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry, and faculty graced the occasion. The event officially commenced with the address of the Registrar. The Dean also addressed the gathering. The keynote speaker was Dr Kartick C Mondal, Catalysis Researcher, Shell Technology Centre, Bangalore, who spoke about "A Better Life with a Healthy Planet: Energy Transition and Shell Technology." The final part of the event included the felicitation of the Office Bearers. This was followed by the address to the attendees by Dr Nalini and Dr Joyce. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

ChemIllusion

ChemIllusion, by UGCS, was held on August 31, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the Arrupe Atrium. UGCS organised a magic show to increase crowd interaction. The magic show was illustrated by Ms Muskaan and Ms Kushagravi and they involved all the participants in the show. The participants each picked up a piece of chart paper on which words describing whether a person was a green flag or a red flag were written with invisible ink (clear NaOH solution) and dipped this paper in a clear solution of phenolphthalein. The words written turned pink and the truth was revealed. The teachers from the Department of Chemistry also participated with enthusiasm. The event was a complete success and instilled excitement in every student to take part in more events hosted by UGCS.

Teacher's Day Celebration

UG Chemical Society celebrated Teacher's Day on September 5, 2023. The Society placed a board at the entrance of the department at 7:00 am and allowed students to write their well wishes on sticky notes to their teachers. The board was flooded with sweet messages to their teachers by the end of the day at 5:00 pm.



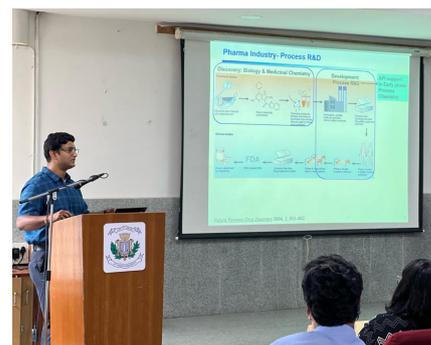
Talk on 'Large Scale Synthesis of Densely Functionalised Pyrrolidone'

A talk on 'Large Scale Synthesis of Densely Functionalised Pyrrolidone' was delivered by Dr Souvik Rakshit, Senior Principal Investigator, Biocan Bristol Squibb Myers Research & Development Centre. This talk was organised by PGCS on September 1, 2023 at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm, boasting an audience of 100. This talk was conducted to enhance the learning experience among students and to gain insights on retrosynthetic analysis and industrial level scaling up of a particular synthesis. Attendees gained knowledge about the current happenings in the field of synthesis of chemical compounds. After the talk, the floor was open to students and teachers to ask questions. The session ended on a positive note by giving a memento and sapling to Dr Rakshit as a token of gratitude.

Talk on 'Flourine Chemistry – Its Impact on Society'

A talk on 'Flourine Chemistry- Its Impact on Society' was organised by PGCS on October 3, 2023, in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The speaker was Dr Haridasan K Nair, Senior Principal Scientist, Chemical Technology Development Group of Fluorine Products Division, Honeywell, New York. After

the welcome address, Col KC Menon, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced the speaker. Dr Nair started with a brief introduction to Fluorine chemistry and spoke about its applications in real life. In addition to giving some details about the projects launched by the research laboratory Honeywell, he also gave detailed information about the production and wide applications of several fluorine compounds. He also emphasised the latest research work on environment-friendly, Zero Ozone Depletion Potential, and Low Global Warming Potential refrigerants. The talk was followed by a Q&A session. As a token of gratitude, Dr Nair was presented with a memento and sapling by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, and Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry. The event ended with a vote of thanks.



SDGs Localisation on a Global Scale – Crafting a Vision of Leadership with Twenty-first Century Skills

'SDGs Localisation on a Global Scale – Crafting a Vision of Leadership with Twenty-first Century Skills' was a programme organised by PGCS on October 20, 2023 in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The programme was intended for the MSc students and faculty of the Department of Chemistry, and had a total attendance of 96 people. Ms Ramya, Founder and CEO of Synergize, was the speaker for the day. She spoke about the 17 SDGs and the role chemists play in achieving them. New ideas involving entrepreneurship and innovation for chemists regarding SDGs were also touched upon by the speaker. The event ended with a vote of thanks.



Staff Achievement

Dr Libi Thomas (Dean, School of Chemical Sciences)

Participated in a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University from July 5-7, 2023.

Attended a workshop on 'Electrochemical storage Technologies: Current research and Translational Trends' organised by Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Madras from July 7-9, 2023.

Dr Shanty Mathew (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Visited Namur University, Belgium, for collaborative research work with Dr Jean Francois and Dr Bao Lian Su from May 14, 2023, to June 14, 2023, on synthesis of graphene by CVD technique and its composites with TiO₂- gold nanoparticles for solar water splitting for hydrogen production.

Attended an international conference at Gitam University, Bangalore, from September 20-22, 2023, for a paper presentation. Published two research papers in the UGC care list and Scopus Index journals.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram (Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Chemistry)

Coauthored a paper titled "UV Induced Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO₂-H-Beta Zeolite Composite" for Minerals, March 2023.

Coauthored a paper titled "Polymorphism in LiDy(WO₄)₂: Phase tunable synthesis, neutron diffraction and symmetry-driven upconversion red emission" for Materials Today Chemistry, June 2023.

Dr Joyce D'Souza (PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry)

Part of organising committee for FDP-induction programme in July 2023.

Part of the organising committee for Jescol 1 in September 2023.

Attended two-week online Refresher Course in "CHEMISTRY"-2023 Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, from June 30, 2023, to July 14, 2023.

Coauthored a paper titled "UV Induced Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO₂-H-Beta Zeolite Composite" for Minerals, March 2023.

Ms Christine Nigli (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Chairperson of second session for workshop 'RSC ChemCareers India' organ-

ised by Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, on August 10, 2023.

Dr Suhas DP (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended a certificate course "Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills" organised by SAMAGRA, St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Centre.

Part of the organising committee for 'Parent's Orientation' by Parents Council, St Joseph's University.

Completed two-week refresher course on "Digital Skills and Competencies for Teachers: With Special Focus on MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) and E-Content Development" from June 9-22, 2023, organised by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Amity University, Haryana, Gurugram.

Part of the organising committee for 'ChemCareers,' organised in association with Royal Society for Chemistry (RSC).

Part of the Student Handbook Committee.

Successfully completed a two-week Faculty Development Training Programme (FDTP) on "Instrumentation Technique" for Chemistry Research by Eurofins.

Dr Anchal Singhal (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Member of Organising Committee of the International conference entitled 'Integrative Chemical Science for Health and Environment- 2023' held from October 6-8, 2023, in hybrid mode, organised by Deshbandhu College, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, in association with Augusta University (USA), Indian Society of Chemists & Biologists (ISCB), and Indian Association of Solid-state Chemists and Allied Scientists (ISCAS). Was also Chairperson of Online Oral Presentation Session and evaluated work presented by participants of the conference.

Dr Sunita Rajamani (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended workshop on 'Electrochemical Storage Technologies: Current Research and Translational Trends' from July 7-9, 2023, conducted by Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IITM.

Part of the organising committee for FDP-induction programme in July 2023.

Part of the organising committee for Jescol 1 in September 2023.



Dr Valeen Rashmi (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended a faculty development programme on 'Pedagogical Approaches to

Enhance Teaching and Learning' organised by Centre for Learning, Development and Transformation (CLDT), and Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bangalore from August 24-30, 2023.

Dr Debashis Ghosh (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Sanctioned three-year research grant from SERB-SURE DST for project titled "Development of new ruthenium-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide model complexes for multi-electron CO₂ reduction and reduction of carbonyl compounds." Completed one-month Online National Faculty Induction Programme/Orientation Course with A-grade organised by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, and University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) of Ministry of Education.

In charge for the technical team and the Chairperson of third session for the workshop titled "RSC ChemCareers India" organised by Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bangalore on August 10, 2023.

Coordinator of the CSIR-UGC NET coaching classes conducted by Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University from August 1, 2023, to May 30, 2024.

Coauthored a paper titled "Redox-neutral carbon-heteroatom bond formation under photoredox catalysis" for Chemical Communications, May 2023.

Dr Rita Pal (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Completed one-month Online National Faculty Induction Programme/Orientation Course organised by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) of Ministry of Education, from June 20, 2023, to July 19, 2023, obtaining Grade A.

Participated in National level Online Faculty Development Programme from September 21-29, 2023, on 'Research Meth-

odology using ChatGPT and AI tools,' organised by PG Department of Computer Applications, The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Lincoln University College Marian Research Centre (LUC MRC) of Marian College Kuttikanam (Autonomous) in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council.

Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended three-day online international conference on 'Materials Chemistry for Energy & Environmental Applications 2023 (MCEEA-23)' organised by Department of Chemistry, Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science from August 7-9, 2023.

Participated in a one-day virtual workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) for Academia, Researchers & Industry' organised by Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR) on July 18, 2023.

Participated in a national level online workshop on 'Concepts of Computational Chemistry (WCCC- 2023)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology from July 11-17, 2023.

Participated in the national level online Faculty Development Programme on "Sustainable Teaching Practices in Academic 4.0" organised by Primax foundation from May 28, 2023, to June 4, 2023.



Dr Vinutha Salian (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended Faculty Induction/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutes of Higher Education, Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from May 23, 2023, to June 21, 2023.

Attended two-week online refresher course in "CHEMISTRY"-2023 Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, from June 30, 2023, to July 14, 2023.

Reviewer of IV semester UG Biochemistry answer papers on June 9, 2023, at Garden City University, Bengaluru.

External examiner for II semester Organic Chemistry-I practical examination at Garden City University, on July 24, 2023.

External examiner for end semester practical examination at NMKRV college for women, Bangalore on July 31, 2023.

Attended two-day online workshop on "COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN (CADD -2023)" organised by Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, from August 11-12, 2023.

Mr Tobin Varkey Simson (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Visited the 'Centre for Theoretical and Computational Chemistry,' from June 5, 2023 to July 10, 2023, at St Berchman's College, Changanachery.

External BOE member for the IV semester UG Chemistry question papers on June 23, 2023, at Garden City University, Bengaluru.

External examiner for II semester Organic Chemistry-I practical examination at Garden City University, on July 25, 2023.

Attended two-day online workshop on "COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN (CADD -2023)" organised by Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai from August 11-12, 2023.

Coordinator of ITT JAM-CHEMISTRY coaching classes for the Department of

Chemistry from July 31, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Department coordinator for ELIXIR, Open Day, on September 30, 2023.

Dr Reena Serrao (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Participated in a three-day online workshop 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.

Completed two weeks online course on Digital Education with A-grade organised by Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai.

Dr Pramod KM (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Attended Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) as external examiner for practical exams in August 2023.

Filed an Indian patent with MSc project students titled "Compositions for Thermal Storage and Heat Transfer Materials and their Method of Preparation" on October 9, 2023.

Participated in a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.

Participated in National level Online Faculty Development Programme from September 21-29, 2023, on 'Research Methodology using ChatGPT and AI tools,' organised by PG Department of Computer Applications, The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Lincoln University College Marian Research Centre (LUC MRC) of Marian College Kuttikanam (Autonomous), in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council.

Dr Cisy Abraham (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Participated in National level Online Faculty Development Programme from September 21-29, 2023, on 'Research Meth-

odology using ChatGPT and AI tools,' organised by PG Department of Computer Applications, The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Lincoln University College Marian Research Centre (LUC MRC) of Marian College Kuttikanam (Autonomous), in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council.

Participated in a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.

Dr Ancila Urumese (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Participated in a one-week virtual workshop on 'Concepts of Computational Chemistry (WCCC-2023)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology from July 11-17, 2023.

Participated in the online National Workshop 'Empowering Faculty with AI Tools: Revolutionising the Teaching Landscape' organised by Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with IQAC St Xavier's College for Women, Aluva, Kerala on July 15, 2023.

Participated in a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.

Dr Tesmine Martin (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)

Visited the molecular oncology group at St John's Research Institute, Bangalore as observer from June 18, 2023, to July 18, 2023.

Participated in a three-day online workshop on 'Reorientating the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century Classroom,' organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, from July 5-7, 2023.



Student Achievements

Eswar G was appointed as Senior Analyst - AI/LLM Practice (KPO services) at Innodata India Pvt Ltd.

Ms Bhagyashree Pattar was appointed as Lab chemist at UR Rao Satellite Centre, ISITE Campus, Marathalli, Bangalore.

Harshini (I CHBT) participated in the Brain Teaser contest, conducted in the fest Vidya 2023, organised by Department of Chemistry, Jyothi Nivas College from October 12-13, 2023 and secured first place representing the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University.

Nandana Unni (II CHMB) participated in the Brain Teaser contest, conducted in the fest Vidya 2023, organised by Department of Chemistry, Jyothi Nivas College from October 12-13, 2023 and secured third place representing the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University.

Suryan Isaac Kashinath from I CHBT and Sharath Shaji Thomas from I MSc Analytical chemistry won first prize in a lecture contest held at Jyothi Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on October 11, 2023.

On October 12, 2023, students of the Chemistry department participated in the Quiz programme organised by Jyothi Nivas college (Autonomous), Bangalore and won prizes. Maureen Linda, Lekha, and Syeda Adeeba from II CHBT won first place; Sharath Shaji Thomas, Anjitha, and Annmariya Ignatious from I MSc Analytical chemistry won second place; and I MSc Analytical chemistry-Meenakshi Laljeev, Ashwin Kumar P, and Tarun P won third place.

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TSC OT Selection

On June 13, 2023, 13 (8 SDs & 5 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the Obstacle Training (OT) competition at the Battalion Level of Thal Sainik Camp selections. The competition was conducted at Christ University, Kengeri. Cadets reported to the venue at 8:00 am in tracks and sports shoes. This competition was conducted under the aegis of eight Karnataka BN NCC, Bangalore 'B' Group. The obstacle course consisted of nine obstacles: straight balance, zig-zag balance, gate vault, clear jump, high wall, right-hand vault, left-hand vault, double ditch, and ramp. The officials in charge of the competition briefed all participant battalions about the rules and steps of this OT selection. Then, 1-2 rounds of practice were given to every cadet in order to instil an idea of the same. Then, selections began at 1045 hrs for SDs followed by SWs. A few important rules directed SDs to go through each obstacle whereas SWs were exempted from High Wall and Double Ditch and an assignment of a penalty point of 1 for every cadet who wouldn't cross the white line which was marked 1 foot ahead of the straight balance and zig-zag balance. It was a team and timed event. Cadets who cleared this round of selection qualified for IGC TSC-1. The competition ended at 3:00 pm. Cadets learned about the dynamics and techniques used to not just clear the obstacle course but do the same faster and legitimately.



TSC THEORY Selection

On June 14, 2023, 11 (5 SDs & 6 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the Theory exam at the Battalion Level of Thal Sainik Camp selections. The competition was conducted at Jain University, Jayanagar. Cadets reported to the venue at 0900 hrs in A1 uniforms. This competition was conducted under the aegis of 7 Karnataka BN NCC, Bangalore 'B' Group. The Theory exam consisted of three sets: H&H (Health and Hygiene), JD & FS (Judging Distance and Field Signals), and MR (Map Reading). Though it was mandatory to attempt all sets, only the set with the highest score was considered. The officials in charge of the competition briefed all participant battalions about the rules and seating arrangements of this theory exam. Then, cadets were given a few hours to revise and prepare for the test. All cadets were allotted respective exam halls on the basis of their respective units. The ANOs and PI Staff combined invigilated. The exam commenced at 1:50 pm and ended at 2:50 pm. Cadets who scored the highest qualified for the TSC IGC-1 Camp.

appeared in their 6B uniforms and A1 uniforms. Two SWs were the pilots of the day. NCC cadets along with NSS helped the new students and their parents to reach their respective locations be it classes or the auditorium. On Day 2 and Day 3, all cadets appeared in combat except for the pilots who escorted chief guests from the boardroom twice a day for two days; one at 10:00 am and the second at 2:00 pm respectively. Aspirants were briefed about the traditions, rules, achievements, and goals of the unit on Day 3. The orientation program for first-year students of undergraduate for the academic year 2023-24 was held in the college auditorium. The help desk assisted in directing students to their respective venues, based on their respective shifts and the programme chosen by the students. The event ended successfully.

Physical Test and Written Test of Batch 2023-26

On July 22, 2023, 23 cadets (14 SDs & 9 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B conducted the first round of selections for the upcoming batch of 2023-26. The selection procedure spanned across physical tests, written tests, interviews, and medical tests. The physical test began at 1:00 pm and the written test was attempted at 3:10 pm until the next 45 minutes. All cadets appeared in their combat. ANO, Capt Akshay D Mandlik overlooked the entire

College Orientation Day

On July 14, 2023, 11 cadets (9 SDs & 2 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B took part in the college orientation process to invite aspirants to enrol. The orientation programme was held in different batches. On Day 1, all cadets



process along with the assistance of appointees. A total of 70 aspirants underwent the physical and written tests on the same day. Five categories of the physical test are running, push-ups, pull-ups, crunches, and shuttle runs. The aspirants attempted these areas according to their allotted troops - Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta. This process functioned in a cyclical way. Venues of selection involved the Magis area and the Hostel Block area. The written test involved 27 questions and was conducted through Google Forms. All aspirants attempted the test on college grounds under the supervision of all second-year and third-year cadets. A list of 40 cadets was churned from the lot for the interview round, which took place two days later. The aspirants were riddled on the basis of their performance and determination.

Interview Round of Batch 2023-26

On July 24, 2023, 23 (9 SWs & 14 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B organised the interview round for the batch of 2023-26. This was the third round of selections for the selected 40 aspirants, who qualified for the physical and written tests. The interview was conducted from July 24 - 26. It used to begin at 9:00 am. The panellists involved alumni and second-year and third-year cadets. PIQ forms, personality, and basic knowledge requirements of each aspirant were validated throughout. Each aspirant was given a serial number and was called in on their turn by the cadets. Selection of aspirants for the final round of selection, that is the medical test, took place under the guidance and supervision of the alumni and Third Year cadets.

Medical Test of Batch 2023-26

On August 3, 2023, 17 cadets (11 SDs & 6 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B conducted the final round of medical tests on the aspirants. ANO, Capt Akshay D Mandlik along with the PI Staff supervised and directed this final round.

The medical test began at 12:55 pm and concluded at 1:55 pm. All cadets were present in their combat. This test was a culmination of weight & height checks, knocked knees, sweaty palms, flat foot, eye test, and Carrying Handle. Meanwhile, a few of the opening cadets were manoeuvring their interview rounds with the ANO. A set of 26 aspirants were selected thereafter, proceeding into their probation period.

Army Attachment Camp, MEG & Centre

On August 8, 2023, 11 cadets (11 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 represented the squadron and St Joseph's University at the Army Attachment Camp in MEG (Madras Engineer Group) and Centre, Bengaluru. The camp spanned 12 days from August 8, 2023, to August 20, 2023. Starting with the orientation and the inaugural day the schedule started with a 5:45 am roll call, followed by a campus run and physical training in tracksuits. Breakfast at 7:30 am was succeeded by drill sessions in A1 uniform, led by Madras regiment drill instructors. Theory classes and visits to historic venues filled the day until 4:00 pm, with an hour for lunch. Sports competitions followed, and recreational activities continued until 7:30 pm. The day ended with a roll call, dinner at

8:00 pm, and lights out by 10:30 pm. The camp had 2 holidays, a Sunday and Independence Day, and a tree plantation drive was conducted. During the theory classes, we were taken on visits to various stations of engineering at the MEG and centre. Theory classes also covered a lot of informative topics. There were seminars taken by members of the army education corps like a brief seminar on ways to join the defence forces and a few concepts of map reading. The camp concluded with a cultural exchange between groups of the KAR GOA directorate that attended the camp. The camp was attended by 260 cadets across the KAR & GOA directorate with 3 ANOs and PI staff.



First Official Parade

On September 11, 2023, 26 (14 SDs & 12 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B initiated the first official parade for the year 2023-26. All cadets sported A1 uniforms while the probies donned tracksuits along with sports shoes. The parade commenced at 12:00 pm in front of the NCC Office and major physical as well as drill training resumed at 12:20 pm under the guidance and supervision of the PI Staff. The drill included six words of command and flat foot march. The Open Wing cadets attempted their first-ever DST (Drill Square Test) of 1 KAR ARMD. At 2:30 pm, all cadets were directed to Magis canteen for lunch. Following tradition, the Martyrs' table was set up and served first. This was followed by a hierarchical order of lunching. Eventually, a Fallin for the purpose of Visarjan (dispersal) was conducted. Theory classes by ANO, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, advanced drill, and physical training also took place gradually. Probies were also selected as cadets in the unit.

Independence Day 2023

On August 15, 2023, 28 cadets (13 SDs & 15 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 celebrated Independence Day. A morning Fallin at 6:30 am was conducted by the CSUO in order to brief about the day's plan of action. Then, all cadets set up necessary ground requirements such as the T-stands, national flag, and lancers. Professors, NSS students, and NCC students of both units were present on the ground. All cadets appeared in their A1 uniforms while guards, pilots, and appointees appeared in ceremonials and first-year cadets in formals. 5 SWs from 1 KAR ARMD along with 5 cadets from 1 KAR AIR comprised the Guard team while two cadets from 1 KAR ARMD piloted the chief guests. Ex-servicemen who were working as professors at the university were invited as well. The Tiranga was hoisted at 9:00 am, at the behest of a general salute by the guards. After a line of patriotic speeches

by the administration team, a pipping ceremony commenced. New appointees along with achievers were pipped by the Vice Chancellor. Passed-out alumni of the NCC unit visited this auspicious event in order to mark a new beginning for all NCC cadets. A series of physicals, games, and drill practice were conducted throughout the day until the flag-lowering ceremony. This ceremony was followed by the national anthem. After the flag was lowered, pilots escorted senior cadets who held the folded tricolour flag into the NCC office due to its guaranteed safety.

Blood Donation Drive

On August 25, 2023, 21 (10 SWs & 11 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B organised a Blood Donation camp in association with five National Service Scheme units of the university, Red Cross Karnataka and Lions Club International, Bengaluru. Campsites involved were the auditorium basement and Xavier Hall of the PG Block. Donors included our institution's students above 18 years of age. First-year cadets appeared in formals while second-year cadets manoeuvred throughout the event in their combat. The event commenced at 6:30 am and ended at 8:00 pm. Two ambulances with the necessary medical prerequisites were there. Doctors and nurses from the external institutions were responsible for checking the blood pressure, haemoglobin, weight, and well-being of the donors while the cadets took charge of crowd control, route guidance, certificate works, refreshment provision, and maintenance of decorum at the campsites. Each donor was eligible to donate only 350ml of their blood. This event embarked on the first official social service activity of this academic year for the newly recruited NCC cadets (2023-26). Few of the people donated for the first time here and it was a great success and accomplishment.

Guest Lecture

On September 23, 2023, five cadets (5 SDs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 attended a guest lecture by the Mysore Lancers, 15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry

Brigade in MEG & Centre, Halasuru. Due to a limited five vacancy slot, only a selected few attended this lecture. This was conducted to commemorate the history and sacrifices of our soldiers in the 'Battle of Haifa'. Therefore, this day is also known as 'Haifa Day'. After all cadets assembled in the venue at 4:00 pm, seating arrangements and a short briefing on rules and regulations took place until 5:00 pm. Presentations and video displays commenced. The Battle of Haifa was fought between the Ottoman Empire and a culmination of the Indian 15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry Brigade which comprised Jodhpur, Mysuru, and Hyderabad lancers, the 5th Cavalry Division (British Indian) and the Desert Mounted Corps (British). It was a battle fought by the British Empire to capture today's third-largest city of Israel, Haifa. The lecture concluded at 7:00 pm. Refreshments were provided during a short break at 6:00 pm. It was a good opportunity for cadets to become aware of rarely celebrated victories of Bharat.

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Elixir - Open Day

On September 30, 2023, 29 cadets (16 SDs & 13 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B took part in two initiatives like 'Waste to Wonder' and 'Swachata Diwas'. The former revolved around the efforts put in by first-year cadets into creating a replica of 'Vijayanta' (tank) from waste materials collected from university premises and the latter was celebrated by all cadets through cleaning areas around the university. All were assembled in front of the NCC Office at 6:15 am for the day's briefing by appointees. First Years' appeared in formals whereas the rest sported A1 uniforms. Presentation of the model began at 9:00 am and continued until 4:00 pm. The cleaning initiative began at 5:00 pm and ended at 5:45 pm. First-year cadets had worked on the tank model from September 28 - 29. Under the supervision of second-year cadets. This model sought a chance to receive appreciation from various students, professors, and board members of the university on the occasion of Open Day. In order to mark Swachata Diwas this



year, cadets took part in a cleanliness drive around the college. Plastics were picked and waste materials were collected. Reusing waste materials to create an artistic material (upcycle) ie, the logo of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC put into the minds to work and initiated teamwork. The upshot of the cleanliness initiative too, was on similar lines including environmental consciousness.



NSS UNIT - 1

Inauguration and Investiture of NSS

On August 15, 2023, the Inauguration and Investiture of the National Service Scheme (NSS) took place. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including the Chief Guest - Rajesh Kalaje, IFS Officer, Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Programme Coordinator, all unit Programme Officers, and Assistant Programme Officers. The event commenced at precisely 11:02 am. The proceedings began with a warm welcome speech delivered by Avani, the President of Unit 1. This was followed by a captivating prayer dance performance that enchanted the audience. The NSS anthem, sung by the NSS volunteers, added an air of solemnity to the occasion. The speech of the esteemed chief guest was followed by a detailed profile reading by the emcee. In his speech, Officer Kalaje shared insightful narration from his experience as an NSS volunteer. He recounted his participation in various camps across the country, emphasising the discipline exhibited by NSS volunteers and its transformative impact on individual personalities. Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, the Program Officer, addressed the gathering and he praised the volunteers for their selfless contributions and highlighted how NSS instils discipline and a sense of unity among them. The investiture ceremony commenced with selected NSS executive council members from all units receiving their badges and solemnly pledging to fulfil their roles responsibly. The NSS oath, administered by Mr Selwyn Paul, was a resounding declaration of dedication to the service of the nation's freedom and integrity. The event concluded at 12:30 pm with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Nightingale Medical Trust- Senior Citizen Job Fair

The Nightingale Medical Trust organised a job fair for all the elderly unemployed capable people at St Joseph's University on August 20, 2023. 12 volunteers including 2 council members heartily participated in this event. The team was collected by 8:30 am around the Arrupe quadrangle in white dress codes with orange volunteering cards around their necks provided by the trust. The volunteers were assigned to different floors of Arrupe and New Block. There were registration booths set up straight to the entrance making it easier for the elderly to reach. HR counselling booths were lined up on the ground floor of the new block, providing guidance to the employees and leading the peers to jobs best suited for them. A feedback booth was set up for the senior citizens to



register any issues faced throughout the event. A waiting area was set up in front of the Arrupe canteen with refreshments of coffee and tea being provided generously to the peers on hold. The inauguration ceremony began at 12 which briefed the candidates about the trust and the Nightingale's event. Lunch break soon followed up, energising candidates and volunteers to prepare for the day further. The event then came to an end at 4:00 pm after providing service to more than 600 potential candidates. The volunteers learned how to communicate with elderly citizens with respect and patience as the key. They also got an opportunity to meet the successful citizens of our country.

Blood Donation Camp

On August 25, 2023, a blood donation camp was organised by NSS and NCC units of St Joseph's University in collaboration with Indian Red Cross and Lions Club. 17 volunteers along with 2 council members heartily participated in this event. The team was asked to assemble at the NSS- Unit 1 office for the first round of attendance after which they were segregated into groups of 2 under each council member and were sent to the Auditorium Basement as well as Xavier Hall (PG Block). At both venues, registration booths were set up for the donors wherein, red forms and white forms were distributed. These forms were to be filled according to their needs, (red form – for Normal routine procedure for blood donation; white form – for Haemoglobin level checkup). Basic details like Name, contact information, History of Diseases, and other personal information were assessed and analysed for the blood donation process. According to the Blood Donation forms the volunteers were asked to segregate the blood donors based on medical criteria and guidelines. Later, they were provided with packets for Blood storage and sent to medical technicians. Almost 350ml of blood was donated by each donor. Teachers, students, university officials, and several other outsiders were a part of this noble cause. The event ended on a high note as several people were part of this noble cause.



Heart Beat Hustle Walkathon of NSS

On August 27, 2023, the National Service Scheme (NSS) organised the Heart Beat Hustle Walkathon, a remarkable event aimed at fostering unity, responsibility, and heart health awareness. Esteemed guests, including Dr Samartha Arya, Consultant Orthopedics from Sparsh Hospital, and Mr Suresh, Lions Club Representative, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, graced the occasion alongside Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Programme Coordinator. The walkathon commenced at 8:30 am, with volunteers gathering near the college premises. The chief guest, Dr Samartha Arya, shared insights into heart health, emphasising its importance. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the significant role of NSS in nurturing discipline and unity among volunteers, lauding their selfless contributions. The walkathon, flagged off by the Vice-Chancellor, started at 8:55 am, finally reaching Kanteerava Stadium by 9:08 am. At the stadium, heart health awareness activities were conducted, reinforcing the event's mission. The walk back to the college concluded at 9:46 AM, followed by a refreshing breakfast for all participants. The felicitation ceremony recognized the contributions of Dr Samartha Arya, Mr Suresh, and the Vice-Chancellor, among others. A total of 36 volunteers participated in the walkathon.

National Sports Day

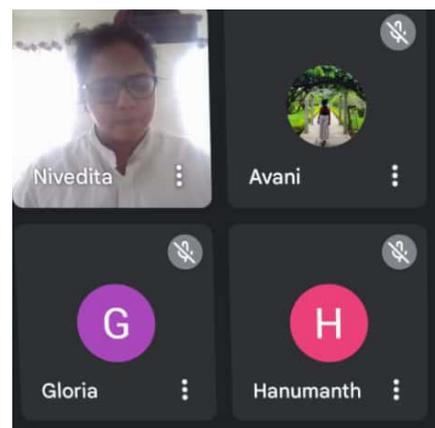
On August 29, 2023, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports on the occasion of National Sports Day, organised a total of 23 sports events and 5 adventurous activities with the theme 'Sports as an enabler of an inclusive and fit society' in Sri Kanteerava Stadium. This event aimed to bring together individuals from all walks of life, fostering a sense of unity and strength through sports. The event commenced at 8:00 am where all 56 volunteers were asked to assemble and line up at Gate No 4 of the stadium. The volunteers were asked to line up near the registra-

tion booths that were solely dealt with by the Sports Department. They were asked to sign up at the booth by registering themselves along with which they received their volunteering T- T-shirts and refreshments. As the registrations ended by 8:30 am, volunteers were asked to participate in all events and then start off with their volunteering responsibilities. The entire programme was coordinated by the national and state Sports Department, NSS, and NCC along with the Karnataka State Police. Karnataka Sports Minister along with various other dignitaries graced the event. Police supervised and regulated the entire programme. The volunteers dispersed in groups to participate while the Executive council members of NSS kept track of their activities throughout the event. High Jump and Long Jump were conducted near Gate 4, wherein Skating was conducted near the Basketball Court. The event left an indelible impact, instilling inspiration and commitment amongst themselves.

NSS Unit 1 Orientation

On September 2, 2023, the Orientation event for the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit- 1 took place at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The event commenced at 2:00 pm with volunteers arriving and the official start of the program, ushering in a wave of enthusiasm and dedication among the assembled volunteers. The welcome speech was delivered and then introduced the audience to NSS. The NSS Anthem was played, instilling a profound sense of unity and purpose among the volunteers, followed by an explanation of the NSS flag, shedding light on its symbolism and significance. A captivating documentary about the NSS began that offered a vivid portrayal of the NSS and its enduring impact on communities. The President of NSS Unit 1 addressed the gathering, providing insights into the significance of Hierarchy, the attendance and credit policy, rules, regulations, and the role of the Volunteer's Core Committee. Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Programme Officer, took over the stage at 2:41 pm. With his knowledge and wisdom, he provided valuable guidance to

the attendees, laying a strong foundation for their journey of service to society. His expertise laid a solid foundation for NSS endeavours. There was an introduction to the NSS clap, followed by a feedback session at 3:00 pm. A total of 52 volunteers attended the orientation. The vote of thanks was delivered expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this enlightening orientation, and the event concluded at 3:03 pm.



Seminar on Educational Bengaluru

On September 15, 2023, an educational seminar was held at the Sir Puttana Chetti Town Hall in Bangalore organised by Brand Bengaluru and the Educational Department, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. The event aimed to discuss and formulate new strategies to provide better education for underprivileged children in the city. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr Tushar Giri Nath, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bangalore Education Board. During his inaugural speech, Mr Nath emphasised the importance of ensuring that no child in the city is deprived of education. He acknowledged the shortage of qualified teachers in government schools and stated that efforts should be made to provide them with proper training. He also highlighted the need for quality education, suggesting that the curriculum should be periodically updated to meet the evolving needs of students. The seminar featured expert panellists, including Dr KR Venugopal, Dr Geetha

Ramanujam, and Mr KI Radhakrishna, who discussed various aspects of education. They emphasised the importance of not only academic education but also holistic development, including extracurricular activities and life skills. Two volunteers from the unit attended the seminar. One of the key outcomes of the seminar was the collection of recommendations for improving education in Bangalore. These suggestions will be compiled into a report and submitted to the government. The government will then work on implementing these recommendations to enhance education in the city. The seminar was a significant step towards addressing the challenges faced by underprivileged children in accessing quality.

Global Environment Health Day

On the afternoon of September 20, 2023, at 1:30 pm, the NSS held an exhilarating poster-making event in the basement auditorium to commemorate 'Global Environment Health Day.' The chosen theme was 'Global Public Environmental Health,' setting the stage for a day of meaningful creativity and collaboration. With the clock striking at 1:40 pm, the event started with an introduction. At 1:45 pm, the eager volunteers were grouped into dynamic teams of 5-8, each entrusted with hunting through into a unique facet of the topic. Armed with charts and an array of colourful stationery, they embarked on their artistic journey at 2:00 pm, into visually representing the critical issue at hand. The making continued until 3:00 pm. As the clock neared 3:20 pm, each group stepped forward to present their creations, infusing the room with energy and insights. A total of 57 volunteers attended the event. The executive council members rounded off the event with a resounding conclusion. Feedback forms circulated among the groups, ensuring every voice was heard. With a final round of applause from the NSS, the event concluded at 3:30 pm, leaving a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie in the air. The volunteers' engag-



ing poster on global public Environmental Health sparked a lively discussion, highlighting key issues and potential solutions. Their dedication and creativity truly shone through, leaving the audience inspired to take positive actions towards a healthier planet.

Trekking Camp

The NSS Cell's Annual Expedition Trekking Camp, named 'Kumara Parvatha' in Kodagu took place from September 23-24, 2023. The selection process for participants was stringent, focusing on health and fitness checks to ensure the safety and preparedness of all volunteers. Four volunteers got the opportunity to go to the camp. Departure for the expedition commenced at 10:00 pm on September 23, 2023. Regular breaks were scheduled every two hours, providing volunteers with necessary refreshments. The volunteers successfully reached our destination at approximately 5:00 am on Saturday. Upon arrival, all volunteers convened for breakfast at a local food stall. The Trekking Head suggested the option of renting a room for relaxation, allowing volunteers to recuperate before the commencement of the trek. The group received valuable instructions from Mr Puneeth AN, Range Officer, who provided crucial insights into the terrain and safety measures. Kumara

Parvatha, the sixth-highest peak in Karnataka, is situated in the Madikeri district within the Western Ghats. This trek posed a significant challenge, spanning a distance of 22 kilometres. Two routes were available, with our volunteers opting for the Kukke route. They lodged for the night at Battara Mane. The following morning, the trek resumed after a nutritious breakfast. After hours of trekking, the group arrived at Battara Mane, where they enjoyed a well-deserved lunch and a much-needed break. The return journey involved a re-route to the initial point, concluding at approximately 12:30 pm. The trek was a complete success.



Together for Dementia

On September 23, 2023, at 8:00 am, ten NSS volunteers attended the Nightingale Medical Trust event which was held at Sankey Tank, Malleshwaram. The event was basically an awareness of dementia for people of the age group above 53. This event was organised by the Dementia India Alliance along with Nightingales Medical Trust. The event started at 8:30 am, after the chief guest Dr Ashwath Narayan CN, and the guest of honour Ms Surabhi Santosh came to the dais. Dr Radha Murthy, who was part of the Nightingale Medical Trust introduced the Chief Guest to the crowd and then gave a few words about dementia. She also told how it is to be prevented, after the speech Ms Sugandhi who was also a part of the Nightingale Medical Trust gave a few words and then the chief guest was asked to address the gathering he was the former Deputy Chief Minister. Dr Ashwath Narayan encouraged many youth volunteers to spread awareness and take part in many social activities like this. Ms Ramani who was the event head of the Nightingale Medical Trust shared her personal experience of her grandfather who had dementia at the gathering. Participating in the event, NSS volunteers gained valuable insights into the importance of dementia awareness.

Akshi Movie Screening

On September 27, 2023, at 1:30 pm, a captivating screening of the movie 'Akshi', the 67th National award-winning feature film, took place at the AV Room of our university. The event was graced by the presence of the film's screenplay writer, Mr Devendra who delivered a moving message to the NSS Volunteers in attendance regarding the significance of cornea donation. Mr Devendra, a member of the movie's crew, took the stage and shared heartfelt insights into the film's narrative, emphasising the central theme of eye donation. A total of 47 volunteers attended the screening. The movie itself was a visual mas-

terpiece, gripping the audience with its compelling storyline, brilliant performances, and stunning cinematography. Ramu, a young boy from the village of Aanuru, experiences a life-altering event when his blind sister, Lakshmi, has the chance to regain her sight through a cornea transplant. Tragedy strikes as Lakshmi falls from a cliff just before her operation. In her memory, Ramu passionately advocates for cornea donation despite facing resistance. The story culminates in Ramu's own sacrifice, as he donates his mother's eyes after her passing. 'Akshi' is an inspiring tale of determination and selflessness, promoting the importance of eye donation. Ramu's legacy lives on, inspiring others to embrace the cause of cornea donation in their own communities.



Elixir - Open Day

The Elixir College Festival, held on September 30, 2023, proved to be a great success because of the efforts put forward by a team of 15 volunteers. The event kicked off with all volunteers assembling promptly at 6:00 am, demonstrating their punctuality and commitment. At this early hour, responsibilities for standing guards and guiding were efficiently assigned, ensuring a smooth start to the day. As the day unfolded, the influx of attendees steadily grew, transforming the college premises into a bustling and vibrant hub. Despite the escalating crowd, our volunteers exhibited unwavering dedication to their duties, ensuring that every guest felt welcomed and guided. In the midst of this exhilarating

atmosphere, a subgroup of volunteers, who were also contributors to the Elixir team, seamlessly transitioned into slot duties. This strategic allocation of tasks ensured that the event's logistics remained seamlessly coordinated, further enhancing the overall experience for attendees. Post-inauguration, a thoughtful gesture was extended to our volunteers in the form of breakfast coupons and refreshing beverages. This thoughtful provision not only invigorated the attendees but also highlighted our commitment to their comfort and satisfaction. Midway through the day, as activities and participation peaked, a brief respite was offered in the form of lunch coupons. This timely intervention allowed both attendees and volunteers to recharge, ensuring that the event maintained its energy and enthusiasm throughout. The day culminated in a grand valedictory ceremony, where the tireless efforts of our volunteers were duly acknowledged.

Swachhata Hi Seva - Shramadaan

On October 1, 2023, CII Young Indian and the Indian Plough Army in collaboration with the National Service Scheme Office of St Joseph's University organised a cleaning drive at Lalbagh West Gate. At 9:00 am all volunteers were asked to assemble near the NSS Office inside St Joseph's University. A brief overview was given by our teacher coordinator as to how the event would take place. Round 1 attendance was taken by the council members for all volunteers present. Unit 2 and 3 council members headed the groups holding the banner – 'Swachhta Hi Seva.' By 9:35 am the volunteers headed out from college with the council members holding the banner. By 10:15 am the volunteers had reached the destination. The volunteers were divided into groups of 4 and were sent out to all the roads adjoining the gate, with trash bags to collect plastic and biodegradable waste. Another set of volun-

teers were in charge of planting saplings and leveling the ground. The members of CII Young Indian and the Indian Plough Army guided and helped the volunteers in this cleaning drive. By 11:15 am all the waste was collected wherein the waste collection vehicle came in for us to put the trash in. Altogether by the end of the event 45 kg – 50 kg of plastic waste was collected. Volunteers were a part and parcel of the event conducted. Fortifying and bolstering our objectives, the event left an indelible impact, instilling inspiration and commitment among themselves.

Gandhi Jayanti

On Gandhi Jayanti, NSS Unit 1 of St Joseph's University organised an online event on the topic 'Influence of Mahatma Gandhi on Student Community'. The event commenced on Google Meet on October 2, 2023, at 3:00 pm with Mr Anup Lal as the guest speaker. At 3:00 pm the event started with 56 volunteers joining the Google Meet. The council member gave an introduction about Gandhi Jayanti and welcomed the students and the guest speaker. Assistant programme officer, Immaculate Mary took up the mic to welcome Mr Anup Lal for being a part of the 'Influence of Mahatma Gandhi on student community' and influencing the students. The event was created for students to create awareness about Gandhiji and our University. The preamble was read to the students and the teachers present in the meeting. The NSS Anthem was played and silence and respect were paid for NSS. A volunteer read words on Gandhi Jayanti and imparted knowledge about Gandhiji and his life. A profile reading on Mr Anup Lal and his achievements was done. Mr Anup Lal then talked about the history of the legacy of our university. How the university had a long connection with Britishers and democracy. He encouraged the students to help people and contribute to our society. Later a poster-making competition was announced and the students took a Swachhta pledge. A vote of thanks was said by the council member and the event was wound up.



Project SemiColon - Theatre Play

The 'Semicolon' Theatre Play- 'Creating Hope through Acton', organised by the NSS Cell of St Joseph's University, was held on October 4, 2023, from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm. The event aimed at raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, addressing these critical issues in a sensitive and thought-provoking manner. Approximately 25-27 dedicated volunteers actively participated in organising and executing the event. The event commenced with a mesmerising inaugural ceremony, setting the tone for the evening. An eloquent address was delivered, highlighting the importance of mental health and the critical role it plays in suicide prevention. This initial address was both enlightening and emotionally resonant, effectively engaging the audience. The centrepiece of the event was the powerful theatre play. The play succeeded in creating a profound impact on the audience, leaving them with a deep sense of empathy and understanding. The performance was characterised by its remarkable combination of thought-provoking content and graceful execution. The actors displayed commendable skill in bringing forth the emotional nuances of their roles, making the narrative relatable and impactful. The audience responded with great appreciation and enthusiasm, evident from their rapt attention throughout the play. The message

resonated deeply with them, sparking conversations and reflections on the importance of mental health in our society. The 'Semi-Colon' - Theatre Play, hosted by the NSS Cell of St Joseph's University, proved to be a poignant and effective means of addressing mental health and suicide prevention.

India Quiz

On the afternoon of October 5, 2023, a spirited Indian Quiz took place at Loyola Hall, commencing at 1:00 pm and concluding at 3:00 pm. The event was organised meticulously, featuring four rounds, each comprising 5 to 6 questions, with designated points for each query. The event was abuzz with enthusiastic volunteers who were grouped based on distinct animal sounds. This arrangement added an element of liveliness and camaraderie to the proceedings. The volunteers were more than eager to ensure the seamless execution of the quiz. The participants were nothing short of exceptional, displaying remarkable teamwork and cooperation. They approached each question with zeal, collectively brainstorming to arrive at the most accurate and precise answers. This spirit of unity among the teams added a unique flavour to the competition. After rounds of intense competition, the much-anticipated moment arrived when the scores were tallied. The results, while unexpected, left everyone in eager anticipation. The teams, regardless of the outcome, exhibited admirable sportsmanship and congratulated one another for their valiant efforts. Following the announcement of the results, a heartfelt vote of thanks was extended to all participants, volunteers, and organisers. A few important instructions were also imparted for future events. The event concluded with a resounding round of applause from the National Service Scheme (NSS) members, signifying the successful culmination of the Indian Quiz at Loyola Hall.

NSS UNIT - 2

Independence Day Celebration

The Independence Day celebration commenced on August 15, 2023, from 8:00 am to 10:15 am at the University grounds. The NSS volunteers gathered at the UG quadrangle unit wise at 8:10 am. Once attendance was marked, the NSS volunteers and NCC cadets took their positions in the University Ground at 8:30am. There were 93 participants. The Protocol Officer took custody of the national flag and instructed everyone. Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, inspected the NCC and NSS squad at 9:05 am. The Vice-Chancellor hoisted the national flag, followed by the national anthem, national salute and administering the national pledge. All university officials greeted the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. The Pipping Ceremony where ranks are conferred on Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, commenced to appreciate the cadets' deeds. This was followed by messages from the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. Both the speeches emphasised on how we can develop India as a nation. The programme was well organised and concluded by 9:50 am. All the NCC, NSS squads and other teaching and non-teaching staff took part in the photograph session at 10:15 am. Sweets were distributed to all participants. Further, two NCC cadets and four NSS volunteers were recruited on special duty to guard the flag till 5:45 pm after which the Protocol Officer lowered the flag, and it was escorted back for safe-keeping.

Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony of NSS Units

The inauguration of five units of the National Service Scheme was held on August 15, 2023, at the University Auditorium. The programme began at 11:15 am when the Chief Guest, Mr Rajesh S



Kallaje, IFS, Deputy Director, Chief Conservator of Forest, Government of India, arrived. After the welcome address, an invocation dance was performed. The NSS anthem was sung, followed by the lighting of the lamp by Mr Kallaje, and Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, accompanied by Dr Hanumantharayappa, NSS Programme Officer, Unit 1, Mr Sathy-anarayana R, Asst Programme Officer, Unit 2, Mr Rajesh, Asst Programme Officer, Unit 3, Dr G Vignesh, Programme Officer, Unit 4, and Mr Mahesha DK, Programme Officer, Unit 5. Mr Kallaje insisted that one's habits should include reading, travelling, developing a hobby, eco-friendliness, promoting conservation, and voting. Dr Hanumantharayappa welcomed the gathering and gave an insightful speech on how NSS helps in developing a relation between a volunteer and society. This was followed by the Investiture Ceremony of NSS units. The newly elected council officially took charge of their respective posts. This was followed by the NSS Pledge at 12:20 pm. Mr Kallaje was conferred a token of appreciation. The programme concluded with a dance performance and a vote of thanks at 12:25 pm. It was attended by 93 participants.



Nightingale Medical Trust – JOBS 60+

The Nightingale Medical Trust in association with Vayah Vikas and St Joseph's University organised a job fair for unemployed senior citizens at St Joseph's University on August 20, 2023. Ten volunteers from NSS Unit 2 took part. All selected volunteers from all units of NSS gathered by 8:45 am at the Arrupe Atrium. Instructions were given to volunteers by 9:05 am and they took their respective positions. Some were at the registration desks set up at the entrance to Arrupe Block. HR counselling booths were placed on the ground floor of New Block, to help applicants select the best option. Other volunteers were assigned to provide refreshments to the senior citizens. There were even volunteers in the lift. A feedback booth was also set up to give feedback and register any issues faced. The registrations began around 9:50 am and went on till 3:00 pm. Around 530 senior citizens showed up for the event. They were interviewed and selected applicants were offered jobs including tele-calling, reception, consulting, supervisory, administration etc, offered by more than 35 companies. Physically fit people from the age of 55-70 years could attend, with a preference for the non-pensioned. Lunch was provided to everyone at 12:30 pm. The event went on till 4:20 pm. After ensuring the departure of all applicants, the volunteers left by 5:00 pm.



Volunteer Selections

On August 24, 2023, volunteer selections for Unit 2 were held at the Auditorium Basement from 2:00 pm to 4:10 pm. Volunteers were selected through the interview process. Mr Sathyana-
 rayan R, Asst Programme Officer, Unit 2, and Mr Clifford Noel, Member, Unit 2, were the interviewers. 112 interviewees came forward to be part of the Unit. The main criterion for volunteers was dedication and willingness to serve society. Previous years of experience in NSS or any other organisations offering social service was appreciated. The interviews went on till 4:10 pm. All volunteers were eager to give their interviews. The council members were tasked in segregating and arranging the volunteer enrolment forms, making sure that volunteers did not disturb the interview process. After the selections, newly selected volunteers were added to a new WhatsApp group. Around 21 volunteers from third-year, 43 from second-year, and 44 volunteers from first-year were selected.

Blood Donation Camp

The Blood Donation Camp, held on August 25, 2023, was organised by NSS and NCC in association with Youth Red Cross and Lions Club. It marked its official commencement at 9:00 am. NSS volunteers of Unit 2 contributed their service from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The team consisted of 15 volunteers who reported at both Auditorium Basement and Xavier Hall, PG Block. Registration booths were established to facilitate donor sign-ups, distributing red forms for

standard blood donation and white forms to confirm haemoglobin levels. Following the details provided in the forms, volunteers assessed donors based on medical criteria, and they received blood storage packets and were directed to medical technicians who maintained strict hygiene protocols. Each donor contributed around 350ml of blood. All the donors were provided with refreshments. They were kept under observation for ten minutes to ensure their stability. Any queries or concerns were promptly addressed by Lion Club Members, NCC, and NSS Council Members. Lunch was served at 2:00 pm for doctors, technicians, and volunteers. Due to huge participation, the event was conducted again on August 28, 2023, in the Basketball Court, following the same procedures.

Walkathon – Heartbeat Hustle

On August 27, 2023, a walkathon was organised by Unit 4, NSS, in collaboration with Namma Bengaluru Foundation, Youth Red Cross, Lions Club and Sparsh Hospital. 'Heartbeat Hustle: Walk for a Healthy Heart' was an effort to create a movement towards a healthier and a happier heart. The main objective was to raise awareness about the rising cardiovascular problems amongst youth in India. Volunteers were on campus by 8:00 am. The walk commenced at 9:00 am, after a brief address at 8:30 am. Dr Samarth Arya, Sparsh Hospital, and Mr Suresh Ramu, Lions Blood Bank, joined as guests and flagged the walkathon along with Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor. The walkathon began in St Joseph's University and progressed

towards Corporation. Participants then proceeded along Kanteerava Stadium Road. The route then led to Kasturba Road Signal, passing by SJICPUC, before circling back to the University. Volunteers held placards about the importance of a healthy heart. The event concluded around 9:30 am. Volunteers were provided breakfast, and left by 10:00 am.

National Sports Day

August 29, 2023, is celebrated as National Sports Day. The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) commemorated the day by displaying 29 sports and many more traditional Indian games to an audience which included NSS volunteers. The event was organised at the Kanteerava Stadium. Mr B Nagendra, Sports Minister, and Mr Shashi Kumar, IPS Officer, graced the occasion with their presence. The participants started gathering at 8:00 am. There was a wide variety of games including rock climbing, rope activities, kabaddi, boxing, volleyball, and even games with gym equipment. Apart from these, traditional games like hopscotch, slingshot, top game, and board games like chess were featured. The event continued till 6:00 pm, but the volunteers from NSS left by 12:00 pm.

Talent Hunt

On September 22, 2023, NSS Unit 2 organised a Talent Hunt as part of NSS Day celebrations. NSS Day is celebrated on September 24 every year to mark the anniversary of launching NSS in India. Volunteers gathered around 1:00 pm in the Auditorium Basement. The event was hosted by Ronald, University Representative, who took on the role of Emcee for the day. The event officially kicked off at 1:20 pm, showcasing an array of talents from our diverse group of participants. Volunteers sang in different languages like Kannada, Tamil, Bengali, and Hindi. Few volunteers exhibited their creativity through poetry writing. Many chose drawing and sketching. A thought-provoking skit on caste discrimination was performed by a few volunteers, shedding light on an important social issue. There were also volunteers who showcased their talent in applying mehendi. In the latter half of the event, volunteers were divided into three groups and given topics to perform skits on - poverty, hard work, and gender discrimination. These skits were not only entertaining but also raised awareness about these critical social issues. The event ended at 3:20 pm. There were 32 participants.



Together for Dementia

On September 23, 2023, as part of World Alzheimer's Month, '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, Malleshwaram gate, and was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr Ashwath Narayan CN, MLA, Malleshwaram and Former Deputy Chief Minister, along with the Guest of Honour, Ms Surabhi Santhosh, Actress, Model, Lawyer, and Classical Dancer. The event aimed to raise awareness about dementia and Alzheimer's disease. 11 volunteers from Unit 2 attended the event. Volunteers gathered in college at 7:15 am. They arrived at the venue at 8:05 am. The event commenced at 8:35 am and ended at 9:18 am. Following the event, 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 at 9.40 am. Volunteers left by 10:00 am.



Orientation Day

NSS Unit 2 organised Orientation Day on September 27, 2023, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. Volunteers gathered by 1:30 pm. The event officially commenced at 1:47 pm. Mr Sathyanarayana R, Assistant Programme Officer, Unit 2, and Mr Clifford Noel, Member, Unit 2, graced the occasion with their presence. The Guests took their seats on the dais after the welcome address. This was followed by the playing of the NSS Anthem. Mr Sathyanarayana took the stage and delivered an inspiring address, emphasising the importance of NSS and encouraging active participation from all volunteers. Two inspirational stories were shared by volunteers on why they joined NSS, underscoring its importance. The challenges faced by people living in slums and villages was also highlighted. Two volunteers presented a classical dance performance. Ronald, University Representative, took the stage to provide a briefing about the NSS Calendar, outlining the upcoming activities and initiatives. A video presentation about NSS further illuminated the mission and accomplishments of NSS. All volunteers took the NSS Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to the cause. The event concluded at 3 pm after the vote of thanks. 55 volunteers attended the programme.



Shramdaan for Swachhata

On October 1, 2023, NSS in collaboration with Young India CII and The Indian Ploggers Army, organised a Shramdaan for Swachhata, an initiative from the Government of India. The cleanliness drive was at Lalbagh West Gate and Vani Vilas Road. Volunteers gathered near the NSS cell at 9:10 am, with approximately 50 volunteers present. 15 of them hailed from Unit 2. Volunteers left campus at 9:35 am. The event was efficiently coordinated by Mr Mahesh, Programme Officer, Unit 5, who provided the necessary guidance. Volunteers were equipped with a banner that proudly represented their mission, as well as brooms, buckets, and gloves to aid in their cleanup efforts. Detailed instructions were given. The volunteers focused on Vani Vilas Road. Then, the NSS volunteers, authorities of Young India CII, Indian Ploggers Army and BBMP collectively planted samplings and emphasised the importance of afforestation. All participants took a solemn pledge to contribute to a cleaner nation. Volunteers were divided into groups of eight to ten and were asked to collect plastic waste from different roads in the locality. The volunteers began to assemble back around 11:15 am, having collectively collected approximately 50 kg of waste. The BBMP garbage van arrived to collect the filled garbage bags. Refreshments were provided to the volunteers by 11:45 am and they departed from the location around 12:00 pm.



Project Semicolon

On October 4, 2023, NSS in collaboration with Yours Truly Theatre organised an event named 'Project Semicolon: Creating Hope Through Action.' The venue was Xavier Hall, PG Block, and volunteers from all units gathered by 3:45 pm. The main activity of this event was Theatre Play on one of the most important topics, 'Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.' Yours Truly Theatre is an improvisational comedy and interactive theatre group based in Bangalore. An interactive theatre called 'Play Lag' was performed by the team. The session was interesting since the group performed impromptu skits. Later, a discussion commenced on mental health. The volunteers discussed it with each other. They agreed that it is easy to talk about mental health with our friends but not with our parents. The very talented team from Yours Truly Theatre immediately performed a skit on the topic of mental health. The event came to an end by 5:00 pm. There were 7 participants.

NSS UNIT - 4

Independence Day

St Joseph's University celebrated our country's Independence Day on August 15, 2023, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the University Ground. Attended by 181 people, the programme was graced by the presence of Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaço, Registrar, and all the staff (teaching and non-teaching faculty). Students from various associations were also in attendance. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor, followed by singing the national anthem, and a reading of the national pledge. The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor were greeted by the University officials. This was followed by the Pipping Ceremony where 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. The celebration promoted the patriotism of each individual present.

Inauguration and Investiture of National Service Scheme

St Joseph's University inaugurated the National Service Scheme (NSS) on August 15, 2023 in the Auditorium for all five units of NSS at 11:00 am. It concluded at 12:30 pm, and was attended by about 500 NSS volunteers, Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Coordinator, Dr G Vignesh, NSS Programme Officer for Unit 4, Programme Officers of other Units, and guests. The Chief Guest for the day was Mr Rajesh S Kallaje, IFS Officer, Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of India. The programme began with a cultural performance, followed by the NSS song where Mr Kumar was presented with a sapling from Mr Paul. After introducing the Chief Guest, a brief overview was given of the objectives and activities of NSS, as well as various highlights from the previous academic year. Mr Ku-

mar addressed the importance of social service and civic responsibility in youth and encouraged them to participate in as many NSS programmes as they could. He also emphasised the role of youth in nation building. Following this, the office bearers were conferred with badges by the NSS programme officers. In the oath taking ceremony, they pledged to uphold the motto of NSS, 'Not Me but You' and to work for the welfare of all. The event ended with a vote of thanks.



Photography contest

Photography and humanitarianism are closely linked as both aim to document, inform, and inspire action. A photography competition was organised by NSS Unit 4 on August 19, 2023, to capture the stories of humanitarian action and its impact. The day aimed to raise awareness for humanitarian causes, and to showcase the diversity and resilience of humanitarian workers and beneficiaries. The theme of the competition was 'A Human Act of Kindness.' The volunteers were encouraged to capture small moments of kindness surrounding them. The submission of the events was online. Ten volunteers participated, and the winners were awarded e-certificates. Through this event, volunteers learnt to acknowledge kindness whilst pursuing their hobbies.

Job Fair

The Nightingale's Medical Trust organised a job fair for senior citizens on August 20, 2023 at St Joseph's University. The event started at 9:00 am. Volunteers were briefed on their various tasks. They were instructed to assist the senior citizens with directions for interview booths, help them

to fill forms and register, be hospitable, and guide them. There were around ten volunteers from each unit, totalling 50 volunteers. There were more than 200 senior citizens participating in the event. To keep the people engaged while they waited in the lobby, there were some cultural events occurring simultaneously. Volunteers from Unit 4 took care of the registration desk, data entry, and counselling for the citizens. Towards the end, there was a slight delay by the event organisers due to the large crowd. Apart from this, the event went well and all volunteers did a good job in helping them out. Feedback forms were collected from the senior citizens who attended the interview and it was made sure they exited the campus safely as directed. The lunch and tea/coffee were provided to all the volunteers. The event concluded by 4:00 pm.

Orientation Programme

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit 4 organised an Orientation programme on August 22, 2023 at Xavier Hall, PG Block, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The event aimed to introduce new volunteers to the objectives, activities, and benefits of NSS. The event began with a welcome speech. The presentation included various topics such as the history, vision, mission, motto of NSS, the roles and responsibilities of NSS volunteers, types of projects, calendar of events and camps organised by NSS. Volunteers were also encouraged to join the NSS groups on social media platforms and stay updated on upcoming events and activities. The presentation was followed by an address from Dr G Vignesh, NSS Programme Officer. On 'Sadbhavana Divas' volunteers were briefed about what Sadbhavana Divas is, its objective and its importance, followed by the pledge. The event ended with a vote of thanks. The volunteers were encouraged to be active and enthusiastic in NSS and to contribute to the social welfare. There were 154 volunteers present.

Poster-making Event

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit 4 organised a poster-making event on August 24, 2023, to promote the Fight against Heart Disease. The event was held at the Xavier Hall, PG Block, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and was attended by 20 volunteers from Unit 4. The theme of the event was 'Healthy Heart, Happy Life.' The objective of the event was to raise awareness about the importance of heart health and to promote healthy lifestyle habits amongst students, who were asked to create posters that would bring out their creativity and skills. The volunteers brought the required stationary themselves. Students displayed their artistic skills and knowledge about the heart. The posters were colourful, informative, and engaging. Some of the posters highlighted the risk factors and symptoms of heart diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity, smoking, and stress. Other posters suggested ways to prevent and manage heart problems, such as regular exercise, balanced diet, meditation, and yoga.

Blood Donation

In collaboration with Lion's Blood Bank, St Joseph's University's National Service Scheme, NCC wings and Youth Red Cross hosted a blood donation drive on August 25, 2023, from 9:00 am to 9:00 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. Many NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, students as well as staff took part in the blood donation drive. The people who donated blood had to be above 45kg and should be healthy. They shouldn't have consumed alcohol or drugs prior to donation. Their haemoglobin content was tested before they could donate blood. They were then sent to the donation area where beds were arranged and the nurses were present to take care of the people. People had to press the sponge ball given for blood flow. The people who donated blood were given refreshments and a certificate of appreciation. Around 500 units of blood



was collected on the first day from 70 volunteers. The donation drive was extended to August 28, 2023. 700 units of blood was totally collected.

Walkathon

'Heartbeat Hustle' was conducted on August 27, 2023, at 8:00 am in St Joseph's University. It was a joint initiative of the National Service Scheme Unit 4, Namma Bengaluru Foundation, Youth Red Cross, Lion's Blood Bank and Sparsh Hospitals. The event began with a brief introduction about the guest speakers of the day, Dr Samarth Arya, Sparsh Hospital, and Mr Suresh Ramu, Lion's Blood Bank. Following the introduction was a welcome speech. The gathering was addressed by Dr Samarth Arya, followed by Mr Suresh Ramu and, then, by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor. 'Heartbeat Hustle' started at 8:40 am with the Vice-Chancellor waving the flag. The volunteers walked three km starting from St Joseph's University, through Kanteerava stadium and ended the walkathon on university grounds. During the walk, several students held placards to spread awareness on good health and how to prevent heart problems. Flyers were also distributed to pedestrians and other citizens which contained various tips on how to lead a healthy lifestyle. The volunteers completed the walkathon at 9:40 am and the event was concluded with a group photo.



National Sports Day

National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand Singh. The day also serves as a reminder for all of us to recall the contributions, determination and extraordinary achievements of the athletes and their influence in shaping societies. The Government of Karnataka and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organised an event on August 29, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at Kanteerava Stadium. St Joseph's University was invited to take part in this event. 50 volunteers from all five units were sent to take part in the games organised. All games were free and enjoyable sports was the focus. Volunteers were given T-shirts and refreshments at the beginning. Later they were allowed to play any game they wished to. Some of the games included: Miniature Hockey, Miniature Football, Athletics, Archery, Wall Climbing, Zip Line, Chess, Carrom, Ludo, and Kuntabele.



SJU QUIZZERS

AsKQAnce Just Miss Too

AsKQAnce Just Miss Too was organised on September 23, 2023, by SJU Quizzers. It was the fourth quiz in the monthly open quiz series. This time they had a giant 15,000/- prize pool. The prelims began at 3:30 pm, at Faber Hall in the Auditorium Block of St Joseph's University, Bangalore.

The prelims followed the printed format, there were 15 questions and 10 visuals, among the questions the most taunting was the logo of Bangalore Central University, which had many scratching their heads with painful familiarity and equally painful non-cooperation from memory. The evening saw participation from 33 teams, across colleges and working professionals.

Sachin Deshpande and team topped the prelims in the open category, while Allen and Shriniketh from RVCE topped the College category. AJM follows the category mixing format, where college quizzers get to quiz with open quizzers, so the top eight from the college category and the top eight from the open category make a quartet and take part. A merciful pairing format as college students seldom get to play the finals in an open quiz.

The finals consisted of four rounds, two written, the first and fourth, and the two normal rounds sandwiched between. The quiz was set and hosted by Dr Arul Mani. A question about the BBMB, had everyone in splits when he revealed the answer to be Bhakra Beas Management Board, and gave out points to everyone because the QM is "unbeased".

The final written round cemented the positions of the teams, winning with a massive 265 points was Santosh and Team, followed by a distant 190 was Sachin and team, and the 3rd place was bagged by Venky and Team.

AsKQAnce Just Miss

AsKQAnce Just Miss took place on July 22, 2023. 27 teams (a team of 2) participated out of which twelve were college teams. The quiz started off with a written prelims. The prelims had thirty questions consisting of fifteen picture questions. We had eight college teams and eight open teams qualifying for the finals. The teams were divided into four with the highest-scoring college team making a quartet with the lowest-scoring open team. The finals was conducted by Dr Arul Mani. The finals consisted of four rounds. The winners of the quiz were Anant and Ananth Praveen from RVCE along with Santosh and Praveen. The runners were Pranava from SJU along with Nishanth and Maitrey. The third place was bagged by Mohammad and Karthik from SJU along with Siby and Avinash. The winners were given bookworm bookstore vouchers. This was the first quiz organised by SJU Quizzers for the academic year 2023-24, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the quizzers.

BER-SRK

The BER-SRK quiz took place in collaboration with the SJU Literary Society on August 19, 2023 as usual post classes at De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University in Bengaluru. The question set was prepared by Ms Vijeta Kumar. It was an event for college as well as open quizzers. The winners for the event were: Prashant and Yashu in the Open Category, Aniket Debnath and Shikhar Jha in the College Category and Sreyashi Dastidar and Sriparna Ray (Besharam Gang) in the women category.

Double Take for Open Day

The office bearers of the Quiz Club gathered at the crack of dawn (also known as 8:30 am) to set up a registration desk at the entrance of the auditorium. Armed with a laptop and white papers, the names, colleges and phone numbers of participants of Double Take - two back-to-back quizzes, the Science Quiz and the General Quiz, were listed and double-checked. A sign for the 'Registration Desk' was also made on the spot using blue chart paper and sketch pens and pinned below the table to make things easier.

Other than open quizzers and students from St Joseph's University, students from Christ University, St Joseph's College of Commerce and Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics participated. Many of them treated themselves to a Nutella cookie cake being sold near the registration desk before entering the main auditorium, where they scattered themselves.

The Science Quiz, hosted by Dr Arul Mani, Dean of the School of Languages and Literature, and set by Dr Arul Mani and Pranava, took place first. In a solo, written quiz, each participant was handed a sheet filled with 25 questions they were meant to solve. Four more questions counted as five markers, and another five were displayed on the PPT for the participants to guess and note down their answers.



The Science Quiz started at 9 am and concluded by 10 am. Easy answers to trickily framed questions had the participants going "OHHHH" when Dr Arul Mani announced the answers. Many slapped their foreheads in dismay, sighing in great sadness at having thought of that answer but written another one.

Most of those who participated in the Science Quiz stayed for the General Quiz, multiplying the seats occupied in the auditorium from the 20s to 30s from 10 am to 11 am. Set by Sanjana, and Dr Arul Mani, the General Quiz covered a range of topics, from TV shows to Italian poison makers. Similar to the Science Quiz, participants were given a sheet with 25 questions. Four five-marker questions and the last five questions were visual-based and displayed on the PPT, bringing the total number of questions to 34. When the answers were revealed, participants either slumped in their seats or threw their fists in the air. Following the conclusion of the General Quiz, participants exited the auditorium chatting with their fellow participants to grab a snack. They returned to the Auditorium to watch two plays, after which certificates of congratulations and coupons for Bookworm were given by Dr Mini Mark Bonjour, the HOD of the English Department. Participation certificates were also provided to those who did not belong to St Joseph's University.

The winners of the Quizzes were as follows:

Science Quiz

College winners:

I- Vibhu Prakash (20) from Christ Deemed-to-be University

II- Aryan P Nair (19) from St Joseph's University

III- Srikanth Rajkumar (19) from Christ Deemed-to-be University

IV- Denzel Joyson (19) from St Joseph's University

Open winners:

I- Leo Francis (32)

II- Achuth (25)

III- Gayathri (8)

IV- Revathi (7)

General Quiz

College winners:

I - Aryan P Nair (23) from

St Joseph's University

II - Mrinalini M Manoj (22 & 1/2) from

Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics

III - Sunidhi Arakere (16 & 1/2) from

St Joseph's University

IV - Vibhu Prakash (15 & 1/2) from

Christ Deemed-to-be University

Open winners:

I - Achuth Kumar (26&1/2)

II - Gayatri (17)

III - Leo Francis (16&1/2)

IV - Shilpa S (12)

Inauguration Meeting

The St Joseph's University Quiz Club kicked off its inauguration meetings for the academic year 2023-24 on Friday, July 28. In room number A314, the unofficial hub of the Department of English, the meetings were held at 1pm and 5pm respectively - catering to the timings of both the second and third shifts. MA student and association convenor Pranava VS started by introducing the club before asking Ms Nadika - association coordinator to address the 50 strong gathering. I've been asked about SJU Quizzers at weddings," she said.

"If you want to meet people, you'll love this place."Fellow convenor Rajjika Kanungo continued the meeting, discussing the various activities that the association offers, including daily whatsapp questions, weekly quizzes that allow any member to play quiz master, and the formation of a college quiz team. Pranava resumed host duties, introducing the various office bearers of the Club. Then commenced the quiz. Participants were split into teams of two, and had to work out the answers to 10 questions - ranging from wildlife to Hollywood to Bengaluru. Kevin and Michelle were victors of the 1pm quiz, while second place was a stunning 7-place tie. Third was shared by Ms Gayathri, Akshay and Souparnika, and Krithika R. Ananya and

Akshint won the 5pm edition, while Yash and Ruben finished second. Third place was shared by Nandana and Samanwita and Jason and Akshith. The quizzes were concluded by the answers being revealed, with participants oohing and aahing at answers that they narrowly missed out on.

Oikumene

Hot on the heels of the SRK Quiz, Oikumene, the Fr Cecil Saldanha Memorial Open Quiz on Wildlife was held on August 19, 2023, at De Nobili Hall of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Set by Dr Arul Mani, Dean of Languages at St Joseph's University, Oikumene was held in a tie-grab style, with 15 teams of two that registered all participating in a finals-esque setting, duking it out in four rounds of pounce and bounce and written rounds. While open quizzers dominated the show, college quizzers had their moments as well, with there being a question in the quiz that stumped most of the grand old men of quizzing, answered in the end only by the college team. The eating habits of rhinos, the antennae of cockroaches, extinct animals and giant beetles; the quiz boasted a variety of questions that had the quizzers blooming like the flowers of the daisy, or stumped like the rainforests of the Amazon. A diamond among the rough was a lone school quizzer, Joshitha from Presidency School. As her mother looked on, she confidently waded through the quiz, sidestepping convoluted fundas and answering with conviction. There never seemed to be a dull moment in the quiz, with hisses and 'oohs', 'aahs' and 'I told you sos' after each question while SJC professors and alumni looked on, some invested in the quiz, others invested in catching up. The eventual winners of the quiz were the open quizzers, with Maitey and Rahul finishing first, Mahendra Balu and Jaydev placing second and Prasanth John Abraham and Leo Francis placing third. Parth and Nishanth from Azim Premji University ended as the Best College Team while Shraddha and Keerthana from St Joseph's University finished as the Best Women's team.

AICUF

Flashmob - W R T Ignatian Week and Peace Rally

On August 16, 2023, at 8:45 am, the Arrupe Atrium of St Joseph's University campus bore witness to a dynamic and spirited flash mob event. This meticulously orchestrated gathering featured key figures, including the college president, and the cultural team. The event unfolded with great pomp and fervour, commencing with the president's discourse on the significance and mission of AICUF, the All India Catholic University Federation. In a concise yet impactful address, he articulated the organisation's ideals and goals, captivating the audience's attention for a succinct but enlightening two-minute duration. Following this intellectually stimulating introduction, the event transitioned seamlessly into an artistic crescendo. The college's accomplished cultural team took centre stage, enthralling the audience with a captivating and meticulously choreographed dance performance that spanned an exhilarating four-minute period. Their skillful execution and artistic prowess left an indelible impression on all in attendance. As the event drew to a close, it pivoted toward the future. The audience was apprised of an upcoming rally, a pivotal event on the horizon, for which anticipation was palpable. Promotional efforts were earnestly undertaken to ensure the rally's success, promising yet another day of collective enthusiasm and engagement. In essence, this flash mob event embodied a harmonious blend of academia, culture, and anticipation, underscoring the vibrant spirit and unity of the college community.

Peace Rally - W R T Manipur Incident

In a resounding display of unity and purpose, the AICUF Association orchestrated a peace rally on August 17, 2023, at 1:00 pm, during the lunch hour. Steering the event with a deft hand, the master of ceremonies, Brother Sam, a distin-



guished faculty member from the English Department, set the stage for a profoundly meaningful gathering. The event's inauguration was marked by a soul-stirring prayer song, 'Make me a channel of your peace,' which struck a harmonious chord with all attendees, setting the tone for what was to follow. Subsequently, the podium was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Fr James Vaiphei, whose eloquent address resonated deeply with the audience, emphasising themes of peace, solidarity, and the imperative for collective action. At 1:15 pm, the proceedings seamlessly transitioned from words to action as a procession comprising roughly 150 students embarked on a purposeful peace rally march. Commencing from the revered grounds of the Arrupe Quadrangle, the march wove its way through the architectural contours of the new block, advanced through the scientific heart of the campus within the science block, and gracefully encircled the lush greenery that graces the institution. Notably, the occasion also marked the unveiling of the eagerly anticipated AICUF Registration form, underscoring the commitment to sustained engagement in the pursuit of peace and constructive transformation.

Ignatian Week Ignites with Celebratory Inauguration

Amidst an atmosphere charged with reverence and intellectual vigour, Ignatian Week embarked on its journey on July 24, 2023. The inauguration unfolded at the Conference Hall 2, Magis Block, amplifying the aura of significance. The event



was honoured by the distinguished presence of Chief Guest Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, whose stature lent gravitas to the occasion. Steering the inauguration proceedings, Brother Sam initiated the event, followed by a welcome speech. The formal commencement of the weeklong event was accentuated by a momentous gesture from Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information of Technology, who inaugurated the proceedings with a sense of solemnity and grace. This act was followed by a choir performance and a prayer, casting a spiritual glow over the proceedings and setting the tone for a week of profound reflection. The audience were made aware of the teachings and preachings of St Ignatius of Loyola, shedding light on the historical and philosophical underpinnings that define the week's purpose. Fr Denzil, in his address, paid a heartfelt tribute to the legacy of St Ignatius Loyola, underlining the enduring impact of his teachings on contemporary life. Ms Deepika S, AICUF Coordinator, seized the moment to honour Fr Denzil with a meaningful token of appreciation and remembrance.



Cadence of Graphite

In a captivating celebration of creativity and resilience, the AICUF association recently hosted the much-anticipated 'Cadence of Graphite' event. Set against the backdrop of the event's theme, 'Life of St Ignatius: Resilience and Hope Amidst Adversity in Manipur,' participants were tasked with a unique challenge. The rules were clear: bring your own materials, such as pencils and stationery, although A4 size sheets were thoughtfully provided. Additionally, participants were encouraged to adhere to the theme, and while reference materials were permitted, the event underscored a 'no phones allowed' policy. The proceedings commenced with a stirring speech, invoking the inspirational spirit of St Ignatius and setting the tone for a day of artistic exploration. Following a brief overview of the rules and regulations, the event officially commenced at 1:05 pm. Throughout the competition, each participant's canvas became a testament to their interpretation of the theme, encapsulating the essence of resilience and hope in the context of St Ignatius' life amidst the challenges faced in Manipur. The event garnered an extra layer of significance with the presence of Ms Teena, who graced the gathering as a distinguished guest. Her insights and words of encouragement added depth to the creative process, inspiring the budding artists. It was a captivating showcase of artistic talent, a tribute to the indomitable spirit of St Ignatius, and a reminder of the enduring power of creative expression.



Ignatian Quiz

The AICUF association recently hosted the much-anticipated 'Ignatian Quiz.' This competition, held on July 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm in Room N107, New Block, brought together teams of three individuals, each prepared to demonstrate their depth of knowledge on topics closely associated with St Ignatius. The event's rules and regulations were meticulously designed to ensure a level playing field. Teams were composed of three members, and the use of electronic gadgets was strictly prohibited. With the Quiz Master's decisions being considered final, participants were tasked with studying a defined syllabus encompassing the Life of St Ignatius, Superior Generals of the Society of Jesus, and Jesuit values. 15 teams, consisting of some of the institution's brightest minds, eagerly accepted the challenge, forming a collective of formidable intellects ready to showcase their understanding of the profound Ignatian legacy. The event kicked off with a preliminary round that served as

a crucible of knowledge, where participants sought to secure a coveted spot in the finals. The competition was fierce, with all teams displaying commendable effort during this initial phase. After meticulous evaluation, the Quiz Master selected the top five teams from the preliminary round, setting the stage for an even more exhilarating final showdown.

Stick an Art

In a compelling fusion of artistic ingenuity and social consciousness, the AICUF association unveiled the 'Stick an Art' competition, where creativity met a commitment to addressing pressing social issues. This exceptional event, held on July 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm, on the 2nd floor of Magis Block Corridor, brought forth a dynamic platform for artistic expression with a meaningful purpose. The event's rules and regulations aimed to ensure a level playing field. Teams, each consisting of two members, were entrusted with the task of bringing their own stationery, including newspapers and magazines. While cardboard was thoughtfully provided as the artistic canvas, an important stipulation prohibited the use of reference materials during the competition. Initially, 12 teams expressed their intention to participate, poised to translate their artistic visions into reflections on the theme, 'Social Justice in Manipur.' Ultimately, the challenge was embraced by seven teams, each embodying a passion for both artistic expression and social awareness. The event kicked off at precisely 1:00 pm, immersed in an ambiance charged with creative energy and a commitment to addressing critical societal issues. At 1:50 pm, the event reached its conclusion, marking the end of a thought-provoking artistic endeavour. Leading the event with unwavering dedication was event head Sharon Sebastian, whose vision and tireless efforts played an integral role in shaping "Stick an Art!" into a memorable and socially impactful experience. At 1:50 pm, the event reached its conclusion, marking the end of a thought-provoking artistic endeavour.

Solve like a Genius

In a celebration of history and intellectual prowess, the AICUF association unveiled the 'Solve Like a Genius' event, inviting participants to delve into the captivating narrative of St Ignatius. This stimulating competition, held on July 27, 2023, at 1:00 pm. The rules and regulations governing this event were meticulously crafted to ensure fairness and uphold the spirit of competition. Teams, composed of two members each, were required to rely solely on their own knowledge, as the use of mobile phones or smartwatches was explicitly prohibited. Each team received a solitary puzzle sheet, setting the stage for resourcefulness and quick thinking. Ten teams, with two members each, eagerly embraced the challenge, prepared to unravel crossword puzzles intricately woven around the theme, 'History of St Ignatius.' At precisely 1:05 pm, the event commenced, with participants immersing themselves in the crossword puzzles, each a piece of the historical puzzle that celebrated the remarkable journey of St. Ignatius. As the competition unfolded, it became apparent that participants were not merely solving puzzles; they were paying homage to history and embracing the legacy of St Ignatius. The event concluded at 1:45 pm, marking the end of a spirited and intellectually enriching competition. 'Solve Like a Genius' transcended mere competition; it was an odyssey through history and a testament to the enduring power of intellect, commemorating the legacy of St Ignatius through the prism of crossword puzzles and intellectual camaraderie.

Harmony Unleashed

In a melodious celebration of musical prowess and artistic expression, the AICUF association introduced the "Harmony Unleashed!" event, where participants embarked on a sonorous journey under the theme of "Journey of Faith." This captivating showcase of talent and devotion took centre stage on July 27, 2023, at 1:00 pm, within the prestigious Auditorium Basement of St Joseph's University. Participants were granted a performance window of 3+1 minutes, providing ample space for them to weave their musical narratives. The use of musical instruments was permitted, allowing contestants to craft their unique musical tapestries. A total of 26 participants graced the stage to immerse themselves in the theme of "Journey of Faith." The event garnered participation from a diverse cross-section of talents, with many first-year students passionately showcasing their musical acumen. Kicking off at 1:15 pm, the event reverberated with captivating melodies and harmonious rhythms, woven together by the gifted performers. The audience was held in rapt attention, enraptured by the extraordinary performances that artfully translated the theme into musical

expressions of faith, conviction, and devotion. As the clock struck 2:15 pm, the event drew to a close, leaving an indelible impression of musical brilliance and a profound celebration of the theme of faith. Event heads Vikram and Alwin Anthony expressed their deep satisfaction with the exceptional talent showcased and the enthusiastic response from the engaged audience.



Unleash your Inner Artist

The AICUF association orchestrated the 'Poster Making' event, dedicating it to the theme 'Ignite the World with Faith, Magis & Justice for Women of Manipur.' The event happened on July 28, 2023. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of eight teams, each consisting of three members, who showcased their exceptional artistic talents and boundless creativity. The competition bore witness to a captivating array of posters, eloquently conveying the participants' commitment and artistic prowess. The event commenced at 1:10 pm, and the creative energy was palpable as teams immersed themselves in translating the event's profound theme into visually stunning works of art. The posters that emerged served as poignant vehicles for communicating the message of faith, Magis, and justice, particularly concerning the women of Manipur. Drawing to a successful close at 1:45 pm, the event left event heads Saranyaa and Merina elated by the exceptional outcome. It was a testament to the participants' artistic acumen and their unwavering dedication to championing justice and empowerment for the women of Manipur through the expressive medium of art.

Old Age Home Visit

In a demonstration of community spirit and empathy, the AICUF association kicked off its inaugural outreach program for the 2023-24 academic year on August 27, 2023. A dedicated team of 26 volunteers assembled at the esteemed old age home, Little Sisters of the Poor, at 9:15 am. The day commenced with a heartfelt welcome by Sr Josephine, who initiated an orientation program, setting a warm and compassionate tone. During this segment, which unfolded from 9:25 am to 9:35 am, volunteers were treated to a poignant narrative about the origins and history of the old age home. Sr Josephine then led the group on an insightful tour of the campus. Dance performances, group singing, solo acts, games, and various other



tain and uplift the spirits of the residents. Highlights included a captivating welcome dance by Trisha from BCA, a dynamic group dance expertly choreographed by Alwin, a soul-stirring solo singing performance by Brother Sam, and a touching moment when an elderly resident took the stage to sing, inspiring others to share their talents. The exchange of chocolates as tokens of appreciation further motivated residents to showcase their abilities. At 11:25 am, the volunteers shifted their focus to the physical well-being of the residents. Snacks were distributed, followed by a hearty lunch, ensuring that the residents not only enjoyed the entertainment but also received nourishment. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Eucharist Mass

The Eucharist mass was held on August 1, 2023, on the occasion of St Ignatius Loyola's Feast. The celebrants were Fr Monseigneur S Jayanathan, Pro Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, and Pro-Vice Chancellors, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias. Students from all three shifts offered stationeries, books, etc for the students of Manipur. AICUF association volunteered the whole mass and the final vote of thanks was by Ms Litty.

NETSF

A Candlelight vigil to Highlight the urgent need to restore peace in Manipur

The Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum, Bengaluru, took the collective initiative to stand in solidarity with the people of Manipur and the Manipuri students studying in Bangalore during the time of utter dispute in the state. Whilst the students waited despairingly to hear back from their families every day, the upsurge between the ethnic conflicts increased as the minutes passed.

The dispute stemmed from the animosity between the states' ethnic groups which led to a history of tensions between the different groups. The candlelight vigil on October 2, 2023, saw the gathering of many Meitei students together with the Kuki students studying at the university which truly resonated with the two groups coming together for a peace meet. As the peace meet overlapped with Gandhi Jayanti, the Manipuri students prepared multiple posters which were a confluence between the non-violent preachings of Gandhi in consonance with the happenings in Manipur. Fr James, the advisor of the forum along with Fr Sandeep, headed over the peace meet and delivered an address propagating how important it was for the students to remain on their feet and raise awareness to holler for help during this time of need. The forum also seeks to provide assistance to people from Manipur in Bangalore who might be displaced because of the dispute.

The peace meet was necessary, not only because of the dispute but also to alleviate the helpline process amongst the students. The gathering showcased the true essence of the forum and its ideals.



CENTRE OF SOCIAL CONCERN

Celebration of World Elderly Day

The Centre for Social Concern (CSC) conducted a heartwarming celebration of World Elder Day on October 1, 2023, under the guidance of Fr Simon Paul D'souza. A group of five dedicated participants from CSC engaged in this community initiative from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the afternoon. They gathered in Shanti Nagar, Bangalore, with a purposeful mission – distributing cards to random members of the public. The students played a pivotal role in preparing these cards and heartfelt letters, each containing messages that emphasized the importance of caring for the elderly.



UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Dr Premajothi D, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, who has received the prestigious Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2023 from the Government of Karnataka on November 1, 2023 on the occasion of 68th Kannada Rajyostava Celebrations for her services focused on the upliftment of the marginalized, for serving as a COVID Warrior in Tumkuru and Mysuru districts, for being a social advocate addressing issues at national and international platforms, and for publishing the same in national and international books and journals.

SJU Alumni/ae association has new heads. President is Mr Lakshminarayan IAS (retired), Vice President is Mr David Sagayaraj. Mr Jude Oswin and Ms Sujatha RM are elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. SJU wishes the new-elect best wishes in their future endeavours.

Congratulations are in order for Lieutenant Akshay D R Mandalik who rose to the rank of Captain in the SD/SW wing.

Congratulations are in order for Dr Viyolla Pavana Mendonce for the discovery of a new insect species Aulacaspis Cockerell , 1893.

Congratulations to our dear Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ for securing the 'BMA Excellence in Education and Institution Building Award 2023' by Bangalore Management Association.

Congratulations to Dr Debashis Ghosh from the department of Chemistry for securing a major project from the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, amounting to more than 28 lakhs.

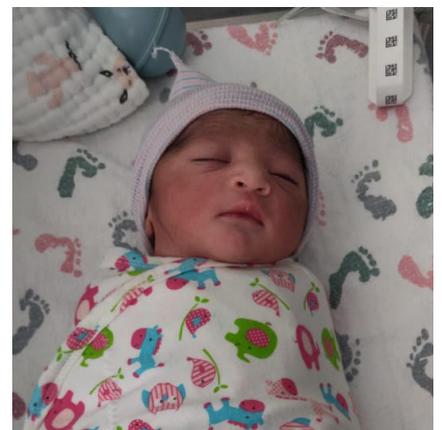
PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dr Preethi Sarah from the department of management was blessed with a baby boy on September 27, 2023.



Ms Wilma Laveena D'Souza from the department of Mathematics was blessed with a baby boy named Nolan Luke Monis on January 27, 2023.



Congratulations to Dr Shobha S V from the department of Chemistry on becoming a grandmother to a baby girl born on May 9, 2023.

OBITUARY

Ms Lilly D'Souza (83), mother of Mr Clement D'Souza, dean, School of Humanities, passed away on June 13, 2023.

Mr James Israel Paul (61), brother-in-law of Mr Newton, department of Physical Education, passed away on June 16, 2023.

Mr Robert D'Souza (77), paternal uncle of Mr Anil D'Souza, Manager, passed away on July 2, 2023.

Ms Veronica Chinnappa (81), mother-in-law of Dr Vanitha NM, department of Microbiology, passed away on July 13, 2023.

Ms Naseema Rahma (79), grandmother of Ms Niha Asif, department of Management, passed away on July 13, 2023.

Ms Mary Selwam (90), grandmother of Mr Selwyn Paul, department of Computer Science, passed away on July 22, 2023.

Mr Joseph David Mathias (62), brother of Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, department of Electronics, passed away on July 22, 2023.

Dr Vijaya Raghava Rao who retired from service in 2008 from St Joseph's College passed away on July 29, 2023. He was the former Head of the department of Sociology.

Mr RS David (76), father-in-law of Ms Hazel Mary Raju, Director, department of Physical Education, passed away on August 2, 2023.

Dr Fernandez Charles Suresh, retired former Head of the department of Botany, passed away on September 16, 2023.



Ms Bhavana Khamesra (221PYC18) passed away on September 19, 2023.



Mr KJ Samuel (90), father-in-law of Dr Cheriyan Alexander, department of English, passed away on August 19, 2023.

Mr Lucas (65), retired Attender from the department of Electronics, passed away on September 1, 2023.

Ms Mary Dorothy (66), maternal aunt of Ms Maria Senora Sukumar, department of Psychology, passed away on August 28, 2023.

GALLERY

DR FAROOQ ABDULLAH, FORMER CM OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN SJU



DR BU ABDULLAH IN CAMPUS



FR DENZIL LOBO RECEIVING THE 'BMA EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND INSTITUTION BUILDING AWARD 2023' ON BEHALF OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



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