

## Eurofins Laboratory Inauguration

St Joseph's University signed an official MOU with Eurofins on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Xavier Hall of the University located in the Postgraduate Block. A new lab with ultramodern research equipment sponsored by Eurofins was inaugurated on the campus on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The inaugural function was held in the Conference Room in the Magis Block at 2:00 p.m. and the ribbon-cutting ceremony was at 3:00 p.m. The programme was attended by Sri Neeraj Garg, Regional Director, Eurofins India and Middle East, and Sri Rajiv Malik, CEO/Managing Director, Advinus, Eurofins.

Eurofins is a French Group of laboratories headquartered in Luxembourg, providing testing and support services to the pharmaceutical, food, environmental, agriscience, and consumer products industries and to governments.

Eurofins Group has an international network of more than 900 laboratories across 50 countries and a portfolio of over 200,000 validated analytical methods for characterising the safety, identity, purity, composition, authenticity, and origin of products and biological substances. The MOU has been signed for the usage of instruments worth Indian Rupees 2 Crore, which will be installed in the lab for research at St Joseph's University. They are HPLC, LCMS, GCMS, ICPMS, and others.

The Government of Karnataka on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 passed the St Joseph's University Bill (now St Joseph's University Act, 2021) paving the way for the 140-year-old St Joseph's College (Autonomous) to become a University with a difference. St Joseph's University will be a unique university in the country and will function in the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model. The new University will be a leader in promoting scientific research/temper, quality education, and innovation and will work to improve equity in higher education by providing adequate opportunities and support to students from SC/ST and socially and educationally backward classes. It will also actively promote the inclusion of women, minorities, and differently-abled persons. The signing of this MOU will pave the way for active collaborative research with the School of Chemical Sciences and will take forward the vision of innovation and creativity. Through this partnership, we wish to answer questions to solve problems in our community.

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