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# PRO-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

## Nurturing Excellence: A Reflection on Academic Achievement and Social Responsibility

Within the halls of our esteemed institution, a remarkable journey unfolds each academic year—one marked by continuous advancement in the realms of teaching, learning, and evaluation. Behind the scenes, meticulous planning and unwavering dedication have forged a robust system, one synonymous with credibility and reliability. This dedication extends not only to the faculty but also to the students, who approach their academic pursuits with a resolute sense of purpose and a drive to excel in both their studies and future endeavors.

Central to our success at St Joseph's University is the cultivation of a vibrant work culture, a nurturing environment that lays the foundation for lifelong achievement. Indeed, university status has empowered us to deliver quality education that stands as a beacon of excellence in higher learning institutions.

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to shaping individuals who embody integrity, academic prowess, moral fortitude, social consciousness, and personal equilibrium. Every facet of our academic enterprise is oriented towards this noble objective—to mould individuals who will catalyze positive change in society.

Our aspirations extend beyond the confines of academia; they encompass a vision of a world transformed—a world where justice, freedom, and equality reign supreme. This vision compels us to confront corruption and uplift the marginalized, striving to establish a society where every individual can exercise their rights freely and without fear.

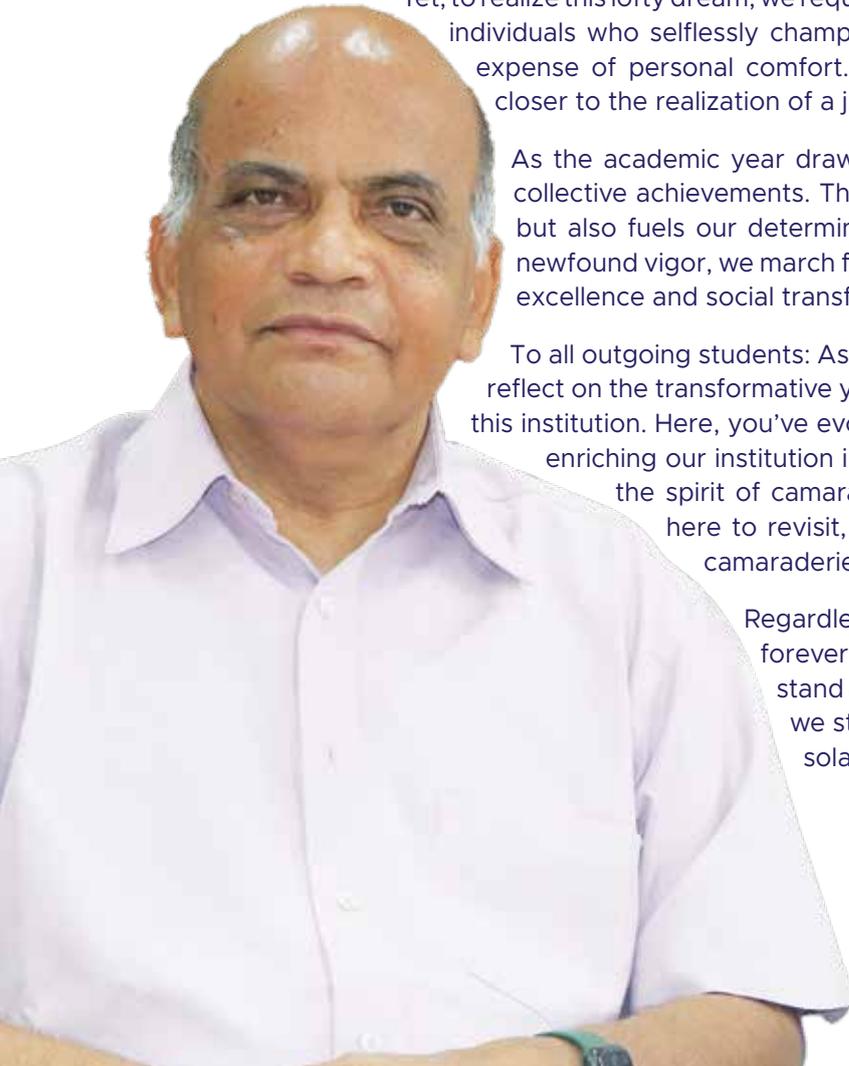
Yet, to realize this lofty dream, we require individuals imbued with zeal and compassion—individuals who selflessly champion the cause of the downtrodden, even at the expense of personal comfort. It is through their tireless efforts that we inch closer to the realization of a just and equitable world.

As the academic year draws to a close, we bask in the satisfaction of our collective achievements. This sense of fulfillment not only instills confidence but also fuels our determination to scale greater heights. Armed with this newfound vigor, we march forward, ever steadfast in our pursuit of academic excellence and social transformation.

To all outgoing students: As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, reflect on the transformative years you've spent within these cherished walls of this institution. Here, you've evolved into individuals of excellence and empathy, enriching our institution immeasurably. Take with you fond memories and the spirit of camaraderie, knowing that you'll always have a home here to revisit, reconnecting with the essence of freedom and camaraderie.

Regardless of where life's path leads you, know that you'll forever be welcomed back with open arms. Whether you stand atop lofty peaks or navigate uncharted territories, we stand ready to share in your triumphs and provide solace during challenges.

**Fr Swebert D Silva, SJ**  
Rector & Pro-Chancellor  
St Joseph's University



# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

## Romans 12:1-2

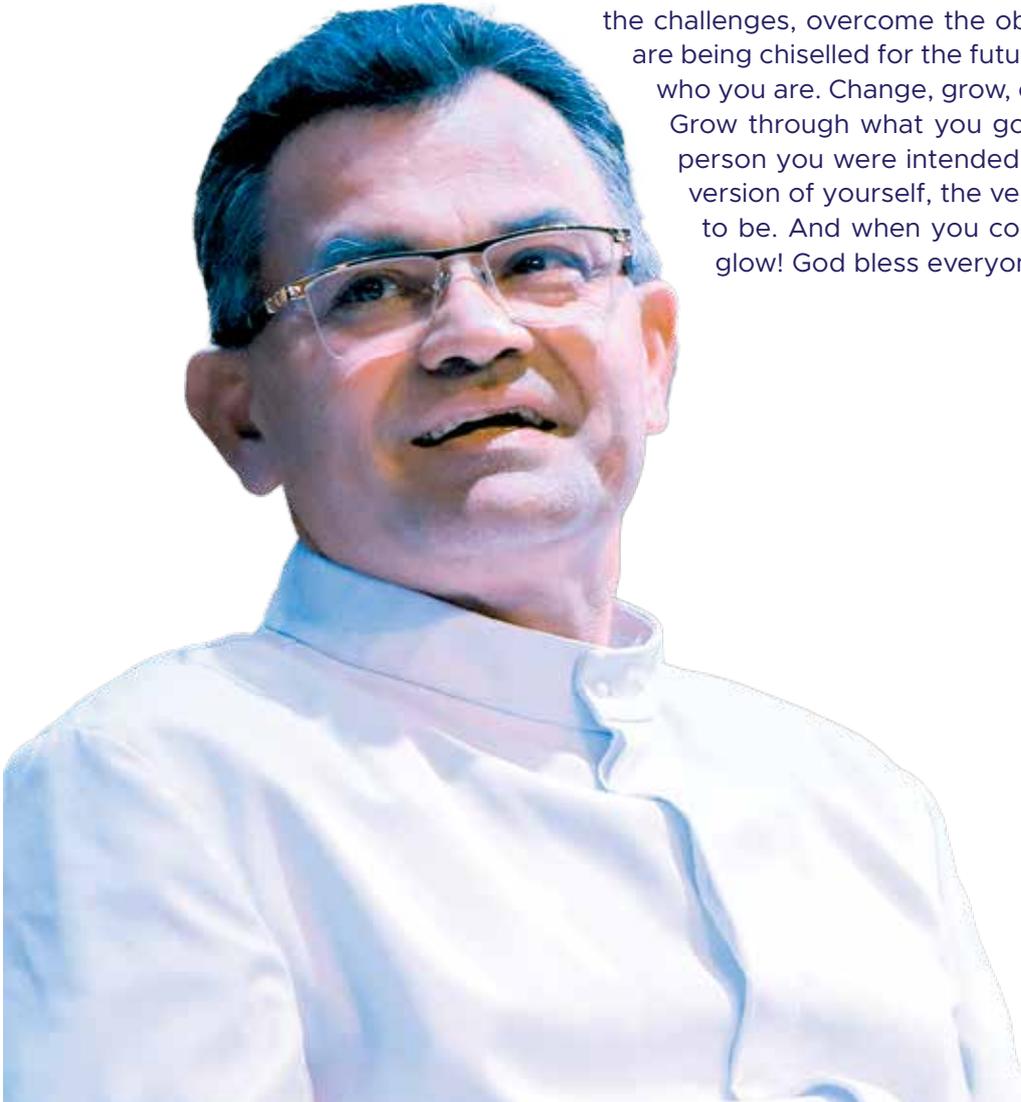
**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."**

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. As we look around us, everything is changing. Everything on this earth is in a continuous state of evolving, refining, improving, adapting, enhancing and changing. This further evinces that we were not put on this earth to remain stagnant. Stagnation breeds boredom. So, evolve or dissolve. It's your decision.

Living in one of the top-ten fastest-growing cities in the world, we have witnessed change next door. The erstwhile St Joseph's College has journeyed over the last one-and-a-half century from one milestone to another. The milestones, though, did not arrive before the millstones. To sustain longevity, we have had to evolve. It took a lot of pain, planning, perspiring, purging, persevering... The caterpillar had to break free from the safety of its cocoon.

Evolution and revolution both begin with education. Learning is the evolution of the mind and every revolution starts with the awakening of the mind. At SJU, we endorse all-round development – academic excellence, human excellence and character formation. University life is wrought with opportunities as well as challenges. But trust the journey. Have a growth mindset. Embrace the challenges, overcome the obstacles and prove your mettle. You are being chiselled for the future you wish to build. So don't just be who you are. Change, grow, evolve and become better each day. Grow through what you go through. Evolve into the complete person you were intended to be. Metamorphose into the best version of yourself, the version that your Creator created you to be. And when you continue to grow, you will continue to glow! God bless everyone of you.

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



# EDITORIAL

Languages are sustained by evolving in response to the ever-changing demands of the time. The word 'evolve' is generally understood as gradually developing from something simpler to a more complex form. Language, however, at no point, was simple or less complex than at a later point. The evolution of language refers to adapting and transforming its form and function in response to newer needs. It implies something more fundamental and profound.

The idea of 'evolving' is central not just to languages or natural sciences, but to every domain relevant to us. Hence, it is also the theme of the present edition of the Blue & White magazine.

In the past year, St Joseph's University transitioned from being an Autonomous College to a Public-Private-Partnership University. This year, the University intends to set milestones in research along with teaching, while keeping to our core objectives of Academic Excellence, Character Formation, and Social Concern. The university has begun to take new initiatives in research; in the pursuit and production of knowledge.

In the course of its evolution, the university also encourages its staff and students to create a community that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and social responsibility. We aim to do so while upholding the principle of Magis and collaborating with our peers to fulfil the university's objectives.

Evolving is thus the second step to transition, where we look forward to addressing new challenges, adapting to new changes, and improving as teachers and learners for a new future.

Team Blue & White 2023-2024 is honoured to present the second issue of Blue & White magazine of St Joseph's University. We wish all Josephites a rewarding academic year 2024-2025.

**Editorial Team  
Blue & White  
2023-2024**

# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT 2023-24

At St Joseph's University, we have been keeping our focus on challenging students to integrate the intellectual, the spiritual and the social dimensions of their lives. Thanks to Almighty God, in this academic year too, we were able to re-dedicate ourselves to the foundational touchstone of our institution, holistic, transformative, enabling education based on our motto - Faith and Toil. Presenting the Annual Report for 2023-24. This report consists of the highlights and achievements of Shifts I (7 am), Shift II (9 am) and Shift III (4 pm onwards).

## Josephite Family that has left for Heavenly Abode

While we come together in celebrating the ever greater heights of our institution, let us take a moment of silence to remember these members of our Josephite family whom we have lost this year, in physical form, but we carry them in our spirit.

Bhavana Khamesra, (221PYC18), a II MSc Counselling Psychology - passed away on 19 September 2023

Mr Walter D'Souza, carpenter and craftsman of SJU - passed away on 5 January 2024.

## Last College Day & Farewell Day

The last academic session came to a close with 140th College Day being celebrated on 28th April 2023, and the Farewell day being conducted on May 5, 2023, at the University grounds.

## Retiring Staff

Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson (Department of Environmental Science), Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj (Department of Physics), Ms Sheela Jose Thomas (Department of Physics), Ms Anantha Prasad Jain S N (Department of Mathematics), Mr Don Bosco (Attender), Mr Anthony Raju D (Attender),

Mr Sagayanathan (Lab Assistant), and Dr Boby Mathew (Department of Electronics) are retiring after a long and illustrious service this academic year. We wish them a healthy and happy retired life ahead.

## Institution Day

It is customary for the members of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) to come together for Institution Day and interact with one

another, strengthen our bonds of collaboration and honour the veterans who have rendered their valuable service to our institutions. This year the Institution Day was held on February 17, 2024 at St Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore. Dr Mohamed Taha Mateen was the special invitee and delivered the Keynote Address on the theme of love, brotherhood and responsibility to society.

## BJES Sports Day

This year's Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) Inter-unit Staff Sports Day was held on January 20, 2024 at Loyola College, Bannerghatta Road. The event was very well organised and highly appreciated by members of the BJES family. The 140th Annual athletic meet of St Joseph's University was held on January 19, 2024.

## St Joseph's University Open Day : Elixir

St Joseph's University opened its doors on Saturday, September 30, 2023, to welcome students, faculty, and guests from external institutions to the much-awaited Elixir 2023, the first ever open day under the banner of St Joseph's University. 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 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. The event, organised by a team led by Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, not only fostered academic exploration but also offered vibrant stalls, including food, handicrafts, and books. Prizes were awarded for the winners in four groups.

## Dignitaries at SJU

SJU was delighted to open its doors and welcome some of the most eminent minds to our campus this academic year. Some of the highlights were:

## G20 University Connect Lecture

On October 20, 2023, a momentous event unfolded at St Joseph's University as the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration

with the Research and Information System (RIS) for developing countries, brought forth the G20 University Connect Lecture Series. This unique and ambitious initiative, a flagship 'Jan Bhagidari' endeavour introduced by the Indian Presidency of the G20 Summit, aimed at fostering awareness among students about the priorities, nature of deliberations, and key outcomes of various G20 processes, with a specific emphasis on the Indian G20 Presidency in 2023.

### **Visit of Mr BU Abdullah from UAE**

St Joseph's University was honoured to welcome Mr BU Abdullah from the UAE for a distinguished visit to our campus. As a prominent figure in the international community, Mr Abdullah's presence enriched our academic environment and provided valuable insights into global perspectives. His visit fostered meaningful exchanges and opportunities for collaboration between our institution and the UAE. We extend our sincere appreciation for Mr Abdullah's gracious visit, which further strengthens our commitment to fostering international partnerships and promoting cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. Mr BU Abdullah, a distinguished figure hailing from the UAE, embodies leadership and vision in the global arena. With a keen intellect and a commitment to excellence, he serves as a beacon of inspiration for individuals and organisations alike.

### **TEDX SJU Bangalore**

On the 20th of March, SJU held the ever - popular TEDxSJU Bangalore which unfolded as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the TEDx team at St Joseph's University. TEDx, born from the ethos of TED's mission to unearth and propagate transformative ideas, serves as a grassroots platform for local communities to engage in dialogue about ideas worth disseminating. Spearheaded by Aanaida Rehman, Satyam, Vanshika, TEDxSJU Bangalore bore the theme "Looking through the prism." Prominent figures from various domains including law, academia, entrepreneurship, medicine, and entertainment graced the stage. Notable speakers such as Dr Roshan Jain, Dr Lena Robra, Mr Dhananjay Singh, Mr Manish Chowdhary, Mr Saakshar Duggal, Ms Ragini Dwivedi, Ms Mannara Chopra, Ms Nadika Nadja, Mr Syed Asad Abbas, and Dr Kiran Jeevan captivated the audience with their expertise and experiences.

### **Visit of Hon'ble Mr Ram Nath Kovind**

Open Heart, at SJU, Bengaluru, manifested, under the aegis of the Public Relations Office, a

celebrity symposium and assembly of eminent speakers. With the aim to inspire the youth and pave the path for their future endeavours, Open Heart epitomises the motto, "They were. We are. You will be," embodying the aspirations of the students who conceived this platform. Following the triumph of five previous editions, the 6th Edition unfolded on January 29, 2024, marking yet another resounding success. The much-anticipated address by Hon'ble Ram Nath Kovind began with an enlightening discourse on fostering a positive mindset and attitude. Reflecting on India's remarkable achievements, from military feats to advancements in space exploration, former President Kovind expressed hope for St Joseph's University students to emerge as leaders shaping India's future.

### **Visit of Penpa Tsering, President of Tibet to SJU**

On February 7, 2024, St Joseph's University had the honour of hosting Penpa Tsering, the President of Tibet, for a two-hour engagement aimed at shedding light on the Tibetan struggle for autonomy and freedom. The event, attended by approximately 1000 students and esteemed dignitaries including the Vice Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco, and PRO Mr Kiran Jeevan, served as a platform for discourse, reflection, and solidarity. President Penpa Tsering eloquently elucidated the historical journey of the Tibetan struggle, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of its origins, milestones, and contemporary challenges.

### **Visit of Hon'ble Shri Farooq Abdullah**

St Joseph's University was honoured to welcome Honourable Shri Farooq Abdullah on a courtesy visit to our esteemed institution. As a revered leader and statesman, Shri Abdullah's presence enriched our campus with insightful discussions and shared wisdom. The visit fostered dialogue on critical issues and strengthened bonds between our university community and the broader society.

### **Visit of Ambassador Alan Nazareth**

St Joseph's University, nestled amidst the bustling city of Bangalore, recently had the distinct honour of hosting a book launch event that captured the essence of intellectual discourse and literary appreciation. The occasion marked the release of Ambassador Alan Nazareth's latest literary masterpiece, a work that not only delves into various socio-political issues but also reflects

the depth of his wisdom and experience in the realm of diplomacy. All thanks to the PRO office, that we were all able to enjoy the insightful talks and partake of the wisdom that these dignitaries bestowed on us.

## International Day of Women in Science

On the combined occasion of International Day of Women in Science and India's National Science Day, St Joseph's University collaborated with Royal Society of Chemistry to felicitate Dr N. Kalaiselvi, the first woman to become the Director-General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India on February 27, 2024. Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka presided as the chief guest. The main coordinators of this event were Dr Nalini Sundaram and Dr Sweta Raghavan.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### Admissions, New Courses, Student Orientation

The 2023-24 academic year at St Joseph's University began with the first student orientation program on July 14-17, 2023. A total of 3,274 students were admitted to various UG courses and 811 to PG courses. The University now has over 9,852 students and 552 staff. Around 50 faculty members and 20 non-teaching staff joined our Josephite family. On the same date, Shift III held their orientation at 5 pm. The University offers 47 UG courses, 22 PG courses, 5 PhD. programs, and 4 Diploma Courses. This year, 35 certificate courses in diverse fields attracted over 2,800 participants.

### Infrastructure Update

In the academic Year 2023-24, the 4th floor of the science block was expanded to house new laboratories, staff rooms, research laboratories, cabinets for PhD students and counselling rooms. Major renovations of the Examination section and IQAC offices were also successfully completed on August 18, 2023, and were inaugurated on the same day. This includes buying new computer systems and setting up new labs, and undertaking renovations of various department staff rooms and upgradation of many staff and common toilets.

### Library

SJU Library is the brains of the campus and caters to the needs of more than 9000 undergraduate, post graduate and research-level staff and students. With a mission to provide quality resources and innovative services to stimulate creativity,

intellectual curiosity and facilitate learning and research, the Central Library boasts of 56297 books, 7035 Reference books, 837 back bounded volumes, 1168 book bank books, 936 donated books, 671 student dissertations, 38 magazines, 15 newspapers, 40 journals. And the library has seen nearly 23900 visitors this year.

### Scholarships

For the year 2023 - 24, an amount of Rs 38,38,103/- was received from the private, government and other benefactors. The management has lent support in the form of management scholarships to the tune of Rs 2,03,45,760/- for 2023-24 bringing it to a total of Rs 2,41,83,863/-. Around 1300 students have benefitted from this.

### Grants Received

In the academic year 2023-24, Dr Debashis Gosh, Assistant Professor and PhD Supervisor in Chemistry has received the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) - State University Research Excellence (SURE) Grant of Rs 28,41,594/- from the platform of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. Dr Rita Pal, Assistant Professor and PhD Supervisor in Chemistry received the Vision Group on Science and Technology (VGST) Grant of Rs 20,00,000/- from the platform of the Karnataka Fund for Infrastructure Strengthening in Science and Technology (K-FIST)-L1. Dr Grace Prabhakar of Biotechnology department received Rs 10 Lakhs for the 3rd Instalment for the VGST Project. Dr Tulika Bhattacharya of the Economics Department received Rs 2,12,136/- for the NCW project. We congratulate Dr Debashis Gosh, Dr Grace Prabhakar, Dr Rita Pal and Dr Tulika Bhattacharya for their achievements.

### Global Initiatives

Mr Gaurav Chouhan (221VOF25), Bachelor of Vocation in Visual Media and Filmmaking, from the School of Communication and Media Studies successfully completed the prestigious MAGIS EXCHANGE Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in his 3rd semester from 14th August to 15th December 2023 at Loyola University - New Orleans USA.

Ms Sheetal Sarah Ignatius (221MST04), Mathematics and Statistics from the School of Physical Sciences successfully completed the prestigious MAGIS EXCHANGE Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in her third semester from September 2023 to January 2024 at Sophia University, Tokyo,

Japan. In a collaboration with Loyola University Chicago, a Building Bridges initiative with South Asia programme two students Hiten and Merlin from SJU participated and student Merlin had a conversation with Pope Francis.

The international student's day was celebrated in collaboration with Federation of International Students Associations Bangalore (FISA-B) on the 6th Aug 2024. A total of 1000 students from 60 different countries joined this programme making it a remarkable event at SJU. Mr Venugopal was the organiser along with Dr Fr Richard Rego.

## Examination Section

All students who were in need of results and certificates for further studies, were provided the same out-of-turn. This year, for the April 2023 examinations, 7192 UG students appeared of whom 5103 cleared, while 1428 PG students appeared of whom 1325 passed the examination bringing the pass percentage to 70.95% and 92.79% respectively. The odd semester examinations held in October 2023 saw 7827 UG and 1577 PG students appear, of whom 5816 UG and 1447 PG students cleared the examinations. The University conducted centralised Board of Studies meetings for all departments. This exercise helps departments to focus on relevance and quality in their syllabi. The entire work relating to the Examination division has been fully computerised and we are now gearing up for the upcoming even semester examinations. Towards the future, the examination section hopes to implement summer registrations for courses with more failures, and Biometric attendance for PG examination candidates.

## St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC)

The primary objective of SJRIC is to enable and facilitate research at SJU as well as to set benchmarks and standards for the same. The hallmark of a University is the generation of knowledge through research in diverse domains carried out by its faculty and students. Through their engagements, facilitated by SJRIC, we wish to create a scholarly community that spans the widest range of academic domains, making a positive difference in the world. The inauguration of the PhD programme for the July session of 2023 was held on July 11, 2023 at the conference room in Magis block.

Mr P Balaram, former director of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The orientation of the PhD. programme

for the January 2024 Session was held on January 16, 2024, at the AV room in PG block.

## FDP

Lectio Brevis on July 13, 2023, marked the beginning new academic year with a lecture by Mr Harish Bijoor titled "Branding of SJU - The Way Ahead." The Faculty Induction Programme in July 2023 focused on onboarding new faculty, emphasising teaching and classroom management. JESCOL II, held in Bengaluru from August 21-23, 2023, emphasised Jesuit leadership and societal outreach. Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship (FETS), organised by AIACHE on October 27-28, 2023, was a professional development workshop. On March 28, 2024, staff attended a POCSO safeguarding policy training workshop led by Fr Jerald D'Souza.

## Teaching, Learning and Evaluation workshop for Academic staff

A one-day workshop was held for the academic staff at the University. The workshop aimed to equip teachers with effective strategies to cater to the diverse needs of students from different backgrounds, learning styles, and abilities. The main focus was to move beyond rote memorization and help students achieve a more holistic learning experience by engaging them in higher cognitive levels. The workshop was conducted school-wise to train the teachers. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas (Pro - Vice - Chancellor) organised the workshop and Dr Michael Rajamathi was the resource person.

## IQAC

Dr Jyothi W, Associate Professor of Microbiology, has been appointed as the NAAC coordinator of the university. SJU (formerly SJC) ranked in the 100-150 band in the 2023 NIRF Ranking and highly in India Today and The Week rankings. A delegation from Farook College, Kerala, visited to study best practices. Dr Syed Wajeed, UGC Paramarsh mentor, guided St Joseph's Degree College, Hunsur, on NAAC accreditation. Dr Madappa joined the exam reforms committee, visiting MAHE University. Professors from Auburn University, USA, proposed collaborations. Nilgiri College, mentored by SJU, achieved A++ in its first NAAC cycle. The IQAC office has prepared submissions for the 2024 NIRF ranking and applied for India Today and The Week rankings.

## ACCA

In the academic year 2023-2024, the BCOM and IFA students of the Department of Commerce achieved remarkable success. Ms Janvi Dodeja, Ms

Ashwina Ganesamurthy, Ms Mohammed Nouman M, and Ms Rachana Ramakrishna Khandekar have secured global rankings in ACCA. Ms Ashwina Ganesamurthy has attained the prestigious first rank in India for obtaining the highest ranking in ACCA Professional-level among affiliates. During the academic year, 11 students became ACCA affiliates, and the department recorded an 84% pass rate, which is the highest in India.

## Placements

The placement drive was a great success with an overall placement rate of 87%. The highest CTC offered to our students this year was Rs. 21 lakhs per annum. The Placement Office of SJU co-hosted seven webinars and talks with industry leaders. As of today, we have a total of 256 companies that are associated with SJU placement centre. These companies come from various industries such as IT, manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, and many more.

## MoU signed

St Joseph's University signed a MoU on 07-09-2023 with Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru.

## Faculty Achievements

During the 2023-24 academic year, 27 faculty members across various departments were awarded PhDs. Additionally, 19 faculty members successfully published books, including seven edited collections. Twenty-three faculty members published articles in journals or as book chapters. Nine faculty members received patents, and five secured research grants. Fourteen faculty members had publications indexed in Scopus, Web of Science, and the UGC CARE list as first and corresponding authors. Furthermore, the Karnataka Council for Science and Technology approved student projects proposed by three faculty members and their respective research scholars.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the promotion of Lieutenant Akshay D R Mandlik to the rank of Captain in the SD/SW Wing.

We are happy to announce a momentous achievement by one of our esteemed faculty members. Dr Viyolla Pavana Mendonce, from the department of Zoology, at SJU, who has made a significant discovery in the realm of entomology. Her diligent efforts have led to a discovery of a new insect species, *Aulacaspis Cockerell, 1893* (Hemiptera: Coccoomorpha: Diaspididae), which has been found infesting cardamom plants in India.

The Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, has promoted three of our Associate Professors to Professors. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, and Dr Melwin Colaco have been promoted to Professors in Chemistry. Dr Jayaram Reddy has been promoted to a Professor in Botany.

The University has promoted the following Assistant Professors to Associate Professors. Dr Madappa, Dr Grace Prabhakar, Dr Jyothi Williams, Dr Maria A and Dr Jayathi Bhadra. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas is the most cited author of the University.

## Students' Achievements

Students of SJU raised the banner high with the following achievements this year:

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

Two students of SJU - Anush K.M.S. and Surya Saathi, featured in an indie short film, K.G.B. (Kadamba Geleyara Balaga), screened at the 13th edition of Bangalore Queer Film Festival in August 2023.

Ananya Mehta, II CE, published a set of her poems in The Bombay Literary Magazine, Issue no. 56, December 2023.

A. Lohith Ashwa of BCA presented a paper in an international level conference - 43rd World Conference On Applied Science, Engineering & Technology.

Rida Ahmed participated as a delegate of the World Health Organization (WHO) at Asia Youth International Model United Nations, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from August 12-15, 2023.

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

Maneesha Joy, a II MSW student received the first prize and a cash award for the Best Paper at a seminar organised by the Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.

27 II MSW students enthusiastically presented papers at a distinguished national conference themed "Health and Well-being: Bridging the Gap for a Sustainable Future." hosted by the Department of Social Work at Kristu Jayanti College, on November 7 and 8, 2023.

Four students from the School of Social Work presented papers in the India International Social

Work Conference held on February 22-24, 2024, a collaborative effort between the Indian National Professional Social Workers' Association (INPSWA) and the Department of Social Work at Loyola College, Chennai.

Shivani Parab from the Department of Mathematics was awarded the 'Best Paper Award' at the International Conference on Linear Algebra and its Applications (ICLAA 2023), Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

S. Shivani and Sneha Bhattacharjee of III BBZ published a paper in the prestigious Q2 journal, Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, Impact factor 4.4 (Taylor and Francis).

Shruthi A Rao (222CHZ02) and Sinchana N Prasad (222CHZ08) have earned the prestigious INSPIRE scholarship, a program organised by DST, Govt. of India.

Akash (21CBZ69), Deerangana P. A. (21CBZ12), Chandana T. S. (21MCZ11), Amisha Sharma (21CEB24), Ganesh C (21CZBT63) have qualified the IIT JAM CHEMISTRY 2024 examination.

Anirban Nath (20PEM13) cleared JEST 2024. Shahan Ulla Khan, B.Sc. Physics and Maths (21PCM08), cleared JEST 2024 with All India rank of 263.

Anindri Laha, Ninad Aithal, Aparna and Shahan Ulla Khan from the Department of Physics cleared IIT JAM 2024.

Sumukha Bharadhwaj, John Clifford D'Souza and Ninad Aithal from the Department of Physics cleared GATE 2024.

RP Rithushree from III BSc BT/Z combination qualified for the CAT 2023 examination. Final year BSc students Rishikesh Balasubramanya, K Anish Acharya, Nila B, Kritika Kanwal, Prerna Udani and Ganesh C qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

MSc Biotechnology students Sakshi Varney and Misbah Rehman published a paper in Springer Nature Singapore.

Harshitha S, Mukti Panda and Aswani Anil from 2021 BSc BT/B published an article in the Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics.

Aditi Ashwin of III BSc CH/BT was selected for an integrated PhD in Neurosciences at University of Washington, St Louis.

Aditi Ashwin of III BSc CH/BT was selected for the prestigious Khorana program, at the Department of

Neuroscience at Washington University in St Louis in collaboration with the Government of India, and the Indo-US Science Technology Forum (IUSSTF).

Six students from the Department of Biotechnology were selected to participate in courses for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Ranga Aparna, I MSc Student was awarded first prize for her research paper presentation at a national symposium organised by Ramaiah University, Bengaluru on November 3, 2023.

I MSc Food Science and Technology students, Rubina Yasmin and Anshita Bist presented papers at the international conference Millets: Genomic and Biotechnological Approaches, organised by Garden City University on March 27, 2024.

M S Supriya from the Department of Zoology presented a paper at the 2nd International Conference on "Insects, Microbes and Environment: Interactions, impacts and innovations" organised by Loyola College (autonomous), Chennai on February 28, 2024.

Farhan Imdad and Abhinandan Singh from the Department of Zoology presented papers at an international conference organised by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in collaboration with the University of Trans-disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), Bengaluru on February 18, 2024.

Nuha Aamina from III JIP received the Best Presentation Award at the ICSSR international conference at K.V.R Govt College for Women, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh during 22-23 February 2024.

III JIP students, R.R. Bommi Varshini, Manjima Manoj, Ashlyn S.A and Manasvini Pankaj Kapileshwari presented papers at the 3rd Annual National Seminar on Asia's Security Dilemma: Issues and Challenges held at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Sayeka Ghosh presented a paper at the Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security (IIHSG), Delhi in 2023.

Cris Fernando from 4th semester JIN presented two papers at International conferences organised by Jean Monnet Module & St Xavier College (Ranchi) and the Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, respectively.

Sounak Ghosh from II JIN presented a paper in the international conference hosted by the

Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, November 2023.

Prajwal T V from II JIN presented a paper in the national Conference organised by National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru on October 17, 2023. Govind Anoop from 4th semester JIN presented a paper in the International Conference, by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, November 16-17, 2023.

Akshitha Unnithan and Karyum Josephine Riba of III B.A Political Science and Sociology presented research papers at the International Conference on 'Development, Democracy, and Citizenship: Decolonial Perspectives from the Global South.' organised by Mahatma Gandhi University in collaboration with University of Nairobi, York University, and University of the Philippines Diliman on March 23, 2024.

Nine MA students from the Department of English qualified for Assistant Professorship under the UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) in 2024. Omar Rihas from II MA (Shift III) was awarded the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF).

Ms Jennifer John - FST, won the second prize for her research paper presentation in an International conference organised by the Garden City University on March 27, 2024.

Ms Aditi Ekka and Ms Mariam Khadeeja, PhD scholars in English and Botany respectively, have received the JRF scholarship.

Prayash Borthakur (21CBZ41) and Vishwa Kiran Sripathi (21CBZ58) won first prize in the Environment and Nature Quiz - 2024, Organised by Apollo Tyres LTD at Cochin, Kerala on 10th January 2024.

Abhishek Mishra (231Z0032) and Paul Antony Mangaly (232BZ07) received Young Naturalist Award 2023 by Avain Trust organised by Insect Environment (quarterly journal).

Shree Lakshmi S (21CBZ71) from the school of life sciences cleared GATE Ecology and Evolution with AIR 319 and TIFR/JGEEBILS exam in 2024.

Adheena K T (222BOT02) cleared CSIR-NET conducted in December 2023 and Dipshikha Turkey (222BOT09): Cleared UGC-NET conducted in December 2023.

Maria Christie Lawrence (21CEZ19), Anish Acharya (21CZBT05), Nila Balaji (21CZBT56), Aaromal. E (21CBZ59), Natalya Rajkhowa (21CBZ74) and Vishwa Kiran S (21CBZ58) cleared NCBS GS 2024 Wildlife biology and conservation entrance exam in 2024.

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.

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

Tarushi Vikram from Botany-Zoology combination participated in Dirt Prix 5- an off-road arcade racing competition, conducted by Ablaze Motorsports Club, from August 26 - 27, 2023, at Mugluvalli Race Track, Chikmagalur, and won Second place in the Ladies open category, and Third place in the up to 2000 CC category.

Neole Anna Cornelio, First BA Psychology Journalism student, was part of the Bronze medal winning team representing India in the 4 x 100m relay in the 21st Asian U20 Athletics Championships 2024, held on April 27, 2024, in Dubai UAE.

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. He also won the 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; and was also selected for state level. Further, he represented Bangalore and won the gold at the Karnataka State Junior Meet 2023 for the 100-metre race, in September 2023.

Yogesh, 21IES080, represented India in the Indoor Cricket U.PRO Club World Series, in Colombo.

Bharath R, II MA Economics student, is the reigning Karnataka State Boxing champion. He achieved a remarkable feat by defeating all the Bantam-weight boxers in the state and securing a Gold medal in the Karnataka State Boxing Championship.

Naghul Krishna S Won Bronze for 100-metre race in Bangalore Urban District Junior & U23 years Athletic Meet, organised by Karnataka Athletic Association on September 16-17, 2023; was also selected for state level.

Ashwina Ganesamurthy from the Department of Commerce secured the Global 3rd Rank and India Rank 1 in SBL paper, ACCA.

CS Shreyas Hariharan from third year B-voc, secured Bronze medal in Kalaripayattu at National games Goa 2023.

Neha Jerry, from II JPY won a Silver at the National 2nd senior Taekwondo Championship in over 73 kg

Anna Jerry Terresa, I BCom won Silver medal in 400m Freestyle and bronze medal in 100m Butterfly in Netkallappa All India Swimming championship 2023.

Ajay Krishna won Silver medal in triple jump at the Dasara Games 2023, and First place in long jump.

Medha Rajeev won Silver medal in 500m and 200m K1 in Dasara CM cup for Kayaking and Canoeing Sprint held in Mysore.

## SOCIAL CONCERN

### Student Council

The Student Council elections were held on August 14, 2023, following stringent processes. The newly elected council was inducted on August 31 at 3:00 pm in the University auditorium, with alumnus Mr Hamza Hussain and Dr Swetha Raghavan as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. St Joseph's University celebrated Thiruvonam on August 29, 2023. On September 5, the Student Council celebrated Teacher's Day, honouring the contributions of teaching and non-teaching staff. For the first time, the Student Council organised Swagath '23, welcoming freshers with various engaging ice-breaker events throughout the week.

Prathibha 2023, themed "JASHAN-E-ARAB," was a vibrant celebration organised by the Student Council on October 19, 2023. Spanning across the university's eight schools, the annual intra-university fest showcased a spirited atmosphere of competition. It featured 42 cultural events hosted by various associations of the university. The flagship inter-collegiate fest of St Joseph's University, Visages, emerged as the most anticipated event of the year, blending cultural, academic, and sports events into a vibrant celebration of talent and creativity on 9th and 10th February 2024.

Tejas 2024, the interclass Cultural Fest for Shift III, commenced on 16th March 2024 with an impressive launch event. The launch featured the unveiling of banners and trophies, accompanied by a vibrant

food fest organised by the students. Throughout the week, a total of 30 diverse competitions were held, captivating the attention and participation of students from 19 different classes. These competitions ranged from performing arts to literary endeavours, offering a platform for students to showcase their skills and talents. The fest culminated on 23rd March with a grand finale and valedictory ceremony.

### Parents' Council

The Parents' Council team at St Joseph's University organised a 3-day orientation program on July 14, 15, and 17, 2023, for the parents of new undergraduate and postgraduate students. Days 1 and 2 featured keynote speaker Dr Shailaja Shastri, Director of Research and School Mental Health at 'Your Dost,' Bengaluru, an organisation dedicated to promoting emotional wellness. Dr Gururaja Kharjagi, founder and Chairman of the Academy for Creative Teaching (ACT), Bengaluru, an organisation focused on quality education and teacher training, was the keynote speaker on day three.

### Republic Day Celebrations

Three of our cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, CWO Prajwal Tenginkai (II BBA, III Shift), CWO Manya Kenchain DJ (II BSc CHBT) and CDT/SGT Joel J Mammen (II BCom), were part of the PM Rally in the Republic Day Camp 2024. CWO Prajwal Tenginkai was conferred with the All-India Best Cadet gold medal by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on Republic Day 2024 while CWO Manya Kenchain DJ won the All-India silver medal in the Best Cadet Competition. This marks the second consecutive year that one of our cadets won gold.

### Independence Day Celebration

As part of the 77th Independence Day Celebrations at SJU held on 15th August, 2024, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo conferred ranks on the Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, recognising their dedication and commitment to the nation. This was followed by inspiring messages from the Pro-Chancellor,

Fr Swebert D'Silva and the Vice-Chancellor, who spoke about the significance of Independence Day and the importance of upholding the values of freedom, democracy, and unity. The celebration culminated with a National Salute, as attendees paid homage to the sacrifices of the freedom fighters who fought bravely for India's independence.

## PRO

The Public Relations Office (PRO) connects the university's achievements to the wider community, promoting inclusive learning and global citizenship. Eighty PR interns joined, gaining experience in event management. In January 2024, 24 New Zealand students visited SJU through the New Zealand Prime Minister's Scholarship. The university also welcomed 300 Tibetan students, marking a milestone in community engagement. Vice Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ emphasised education's role in personal and societal growth. Dr Sukhadeo Thorat delivered the annual Dr Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture on January 17, 2024, at SJU. Mr D Kiran Jeevan engaged in various educational and development events.

## Women's Cell

The Women's Cell, in association with the Department of Botany, organised a talk titled "Cervical Cancer Awareness" on February 13, 2024. Dr Betty Daniel, former HOD of the Department of Botany, delivered an interactive session to raise awareness about cervical cancer. On April 1, 2024, the Women's Cell held a session on "Mindfulness Magic." Mr Divyesh Bhandari, Director of Imbroglia Productions, introduced students to the unique method of 'Just-A-Minute Meditation' to help manage stress and improve efficiency in daily tasks.

## Gender Sensitization Cell

The Gender Sensitization Cell of SJU organised talks as part of their sensitization programs for all staff on March 14 and April 15, 2024. The talks, titled "Gender Mainstreaming in Education," were conducted by

Ms Mercy Kappen, Executive Director of Visthar - Civil Society for Social Justice and Peace.

## Mentorship

Mentoring at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, is an integral part of the institution's ethos, shaping students' educational and personal development. The program provides comprehensive academic, personal, and career support, empowering students to achieve their full potential and become responsible, engaged members of society. UG mentors maintain a 'Record of Mentoring' to track mentees' progress and attendance and meet with parents to discuss progress. These records are submitted to Heads of Departments (HoDs), and a report is forwarded to the Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for review and follow-up.

Mentoring at PG level: Postgraduate mentoring at St Joseph's University is provided by academic advisors within respective departments. These advisors guide students on stress management, research opportunities, and career pathways. A half-day workshop, led by Fr Brian Pereira SJ and Dr Rekha from Samagra, trained new academic staff in basic mentoring skills. The BJES organised three certificate courses on 'Mentoring and Basic Counseling Skills' through Samagra for staff, conducted every Thursday from August to April. Forty academic staff were trained, with Dr Ronald Mascarenhas as a resource person. The mentoring program has significantly impacted students positively.

## KAIROS

A session was conducted by the Samagra team headed by Fr Brian at SJU where final year mentors along with their mentees were involved in prayers, activities. It was a gratitude session where students thanked their classmates, teachers and mentors. In a way, the students thanked the institution and the resources which helped them in their study years.

## Outreach

Bembala, the outreach segment of SJU, teaches students the importance of community service and helping the less privileged. Major 2023-24 projects included a traffic awareness drive, paper bag making and distribution, a cleanliness drive with ITC Green Campus, a visit to APARNA (a school for children with special abilities), Blind Walk 2023 with The Project Vision for World Sight Day on October 21, rural exposure camps for final-year UG and PG students, and a save water awareness drive. These events promote social responsibility and community-centric development, encouraging students to contribute to society while achieving academic excellence and character development.

## NSS

St Joseph's University boasts 5 NSS units dedicated to character building through various service activities. They organise blood donation camps, trekking, Swachhata Abhiyan clean-ups, job fairs, and quizzes. NSS Exposure Camps provide insights into rural life, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Highlight activities this year include 'Together for Dementia - The Blue Button Movement' with Nightingale Medical Trust and Dementia India Alliance, and a walkathon with Namma Bengaluru Foundation, Youth Red Cross, Lions Club, and Sparsh Hospital promoting heart health. University representation included Karnataka State Republic

Day and 20 volunteers in National Integration camps. Ten students participated in the Karnataka state Youth Festival camp.

## CHARACTER FORMATION

### Skill Acquisition

St Joseph's University's SHIFT-III hosted a guest lecture on "Make your Mark: A Journey from Campus to Corporate" on February 26, 2024, by Ms Shwetha N, Training Manager at IDP Education India Pvt Ltd. She emphasised personal branding and skill acquisition for career success, advising students to network on platforms like LinkedIn and Instagram.

### Campus Ministry

St Joseph's University's Campus Ministry, led by teaching faculty, addresses spiritual and corporal needs. It organises weekly masses and HRD classes for non-Catholic students. Notable events include an Igniters Integral Formation Programme and the Annual Retreat for 2300 Catholic students.

### SJU Sports Day

SJU held its 140th Annual Athletic Meet on January 19, 2024, with Ms Sucheta Deb Barman, International Open Water Swimmer, as chief guest. Events included staff relay races and SPORTSTAKES - 2024, an inter-college sports fest featuring 11 games.

### Josephite Choir

The Josephite Choir, a student-led association, participated in competitions and events, winning prizes and performing for dignitaries like the former President of India. Notable achievements include victories in singing competitions and performances at various events.

### NCC

1 Karnataka Air Sqn NCC achieved success at national events, with cadets winning medals in shooting and flying competitions. Notable achievements include awards at the RD Camp in Delhi and participation in various camps and awareness drives.

### NETSF

NETSF celebrated Northeastern cultures at its Footprints event, attended by over 800 people.

Dr Tenzin Pasang, Principal of the Dalai Lama Institute of Higher Education, graced the event as Chief Guest.

### AICUF

AICUF, under the Campus Ministry, organises masses, outreach programs, and workshops. The

Sat-Sophia association hosted a film festival on Universal Apostolic Preferences, inaugurated by Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor of the University.

## Conclusion

I am pleased to announce that with the support of our stakeholders, the SJU Sports Academy project has begun. This initiative, following the success of our Bannerghatta Road campus proposal, aims to construct a cutting-edge mini stadium on a 55-acre government-owned lake land. The academy will offer top-notch sports facilities to our students, reflecting our commitment to holistic development. As our athletes continue to excel, this academy will provide a platform for aspiring sports stars. Concurrently, efforts are underway to merge records, obtain civic permissions, and ensure a seamless transition. Lastly, as we bid farewell to "The College Day Report," we express gratitude to all who contributed to our journey. With faith and diligence, we trust God's provision for St Joseph's University's future endeavours. Thank you, Josephites, and may God bless our institution.



# FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



## Faculty Induction

### Programme

The Faculty Induction Programme for new faculty members joining in July 2023 was conducted from July 4 to 11, 2024. The induction programme focused on onboarding, teaching methodologies, and classroom management, and was held at Xavier Hall, PG Block.

The FDP committee headed by Mr Clement D'Souza and Dr Joyce D'Souza welcomed the new faculty members following registration. The first day featured welcome addresses, introductions, a virtual campus tour, and an inaugural speech emphasizing university guidelines by Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ. This was followed by sessions conducted by the CHRO, Col. KC Menon, and the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaco.

On the second day, sessions by Mr Anuplal and Dr Fr Joseph Lobo, SJ, delved into the history of Jesuit institutions, Jesuit educational principles, ethos, etc. A session by Dr Neeta Pereira focused on understanding young adults, and another by Dr Fr Roshan Castelino elaborated upon research policies of the University. Day three covered mentoring, IQAC procedures, classroom management, and teaching methodologies. Day four highlighted library resources, classroom diversity, social awareness, and micro-teaching. Day five featured talks on teaching professionalism, self-awareness, interdisciplinary approaches, pedagogy, creativity, and outreach. Day six focused on stress management, examination modalities, work-life balance, and a musical session. The program

concluded with feedback from the participants and an address by the Vice Chancellor stressing institutional commitment. Overall, the program provided comprehensive orientation and training for the new faculty members.

### JESCOL II

Two sessions of JESCOL II were conducted from July 10 to 12, 2023, and from August 21 to 23, 2023, at Ashirvad Centre. The sessions were attended by a total of 14 faculty members from St Joseph's University. Dr Fr Joseph Lobo, SJ, Dr Fr Joseph Demello, SJ, Dr Fr Maxim Dias, SJ, and Dr Fr Alphonse Fernandes, SJ, were the resource persons.

Dr Fr Lobo spoke on the three dimensions of Jesuit leadership. Dr Fr Demello focussed on six important aspects of Ignatian ideals - Vision, Mission, Compassion, Passion, Introspection and Devotion. There were sessions on transformational leadership by Dr Fr Lobo and on decision making in an Ignatian perspective by Dr Fr Demello. Dr Fr Maxim took a session on the role of teachers as collaborators, especially with regard to pluralistic societies in the South Asian context. The JESCOL II programme included broader discussions, activities, group discussions, case studies, etc., which provided an immersive learning experience for all participants.

### JESCOL I

JESCOL I was conducted on September 14 and 15, 2023, at St Joseph's University. Registration began at 8:30 am on September 14, followed by a prayer



and inauguration by Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ. Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, discussed the programme dynamics.

Fr Joel Fernandes, SJ, spoke on group dynamics and team building, while Dr Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, covered Jesuit history, and Fr Jossie Lobo, SJ, discussed the Jesuit legacy and spiritual exercises. Fr Arun Luis, SJ, addressed the Jesuits' option for the poor. A panel discussion featured SJU staff Dr Joyce, Dr Madappa, Dr Neeta, and SJPU staff Ms Gauri Achanta Mirley, sharing their experiences with Jesuit institutions. The second day began with a prayer by Fr Jossie D'Mello, SJ, who spoke on collaboration of laypersons with Jesuits. Mr Clement D'Souza led the evaluation and closing session. Dr Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, discussed Jesuit leadership and governance. Dr Fr Maxim Dias, SJ, addressed questions of interreligious dialogue and peace initiatives. Mr Clement D'Souza organised a group discussion, and Fr Jossie D'Mello, SJ, conducted a practical session on the examination of conscience.

## AIACHE Conference

The AIACHE Conference was hosted by St Joseph's University on October 27 and 28, 2023. The event began with a prayer song by the University Choir, followed by plant watering by AIACHE and Asia Network guests. Dr Joyce welcomed the gathering, and Dr Usha Priyadarshini, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Melwin Colaco, and Dr Regina felicitated Dr Glen, Dr Benson, Ms Melissa, and Fr Xavier.

Fr Xavier introduced AIACHE and Asia Network MoUs, discussing past conferences and emphasizing AI in education. Dr Melwin Colaco highlighted the event's significance for quality education. Dr Glenn Shive engaged participants with inspirational questions and discussions on teaching challenges, including technology dependence and curriculum relevance.





Dr Spencer Benson spoke on re-imagining education and Outcome Based Education, emphasizing essential life skills and technological ethics.

Ms Melissa discussed meaningful learning, focusing on collaboration and the UN Four Pillars of Knowledge. Participants shared experiences and strategies for engaging students. The Global Café session facilitated interdisciplinary scholarship discussions, encouraging contributions to 'Scholarly Teacher' and highlighting AIACHE & Asia Network collaborations for research and educational programs.

### Safeguarding Policy Workshop

On March 28, 2024, teaching and non-teaching staff who joined after 2018 attended a workshop on the safeguarding policy implemented in all BJES institutions. Fr Jerald D'Souza, SJ, Director of St Joseph's College of Law, conducted this workshop. During the workshop, Fr D'Souza elaborated

upon the need to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. He also explained the legal framework of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act (POSH). The workshop ended with a question and answer session.



# ALUMNI MEET



At the start of the term, the alumni association held elections to appoint the new office bearers. Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, Mr Lakshminarayan, Mr David Sagaya Raj A, Mr A Jude Oswin, Ms Sujatha RM, Mr Anuplal G, Dr Madappa MB, Mr M Lokha Raj, Mr Mathew Cruz, Mr V Shivaraj, Ms Sandhya Mendonca, Ms Vanitha Choudhari, Ms Sucheta Deb Burman, Mr Raj Gunashekar, Ms Archana M, Ms Ananya Rajaram, Lt EM Nagarajan, Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Vanitha NM, Dr Maria A, Capt Akshay Mandalik, Dr Maria Ancy, Mr Selwyn Paul, Ms J Teena Maria Rani, Ms Dina Marcel were elected and nominated to lead and represent the association for the term.

## Alumni/ae Association Meetings held in the Academic Year

Monthly alumni meetings at the university have focussed on key initiatives and plans. Discussions emphasised instilling core values in students and fundraising for a new 28-acre project at Mt St Joseph, designed to accommodate 5000 students and include a Sports Academy. Leveraging CSR funds from corporate entities was also explored. Plans were outlined for a Staff Training Centre in Nelamangala, with a budget of Rs 10 crores.

A comprehensive development strategy for Mt St Joseph's was requested, covering new academic programs, architectural layouts, cost breakdowns, and a virtual campus tour. To boost fundraising, it was proposed to involve distinguished alumni as members of SJUAA, with Mr Jude Oswin nominated as the fundraising coordinator. Additionally, data on parents in senior positions from student admission forms will be compiled. A feasibility study was conducted for a music concert venue expected to generate an annual revenue of Rs 3.5 crores. Corporate proposals for new programs under CSR initiatives will be assessed for alignment with SJU's vision and mission.

## Alumni/ae Association Get-together

On December 17, 2023, the SJU Alumni/ae Association hosted its 103rd Alumni Get-together. Mr C Narayanswamy, a distinguished public figure renowned for his extensive experience, including representation of Bangalore North in the Lok Sabha was the Guest of Honour. He was felicitated by Mr Lakshminarayana, President of the Alumni/ae Association. Additionally, the association unveiled alumni ID cards.



### Tottenham & Kickstart, United Kingdom Training

The alumni association organised a training workshop in football at the university grounds. Students from the football teams of various St Joseph's institutions underwent training provided by Tottenham & Kickstart, United Kingdom, in collaboration with SJU

### Alumni Association / Alumni Achievers

B Y Vijayendra, an esteemed alumnus from the 1997 BA EPS batch, has been appointed as the State President of BJP.

Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik an alumnus and staff at the Department of Social Work was honoured with

the title of Captain by the commanding officer of 1Kar Amrd Sqn NCC. Ms Sowmya Suryanarayanan, an alumnus from the 2004 BA IES batch and the Director of Impact & ESG at Aavishkaar Capital has been included in the Forbes India List of India's Self-Made Women.

Sucheta Deb Burman, an alumnus from the 2004 BA IES batch, received special recognition for her exceptional sporting achievements. As a distinguished marathon swimmer, she was honoured by the Chief Minister of Tripura. Sucheta made history by setting a world record as the only Indian woman to complete a two-way solo swim from Dhanushkodi, India, to Talaimannar, Sri Lanka, and back to Arichal Munai, India, covering a total distance of 62 kilometres in an impressive 19 hours and 31 minutes. Ms Sandhya Mendonca,





a distinguished alumnus of the institution has recently launched a book in collaboration with Mr Ashoka Soota titled “Busted”.

### Coorg Chapter

To initiate and revive the Coorg chapter of the Alumni wing, the committee members organised a meeting with the Coorg alumni/ae at Coorg Sports Club, Ponampet, on October 28, 2023. Dr Fr Victor Lobo addressed the gathering and initiated a plan of action for the formation of a committee. Fr Denzil Lobo spoke to the members on the plans of the university.

The elections were held for the post of the committee members and Mr Manu Ballachanda, Mr K M Appaiah, Mr C R Naj Chengappa, Mr A B Thimmaiah, Mr M B

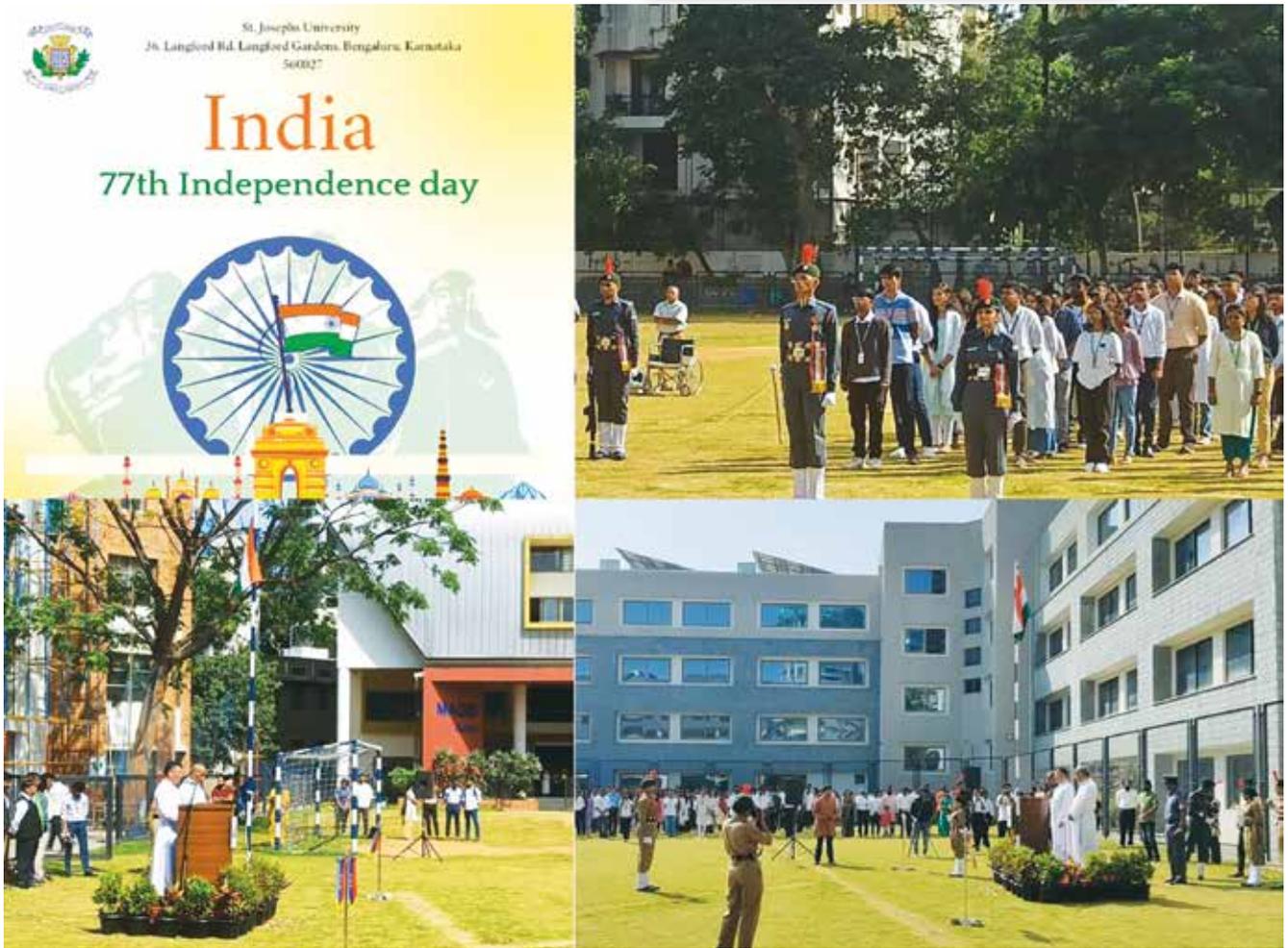
Bopanna, Mr M P Uthappa, Mr M A Bopanna, Mr M Pavan Machaiah, and Mr C A Somanna were elected to the committee.

### Future Plans

The association in the future hopes to compile a list of businesses that align with the university’s mission and could offer financial support. It will create a presentation highlighting project blueprints and the need for donor participation, outlining the objectives and vision. The association is also looking to use a personalized approach to engage potential donors, advertise in newspapers to increase alumni involvement and hire a skilled individual for social media management and alumni office administration.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY



The 77th Independence Day celebration at St Joseph's University commenced with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour, on August 15, 2023. The day began with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, inspecting the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) units on campus. The disciplined volunteers demonstrated their readiness to serve the nation, reflecting the university's dedication to instilling leadership qualities and social responsibility in its students.

At the stroke of 9:00 am, the Vice-Chancellor hoisted the National Flag, marking the official commencement of the Independence Day celebration. The entire gathering stood in solemn reverence as the strains of the National Anthem filled the air, symbolising unity and patriotism. Following the anthem, the Vice-Chancellor administered the National Pledge, reaffirming the commitment of all present to uphold the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

As part of the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor conferred ranks on the Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, recognising their dedication and commitment to the nation. This was followed by inspiring messages from

the Pro-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva and the Vice-Chancellor, who spoke about the significance of Independence Day and the importance of upholding the values of freedom, democracy, and unity.

The celebration culminated with a National Salute, as attendees paid homage to the sacrifices of the freedom fighters who fought bravely for India's independence. The resounding echoes of "Jai Hind" reverberated through the campus, serving as a poignant reminder of the indomitable spirit of the Indian nation.

The Independence Day celebration at St Joseph's University was a memorable occasion, underscoring the university's unwavering commitment to nurturing patriotic fervour and instilling a sense of national pride among its members. Through events like the flag hoisting ceremony, piping ceremony, and inspiring messages from university leaders, the celebration served as a fitting tribute to India's journey towards freedom and independence. As the gathering dispersed, the spirit of patriotism and unity lingered, serving as a testament to the enduring legacy of India's struggle for independence.

# REPUBLIC DAY

The 75th Republic Day Celebrations of St Joseph's University, Bangalore was organised at the University play ground on January 26, 2023 at 8:30 am. Hon. Major Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ unfurled the Tricolour in the presence of all the cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, volunteers of all units of the National Service Scheme, volunteers of Youth Red Cross and members of the staff.

Three of our cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, CWO Prajwal Tenginkai (II BBA, III Shift), CWO Manya Kenchain DJ (II BSc CHBT) and CDT/SGT Joel J

Mammen (II BCom), were part of the PM Rally during the Republic Day Camp 2024. CWO Prajwal Tenginkai was conferred with the All-India Best Cadet gold medal by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on Republic Day 2024 while CWO Manya Kenchain DJ won the All-India silver medal in the Best Cadet Competition. This is the second consecutive year that our cadet won the gold.

The Bembala Outreach Centre held Republic Day celebrations in Siddhapura Slum and Urdu Govt. School, Shantinagar, and Govt High School, Yentaganahalli, Nelamanagala.



BEMBALA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

CLASS SPECIAL ACTIVITY

REPUBLIC DAY PROGRAMME

CLASS: 3 B.A CPE

DATE: 26 01 24

VENUE: GOVT HIGH SCHOOL, YENTAGANAHALLI, NELAMANAGALA



# ELIXIR 2023 : ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY



St Joseph's University debuted Elixir 2023, its inaugural open-day event, on September 30, 2023. The event, from 9 am to 5 pm, transformed the campus into a dynamic hub of 236 exhibits, showcasing the innovative research and creativity of nearly 1000 students from 28 departments. Elixir 2023 also featured exhibits from different schools of the university, highlighting emerging talents from the younger generation. The event, sponsored by St Joseph's University and M/s Jagdale Industries, not only fostered academic exploration but also offered vibrant stalls, including food, handicrafts, and books.

The success of Elixir 2023 was attributed to meticulous planning by a dedicated team led by Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras. 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 and Dr Joyce D'Souza worked relentlessly to ensure that every detail of the event was impeccably planned and executed. The day commenced with an inaugural function attended by the Honourable Minister for Transport and Muzrai, Shri Ramalinga Reddy, and esteemed university officials. The valedictory function, presided over by Vice-Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, concluded the day with prize distribution. Elixir 2023 celebrated intellectual discourse and camaraderie, marking a significant milestone for the university.



## SJU FAMILY DAY

The Family Day Programme at St Joseph's University held on November 25, 2023, revolved around the theme "Connecting and Belonging – Together We Make a Beautiful Family." The event was designed to foster a sense of unity and community within the university.

Segment I of the programme commenced with registration, organised school-wise by Sr Saly and her team. Dr Valeen Pereira and Dr Eraiah served as Masters of Ceremonies, while Fr Denzil Lobo SJ and his team led a Bhajan and Invocation. Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor, delivered the welcome address, followed by a Family Day Message from Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, the Pro-Chancellor. The programme included a cultural programme, a lucky draw, and an indoor Housie game.

Segment II transitioned to the open field, where Ms Prerana, Mr Ebenezer Sam, and team organised an outdoor game. This was followed by a lively Zumba dance session, grace before meals led by Dr Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, and a vote of thanks from Ms Vismaya, before dinner was served.

In Segment III, children of staff members enjoyed fun and games facilitated by Scholastic Sohan Fernandes SJ and his team at the Basketball Court, Magis block.

The success of the event relied on the collaboration of various committees and teams, each responsible for different aspects of the programme, including registration, ushering, stage management, games, AV presentation, outdoor arrangements, gifts and prizes, and food and refreshments.

# STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## ONAM '23

On August 29, 2023, St Joseph's University buzzed with the vibrant essence of Thiruvonam as students convened in the Arrupe Atrium during breaks to revel in this traditional festival. Organised by the Student Council, under the guidance of Governor Dr Usha Priyadarshini S and other faculty coordinators, the event featured a captivating fusion of folk songs, a graceful Thiruvathira dance performance, and a spirited flash mob, seamlessly blending tradition with modernity. What truly distinguished this



celebration was the heartwarming participation of esteemed faculty members, who joined students in dance, fostering camaraderie and highlighting the university's inclusive community spirit. With students from diverse cultural backgrounds actively engaging, the event transcended boundaries, symbolising the university's commitment to a global outlook. Overall, the Thiruvonam celebration was a resounding success, fueled by the enthusiastic participation of both students and faculty, embodying unity, joy, and cultural richness.

## TEACHERS' DAY '23

On September 5, 2023, the Student Council of St Joseph's University orchestrated a heartfelt celebration in honour of Teachers' Day at the University Main Auditorium. From 12:50 pm. to 01:50 pm. Teaching and non-teaching staff were treated to a ceremony recognising their invaluable contributions to the students' academic journey. Led by Student Council President Mr Ajay Paul and Vice President Ms Aleeza Seemab, the event commenced with a warm welcome and token of appreciation for the esteemed faculty members. Under the guidance of Dr Usha Priyadarshini S, Governor of the Student Council, the ceremony unfolded with a soulful welcome dance, inspiring speeches, captivating dance performances, and musical renditions. Faculty talent was showcased,

followed by the felicitation of teachers with prizes won through competitive games. The day concluded on a melodious note with an acoustic performance and a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving a lasting impression of gratitude and camaraderie within the university community.

## SWAGATH '23

In a historic first at St Joseph's University, Swagath took centre stage at the university main ground with the theme 'Rock in Retro'. The event commenced with a captivating performance by the Josephite choir, setting the tone for an evening filled with energy and excitement. Various university associations, including the Fashion Team, Mrityunjaya, Kalah, MIMA, and J-Streets, showcased their talents, while the highly anticipated Mr and Ms Swagath personality event unfolded with judges Prem Sagar and Arun. The evening culminated in a musical extravaganza hosted and performed by the university's own band, 4th Riff.

With the announcement of winners and a vibrant atmosphere throughout, Swagath 2023 proved to be a resounding success, closing at 07:30 pm. The Student Council also organised engaging events for freshers throughout the Swagath week, including Open Stage and Personality (Prelim round), adding to the event's overall dynamism and inclusivity.

## PRATIBHA '23

PRATIBHA 2023, themed "JASHAN-E-ARAB," was a vibrant celebration organised by the Student Council on October 19, 2023. Spanning across the university's eight schools, the annual intra-university fest showcased a spirited atmosphere of competition. A series of pre-events were organised, leading up to the main day. Featuring 42 cultural events hosted by various university associations, Pratibha 2023 was a resounding success. The festivities commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by notable personalities including award-winning director and producer Mr Jeevan Claude D'Souza, Vice-Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, and other dignitaries. The day unfolded with event finals held across different venues, culminating in a captivating musical evening headlined by DJ QUNIXO and performances by bands VORTEX and 4th RIFF. The crowning moment arrived as the School of Humanities and Languages claimed

the title of overall champion, marking the end of a memorable celebration.

Various programmes, based on the Arabian theme, were held from October 10, 2023, onwards. Abbasid Chemifete featured chemistry-based mind games, while Slam Poetry and Creative Writing events provided a space for literary expressions. Naademeya Ee Lokavella was a musical celebration. Caesar Cipher got students to rack their brains to decrypt codes while 'Oasis of Vision' highlighted creativity in photography. The university also hosted engaging events like Finance Fiasco and Enchanted Veil, a face painting competition.



Ab Und Zu brought minute-to-win challenges, while Sindbad's Royal Showdown ignited gaming fervor. Cultural expression shone at Aikyam and Raqsa, showcasing Indian singing and solo dance. While Genie's Groove carried on the musical enchantment, Paw el Kamera attracted cinephiles and Aladdin Charades showcased theatrical talent. Other events like Arabesque, Nightscape, and Floor Wars further demonstrated the vibrant and varied skills of the participants. These events, led by dedicated organisers, left an indelible mark on participants, embodying the vibrant spirit of campus life.

## VISAGES '24

Visages, the flagship inter-collegiate fest of St Joseph's University, emerged as the most anticipated event of the year, blending cultural, academic, and sports events into a vibrant celebration of talent and creativity.



With over 30 events and activities, including face painting, beatboxing, solo singing competitions, photography contests, and more, Visages offered a platform for students from various colleges to showcase their inner talents and skills. The theme of the fest, 'Rock in Retro', infused the campus with pop culture vibes, inviting participants to unleash their creativity and embrace the spirit of the event. From exhilarating competitions to engaging performances, Visages fostered a sense of community and celebration, embodying the university's commitment to providing opportunities for personal growth and expression. Additionally, events like Council Wars, MockRock, Air Crash, Street Play, and Improv added a unique flavour to the fest, offering participants memorable experiences and moments of laughter and camaraderie. Overall, Visages 2024 was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended and participated.



## FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND EUCHARISTIC

### Celebrations

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 programme was attended by all Catholic students and staff of the university.

The main celebrant was Rev Msgr S Jayanathan and the concelebrants were all Jesuit priests in the campus. The Eucharistic celebration was the culmination of the week-long Ignatian Week events hosted for all students in campus by AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation).

the importance of faith beyond the retreat. The exclusive participation of Catholic students created an environment of unity and understanding, enabling deep connections and spiritual growth. Overall, the retreat left participants spiritually renewed, ready to live out their faith, and inspired to continue their journey with Christ.

### Ignitors Integral Formation Programme 2023

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. The ultimate goal of Ignitors is to form men and women for and with others. St Joseph's University



The Campus Ministry coordinated the conduct of Eucharistic celebration. The programme was followed by fellowship lunch for all staff of the university.

### Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat brought together Catholic students for a day of spiritual growth and development. The programme, coordinated by Campus Ministers Ms Litty Joseph and Dr Lora Rita Goveas, was held in two sessions. On October 14, 2023, all PG students and final year UG students attended the retreat, while on October 28, it was attended by first and second year UG students. The Bread of Life worship retreat began at 9:00 am in the University Auditorium. The retreat offered opportunities for spiritual contemplation and growth, until its conclusion at 4:00 pm with a Eucharistic celebration. The event aimed to deepen faith and foster a sense of community among 2300 Catholic students, providing a space for talks, group discussions, mass, eucharistic adoration, and reconciliation. It emphasised service projects to instill social responsibility and highlighted

has been organizing 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. With no pandemic this year, the committee for Ignitors 2023, coordinated by Dr Fr Maxim Dias SJ, Mr Ebenezer and Mr Salman planned and executed the programme smoothly and proficiently. This year's Ignitors kicked off with huge responses from the resource persons and the students alike. The team consisted of dynamic resource persons from various arenas of expertise who were able to share their insights and experiences. The sessions attempted to develop social awareness and analysis, and soft skills among students. 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, Career Guidance, and so on. In-class and outdoor activities made Ignitors a fun learning experience for students this year. Ignitors 2023 aided the students in their integral formation of emotional, social and faith dimensions in their life.

## Yuletide 2023

On December 20, 2023, the University Auditorium at St Joseph's University was abuzz with excitement as the campus community gathered for the annual Christmas celebration, "Yuletide 2023." The event, which started at 10:30 am, featured a variety of



activities and performances that filled the day with Christmas spirit and joy.

The celebration began with a welcome address from Dr Lillykutty Abraham. Next, the University staff choir delivered a captivating performance of Christmas carols. The harmonies and festive tunes set the perfect tone for the rest of the events. The Christmas message was delivered by Mr John J Binz, who spoke about the significance of Christmas and encouraged everyone to embrace the values of love, kindness, and togetherness. One of the highlights of the celebration was the Christmas Quiz, hosted by Mr Pramod Harle. Participants eagerly engaged in the interactive quiz, testing their knowledge of Christmas traditions, history, and trivia.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, then addressed the audience, highlighting the values of Christmas and the spirit of sharing. He appreciated

the university community's spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

As the festivities continued, the much-anticipated arrival of Santa Claus brought cheer and excitement to the auditorium. Santa's grand entrance was met with applause and laughter. Following Santa's visit,

the Pro-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, offered his Christmas message. He spoke about the importance of faith, hope, and charity, encouraging everyone to carry these values into the new year.

Another highlight was a series of spot games organised by Mr Raj Kiran and Mr Jaswanth. These games provided an opportunity for everyone to participate in fun activities and interact with one another in a relaxed setting. The whole auditorium reverberated with cheers and laughter as the participants engaged in healthy competition with their counterparts. Following this, the University staff choir returned to perform more Christmas carols, wrapping up the musical portion of the event. The day concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Nigel George, who acknowledged the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in organizing "Yuletide 2023." The last event of the year 2023 at St Joseph's University was concluded with a sumptuous lunch.



## Inauguration of Ignatian Week

The Inauguration of the Ignatian Week celebrations commenced on July 24, 2023. The theme selected for this year's programme was "Ignite the Journey: Celebrating Transformation and Growth". The Inauguration was presided by the Chief Guest, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ. The programme was set into motion by Sam. Vice-President Neha provided the welcome speech. The Inauguration was launched by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, followed by choir and prayer. Fr Denzil and Jennifer, the Vice-President of AICUF, offered insights and information about the preachings of St Ignatius of Loyola. The AICUF Coordinator, Ms Deepika, presented the Chief Guest with a memento and the vote of thanks was delivered by Saranya, the Science Representative.

## Flash Mob

AICUF organised a flash mob on August 16, 2023, at 8:45 am in front of the Arrupe Block. The president of the Students' Council, Ajay Paul, spoke about AICUF and its integral role in the institution. The cultural team then performed a dance. Finally, the date and details of the next rally was announced and publicized.

## Rally

AICUF conducted a rally on August 17, 2023, during the lunch hour. The programme was compared by Sam. A short prayer song was followed by the guest address by Fr James Vaiphei. After the speech, the rally began its march at 1:15 pm. Over 150 students joined the rally which was taken around the campus.

## Orientation Programme

The AICUF Orientation Programme took place at Xavier's Hall on September 6, 2023. Fr Maxim Dias was the distinguished Chief Guest, who delivered an inspiring address to the students. Furthermore, prizes were awarded to the victorious students who excelled in various events during Ignatian Week.

## Tea with Jesuits

On September 23, 2023, Students from SJU had the enriching opportunity to participate in the Tea with Jesuits event held at the SJPU campus. Engaging with the Jesuits, they gained valuable insights into aspects of life beyond their daily routines, making the experience truly memorable.

## Adivasi Gathering

Students from AICUF SJU and AICUF Karnataka together volunteered for the Adivasi Gathering held

on September 24, 2023. The students assisted with managing registrations, offering campus guidance, serving meals, and facilitating various aspects of the programme.

## Leadership Programme

AICUF Karnataka's 'Be the Light' program was conducted at SJU on September 29 and 30, 2023. The AICUF volunteers from SJU were enlightened through conversations with Brinda Adige and Fr Maxim Dias. Lively discussions led by Mr Manohar on the Youth Manifesto gave inspiration and encouragement to all present.

## Volunteer Visit to Don Bosco Mane and Kuvempu Memorial School

On October 2, 2023, AICUFers from St Joseph's University paid a visit to the Don Bosco Children's Home to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti. Three council members and seven volunteers made the visit. The team split into four groups and engaged the children in a variety of games. Finally, prizes and refreshments were handed out to the children. On the same day, volunteers from AICUF also visited Kuvempu Memorial Government School. Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the staff and students of the school. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as we began our activities for the day. AICUF volunteers conducted a variety of fun and educational activities for the children, which included games, storytelling, and art and craft sessions. The enthusiasm and eagerness of the children to participate in the activities made the whole process a rewarding experience.

## Volunteers' Retreat

The Bread of Life retreat was organised by the Campus Ministry in collaboration with AICUF on October 14 and 28, 2023. Throughout the retreat, each student had the opportunity to deepen their faith and reflect on their relationship with God. The powerful words of wisdom shared during the retreat left a lasting impact on all who attended. The students left the retreat feeling grateful for the opportunity to come together in faith and grow in their relationship with God. The Bread of Life retreat was praised for their dedication and passion in guiding the students through this memorable and impactful retreat.

## STAUROS – Sar Shalom

AICUF SJU participated in Stauros, the annual college gospel festival, organised by the Christian Student Association (CSA), Mount Carmel College.

The event took place on January 6, 2024, on the sacred grounds of Mount Carmel College. The team took part in multiple events. Following a fierce but friendly competition involving seven participating colleges, the team from SJU were awarded the Overall Runners-up Trophy.



## Infant Jesus Fest

On January 13, 2024, the AICUF group of St Joseph's University was given the chance to participate in the festivities at Infant Jesus Church. Six programmes were presented by the AICUF

## Logos Retreat

AICUFers were given the opportunity to attend the Logos Retreat Centre in Babushaipalaya, Bengaluru, on January 26, 2024. 35 people attended the retreat. The retreat served as a means of inspiring hope for the future and preparing students for impending tests. Following the session, worship hymns were played while the precious sacrament was adored.

## Republic Day Programme

On January 26, 2024, the AICUF Karnataka and AICUF SJU collaborated to organise a Republic Day event on Lal Bagh Road in Bengaluru. The program commenced at 12.00 pm, with the active participation of 10 volunteers from the AICUF association. Salman, representing AICUF Karnataka and SJU AICUF council, proudly hoisted the national flag. The event included a solemn moment of prayer dedicated to Ambedkar, followed by a captivating song performance by Saranya, Anju, and Poornima, along with PG students. Young toddlers from the area showcased a pageant adorned in costumes of freedom fighters. The event featured an insightful speech by a local resident. To conclude the festivities, beverages and sweets were distributed to the participating toddlers, and the event culminated with a harmonious rendition of the national anthem. Additionally, a seminar on Republic Day was arranged by the AICUF Council on January 31, 2024. The invited guest for the seminar was Dr Ance Teresa Varghese from the Department of Political Science department, who presented a speech on the Preamble.

cultural team for the Infant Jesus Fest. The audience responded favourably to the performance, and the AICUF association members got recognition for their efforts in using their cultural acts to promote love, peace, and harmony.

## El-Shaddai

On December 12, 2023, Jyothi Nivas College hosted an intercollegiate gospel festival. The event included programmes and competitions such as Icebreakers, a Bible Quiz, collage, street play, face painting, western group dance, etc. The fashion team kicked off the festivities. AICUF SJU secured the overall championship in the event.



# 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC



**Voter Registration Drive**



**BMC**



**College Day 2023**



**Selections 2023-24**



**CATC**



**Elixir 2023**



**AMC**



**Prathibha-2023**



**G-20 University Connect**



**AIVSC Felicitation**



**Air Force Attachment Camp**



**Republic Day Camp 2024**



**DDG Commendation Ceremony 2024**

**Human Rights Rally**



**RDC Felicitation**

**EBSB 2024 Bellary**



**140th Annual Sports Meet 2024**



**Republic Day 2024**

# NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

St Joseph's College has continuously collaborated with the National Service Scheme (NSS) since the programme's inception in 1969. This successful bond was extended even further after University status was conferred. The National Service Scheme continues to provide opportunities to the students to involve themselves in social activities and ultimately develop their personalities. St Joseph's University has one of the oldest NSS units in Karnataka – a partnership dating back 55 years – reflecting the essence of democratic living and upholding the need for selfless service empowering youth, and promoting national integration.

NSS functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and National Service Scheme Cell, Government of Karnataka. At the University level, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice Chancellor is the Advisory Committee Chairman and Mr Selwyn Paul J serves as Programme Coordinator and Member Secretary. While functioning under St Joseph's College, the NSS had two units. This has now evolved and grown to five units at St Joseph's University. Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Mr Sathyanarayan R, Mr Prasad CN, Dr Vignesh and Mr Mahesh DK are the Programme Officers for the five units.



## Programmes Conducted

Over the course of the year, the five NSS Units conducted a huge variety of events and programmes – observing days of national importance, holding awareness drives, participating in cultural and co-curricular events, etc. Through these programmes and events, NSS attempted to foster the holistic development of students, inculcate a sense of social responsibility and serve for the greater good of society.

NSS activities for the academic year was inaugurated on August 15, 2023. The volunteers participated in the 77th Independence Day Celebrations conducted by the University. Following this, an inauguration and investiture programme for NSS volunteers was held. The Chief

Guest, Mr Rajesh Kallaje, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of India, addressed over 500 NSS volunteers and spoke about the importance of social service and civic responsibility. An Orientation program was organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit 4 of the University on 22 August 2023 at Xavier Hall. The event was organised to introduce the new volunteers to the objectives, activities, and benefits of NSS. The orientation of program is an important step to introduce the objectives, activities, and benefits of the scheme to the volunteers.

NSS also organised campaigns to spread awareness on various social and health issues affecting contemporary society. Volunteers participated in a walkathon organised on International Drug Abuse Day and got the opportunity to meet and converse with the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, DK Shivakumar. Another walkathon titled 'Heartbeat Hustle' was held on August 27, 2023, in collaboration with Namma Bengaluru Foundation, Youth Red Cross, Lions Blood Bank and Sparsh Hospitals. A photography event, attempting to showcase the diversity and resilience of humanitarian workers, titled 'A Human Act of Kindness' was held by NSS Unit 4 on August 19, 2023. A poster making event promoting better heart health and healthy lifestyle was held at Xavier Hall on August 24, 2023. The NSS Cell also organised an online workshop titled 'Creating Hope Through Action' on September 29, 2023. The sessions held by Mr Mohan, an experimental educator, and Ms Maria Senora, Counselling Coordinator, St Joseph's University, focused on suicidal tendencies and interventions. A play on the same theme was performed at Xavier Hall. An event on literacy and women empowerment, featuring skit performances from the volunteers, was held on February 27, 2024. To emphasise the importance of elections and to encourage students to cast their vote, a street play titled 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye' was performed by NSS volunteers on April 10, 2024, near the Arrupe quadrangle.

The NSS Cell also organised programmes in observance of days of social significance and engaged in various governmental awareness drives. Volunteers actively contributed to the Independence and Republic Day Celebrations conducted by the University during the academic year. A debate on "UN's role in enhancing World Peace" was conducted on September 21, 2023, in observance of the International Day of Peace. As a prelude to the Swachh Bharat Diwas, Unit 4 volunteers held a social media awareness campaign and a cleanliness drive on September 23, 2023. NSS Day was celebrated on

September 24, 2023, with a flag hoisting ceremony hosted by Unit 4 followed by a pledge for the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. From September 15 to October 2, the students took part in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, taking part in cleanliness drives near Lalbagh West Gate. National Wildlife Week was observed with an interactive session with Dr M Jayashankar, Head of Department, Department of Zoology. The volunteers also took part in the FIT India Movement, organizing a series of programmes – poster and collage making, exercise challenges, quiz and debate contests, healthy chef competitions, and indigenous sports events – from October 16 to 21, 2023. On November 30, 2023, a poster and online awareness campaign to remove AIDs-related stigma was taken forward in observance of World AIDS Day. As part of National Voters Day, NSS volunteers organised awareness programmes, took a pledge and conducted surveys of the level of satisfaction about the electoral process. A special lecture by Dr Anthony Johnson, Department of Biotechnology, was conducted by NSS Unit 4 to educate and empower volunteers on the occasion of World Cancer Day on February 5, 2024. On March 5, 2024, Constitution Day was commemorated with an interactive session by Dr Manohar, lawyer and former teacher at St Joseph's University.

Apart from these, the NSS Cell also initiated various programmes for social and humanitarian causes. Around 500 units of blood was collected during a blood donation drive was held on August 25, 2023. 'Joy of Giving', the annual charity drive, started on September 4, 2023, to collect stationery items for school students from underprivileged backgrounds. On March 16, 2024, over 1100 paper bags were distributed by volunteers to vendors, provision stores and tea shops, in an attempt to forge a zero-plastic sustainable future. The 'Food for Needy' campaign provided food packets to pavement dwellers and others in Majestic, Lalbagh, Shivajinagar, Shantinagar and Ejipura.

The NSS Cell also took part in various extra-curricular, sports and cultural activities during the academic year. Volunteers assisted during the 9th Yogasana Sports Championships held on July 9, 2023. Volunteers also took part in events such as miniature hockey, miniature football, athletics, archery, wall climbing, chess, carom, ludo, etc., during the National Sports Day event held at Kanteerava Stadium on April 12 and 13, 2023. A trekking camp to Kumara Parvata, Coorg, was organised on September 23 and 24, 2023. Students also helped in arranging logistics during Elixer, the annual open day exhibition of St Joseph's University, held on September 30, 2023. NSS volunteers participated in the State Youth Festival held at Raichur University on October 3 to 7, 2023, winning several prizes. Rural camps were held from January 6 to 10, 2024, and January 28 to February 4, 2024. Students also took part in the National Integration Camp (NIC) held at Hosadurga. The NSS unit also conducted its inter-collegiate fest Prayaag 4.0 on February 15 and 16, 2024.

NSS also coordinated Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) during the semester. An SEC orientation programme was held on March 12, 2024, by Dr Vignesh G, Programme Coordinator of Unit 4. Ms Sara Kutty conducted an SEC on Personality Development on March 15, 2024. Dr Tulika Bhattacharya took the SEC on Climate Change on March 18, 2024. The SEC on Language Skills was taken by Dr Guru Datta on March 22, 2024. Dr Magesh D held an SEC session on The Importance of Giving Back to Society on March 25, 2024.

**The following volunteers from NSS secured prizes for various extra-curricular activities during inter-collegiate events:**

SI No	Volunteer	Reg. No	Achievements
1.	Dravid A	222ECPS015	Participated in State Republic Day Parade. Won Prize – State Youth Festival, Mysore.
2.	Gohil Zemin Kumar	21CBZ53	Won Prize – State Youth Festival, Mysore and State Youth Festival, Raichur.
3.	Varshita D	221MST22	Won Prize – State Youth Festival, Mysore and State Youth Festival, Raichur.
4.	Dakshesh Mahesha Dhage	232CBHT05	Won Prize –State Youth Festival, Raichur.
5.	Albina Mary	231BCOMA020	Won Prize –State Youth Festival, Raichur.
6.	Rohini	221BCOMC018	Won Prize –State Youth Festival, Mysore

## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)



Dr Jyothi W, Associate Professor from the Department of Microbiology, was appointed as the NAAC Coordinator of the University and Mr Daniel from the main office joined the IQAC office for the current term.

The IQAC committee meeting was held on March 5, 2023. Members were presented with data regarding the College/University rankings for NIRF, India Today, and The Week. The rankings as of June 2023 are as follows:

**NIRF:** In the 2023 NIRF rankings, the University was placed in the 100-150 band. This ranking was attributed to St Joseph's College, Autonomous.

**INDIA TODAY:** In the India Today rankings, the college achieved impressive placements in multiple categories. Under the BCA category, it secured second place both nationally and in the city. In the BA Arts section, it ranked 18th in India and second in the city. For BSc Science, the college was 12th in India and first in the city. In the BCom category, the college attained 42nd place in India and sixth in the city, and it was recognized among the top five emerging colleges for BCom in the country. In the Mass Communication category, the college ranked 14th in India and third in the city. In the Social Work category, it secured 18th place in India and third in the city.

**THE WEEK:** In "The Week" magazine rankings for 2023, the college achieved significant positions in various categories: 17th in India for Science, 18th in India for Arts, 28th in India for Commerce, and 17th in India for Mass Communication. Starting in 2024, all rankings will be listed under St Joseph's University.

A delegation from Farook College, Kozhikode, Kerala visited the university to study best practices. The team met with university officials and visited campus facilities. A team from St Joseph's Degree

College, Hunsur, a mentee institution from the UGC Paramash scheme, visited the campus to understand the functioning, preparation, and documentation process for NAAC accreditation. Dr Syed Wajeed provided the team with suggestions and approaches, as he has been the mentor for the Paramash scheme for this college. A team from St Joseph's College, Autonomous, Trichy, visited the campus for a three-day study on transitioning from college to university and a delegation from Auburn University, USA, visited the campus to discuss potential collaborations.

Dr Madappa and Dr Syed Wajeed were resource persons for a seminar on the role of IQAC in autonomous status, organised at Ramaiah College, Bengaluru. Dr Madappa was also part of the exam reforms committee constituted by the university. The team visited MAHE University and held several meetings with stakeholders. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Madappa prepared the presentation for the KSHCEC inspection committee visit to the University. Dr Madappa was a resource person for a workshop on the role of IQAC in strategic planning and implementation criteria in autonomous colleges, held at Ramaiah College of Arts and Science, Bengaluru.

A 360-degree evaluation system has been constructed by the IQAC office in consultation with the HR office. This evaluation will be initiated at the end of April, with the platform functional by May 2024. This marks the first time all staff members will be involved in a 360-degree evaluation.

The IQAC office has prepared the application file and applied for 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.

## Inaugural of PhD Programme July 2023 Session

The inauguration of PhD programme July 2023 session took place on July 11, 2023, in the conference room of the Magis block. Prof P Balam, former Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr Fr Victor Lobo, the Vice-Chancellor outlined the vision and mission of the University urging the new doctoral candidates to seek excellence. Prof P Balam, in his address, highlighted the relevance of research in today's context and advised the candidates to observe nature and think independently. Dr Fr Roshan Castelino, Research Director, congratulated the students on their decision to pursue research in an era where scholarship is looked down upon. Fr Swebert D'Silva, the Pro-Chancellor, elaborated on the ethos of Jesuit universities. The programme came to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by the compere Dr Sayantani Bannerjee. The rest of the day was organised into sessions where the regulations were explained to the candidates. The candidates interacted with their supervisors and were made aware of the various resources.

## Faculty Development Programme

St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), conducted a one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Approaches to Research" for the staff at St Joseph's University (SJU), on November 24, 2023.

The FDP began with a prayer service by Ms Litty Joseph, Assistant Professor, Commerce and Campus Ministry Coordinator. The welcome address was delivered by Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor, highlighting the significance of cross-cultural research and its importance for SJU. The first session was conducted by Dr Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, Research Director of SJRIC. He presented the new research policy, the guidelines for workload reduction, and the funding policy for research.

The main session was then conducted by Dr Fr Francis P Xavier SJ, a well-known scientist, former Director of Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE), Loyola College, Chennai, India and former International Coordinator of Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL). He emphasised the role of teaching and research, its societal impact, and the Jesuit approach to research.

Dr Michael Rajamathi, a well-known researcher of SJU and now a fellow of Fr Nelapaty Endowment Chair, addressed the staff on the importance of credible publications. He presented the current status of research at SJU and outlined a roadmap to boost publications.

The afternoon sessions were handled by domain-specific experts. Dr Fr Francis P Xavier SJ addressed the staff of the Schools of Sciences and elaborated on the possible avenues for research. Dr Baiju Gopalan, Associate Professor, Christ (Deemed-to-be) University, addressed the staff of Humanities and Communication while Dr Vanamala Vishwanath, noted translator and writer addressed the staff of the School of Languages and Literatures. The sessions were aimed at fostering a culture of research among various departments of SJU.

## PhD Programme January 2024 Session

The orientation of PhD programme January 2024 Session was held on January 16, 2024, at the AV room in the PG block.

Dr Fr Roshan Castelino, Research Director, welcomed the scholars and apprised them of the regulations. The candidates interacted with their supervisors and were made aware of various resources available to them. This was followed by a session on ERP and an introduction to Library resources. Dr Michael Rajamathi and Dr Etienne Rassendren briefed the scholars about the PhD coursework curriculum.

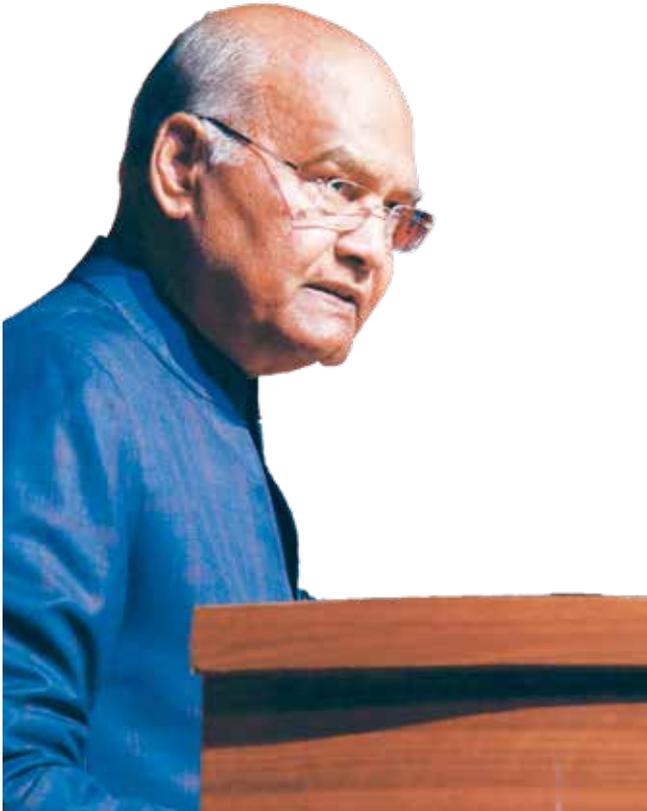
## Achievements

Dr Debashis Gosh, Assistant Professor and PhD Supervisor in Chemistry received the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) - State University Research Excellence (SURE) Grant of Rs 28,41,594/- from the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, for his proposal titled "Development of new ruthenium-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide model complexes for multi-electron CO".

Dr Rita Pal, Assistant Professor and PhD Supervisor in Chemistry received the Vision Group on Science and Technology Grant of Rs 20,00,000/- from the Karnataka Fund for Infrastructure Strengthening in Science and Technology (K-FIST)-L1, for her proposal titled "Development of Carbohydrate based Chiral Bronsted Acid Catalyst and its Application in Asymmetric Organic Synthesis".



# SJU OPEN HEART



Following the triumph of five previous editions, the sixth edition of Open Heart unfolded on January 29, 2024. It was a monumental event orchestrated by the Public Relations Office of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, featuring eminent speakers.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the 14th President of India. It began with the University choir performing the National Anthem, followed by a welcome address from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ.

The much-anticipated address by Hon'ble Ram Nath Kovind began with an enlightening discourse on fostering a positive mindset and attitude.



He lauded the students for conceptualising Open Heart, noting its uniqueness amidst his visits to over 150 universities and colleges nationwide. Reflecting on India's remarkable achievements, from military feats to advancements in space exploration. The former President Kovind expressed hope for St Joseph's University students to emerge as leaders shaping India's future.

A pivotal moment of the event was the inauguration of the St Joseph's University Gandhian Centre, commemorating the upcoming 76th Shaheed Diwas of Mahatma Gandhi. President Kovind unveiled the centre's poster, symbolising its commitment to Gandhian principles of truth, non-violence, and service to humanity. Additionally, the launch of the International Students Information Brochure, unveiled by President Kovind, emphasised the University's dedication to global engagement and cultural exchange.

The main auditorium witnessed a full house, with over 1100 students eagerly absorbing the wisdom imparted by the 14th President of India. As the event drew to a close, Mr Kiran D Jeevan delivered the vote of thanks, while the audience remained seated, reflecting on the profound impact of President Kovind's words.



## PHILATELISTS AND NUMISMATISTS ASSOCIATION (PANA)

This semester's PANA activity started with the annual general body meeting on July 22, 2023. Mr G Anuplal, Associate Professor in Industrial Relations, and Ms Sayani Rana, III JIP, were unanimously elected as President and General Secretary of the association. A study class on Travancore Anchel, and Cochin Anchel-Postage and Revenue Stamps of erstwhile Princely States was conducted on August 19, 2023, and the annual workshop on One Rupee Currency Notes of India from 1949 to 2020 was held on August 30, 2023. 16 Members participated in the first-ever University Open Day Exhibition-ELIXIR on September 30, 2023, under the Philately and Numismatics Category. 289 postage stamps, 12 postal stationery, 368 coins, and 44 currency notes were on display across 98 display sheets. Members of PANA visited the Karnataka State Level Philately Exhibition- KARNAPEX-2024 from January 5, 2023, to January 8, 2023, at Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru, and

interacted with Philatelists from different parts of India making a detailed study of Philatelic treasures on display. PANEX-2024, the annual exhibition of PANA held on February 9 and 10, 2024 showcased 249 postage stamps, 34 postal stationeries, 375 coins, and 109 currency notes across 114 exhibition sheets. A five-member jury consisting of Mr G Anuplal, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Melwin Colaco, Lt EM Nagarajan, and Mr Anil D'Souza, declared the winners. Ms KL Gowri Shastry of II ECI and Ms Caroline Judi Benhur of II ESO were declared the Best Philatelist and Numismatist of SJU. PANA members also attended the National Numismatics Exhibition 2024 at Shikshakara Sadana, Bengaluru on February 24 and 25, 2024 and made extensive studies. Regular meetings of PANA have played a significant role in nurturing philatelic and numismatic knowledge among the members of the smallest but most vibrant association of the University.



# PRO OFFICE



## Visit of the President of Tibet Penpa Tsering

On February 7, 2024, St Joseph's University had the honour of hosting Penpa Tsering, the President of Tibet, for a two-hour engagement aimed at shedding light on the Tibetan struggle for autonomy and freedom. The event, attended by approximately 1000 students and esteemed dignitaries including the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco, and PRO Mr Kiran Jeevan, served as a platform for discourse, reflection, and solidarity. President Penpa Tsering eloquently elucidated the historical journey of the Tibetan struggle, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of its origins, milestones, and contemporary challenges. His discourse underscored the resilience and determination of the Tibetan people in their pursuit of justice and self-determination, resonating deeply with the audience. Mr Tsering's acknowledgement of the Indian Government's unwavering support for the Tibetan cause served to strengthen bilateral ties and reaffirm the importance of diplomatic alliances in addressing global humanitarian issues. The recognition of India's role in sheltering and advocating for Tibetan refugees highlighted the shared values and solidarity between the Tibetan and Indian communities. The President's mention of the invaluable contributions of Civil Society organisations underscored the significance of grassroots movements and collective action in effecting meaningful change. It emphasised the power of ordinary citizens and non-governmental entities in amplifying marginalised voices and advocating for social justice on a global scale. Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ's reflections on the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to St Joseph's University added a spiritual and ethical dimension to the discourse. His emphasis on compassion, tolerance, and resilience resonated with the university's ethos

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

## Visit of 24 Students from New Zealand and Australia

On January 18, 2024, St Joseph's University welcomed 24 students from New Zealand, recipients of the prestigious New Zealand Prime Minister's Scholarship. The New Zealand Prime Minister's Scholarship is a prestigious award bestowed upon exceptional students, facilitating their academic pursuits and cultural exchange endeavours. Endowed with the spirit of fostering international cooperation and understanding, this scholarship serves as a catalyst for personal growth and global engagement. Through this Scholarship, individuals are empowered to pursue their aspirations, forge lasting connections, and become ambassadors of goodwill on the global stage. This visit promised an enriching exchange between the visiting scholars and our students. Additionally, a friendly cricket match, consisting of 6 overs, was organised, serving as a platform for camaraderie and sportsmanship. Following the cricket match, the New Zealand scholars had the opportunity to interact with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Victor Lobo SJ, and the Public Relations Officers of the University. These interactions provided a platform for cultural exchange, intellectual discourse, and the forging of new friendships. Led by Mr Nick Brooker, the visiting team from New Zealand left a lasting impression on the St Joseph's University community, fostering international connections and enriching the academic and cultural landscape of our campus.



## Corporate Genesis 2024

Corporate Genesis, an annual business conclave organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell at St Joseph's University, serves as a dynamic platform uniting industry leaders, visionaries, and budding entrepreneurs. This event, renowned for its prestige, facilitates insightful discussions and networking opportunities, aiming to inspire, educate, and connect individuals passionate about entrepreneurship and the evolving business landscape.

The seventh edition of Corporate Genesis, themed "India 2047: The Future of Work," epitomised this mission. Held at St Joseph's University Bengaluru, the conclave delved into discussions aligning with the Government of India's Vision India@2047 initiative, aiming to enlighten young minds about the future workforce. Distinguished guests graced the event, including Mr A S Kiran, Former Chairman of ISRO, as the Chief Guest, and keynote speakers Mr Arun Chittilappily, Mr Karan Virwani, and Mr Karan Bali, sharing invaluable insights. The panel discussion, moderated by Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Head of the Department of Commerce, explored the theme "Future of Work," addressing various aspects of the evolving work culture. Panellists, including industry stalwarts like Mr Rahul Arora, Mr Mahesh Reddy, Ms Vanda Ferrao, and Ms Vaamaa Baldota, offered diverse perspectives on topics such as hybrid work models, job sustainability, and mental health in the workplace. The event also fostered partnerships with organisations like Unstop and iDare, alongside media and education partners such as Indigo Music, GMT, and HDFC Credila, enhancing its reach and impact. Corporate Genesis 7.0 commenced with a morning prayer and Chief Guest address, followed by engaging keynote sessions and cultural performances. The panel discussion encapsulated the essence of the conclave, inspiring attendees and garnering positive reviews for its insightful discussions and forward-looking agenda.

### Dr Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture

St Joseph's University was abuzz as Dr Sukhadeo Thorat, a renowned economist and former Chairman of the University Grants Commission, delivered the annual Dr Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture. Dr Thorat's expertise in economics, education, and social justice made him an apt choice to honour Fr Ambrose Pinto, a champion of education for marginalised communities. Dr Thorat emphasised the urgent need for inclusive education, highlighting systemic barriers facing marginalised groups. He stressed education's role in social mobility and advocated for targeted policies like scholarships and inclusive curriculum frameworks. His

tribute to Fr Ambrose Pinto resonated with attendees, acknowledging Fr Ambrose's pioneering efforts in establishing educational institutions for marginalised youth. The lecture, attended by students, faculty, and community leaders, reaffirmed the university's commitment to excellence and social justice. As Dr Thorat concluded, attendees reflected on the need for collective action to advance inclusive education. His call for equity resonated, inspiring renewed dedication to Fr Ambrose's vision of a fairer society.

### Start-up Mela 3.0: Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Start-up Mela, the entrepreneurial extravaganza at St Joseph's University, unfolded its third edition on October 26, 2023. Organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell with guidance from the Public Relations Office, this year's event drew attention for its carnival-themed ambience and a lineup of 35+ startups from various industries. The inauguration, graced by dignitaries including Mr Krishna Kumar, Executive Director of KSDC, Mr Ashwin Gowda, IRS Managing Director of Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor, marked a historic milestone with a strategic partnership with the Government of India, facilitated by Startup India and Y20, the youth forum of G20 India.



Apart from government partnerships, Start-up Mela 3.0 collaborated with NGOs, venture capital firms, and educational institutions like Draper Startup House, IFIA Bharat, Atal Incubation Centre Dayananda Sagar University, and E-Cell Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology. The event attracted students from various colleges across Bangalore, including Christ (Deemed-to-be University), MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, CMS of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), and SMVIT, showcasing its widespread appeal. Visionary investors like Mr Rishav Agarwal, CEO of Picxele, and Mr Manish D'souza from Eagle Wings VC, among others, shared insights, igniting enthusiasm among participants. Start-ups across industries like AI, automotive, fintech, healthcare, and education showcased innovative solutions, leaving attendees inspired. Reflecting on the event, Mr D Kiran Jeevan, the Public Relations Officer, highlighted the impressive utilisation of AI by tech startups and their innovative problem-solving approaches, echoing the event's theme of celebrating creativity and resilience. As Start-up Mela 3.0 concluded, participants left

with renewed inspiration, affirming the event's success in fostering collaboration and community-building in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

## TEDxSJU

On March 20, 2024, TEDxSJU Bangalore unfolded as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the TEDx team at St Joseph's University. TEDx, born from the ethos of TED's mission to unearth and propagate transformative ideas, serves as a grassroots platform for local communities to engage in dialogue about ideas worth disseminating. Spearheaded by Convener Aanaida Rehman, Licensee Satyam, Co-Licensee Vanshika, and, TEDxSJU Bangalore bore the theme "Looking through the prism." This theme epitomised the transformative power of knowledge, illustrating how it acts as a prism, refracting conservative and concrete ideas into a spectrum of possibilities. The event aimed to dismantle the constraints imposed by society on individual thought, showcasing how knowledge fosters diverse perspectives and understanding. The curated lineup of speakers and their topics resonated with the theme, offering fresh insights into familiar subjects. From "classroom experiences of a trans teacher" to "deepfakes" and "life as an organ donor," each idea challenged conventional notions, inviting attendees to view ordinary concepts through a new lens. Prominent figures from various domains including law, academia, entrepreneurship, medicine, and entertainment graced the stage. Notable speakers such as Dr Roshan Jain, Dr Lena Robra, Mr Dhananjay Singh, Mr Manish Chowdhary, Mr Saakshar Duggal, Ms Ragini Dwivedi, Ms Mannara Chopra, Ms Nadika Nadja, Mr Syed Asad Abbas, and Mr Kiran Jeevan captivated the audience with their expertise and experiences. The event received an overwhelming response from the community, igniting a fervent thirst for knowledge and innovation. In addition to inspiring talks, captivating performances by Garuda and Sri Durga Parmeshwari Nriyanikethan were celebrated and appreciated. We are grateful for the generous support of our partners,



including Goldwings Aviation, who extended hospitality to our esteemed guests, and Vistaar Media Agency. Additionally, the backing of SERVO Indian Oil and Verve enhanced the event's impact, given its significant platform. With a focus on fostering innovation and creativity, TEDxSJU Bangalore effectively ignited a passion for ideas that will shape the future for generations to come.

## St Joseph's University Welcomes Tibetan School Students for Educational Outreach

St Joseph's University recently hosted a delegation of 300 students from Tibetan schools, marking a significant step in the university's dedication to educational outreach and community engagement. The visit aimed to familiarise the students with the university's academic offerings, campus life, and values, fostering mutual understanding and cultural exchange. The event began with a warm welcome from Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor, who highlighted the transformative power of education for personal and societal progress. He encouraged the students to pursue their academic goals with dedication, emphasising the opportunities available at St Joseph's University. Dr Fr Lobo also expressed solidarity with the Tibetan cause, reaffirming the university's commitment to social justice and global solidarity. The students received an overview of the university's courses and academic programs from faculty members, gaining valuable insights into the diverse learning opportunities available. During the campus tour, the students interacted with current students, experiencing firsthand the vibrant academic community at St Joseph's University. They explored classrooms, laboratories, and other facilities, immersing themselves in the university's learning environment. Throughout the visit, the students engaged in discussions with faculty and university staff, seeking guidance on academic and career paths. The visit exemplified meaningful interactions, fostering collaboration and mutual respect.



## CENTRE FOR PLACEMENTS AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

To enhance student employability and improve placement outcomes, the Management has restructured the Centre for Placements and Skill Development. In this regard two full-time personnel dedicated to generating more placement opportunities for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University, helping them acquire the necessary job skills, and coordinating academia-industry interactions were appointed.

year include DE Shaw, Ernst Young, Deloitte, PwC, Tata Elxsi, TCS, PayPal, Oracle, Federal Bank, City Union Bank, Aditya Birla, Conde Nast, Ather Energy, Decathlon, Grant Thornton, Zerodha, Target, and Biocon to name a few. The highest package offered for the current academic year is Rs 23 LPA. Around 1000 students have participated in these recruitment drives organised by the centre.



Mr Anil P was appointed as a Placement Officer in January 2024. He has served as a Placement Officer at Christ University, Bangalore for more than 12 years. Along with Mr Anil, Ms Dalsa Jose has been appointed as a Placement Executive in December 2023. Ms Jose has previously worked as a Senior Placement Coordinator at AIMS International Business School, Bangalore for three years.

Since the restructuring, more than 100 organisations have connected with the University to hire fresh talent from various UG and PG programmes of the University. The top recruiters for the current academic

The Centre for Placements has also organised Campus to Corporate preparedness sessions for the final-year students. These sessions conducted by external agencies and senior corporate HR personnel have provided students insights into various stages of the interview process and how to successfully navigate them.

The Centre for Placements has also maintained its presence on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter to connect with corporates and reach a wider audience through periodical updates on various activities conducted for the student community.



# JOSEPHITE RESEARCH FORUM

## Inauguration of Josephite Research Forum

The activities of the Josephite Research Forum for the academic year was inaugurated on January 18, 2024. The invited guest for the day was Dr AS Jeevan Chakravarthy, Assistant Professor at BMSIT&M and Research Associate, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research. Dr Chakravarthy was presented a memento by Dr Jincy George on behalf of the association. During his talk on “Research Aptitude and Opportunities”, he elaborately discussed various internship opportunities available, and institutes and laboratories at national and local levels. He also shared the different schemes, initiatives, and fellowships present for researchers. In conclusion, the event successfully marked the beginning of the Josephite Research Forum (JRF) for 2023-'24,

and was highly informative regarding how to get involved in research in the field of science.

## Term Paper Seminar

Josephite Research Forum organised a seminar on February 26, 2024, on how to approach a term paper, which is mandatory for IV semester undergraduate students of the university. Representative professors from different departments of the University explained the process to students from various schools - School of Chemical Sciences, School of Physical Sciences, School of Life Sciences and School of Humanities. During the presentation, the professors explained how to choose a topic for the term paper, the nature of a term paper, the format, and the timelines involved. The professors then addressed concerns and answered questions of the students.



## WOMEN'S CELL

A talk titled 'Cervical Cancer Awareness' was organised by the Women's Cell in association with the Department of Botany, on February 13, 2024. Dr Betty Daniel, Former Head of the Department of Botany, SJC gave an interactive talk to increase awareness regarding cervical cancer. Dr Shanty Mathew, the convenor, and Dr Neelam Mishra, the coordinator of Women's Cell felicitated Dr Betty

Daniel for her outstanding research contribution towards cancer. On April 1, 2024, a session on 'Mindfulness Magic' was conducted by Mr Divyesh Bhandari, Director, Imbrogio Productions in the Xavier Hall. This session aimed to teach students the unique 'Just-A-Minute-Meditation' method, which has been proven to reduce stress, improve efficiency, and enhance focus during daily tasks.



# THE JOSEPHITE CHOIR

The Josephite Choir is one of the oldest associations of the institution. It takes immense pride in being the only Student led Choir in all of Bangalore. The Choir is over a 100 years old now and abides faithfully to its motto 'Singing for the Greater Glory of God.' The choir is blessed with amazing choristers and saw a lot of immensely talented musicians and singers this year as well. Mr Shalom Sabu of III BSc. CEZ was appointed as the choir conductor for the year 2023-2024. This year the choir had 225 choristers.

Glorious 'Festival of Harmony' a national level Gospel Fest organised by the Glorious Choir marked the beginning of the journey of the Choir for the academic

in Whitefield and also performed at the Richmond Town Methodist Church.

In the month of January, the choir performed at Resound 2024 hosted by St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC). Throughout the year the choir participated in various programmes and events hosted by the University and various associations and departments of the University.

The Josephite Choir as an association has played a key role in enhancing the musical skills of its members and saw greater growth in their musical abilities this year.



year 2023-24. The Josephite Choir then went on to participate in the Annual Sing Song Competition Hosted by the East Parade CSI Tamil Church. The choir stood first in the Institution category,

Ms Anna Jose won the first place in the western solo singing and the Conductor, Mr Shalom Sabu won the first place in the vernacular solo singing competition. Overall the choir came first in the Institution category of the competition.

The choir also had the privilege to sing in front of esteemed personalities like the former President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind, Director General of CSIR. Dr N Kalaiselvi and Shri. Dinesh Gundu Rao.

The Josephite Choir is known for its performances during the Christmas Season. In December 2023 the choir gave beautiful performances at the Magnificat 2023 held at Christ University BGR Campus and The Magnificat 2023- A Song of Hope hosted by the Christ University Central Campus. The choir also performed at the Alumni meet held at the St Joseph's University. The Choir participated in a Carol Singing Competition hosted by VR Mall



# KALAH

The Indian Music Association (IMA) - Kalah continues to resonate with success and cultural enrichment as it wraps up another eventful year. The IMA promotes a vibrant tapestry of Indian music and enriches the life of students in the campus and celebrate diversity. The team has participated in various Inter-college and National fests in Bengaluru and other states. The achievements are listed below:

## Group Achievements:

1. Second place in Classical group singing at Cambridge University of Technology, Bengaluru.
2. First place in Group Singing at Hasanth Women's College, Bengaluru.
3. Third place in Indian Group Music & Riff off at St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru.
4. Second place in Eastern group singing and Percussion Assemble at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
5. Second place in Percussion Assemble at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Bagged overall trophy from Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

## Individual Achievements

1. Pranava Shastri (Violin) won Second in Tarangini Fest for Solo Instrumental Music held at IISCs, Bengaluru.
2. John Paul, (Violin) won First in Solo Instrumental Music held at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru.
3. John Paul, (Violin) won Second in Solo Instrumental Music held at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
4. Sirikrishna Hindupur and Supriya R won First in Duet singing held at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
5. Neha Narayanan and Aditya Anand won Second in Duet singing held at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
6. Neha Narayanan won First in Solo Singing in the national fest Unmad 2024 held at IIM Bengaluru.
7. Neha Narayanan won First in Solo Singing held at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru
8. Sirikrishna Hindupur won Second in Indian Solo Singing (Classical) held at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
9. Supriya R won First in Solo Singing held at Hasanth Women's College, Bengaluru.



# WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION



J Streets Crew, the Western Dance Association of St Joseph's University, embarked as a university crew with a vision to soar higher. Embracing hard work and consistency, the team engaged in various events showcasing talent across India. They started the year with a remarkable feat, securing 4th place at PODS 2024 in Mumbai. This achievement brought immense pride, inspiring the team to pursue more competitions, and elevating the reputation of the crew and the University. With dedication, they clinched the overall trophy at Kristu Jayanti College's dance fest for the third consecutive year, continuing their stellar performances in fests all across Bengaluru.



## SJU FASHION TEAM

The SJU Fashion Team started off with a bang by introducing the new team for the academic year 2023-24 with a performance at Prathibha on October 19, 2023. Soon, the team began participating in numerous fests. They embraced new themes and showcased their creativity on stage at events like Dhvani, Cul-ah!, and Scintillation. With their immense talent, the team secured 3rd place at

Scintillation 2024. Their conquering spirit led them to secure 1st place in fashion show events at Mount Carmel College, PES University, and Krupanidhi Group of Institutions. Throughout the year, the team put in a lot of hard work and dedication, always putting their best foot forward; their team spirit and confidence shone brightly on stage every time they performed.



# CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CSA)

The Christian Students' Association (CSA) convenes bi-weekly meetings every Monday and Thursday, focusing on biblical exploration and fellowship. These gatherings foster deep discussions, allowing students to apply biblical teachings to their daily lives. On March 26, 2024, CSA hosted "AVIV-'Time of Spring'" at Faber Hall, featuring a Bible quiz and pick-and-speak for SJU students. CSA

students excelled at the intercollegiate Gospel fest, Yirah-2024, on April 5, securing prizes in JAM, solo vernacular singing, and Bible quiz. They further showcased their talent at El Gibhor, a gospel fest by Goodwill Christian College on April 15, 2024, winning the overall championship and bringing honour to the University.



# EPIGRAM - DEBSOC

Epigram, the Debating Society of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, officialised on October 10, 2023, has emerged as a beacon of intellectual engagement and social consciousness within the university community. Rooted in the fundamental ideals of fostering intellectual exercise through deliberation, debates, and discussions, Epigram aspires to provide students with a platform to express their opinions, hone their rhetorical skills, and delve into critical societal issues. Epigram's mission also seeks to cultivate social awareness and engagement by addressing pressing global and local issues through constructive discourse and outreach.

Before being officially established in the academic year 2023-24, Epigram hosted two editions of monthly debates as a classroom debating platform. This academic year, a total of five debates were conducted on topics such as "Women's Abortion Rights: Pro-Life vs Pro-Choice," and "Does Caste and Religion Define Indian Politics?" among others.

## EPIGRAM AIRWAVES & PUBLICATIONS

Apart from holding debates and fostering thoughtful discussions, Epigram is also committed to reporting on university events to encourage active participation in the same through its broadcasting and publication forums - Epigram Airwaves and Publications. Epigram Airwaves has extensively covered various university programmes. On the other hand, Epigram Publications manages and publishes a bi-semester magazine aimed at reflecting campus life, promoting creative expression, and encouraging social commentary. The first issue of the magazine was released on February 23, 2023, with students contributing creative and reporting pieces.

The Epigram Debating Society is committed to continuing the work it has done so far by providing a forum for debate, discussion, and dialogue and looks forward to building a multifaceted community at St Joseph's University.



# JESUIT WORLDWIDE LEARNING - JWJ

In association with Jesuit Worldwide Learning, St Joseph's University aims to provide equitable high-quality tertiary learning to people and communities at the margins of societies – be it through poverty, location, lack of opportunity, conflict or forced displacement – so all can contribute their knowledge and voices to a global community of learners and together foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world.

Courses, spanning a six months duration are conducted - Creative Writing and Design, as well as Business Administration. The Creative Writing and Design course is delivered in partnership with the Department of English, the Department of Media and Animation, and the Department of Computer Science. The Business Administration Course is conducted in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and Management.

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# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR AFFAIRS

Belonging to worldwide religious organizations of the Society of Jesus, it is imperative that St Joseph's University, Bangalore keeps opening its doors to all International Students and also establishes collaborative arrangements with overseas Universities for the exchange of students, teachers, and research scholars, joint research and publication projects, conducting International Seminars/Summer Programs etc. For this purpose, the University has established a full-fledged Wing "Office for International Affairs" as per UGC Guidelines with experienced professionals. The Office for International Affairs, besides advising the University Management on International Collaborations, looks after the admission and welfare of foreign students. It also creates an immersive learning environment for international students studying on the campus.

## International Student's Day

In a 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) organised the International Students' Day on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at latter's Campus. The event was graced by Ambassador Ms Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India; HE Mr Jane Ngoy Mvunzi, Member of Parliament and Minister for Finance, Kinshasa Province, D.R. Congo; Mr Alikali Sy Simwange Aly, President of FISA-B. More than 1000 international students from about 60 countries participated in the event. A food festival was also part of the programme featuring delicacies from different parts of the world.



## Gandhi Jayanti

Sarvodaya International Trust – Karnataka Chapter, DRIK Foundation and St Joseph's University organised a gathering to pay homage to the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. 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 emphasised the importance of Gandhiji's statesmanship, especially in today's political scenario. The day's centerpiece was the live musical drama titled "A Light in the Darkness" performed by DRIK Jeevanostava. This mesmerizing production artfully encapsulated the 24 philosophical facets of Gandhi's teachings.

## Visit of Dr Bu Abdullah, Emirati Entrepreneur

Dr Bu Abdullah, Emirati entrepreneur accompanied by Mr Kiran K Addala, an NRI based in UAE visited the St Joseph's University Campus on Saturday, 26th August 2023. A special interactive session was arranged at the Board Room in honour of the visiting guests where the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors and Registrar felicitated the

guests. Dr Bu Abdullah in his remarks assured that he will extend all possible assistance with regard to student faculty exchange programs, internship and placement facilities for students in any disciplines of the university. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo and the Dean, School of Information Technology, Fr Denzil Lobo apprised Dr Bu Abdullah and his team the vision and mission of the University and sought his support in promoting St Joseph's University in the Middle East so that the international students from that region are benefitted from this partnership.

## Recipients of NZ Prime Minister's Scholarship visiting the Campus

The Office of International Affairs and the Public Relations Office collaborated in receiving 24 New Zealand students who were recipients of NZ Prime Minister's scholarship on January 18, 2024. The students had a Campus Tour, interaction with the Vice-Chancellor and other students. They also played a friendly match with the University cricket team. The University had the opportunity to experience the "War Call" performed by the New Zealand students.

## Hosting Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration at St Joseph University

On February 7, 2024, Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration visited the Campus and addressed students and faculty emphasizing the global significance of the Tibetan plateau as well as the historical and contemporary ties



between India and Tibet. Sikyong shared his thoughts on China's current economic situation and underlined further the country's policies towards the Tibetan people and its misrepresentation of Tibetan affairs. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr Fr Victor

Lobo SJ, extended his appreciation to Sikyong for the visit and offered a souvenir as a token of gratitude.

## Visit of Bridgewater State University Delegates to SJU

A seven-member delegation comprising Dr Michael D Young, Senior Associate Provost and Chief Data Officer, Dr Jabbar A Al Obaidi, Professor of Communication studies, Dr Madhu N Rao, Professor of Geography and Director Center for Middle-East Studies from Bridgewater State University, MA-U.S.A. visited the university on 21 February, 2024. Faculty Exchange Programs, Student Exchange Programs, Joint Research Programs and other things were discussed.

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Mr Gaurav Chouhan (221VOF25), Bachelor of Vocation in Visual Media and Filmmaking, from the School of Communication and Media Studies successfully completed the prestigious MAGIS EXCHANGE Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in his 3rd semester from 14 August to 15 December, 2023 at Loyola University - New Orleans USA.

Ms Sheetal Sarah Ignatius (221MST04), Mathematics and Statistics from the School of Physical Sciences successfully completed the prestigious MAGIS EXCHANGE Programme 2023 to 2024, Cohort 5 in her third semester from September 2023 to January 2024 at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan.

In a collaboration with Loyola University Chicago, a Building Bridges initiative with South Asia programme two students Hiten and Merlin from St Joseph's University participated and student Merlin had a conversation with Pope Francis.



# BEMBALA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Bembala outreach program aligns with the University's vision of character formation for both women and men. BEMBALA in Kannada suggests that it aims to reach out to the deprived and vulnerable sections of society, creating opportunities for education, awareness, and skill enhancement. The Bembala outreach activities facilitate the character formation of students, encompassing behaviour, values, and attitudes towards life and others. These elements are crucial for self-discipline among young adolescents, shaping their future. Some of the activities designed for undergraduates include:

## Rural Exposure Camp

The undergraduate students are taken for a three-day Rural Exposure camp where students understand the rural realities and vulnerable sections of society. The rural exposure camp sensitises the students towards social responsibilities and orients them with the skills required for community development. This year around 2100 students took part in this programme. The students were accompanied by the outreach coordinators and class mentors. The students were taken to Solur and Nelamangala where they visited 35 different villages. Across the three days, students get exposure to work in the field and brick factory. On the final day, students have different field work till the afternoon followed by a Special Activity discussion and Camp Evaluation.

Postgraduate students' camps are for 5 days. This year around 800 students took part in this programme. PG students were accompanied by the outreach coordinators and class mentors for the camp, to Sindagi and Manvi in North Karnataka. During camp, the students are involved in various activities such as eco march, cleanliness drives, village surveys, awareness skits and drives, weeding, group

discussions, and interaction with villagers. The students also conducted various cultural programmes for the villagers.

## Traffic awareness

The students of our university were sent to different areas of Richmond Circle, Nanjappa Circle, and Double Road where they stood at traffic signals with placards and shouted out slogans on the importance of wearing a helmet and seatbelt thus highlighting the importance of traffic safety and awareness for creating a safer road environment for everyone including drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

## Paper Bag Making and Distribution

Students make around 35-40 paper bags individually and distribute them to different shop vendors and promote the use of paper bags instead of plastic with a small message to protect the environment and go eco-friendly. These bags are eco-friendly, biodegradable, affordable and recycled.

## Cleanliness Drive

The Outreach department in collaboration with the ITC Green Campus initiative, the 'Well-being out of waste' project, fostered a culture of environmental consciousness and sustainable behaviours within the campus and around the campus. The main purpose of the cleanliness drive was to create awareness among the students and people regarding waste segregation and its benefits. Students made posters on the importance of waste segregation and cleanliness. Some students had the opportunity to teach in the Government School in Nanjappa Circle. Students



interacted with the children and conducted a session on 'Civic Sense' along with some games and activities.

### Water Conservation Awareness

Despite sporadic government initiatives, the city's growth has outpaced its infrastructure development, leading to a failure to adequately address the looming crisis. Furthermore, the destruction of lakes has exacerbated the challenges faced by the tech capital of the country. Students made placards that specified the importance of water conservation and held them at traffic signals and also in college as a way to spread awareness to everyone on the importance of water.

taking a pledge to spread the message of eye donation with the hope and confidence of bringing more colour and clarity to people's lives.

### Special Activities

These are activities which are decided by each class based on the exposure they received from the rural camp. Each class decided on innovative ideas that helped in the sustainable development of society. They have collaborated with companies, NGOs, and individually as well. Some of the activities include painting the school walls, setting up projectors, speakers and screens and explaining the importance



### School for Specially Abled Children - Arpana

As part of special activities, students are sent to interact with the children and staff at Arpana which is a government school catering to children with special needs. Students involve themselves in the vocational training unit where they help in making greeting cards, painting cloth bags, and candle making.

### Blind Walk 2023

Bembala - St Joseph's Outreach, in collaboration with The Project Vision, held a 'BLIND WALK 2023' to commemorate 'World Sight Day' on October 21, 2023, in Bangalore, Karnataka. Fifteen visually impaired individuals from The Project Vision, led by blindfolded students, formed a line with each person's hand on the shoulder of the one in front of them. The walk began from St Joseph's College of Law and ended at St Joseph's College of Commerce. The 'BLIND WALK 2023' piqued people's interest, with about 700+ students participating to educate the public about eye donation. The walk concluded with the students

of visual learning. Short films were also screened on child marriage and the importance of education. Students also installed moisture sensors to monitor moisture levels at Beedanapalya, Nelamangala. Some of the classes were involved in a plantation drive wherein they planted saplings along with the children from the community. They donated groceries and stationary items for the children in the place of visit. The students also initiated a medical drive and cleanliness drive at the Uttarahalli bus stop. The students also coordinated a Mental Health Awareness event which took place at the Magis block inside the university, wherein the students set up booths that focused on promoting awareness about mental health. The main focus of this event was to disseminate awareness about mental health issues among students of St Joseph's University, to break down the stigma associated with mental health issues and to encourage individuals to seek help without fear of judgment or discrimination.

# The North-East and Tibetan Students' Forum

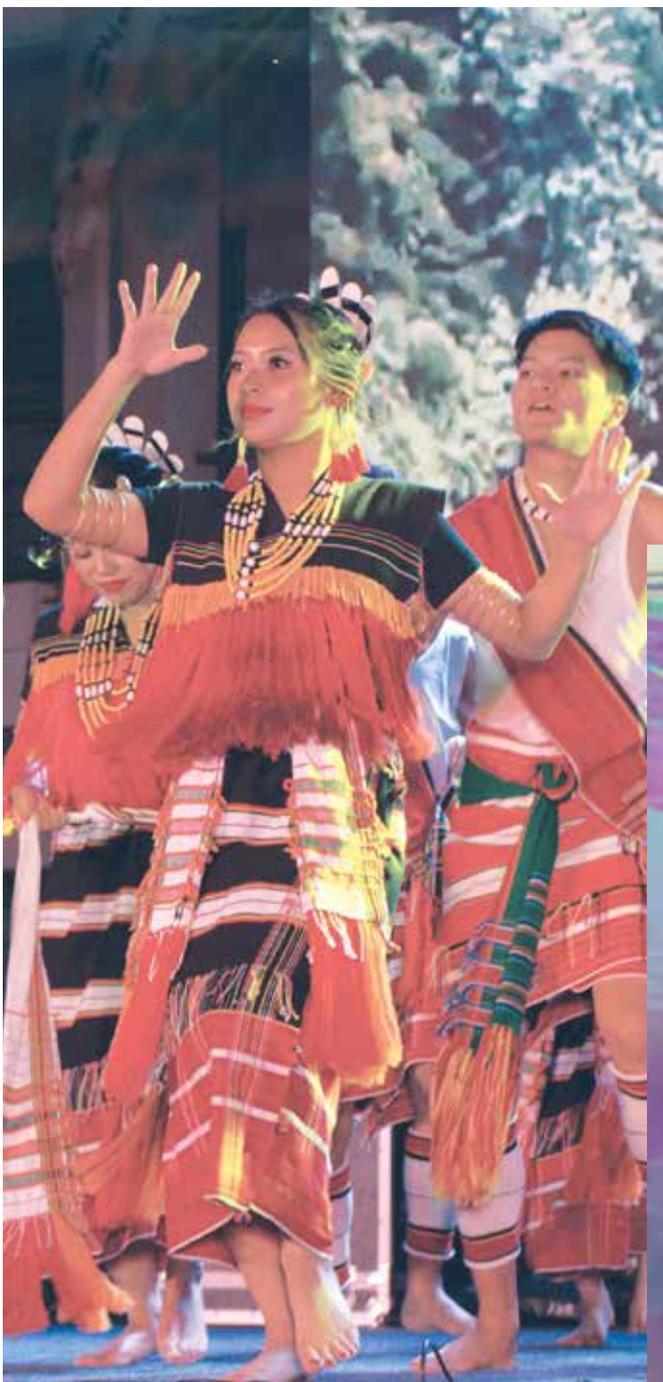
## Footprints

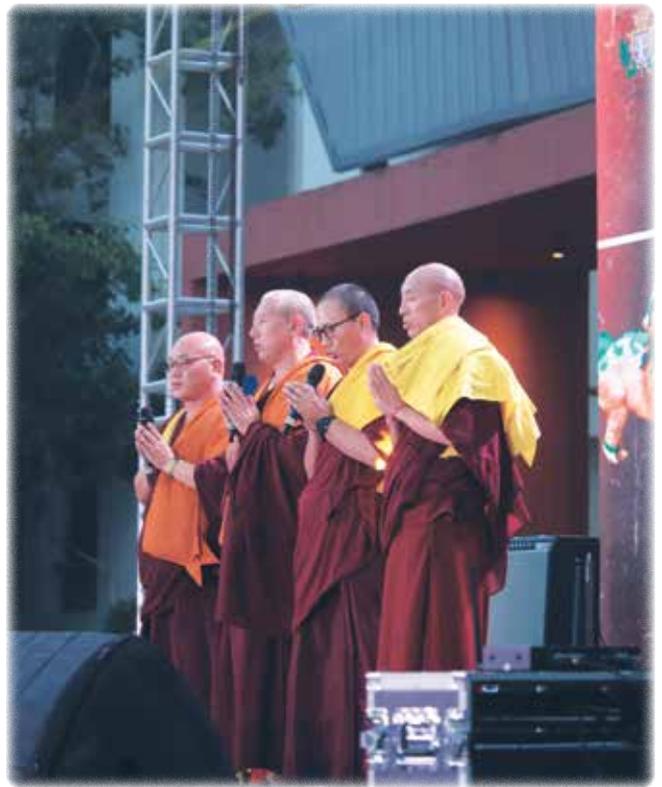
The North-East and Tibetan Students' Forum (NETSF) organised its annual event, Footprints, to celebrate and showcase India's North-Eastern region's rich and diverse cultures on April 13, 2024. Dr Tenzin Pasang, Principal of the Dalai Lama Institute of Higher Education, Bengaluru, graced this year's Footprints as the Chief Guest.

The formal programme of the evening began with prayers by Tibetan monks and an inaugural address by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ.

Dr Tenzin Pasang, then addressed the gathering. He expressed joy in being part of the programme and thanked the University administration for promoting the cultural heritage of the tribal lands. The crowd then observed a minute of silence for the people of Manipur, who have been dealing with a conflict for almost a year.

Footprints, yet again provided an opportunity for the students from North-Eastern states to come together and showcase the diverse cultures of their states through several performances.





## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

### OVERVIEW

The Department of English was established in 1882, and is thus one of the oldest departments in the University. The department introduced a streamed syllabus approach in 2005 to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds found inspiration to improve their language skills. The student-centred focus of the Department's work is visible in the five associations it runs—The Literary Society, The Quiz Club, The Performing Arts Society, Nous and The Linguistics Society. Each Association runs a flagship festival: Meta by the Literary Society, Upstage by Performing Arts, Blue Pencil by Nous, Tie Grab by the Quiz Club, and Some-Antics by the Linguistics Society. Apart from festivals, these associations run workshops, guest lectures, screenings and a social justice film festival, and other regular intramural activities. The Department also runs an alumni networking service titled JEAN, or Joseph's English Alumni Network. The Department brings out an occasional newsletter titled *EngCompass*, and two print magazines devoted to student writing titled *EngSter* and *Soupçon*. It runs a website for student journalism titled *Open Dosa* and also maintains the Rohith Vemula Archive for documenting the educational and social experiences of students from underprivileged communities. The Department has held a national conference devoted to new textualities titled *Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing* since 2020.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Dr Arul Mani

Invited to moderate a conversation with writer Harini Nagendra on her latest book, *Murder under a Red Moon* at Rangashankara in June 2023.

Invited to moderate a conversation with writer Govind Krishnan. V about his latest book, *Vivekananda: The Philosopher of Freedom* in June 2023 at Bangalore International Centre.

Wrote a feature titled "Fan tales about Bruce Lee" for Deccan Herald in July 2023.

Invited as resource person to talk about "NEP: the Karnataka Experience" at the National Seminar on "Implementation of Four-Year Undergraduate Curriculum Framework in Kerala: Prospects and Challenges", organised by the IQAC of Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur, Kerala in collaboration with the Kerala State Higher Education Council in September 2023.

Conducted a quiz at the All-Orissa ICSE Schools Quiz Championship at Bhubaneswar, Orissa in October 2023.

Wrote a feature titled "In retrospect: Michael Douglas" for Deccan Herald in October 2023.

Conducted a Spelling Bee contest for Deccan Herald in December 2023.

Invited as a panelist at the book release of Aakar Patel's novel, *After Messiah*, organised by PUCL (People's Union for Civil Liberties) in December 2023.

Conducted 'Techception' - a quiz for Phase Shift, an annual technical symposium organised by BMS College of Engineering in December 2023.

Invited to be Quiz Master at the Open Quiz for Pravega X, the annual sci-tech-cultural festival organised by the Indian Institute of Science in January 2024.

Conducted 'Travelitz' - a travel quiz at the Travel and Tourism Department, Christ (Deemed-to-be) University, Bannerghatta, in February 2024.

Conducted 'India Quiz' at Whipso Facto, an annual festival organised by the National Law School of India in March 2024.

#### Ms Vijeta Kumar

Invited to deliver a keynote address on decolonizing the classroom at the University of Exeter, Cornwall, United Kingdom in June 2023.

Invited to be a speaker at a panel on 'Anti-Caste Anti-Fascist Pedagogies: Debrahmanising and Decolonising Education' at Goldsmiths University, London, in June 2023.

Procured a research grant by Parodevi Pictures for a project on poetic politics led by writer Paromita Vohra.

Wrote an essay, "How to eat an Orange" published in the UK-India based food magazine, *Vittles*, in July 2023.

Invited to moderate a conversation with writer and filmmaker Anurag Minus Verma for "A Triptych of Memories from Rajasthan" at Bangalore International Centre in July 2023.

Facilitated a four-month long online writing workshop exclusively for Bahujan writers organised by the Ignite workshop series, San Francisco in July 2023.

Invited as resource person for a lecture at The Prajnya Gender Talks on "Freedom and its many prices: Caste and Beyond" in July 2023.

Wrote an essay, "Love Is for the Ones Who Love the Work: How Close Reading Interrupts Caste in the Classroom", published in NO NIIN magazine in August 2023.

Invited to moderate a conversation with graphic novelist Amruta Patil at Champaca bookstore in November 2023.

Featured guest speaker on The Anurag Minus Verma podcast in December 2023 for a conversation on art, joy, and the practice of writing.

Invited as resource person to speak at the two-day edition of Gender Bender 2023 for the Library Talk series on books and writing.

Wrote an essay, "Will you hide the body with me?" for The Third Eye - an online portal for feminist education in March 2024.

Invited as speaker at Columbia University, New York, to speak at a panel on "Exploring Intersectionality: Caste, Gender, and Sexuality" in April 2024.

Facilitated a two-day writing workshop on crafting the personal essay for young Bahujan writers, organised by the Criminal Justice and Police Accountability Project, Bhopal, in April 2024.

Invited as keynote speaker at the Annual Phule and Bhim Jayanti Lecture, Bhopal, in April 2024.

### **Ms Archita Murthy**

Awarded Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Writing, Translation, and Publishing from Ahmedabad University in April 2024.

### **Ms Maya Philip**

Wrote dialogues for the feature film Far by Seven Debuts, released in December 2023 in theatres in Kerala

### **Ms Drishti Rakhra**

Wrote an essay titled, "Looking Outside, Seeing Inside" that was published in In Plainspeak, October 2023.

### **Dr Shilpa Sajeev**

Invited as a guest speaker to conduct a session on Theatre Pedagogy and Comparative Literature for the students of the MA programme at the Department of Comparative Literature and India Studies, EFLU, Hyderabad in August 2023.

Awarded PhD in Comparative Literature and India Studies from The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad in January 2024.

### **Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia**

Shortlisted for The Third Eye edition on pleasure and danger, December 2023.

Invited as a juror for the Older Writers Grant for the Speculative Literature Foundation in June 2023.

Panelist in the "To Be a Creature" panel organised by Sultan's Creative Writing Club, an initiative of the students of English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, in November 2023.

### **Ms Nikhita Thomas**

Published two zines with The Zinedabad Collective for Serendipity Arts Festival, Goa, in December 2023.

Conducted an arts quiz, Arty Detours, at the annual KQA quizzing festival in December 2023.

### **Ms Nikita Gloria Pinto**

Published a chapter titled "'Life's Messy Complexity': Moral Ambiguity, Compromise, and Vigilante Justice in Kishwar Desai's Simran Singh Trilogy" in a book titled Certainty and Ambiguity in Global Mystery Fiction. (ISBN: 979-8-7651-0579-5), published by Bloomsbury Academic, New York, February 2024.

Peer reviewer and member of the Peer Review Panel for LLIDS Journal (Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies).

### **Dr Sabbah Qamri:**

Awarded PhD in Linguistics and Phonetics from The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad in January 2024.

### **Dr Bhagya Lakshmi Vijayan:**

Published a paper titled "Voicing the Voiceless: Representing Marginality in Afghan Women's Testimonios" in the UGC CARE-listed journal, IIS University Journal of Arts, in April 2024.

### **Dr Devapriya Sanyal:**

Wrote an article titled "Is Masculinity in Crisis?" for Deccan Herald in September 2023.

Peer reviewer for Routledge, UK.

Peer reviewer for CINEJ, Quarterly Review of Film and Video (Taylor and Francis).

Book reviewer for The New Indian Express.

### **Ms Gayathri Lakshmi**

Wrote an essay titled "Opening the Classroom Windows" for MAP's youth journal: Pulse, Vol 1, in March 2024.

### **Nadika N**

Served on the preview committee of the Kashish Pride Film Festival, Mumbai from February 2024.

### **Dr Revathi Suresh**

Peer reviewed article titled "The effect of script reform on levels of orthographic knowledge: Evidence from alphasyllabary Malayalam scripts" for the journal PLOS ONE in August 2023.

## Dr Achuth A

Invited to deliver a plenary lecture titled "Edible Images: Food and Visuality in Popular Culture" during the three-day national conference "Food and Culture: Transforming Perspectives and Paradigms" organised by The Department of Humanities, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, in association with Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Kerala, on 13 December 2023.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Ananya Mehta - 222PSCE002

Wrote a personal essay titled "Hairoil.mp3", published on The Blahcksheep in August 2023.

Invited as a panelist for "Finding your 'self' through stories" organised by The Department of English, St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), as part of Vividha 2023 in September 2023.

Wrote "Good morning, I woke up first" and Other Poems published in Issue 56 of The Bombay Literary Magazine in December 2023.

Wrote a poem titled "Shapeshifter A" which won the first prize in the poetry contest conducted by Sultan's Creative Writing Club, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, in February 2024.

### Anush K M S - 21TEP018

Wrote a personal essay titled "Avade Thodarathu", published in the Queer Muslim Project's magazine Tributaries in collaboration with the US General Consulate in July 2023.

Conducted a Parai performance at Samsa for Mara October fest in October 2023.

Performed a one person show, "You'll Be Found" at Satori Center, Goa, in December 2023.

Conducted an Oggudi performance at Shoonya on December 3, 2023.

Conducted an Art Street shadow puppetry show at Ramamurthy Nagar on January 27, 2024.

### Pranav V S - 222ENG07 (II MA ENGLISH)

Won second place for General Quiz in Parva 2023, organised by RV college of Physiotherapy in July 2023,

Published a photo essay titled "Bites from the Market" in The Chakkar in August 2023.

Won third place for the Open Quiz during Pravega 2024 at IISC Bangalore in January 2024.

Won second place for General Quiz at Dhvani 2024, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce in January 2024.

Won third place in the TV quiz organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce in February 2024.

Won first place for General Quiz in Scintillation 2024, organised by Jyothi Nivas College in February 2024.

Won second place in Red Thespian, a Theatre Competition, at KENSHO 2024 at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) in March 2024.

Won first place in a Literary Quiz organised at KENSHO 2024 at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) in March 2024.

Won the Azim Premji University Short Story Contest for "It's Only Water" in March 2024.

### Denzel Joyson A J - 232ENG13 (I MA ENG)

Collection of experimental poetry, 'Dog Motif and Other Afflictions' long-listed for the Toto Awards for Creative Writing in English 2024 in December 2023.

Published the poem "The Slowly Negotiated Death of a Wilting Sunflower" in Issue 1 of The Candid Review in January 2024.

Published the poems "Nightlight" and "Selfcare" in Issue 4 of Ranger Magazine USA in February 2024.

Published the poem "Dog (y)ears" in Wasteland Review Lit Mag in March, 2024.

### Shruthi Senthilnathan - 222JPY39 (II BA JPY)

Published the poem "Remnants of You" in Roi Fainéant Literary Press – Crew, edition 52, in November 2023.

### Angel Kolady - 222OEPY27 (II B.A. OE-PY)

Won third place in Fanfiction Writing contest conducted by St Joseph's College of Commerce as part of their literary fest Vividha in September 2023.

Short story "Oranges for Thangam" shortlisted for the Deodar Prize in November 2023.

Short story "Because You Owe Me" won Fiction February conducted by Sultan's Creative Writing Club of English and Foreign Languages University in February 2024.

Won first place in Prem Patra contest conducted by Agents of Ishq in February 2024.

Won second place in Spell Bee conducted by Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), as part of their literary fest La Feté.

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS

### LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society organised programmes and facilitated activities which would encourage students to explore the world of literature, through

engagements and interactions with prominent literary figures and personalities.

## Reading Room

On August 7, 2023, The Literary Society kickstarted their bi-weekly Reading Room sessions at 1 PM in A-314. Ms Vijeta Kumar introduced the concept of Reading Room to the first years, and the new readers present as a space to bring in a text or a writer and have discussions about it in a non-academic setting. The discussions during the first session were based on the French writer Annie Ernaux. A panel discussion featuring Abhishek, Sanjana, Pranava, Sai Hariesh, Shweta and Ananya was conducted the next week. The second session of Reading Room was held on October 10, 2023, where Dr Arul Mani read out Michael Bond's *Paddington* and talked about the symbolism that pointed towards the general experience of immigrants in a new country.

## Writing Desk

Monday, January 29, 2024 saw the year's first writing desk, led by Ms Cynthia in A-314 at 1 PM. The theme for the session was 'Keeping Secrets', which was also the theme for this year's SJU Prize for the Personal Essay. Ms Cynthia shared with the students attending a few of her secrets from childhood, which snowballed into the others sharing their previously best hidden ones as well. Metaphors were made and imagery was done as everyone shared their writing with the rest of the people, receiving comments and applause, marking another successful session. On Sunday, 10th February, things went off-campus as Ms Cynthia and Ms Gayathri took their group of writers to Bookworm on Church Street, where everyone sat on the terrace to write and share; Ms Cynthia shared with them two poems that inspired them to write more on the same theme.

## Meta 2024

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

The edition of Meta featured a host of stellar writers invited for conversation with students. The list includes Carmen Maria Machado, Anjum Hasan, Sukirtharani, Roopa Pai, Vivek Shanbhag, Anurag Minus Verma, Jayant Kaikini, Tejaswini Niranjana, Abhishek Annica, Paromita Vohra, Kirtana Kumar, Amulya Shruti, and V Govind Krishnan.

## BYOB: Bring Your Own Book

On April 1, 2024, the Literary Society inspired by the famous Cubbon Reads held their very first session of BYOB: Bring your own book. Seventeen people from different classes and shifts all gathered together at 1:00 PM, during the lunch break at A314 to sit with each other and read in silent, shared company for 45 minutes. People were encouraged to read whatever they wished to, whether it was a physical book or a digital copy. While most of the people present were reading actual books, some classics and some sci-fi, like "Lolita" or "A Place Called Here", some of them cozied up to read fanfiction of their favorite series. To conclude the session, a few of the students after some coaxing opened up about what they were reading; some of them also shared their favorite moments from their stories.

## LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

### Lingles Tuesdays

The members of The Linguistics Society gathered on various Tuesdays for conversations about language and to solve word games. 'Lang Time No See' took place on November 7, 2023, followed by two 'Puzzle Tuesday' events, on January 9, 2024, and January 30, 2024.

Lang Time No See celebrated linguistic diversity, featuring presentations on Konkani by Ms Vijeta, Nasween Beig, and Renee, emphasizing its dialects and their cultural significance. Ms Vijeta spoke about how Konkani reminds her of her maternal family and explained the poise and physicality of the language. Nasween introduced a folk song which was sung along by the participants, while Renee mesmerised the attendees with a romantic song that is very personal to her – "Mog Tujho Kithle Ashelon".

The Puzzle Tuesday events focused on cryptic clues and languages in fantasy novels and also introduced "AWAW" or "A Word A Week". Angel Kolady from II OEPY set the clues for the first Puzzle Tuesday and Shweta Philip compiled a set of questions about etymology. The questions for the second edition were set by Shweta Philip and Mithila Rangarajan from II MA English. This edition featured questions related to the Harry Potter universe and the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

### Punning Workshop

Punning, as Dr Arul Mani explained, requires a certain confidence to play around with language.

The fun of punning multiplies when new languages are introduced to it. On January 16, 2024, alumni, teachers and students from different streams and linguistic backgrounds gathered at A314 for an hour and a half of punning. The workshop was conducted by Dr Arul Mani. The workshop was full of laughs and interesting conversations on what games one can play with language. This workshop led to the participation of many students in Punny Kutty, a punning contest held as part of SomeAntics.

### **Bottle Painting Drive**

As a fundraiser for its annual festival SomeAntics, the Linguistics Society conducted a bottle painting drive on the January 25, 2024. Bottles were collected a week in advance and were painted in the Language Learning Facility. The drive took place at 1 PM. The painted bottles were auctioned off on the February 6, 2024, by Dr Arul Mani and Anush KMS from III TPY. Many of the bottles sold out and the auction also helped spread the word about SomeAntics.

### **SomeAntics 2024**

SomeAntics, stylised as S-mænt-ks, is the Josephite Festival of Language, that celebrates language use and play, emphasising how it is a space for everyone to connect with language, not just students of Linguistics or experts in grammar. The 2024 edition was held from February 21 to 24, 2024. The first day kicked off with an inauguration in A314 followed by the announcement of the prompt for Zine Making, and a fun word puzzle contest called Wordnik. The same evening, International Mother Languages Day was celebrated, with students from various courses coming forward to sing, dance, narrate a story, or present an aspect of their language they are fascinated by.

The other days of SomeAntics featured events like Punny Kutty, a pun-making contest, V2R1, a game where a team of two people come together and become one, saying only one word at a time to fulfil a given prompt, word games like Spelling Bee, What's the Good Word, and Anaphora, a contest to design the 27th letter of the alphabet and so on. The response was overwhelming, with some events having over 40 participants. The last day of the fest, which was conducted online, had the association's first-ever inter-collegiate contestants, reinforcing the feeling of a successful SomeAntics 2024.

The second edition of the Mother Tongue Essay Contest was also conducted as part of SomeAntics 2024. The prompt was "Letting Fly" and the deadline for submissions was February 29, 2024. It was judged by Sarah Mathew, editor at Dorling Kindersley. Nikhita Raaj and Bhaswatee Das of II MA English won the 3rd and 2nd positions respectively. Lonav Ojha, an alumnus of St Joseph's University who is currently studying at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, won first place.

## **THE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY**

### **Intramural**

Intramural, an inter-class theatre festival, was held on October 11 to 13 and October 27, 2023. It was a vibrant showcase of talent and creativity, featuring a diverse range of events that captivated the audience from start to finish.

The Short Play event, judged by Mr Ashish, saw teams deliver remarkable performances, each striving to leave a lasting impression. Sunitto and team from I TPY were placed first. The second place was a tie between two teams – Priscilla and team from I MA English and Aalaya and team from II MA English. The third place went to Joel and team from II MA English. Scenematic, the fest's culminating event on October 13th, transformed iconic dramatic scenes into musical adaptations. Teams, judged by Ms Gayathri Lakshmi, showcased their talent with themes ranging from The Lion King to Avengers, delivering memorable performances that left a mark on attendees. Bhoomika and team from II MA English came first. Jeffrey Johnson and team from I TPY came second and Niveditha and team were placed third. What If, curated newly this year, offered an imaginative reinterpretation of well-known epics. Judged by Ms Simran, an alumnus and performer, Bhoomika and team from II MA English were placed first. Divyah and team from II OEPY and Shrankhala and team from I TPY were tied in second, while Michelle and team from I MA finished third in the event. The introduction of Rewrite, provided a fresh addition to the festival lineup, fostering literary creativity among participants. Ms Nikitha Thomas's discerning judgment culminated in Claire Noble from I MA ENG securing the coveted first place.

The fest continued with the group event Tappang, where energetic dance performances infused the atmosphere with vitality. Ms Florissa, a theatre practitioner and teacher, acted as the judge. Elisha and team from II TPY were placed first, while Bhoomika and team from II MA ENG placed second, and Tanisha and team from I TPY were placed third.

### **Toto Circle Workshop**

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

## Upstage 2024

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

The winners of Short Play were You'll Be Found (Anush, SJU), Shattered Dreams (Sunitto and team, SJU) and Gangubai Kathiawadi (Naomi and team, SJU). Winners of the Scenematic category were Hostel Hudugaru Bekaggidare (Supriya and team, JNC), Thambi, Katti Kelage Rako (Eljia and team, SJU) and Legally South Indian (Erin and team, SJU) and The Lion King (Pooja and team, JNC). For Mime, L'Hopital (Pranav and team, SJU) and Face of God (Eljia and team, SJU) bagged the prizes.

On February 27, two teams performed Street Play, choreographed by Dr Manjunath who brought the college Atrium together in unity and necessity. Viva Palestine (Shifa and team, SJU) won the first prize and Satyameva Jayate (Mereena and team, SJU) were placed second.

On the last day, the Performing Arts Society arranged seven long plays that swayed the audience in tension, fear, laughter and joy. NMKRV College for Women won the first prize for their play Aduge Maneyallondu Huli (Apoorva and team), and St Joseph's University bagged the second and third prizes for White Lab Coat (Karan Bajjal and team) and You Know Who? (Joel and team) respectively.

## NOUS

### Quiet Debate

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

### Listening Post

Listening Post is one of the staple events that is hosted by Nous every Wednesday at 1 pm in Room A 314, Arrupe block, St Joseph's University. This event gives students the platform to talk about their favorite music artists or genre in music. Listening Post successfully held almost more than

five sessions in this academic year. The first session was inaugurated by Dr Arul Mani, the Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures. There were a variety of topics that were spoken about, ranging from Namma Bengaluru's 'Killa K' to K-pop's favorite 'Super Junior'. The event aimed to provide students with a platform to talk about music from their own perspective and share it with others and bring together students who shared similar interests.

### Nous Showing

Every Wednesday, Nous would showcase films and short films that explore various aspects of culture, art, and life, spanning across different time periods, in the Communicative English Lab. Registered viewers got the opportunity to watch and immerse themselves in films such as Mandela, a satirical political film set in the context of a village panchayat election, where the outcome of the election hinges on the vote of a local barber. Additionally, films such as timeless Audrey Hepburn classics like "Wait Until Dark" and "Charades" were screened. Following each screening, guided by Dr Arul Mani or Ms Vijeta, the audience would actively participate in discussions, analyzing the movie's themes, motivation, and contemporary significance.

### Social Justice Film Festival 2023

Conducted on the October 6th and 7th, 2023, The Social Justice Film Festival is the flagship event of NOUS, a news arts and film association run by the Department of English. This year, the film festival saw a huge turnout, including a significant number from outside the college as well.

After a short inauguration, we were introduced to our curator, the reputed documentary filmmaker, Mr RP Amudhan. The documentaries screened dealt with pertinent topics of social import – indigenous tribes and their relationship with nature, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the marginalized, the stigmatization of menstruation, etc. The students also interacted with RP Amudhan and Deepak Verma, whose film Malipura Dam, was screened during the festival.

This year's edition of SJFF featured international films for the first time. These films touched upon topics such as racism in America and the prejudice against immigrants. Fikirte was an almost absurd story about a woman who lives in a container, which nevertheless raises questions regarding access to welfare, especially for single mothers. Another documentary turned its attention towards undocumented people living in Finland. The Film Festival was a raging success. Every documentary screened at the festival highlighted different issues of social justice, making students view things from a new perspective.

## Blue Pencil

Blue Pencil is an intercollegiate festival of writing and journalism organised by NOUS, an association for news arts and film run by the Department of English. Events in Blue Pencil were also collaborated with other associations like the Quiz Club for Who News?. The team from RVC – Aditya S and Adithya Acharya – won the first prize in this fact-checking quiz.

Other successful contests included Off-Plate (food writing contest), Sub-Kuch (proof reading contest), NoseCut (mock press conference), and Mujhe Zine Do! (zine-making contest). We also had several panels including conversations with renowned writers like Aashish Rajadhyaksha, and Shelvin Sebastian. There were student discussion panels on OTT and K-Dramas.

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

The SJU Debate was the first of its kind, bringing students the opportunity to debate, have a discourse and deliberation on a particular topic in the Oxford-style of debate. The debating teams came from Christ (Deemed to be University), Alliance University, Manipal Academy, and St Joseph's University to deliberate on the topic "India can afford to provide university education free of cost." For the valedictory, NOUS office bearers were called upon to the stage to present the certificates and Bookworm coupons to the winners of each event that they hosted. After a rousing speech on Blue Pencil and participation by all the students, the Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures, Dr Arul Mani presented the Blue Pencil Rolling Trophy to Christ (Deemed to be university). Wrapping up Blue Pencil, a cake was cut by the office bearers for all the professors, association executives, volunteers and participants.

## The SJU Debate

The fifth edition of Blue Pencil - the student festival of writing and journalism, saw the inauguration of the SJU Debate, hosted by the Department of English. The debate was held at the University Auditorium at 4:00 pm on February 5, 2024. The motion for the debate was "India can afford to provide university education free of cost". Modeled on the style of Oxford Union debates, teams of two from diverse colleges such as Christ (Deemed to be) University, Alliance, Manipal, and St Joseph's University participated in the event. The distinguished panel of judges for the event consisted of Mr Vineeth Surendranath, a renowned leukemia researcher at the German Stem Cell Foundation, and Mr Arvind Narrain, a lawyer and the author of the book "India's Undeclared Emergency: Constitutionalism and the

Politics of Resistance". The debate was moderated by Dr Cherian Alexander, former Head of the English Department who currently serves as an adjunct faculty member.

The audience witnessed an intellectual competition in which each speaker endeavored to present logical arguments to convince the seated individuals and secure their votes, thereby establishing a connection between democracy and thoughtful discussion. The audience poll yielded results in favor of the opposition, who presented arguments against the motion, ultimately concluding that it is not feasible for contemporary India to offer free higher education. As a successful first edition, the SJU debate will only continue to expand as a platform for diversity and rationalism in the coming editions of Blue Pencil. Jishnu (Alliance University) and Neha Sen (Christ Deemed-to-Be University) were named first and second best speakers, respectively. Sana Kamal (Christ University) and Riya Pote (Alliance University) were tied for the third position.

## SJU QUIZ CLUB

### Arty Detours

Arty Detours, the first open quiz of the even semester, kicked off at De Nobili Hall on January 20, 2024. Arty Detours presented 40 questions to the mostly Open quizzing crowd in attendance. Renaissance classics, Warli art and more were in attendance as our QMs, Dr Arul Mani and Ms Nikhita Thomas, flitted and touched through the world of art. Anustup Datta and Thejaswi Udupa won the first prize, while Jaidev Karunakaran and Supratim bagged the second prize, with Venkatesh Srinivasan and Subrat Mohanty winding up the honours.

### Askqance Last Place

Askqance Last Place, held on January 20, 2024, started with teams of two (both open and college), answering a written quiz of 20 questions, set by QM Dr Arul Mani. After navigating polar bears, airlifts and more, the top 8 college and open teams were teamed into 8 quartets as the finals of the ALP began. Beginning with a cryptic round surrounding the Mughals, the finals had two rounds of Clockwise and Anti-Clockwise pounce and bounce rounds. The team comprising of Parth (APU), Anustup Datta and Thejaswi Udupa were placed first.

### Fruits Quiz

The third weekly quiz of the semester was held on January 25, 2024. Angel Kolady was the quest QM. From pomegranates to pineapples, from oranges to huckleberries? (I thought he existed only in Mark Twain...), quizzers seemed bamboozled by the questions while answering, but the room was rent with 'ooh's and 'aah's as the answers were revealed. Parthana and Andrea climbed to the top of the orchard, winning the quiz with 6 points.

## Bengaluru Quiz

The Bengaluru Quiz was the fourth of the regular weekly quizzes and was held on February 1, 2024. Localite and QC Convener Pranava playing QM, quizzers tried to identify the terracotta red used in specific places in the city (High Court, State Central Library etc.) and explored iconic eateries around college like Makkah Café through local rapper Pasha Bhai. Shweta and Arya topped the quiz while Nasween and Shifa finished second. Close on their heels though were Bhoomika and Arya who ended the quiz in third place.

## Guesstalt

The Quiz Club of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, kicked off the month of February with an extremely entertaining general quiz - Guesstalt - that was open only to school and college teams. This quiz was a special one, with two alumni quizzers – Rohit and Venkat – coming back as the quizmasters alongside Dr Arul Mani. With over 25 teams from various colleges, the event was a highly successful one. The written prelims were competitive with a lot of teams just missing out. The top eight teams made it into the finals, out of which, two teams were from St Joseph's University. Pranav and Vaishnav from PESU grabbed the first place.

## OTT-aku

The OTT-aku quiz was held by SJU Quizzers Club as a part of Meta on February 17, 2024. 27 teams had registered for the competition. The first set of the quiz was conducted by Pranava, the second set by Sanjana and the third set by Dr Arul Mani. The questions ranged from futuristic shows, recreations, authors from Meta who made cameos in niche films, and movies documenting historical events. Peter Panchali, Debanjan Bose and Rohit Rao were the winners of the quiz.

## Bookends

While the OTT-aku results were being announced, teams began registering at the desk outside A314 for Bookends, the book quiz conducted as part of Meta. About 15 college teams and 20 open teams were present. The prelims, conducted by Karthik and Shruti, began at 04:55 pm. With a total of twenty-five questions, the prelims looked at film adaptations of books, radio shows on martian invasions, O Henry and various pen-names and the first erotica ever written. After a fifteen-minute break, the finals were held at 06:00 pm. The finals were conducted by Dr Arul Mani. Ms Cynthia and Ms Nikhita set five questions each. The quiz ended at 07:50 pm with Keshav and Nishanth being declared winners. Sanjana and Aagney were the best college team.

## Amor and Tongues

Amor and Tongues was held on March 9, 2024. The emcee for the evening Nancy introduced the event and instructions to be followed. The questions were curated by Dr Arul Mani and Shweta Philip. The participants had to write down their estimated answers on sheets of paper. It was a duo and solo event. Raouf and Subhadeep were the winners of the event.

## Eve-ntually

Eve-ntually, the general quiz for women saw straight finals for the nine teams that took part. It took place at 04:30 pm on March 9, 2024, a day after Women's Day. The questions were set by Ms Vijeta, Dr Arul Mani, and Nadika Nadja. After four rounds, the quiz ended with Aru Shukla and Riddhima Nag, a team from Christ (Deemed to be University) in third place, a promising solo school participant, Jyothsna Vadivel in second place, and Arya and Shweta of St Joseph's University coming in first.



## Young Adult Books Quiz

SJU Quizzers held their 5th weekly quiz of the semester with the 'Young Adult Books Quiz' at 01:00 pm on March 14, 2024, at A314. Hosted by QC members Shruthi and Keerthana, the quiz had 10 questions that certainly reinvigorated the nostalgia surrounding the literature that shaped our teenage years – fantasy and young adult fiction. Sanjana and Mohammad secured an easy first place, Aditi and David came second, and Samanwita and Nadana earned the third spot in the quiz.

## Weird E Alam

On March 15, 2023, ten open and eight college teams scrambled around to solve the mysteries of Weird E Alam. The quiz was set by Dr Arul Mani and hosted by The Linguistics Society in association with The Quiz Club. It featured 55 anagrams, cryptic clues and etymological questions across various languages apart from English, including Persian, Sanskrit, Latin, Italian and German. Anustup and Karthik were announced winners at the end of the event.

## Taylor Swift Quiz

The proud Swifties of St Joseph's University congregated at A 314 on March 22, 2024, for the 'Taylor Swift Quiz', the 6th weekly quiz held by SJU Quizzers. Shruthi and Sanjana joined forces to set 10 questions that dove deep into the musical catalogue of the megastar, testing the fandom of every Swiftie. Questions spanned from the appearances of Taylor Swift songs in movies to her ubiquitous 2022 Eras tour. Nandhana and Sweekriti were the winning team for the quiz.

## Magister 2024

Magister is the solo quizzing championship organised by the SJU Quiz Club in collaboration with the KQA.

It made a comeback in the club's portfolio this year after a pandemic-induced sabbatical of four years. Following the MAGISTERial tradition of having alumni setters and quiz masters, this year too, the club had 5 alumni setters, namely, Venkataraman R, Avinash T N, Rohit R, Rijul Ballal, and Prithwiraj Mukherjee.

The quiz began at 05:02 pm sharp, with over 33 participants vying for the title across, the open, college, school, and women categories. The quiz began with a set of 15 questions on popular culture, and general knowledge. The quiz had 65 questions in total, with the last 30 being two-pointers. The questions ranged from the colourless powder which helped catch bribe takers "pink-handed", to the man who studied ecology excessively to produce a highly thorough and enjoyable series in science fiction.

After an enjoyable three-hour session, the results were decided. Stealing the best open quizzing spot by one point was Sachin Deshpande with a score of 79. Pranava from SJU won the best college quizzing title with a score of 45.5. The best school quizzing was won by Jyothsna Vadivel from Presidency school, with a score of 33. And Shweta Philip, with a score of 34.5 won the title of best woman quizzing in Magister 2024.

## Fashion Quiz

A 314 was decked out in style as SJU Quizzers held the Fashion Quiz, the seventh weekly quiz of the semester. QC regular and I MA student Denzel played QM as he prepared 10 questions with answers that he swore that "many of you here will definitely be wearing them". A high-scoring quiz, Manas and Karthik finished first in style with a near-perfect score.



# DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN

## ASSOCIATION EVENTS

### EINBLICK AUF DEUTSCH

Treffpunkt, a student organization, hosted its inaugural event on February 26, 2024 with the assistance of faculty advisors Ms Srividya and Ms Gayathri. The engaging program in room N201 was attended by a sizable gathering of German language students. The event marked an exciting start as Treffpunkt aimed to foster a vibrant community and promote German language and culture on campus. Under the faculty's guidance, the program featured three student groups presenting on 3 topics- "professions" by Salwa and group, "hobbies" by krithi and group, and cities by Amiteshwar and group.

### MINUTE TO WIN IT CHALLENGE

Minute to Win It challenge, organised by Treffpunkt, was an exhilarating event held on April 12, 2024 in the N204 classroom. With five participating groups, the competition brought together students in a spirited display of agility, coordination, and problem-solving. The challenge commenced with a lively introduction by the event coordinators. The first task involved a classic cup-stacking challenge, followed by a balloon balancing round that required exceptional teamwork. The participants then had to arrange a set of scrambled number cards in order, testing their problem-solving skills under time pressure.

### CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

The Creative Writing Competition organised by Treffpunkt on April 10, 2024 and hosted by

the association president Celesta and general secretary Krithi, was a success.

The event, held in the N204 venue, focused on the role of Germany in World War II. Five talented student participants presented their unique and well-crafted pieces, exploring different aspects of Germany's involvement in the war. The presentations covered a range of perspectives, from the experiences of German citizens under the Nazi regime to the ethical dilemmas faced by military personnel.

### FESTIVE MEDIVAL

The closing event of the university's Festival Medival, hosted by the Treffpunkt, on 16 April, 2024 during the lunch hour was a finale event that commemorated the end of the academic year and the present set of office bearers. Held in the auditorium, the event brought together German students across various batches and semesters. The program commenced at around 1:10 PM with a prayer and the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by an inspiring speech by faculty coordinator Ms Srividya on the significance of the festival. Highlights included a soulful freedom song performance by Treffpunkt's Vice President and General Secretary amongst various other talented singers, a mesmerizing dance showcase that included a surprise dance by Ms Srividya and Ms Gayathri, and a fashionable ramp walk.



# DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

## OVERVIEW

The Department of French, established in 1882 by the Jesuits (originally from France) has been offering French as a second language option to undergraduate students right from the start. Since 2012, French has been offered at the beginner level (A1- I and II semesters) and at the intermediate levels (A2 – III and IV semesters) corresponding with the FLE (French as Foreign Language) syllabus framed under the guidelines of 'Common European Framework of Reference' for languages (CEFR). For students interested in exploring a different culture, the French language is the ideal choice as it helps them not only learn a new language but also get a glimpse of French music, literature, cuisine, and cinema. The objective of the Department is to help students to understand basic information, questions about shopping/immediate environment and successfully communicate about simple tasks, familiar topics, and matters of immediate need.

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS

### Inauguration of The French Association

The French Association's activities for the event was inaugurated with a programme conducted on August 8, 2023. The Alumni invited to the inauguration, Ms Bhavya Dharmaraj, a PhD Scholar at the National Institute of Biological Sciences. Mr Ryan Peter, Department of Psychology, SJU, 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, their activities in the French Association and gave out their take of the ups and downs of college life. After this interaction, the Beginners Quiz organised for the I semester classes of both shifts began. Team 2 consisting of 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. At the end, a French Vocabulary Game was also held. There were 4 teams in total and the winners were members of Team 3 of Shift 3.

### Seminar with Campus France

On August 17, 2023, a seminar with Campus France was organised at De Nobili Hall. The seminar began with a lamp lighting ceremony at 12:00 pm by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Mr Yash Khakkar, of the Campus France, Prof Satyasree, Coordinator of the Department of French, and Student Office Bearer, Ms Krishita Gwalani of II OEPY. The Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures, Dr Arul Mani, also attended the event.

Dr Mascarenhas addressed the students and spoke about the importance of choosing a career that gave happiness and contentment while reiterating that students should utilise all opportunities available to them like those being offered by Campus France.

Mr Khakhar's presentation on Campus France covered the merits of the existing MoU in the education sector between France and India as well as the provisions in the new pact allowing students the opportunity to pursue a Postgraduate degree in France on a 2 year work-seek visa. He also provided information about French universities, schools, the courses and scholarships offered.

### Movie Screening August

A screening of the 2004 French musical drama, *Les Choristes*, directed by Christophe Barratier was organised at 12:50 pm over two days, August 3 and September 1, 2023. Co-written by Barratier and Philippe Lopes-Curval, 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 gave students the opportunity to discover the wonderful music score composed by Bruno Coulais which was nominated for several awards in the US and in Europe. The film also helped the students to understand French pronunciation, cinema and culture.

### SJU students at BCU International Language Fest

The students of St Joseph's University participated in the International Language Fair organised by

the Centre for Global Languages, at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium in the Bangalore City University Campus on February 24, 2024. The students of SJU participated in all the events organised like skit, cosplay, solo and group singing in French, solo and group dance, poster making, poetry recitation in French, etc. and won the first or second place in most of the events. The events allowed students to utilise their French language skills and they had the opportunity to interact with students learning several other international languages like German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and many more. There were different stalls put up which threw light on the culture of different global languages.

**Découvrir la France**

The French association of SJU, Rendez-vous, organised a two-day intra-collegiate cultural fest on April 1 and 2, 2024. The participants had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of French culture through a variety of engaging activities. Four offline events - JAM (Just a Minute), solo singing, treasure hunt and face painting - were conducted along with one online event, 'short film'. The events were held from 11:00 am to 02:00 pm on both days. The events concluded with the valedictory of the association. Overall, the event Découvrir la France succeeded in creating a dynamic and inclusive space for individuals to engage with French culture.

**Peer Learning on MS Teams**

The peer learning classes are a prominent feature of the Department of French. The peer learning group on MS Teams was created in February 2024 for the current I year batch of students. Currently the peer learning group is led by a first semester student, Immanuel Magimai Johnson (232CHZ05). For the first year, the syllabus was divided into chapters. Learning resources like reference websites, videos, etc., were provided to the students along with worksheets by the faculty

member. Topics covered generally are articles, prepositions, verb conjugations, etc. These classes are especially useful to the new learners in class, providing an additional learning opportunity and help balance the heterogeneity of the class.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Krishitha Gwalani (III OEPY) received third prize for poetry recitation and painting competition at the International Language Fest organised by the Centre for Global Languages, Bengaluru City University.



# DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

## OVERVIEW

The Department of Hindi of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, is one of the oldest and leading Departments in South India. It was started in the year 1951. At present, the Department offers Hindi as a second language paper for BA, BSc, BCom, BBA and BCA students. Keeping in view, the present challenges, both at the national and global levels the Undergraduate programme is designed to give a more inclusive and expansive approach to Hindi literature and functional aspects of the Hindi language. The Hindi Parishad is a cultural association, which was started in the year 1951. The college had become autonomous in the year of 2006 and it also became co-educative. The strength of the Hindi students had increased by leaps and bounds. The present strength of the students is 1200. The department is looking to provide a syllabus that is relevant and job oriented while at the same time making the students feel at ease. Also, the department has organised state-level, national-level seminars, webinars, and workshops to promote the Hindi language among the students.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Hasan Pathan

Selected as Board of Studies member of Bangalore University in March 2024.

### Dr Gurudatta

Selected as Board of Studies member of Acharya Bangalore - B School in February 2024

Published a research article titled "Aalochana aur Hindi pragatisheel aalochana ka tulanatmak Adhyayan" in a well-known Hindi journal in March 2024.

### Mr Satish Honnanagar

Invited for a special talk as resource person on "Hindi Language and Job Opportunities" on the event of Hindi Diwas at Dr NSAM First Grade College, Hesarughatta, Bangalore, on September 27, 2023.

## STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Students of the Hindi Department won the runners up trophy at St Joseph's College of Commerce on December 28, 2023.

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

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### HINDI PARISHAD

#### Investiture Ceremony

On August 28, 2023, an investiture ceremony was organised by the Hindi department, welcoming the

new office bearers of the Hindi Parishad and honouring the former members.

The event began with an enthusiastic performance by the Kalah team, followed by a captivating classical dance. Esteemed guests, Dr Md Tauseef Qamar from the English department and Dr Sajida Ahmed, a former Hindi professor, lit the ceremonial lamp. Following the welcome address and introduction of chief guests, a felicitation ceremony honouring outgoing office bearers was conducted. Certificates were presented by the guests of honour. The Kalah team then organised a lively singing performance. Dr Tauseef shared insights from his research on phonetics, while Dr Sajida Ahmed emphasised the significance of discipline in students' lives. The Investiture Ceremony introduced the newly elected office bearers of the Hindi Parishad. The event concluded with an inspiring speech by Dr Hasan Patan, who appreciated former members and set expectations for the new ones. The former president energised the gathering, followed by a vote of thanks 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 Col Anshu Trivedi (veteran) graced the occasion as our chief guest. The audience was enthralled by shayaris and poems until the arrival of the chief guest. Sowmya 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 program began with NCC piloting the chief guest from the main entrance to the venue. Subsequently, the Head of Department, Dr Hassan Pathan, along with faculty members Lt Nagarajan and Dr Gurudatta, joined the guest of honour. The programme commenced with a welcome speech, the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, and a Ganesh Vandana by Kalah. Nayan Srivastava introduced the chief guest, and Mridusmita Bhadra emphasised the significance of Hindi Diwas. Captivating dance and singing performances followed. Prerana Jha, Harsh Bajoria, and Anandita Malik recited poetry and shayaris. Nia Parihar recited a poem by Col Anshu.

A video highlighting the chief guest's life was shown. Col Trivedi 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, cleverly tackling life's challenges with a delightful touch of humour. Lt Nagarajan concluded the event with a presidential

address, and Kirti Jain expressed gratitude. A luncheon followed for the chief guest and attendees.

## Garba Night

On the evening of October 20, 2023, the Hindi Parishad brought the spirit of Navaratri to life through a vibrant Garba Night held in the basement of the Auditorium. This joyous celebration commenced in the esteemed presence of Dr Hassan Pathan, Head of the Department, Mr Satish, the coordinator, and Lt Nagarajan and Dr Gurudatta. Their presence marked the beginning of an event that aimed to embrace and promote our rich cultural traditions on the auspicious occasion of Navratri.

The gathering was warmly welcomed, setting the tone for the evening's festivities. With approximately 250 participants, the basement transformed into a colourful tapestry of traditional attire as everyone embraced the Garba theme. The festivities started at 03:30 pm, and the atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm and happiness that continued until 06:30 pm.

Throughout the event, a melange of spirited Garba songs resonated, upholding the college's decorum. The participants swayed to the beats and revelled in the cultural essence of the evening. As the night drew to a close, a heartfelt vote of thanks concluded the event, expressing gratitude for all who contributed to making this Garba Night a memorable and culturally enriching experience.

## Visual Writing and News Reading Competition

Two engaging events were organised on January 17, 2024, in the AV room (Arrupe block). The Visual Writing Picture Display, a unique challenge that demanded both speed and imagination, was held at 01:00 pm. In this event, 14 participants were presented with a visual prompt and given a mere 40 minutes to translate their thoughts into a written masterpiece.

The News Reading Competition provided a platform for participants to emulate the skills of professional reporters. Between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, the stage

became a newsroom, with 14 participants stepping up to deliver news reports with precision and flair.

Dr Hasan Pathan, Mr Satish, Lt Nagarajan and Dr Gurudatta provided guidance and encouragement, fostering an environment that nurtured the participants' confidence and skills. Ms Neena Dewassy, an esteemed figure, graced both events as the chief guest, infusing the occasion with a sense of importance and prestige. The day ended with the announcement of winners and runners-up from both events, marking the triumphs of those who excelled in the art of visual writing and news reporting.

## Antarang (Intra-University Fest)

Antarang, an intra-university fest, was organised on February 8, 2024. It featured seven diverse events: a treasure hunt called "Bhool Bhulaiya," a quiz named "Jo Jeeta Wahi Sikandar," an activity titled "Mugamboob Khush Hoga" resembling an air crash scenario, a fashion show called "Fashion Ka Hai Yeh Jalwa," stand-up comedy titled "Hasee Toh Phasee," and a game of dumb charades named "Barfi." Participation was open to all, regardless of language proficiency. The event started with almost 400 participants, showcasing a diverse range of talents and interests.

The inauguration ceremony featured the Head of Department, Dr Hasan Pathan, Chief Guest Dr Gurudatta, Guest of Honour Lt Nagarajan, and the coordinator Mr Satish. The ceremony began with a melodious Ganesh Vandana by Team Kalah, followed by the lighting of the lamp by all the dignitaries on stage. Dr Hasan Pathan shared insightful tips, and each guest imparted words of wisdom. Following the inauguration, the various events began, showcasing the participants' talents and skills. As the competitions concluded, special mementoes were presented as tokens of acknowledgement to the esteemed guests. Winners were then recognized for their outstanding performances and efforts during the various competitions and were rewarded with cash prizes amounting to a maximum of Rs 2000.



# DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA

## OVERVIEW

Since its inception, the Kannada department has been actively teaching Kannada as a language but also striving in many ways to develop students culturally and socially. At present, more than one thousand students have opted to learn Kannada as a second language. To spread the language and culture of Kannada, the Kannada Sangha is trying to develop competitive skills among the students by organising Sanchalana, Janapada Jatire, ISIRI, cultural programs, inter-class and inter-collegiate competitions.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Eraiah Hampapura

Published an article titled “‘Harijanabhyudaya’: Asprushyateye Ashaya” in Aruhu Kuruhu Magazine (ISSN: 2347-5048), Vol 14, on September 23, 2024.

Wrote an ISBN-registered book “Dalitha Matthu Mahila Sahitya: Hosa Sadhyategalu”, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakashana in 2023.

Published a chapter titled “Ta.Ra.Su. Aavara Samajika Kadambargalalli Veshya Jeevan” in the book, Nuditorana, edited by Madesh N and Kumara Indrabetta.

Published a chapter titled “Vachana Sahitya Matthu Mahila Samvedane” in the book titled Shivasharaneyara Vachangalu: Bahumuki Ayamagal (ISBN: 93-91611-78-1), edited by Madesh N and Kumara Indrabetta.

Invited for a talk on “Research Challenges in Kannada Literature” organised by Samshodana Academy, Kengeri, on March 17, 2024.

### Dr Poornima S

Edited the book Mahila Samvedane: Hosa Sadhyategalu (ISBN: 978-81-960-717-1714, 2023), published by Harshal Publications.

Published a chapter titled “Vachanagalalli Stree Vaadada Prastuthathe” in the book Shivasharana Vachangalu: Bahumuki Aayaamagal (ISBN: 93-91611-78-1), edited by Madesh N and Kumara Indrabetta.

Published a chapter titled “Mahilaa Kaavyadalli Stree Vaadada Prabhaava” in the book Samshodhana Marga (ISSN: 2454-678X, 2023), edited by Madhu.

Published a chapter titled “Adhunika Samajadalli Dudiyuva Hennina Samasyegal” in the book Manaal (ISBN: 978-93-5768-171-1, 2024), edited by Basavaraja M.

Acquired seed money from SJRI for the research project “Bangara Janapadeeya Adhyayana”.

### Dr Hanumantharayappa B S

Edited a book titled Sahitya Sammilana (ISBN: 93-91611-87-3), published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana in 2024.

Edited a book titled Neergallu (ISBN: 93-91611-81-1), published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana in 2023.

Published a chapter titled “Mahilaa Kaadambari galalli Streevaadi Vimarsheya Taatvika Swaropa” in the book Nudi Thoorana (ISBN: 93-91611-73-6), published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana in 2024.

Published a chapter titled “Dharma Mattu Mahile” in the book Dalita Mattu Mahilaa Sahitya: Hosa Saadhyategalu (ISBN: 93-91611-34-7), published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana in 2023.

Published a chapter titled “Mahadevi Akkana Vachanadalli Stree Samvedane” in the book Shivasharaneyara Vachanagal: Bahumuki Aayaamagal (ISBN: 93-91611-78-1), published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana in 2024.

Invited as Chairperson and participated in the national conference titled, ‘12ne Shatamaanada Vachanakaarthiyara Vachanagal: Bahumykhii Aayaamagal’, held at St Claret College, Jaalahalli, Bengaluru, on March 22, 2024.

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

### Participation in ELIXIR

The Kannada Department presented ten exhibits made by the students during ELIXIR, the annual open day event of St Joseph’s University, held on October 30, 2023. Models of Mysore Palace, Bengaluru Palace, Hoysaleswara Temple, Hampi Virupaksha Temple, Hampi Stone Ratha, etc., were displayed. The model of Hampi Virupaksha Temple won the third prize of Rs 6000.

## KANNADA SANGHA

### Inauguration of Kannada Sangha

The inauguration of the Kannada Sangha for the year 2023-24 was held on September 1, 2023 at Xavier’s Hall. The event was graced by the chief guest Dr Devanahalli Devaraj, a Kannada actor, director and playwright. Dr Eraiah Hampapura, the Head of the Department, Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Convener of Kannada Sangha, and Dr Poornima BN also graced the event. With passion in their hearts and a strong sense of purpose, the newly elected office bearers took an oath to discharge their duties faithfully.

## Sanchalana 2023-24

Sanchalana is an Inter class cultural fest which is conducted by Kannada Sangha. This event happens every year with the successful enthusiastic participation of students from all the combinations in various competitions like Dumb Charades, Quiz, Mono acting, Love letter writing, Poem writing, Crafts, Escape room, Debate, Painting, Story writing, Mr and Ms Sanchalana, Photography, Reel making, Group dance, Fashion walk. All the above events were co-ordinated by committee members.

This Inter-class event was inaugurated in Xavier's hall by Head of the Department, Dr Erraiha Hampapura, Kannada Sangha Coordinator, Dr Hanumantharayappa, Dr Poornima B N and Kannada Sangha President, Sampath Kumar on October 20, 2023. Events were held over two days in various halls and classrooms The Valedictory Programme for the winners of these competitions was held on November 10, 2023, at De Nobli hall.

### Sanchalana (Shift 3)

On the second day of the cultural extravaganza, the campus buzzed with excitement for the grand finale. The stage was set for Group Dance, Solo Dance, and the prestigious Mr and Ms Sanchalana contests. At 1:30 PM, rhythmic beats filled the auditorium, captivating the audience as dancers swirled and spun, celebrating creativity and passion. Solo performers poured their hearts into each step, telling stories with their movements.

The spotlight then shifted to the Mr and Ms Sanchalana contestants, who showcased charisma, intellect, and talent. Judges faced a delightful challenge in selecting the winners. The climactic moment came with the announcement of champions. Cheers erupted as the victors stepped forward, holding gleaming mementos and certificates. Dr Poornima S., esteemed faculty member, extended her gratitude, acknowledging the collective effort that made the event a success.

Under the twilight sky, volunteers bid farewell to two days of camaraderie, artistry, and spirited competition, cherishing the magic of Sanchalana until next year.

### Kannada Rajyotsava (Shift 3)

On November 4, 2023, the Kannada Sangha at SJU orchestrated a vibrant Rajyotsava celebration, specifically dedicated to Shift 3. The event was graced by esteemed guests, Aravind KP and Divya Udagatti, both of whom gained fame as contestants on Bigg Boss Season 9.

The festivities unfolded with a mesmerizing array of dance performances. Traditional folk dances like Hulikunita and Veeragase transported the audience to the heart of Karnataka's cultural heritage. The stage also came alive with contemporary dance forms, showcasing the fusion of tradition and

modernity. From Bharatanatyam to dynamic and energetic modern routines, the performers left an indelible mark on the hearts of the audience.

Mr Prashanth, a revered figure of the institution, delivered a poignant and eloquent speech. His words resonated with everyone present, emphasising the significance of unity, diversity, and pride in the state. His beautiful address encapsulated the spirit of Karnataka and the essence of Rajyotsava. In just a few hours, the Rajyotsava program managed to weave together the threads of tradition, entertainment, and inspiration. As the applause echoed through the auditorium, we celebrated not only Karnataka but also the rich tapestry of the college community.

### ISIRI 2023-24

ISIRI, a intercollegiate cultural fest was held on February 21 and 22, 2024. Over 250 students from 25 different colleges and universities participated in various competitions.



# DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

## OVERVIEW

Tamil is a classical language. Being a part of the Tamil department, our responsibility is to impart this to our students in an effective manner. Therefore, the syllabus is designed in such a way as to include all types of literature in Tamil. Moreover, the Tamil department focuses on developing attributes such as learning ability, analysing, and creativity in their students. We have an association exclusive for Tamil enthusiasts called "Tamil Sangam". Every year through Tamil Sangam inter-collegiate competitions, cultural programs, the Pongal festival, and other such activities are conducted. In the years to come, the Tamil department can assure that it will excel in all aspects.

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### TAMIL SANGAM

#### Elocution Event

On August 15, 2023, on the occasion of Independence Day, an online elocution event was held through the joint initiative of All India Tamil Sangam and St Joseph's University. Students of St Joseph's University took part in this event and spoke about various Tamil Freedom fighters who fought for Indian freedom struggle. The event was coordinated by Dr Sarala Arumugam, from the Tamil Department. The chief guests were Mr Aavadi Kumar, President, All India Tamil Sangam, Chennai, and Ms Niraimathi, Advocate and Secretary (IT wing), All India Tamil Sangam, Chennai.

Ms Niraimathi addressed the gathering by striking a significant note on "What is Freedom and Liberty in today's reality?". It was a thought-provoking talk. Finally, the chief guest appreciated all the participants and coordinator for taking up such an initiative and encouraged students to work for the upliftment of Tamil language.

#### Tamil Sangam Inauguration

The inauguration of the Tamil Sangam for the academic year 2023-24 took place in the main auditorium on August 25, 2023. The program started with "Tamil thai vaazhthu", a welcome speech and dance. The chief guest, Dr K Paul Newman, lit the lamp followed by Dr Sarala Arumugam (Coordinator of Tamil Sangam) and Hari Siva Sabarish (President of Tamil Sangam). The

chief guests were felicitated by the Tamil Sangam Coordinator and Vice President of Tamil Sangam.

During the event, the chief guest recognised the newly elected Tamil Sangam office bearers and members, provided them with badges to take up the responsibility of taking forward the Sangam. Following this, Akilan (Joint Secretary) delivered the vote of thanks and extended his warm regards to everyone present at the celebration.

#### Elixir - Open Day

I and II year students of the Tamil Department took part in Elixir, the open day competition that was held at St Joseph's University on October 30, 2023. They exhibited models on traditional Tamil games, kolams and marutham - one of the land types mentioned in the Sangam literature. There was an enthusiastic participation from the audience



in playing traditional Tamil games and viewers was curious to know about the models that were displayed.

#### Pongal Celebration

The Tamil Sangam's Pongal Celebration for the academic year 2023-24 was held on January 10, 2024 in the main auditorium. The program was coordinated by Dr Sarala Arumugam and members of Tamil Sangam. The stage was honoured by the presence of the Dean of Languages and Literatures, Dr Arul Mani, and by the chief guest, Mr Jaiseelan, a prominent actor in the Tamil film industry.

The chief guest enlightened the students with his short and inspiring speech. Later, various cultural events took place, performed by the students of St Joseph's University. One notable performance of the Parai team-ADAVI made the audience move to the rhythm of the music and everyone enjoyed their performance thoroughly.



tackled economic issues in countries like Pakistan and Venezuela, delivering impressive presentations with innovative policy solutions. Distinguished judges from Economics and International Relations departments evaluated the presentations. Salwa and Nancy's insightful analysis of the Argentine economic crisis earned them victory. The event showcased students' analytical skills and emphasised practical policy solutions for global economic challenges. It demonstrated the university's dedication to fostering future economists and policymakers.

### Clash of Economies

The 'Clash of Economies' event was held on November 7, 2024 at the De Nobili Hall. Six teams, each with three students from diverse undergraduate courses, deciphered economic mysteries. Teams unraveled conflicts between fictional countries, showcasing economic acumen and collaborative problem-solving. The team from III IES emerged victorious. The event encouraged applying economic concepts to real-world scenarios, enhancing critical thinking. It provided a platform for students to synthesise knowledge and fostered collaboration, nurturing future economists.

### Econ Nexus

The Economics Forum organised an intercollegiate fest on February 28, 2024. Activities such as 'Picture This' and 'Express Elevator' tested creativity and quick thinking, while 'Coin Quest' focused on budget drafting. 'Discourse Duel' showcased debate skills and 'Bull Bear Blitz' simulated stock market strategies. 'Policy Hackathon' along with paper presentations highlighted the intellectual depth and innovative thinking of students. Mount Carmel College clinched the 'Overall Contingent Award.' The fest fostered a vibrant atmosphere

of learning, collaboration, and competitive spirit among participating colleges.

### Guest Lecture on Health Economics

On February 6, 2024, Dr Roopa Patavardhan, Assistant Professor of Economics, Christ (deemed to be) University, delivered the guest lecture on 'Health Economy and Healthcare access in rural areas.' Her keynote addressed gender segmentation in employment and career opportunities in economics which received a positive response from students.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Keshavmurthy K (HOD, Department of Economics) was awarded a PhD. His thesis topic was "An analysis of India's foreign trade with China and Pakistan during post reform period", under the guidance of Dr Leeavathi, Department of Studies in Economics and Co-operation from University of Mysore, Mysore.



# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Paul Newman, Associate Professor, Department of History

1. Represented JHEASA from June 2 to 6, 2023 at the Promotion of Democracy consultation at Ibero University, Mexico City.
2. On July 2 and 3, orientation was conducted for the staff of St Xaviers College, Jaipur, on 'Jesuit Higher Education' and 'NAAC Accreditation Process.'
3. Addressed the public to condemn the atrocities on women in Manipur organised by the Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Bangalore under the auspices of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) on July 30, 2023.
4. Conducted an orientation for St Aloysius College, Bangalore staff on the 'NAAC re-accreditation process' on 6 and 7 August 2023.
5. On August 17, Dr Paul presented the proposal to the Higher Education Minister on "The NEP, its flaws and the way forward" at SJU.
6. On September 6 and 7, 2023, an orientation was conducted for the staff of Montfort College, 'On Character Formation' and 'Teachers and Community Development'.
7. Attended the UN Minority Forum in Geneva and spoke on the harassment of minorities in India in November, 2023.
8. On December 19, 2023, addressed the issue of 40 years of Srilankan Tamil refugees in the refugee camps of Tamil Nadu at the seminar organised by LISSTAR, Loyola College, Chennai.
9. Dr Paul Newman attended the 55th UNHRC in Geneva from March 8 to 27, 2024 and made two statements about how the Citizenship Amendment Act was against the constitution and the people of a particular religion and language. In his second statement, he spoke about the harassment of farmers peacefully protesting outside the capital.

## ASSOCIATION REPORT

Parishodhana, a vibrant association affiliated with the Department of History at St Joseph's University, is a leading forum for the Humanities. It offers an unparalleled platform for students to engage in discussions about the latest trends and developments in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

### Jashn-E-Itihas – CELEBRATING HISTORY

The Department of History and Parishodhana, the History Association, hosted an outstanding series of

events from August 4-14, 2023 in honor of India's 76th Independence Day. 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 highlight. The series culminated on August 14 with a grand cultural program that showcased India's rich heritage, marking a resounding success for Parishodhana.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY 2023

India's independence was celebrated with great pomp and show on August 16, 2023, with a vibrant display of cultural diversity, patriotism, and unity. The event featured an array of cultural performances that highlighted India's rich heritage. Energetic Yakshagana dances from Karnataka, graceful Bharatanatyam routines from South India, and captivating Kathak sequences demonstrated traditional dance forms. Additionally, classical Indian music and regional Bengali songs enriched the auditory experience of the attendees. A particularly poignant moment occurred when participants formed a semi-circle around the national flag while singing the National Song, culminating in a symbolic shower of flower petals, reflecting deep national respect and love.

## TEACHERS DAY 2023 – 'SAY CHEESE'

On September 5, 2023, Parishodhana hosted "Say Cheese," an event aimed at fostering appreciation between students and educators. Students expressed gratitude through heartfelt letters to their teachers, acknowledging their significant role in shaping their futures. The event also included taking selfies and capturing moments of shared respect and camaraderie. This initiative was designed to create lasting memories and strengthen the relational bonds between teachers and students, underscoring the profound impact of educators.

## ELIXIR 2023

On September 22, St Joseph's University hosted Elixir 2023 - Open Day, 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 medieval period, and the Partition of India in the modern period. The Department of History was awarded First Place in the School of Humanities at Elixir 2023 - Open Day, providing a unique and engaging platform for students to connect with history.

## SANDESH – EK PEGAM

On October 10, 2023, St Joseph's University's Department of History and Parishodhana, the History Association, hosted "SANDESH – EK PEGAM" to coincide with National Postal Day. This event, aimed at revitalising the tradition of letter writing and underscoring the value of postal services in sustaining personal connections, attracted over 90 participants from across the university. Students and teachers were invited to write heartfelt letters to their loved ones, which were subsequently mailed through the collaboration of Parishodhana committee members and local postal officials.

The event took place at the Arrupe Quadrangle, where participants were provided with writing materials, composed their letters, and deposited them in a specially provided post box. A life-size figure of a postman enhanced the thematic appeal, encouraging more students to engage in this nostalgic practice. The letters were then dispatched to a nearby post office with assistance from Mr K K Vinu, Postmaster, and Macha Gowda, Postal Assistant at Shantinagar post office, ensuring timely delivery.



## TIMELESS TOKENS

On November 10, 2023, as part of Meraki 2023, the Humanities Fest at St Joseph's University, Parishodhana hosted 'Timeless Tokens.' The event featured ancient board games including Panchi, Pretwa, Sheep and Tiger, and Chausar, and took place at the Aruppe stone benches. Sixteen students engaged in strategic competitions across these traditional games, with Chausar accommodating four players, while Pretwa, Panchi, and Sheep and Tiger were designed for two. Participants demonstrated significant strategic acumen and mastery of ancient tactics, contributing to intense gameplay and several remarkable highlights. This event not only offered entertainment but also encouraged cultural appreciation and learning, deepening participants'

understanding of historical gaming traditions. The gathering concluded with participants expressing renewed interest in these ancient games, highlighting the enduring appeal and educational value of traditional strategic play.

## INTER-COLLEGIATE EVENTS

### YOUNG HISTORIANS CONFERENCE - 'UNEARTHED NARRATIVES: CELEBRATING UNEXPLORED HISTORIES'

On November 11, 2023, the Department of History hosted the 'Young Historians Conference: Paper Presentation Competition' online. The event, under the theme 'Unearthed Narratives: Celebrating Unexplored Histories,' aimed to highlight less recognised historical narratives through the scholarly contributions of emerging historians. The conference commenced with an inaugural address by Dr Monique Ingalls, titled 'I Love to Tell the Story: Music Making as a Rich Source for Unexpected Histories,' setting the stage for a series of enlightening presentations. Participants presented on various topics, including neglected figures and events, contributing fresh insights and perspectives that challenge mainstream

historical discourse. Their research was characterised by rigorous analysis, detailed investigation, and engaging storytelling, which not only captivated the audience but also stimulated lively discussions.

## HISTORIA – AN INTER COLLEGIATE FEST

On April 8, 2024, the Department of History and Parishodhana, the History Association at St Joseph's University, inaugurated "HISTORIA," the first intercollegiate fest themed "Jashn-e-Itihas: Celebrating History." This one-day event aimed to foster a passion for historical studies and encourage scholarly exchange among students from various colleges throughout Bangalore. HISTORIA drew 80 participants and featured activities tailored to

exploring and appreciating history, including Solo Classical Dance, a Written Quiz, Treasure Hunt, Dumb Charades, and “History in 60 Seconds.”

The fest commenced with an opening ceremony where esteemed guest Mr Uday Kumar delivered an address titled ‘Why Should We Celebrate History,’ setting an intellectual tone for the day. This address emphasised the significance of history in understanding societal developments and cultural heritage. As the fest concluded, it left a lasting impact on attendees, enhancing their appreciation for history and inspiring them to preserve and explore our collective past. The event not only celebrated historical scholarship but also underscored the continuous relevance of historical perspectives in modern discourse.

## GUEST LECTURES

### “Changing Societal Perceptions towards Devadasis and their Art”

On August 9, 2023, the Department of History at Bangalore University welcomed Dr Jamuna for a guest lecture entitled “Changing Societal Perceptions towards Devadasis and their Art,” attended by B.A. students. Post-lecture, an investiture ceremony inducted new office bearers of Parishodhana, the History Association, with Dr Jamuna presenting badges to core committee members for 2023-24.

### “Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success 1.0”

On September 22, 2023, the Department of History hosted a lecture titled “Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success,” led by Mr Ashish Kumar Vashisht, Senior Faculty at Khan Study Group. Targeting first-year B.A. students, the lecture aimed to equip them with strategies for civil services exam success. Mr Vashisht covered exam structure, study techniques, time management, and holistic preparation approaches. An engaging Q & A session followed, allowing students to explore further insights and clarify doubts. This lecture significantly

boosted the students’ confidence and motivation, enhancing their preparedness for careers in civil services.

### “Mastering the Civil Services Journey: A Comprehensive Guide to Success 2.0,”

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

## WORKSHOPS :

### Mythic Society, Bengaluru

From June 26 to July 8, 2023, four second-year B.A. students participated in a 15-day workshop at the Mythic Society in Bengaluru, focused on the preservation and digitisation of the city’s historic inscriptions. This initiative aimed to make the rich history encapsulated in inscriptions from the 8th to 19th centuries accessible to the public through digital means.

The students employed 3D image scanning techniques to digitally preserve these artifacts, meticulously documenting and labeling each character of the ancient Kannada script. They also delivered presentations on the historical importance of these inscriptions. The data collected will contribute to the Mythic Society’s forthcoming open-source online database, which will showcase the evolution of the Kannada script from 750 CE onward, enhancing academic and public access to this significant cultural heritage.



## St John's Medical College, Bengaluru

From October 4 to 6, 2023, 18 B.A. students attended a three-day workshop titled "Unveiling the Past: Storytelling Through Museum Artifacts" at the S L Bhatia History of Medicine Museum, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru. The workshop, orchestrated by Ms Radhika Hegde, Assistant Professor and curator of the museum's library, featured sessions on narrative techniques, artifact preservation, and animation creation, led by experts Ms Priya, Ms Sindhu, and Ms Meera, respectively. Additionally, Mr Dhruv and Ms Radhika facilitated discussions on the role of empathy in museums, and highlighted the importance of time and space in storytelling. The program equipped students with skills in public speaking and story writing, culminating in their successful presentations and narratives on the workshop's final day, demonstrating their newfound storytelling prowess.

### Upskills Minds – Shaping Thoughts: Beyond the Questions Mindset Mastery for Travel Job Interviews.

The "Beyond the Questions: Mindset Mastery for Travel Job Interviews" workshop, hosted by Upskills Minds and attended by 30 Humanities students, effectively addressed the distinctive challenges of travel industry interviews. Through engaging exercises, the workshop emphasised resilience and adaptability, key traits for such roles. Participants reported heightened confidence and a better grasp of industry expectations, indicating that the session

not only bolstered essential interview skills but also amplified interest in travel sector careers.

### STUDY TRIP – TRAVEL & TOURISM FAIR/ BANGALORE PALACE

On January 16, 2024, the Department of History hosted an event that provided a profound exploration of Bangalore's cultural heritage, featuring a Tourism Fair and a visit to Bangalore Palace. This initiative aimed to deepen participants' appreciation for the city's historical and architectural splendor. The event commenced with a guided tour of Bangalore Palace, where participants were enlightened about the palace's historical significance and architectural details. Knowledgeable guides shared intriguing anecdotes about the palace's royal past, enhancing the visitors' experience of the palace's luxurious interiors, which include elaborate artworks, antique furnishings, and ornate chandeliers that exemplify regal opulence.

Following the palace visit, the participants engaged in a Tourism Fair that showcased Bangalore's diverse cultural sites and tourist activities. This segment offered insights into the city's rich heritage and additional tourist attractions, facilitating a broader understanding of Bangalore's historical context. The combined experience of the Tourism Fair and the palace tour effectively celebrated and promoted Bangalore's cultural heritage, emphasizing the importance of cultural preservation. Participants left the event with a richer connection to the city's historical legacy, equipped with valuable insights and memorable experiences.



# DEPARTMENT OF IRP & PP

## Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy (IRP and PP)

The Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy at St Joseph's University offers a unique curriculum that blends theory and practice to prepare students for diverse careers in academia, research, administration, and government. Specialising in International Relations, Public Policy, and Peace and Conflict Studies, the department focuses on peaceful conflict resolution, understanding the root causes of conflict, and promoting non-violent societal transformation. In an era marked by globalisation and new-age challenges such as civil unrest, climate change, and terrorism, the department aims to equip students with critical thinking skills and theoretical insights to address these complexities. By fostering academic rigour and providing opportunities for greater learning, the department prepares students to interpret contemporary global and domestic challenges and develop policy solutions for cooperation and change, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to tackling pressing global issues.

### Department Events:

On May 3, 2023, ASPIRE conducted a Public Policy Workshop in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, in the DeNobili hall of the Auditorium block of the University. Mr T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.), Mr S.V. Ranganath, IAS (Retd.), Dr D Jeevan Kumar and Ms Genesis Rodrigues were the resource persons for the workshop.

On May 6, 2023, ASPIRE organised and hosted the "Young Scholars Seminar 2.0" on "Contemporary Conflicts and Policy Responses" in the DeNobili Hall of St Joseph's University Auditorium attended by 50 participants from across 12 institutions.

As part of the lecture series hosted by ASPIRE, Ms Harini Madhusudan from the National Institute of Advanced Studies was invited as a resource person to deliver a lecture on 'Politics and Conflict of Outer Space in the 21st Century' on July 28, 2023. The lecture was coordinated by Dr Anitha V. from the Association and Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar.

On August 11, 2023, Ms Aparupa Bhattacharjee from the National Institute of Advanced Studies delivered a lecture on "Myanmar's Troubled History: Failed Democracy, Ethnic Conflict and Violence" coordinated by Dr Anitha V. from the Association and Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar.

On August 19, 2023, ASPIRE hosted the inaugural book review event of the Department Book Club. They reviewed *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli, coordinated by Dr Anitha V with 50 student beneficiaries. Likewise, on September 2, they

reviewed *The Sociological Imagination* by C Wright and Bipin: *The Man Behind the Uniform* on November 4, 2023.

On August 24, 2023, ASPIRE conducted the Policy Lab, presenting the "Introduction sessions" coordinated by Dr Anitha V. from the Association, for students of the department, with 76 student beneficiaries.

On September 2, 2023, ASPIRE conducted an editorial discussion, on the Deccan Herald's editorial section. This event was organised for students and news readers to engage in a discussion about articles from the editorial section of that day's newspaper. This edition was held by Girish C.T. from II JPP. Likewise, on October 7, Prajwal T.V. of II JPP hosted the discussion, and Dev Chandekar hosted on November 4.

Invited Mr T. A. Ameerudheen, India Correspondent at RT International (formerly Russia Today) as resource person for a discussion on 'Journalism Career Opportunities in International Relations' on March 28, 2024, organised by the II JIN Students of the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy.

Invited Dr Sneha Yadav, Assistant Professor, Jain (Deemed to be) University for a Guest Lecture on "Historical Lineages and Contemporary Partnerships: India, Central Asia and Russia," on April 3, 2024 at Aloysius Hall.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

#### Dr Chander Shekhar

Published an opinion piece titled "Strengthening India-Philippines Ties," Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, dated March 31, 2024.

#### Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar

Published an opinion piece titled "Casteless NEP can't achieve equity", Deccan Herald, November 16, 2023.

Published an article titled "India, Taiwan and China triangle," Taipei Times, November 3, 2023.

Published an article titled "Dalit students still face discrimination," Deccan Herald, October 9, 2023.

Published an article titled "China's WeiQi geopolitics", Deccan Herald, September 26, 2023.

Published an opinion piece titled "The on-going crisis in Sri Lanka" in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) Volume 57, Issue No.21, May 2022, ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976. (Scopus).

Published an opinion piece titled "Analysing the Options to End the Russia- Ukraine Crisis" in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) Volume 57, Issue No.16, April 2022, ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976. (Scopus).

Published an article titled “Opinion: India deserves UNSC seat”, Telangana Today, May 11, 2023.

Published an article titled “Opinion: A case of Genocide?,” Telangana Today, July 31, 2023.

Published an opinion piece titled “Use Tech to End Manual Scavenging”, Deccan Herald, December 5, 2023.

Published an opinion piece titled “Death of merit or social equality?,” Deccan Herald, December 23, 2023.

Published an opinion piece titled “How India is failing its farmers”, Deccan Herald, January 18, 2024.

Published an opinion piece titled “Missed opportunity to uphold equality,” Deccan Herald, on February 21, 2024.

Published a paper on “Formation of Informal Alliances in Indo-Pacific: Analysing the role of India”, in Journal of Contemporary Politics, Bangalore University, Volume 2, Issue-1, June 2023, ISSN: 2583-681.

Invited as resource person for a Special Lecture Series on “Publication Ethics” under the theme of “Research Ethics and Publication” by the Department of Political Science and Bangalore University Political Science Alumni Association (BUPSAA) at Bangalore University on February 22, 2024.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Hanan Salim from I JIN presented a paper on “Media Dynamics in Conflicts: Reporting and Advocacy in the Israel-Gaza war” in the SSM national Seminar at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong (Meghalaya) during March 26-27, 2024.

Aaron Nair from I JIN presented a paper on “Media Dynamics in Conflicts: Reporting and Advocacy in the Israel-Gaza war” in the SSM national Seminar at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong (Meghalaya) during March 26-27, 2024.

Dev Chandekar from I INPP published a paper in Purbayon Publications, Guwahati, Assam, titled “Social Safety Nets in India: Policy implementation and Achievements since Independence” on April 15, 2024.

Anush Joseph from I INPP participated and won Best Delegate in JIGYASSA MUN conducted by Jain (deemed to be) University.

Shreyas Sudip Mitra from I INPP participated and won Best Delegation at the Concilium 2023 fest conducted by Christ (deemed to be) University on October 4, 2023.

Cris Fernando from II JIN presented a paper on “Energy Security of Baltic States Under European Union (EU)” in the International Conference, organised by Jean Monnet Module and St Xavier College, Ranchi, November, 3-4, 2023.

Cris Fernando from II JIN presented a paper on “Energy Security and Interdependency between Russia and European Union (EU)” in the International

Conference, by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, November, 16-17, 2023.

Fardin Jahangeer from II JIN presented a paper on “Politics Motivated Favoritism and Bias: Comparing Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine Conflicts” in the SSM national Seminar at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong (Meghalaya) during March 26-27 2024.

Sounak Ghosh from II JIN presented a paper on “Child Security in Contemporary World: Analysing the role of Global Governing Institutions” in the International Conference, by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, November 16-17, 2023.

Sounak Ghosh from II JIN presented a paper on “One Nation and One Election: Impact on Indian Federalism” in the V. K. Sukumaran Narayan Chair for Parliamentary Affairs: University of Kerala – National Seminar, held on March 12 and 13, 2024.

Sounak Ghosh from II JIN published an article at NIAS CONFLICT WEEKLY on the topic “Mahatma Gandhi Starts the Dandi March and Shakes the British Empire” on March 15, 2024.

Prajwal T V from II JIN published a commentary at NIAS The World This Week on the theme of ‘Newsmakers This Week’ on “Jorge Glas,” “Arizona Supreme Court,” and on “European Court of Human Rights” on April 14, 2024.

Prajwal T V from II JIN published an opinion on “Casteless NEP can’t achieve equity” in Deccan Herald on November 16, 2023.

Prajwal T V from II JIN published “Opinion: A Case of Genocide?” in Telangana Today on July 31, 2023.

Prajwal T V from II JIN published “Opinion: China’s discarded Salami Slicing” in Telangana Today on July 14, 2023.

Prajwal T V from II JIN presented a paper together with Mr Abdul Rehman, PhD Scholar on “EU’s Geopolitical Interests and Common Foreign Policy Towards West Asia” in the International Conference, organised by Jean Monnet Module & St Xavier College - Ranchi, November, 3-4, 2023.

Govind Anoop from II JIN presented a paper on “Policy and Practice in Child Security: A Comparative Study on India and Global Initiatives” in the International Conference, by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, November, 16-17, 2023 in New Delhi.

Govind Anoop from II JIN published an opinion piece in Telangana Today titled “EU’s tightrope diplomacy” on March 26, 2024.

Nuha Aamina from III JIP presented a paper and received best presentation award on “Drawings Parallels between Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine Conflicts” in the ICSSR international conference at

K.V.R Govt College for Women, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh during February 22-23, 2024.

Manjima Manoj from III JIP presented a paper on "Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Integration in India" in the 3rd Annual National Seminar on Asia's Security Dilemma: Issues and Challenges at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on September 29, 2023.

Ashlyn S.A. from III JIP presented a paper on "Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Integration in India" in the 3rd Annual National Seminar on Asia's Security Dilemma: Issues and Challenges at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on September 29, 2023.

R.R. Bommi Varshini from III JIP presented a paper on "Breaking Boundaries: G20s Path to Global Gender Equality – A Case Study on India" in the

3rd Annual National Seminar on Asia's Security Dilemma: Issues and Challenges at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on September 29, 2023.

Manasvini Pankaj Kapileshwari from III JIP presented a paper on "Breaking Boundaries: G20s Path to Global Gender Equality – A Case Study on India" in the 3rd Annual National Seminar on Asia's Security Dilemma: Issues and Challenges at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on September, 29 2023.

Sayeka Ghosh from III JIP published a paper on "Washington Consensus vs Beijing Consensus" in the book India at G20: Governance and International Organisations by Dr Mohan Singh Saggi in 2023. She presented the same at the Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security (IIHSG), Delhi in 2023.

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

### SPECTRUM

Spectrum, the student forum of St Joseph's University undertook a diverse array of initiatives throughout the academic year 2023-24, aiming to engage, inform, and empower the student body. Commencing with the nomination of dedicated office bearers and the formation of six dynamic committees on July 27, 2023, Spectrum set the stage for a year of impactful initiatives. From commemorating India's 76th Independence Day with an engaging intra-university quiz on August 14 to hosting a thought-provoking student panel discussion themed "77 Years of India's Independence" on September 6, Spectrum ignited dialogue and reflection within the student community. Noteworthy events such as the 'Bangalore Traffic Warden Organization-Student Interface' session and the enlightening Special Lectures by esteemed guests like Ms Anu Chengappa and Dr Siddharth Mallavarupu further enriched the academic landscape. Spectrum's commitment to holistic student development shone brightly during the SJU Open Day: Elixir 2023 event, where ten captivating exhibits showcased the forum's dedication to knowledge dissemination. Culminating in a dynamic workshop on "Career Opportunities & Transition from Campus to Corporate" on March 27, 2024, Spectrum ensured that students were equipped with the skills and insights needed to thrive beyond academia. As the academic year drew to a close, Spectrum's rich tapestry of events reflected its dedication to holistic student development and community engagement.

### Faculty Achievements

#### Dr P E Somaiah, Associate Professor of Political Science

Invited as a Subject Expert for Political Science Board of Studies Meeting by the Department of

Political Science, Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous), Hennur Main Road, Bengaluru-43, on June 9, 2023, and December 6, 2023.

Invited by the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, Jnanabarathi Campus, to deliver a motivational lecture on Teaching Skills for Postgraduate students and PhD scholars on July 15, 2023.

Invited as a Subject Expert for an online Political Science Board of Studies Meeting by the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshina Kannada District, on August 17, 2023.

Invited as a Resource Person and Chief Guest by the Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College, Magadi, Ramnagar District, for the Valedictory function of the Certificate course 'Electoral Politics and Process in India' on August 19, 2023.

Invited as a Resource Person for the Orientation Programme for first-year law students by KLE Law College, Ullal, Bengaluru, on September 2, 2023. Delivered a Special Lecture on 'Social Sciences and Law' and interacted with students.

Invited as a Subject Expert for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting by the Department of Political Science, Maharani Cluster University, Palace Road, Bengaluru-01, on October 20, 2023.

Invited by PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya ASC Centre (S), Bengaluru, to deliver a Special Lecture on the topic 'Right to Education Act (RTE), 2009', to the teaching faculty on November 30, 2023.

Invited as a Subject Expert for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting by the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshina Kannada District on February 9, 2024.

Invited as a Political Analyst by TV 9 News Channel for a Live discussion on Karnataka State Budget 2024-2025 on February 16, 2024.

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

## OVERVIEW

The Department of Sociology has over the course of the academic year conducted a wide range of activities and initiatives aimed at fostering a deep understanding and appreciation of sociological principles among its students and faculty members. The Department along with the Student Association Social Zest hosted various events such as workshops, debates and field trips to provide students with opportunities for practical learning and engagement in the field of sociology.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Maria A

Published a book titled "Access To Education Of Street Children in Bangalore City" under Clever Fox Publishing, Chennai, India on August 23, 2023 (ISBN 978-93-56484-40-5). The book discusses the major concerns with regard to the access to education for street children in Bangalore City.

Honoured in a felicitation event held by the Lions Club of N.S.C Bose under the organisation of Lions Club International, an international social service community on December 17, 2023 in Lions Bhavan, Seegehalli, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru by the District Governor of 317 F for high quality, perpetual social service to the underprivileged of society.

### Ms Melissa Remedios

Chaired a session on "Religion and Psychology: Exploring the Interface" at the National Seminar on Religion & Society in India: Contemporary Multidisciplinary Explorations on August 7 and 8, 2023.

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

Helped coordinate and organise a talk on "Gender Sensitisation on Campus" at St Joseph's University on March 14, 2024, as a member of the Gender sensitisation cell.

Helped coordinate and organise an AICUF Rural Camp to Pandithahalli, Kundur on April 9-14, 2024 as the representative from School of Humanities.

### Dr Chandini Bhambhani

Selected to participate in a two-week ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) sponsored Capacity Building Program (CBP) held from September 21 to October 3, 2023 on the theme 'Emerging Transdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences and G20 Challenges.' Awarded with "Writing Skill Certificate" for submitting a monograph, 'Certificate of Excellence' for active participation and 'Program Completion Certificate' at the event.

Published a book review of Being Single in India: Stories of Gender, Exclusion, and Possibilities, by Sarah Lamb, University of California Press, 2022 in the International Journal of Asian Studies on November 6, 2023.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Karyum Josephine Riba of III B.A Political Science and Sociology presented a research paper titled "Navigating Borders: Settler Colonialism, Global Citizenship and Immigrant Experiences Amidst Conflict" at the International Conference on 'Development, Democracy, and Citizenship: Decolonial Perspectives from the Global South.' organised by Mahatma Gandhi University in collaboration with University of Nairobi, York University, and University of the Philippines Diliman on March 23, 2024.

## DEPARTMENT AND ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### Valedictory Ceremony for the 2022-2023 officeholders of Social Zest

In the kaleidoscope of a college experience, there are moments that shine brighter than others, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of the entire community. One such moment is the bittersweet occasion when students gathered to bid adieu to their third-year seniors who had been part of Social Zest on May 6, 2023 in the AV room. The ceremony was attended by Dr Maria, the Coordinator; Ms Melissa C Remedios of the Sociology Department; Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean of Humanities; and Mr Anuplal G, HOD of Industrial Relations. The unveiling of the magazine cover of Social Zest magazine 'Gusto' also took place at the event.

### Inauguration Ceremony of Social Zest 2023-24

The inauguration ceremony of Social Zest took place on August 12 at 8:30 a.m. The event was organised by Dr Maria, the teacher coordinator, along with Surya John, President of Social Zest, Akshitha Unnithan, the Editor-In-Chief, and the rest of Social Zest. The Chief Guest for the inauguration was Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza SJ, Assistant Professor from the Department of Economics and Finance Officer at SJU.

### Confession Booth Event by Social Zest

The Confession Booth Event was held at the Arrupe Atrium on August 23, 2023 and started at 11 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. 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.

### **Field Visit to St Martha’s Hospital - Department Activity**

Under the guidance of Dr Maria, 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’ on August 19, 2023. This experience provided an opportunity to engage with the real-world dynamics of medical sociology. It offered them valuable insights into the complexities of healthcare systems, patient experiences, and the societal influences that shape health-seeking behaviours. The students were reminded of the critical role that sociological understanding plays in addressing healthcare disparities and fostering patient-centred care.

### **Meraki - Department Activity**

Meraki was a series of events organised by the Department of Sociology under the guidance of Dr Maria to provide students with an opportunity to relieve their stress and improve their collaborative skills. The first club meeting was held on August 12, 2023 and involved 60-70 student participants and 12 student leaders. The second Meraki event was held on August 18, 2023 for first-year Sociology students. The third Meraki event took place on August 22, 2023 at Xavier Hall for second-year Sociology students. The fourth Meraki event was on August 26, 2023 and was held for final-year Sociology Students for the second time. All the events followed the same schedule and began with a small introductory talk by Jeffrey Samuel on the meaning and purpose of the events. Several games such as ‘Freeze Dance’, ‘Freestyle Dancing’ and ‘Karaoke’ were conducted as part of the event.

### **Elixir: SJU Open Day**

On August 30, 2023, the Department of Sociology under the guidance of Dr Maria, hosted an exhibition for The Elixir Exhibition in Room N205 of the 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 transition 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.

### **Potpourri by Social Zest**

The Potpourri Event was organised under the guidance of Dr Maria, in A015, Arrupe Ground floor on September 1, 2023. Potpourri 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 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.

### **Debate Competition by Social Zest**

In the spirit of fostering intellectual inquiry and evoking thoughtful discussions on social issues, Social Zest, under the Department of Sociology, hosted its very first debate on the motion ‘Is Marxism relevant in the 21st century?’ The debate was adjudicated by Mr Madhu, Assistant Professor of Sociology and had a total of eight participants with four on each side of the motion, formed into the proposition and opposition team. The best speaker was awarded to one participant on either side of the debate, with B Rajeev from the Proposition side and Devika K from the Opposition side being rewarded. The event concluded with a speech by Mr Madhu who emphasised on the importance of keeping a healthy mindset while discussing complex social issues and urged students to not look at the social problems with a black and white lens but mainly as shades of grey.

# DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Mr G. Anuplal

1. Delivered a guest lecture on 'St Joseph's College through the ages: History with special reference to role of SJC/SJU in Indian Independence Movement' at SJU Faculty Induction Programme on July 5, 2023.
2. Invited as Resource person at Annual Workshop for Philatelists and Numismatists Association on August 30, 2023. Delivered a guest lecture on 'One Rupee Indian Currency Notes of India from 1949 to 2020.'
3. Delivered a guest lecture on 'Role of National Service Scheme in Nation Building' for National Service Scheme Volunteers of Unit 3 on September 28, 2023.
4. Delivered a guest lecture on 'Influence of Mahatma Gandhi on Student Community' for National Service Scheme Volunteers of Unit 1 on October 2, 2023.
5. Delivered a guest lecture on "Centenary Postal Cover of Alumni Association of St Joseph's University" for the Members of Cannanore Philatelic Club, Kerala on December 21, 2023.

### Ms Sandhya Catherine

Completed the following Training Programmes:

1. MEL (Monitoring Evaluation and Learning) Training-Asian Aid (Australia), August 24 2023 to September 14, 2023.
2. Dalit Muslim Adivasi (DMA) Project Capacity Building Training Programme from Azim Premji Foundation on August 11, 2023.
3. Certificate Program on Advanced Quantitative Research and Geographic Information system, from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, during January-March 2024.

## Association Events

### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FORUM

The Student Association of the Department of Industrial Relations conducted the following events:

Inaugural Guest Lecture on "Social Security Measures In the USA and Relevant Legal Provisions" by Dr Kiran Jeevan, Public Relations Officer on August 10, 2023.

Guest Lecture on "Placement as a H.R.M. Function" for students of final-year Industrial Relations, by Mr Kiran Jeevan on August 10, 2023.

Swearing in of Office Bearers and Inaugural Ceremony, followed by talk on Relevance of Social Sciences by Fr Arun D'Souza (SJ), Finance Officer of SJU and Assistant Professor, Department of Economics on August 12, 2023.

SJU Open Day: Industrial Relations Exhibition on September 30, 2023. Public attendees were given in-depth understanding of the interdisciplinary subject and its job prospects.

Cartooning Competition on the topic 'Employee Mental Health' was held on October 7, 2023.

Designing Competition on the topic 'Redesign Your Favourite MNCs Logo' was held on October 21, 2023.

Sketching Competition on the topic 'Workplace Diversity' was held on November 4, 2023.

Annual Industrial Relations Quiz-2023 as part of School of Humanities Academic Festival MERAKI was held on November 4, 2023. 17 teams participated in the quiz.

Industrial Relations Extempore Competition was conducted on March 18, 2024.

The Annual Industrial Relations Lecture Competition was held on March 25, 2024.



## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

Under the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Department of Psychology and Counselling offers both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) programs. The PG students have the opportunity to showcase their talents and leadership skills through an association called SUMANA. On September 6, 2023, during the academic year 2023-24, various events were organised by SUMANA, led by Dr Stephen Babu and Dr Anila M. M as association coordinators, under the guidance of Dr Nisha Rao, the PG Coordinator, and Dr Neeta Pereira, the Head of the Department of Psychology and Counselling.

### Poster Making Competition

Poster Making competition was held on September 6, 2023. The theme encouraged exploration of the human mind, allowing interpretations on emotions, cognition, mental health, self-discovery, and personal growth. Students expressed thoughts, emotions, and perceptions of human psyche through

4:30 pm. Other department students conducted major psychological experiments on interested visitors, adding vibrancy. An informative video on the "Scope of Psychology" ran throughout the day. Psychology labs and surrounding areas featured creative posters on psychological concepts, engaging visitors.

### Mental Health and Self Care

Organised by Sumana, the PG Psychology association, the "Mental Health and Self-Care" event marked Suicide Prevention Day, fostering awareness and self-care. Held on October 6, 2023, it provided a supportive atmosphere for students. The open mic session was a highlight, showcasing talents in singing, dancing, and skits. These performances conveyed the importance of mental health breaks and pursuing interests. The skit focused on seeking support during challenges. Approximately 10 teams / individuals participated, making it a vibrant hour of expression and support.



artwork. Participation from diverse departments and academic years showcased creativity, talent, and passion for psychology. The event resulted in a colorful display of interpretations titled "Mind of Mine."

### SJU Open Day - Elixir

Through SUMANA, PG students from the Department of Psychology participated in the Open Day Elixir-2023 hosted by St Joseph's University. The Department of Psychology and Counselling's exhibits aimed at unravelling mysteries of the human psyche. Ten teams from UG and PG courses presented their models from 8:30 am to

### World Mental Health Day Event

The World Mental Health Day event, organised by Sumana, on October 10 and 11, 2023, was a significant initiative aimed at promoting mental well-being and raising awareness about the importance of mental health. The Mental Health Day this year had the theme of "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right." The event included a range of activity-based stalls and a guest speaker, Ms Maria Senora, Counsellor at St Joseph's University, who delivered a talk on the importance of making counselling inclusive. Following the earlier event, the PG Psychology Association arranged a Zumba session on October 11 in Xavier Hall, PG Block. Led

by Zumba instructor Prashant and Ms Aabharna, the session offered students a lively way to engage in physical exercise.

### **MIXER EVENT – “Who’s your new friend?”**

The “Who’s Your New Friend?” mixer event, organised by Sumana, was a vibrant gathering aimed at building community and promoting mental health awareness among Josephites. Participants from various departments of both UG and PG levels attended the event. The event featured creative stalls and interactive activities designed to foster socialisation and self-expression. It was a resounding success, bringing students together in a positive and inclusive atmosphere. The diverse range of activities catered to different interests, facilitating meaningful connections. The event effectively achieved its goal of raising mental health awareness and promoting the joy of socialising while nurturing a sense of community on campus.

### **“Craft Your Climax” – Movie Screening and Creativity Contest**

The “Craft Your Climax” event held on February 29, centered on participants’ imaginative take on movie endings. Starting with the first half of “Karthik Calling Karthik,” attendees crafted and submitted videos narrating their envisioned second half and climax. The primary goal was to foster critical thinking and creativity, exploring human cognition, emotions, and storytelling complexities. Participants engaged in creative storytelling, psychological analysis, and critical thinking, offering diverse narrative possibilities and personal insights. The event deepened understanding of the psychology-storytelling relationship, enhancing cinematic experiences and analytical skills.

### **“She Shines” – Women’s Day Event for Housekeeping Staff of SJU**

Sumana, the PG Psychology Forum of St Joseph’s University, organised a special event on International Women’s Day on March 26, 2024 to honour and celebrate the invaluable contributions of the female housekeeping staff. The event aimed to provide a platform for these hardworking individuals to relax, engage in activities, and feel appreciated and empowered. Facilitated by Ms Kodhai Narayanan and Ms Thushara Mariam Thomas from the Department of Psychology and Counselling, the event featured a variety of engaging activities promoting positivity, camaraderie, and self-reflection among the staff. These activities included a Gratitude Tree, singing and speeches, and fun-filled musical games.

### **Case conference**

The Department of Psychology and Counselling at St Joseph’s University, Bangalore, holds an

annual Case Conference series for MSc Counselling Psychology students. This year, the conference was held from January to April 2024. The conference serves as an academic forum for students to discuss and reflect on their clinical work experience gained through internships and supervision. It offers them a comprehensive exposure to the clinical world of mental health professionals, allowing them to refine their skills and learn from their peers. This platform provides a professional space where ideas are challenged, and unique strategies are conceptualised to address the diverse mental health needs of clients.

### **Round table conference**

On April 3, 2024, the Department of Psychology and Counselling hosted a round table conference on the theme, “Gender Responsive Services for Women, Girls, and Marginalised Communities.” This event was organised in collaboration with AINSW and Alliance India, a non-governmental organisation dedicated to supporting sustained responses to HIV in India, emphasising rights protection and health improvement through partnerships with civil society, government, and communities. The conference aimed to facilitate discussions with government officials of law enforcement, stakeholder involvement, and community partnerships to address the needs of women, girls, and marginalised communities.

### **Faculty Achievements:**

#### **Dr Neeta Pereira**

1. Awarded her PhD in November 2023 under Jain deemed to be University, Bengaluru.
2. Invited to chair a scientific session for a National conference on the Theme of “Cognition and Emotion-thought developmental perspective” at Department of Psychology, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) Bengaluru, on February 16, 2024.
3. Invited as trainer for Psychoeducation workshop conducted at Carmel School, Nanjangud for the 7th and 9th Grade on “Stress Management” on March 9, 2024.

#### **Dr Stephen Babu**

1. Received Certificate of Excellence for reviewing a research paper in the Asian Journal of Economic Business and Accounting on February 20, 2024.
2. Was invited as resource person for a guest lecture on the topic, “Career options in Psychology” organised by the Department of Arts and Humanities, St Vincent Pallotti college, Bengaluru, on August 4, 2023
3. Published a paper on “Hardiness, Emotional Intelligence and Occupational Stress Among

Technocrats”, in Alareeni, B., Hamdan, A. (eds) Technology and Business Model Innovation: Challenges and Opportunities. ICBT 2023. Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, vol 923. Springer, Cham. March 17, 2024.

#### Dr Maria Wajid

1. Published a paper on “What enhances the quality of death and dying? A perspective from patients with terminal cancer in hospice” published in International Journal of Palliative Nursing, March 20, 2024.
2. Served as a resource person for a workshop titled “A two stage workshop on qualitative research methodology- theory and practice of qualitative research” for postgraduate students of Central University of Karnataka on November 26 and December 1 and 2, 2023.

#### Dr Safeya Makhmur

1. Invited as an expert on the topic of “Current trends of research in Psychology” on November 11, 2023 organised by school of Life sciences, Department of Zoology, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.
2. Published paper titled, “Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health of Young Adults” in International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, January 2024.

#### Dr Sherin Lee Thomas

1. Published a research paper titled as “Understanding the risk of non-communicable diseases through the lens of a communicable disease: Lifestyle changes of young adults during COVID-19” in International Journal of Scientific Development and Research; 2023; Page No: 2083 - ISSN Number: 2455-2631 10.13140/RG.2.2.21657.

2. Invited as a resource person for “Mindfulness for mental wellness” at Akaike technologies, Indiranagar Bangalore on April 10, 2024.
3. Delivered a talk on “Destigmatising Mental Health” at Unilever on June 20, 2023.
4. Delivered a talk on “Live Mental Health Talk” at HDFC Life on June 23, 2023.
5. Delivered a talk on “Silencing your Inner Critic” at Franklin Templeton on July 13, 2023.
6. Invited as a resource person for PG Inauguration Programme: “Paularamba” at Department of Humanities, St Paul’s College, Bengaluru on September 21, 2023.
7. Invited as a resource person for Counselling Special Groups, Department of Psychology, PES University, Bangalore, February 9, 2024.

**Dr Nisha Menzies Rao**, awarded PhD under the University of Jagran Lakecity, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India on November 29, 2023.

**Ms Sonia Patwardhan**, Assistant Professor completed GATE exam 2024 on February 4 2024 with the score of 566 and the AIR rank of 163.

**Dr Neha Jha** completed and defended her PhD on March 19 2024 at the University.

**Ms Kodhai B Narayanan**, organised a National Entrance Test (NET) Preparation workshop for PG students of St Joseph’s University on January 16, 2024.

**Dr Anila M M** published a paper titled “ Developed scale on Psychological functioning among Catholic candidates to consecrated life in Bangalore City” in the International journal of Indian Psychology, Volume 12 issue 1, Jan- March 2024.



## DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

### Inauguration of JET Club

The inauguration of JET Club at St Joseph's University on August 21, 2023, marked a significant milestone in fostering enthusiasm and collaboration in electronics. Held at De Nobili Hall, the event attracted students, faculty, and esteemed guests. Vice President Amrutha's welcome address emphasised the club's mission, while Dr Rabbi Akkiba's keynote provided insights into the future of electronics, inspiring innovation. A highlight was the investiture ceremony, where newly elected club members received badges, symbolising their commitment. Esteemed dignitaries, including HoD Dr Godwin D'Souza, added prestige to the event. President RM Lennin Docras expressed heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging the Chief Guest's insights and the organising committee's efforts. The event concluded with refreshments, fostering networking and collaboration. The JET Club's inauguration underscores St Joseph's University's commitment to innovation, providing a platform for students to explore and excel in electronics.

### JET Club Participation in Robotics Seminar at Jyothi Nivas College, Electronics Department

The robotics seminar at Jyothi Nivas College on August 12, 2023, attracted enthusiasts, including JET Club members from St Joseph's University. The event featured expert keynote speeches and technical sessions on the latest robotics technology. JET Club students actively participated, showcasing their passion for robotics. Participants engaged in discussions about robotics research, industry applications, and future prospects, gaining valuable knowledge and skills. The seminar fostered networking and collaboration among peers, faculty, and industry professionals. The involvement of JET Club students highlighted their dedication to robotics, leaving attendees inspired and better prepared to contribute to the field's advancement.

### JET Club - Crossword Event

The CROSSWORD event, organised by the JET Club from the Department of Electronics, was an engaging affair held at Aloysius Hall on September 21, 2023. Designed to test electronics knowledge, the event featured challenging crossword puzzles. Participants enthusiastically embraced the challenge, showcasing their passion for electronics.

The event heads, Tushar Hassan and Bhavani S, ensured smooth execution, creating a conducive learning environment. Winners were announced, with Alan George Sunny's team and the runner-up team, including Angela Baby Kalamattathiel, Manas Mayank Pradhan, and Eshana Raj, awarded cash prizes. The event fostered connection, learning, and enjoyment within the Electronics Department.

### Open Day Exhibition

St Joseph's University's "Elixir" open day exhibition, held at the Electronics Lab on September 30, 2023, showcased ten innovative projects at the forefront of electronics. From advanced circuit designs to wireless communication innovations, the exhibition highlighted the department's commitment to pushing the boundaries of electronics research and development. Attendees, including students, faculty, alumni, and the public, praised the projects' depth and breadth. The "Elixir" exhibition successfully highlighted groundbreaking innovations within the Department of Electronics, with positive feedback underscoring its significance in advancing electronics knowledge and inspiring continued excellence.

### JET Club Participation at Jyothi Nivas College, Electronics Fest

Members of St Joseph's University's JET Club participated fervently in the Electronics Fest at Jyothi Nivas College on October 10, 2023. Their active engagement reflected a deep enthusiasm for electronics as they immersed themselves in various competitions and activities. The JET Club members showcased their talents, exchanged ideas with peers, and embraced learning opportunities, contributing to the fest's vibrant atmosphere. Their participation yielded remarkable achievements and prizes, bringing honour to their institution. Returning with valuable experiences and new friendships, the JET Club members were inspired to continue excelling in electronics.

### JET Club - Electronics Shock Fest

The Electronics Shock Fest, held at St Joseph University on February 29, 2024, fostered innovation and knowledge exchange within the electronics community. Organised by the Electronics Department and sponsored by Flextron, a pioneer in affordable EV charging solutions, the event featured technical quizzes, project presentations,

circuit design competitions, robotics challenges, and more. Flextron's support, including resources and sponsored T-shirts, was pivotal for the fest's success. Esteemed guests like Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino SJ and Prof Godwin enriched the event with their presence and insights. The fest attracted enthusiastic participation from students across various colleges, highlighting talent and ideas in electronics. The participants left with enriched knowledge, lasting memories, and a renewed determination to excel in electronics, underscoring the event's significance as a catalyst for learning and growth.



JET Club Representatives with Flextron members during JET Club Shock Fest.



Mr Amin Khan awarding certificates to the winners during JET Club Shock Fest 2024.



Prof Godwin D'Souza with the JET Club Alumni Shock Fest 2024.

### JET Club Participation at Mount Carmel College, Electronics Fest

A group of enthusiastic students from St Joseph's University, representing JET Club, participated in the Electronics Fest organised by Mount Carmel College on March 14, 2024. Throughout the event, St Joseph's University students demonstrated

active engagement, dedication, and expertise, reflecting the rigorous training and support they receive from their institution. Several students from St Joseph's University showcased exceptional talent and innovation at the Electronics Fest, with some emerging as winners in various events. Their achievements not only brought pride to their university but also highlighted their dedication and skills in electronics.



JET Club members at Mount Carmel Electronics Fest.

### JET Club Participation at Jyothi Nivas College, ELEKTRA'24 Fest

ELEKTRA'24, held at Jyothi Nivas College's Electronics Department on March 18, 2024, focused on "Technology's Role in Sustainability." The intercollegiate fest drew participants from various institutions, including St Joseph's University's JET Club. Attendees engaged in activities showcasing the intersection of technology and sustainability, from the Project Expo to the Film Making competition. St Joseph's students actively participated, with S. Roshan Kumar winning first prizes in photography and film-making. In the Cipher Pass competition, Cammy Dawan and Ranveer Singh secured second place. Their success highlights the university's commitment to excellence in technology and sustainability. ELEKTRA'24 provided a platform for creative expression and problem-solving, fostering collaboration and a deeper understanding of building a more sustainable future.



Winners of ELEKTRA'24 Event at Jyothi Nivas College.

A Photograph by S Roshan Kumar that won the first prize.



# DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Ms Shivani Parab (21MAT06)

Secured First place in 'Best Paper award' competition in the young scientist (Jr) category at the International Conference on Linear Algebra and its Applications (ICLAA 2023) conducted by the Centre for Advanced Research in Applied Mathematics and Statistics, Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Ms Deepika S

Papers Published:

1). Title: A computational approach for the generalised Genesio-Tesi systems using a novel fractional operator.

Authors: S Deepika, Hari Baskar Ranganathan, P Veerasha.

Journal Name: Pramana – J. Phys.

2). Title: Modified Genesio-Tesi systems with trigonometric functions and the Caputo fractional derivative.

Authors: S Deepika, P Veerasha.

Journal Name: Mathematics in Engineering, Science and Aerospace.

### Dr Deepa Mathew

Delivered Fr Racine endowment lecture conducted by the Department of Mathematics, Loyola College Chennai in July 2023.

Chairperson for a paper presentation session of the International Conference on Recent Trends in Applied Mathematics (ICTRAM 2024), conducted by Loyola College Chennai in February 2024.

## Overview of ABACUS Association

ABACUS, the Mathematics Association of St Joseph's University, fosters a vibrant community dedicated to promoting mathematics in its various facets. With a vision to make higher mathematical concepts accessible to all, regardless of background, ABACUS hosts engaging activities like lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions. Their aim is to demystify complex mathematical notions, nurturing a deep understanding and love for the subject among students. Additionally, the association provides a supportive, inclusive environment for learners to explore mathematics beyond their academic curriculum, honing critical problem-solving skills in a fun, engaging manner. Teacher Coordinators - Dr RA Daisy Singh and Dr Gerard Rozario J. Student Coordinators - Mr Anukul Sachan (President), Ms Prakruthi M (Vice President),

## ABACUS ASSOCIATION

CORE COMMITTEE 2023-24



Ms G Sai Divya Sri (Treasurer), Ms Angela BK (General Secretary), Ms Leona Sheen (PR & Social Media Head), and Ms Lisa B (Documentation Head).

## Events Conducted

### Ad-Infinity 2024

St Joseph's University's Mathematics Department organised AD-INFINITY, an intellectually stimulating inter-collegiate Mathematics fest, on March 22, 2024. The event showcased diverse competitions like Binary Brains, Mathrix, and  $\infty$  - Podium, testing critical thinking skills. With enthusiastic participation from students across colleges, participants engaged in rigorous challenges, debates, and problem-solving tasks, showcasing their passion for mathematics. The fest culminated in a grand finale with music, dance performances, and sponsor interactions. Prizes recognised outstanding achievements, celebrating academic excellence and collaboration. AD-INFINITY testified to St Joseph's University's commitment to academic inquiry and collaborative learning in mathematics.



## Elixir - Open Day

Elixir, The Open Day, conducted on September 30, 2023, inaugurated by Karnataka's Minister of Transport, Mr Ramalinga Reddy, showcased the Mathematics department's brilliance with eleven captivating exhibits. From intricate mathematical concepts to mind-boggling puzzles, students adeptly explained diverse topics to a varied audience. The exhibits, ranging from the 15 Tile Problem to the Einstein Tile, engaged pre-university students, teachers, and lecturers alike. Dr Meenakshi D'Souza, Prof IIIT-B, and Dr Philip served as judges, recognising the department's excellence. Particularly, the 'Einstein Tile' exhibit stood out, securing second prize and an 8000 rupee cash award, marking a proud moment for the Mathematics department.



## Quizzes

The Abacus Association's "The Sine of the Times" quiz for UG students conducted on August 31, 2023, saw enthusiastic participation across all years, testing knowledge, reasoning, and wit. Winners included Manas Mayank Pradhan, Narasimha Ganti (I prize), and Ninad Padur Aithal, Shahan Ulla Khan (II prize). Additionally, the Abacus Association organised MATHRIX, an engaging intra-collegiate quiz, on February 16, 2024, with Aparna, Adarsh, and Shikha as event heads. Students from undergraduate to postgraduate levels participated fervently in three rounds of logical and mathematical challenges. The winners were Shahan Ulla Khan, Gagan B (I prize),



Manas Mayank Pradhan, Narasimha Ganti (II prize), and Sangeetha. V, Yogesh Jain Bhansali (III prize).

## Upshot

On January 12, 2024, ABACUS, the Mathematics Association of St Joseph's University, organised a captivating lecture titled "Mathematics: Shaping Computer Science" under the series Upshot. Dr Meenakshi D'Souza, a distinguished Professor at IIIT Bangalore and Secretary cum Treasurer of ACM India, delivered an insightful discourse. The abstract of the lecture highlighted the pivotal role of mathematics in shaping contemporary computer science, elucidating its significance in defining program limitations and problem tractability. Dr Meenakshi guided the audience through the enthralling historical journey of mathematics' contributions to solving fundamental challenges in computer science. With expertise in Formal Methods, Model Based Development, and Software Testing, she also emphasised her interests in gender diversity and accessibility issues within the IT sector. The lecture provided an enriching insight into the symbiotic relationship between mathematics and computer science, leaving attendees enlightened and inspired.

# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr E Bruno Martin successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled "Pure and Zn-Doped Copper Oxide Nanoparticles and Nanocomposites for Effective Utilisation of UV-Visible Region in Photocatalytic Performance" and received her PhD degree on July 8, 2023.

Dr Parul Goel successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled "Investigation and Optimization of Ionic Conductivity in Some Vanadate Glasses for Li-ion Battery Applications" and received her PhD degree on August 1, 2023.

## Journal Publications

"Green synthesis of carboxy methyl chitosan based curcumin nanoparticles and its biological activity: Influence of size and conductivity", J Kabiriyel, R Jeyanthi, K Jayakumar, Augustine Amalraj, P Arjun, A Shanmugarathinam, G Vignesh, C Raja Mohan, Carbohydrate Polymer Technologies and Applications, 5, 2023, 100260, ISSN 2666-8939.

"Hierarchical Cu<sub>4</sub>SnS<sub>6</sub> nanoflowers supported by MWCNT can accomplish everything: Supercapacitors, dye-sensitized solar cells and water splitting", John Peter I, Muthu Kumar A, G Vignesh, P Nithiananthi, Electrochimica Acta, 457, 2023, 142416, ISSN 2666-8939.

"Donor dynamics of reverse type I core/shell nanostructure embedded in inorganic and organic polymer matrices", B Anitha, G Vignesh, P Nithiananthi, Journal of Nanoparticle Research, 25, 2023, 162, ISSN 2666-8939.

"Higher-indexed Moiré patterns and surface states of MoTe<sub>2</sub>/graphene heterostructure grown by molecular beam epitaxy", Trung T Pham, Péter Vancsó, Márton Szendrő, Krisztián Palotás, Roshan Castelino, Mehdi Bouatou, Cyril Chacon, Luc Henrard, Jérôme Lagoute & Robert Sporken, npj 2D Mater Appl 6, 48 (2022).

"A novel selenization-free chalcopyrite CIGSSe formation in a heat-treated Cu<sub>2</sub>Se/S/Ga<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>/S/In<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> multilayer thin film (ML) and ML/n-Si heterojunction characteristics", P Issac Nelson, A Mohan, R Rathes Kannan, B Vidhya, Peula Kumari, Vasudeva Reddy Minnam Reddy, Woo Kyoung Kim, IM Ashraf, Mohd Shkir, Surfaces and Interfaces, 41, 103246 (2023).

"Electrical conductivity and relaxation in lithium-doped barium vanadate glasses investigated by impedance spectroscopy", Parul Goel, Gajanan V Honnavar, KP Ramesh, Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids, 173, 111105 (2023).

"On the semiconductor to metal transition in a quantum wire: Influence of geometry and laser",

G Vignesh, A Sakthi Balaji, SM Mahalakshmi, P Kalpana, C Raja Mohan, Modern Physics Letters B.

"The influence of screening function on exciton mott transition in an asymmetric double quantum well", P Nithiananthi and G Vignesh, Modern Physics Letters B.

"A novel selenization-free chalcopyrite CIGSSe formation in a heat-treated Cu<sub>2</sub>Se/S/Ga<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>/S/In<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> multilayer thin film (ML) and ML/n-Si heterojunction characteristics", A Mohan et al., Surfaces and Interfaces.

"Theoretical study of exciton Mott transition in quantum wells through interband transition energy of excitons", G Vignesh and P Nithiananthi, AIP Conference Proceedings, 2995, 020197, (2024).

## Conference Publications:

"Study of the Impact of the Mixed Phase of Manganese Sulfide Nanophotocatalyst on Waste Water Treatment," R. Jeffrina, C. Rajamohan, P. Nithiananthi, G. Vignesh, International Functional Materials and Devices (AFMD-2024), February 26–29, 2024. ISBN: 978-93-93518-25-5.

"Correlating the properties of Li<sub>2</sub>O doped barium Vanadate Glasses for Li-ion applications," Parul Goel, International Functional Materials and Devices (AFMD-2024) February 26–29, 2024. ISBN: 978-93-93518-25-5.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Internships

Yogesh and Chaithanya Bhatt, both II MSc Physics students, completed their internships on "Fabrication of MEMS micromachining technology-based quadrupole mass filters for mass spectrometers for space exploration" at the Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems (LEOS), ISRO, Jalahalli, Bengaluru, from June to September 2023.

Maria Jubert V, II MSc Physics student, completed an HR internship at the Marpu Foundation from July 10, 2023, to July 16, 2023. Additionally, he completed another HR internship under ULead, an initiative by Unschool, from August 10, 2023, to September 22, 2023.

Sriram completed a training in accelerator technology during the summer training program organised by the Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUCA), New Delhi, from June 1 to June 30, 2023.

### Examinations Cleared

Mr Shahan Ulla Khan, a BSc Physics and Maths student (21PCM08), cleared JEST 2024 with an All India Rank of 263 and IIT JAM 2024 with an All India Rank of 606.

Mr Ninad Aithal, a BSc Physics and Maths student (21PCM53), cleared IIT JAM 2024 with an All India Rank of 1398 and GATE 2024 with an All India Rank of 1548.

Ms Aparna, a BSc Physics and Maths student (21PCM35), cleared IIT JAM 2024 with an All India Rank of 1507.

Mr Anirban Nath, a BSc Physics, Electronics, and Maths student (20PEM13), cleared JEST 2024 with an All India Rank of 209.

Ms Anindri Laha, a BSc Physics, Chemistry, and Maths student (19PCM23012), cleared IIT JAM 2024.

Mr Sumukha Bharadhwaj and Mr John Clifford D'Souza, both MSc Physics students, cleared GATE 2024.

### Programmes Organised by the Department

On April 19, 2023, Mr Aditya Srivatsa (JAM AIR 02) and Ms Aishwarya R (Scholar from Imperial College, London) from St Joseph's University gave a talk on "The Different Paths to Pursue a Higher Education in Physics."

The Physics Students Association (PSA) organised several Friday colloquium talks in the latter half of 2023. On August 11, Ms Angela James (21PCM27, III BSc) delivered a talk on "Aerodynamics for a Sustainable Future in Aviation." This was followed by a talk on "Green (Eco-Friendly) Way of Synthesising Nanoparticles" by Ms Jeffrina (21PCM02, III BSc) on August 18. On September 6, Ms Vaishnavi (21PCM54, III BSc) and Ms P Gayathri (III BSc) presented on "Nanotechnology in Energy Systems." Subsequently, Mr Chinmay Kulkarni (III BSc) discussed "Magnonics: A New Paradigm for the Future" on October 6, and Ms Shraddha (21PCM07, III BSc) spoke about the "Eco-Impact of Quantum Dots" on October 10. Mr Gagan (I BSc) explored "The Beauty of Einstein Field Equation" on October 18, followed by Mr Sriram (21PCM24, III BSc) who talked about the "Significance of Neutrino Experiments" on October 13. The series concluded with Ms Sakthi Maheswari (III BSc) discussing "Nanoparticles in Pyrometry" on November 3, 2023.

On August 17, 2023, the PG Physics department's association "Physeeksee" initiated the academic year with a captivating talk by Dr Prajwal Shastri, an esteemed astronomer formerly associated with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics. Dr Shastri's lecture, titled "The Heftiest Things We Know Through Sharp and Wide Eyes: The Sherlock Holmes Argument and Beyond," sparked numerous questions and discussions among the students. To sustain the momentum for astrophysics, Physeeksee continued its engaging series with Ms Sanjana Anand, a II MSc Physics student and president, delivering a remarkable presentation on gravitational lensing on August 31.

On September 21, 2023, Dr Bhalamurugan, Professor at the Atomic and Optical Physics division in PRL Ahmedabad, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on astrochemistry, shedding light on the mysteries of the cosmos. His presentation explored the concept of astrochemistry and emphasised the vital role of water in the context of life.

Dr Arun Varma Thampan, the PG Coordinator of the Physics Department, delivered an engaging talk titled "2-D Fourier Transforms and Fourier Filtering: A Pythonic Approach" on October 26, 2023, exploring image analysis techniques. Additionally, the Department of Physics and Physics Students Association (PSA) organised an international webinar on "Meteorites and the Early Solar Systems," delivered by Dr Prajakta Mane, Staff Scientist at the Lunar Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas, US, on February 12, 2024. The highly anticipated annual inter-collegiate Physics Fest "Tek Olma" unfolded on February 23, 2024, under the stewardship of Dr Parul Goel, featuring various events resonating with the theme "The Nuclear Dawn." Furthermore, the installation of an 8-inch Cassegrain telescope marked a significant milestone on February 23, 2024, inaugurating night sky observation sessions for students. Night sky observations occurred on March 10, 2024, and March 20, 2024, enhancing students' understanding of telescopes and observational challenges. Additionally, students benefited from a special lecture series by Dr TG Ramesh and Dr Jayant Murthy, as well as a student seminar by Dibyansh Das on "Entangled Light: Quantum Entanglement using Photonics" on March 23, 2024. Lastly, on April 05, 2024, the Physics Students Association (PSA) organised the Annual Intercollegiate Fest "SPECTRA 2024," featuring an inaugural talk by a renowned scientist from the Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems (LEOS), ISRO, Jalahalli, Bengaluru. On April 19, 2024, the PG Department of Physics organised the intercollegiate Science Quiz Competition "ENIGMA."

### Winter School Participation

The students from the Department of Physics, SJU, Mr David John, Ms Aditi Krishnan, Mr Shanidhya Shashwath, and Mr Priyanuj Kashyap, attended the KSO Winter School 2024 program organised by Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Govt. of India), Kodaikanal-624103, from January 3 to 10, 2024.

### Extension Programme

Students of III BSc Physics organised an extension work as part of the outreach special activity. They conducted science experiment demos to the children at Louisa Children's Home, Bengaluru, Karnataka, on March 21, 2024, between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

# DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:

### Doctorate Degree

**Mr Gulbadin Farooq Dar** completed his Doctorate of Philosophy from the Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry-605014, India, on November 15, 2023.

### Publications

**Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar**, Young-Hyo Ahn, Kaiser Farooq Dar, Jin-Hee Mad published a paper titled "Impact of International Trade on the Share Prices of the Industrial Bank of Korea Using Stochastic Prediction Modelling", Journal of Global Business and Trade, Vol. 19 No. 4 (August 2023), 71-90., ISSN 1946-5130 (Print), ISSN 2470-4733

**Dr Suresha Kharvi** published a paper entitled "A modified power Lindly distribution", Indian Society for Probability and Statistics, Springer, Pg 1-26, 2024.

### Webinars

The Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, organised a one-day National Level Webinar on "Mastering Data Science: Essential Tools, Techniques, and Skills-2024" on February 24, 2024, coordinated by Dr Sivakumar P. The webinar conducted via Google Meet featured Mr Saravanakumar Sekar, a Senior Data Scientist from Pennsylvania, United States, with extensive experience in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, NLP, and more. The event focused on advanced Machine Learning concepts and data analytics, exploring techniques to extract insights from big data sets. With 49 participants from various institutions, the session covered theoretical backgrounds and practical applications, concluding with a feedback session and certificate distribution. Dr Suresha Kharvi and Dr Archana facilitated the event, emphasising the importance of data science in today's context.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Members of Frequentia, the Statistics Association of St Joseph's University, Bangalore, secured the overall Champions Trophy at the "DATAMAZE 2024" fest held in Christ (deemed to be) University Central Campus. Below are the details of the prizes won by the students in the individual events:

Aryan Leon, Krithika Kannan (II CST), and Thomas (II ECST) won the first prize in Algo Duel.

Shubhan Cholin and Krithika Kannan (II CST) received the first prize in Adam's Pitch.

Shubhan Cholin, Pranav M, and Adithya Yohance H (II CST) secured the second prize in My Hero Trivia.

Thomas Samuel and Nikket Mesiliy (II ECST) clinched the first Prize in El Dorado.

Preksha Jain, Riya Bhansali (III EMS), and Aryan Leon (II CST) won the first Prize in Data Pulse.

Adithya Yohance H (II CST) earned second place in Stat Snap.

Sana Abbas (I ECST), Aravind (III EMS), and Monish (II BCA) secured second place in Data Pulse.



## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY

### Tilasto 2024

Tilasto 2024, the intercollegiate statistics fest organised by Frequentia, commenced at 9:00 am with an inauguration featuring Dr Parameshwar V Pandit as Chief Guest. Eight events, including Treasure Hunt and Analytics, followed a Netflix theme. The fest attracted 150 participants from St Joseph's University and other institutions. The valedictory ceremony, held at 5:00 pm, featured the organisation heads of Sugamyam Counselling. Christ (deemed to be) University emerged as the overall winner, receiving prizes during the ceremony, which concluded at 6:00 pm.



## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

## Overview

## RSC-SJU ChemCareers INDIA 2023

On August 10, 2023, the ChemCareers INDIA 2023 workshop was organised by The Royal Society of Chemistry & RSC Bangalore centre in association with the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The workshop was conducted by The Royal Society of Chemistry Bangalore centre for the students at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The workshop focused on careers in industry, science policy and academics. It also included an online CV writing session from one of the experts at RSC, UK. The workshop was open to all the registered students and the staff of the university. There were approximately 200 attendees which included postgraduate students, PhD scholars as well as faculty from the chemistry department. The event was inaugurated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas; Dean of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas; Head of the Department, Dr Nalini Sundaram, PG Coordinator, Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza; Membership Executive-External Relationship, Royal Society of Chemistry, India, Dr Rajdip Roy and Dr Fr Roshan Castellino SJ. The workshop comprised of four sessions, each with different speakers and topics. In Session I, Dr Swetha Raghavan discussed science policy careers, emphasising knowledge networks and collaborations, while Mr E Mohan explained the role of forensic chemistry in criminal investigations. Session II featured Dr Suman Kumar Jana, who highlighted career opportunities in chemical industries, and Dr Karunanidhi Gnanavelu, who spoke on chemical technology and flow chemistry. Session III had Dr Rajdip Roy from the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) discussing RSC activities and membership benefits in India.



Inauguration of RSC-SJU CHEMCAREER INDIA 2023

Session IV included Laura Woodward's workshop on resume writing and interview tips, and Dr Debasis Das's talk on emerging careers in Chemical Sciences, focusing on the skills needed for evolving job opportunities. Participants engaged with speakers and found the event highly informative.

## ELIXIR 2023

The Department of Chemistry participated in Elixir, Open Day, SJU with great enthusiasm and in large numbers on September 30, 2023. The faculty coordinators were Mr Tobin Varkey Simson (UG) and Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza (PG). There were 32 attractive and sound scientific exhibits by a total of 154 students from UG and PG Chemistry disciplines. The students from PU colleges visited the campus and enjoyed the experience of the Open Day. The first place and the third place were secured by exhibits from PG and UG Chemistry teams respectively.



Department of Chemistry awarded with the Elixir 2023 rolling championship trophy

The participants of the winning teams were: First place (Rs.12000/-)-Mahima Rodrigues(232CHA20), Vivekananda Nayak (232CHA13), R Akifa Kaunain (232CHA05) and Nafisa Banu Z (232CHA22) for their exhibit – Novel Spectrophotometer; Second place (Rs. 6000/-) Biopolymers and Piezoelectric Effect – V C Pranav Harish Nambiar (21MCZ28), Bhuvan Raj (21CEZ44), Chandana T S (21MCZ11), Hiten A V (21MCB04), Mishaal Mariya Sunny (222CHBT11) and Previya Skariah Valiyaparambil (222CHBT44). The Department of Chemistry was awarded the Elixir 2023 rolling championship trophy.

## INAUGURATION OF IIT JAM CHEMISTRY COURSE AT SJU

The Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences initiated coaching classes for UG chemistry students to prepare for the IIT JAM Chemistry examination 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Dr VM Biju, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, on July 27, 2023, via Microsoft Teams. Dr Biju discussed job opportunities in Chemistry and the importance of developing specific skills, as well as strategies for the IIT JAM exam. The event included speeches from various faculty members and a prayer led by Ms Christine Nigli. The course, coordinated by Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, featured faculty members Dr Valeen Rashmi Periera, Dr Nalini Ganapathy Sundaram, Dr Vinutha V Salian, and Mr Simson ran from July 31, 2023, to January 31, 2024, with 74 students attending weekday classes and Sunday assessments. Daily Practice Problems (DPP) were provided to enhance problem-solving skills.

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. The course was planned from August 2, 2023 to May 30, 2024, Monday to Saturday, 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, via MS TeaMs. The students had access to live and recorded sessions. Weekly tests were conducted on Sundays for 30 marks and 45 minutes duration. Besides weekly tests, a total of five centralised tests of 60 marks of 1 hour duration were conducted during the course period. A total of 12 students registered for the course.

## FRESHERS' DAY FOR MSC CHEMISTRY STUDENTS

Welchem- freshers' day for MSc Chemistry students was organised in Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University on August 5, 2023 by the II MSc students of the university. The event started with the opening address by the Dean of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas. The Head of the Department, Dr Nalini



Teaching, Learning and Evaluation workshop attended by the faculty members of School of Chemical Sciences

## INAUGURATION OF CSIR-NET COACHING

The Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences inaugurated CSIR-UGC NET coaching classes on August 1, 2023. Mr Nikhil N Rao, (Alumnus of SJC) PhD Scholar and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bengaluru was the invited speaker for this inaugural session. A total of 53 participants attended the inaugural session. Mr Nikhil spoke about his journey at SJC and how he developed himself under the training of the faculty members of the Department of Chemistry. Dr Debashis Ghosh was the course coordinator. The classes started from August 2, 2023. The teachers involved in the coaching of students were: Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi,

G Sundaram, and the PG coordinator, Dr Joyce D'Souza also addressed the gathering. Games, quizzes, and many other activities were organised for the freshers. Sharath Shaji Thomas was awarded the Mister Fresher 2023 title and Afna Ummer was awarded the Miss Fresher 2023 title. This interactive concourse helped the students warm up to their fellow batch mates and the senior students. The event culminated with a vote of thanks.

## TEACHING, LEARNING AND EVALUATION WORKSHOP

On January 31, 2024, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, conducted a Teaching, Learning and Evaluation workshop from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The resource person was Dr Michael Rajamathi. All the faculty members of

the Department of Chemistry and Department of Biochemistry participated in the workshop. The workshop started with a prayer followed by a brief introduction of the resource person, by the Pro-Vice Chancellor. Dr Michael started the technical session by talking about Bloom's taxonomy and introduced the faculty to 'KUPASE'. The resource person enlightened the group on how to use KUPASE while framing questions and learning outcomes, and also how to include it while teaching in the classroom. All teams actively participated in group discussions. The feedback provided by the resource person was taken in a positive manner. Previous question papers were also critically scrutinised during one of the sessions. Faculty were given tips on how to set better question papers in the future. All sessions were very useful and productive for the faculty members.

### **A TALK ON 'ETHICS IN CHEMICAL SCIENCES'**

A talk on 'Ethics in Chemical Sciences' was conducted on February 16, 2024, at 1:00 pm in De Nobili Hall at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. Dr Ram Mohan was the resource person. It was organised by Dr Anchal Singhal (event coordinator and in-house coordinator of the certificate course conducted by Dr Ram Mohan (January to March 2024 at SJU) in association with the Department of Chemistry in an offline mode. PhD students, post-graduate students and undergraduate students participated in the event. Ms Sindwhoo, a student of II BSc Chemistry and Microbiology, took the opportunity to introduce the speaker to the participants. Dr Ram enlightened the students about the types of plagiarism commonly found in research or review articles. He cited many examples in this regard and discussed the consequences. He emphasised the importance of anti-plagiarism at any level of academics whether it's a term paper report, project work or any level of research at local, state, national or international level. He also explained briefly about the safety protocols to be followed in the chemistry laboratory. After the talk students raised questions. Ms Tasniya Nishat, a student of II BSc Chemistry and Microbiology had the privilege of delivering the vote of thanks.

### **VALEDICTORY CEREMONY OF THE CERTIFICATE COURSE TITLED "BETTER LIVING THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF GREEN CHEMISTRY"**

A valedictory programme was organised by Dr Anchal Singhal (event coordinator and in-house coordinator of the certificate course conducted by Dr Ram Mohan from January to March 2024 at SJU) in association with the Department of



Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences in an offline mode. It was held on April 2, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, Magis block at St Joseph's University. The ceremony was graced with the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, course coordinator Dr Ram Mohan, Head of Department Dr Nalini G Sundaram, PG Coordinator Dr Joyce D'Souza, in-house course coordinator Dr Anchal Singhal and students from science background of different course combinations. The programme began with a prayer by Karnajit Longjam (21PCM23) and Shruthi Gupta (21CBT03). Ms Shruthi was the EMCEE for the valedictory ceremony. Dr Anchal Singhal gave the opening remarks. The Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ and Dr Ram Mohan addressed the gathering. Students shared their feedback about the course followed by an award ceremony. Dr Ram surprised the students with three best poster presentation awards. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Hiten A V (21MCB04).

### **INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERACTION**

The Department of Chemistry had an industry-academia interaction on February 6, 2024. Mr Apoorv Shaligram, CEO and Dr Uttam Kumar Sen, CTO of e-trnl Energy visited the department and had an interaction with faculty and students. e-Trnl Energy is a start-up firm that develops state-of-the-art Li-ion battery cells that are completely indigenised and cost-effective. The team introduced themselves to the PG Chemistry students and interacted with them on the latest developments in battery technology. The team also visited the department and had further discussions with Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head, Department of Chemistry and Dr Joyce D'souza, PG Coordinator. The discussions ended fruitfully with two students of I MSc Analytical Chemistry securing a summer internship at e-Trnl energy starting in June 2024.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Two Associate Professors from the Department of Chemistry have been promoted to Professors by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka: Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas from 2009 and Dr Melwin Colaco from 2018.



### Prof Ronald J Mascarenhas, PhD

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

### Publications

#### Most cited Author of the University 2023

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### Dr Libi Thomas

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R U Rajesh, T Mathew, H Kumar, A Singhal, L Thomas, Metal-organic frameworks: Recent advances in synthesis strategies and applications, Inorganic Chemistry Communications, 112223, 2024.

### Dr Shanty Mathew

Visited Namur University, Belgium, for collaborative research work with Dr Jean Francois and Dr Bao Lian Su from May 14 to June 14, 2023. Worked on synthesis of graphene by CVD technique and its composites with TiO<sub>2</sub>- gold nanoparticles for solar water splitting for hydrogen production.

BOS member of Jyothi Nivas College, PG course.

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**Dr Nalini G Sundaram****Publications**

Gayathri G., Joyce Q. D'Souza and Nalini G. Sundaram, UV Induced Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO<sub>2</sub>-H-Beta Zeolite Composite, *Minerals*, 2023, 13(4), 465, doi :10.3390/min13040465.

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**Dr Joyce D'Souza****Publications**

Gayathri G., Joyce Q. D'Souza and Nalini G. Sundaram, UV Induced Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO<sub>2</sub>-H-Beta Zeolite Composite, *Minerals*, 2023, 13(4), 465, doi :10.3390/min13040465

**Dr Anchal Singhal**

Invited as a resource person to deliver the lecture on 'Chemistry of quinolines and Heterocyclic Compounds' at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore on October 31, 2023.

**Publications**

R. U. Rajesh, T Mathew, H Kumar, A Singhal, L Thomas, Metal-organic frameworks: Recent advances in synthesis strategies and applications, *Inorganic Chemistry Communications*, 112223, 2024.

S. Lal, P. Singh, A. Singhal, S. Kumar, A. P. S. Gahlot, N. Gandhi and P. Kumari, Advances in metal-organic frameworks for water remediation applications; *RSC Advances*, 2024, 14(5), 3413-3446.

**Dr Rita Pal****Publications**

Rita Pal, Ayano Yamazaki, Naoko Komura, Hide-Nori Tanaka, Akihiro Imamura, Hideharu Ishida, Hiromune Ando, "Convergent Synthesis of Functionalized Derivatives of Stage-Specific Embryonic Antigens 3 & 4." *Carbohydrate Research (Elsevier)* 2023, 535, 1089099. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.carres.2023.108990> (IP: 3.1)

**Dr Debashis Ghosh**

Sanctioned a research grant for 3 years from SERB-SURE DST. His project is entitled, "Development of new ruthenium-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide

model complexes for multi-electron CO: reduction and reduction of carbonyl compounds".

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Sumit Ghosh, Souvik Majumder, Debashis Ghosh, and Alakananda Hajra. Redox-neutral carbon-heteroatom bond formation under photoredox catalysis. *Chem. Commun.* 2023, 59, 7004–7027. DOI: 10.1039/D3CC01873C (These authors have equal contributions and first authorship).

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Debashis Ghosh, Ancy Sherin, Sumit Ghosh, Sushma A Kalose, Alakananda Hajra, Photochemical and electrochemical synthesis of oxazoles and isoxazoles: An update, *Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis*, 2024, 10.1002/adsc.202400221. Date of Publication: 03-04-2024

**Dr Vinutha Salian****Publications**

V. V. Salian, B. Narayana, B. K. Sarojini, M. S. Kumar, K. Sharath Chandra, One Pot Synthesis, Crystal Structure, Hirshfeld Studies, Docking Simulation and Antimicrobial Efficacy Assay of New Fused/Substituted Pyrazolinyl - Thiazolidinyl - Indolone Triheterocyclic Hybrid Scaffolds, *Polycyclic Aromatic compounds*, (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1080/10406638.2023.2261585>.

**Mr Tobin Varkey Simson**

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

**Dr Pramod KM**

Filed and published the following patent: "Compositions for Thermal Storage And Heat Transfer Materials And Their Method Of Preparation", Pramod KM, Telbin Boban, Nirmal Peter Antony, Indian Patent Application No: IN 202341067469; Date of filing: October 9, 2023, Publication No: IN 202341067469, Publication Date: October 20, 2023).

Attended Two Day National Workshop on Sustainable Energy Materials (SEM-2023) as a resource person in KKTU Govt. College, Pullut, Kerala (November 23-25, 2023) and delivered a talk on "Materials for solar thermal energy storage".

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Eswar G has been appointed as Senior Analyst - AI/LLM Practice (KPO services) at Innodata India Pvt Ltd.

Bhagyashree Pattar has been appointed as a Lab chemist at UR. Rao Satellite Centre, ISITE Campus, Marathalli, Bangalore.

Shruthi A Rao (222CHZ02) and Sinchana N Prasad (222CHZ08) have earned the prestigious INSPIRE scholarship, a programme organised by DST, Govt. of India.

Akash (21CBZ69), Deerangana P. A. (21CBZ12), Chandana T. S. (21MCZ11), Amisha Sharma (21CEB24), Ganesh C (21CZBT63) have qualified for the IIT JAM CHEMISTRY 2024 examination.

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

Mishael Mariya Sunny (222CHBT11) and Previya Skariah Valiyaparambil (222CHBT44) have presented a poster titled Utilization of Organic Waste for Bioplastic Synthesis- A Sustainable Approach in a two-day National Conference on Sustainable Chemistry and Climate Change (NCSC3) at Christ (deemed to be) University on March 26 and 27, 2024.

## ASSOCIATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

### Inauguration of UG - Chemical Society and PG - Chemical Society 2023-2024

On August 5, 2023, the School of Chemical Sciences, Department of Chemistry conducted the Inauguration of Postgraduate and Undergraduate Chemical Societies, PGCS and UGCS 2023-24. The event was open to the students and the staff members of the University. The Registrar of St Joseph's University, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dean of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas, Head of the Department, Dr Nalini Sundaram, PG Coordinator, Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza and the faculty members of the department graced the occasion.



The event officially commenced with the address of the Registrar. The Dean of the Chemical Sciences addressed the gathering. The keynote speaker was Dr Kartick C Mondal, Catalysis Researcher, Shell Technology Centre, Bangalore. The talk was on, "A Better Life with a Healthy Planet; Energy Transition and Shell Technology". He spoke about a variety of work which has been going on in Shell Technology as a contribution to the society. The final part of the event included the felicitation of the Office Bearers of the Undergraduate and the Postgraduate Chemical Society, PGCS and UGCS. This was followed by the address of the Head of the Department, Dr Nalini Sundaram, and the PG coordinator Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

### UG - Chemical Society Activities Chemillusion

The very first event of UGCS, CHEMILLUSION was held on August 31, 2023, which started with a little magic and loads of fun. As the name of the event suggests, an illusion (magic show) was organised by UGCS to increase crowd interaction and ignite a spark in each and every student. The event was held at 1:00 pm, at one of the student hotspots in the university campus, the Aruppe Atrium.



The show started with extreme enthusiasm by the emcees, Ms Debsaborni and Ms Shruthi. It began at around 1:00 pm during the lunch hour and concluded by 1:30 pm. The magic show was illustrated by Ms Muskaan and Ms Kushagravi and they involved all the participants in the show. Each participant 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. Want to know what happened next? 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 each and every student to take part in more such chemistry-related events hosted by UGCS.

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

UG Chemical Society celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5, 2023, in a unique way by wishing their teachers with a heartfelt message. Members of UGCS placed a board at the department entrance, allowing the students to write good wishes and thoughts, to their dear teachers. The board was flooded with sweet messages addressed to their teachers by the end of the day.

## ABBASID CHEMIFETE

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



The fest was a resounding success comprising 10 events, celebrating and exploring the realm of chemistry, fostering collaborations among students and educators. Each event was meticulously planned and executed by designated teams within the organising committee.

## OVERALL CHAMPIONS AND THE ROLLING TROPHY IN THE EVENT 'CHEMOZ' HELD AT CHRIST UNIVERSITY

The members of the UG Chemical Society also participated in the intercollegiate chemistry fest 'Chemoz', held at Christ University on January 24, 2024, and won the Overall Champions and the rolling trophy.

## 'PURSUIT OF CHEMISTRY' AND 'CHRONICLES OF CHEMISTRY'

The UG Chemical Society also circulates weekly e-series titled 'Pursuit of Chemistry' and 'Chronicles of Chemistry', which focus on educating readers about various topics, such as emerging trends, and important concepts in chemistry.

## PG- CHEMICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

### A TALK ON LARGE-SCALE SYNTHESIS OF DENSELY FUNCTIONALIZED PYRROLIDONE

The talk on the topic "Large scale synthesis of densely functionalised pyrrolidone" was delivered by Dr Souvik Rakshit who is a Senior Principal Investigator, Biocon Bristol Squibb Myers Research & Development centre. This talk was organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University on September 1, 2023. This session was conducted to enhance the learning experience among students and also to get more insights on retrosynthetic analysis and industrial-level scaling up of a particular synthesis.

The overall event was hosted by Ms Ramya and a vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Anjali from MSc Organic Chemistry. Students from first-year and second-year MSc and teachers from the department of Chemistry attended the talk and gained knowledge about the current happenings in the field of synthesis of chemical compounds. The talk began with an introduction to the topic of discussion by Dr Souvik Rakshit. After the talk, a Q&A session was conducted.

### TALK ON FLUORINE CHEMISTRY - ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY BY DR HARIDASAN NAIR

A talk on "Fluorine Chemistry- Its Impact on Society" was organised for the PG students from the Department of Chemistry on October 3, 2023, in Aloysius Hall, St Joseph's University. The speaker was Dr Haridasan K Nair, Senior Principal Scientist, Chemical Technology development group of Fluorine products division, Honeywell, New York. The session started with a welcome speech by Ms Mahima Rodrigues, I MSc Analytical Chemistry, and was followed by an introduction of the speaker by Col K C Menon, the CHRO of the University. Dr Nair started with a brief introduction to Fluorine Chemistry and spoke about its wide 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 based on environment-friendly, Zero Ozone Depletion Potential, and Low Global Warming Potential refrigerants. The talk was followed by a Q&A session. The vote of thanks was delivered by Deepak Raj, I MSc Organic Chemistry. The event was compered by Ms Mahima Rodrigues.

## SDGs LOCALISATION ON A GLOBAL SCALE- CRAFTING A VISION OF LEADERSHIP WITH 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS

The event took place on October 20, 2023, and was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society, Department of Chemistry, St Joseph University, Bengaluru. Ms Ramya, the founder and CEO of Synergize, delivered a talk on “SDGs Localisation on a Global Scale- Crafting a Vision of Leadership with 21st Century Skills”. The programme attendees were the MSc Chemistry students and the Department of Chemistry staff members. The speaker spoke about seventeen ‘Sustainable Development Goals’. The definition of which consists of social, economic, and environmental goals. Ms Ramya emphasised the roles and opportunities chemists have in achieving sustainable development goals. She also mentioned the contribution chemists can make in meeting these goals. New ideas involving entrepreneurship and innovation for chemists regarding SDGs were also touched on by the presenter. Further, she brought up the need for 21st-century skills awareness amongst the youth. The event came to a culmination with a vote of thanks.

## INTER-COLLEGIATE FEST, ALCHEMY-2024

“ALCHEMY”, an intercollege fest was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society, Department of Chemistry, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru on February 14, 2024. Students from 11 educational institutions in and around Bangalore participated in the fest. The inaugural session started with the lighting of the lamp followed by the address of the chief guest Mr Ajit K Sharma.

The inter-college chemistry fest had a total of eight events hosted by the students of the

university. The following events were conducted: Umpolung (reverse charades), ChemChronicles, Letrochem, Elemental Empire, Brain Battle, Escape the dungeon, Chemsharks, and Chemsnap. The overall trophy was bagged by Christ (deemed to be) University and second place by St Aloysius (deemed to be) University, Mangalore.

## A TALK ON DRUG DEVELOPMENT PROCESS EFFORTS TOWARDS COMBATING MULTI-DRUG RESISTANT BACTERIAL PATHOGENS USING DRUG EDITING TECHNOLOGY

The event that took place on January 23, 2024, was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society, Department of Chemistry, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru. The event comprised of a talk presented by Dr N Damodar Reddy titled “Drug Development Process: Efforts Towards Combating Multi-Drug Resistant Bacterial Pathogens Using Drug Editing Technology” The attendees of the programme were the MSc Chemistry students and the staff members of the Department of Chemistry. The talk started with a brief outline of the drug GDP. He listed the steps for drug approval and the drug development process. He highlighted the steps of Drug Resistance and mentioned the methods used to counter the resistance such as Molecular Editing, methodologies and the methods being used on many molecules to increase their activity. The important information shared in the talk was the advancement in science and technology to counter drug resistance and that with interdisciplinary tools the growing problem of drug resistance could be controlled. The presentation summarised the methodologies involved in research in the field of resistant microbes and the scope for future scientists. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks.



## A TALK ON ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY ORGANIC SYNTHESIS USING BISMUTH(III) COMPOUNDS

The event took place on January 12, 2024, and was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society, Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The event consisted of a talk presented by Dr Ram Mohan. The title of the speech was "Environment-Friendly Organic Synthesis Using Bismuth Compounds". The attendees of the programme were the MSc Chemistry students and the staff members of the Department of Chemistry. Dr Anchal Singhal introduced the resource person. The talk began with the resource person listing a few applications of Bismuth-based materials such as in medicines, cosmetics, trains, and so on. The students were enlightened on the role of inexpensive Bismuth, a heavy metal, relatively non-toxic, as a catalyst in many reactions. The presentation summarised the green chemistry aspect of Bismuth catalysts in comparison with other harmful catalysts. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks.

## A TALK ON THE APPLICATION OF QUANTUM MECHANICS IN COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY

On the evening of October 26, 2023, Dr Renjith Thomas delivered an insightful talk on the application of quantum mechanics in

Computational Chemistry. The lecture aimed to elucidate the pivotal role quantum mechanics plays in understanding molecular behaviour and the practical implications in Computational Chemistry. Dr Thomas outlined the intersection between quantum mechanics and computational methods. He underscored the significance of computational techniques in predicting molecular structures, properties, and reactions, thereby facilitating drug discovery, materials science, and environmental studies. Dr Renjith Thomas's talk on the application of quantum mechanics in Computational Chemistry provided a comprehensive understanding of the subject, bridging theoretical concepts with practical implications. Attendees gained valuable insights into the transformative potential of Computational Chemistry in advancing scientific research and addressing real-world challenges. The lecture concluded with a vibrant Q&A session, where attendees engaged in stimulating discussions and sought further clarification on topics ranging from quantum algorithms to applications in drug design. Overall, Dr Thomas's presentation left a lasting impression, inspiring attendees to explore the captivating realm of Computational Chemistry further.

## MERCEDES BENZ SUSTAINABILITY GARAGE WORKSHOP

The workshop took place on March 11, 2024, at PRAYOGA CAMPUS, located at Bolare Post,



off Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru. Prayoga is a Non-Profit Organisation dedicated to fostering 'Research to Transform Learning'. The main objective of the workshop was to share knowledge on the topic of sustainability and its development, the current problems in the field and ideas on how to implement the concept of sustainability. The workshop was jointly organised by the staff of PRAYOGA and the Mercedes Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI), and hosted Dr Yogendra Shastri, an external resource person, from IITB.

The workshop started by handing over a concise booklet of the agenda, itinerary, an account of the speakers and the contents to be displayed for ease of attendees. The representatives of MBRDI inaugurated the workshop, after which Dr K S Nagabhushana, director- research of PRAYOGA gave a lecture on "Green and Sustainable Chemistry", wherein students delved into the essence of green chemistry, understanding its 12 fundamental principles, and grasping its significance in promoting sustainability. This was followed by Dr Yogendra Shastri who presented a lecture on "Qualitative methods in decision making" explaining sustainability, the challenges faced in implementing it, the effect of not following sustainability through charts and a concept of Life Cycle Assessment- a key part relating to sustainability. After lunch, the attendees were divided into groups and were given hands-on experience with analytical instruments such as FTIR, 25kN Nano UTM, two roll mill, water vapour permeability tester, Bally water penetration Tester and many more. The workshop was held from 9:45 am to 4:30 pm.

## FAREWELL FOR MSc CHEMISTRY – BATCH OF 2022-2024

The farewell for MSc Chemistry – batch of 2022-2024 took place on February 24 in the Auditorium Basement of St Joseph's University at 3:30 pm, in the presence of the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaço and the Dean of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas. The event was organised to bid adieu to the graduating seniors and to celebrate their achievements. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by the Head of the Chemistry Department, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, who expressed appreciation for the seniors' dedication and hard work throughout their academic journey.

A slideshow presentation of the memorable moments of the seniors at St Joseph's University was displayed, evoking nostalgia and laughter among the attendees. Juniors and staff members delivered heartfelt speeches and testimonials, expressing gratitude and admiration for the seniors' contributions to the department and their impact on their peers. A few seniors gave speeches, expressing what they felt at the moment, looking back at their journey and reliving their sweet memories. This was followed by fun and interactive activities as well as cultural performances, adding entertainment and vibrancy to the event. Overall, it served as a fitting tribute to the graduating seniors, celebrating their accomplishments and wishing them success in their future endeavours. The event gracefully concluded with a delightful dinner.



# DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

## OVERVIEW

The department of Biochemistry was established by stalwarts in the field in 2020. Although it still is a relatively new department, it is growing rapidly and is contributing to the growth of our esteemed Institution. The UG course that is currently being offered by the department is one of the most sought-after courses every year during admissions. Students who passed out from the BBZ course in 2023 gave positive feedback about the syllabus and teaching & evaluation by the faculty members of the department. Our department is gearing up for beginning Masters in Biochemistry very soon. The following is the report showcasing the staff & student achievements and events organised by the Biochemical Society and the department in the academic year 2023-2024.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Sangita Das

Selected for the prestigious SJU Dedicated Research Faculty Scheme. She assumed duty under this scheme on October 1, 2023.

Crossed a new landmark of 1700 citations to her research work on Google Scholar (h-index of 21 and i-10 index of 27).

Edited a book, Organic and Inorganic Materials Based Sensors which has 3 volumes. ISBN: 978-3-527-34955-5, Published by Wiley-VCH GmbH. This is the first book publication that was edited by a staff member of the Biochemistry department.

### Dr Daniel Andrew M Gideon

Published a paper on phytochemistry in the journal Molecules, MDPI (IF 4.6) as a coauthor in October 2023. DOI:10.3390/molecules28207101

Published three book chapters in Phospholipases in Physiology and Pathology (Ed. Prof. Sajal Chakraborti), Academic Press, Elsevier as the Corresponding author.

Invited to be a Resource Person for an online workshop - "Tactful techniques to enhance article writing". The programme was jointly organised by the 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.

Confirmed as a dedicated research faculty from January 2024.

Published a review paper as a co-author in the American Institute of Physics: Advances (with SJU affiliation) in December 2023. DOI: 10.1063/5.0171860

Served as a resource person for a one-day workshop on scientific writing at the Department of Bioinformatics, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Date: December 6, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. About five faculty members of the department and 30 MSc Bioinformatics students attended the workshop.

Served as a Guest Editor for a special issue titled Redox control of plant metabolism and biofuel production and published an editorial in Frontiers in Plant Science in July 2023. DOI: 10.3389/fpls.2023.1244229

Reviewed 30+ articles for various Biochemistry and life science journals (only WoS) in the academic year 2023-2024.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

S Shivani and Sneha Bhattacharjee of III BBZ published a paper in the prestigious Q2 journal, Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, Impact factor 4.4 (Taylor and Francis). Their paper was titled "Behenic Acid as a multi-target inhibiting antibacterial phytochemical against Vibrio parahaemolyticus and Aeromonas hydrophila for effective management of aquaculture infections: in-silico, in-vitro & in-vivo experimentation". DOI: 10.1080/07391102.2024.2317988.

Students of II BSc Biochemistry - Neha, Glory, Juwariya, Marion and Sneha won the second prize at the event "Bioaura", organised on January 24, 2024, by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru.

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Reorienting the teaching-learning paradigm for the 21st-century classroom (Online Workshop on Zoom)

From July 5-7, 2023, an online workshop-"Reorienting the Teaching-Learning Paradigm for the 21st Century Classroom" was held on Zoom. About 100 educators from universities, colleges,

and schools across India registered, with 90 attending all three days. The speakers included Dr Susan Mary Philip (SJU), Ms Rachel Stone (Sheffield Hallam University, UK), and Dr Jennifer Loertscher (Seattle University, USA). On Day 1, Dr Sandra Misquith welcomed participants and introduced Dr Susan, who discussed “Enabling Enquiry and Self-Learning in the Classroom.” Day 2 featured Ms Rachel Stone, introduced by Dr Shraddha, presenting “Supporting Student-Centric Learning.” On Day 3, Dr Daniel introduced Dr Jennifer who spoke on “Connecting Research with Purpose: Strategies to Support Whole Person Education.” Dr Daniel also reflected on all three talks, and the workshop concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr Sandra.

### **Investiture ceremony of the Biochemical Society and special guest lecture on “Genome Editing”**

On August 2, 2023, the Biochemical Society held an investiture ceremony and a special guest lecture on “Genome Editing” at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium. The event began with a prayer and a Bible reading, followed by Dr Sandra introducing the guest speaker Dr DN Rao from IISc, an expert in nucleic acids and genomics. Dr Rao discussed the groundbreaking work of Nobel laureates Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier who developed the CRISPR-Cas9 system. This innovation offers new possibilities for treating genetic diseases and advancing genetic research. After the lecture, the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaço, officially appointed the new office bearers of the Biochemical Society for the 2023-2024 academic year, presenting them with badges. Dr Rao concluded by highlighting the history and applications of genome editing in research and medicine.

### **Freshers' Welcome**

On August 12, 2023, Xavier Hall in the PG Block hosted the Freshers' Welcome event, marking the start of the new academic year. This tradition helps new students' transition smoothly from school to higher education. Dr Sandra Misquith, the Head of the Department, delivered a five-minute address encouraging students to focus on their studies and career aspirations. She also introduced the Biochemical Society, which organises lectures, quizzes, and journal club talks. Senior students entertained the audience with musical performances. The event included a biochemistry quiz, where students were divided into teams. The quiz winners received prizes, making the new students feel welcomed and engaged.



Dr DN Rao spoke to the audience about the history of genome editing and its uses in research and medicine.

### **Journal Club Meeting**

On August 12, 2023, the Journal Club wing of the Biochemical Society held a meeting in S303. The discussion topics were bee vaccines and food fads. Alvita Davis and Aishi Mandal, II BcBt students, presented on bee vaccines explaining how these vaccines aim to boost bee immunity against foulbrood disease, a contagious bacterial infection that affects larvae. The vaccine, a killed version of the pathogenic bacteria, is injected into the royal jelly, which is then fed to the queen bee by worker bees. The queen bee subsequently deposits the vaccine in her ovary, passing immunity to her offspring. Sneha Lakshmi, a III BBZ student, discussed the phenomenon of superfoods and food fads, focusing on how social media hype often leads to indiscriminate consumption without a scientific basis, potentially causing harm. Her presentation emphasised the importance of critical evaluation of dietary trends.

### **ELIXIR model presentations**

On September 30, 2023, St Joseph's University hosted ELIXIR 2023, featuring model presentations by 27 Biochemistry students in room S308. Five models were showcased:

- a) Mechanism of Enzyme Action by I BcZ students,
- b) Model of ABC Transporters by II BcMb students,
- c) Biochemical Mechanisms of Anti-TB Drug Resistance by II BcMb students,

d) Insulin Structure and Its Industrial Production by III BBZ students,

e) Bioluminescence by II BcBt students.

The presentations were viewed by judges, students, and faculty from other departments as well as visiting PU College students during the Open Day event. This provided a platform for students to demonstrate their understanding and creativity. The event was a success, thanks to the management's financial support for the model creation.

### The immunology of T-Cell development

On October 3, 2023, Dr Kushagra Bansal from JNCASR, Bengaluru, delivered an insightful lecture on "The Immunology of T-Cell Development" at Loyola Hall Auditorium. Dr Bansal discussed the critical role of the thymus in cell-mediated immunity, where T-cells undergo positive selection. T-cells with high affinity for self-antigens are destroyed, while those with low affinity survive and mature. He highlighted the function of medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTEC) and the Aire gene, which regulates self-antigen expression, as identified through DNA microarray and RNAseq techniques.



The students making words from the anagram

Dr Bansal explained how Aire interacts with topoisomerase-I, an enzyme affecting DNA structure, and noted that topoisomerase-I deletion in his lab led to mice lacking thymus glands. This research has significant therapeutic potential for thymus development and autoimmunity. The talk was enthusiastically received by faculty and students from the Biotechnology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry departments.

### Journal Club - Anagram

On November 15, 2023, the Journal Club wing of the Biochemical Society held a meeting in S301 organised by Deboshree Dutta and Lisa Rex from

I BcZ. The activity involved constructing scientific words from the term "carbonic anhydrase." Participants had ten minutes to list as many words as possible on blank sheets of paper. The 30-minute event concluded with prizes awarded to those who coined the most words. This exercise helped Biochemistry students enhance their vocabulary and develop their ability to form new scientific terms from anagrams.

### Journal Club meeting

On November 16, 2023, the Journal Club wing of the Biochemical Society held a meeting in S301, featuring discussions on "Breaking Down Sunscreen" by Anandika Banduni from II BcBt and "Microfluidics" by Justin from III BBZ. Dr Sandra Misquith, Faculty Coordinator of the Biochemical Society and HoD of Biochemistry, along with other faculty members, joined approximately 50 Biochemistry students for the programme. Anandika explained that sunscreen protects the skin from UV radiation by absorbing, reflecting, or scattering the harmful rays. Justin introduced microfluidics, a field involving the manipulation of tiny fluid amounts within microscale channels or devices, highlighting its multidisciplinary applications. Following each presentation, a question and answer session facilitated an exchange of ideas, significantly enhancing participants' understanding of these topics.

### Special Guest Lecture on AI in Medicine and Biology

On January 4, 2024, the Biochemical Society hosted a special guest lecture on "AI in Medicine and Biology" at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The speaker Mr Ashwin Colaço, a PhD student at the University of California, Irvine, delivered an engaging talk on the workings of AI programmes and their applications in solving medical and biological research problems. The event was well-organised and attracted over 250 attendees, including many faculty members from various departments. The program began with a prayer, followed by a brief introduction of Mr Colaço. He then took the podium to share his profound insights into AI mechanisms and provided real-world examples of AI's benefits in medicine and biology. The lecture was well-received, highlighting the significant impact of AI on advancing these fields.

### BIOCHEMIA 2.0 - an intercollegiate fest

On February 24, 2024, the Biochemistry department hosted "Biochemia 2.0," an intercollegiate fest at Xavier Hall and the PG Block, bringing together students from colleges across Bangalore. The event was a resounding success, highlighting the participants' academic prowess and creativity.

Under the theme of Biochemia 2.0, four events were organised: treasure hunt, creative writing, art, and trivia.



Aishi and Alvita presenting a talk on Bee Vaccines in the journal club meeting.

Teams from Jyoti Nivas College, Mount Carmel College, Kristu Jayanti College, and other institutions competed with enthusiasm, demonstrating remarkable teamwork and ingenuity.



Dr Melwin Colaco, the Registrar, SJU, addressing the gathering at the inauguration of BIOCHEMIA 2.0: Ms Apoorva, president of the Biochemical Society and Dr Sandra seated on the dais.

The fest was inaugurated by the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaço, and concluded with Dr Libi Thomas, the Dean of Chemical Sciences, awarding prizes and certificates to the winners. Biochemia 2.0 exemplified collaboration and academic excellence, fostering meaningful connections among students and educators in the biochemistry field.

### Journal Club Meeting

On March 15, 2024, the Journal Club wing of the Biochemical Society organised a meeting in S301. The first presentation, titled "Paracetamol - New Vistas for an Old Drug," was delivered by Varsha SJ from III BBZ. Varsha discussed the toxicity of paracetamol and its mechanisms of liver damage, highlighting the alarming trend of over-the-counter usage without medical consultation. This talk served as an eye-opener, raising awareness about the drug's potential toxic effects. Following this, Suhotra Das from I BcBt addressed the audience

on spiritual and religious myths surrounding pandemics, drawing insights from historical records. He emphasised the importance of microbiological and biochemical techniques in understanding past pandemics. Faculty members and approximately 30 students from various departments participated in the program, engaging in discussions on these pertinent topics.

### Biochemical Society Election - 2024

On March 28, 2024, the Biochemical Society held its election for office bearers at S303. All Biochemistry majors participated in the voting process, facilitated by the outgoing office bearers.



Mr Suhotra presenting a talk on use of molecular biology tools to decipher past pandemics

New candidates were selected to replace them, and ballot papers were distributed for participants to vote for their preferred candidates. Candidates vying for positions in the Biochemical Society introduced themselves and campaigned for votes.



candidates who stood for various posts during the Biochemical Society elections 2024

The Department of Biochemistry expresses gratitude to the outgoing office bearers for their dedicated service in organising programs and enhancing the learning experience. It is hoped that the newly elected office bearers will continue to lead the Biochemical Society to even greater heights.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Anthony Johnson has been approved to provide PhD guideship from the Department of Biotechnology.

Dr Nishanth MJ received his Doctoral degree from Shastra Deemed to be University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. His doctoral thesis focused on 'Understanding the influence of RNA-binding protein – Pumilio, on terpenoid indole alkaloid biosynthesis and cell wall invertase Catharanthus roseus.'

Dr Nishanth M J published the following research article: Nishanth, M.J., 2024. Transcriptome meta-analysis-based identification of hub transcription factors and RNA-binding proteins potentially orchestrating gene regulatory cascades and crosstalk in response to abiotic stresses in Arabidopsis thaliana. Journal of Applied Genetics, pp.1-15.

Dr Tejaswini R P published the following book chapter: Praful, T.R., 2024. Overview of Nanotechnology Applications in Healthcare. Materials Research Foundations, 160.

Dr Susan Mary Philip was invited as a resource person for a three days online international workshop titled 'Reorienting the teaching learning paradigm for the 21st century classroom' between July 5-7, 2023, organised by Department of Biochemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, SJU.

Dr Susan Mary Philip was invited as a resource person for a five days faculty development programme titled 'Pedagogical Approaches to Enhance Teaching and Learning' between August 24-30, 2023, organised by Mount Carmel College Autonomous, Bangalore.

Dr Madappa M B was invited as a resource person for a one day seminar titled 'Role of IQAC in autonomous status' on May 18, 2023, organised by Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Manya Kenchain DJ from second year BSc CH/BT, belonging to I Kar Air Sqn, NCC secured silver medal in Best Cadet Competition on Republic Day 2024.

Manya Kenchain DJ from second year BSc CH/BT, belonging to I Kar Air Sqn, NCC secured bronze medal in Skeet Firing competition at All India Vayu Sainik camp 2023.

R P Rithushree from final year BSc BT/Z combination qualified CAT 2023 examination.

Rishikesh Balasubramanya from final year BSc BT/B combination qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Ganesh C from final year BSc BT/B combination qualified IIT JAM exam for Chemistry and Biotechnology.

K Anish Acharya from final year BSc BT/Z combination qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Nila B from final year BSc BT/Z combination qualified the IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Kritika Kanwal from final year BSc CH/BT combination qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Purna Udani from final year BSc BT/Z combination qualified IIT JAM exam for Biotechnology.

Michael Mariya of first year BSc CH/BT got selected for Developmental Biology course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Andrea Alwyn of first year BSc CH/BT got selected for Molecular Genetics course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Akansh Sanctis of first year BSc BT/BY got selected for Molecular Genetics course for Scienspur 2024, funded by Lakshmi Mittal & Family South Asian Institute at Harvard University.

Tharun M R of final year BSc BT/B won third place in a state level Kabbadi championship titled Bangalore Bulls College Championship. He also received B and C certificate for Airwing NCC.

Aditi Ashwin of third year BSc CH/BT was selected for integrated PhD in Neurosciences at University of Washington, St Louis.

Aditi Ashwin of third year BSc CH/BT was selected for the prestigious Khorana programme. During June-Aug. 2023, Aditi worked in the laboratory of Dr Yao Chen, at the Department of Neuroscience at Washington University in St Louis, as a scholar selected within the Khorana Programme instituted by WINstep Forward (WSF), The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, and the Indo-US Science Technology Forum (IUSSTF).

Aishwarya Menon of final year BSc B/BT received the Spandana Charity Centre Teaching Scholarship to impart education to children dwelling in slums

Medha Savkur of second year MSc Biotechnology was selected to participate in a course on 'Transgenic Technology' at Cardiovascular and Muscle Research laboratory headed by Dr Ravi Sundaresan at IISc.

Medha Savkur, Amara Nicodemus and Abhyunathi Bhaskar of second year MSc Biotechnology were

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

Sakshi Varney and Misbah Rehman of first year MSc Biotechnology published the following paper: Varshney, S.R., Misbah Rehman, V.Z. and Ravi, L., 2023. In Vitro Assay for Determining Cyanotoxin Using Serological Methods. In *Protocols for Cyanobacteria Sampling and Detection of Cyanotoxin* (pp. 243-252). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore

Harshitha S, Mukti Panda and Aswani Anil from 2021 BSc BT/B combination published the following article as co-authors: Ravi, L., Kumar K, A., GR, S.K., Mathew, J., S, H., Panda, M., S, S., Paul, A., Ts, C., Anil, A. and JK, M., 2024. Behenic Acid as a multi-target inhibiting antibacterial phytochemical against *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Aeromonas hydrophila* for effective management of aquaculture infections: an in-silico, in-vitro & in-vivo experimentation. *Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*, pp.1-16.

### Activities organised by the Department of Biotechnology

#### A panel discussion on industry careers after a degree in Biotechnology.

A panel discussion on industry careers following a Biotechnology degree was held at Faber Hall, organised by the Biotechnology Department on September 23, 2023, from 9:15 am to 1 pm. Dr Susan Mary Philip is the organizer, and the panelists included Dr Vishnu Janardan (Thermo Scientific), Dr Dhanalakshmi R (Bayer, India), and Dr Jayan Joseph (Syngene International). Final year UG and PG Biotechnology students participated. The discussion aimed to enlighten students about the industrial sector of Biotechnology through insightful conversations with industry experts.

#### Panel discussion on 'Academic vs Industry Research: Which is right for you?'

A panel discussion titled 'Academic Vs Industry Research: Which is right for you?' was held at Faber Hall by the Biotechnology Department on July 22, 2023, from 9 to 11:30 am. D. Susan Mary Philip organised the event, with resource persons including Ms Gayathri Suresh (Intern - Thermo Scientific), Ms Teresa Fernandez (Project Trainee, Jubilant Biosys Ltd), and Ms Yuti Vaghela (Trainee, BarCode Biosciences). Final year PG Biotechnology students participated. The session aimed to prepare students for research projects or industry internships, offering insights into the pros and cons of academic versus industry experiences and guiding them through application and interview processes. Discussions were led by industry representatives and chaired

by Dr Susan Mary Philip, PG Coordinator, fostering interactive engagement.



### Frontiers in Biotechnology-MSc

The Frontiers in Biotechnology-MSc Biotechnology student seminars took place at Loyola Hall, SJU Auditorium complex, organised by the Biotechnology Department on October 21, 2023, from 8 to 11:30 am. Dr Susan Mary Philip spearheaded the event, which involved final year PG Biotechnology students. As part of the 'Research and Career Development' course, students in their second year of Masters in Biotechnology delivered seminars on emerging topics within the field. This seminar series provided students with a platform to showcase their knowledge and research skills while addressing contemporary issues in Biotechnology.

### MSc Biotech Research Symposium

The MSc Biotech Research Symposium occurred at Loyola Hall, SJU Auditorium complex, hosted by the Biotechnology Department on November 4, 2023, from 9 am to 12 pm. Dr Susan Mary Philip organised the event for first-year PG Biotechnology students. Students presented their research proposals, a culmination of the Research Methodology and Scientific Writing course, covering topics such as targeted therapy in breast cancer, AI in tissue implants, and microbiome studies. The proposals were evaluated by Dr Vineeth V from Institute of Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore, and Abraham Mathew from Dr Deepak Saini's lab at IISc, Bangalore.

### Seminar on "Blueprint for Better Health: Crafting Policies for Impact"

The Seminar on "Blueprint for Better Health: Crafting Policies for Impact" by Bhavya Krishnan took place at the MSc Biotechnology laboratory, 4th floor, Science Block, SJU, hosted by the Biotechnology Department on January 25, 2024, from 11 am to 1 pm. Dr Susan Mary Philip organised the event for first-year PG Biotechnology students. Bhavya Balaji Krishnan, a Genomic Scientist at the PHG Foundation in

Cambridge, UK, delivered the talk. She discussed the significance of health policy and shared insights from her work in public health policy, providing valuable perspectives to the students.

### Workshop on ‘Using Planaria as a Model for Regulation of Organismal Regeneration’

The Workshop on ‘Using Planaria as a model for regulation of organismal regeneration’ took place at the MSc Biotechnology laboratory, 4th floor, Science Block, SJU, organised by the Biotechnology Department on February 5, 2024, from 11 am to 1 pm. Dr Nirmalya Basu and Dr Susan Mary Philip coordinated the event for first-year PG Biotechnology students. Mr Atriya Mazumder, a graduate student from Dr P. Dasarathy’s lab at the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (DBT-inStem), led the workshop. He discussed Planaria’s regeneration paradigm, recent research in regeneration biology, and demonstrated how to maintain and manipulate Planaria for experiments. Students conducted small experiments to explore the effects of chemicals or cuts on Planaria regeneration under Dr Nirmalya Basu’s guidance.

### Field visits

Students of I MSc Biotechnology were taken on a field collection tour on the streets of Bangalore to collect figs and fig-wasps on August 17, 2023, to study the co-evolution of fig and fig-wasps as a part of their Physiology course.

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 to provide a sense of basic Biotechnology to PUC students.

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



MSc Biotechnology – Field Work for Physiology

I and III MSc. Biotechnology students accompanied by Dr Susan Mary Philip, Dr Madappa MB, Dr Anthony Johnson, Dr Nirmalya Basu, and Dr Dyna Susan Thomas for a three days industrial visit to CFTRI Mysore, DRDO facility, Mysore and University of Mysore between November 20 - 22, 2023.

The Department of Biotechnology organised a visit to the Science Gallery Bengaluru for its first-year MSc Biotechnology students on February 10, 2024. Twenty-five students, accompanied by PG coordinator Dr Susan Mary Philip, explored exhibits on wildlife coexistence, industrial worker issues, plant sensory systems, and ecosystem monitoring. The tour featured hands-on exhibits including VR carbon structure visualisation and camera trapping recordings. Notable were the Lantana elephant sculptures, sparking debates. The tour introduced students to science communication concepts and their significance, offering diverse sensory experiences. Participants were captivated by the exhibits, gaining insights into various scientific concepts and the importance of effective science communication.

### Talks attended

On February 19, 2024, selected undergraduate and postgraduate Biotechnology students, along with some from other science courses, attended TNQ Technologies’ talk on AI in biology. Held at IISc’s JN Tata Auditorium, Dr John Michael Jumper, CEO of Google’s ‘DeepMind,’ spoke on ‘Highly Accurate Protein Structure Predictions: Using AI to solve biology problems in minutes instead of years.’ Dr Susan Mary Philip, the PG coordinator, and Rakshith, a first-year MSc Biotechnology student, coordinated logistics. Dr Jumper discussed challenges in decoding biomolecule structures, focusing on his organisation’s AI integration, particularly AlphaFold software. He emphasised the importance of predicting and analysing misfolded proteins, introducing AlphaMissense software. The talk highlighted AI’s role in proteomics and biomolecule analysis, forecasting its future implications.

On February 23, 2024, ten first-year MSc Biotechnology students and four faculty members attended a ‘Round Table on Innovation and Sustainability in Agriculture’ at Bayer R&D division, Manyata Techpark, hosted by LifeHub Bangalore. Simon-Thorsten Wiebusch, Bayer South Asia’s President, highlighted Direct Seeded Rice’s (DSR) success in sustainable agriculture. The inaugural panel, moderated by Dr Anik Dhanraj, included Dr Vibha Dhawan, Dr TM Manjunath, Shri Vishwanath Kulkarni, and Dr Veena Anil, discussing biotechnology’s role in regenerative agriculture. The second panel, moderated by Ms Shambhavi Anand, focused on innovation, sustainability, and water conservation. MSc Biotechnology students Amar,

Sakshi, Simran, Anjali, Abhay, Deeksham, Varsheetha, Shruti, Annette, and Misbha, accompanied by faculty members, participated, coordinated by Dr Susan Mary Philip.

## Association Activities

### Cleotides 2.0

The Biotechnology association, Green Gene Guild, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised 'Cleotides 2.0' at the Aruppe Block Atrium on January 22, 2024. Led by Dr Anthony Johnson, the event aimed to raise awareness of biotechnology through interactive means.



Participants isolated DNA from cheek cells, witnessing real-time precipitation. This process enhanced understanding of Medical Genomics and DNA Sequencing, emphasising personalised precision medicine and futuristic applications. The event showcased the potential of DNA visualization, captivating participants with insights into their genetic makeup.

### Genetic Gambit

'Genetic Gambit' is an iconic murder mystery event hosted by the Biotechnology department at St Joseph's University. Held at the Aruppe Block Atrium on January 25, 2024, Dr Anthony Johnson organised the event. Participants unravelled clues surrounding a simulated murder, employing biotechnological knowledge to decipher riddles and puzzles. By logging evidence, attendees deduced the cause of death. Green Gene Guild orchestrated the engaging event, drawing participants from across the university. The mystery captivated attendees, evident in the overwhelming registration turnout, making it a resounding success.

### Glow and Tell

The event "Glow and Tell" illuminated the Science Block Quadrangle at St Joseph's University on February 8,

2024, organised by the Biotechnology department under Dr Anthony Johnson's guidance. Utilizing the 'Green Fluorescent Protein' gene, bacteria were engineered to craft diverse drawings and patterns visible under UV light. Participants engaged in a guessing game, employing their ingenuity to decipher the creations. Hosted by the Green Gene Guild, the event attracted students from various departments, fostering an atmosphere of excitement and intrigue. Witnessing their creations glow vividly under UV light, participants reveled in the event's success, celebrating the fusion of science and creativity.

### Flash Mob for Launch of Sequentia 2024

A Flash Mob lasting 5-10 minutes was orchestrated by the Green Gene Guild association of the Biotechnology Department at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, to promote the intercollegiate Biotechnology Fest, Sequentia 2024. Held at Aruppe Atrium on March 14, 2024, Dr Anthony Johnson led the event. Following the performance, prizes were distributed to the winners of the Murder Mystery competition from a previous event.

### Sequentia 2024

Sequentia 2024, the intercollegiate fest hosted by the Biotechnology UG Association Green Gene Guild, illuminated the SJU Campus on March 27, 2024. Under the stewardship of Dr Anthony Johnson AM, the event featured a plethora of engaging activities throughout the day. Students from esteemed institutions like Jyothi Nivas College and Mount Carmel College actively participated, infusing the event with vibrancy and enthusiasm. Dr Nataraja Karaba, from the Department of Crop Physiology at the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus, Bangalore, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, enlightening young minds with his lecture on the HoloGenome concept. The event also saw the esteemed presence of Dr Ronald J Mascharenhas, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; and Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean of Life Sciences, adding to its grandeur and significance.

### Bio-augmentation, 2023

The Bio-augmentation event of the UG Biotechnology Association Green Gene Guild took place at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block, SJU, on August 26, 2023, organised by Dr Anthony Johnson. The inauguration included the investiture of office bearers, followed by an ice-breaking session for UG first-year students, along with various interactive game sessions for participants.

# DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



## MoU

### Dr A Stephen

Dr Neelam Mishra, and four research scholars from St Joseph's University's Department of Botany met with Dr Amritha Suresh, Principal Scientist at Mazumdar Shaw Medical Foundation, on August 30, 2023. Dr Amritha suggested drafting a Statement of Work (SoW) during the meeting. The Department of Botany is currently working on the SoW to facilitate the research scholars' work at MSMF, as per the MoU signed on February 14, 2023, between St Joseph's University and Mazumdar Shaw Medical Foundation.

On September 7, 2023, St Joseph's University and the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, signed an MoU. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Dr Jacob Paul, Dr N Praveen Kumar, and Dr A Stephen from SJU, along with Dr N. Palanikanth, IFS, and Dr M. P Singh, IFS, Director of IWST, were present. The MoU enables the exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information, student exchanges for joint projects and internships, faculty exchanges, and collaborative research funding applications across all Life Sciences departments. It aims to foster academic collaboration and advance research endeavours between the two institutions.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Jayaram Reddy

#### Papers published

Joseph, J., Reddy, J., Sayantan, D., Cyriac, B., & Das, S. S. (2023). Comparative study of phytoremediation of chromium contaminated soil by *Amaranthus viridis* in the presence of different chelating agents. *Journal of Applied and Natural Science*. <https://journals.ansfoundation.org/index.php/jans/article/view/4481>

Sumit Yadav and Jayarama Reddy (2024) Research Review of the Cenozoic Era Vegetation in India. *International Journal of All Research*

Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM), ISSN: 2455-6211, Volume 12, Issue 1, January-2024 Pages; 402-408. <https://doi.org/10.56025/IJARESM.2023.120124408>

## Books Published

Plant Tissue Culture: (2023). Elite Publishing House, New Delhi. ISBN: 9789395185615. Pages-243.

Introduction to Molecular Biology: (2023). Elite Publishing House, New Delhi. ISBN: 9789395185905. Pages-265.

## Guest Talks

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

Visited LEWA English School, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru as the Guest of Honour and gave a talk on the Annual Day on December 22, 2023. He was also promoted as Professor and Felicitated by the Government of Karnataka on February 19, 2024.

## Popular articles

Contributed a poem titled "Sound of Silence" to the book "Caged Beginning to Being the Chance: An Anthology of Infoetry (Information + Poetry) on the Struggles and Triumphs Against Child Abuse" (ISBN: 978-93-5673-880-5).

### Dr Vaishnavi M

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

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

### Ms Grace Leena Crasta

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

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Organised an intercollegiate fest 'CELOSIA' on March 14, 2024 and conducted various events and activities for the B.Sc. and M.Sc. students.

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

Published a research article titled "Seasonal diversity & spatiotemporal distribution of fungal

endophytes associated with the medicinal plant *Coleus forskohlii* Briq.” in a SCOPUS indexed journal - Plant Science Today.

### Dr Paramesha M

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

### Dr Neelam Mishra

#### Publications

Mishra, N., Jiang, C., Chen, L., Paul, A., Chatterjee, A., & Shen, G. (2023). Achieving abiotic stress tolerance in plants through antioxidative defense mechanisms. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 14. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpls.2023.1110622>

### Dr A Stephen

#### Refresher Course

A two-week online refresher course on “Botany” was organised by the Teaching Learning Centre at Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from July 29, 2023, to August 13, 2023.

nanoparticles from *Asparagus aethiopicus* and *Asparagus densiflorus*. *Journal of Pure and Applied Microbiology*, 17(2), 1056–1064. <https://doi.org/10.22207/jpam.17.2.35>

### Popular Publications

Stephen, A. (2023). *Tavaram Arivom*. Arivukkan, India. (in Tamil)

### Lectures Organised

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On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2024, an online quiz was organised at SJU under the theme “Wetlands and Human Wellbeing”. The online Quiz was organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India on February 2, 2024, under the aegis of Caring for Our Common Home, Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP). More than 300 participants took the pledge and participated in the quiz. The programme was convened by Dr A. Stephen.



### Educational Field Tours Organised for M.Sc. Students

During the academic year 2023-2024, educational field tours were conducted to Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu, The Museum of Natural Science History of Palni Hills, Tamil Nadu, and Forests of Western Ghats from September 27, 2023, to October 2, 2023. These tours were organised for senior PG students of Botany by Dr A. Stephen, Dr Anisha David, Mr Sagayanathan, and Mr Abraham.

### Publications in Refereed Journals

Stephen, A., Sai, S. R. M., Pal, N., & Arjun, S. (2023). Green synthesis and bioactivity of copper

### Dr N Praveen Kumar

#### Publications

S. Bharth Kumar, Megana, P. V. Gowds, and P. K. Nagadesi. (2023). Antifungal activities of different plant extracts against pink mold of banana caused by *Trichothecium roseum* (Pers.) Link. *Journal of Biological Control*, 37(3), 199–207. <https://doi.org/10.18311/jbc/2023/35083>

### Student Achievements

Adheena K T (222BOT02): Cleared CSIR-NET conducted in December 2023

Dipshikha Tirkey (222BOT09): Cleared UGC-NET conducted in December 2023

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND EVENTS

### Botanical Society

The Botanical Society Inauguration for the year 2023-2024 was held on August 12, 2023. The event was graced by Dr Sidappa Setty, Senior Scientist, Centre for Environment and Development, ATREE, Bengaluru.

The 'National Wildlife Week' Celebration organised by the Botanical Society in the form of two enlightening talks on October 7, 2023.



The first one is by Dr Naresh Loudya, Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Cell Biology, IISc, Bengaluru. He gave a lecture on "Understanding the making of the chloroplast". The second talk was by Dr Arthur Selwyn Mark, Head, Sustainability Practices, Simsy Ventures, Bengaluru, on "Exploring the Green Frontier: Entrepreneurship Opportunities."

The Botanical Society organised a celebration for the 'International Day of Forests' through enlightening talks, aiming to raise awareness about environmental issues and foster a sense of responsibility towards nature. Dr S. Natesh, Consultant Advisor at the National Institute of

Immunology and Senior Advisor at the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, delivered an insightful talk titled 'Newer and Sustainable Ways of Making Money through Plant Bioresources: Opportunities, Strengths, Limitations, and Outlook' on March 20, 2024. Similarly, Shri. A. M. Annaiah, APCCF (Rtd.) from the Karnataka State Forest Department, Govt. of Karnataka, delivered a talk on 'Into the wild: Human-Wildlife Interactions' on March 23, 2024. With over 60 attendees, the event facilitated active participation and engagement, encouraging discussions on the significance of forests and their resources.

### Council for Molecular and Computational Biology (CMCB) Association

The council's investiture ceremony was held on August 19, 2023. The chief guest was Dr Fr Roshan Catelino, Director of Research, SJU and Guest Speaker was Dr H. Venuprasad, Regional Director, IFS.

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

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

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The department consists of six teaching staff members, all holding doctorate degrees in Environmental Science, along with two non-teaching staff members. Throughout the academic year 2023-2024, the department organised a series of five guest talks featuring resource persons from various industries. These talks provided comprehensive insights into corporate demands and requirements, enriching the students' understanding. Additionally, the department facilitated five field visits, offering students practical exposure aligned with both curricular and extracurricular objectives. Notably, the department has developed an in-house instrument for field sampling and study, reflecting our commitment to self-sufficiency and sustainability. Furthermore, several staff members have been recognized as PhD. guides, contributing to the cultivation of a research-oriented atmosphere within the department.

## Season's Nature Club

The SNC hosted its Investiture ceremony for the year 2023-2024, marking the beginning of a new term. What sets this association apart is its inclusivity; membership is open not only to students from the Environmental Science Department but also to those from all shifts across the campus. Furthermore, the club organised an Intercollegiate fest focused on sustainability and the environment, drawing participation from six colleges in Bangalore. Notably, all events were eco-friendly, with zero waste generated. Looking ahead, the association plans to continue organizing similar events to engage students in environmental sustainability and conservation efforts. The SNC remains dedicated to raising awareness and fostering a community committed to environmental conservation and sustainable practices.



# DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Anupriya Majumder

Authored a book chapter- Mitra, A., Mazumder, A., & Routray, W. (2023). Biodiesel: An Emerging Fuel Derived from Used Cooking Oil. In *Frying Technology* (pp. 373-393). CRC Press.

Reviewer of a research article entitled 'Enhancing the physicochemical and antioxidant properties of Sodium Alginate from *Sargassum cymosum* C. Agardh through Citric acid optimisation. and ultrasound treatment' submitted to *Journal of Applied Phycology* (Springer).

### Dr Mohan Kumar S

Authored a research paper titled "Purification and characterisation of lectin from Indian borage leaves (*Plectranthus amboinicus*)" with co-authors Roopashri N. Arekal, Mohan Kumar S, Keerthana H, Manoj Kumar D, Muralidhar S, Priya R, Vijay Kumar CB, and Savitha Janakiraman, published in the *Asian Journal of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences*, Volume 13, Issue 100: 181, DOI: 10.35841/aabps-13.100.181 (2023).

Was 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.

Awarded the first prize under the faculty category for the oral presentation of the research paper "Structural characterisation of antibacterial compound isolated from the coprophilous mushroom, *Coprinopsis cinerea*," at an International Conference organised by the School of Applied Sciences, Reva University, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Applied Microbiologists (IAAM) on October 30-31, 2023.

Served as the Judge for the evaluation of poster presentations at a National Conference on the Resurgence of Millets for Health and Research organised by Reva University, Bengaluru, on December 9, 2023.

Delivered a lecture on "Coprinopsis cinerea: A treasure trove of Bioactive Secondary Metabolites" for the selection of the BPR Vittal Memorial Award at the International Conference on Biodiversity, Biotechnology, and Bioprospects of Fungi for Agricultural, Industrial, and Environmental Sustainability, organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras,

in association with the Mycological Society of India on March 6, 2024.

Completed a week-long program on ICT Tools for Effective Teaching-Learning organised by MMTTC, Tezpur University, from March 18-23, 2024, under the aegis of the PMMMMNMTT Scheme of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Reviewed a research paper titled "First Report of Microalgae Associated with Velamen Aerial Roots of Some Epiphytic Orchids in the Philippines" for the *Songklanakarin Journal of Science and Technology* (Scopus indexed) on April 8, 2024.

### Dr Sunita Adak

Authored a book chapter- Adak, S. (2024). Development of Nanocellulose - Based Nanocomposites and its Properties. *Nanocellulose: A Biopolymer for Biomedical Applications*, 113-140.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ranga Aparna, a I MSc student, won first prize for her oral research paper presentation at a national symposium on Multi-disciplinary Trends in Food Technology and Nutrition Safety organised by Ramaiah University, Bengaluru, on November 3, 2023.

Chrislee M Kurian and Anshita Bisht, both I MSc students, secured third prize in a quiz competition at a state-level viral symposium organised by Oxford College of Science, Bengaluru, on February 24, 2024.

Jennifer John, a II MSc student, clinched second place for her oral research presentation at the international conference on Millets, Genomic, and Biotechnological Approaches, held at Garden City University, Bengaluru, on March 27, 2024.

Ms Rubina Yasmin, a I MSc student, presented a research paper titled "Development of Buckwheat Laddu incorporated with jaggery, dates, cashews, almonds, and its sensory and nutritional properties evaluation" at an international conference on Millets, Genomic, and Biotechnological Approaches, organised by Garden City University on March 27, 2024.

Ms Anshita Bist, a I MSc student, presented a research paper titled "Development of Amaranth flour-based crunchy bites incorporated with jaggery, and its sensory and nutritional properties evaluation" at an international conference on Millets, Genomic, and Biotechnological Approaches, organised by Garden City University on March 27, 2024.

## Association report- Food Miles

### Inauguration

The Department of Food Science and Technology at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, launched its association "Food Miles" on August 12, 2023. Guest speaker Mr Aravind G shared his entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing motivation and positivity, and discussed Dextrose Technologies Pvt Ltd, focusing on biotechnology testing, notably microbiological food analysis. Mr Kaushik detailed start-up grants and essential self-assessment for entrepreneurs. They highlighted top incubation centers in India and internship opportunities at Dextrose Technologies Pvt Ltd.



### Edesia'23 Inter-collegiate Fest

In collaboration with 'Food Miles,' the Department of Food Science and Technology organised a dynamic inter-collegiate fest on November 11, 2023, to mark 'World Food Day.' Held at the PG Block. Festivities commenced with an engaging flash mob on November 3, drawing considerable attention. Featuring three food stalls, two games, and five department-hosted events, the fest was widely acclaimed. Attendees enjoyed activities like the 'Food Ring' game and 'Shots in your mouth' challenge, while stalls like 'Kara' and 'Wholesome Witches' offered jewelry and soups, respectively. Highlights included the 'Goal Diggers' Treasure Hunt and the 'Feast of Thrones' food quiz. The fest culminated with a valedictory ceremony, honouring winners and faculty members. Secretary Ms Ranga Aparna emphasised the collective effort behind the event's success, showcasing a passion for culinary innovation and education.

### World Coconut Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology, in collaboration with 'Food Miles,' organised a vibrant celebration for World Coconut Day on September 2, 2024, aiming to raise awareness of coconut's versatility and nutritional benefits.

Highlighting the event were two competitions: 'COCOFUSION,' challenging participants to craft innovative fireless dishes with coconut, and 'CRAFTED WITH COCONUT,' where creativity was showcased through repurposing coconut shells. The competitions garnered spirited involvement, showcasing the university community's culinary skills and ingenuity. Attendees also enjoyed attractions like the 'COCORING' game stall and food stalls offering an array of coconut-based snacks and desserts. Dr Anupriya Mazumder and Ms Adeline delivered closing remarks, expressing gratitude for the collaborative efforts that contributed to the event's success. Overall, the celebration exemplified the department's dedication to promoting food diversity and fostering unity within the university.

### World Pulses Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology, in collaboration with Food Miles, organised an online competition for World Pulses Day on February 28, 2024, aimed at promoting awareness and consumption of pulses in diets. Four events were held, including Pulsography (pulse-themed photography), Pulsation (essay writing on pulses), Poster Palooza (pulse-themed poster making), and Pulse Palette (rangoli competition using pulses). Four individuals submitted essays for evaluation on the topic 'Pulses for a sustainable future.' Dr Anupriya Mazumder, coordinator of Food Miles Association, judged the competition, awarding Rachel Grace first place and Chinthamani. S second place.



# DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

The Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, organised the International Webinar "KALEIDOSCOPE 5.0", an Alumni Lecture Series, on March 15 and 16, 2024. The event was organised by Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dr Vanitha NM, Dr Syeed Wajeed, Ms Mamatha S, Dr Popy Dutta, Ms Shalmali Kamat, Dr Debalina Chaudhuri, Dr Joythi W and Dr Mohan Raj.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Syeed Wajeed

Mentored "Nilgiri College of Arts and Science, Thaloor, Tamil Nadu" for NAAC Accreditation under the UGC-Paramarsh Scheme. Nilgiri College of Arts and Science has achieved the grade of A++ in its first cycle of NAAC Accreditation with a CGPA of 3.59.

Resource person for a five-day FDP on Outcome-based Education and Revised Metric Orientation on June 17, 2023, organised by Centre for Professional Development, Dr NGP Arts and Science College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The topic was 'Guidelines for writing course outcome statements and outcome-based course plan preparation.'

Resource person at NAAC-sponsored two-day National Seminar organised by MES College Marampally, Aluva on July 6, 2023. The theme of the seminar was '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 the five-day Internal Level FDP organised by IQAC of St Anne's First Grade College for Women, Bengaluru, between July 19-24, 2023.

Inaugural speaker for IROC 1.0 (Interaction with Researcher on Campus) organised by 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.'

Resource person for one-week FDP on 'Curriculum, Research and Innovation' organised by the Postgraduate and Research Department of Botany, Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on February 7, 2024. The topic delivered was 'Engaging Minds and Hearts towards Curriculum, Research and Innovation.'

Appointed member of the Governing body

of Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi, Tamilnadu for the Academic years 2024-2029.

Resource person for five-day FDP on 'OBE, Innovation in Curriculum and Research, Counseling and NEP' organised by IQAC, Curriculum Development Cell and the Office of Controller of Examination at Sadakathulla Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu on February 24, 2024.

Bengaluru City University Nominee in Microbiology for Board of Studies, Department of Microbiology, BMS College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru, as per the approval from Bengaluru City University. Board of Studies member, Department of Microbiology, Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

### Seminars organised

Organised one day National Seminar "Frontiers in Immunology" on International Immunology day sponsored by Indian Immunology Society, New Delhi in collaboration with DPN Lab, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru on April 29, 2023.

Core member towards Organising Inter Religious Harmony seminar Title "Human Fraternity Document" on January 6, 2024. The seminar was organised under the aegis of Inter Religious Harmony Association, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru and Ashirvad Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue and Islamic Studies Association, Delhi.

### Dr Jothy W

Appointed as first NACC coordinator for St Joseph's University, Bengaluru from September 14, 2023.

Promoted to Associate Professor as per the notice sent by VC on 16.02.2024 w.e.f 01.10.2022.



Coordinator of an Expert talk on “Sexual and Reproductive Health” organised by the HRD program of SJU on April 6 and 15, 2024.

### Dr Debalina Chaudhuri

Chatterjee, R., Chaudhuri, D., Setty, S. R. G., & Chakravorty, D. (2023). Deceiving the big eaters: Salmonella Typhimurium SopB subverts host cell xenophagy in macrophages via dual mechanisms. *Microbes and Infection*, 25(6), 105128.

Organised and participated in a symposium Microminds 1.0 by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on March 18, 2024.

Organised an intercollegiate fest Microverse by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on November 17-18, 2023.

Organised and participated in a Career guidance seminar series: “Find your Journey”, by Microcosm, Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University on October 12 and 26, 2023.



# DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Viyolla Pavana Mendonce and two other Entomologists discovered, described and illustrated a new insect species and it had been named as "Aulacaspis elettaria". The insect was collected from the host plant - *Elettaria cardamomum* (L.) Maton (Zingiberaceae). The discovery opens horizons for study in integrated pest management towards betterment of farmers and the country's revenue.

Dr Jincy A. George defended her thesis entitled "Green Synthesis of Nanoparticles Leading to the Biocontrol of *Aedes Aegypti*" on August 5, 2023.

Dr Samson S. and Dr H. N. Sarjan were resource persons in a national level workshop on "Hands-on Training in Histological Techniques" conducted by the Department of Life Sciences, Christ (Deemed to be University) University, Bangalore on February 15 and 16, 2024.

Dr Rajini S. V. defended her thesis entitled "Investigations on nitrate induced reproductive toxicity and the ameliorative potential of eugenol from *Syzygium aromaticum* in male rats" on March 9, 2024.

Dr M. Jayashankar was presented with the Nature Conservation Award by Avain Trust organised by Insect Environment (quarterly journal) in December 2023.

Dr Kavya K. was invited as an external examiner for Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

## Staff Publications

Joshi, S., Mohammed, N. and Mendonce. V. P. 2023. A new species of *Aulacaspis Cockerell*, 1893 (Hemiptera: Coccothorax: Diaspididae) infesting cardamom from India. *Zootaxa*. 5325(2):239-250.

Devanda, M., Munirathinam, J. and Gurumayum, S. D. 2023. Avifaunal diversity of Pakke Tiger Reserve in the Eastern Himalaya hotspot of Arunachal Pradesh, India. *Journal of Wildlife and Biodiversity*, 7(4), 171-182.

Rajan, V. V., Kumar, H., Parvathy, M., Bhargava, C., Ashok, K., Pradan, S. K. and Asokan, R. 2023). Modifying oviposition behaviour of the Oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Hendel) to obtain uniform GO. *Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems*, 29(1): 13-20.

Aaromal., E., Supriya., M.S., Mishra. A., and Jayashankar. M. 2023. Observation of paper wasp nests in holy ghost church campus, Bengaluru,

Karnataka. *Insect Environment*. 26(4): 468-471. DOI: 10.55278/BAZK8491.

Mishra. A., Dhawale. J., and Jayashankar M. 2024. A study on the public awareness and attitude towards weaver ant nests in and around St Joseph's University campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka. *Insect Environment*. 27(1): 51-55. DOI: 10.55278/AIMO9121.

Rani. A. A., Anjum. S., Shibu. S.A., and Jayashankar. M. 2024. Artificial intelligence (AI) in entomology-indian scenario. *Insect Environment*. 27(1): 56-60. doi: 10.55278/imcc9441.

Abhilash H. R., Samson S., Dharma Guru Prasad M. P. and Mahadevaswamy, M. 2024. Use of Aquatic Insects as Biomonitoring Tools to Assess the Water Quality Status of Two Freshwater Lakes of Mysore, Karnataka, India. *Advances in Zoology and Botany*, 12(2), 138 - 149. DOI: 10.13189/azb.2024.120206.

## Student participation in Conferences and Workshops

1. Farhan Imdad (222BZ32) presented an oral talk on "Pilot study of avian fauna in a cemetery in central Bengaluru, Karnataka" at the 'International Conference on Transdisciplinary Research in Life sciences: Perspectives and Prospects 2024' organised by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in collaboration with the University of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), Bengaluru on February 22, 2024.

2. Abhinandan Singh (222BZ46) presented an oral talk on "Density assessment of Mysore day gecko, *Cnemaspis mysoriensis* in a cemetery in central Bengaluru, Karnataka" at the 'International Conference on Transdisciplinary Research in Life sciences: Perspectives and Prospects 2024' organised by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in collaboration with the University of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), Bengaluru on February 22, 2024.

3. M. S. Supriya (21CBZ22) presented an oral talk on "Observation of paper wasp nests in holy ghost church campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka" at the second International Conference on "Insects, Microbes and Environment: interactions, impacts and innovations" organised by the Centre for Insect Molecular Studies and Environmental Research (CIMSER), Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai on February 28, 2024.

4. Abhishek Mishra (231Z0032) participated in the workshop on "International Firefly Taxonomy

Workshop 2024” hosted by the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) Bangalore, in association with IUCN from March 8-13, 2024.

5. Debora Honoach (221ZOO05) participated in the workshop on “International Firefly Taxonomy Workshop 2024” hosted by the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) Bangalore, in association with IUCN from March 8-13, 2024.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Prayash Borthakur (21CBZ41) and Vishwa Kiran Sripati (21CBZ58) won the first prize in the Environment and Nature Quiz - 2024, organised by Apollo Tyres LTD at Cochin, Kerala on January 10, 2024.

Abhishek Mishra (231Z0032) was presented with the Young Naturalist Award 2023, by Avain Trust, organised by Insect Environment (quarterly journal).

Paul Antony Mangaly (232BZ07) was presented with the Young Naturalist Award 2023, by Avain Trust, organised by Insect Environment (quarterly journal).

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### Zoonascent'23

Zoonascent'23, organised by the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, featured a series of engaging events from August 22 - 26, 2023. The festivities began with the Bingo Lot game on August 22 at Arruppe Atrium, SJU, which aimed to attract students and promote the association, culminating in prize announcements during the Investiture Ceremony on August 23. On August 24, near the Hostel Block, “Insectopia: Unveiling the Jewels of the Night” educated students on the economic and dietary benefits of insects. The following day, a wildlife awareness movie screening was held in the Zoology Lab.



On August 26, the Zoology Lab hosted an Interaction with Researcher on Campus (IROC) session, featuring Dr Syed Wajeed, and an Insect Pinning Workshop led by Ms Lochana R, Project Assistant at NCBS, teaching students insect preservation techniques and discussing their economic significance.

Zoonascent'23 successfully fostered knowledge and community among SJU students.

### Student Seminar Series 6.0

On September 22, 2023, from 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, conducted the Student Seminar Series 6.0 in the Zoology Lab, SJU. Paul and Aditya, students of SJU, introduced the final year students to the utility and application of naturalism apps like iNaturalist and eBird. The seminar included hands-on guidance, which was a key contributor to its success, helping students understand and effectively use these tools for their studies and projects. The event was well-received and enhanced students' practical skills in utilizing technology for naturalism.

### Exotic Animal Exhibition

On October 7, 2023, starting at 9:30 am, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, hosted an Exotic Animal Exhibition behind the Magis Block at SJU. The event aimed to foster appreciation and interest in wildlife among all university students, regardless of their specialization. Exotic animals were showcased, drawing large crowds eager to see these fascinating creatures up close. The exhibition successfully captivated the campus community, highlighting the diversity and beauty of wildlife, and promoting a deeper understanding and respect for exotic animals.

### Field Visit to GKVK

On October 8, 2023, starting at 6:30 am, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, conducted a field visit to the GKVK Campus, marking the first field visit for first-year students. This recreational experience was both educational and enjoyable, as students documented various species of birds, insects, and reptiles. An expert from GKVK accompanied the students, providing valuable insights and guidance. The visit successfully combined learning with hands-on experience, fostering a deeper appreciation and understanding of local wildlife among the participants.

### Conversation with Zoologist 2.0

On October 11, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, hosted “Conversation with Zoologist 2.0” on the SJU campus. Dr Jhitesh Jhavar delivered an insightful talk on “Understanding Mechanisms Underlying Collective Systems and Dynamics.” The event provided students with a deeper understanding of collective behaviors in biological systems, enhancing their knowledge of complex dynamics in the natural world. Dr Jhavar's expertise and engaging presentation made the session highly informative and inspiring for all attendees.

## Applied Zoology 2.0

On October 13, 2023, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Zoologia hosted “Applied Zoology 2.0” via Microsoft Teams. Anish Dsilva presented a foundational session titled “Cancer Treatment and Immunotherapy,” highlighting the efficacy of immunotherapy in cancer treatment. The talk provided essential insights into cutting-edge approaches, emphasising the interdisciplinary nature of zoological research. Attendees gained valuable knowledge on combating cancer through innovative methods, underscoring the relevance of zoology in addressing contemporary health challenges.

## Zoologia Lecture Series 1.0

On October 14, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, conducted the “Zoologia Lecture Series 1.0” via Google Meet. The session featured esteemed speakers Guillaume Dupuy, a Zebrafish Zootechnician at Institute de Biologie Valrose-IBV in Nice, France, and Nairika Bharucha, a Marine Biologist in Maldives. The talk, titled “Secrets of the Deep: Exploring the Marine,” delved into topics such as mariculture,



sea turtle rehabilitation, coral reef restoration, and conservation efforts in the Maldives. Attendees gained valuable insights into marine biodiversity and conservation, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in preserving our oceans' ecosystems.

## Applied Zoology 3.0

On October 27, 2023, starting from 7:00 pm, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, organised “Applied Zoology 3.0” via Microsoft Teams. Arpana Hanumantharaju, JRF at the University of Tartu, Estonia, led a discussion on “Genetic Psychiatric Disorders and Laboratory Mice.” The session provided insights into experimental approaches involving rats for treating psychiatric disorders such as major depression disorder, schizophrenia, and autism. Attendees gained a brief understanding of the complex interplay between genetics and psychiatric conditions, highlighting the role of laboratory animals in advancing therapeutic interventions. The

event underscored the significance of zoological research in addressing pressing medical challenges and fostering interdisciplinary collaborations for innovative solutions.

## Career Prospectus in Zoology 1.0

On November 11, 2023, starting from 6:00 pm, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, conducted “Career Prospectus in Zoology 1.0” via Microsoft Teams. Tonyak Riba, an M.Sc. graduate from Pondicherry University, and Ayush Verma, an MSc graduate in Chemistry from Amity University, Noida, India, shared insights into career opportunities in Zoology. The webinar proved beneficial for both first and second-year students, providing informative guidance on potential career paths within the field of Zoology and its related subjects. Attendees gained valuable insights into various career prospects, enhancing their understanding of future opportunities in the field.

## Snake awareness

The Association of Zoology, Zoologia, organised a seminar on ‘Snake Awareness’ on February 3, 2024, starting from 2:00 pm. Held offline, the session featured Shuayb Ahmed, a seasoned

snake rescuer, as the resource person. Students gained valuable insights into identifying poisonous and non-poisonous snakes, as well as the prevailing threats to their populations. Ahmed's expertise and informative presentation raised awareness among attendees, empowering them with knowledge crucial for their safety and conservation efforts. The event proved instrumental in enhancing understanding and promoting coexistence with these reptiles in their natural habitats.

## Observations of Birds in St Joseph's University

On February 16, 2024, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, the Association of Zoology, Zoologia, in collaboration with the Natural Science Association, conducted a bird observation event at St Joseph's University campus as part of the Campus Bird Count initiative. Various bird species were observed during the survey, including Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon), Asian Koel, Black-headed Ibis, Black Kite, White-cheeked

Barbet, Cinereous Tit, Common Tailorbird, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Common Myna, Jungle Myna, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Green/Greenish Warbler, and Spotted Owlet. The event provided valuable insights into the avian diversity within the campus, contributing to bird conservation efforts and raising awareness about local bird species among the university community.

### Great Backyard Count India

From February 16 to 19, 2024, the Association of Zoology - Zoologia, in collaboration with the Natural Science Association, organised the Great Backyard Count India event. Josephite birders participated actively in three locations: Jigani Lake, Indian Christian Cemetery, Hindu Cemetery, and Valley School. At Jigani Lake, Team 1 sighted 73 species, while Team 2 sighted 53 species. At the Indian Christian Cemetery and Hindu Cemetery, 20 species were sighted. At Valley School, Team 1 spotted 44 species, and Team 2 found 56 species. Participants uploaded their sightings, contributing valuable data to bird conservation efforts and enhancing knowledge about local avian biodiversity.

### Visit to IISC for Research Exposure

On February 24, 2024, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, postgraduate students, under the guidance of Dr Kavya K from the Association of Zoology - Zoologia, visited the Indian Institute of Science (IISC) campus for a research exposure event. The visit aimed to familiarise students with various research departments and labs, providing them with insights into scientific knowledge and opportunities available in the field. Students actively engaged with researchers, gaining valuable perspectives and inspiration for their future research careers. The visit proved to be fruitful, fostering motivation and enthusiasm among the participants to pursue research endeavors in their respective fields.



### Seminar on Captive Asian Elephants

On March 20, 2024, starting from 4:30 pm, the Association of Zoology - Zoologia organised an offline seminar on Captive Asian Elephants. Nicolas

Dubrocard, Senior Advisor in Sustainable Tourism from Universite Paris Jussieu, served as the resource person. Students gained valuable insights into the challenges and issues surrounding elephants in captivity. Dubrocard raised awareness about the plight of captive elephants and discussed the current threats to their population. The seminar proved to be informative and educational, providing attendees with a deeper understanding of the complexities involved in elephant conservation efforts. Participants left the seminar equipped with knowledge and awareness to contribute positively towards the conservation and welfare of Asian elephants.

### NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION - UG Association

#### Insectopia

On August 24, 2023, at 5:00 pm, the "INSECTOPIA" event took place beside the Magis Block, organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators Mr Aditya and Paul. The event commenced with the arrival of esteemed guests including Fr Swebert, Pro-Chancellor; Fr Denzil Lobo, Director IT, and Dr M. Jayashankar, HOD, Department of Zoology. Following the official start, the insect watch began as the light attracted various insect species to the screen. Over the course of 2-3 hours, participants observed, documented, and noted numerous insect species. The event provided UG students with a unique opportunity to engage with insect biodiversity, fostering appreciation and understanding of the fascinating world of insects.

#### Interacting with Researcher on Campus (IROC)

On August 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm, the "Interacting with Researcher on Campus (IROC)" session was held in the Zoology Lab, organised by student coordinator Jivin. Dr Syed Wajeed from the Department of Microbiology, SJU, served as the resource person. The session focused on the intricacies of viruses, a major threat to human life. Dr Wajeed elucidated the requirements for virus survival and their methods of entering human hosts. He highlighted that RNA viruses mutate more rapidly than DNA viruses due to the former's lack of proofreading mechanisms, posing greater risks of infections, reinfections, and cross-species virus transmission. The session provided valuable insights into virus biology, enhancing understanding and awareness among UG students.

#### Wildlife Awareness

On August 25, 2023, at 4:45 pm, the Natural Science Association (NSA) organised a movie screening for wildlife awareness in UG Zoology Lab 3. The event was facilitated by Mr Prayash and Ms Adheena. Two documentaries were screened: "Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Residents Around - Real World"

from YouTube and “Indian Leopards: The Killing Fields.” The documentaries shed light on the human-animal conflict, particularly focusing on leopard attacks on humans and the process of capturing and relocating these animals. The screenings aimed to raise awareness about the need for proper care and precautions in resolving human-animal conflicts, especially with the increasing human population encroaching upon wildlife habitats.

### **Butterfly Walk at the Bangalore University Campus**

On September 25, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Natural Science Association (NSA) of SJU, in collaboration with the Young Naturalists' Community (YNC), organised a Butterfly Walk at Bangalore University. The event was led by Mr Aditya, Mr Paul, and Mr Abhijith. A total of 33 participants from NSA and YNC took part in the walk. During the walk, 36 species of butterflies were identified and recorded in the field. Notable sightings included 4 Southern Birdwings (*Troides minos*) and a Narrow-Banded Bluebottle (*Graphium teredon*). Grass Yellows (*Eurema* sp) and Migrants (*Catopsilia* sp) were among the most populous species observed, with hundreds sighted. The event provided participants with a valuable opportunity to observe and learn about the diverse butterfly species present on the Bangalore University campus.

### **'UFOs, ET and Aliens'**

On September 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm, the Interacting with Researcher on Campus (IROC) session on 'UFOs, ET, and Aliens' was held in the UG Zoology Lab at St Joseph's University Campus. The event was organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators Maithreyi and Pranav. Dr Arun Varma Thampan, Assistant Professor from the Department of Physics, SJU, served as the resource person. The session began with Dr Thampan discussing how UFOs, ET, and aliens have shaped our understanding of the universe. He emphasised the importance of the scientific method in evaluating claims about extraterrestrial life and debunked common urban legends about aliens. Dr Thampan also delved into the possibility of life existing on other planets and solar systems, explaining concepts such as 'The Drake Equation' and the Goldilocks Zone. The session provided UG students with valuable insights into the scientific aspects of the search for extraterrestrial life.

### **Student Webinar Series 6.0 : Introduction to iNaturalist**

On September 22, 2023, at 4:45 pm, the Student Webinar Series 6.0: Introduction to iNaturalist took place at SJU Campus. The event was organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinator Avani. Aditya and Paul served as the resource persons. During the webinar, they provided an informative talk about iNaturalist, an application designed for recording

various organisms worldwide. They emphasised how iNaturalist allows users to document organisms accurately, thereby contributing to a global database accessible to all. The webinar aimed to introduce students to the functionalities and significance of iNaturalist in biodiversity documentation and research.

### **Student Seminar Series 8.0: Urban Leopards**

On November 7, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, the Student Seminar Series 8.0 on Urban Leopards was held in Zoology Lab - 2, Department of Zoology. The event was organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators. Prayash Borthakur, NSA President from the Department of Zoology, served as the resource person. UG students participated in the session. During the seminar, Prayash Borthakur shared insights about his work under Researcher Nikit Surve at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SJNP), Mumbai. He discussed the challenges and dynamics of studying human-wildlife conflict in an urban environment, particularly focusing on interactions between leopards and humans in the park. The seminar provided students with valuable information about the complexities of managing wildlife in urban settings and highlighted the importance of conservation efforts in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts.

### **STUDENT SEMINAR SERIES 8.0 - Illustrations (Autodesk and Canva)**

On November 8, 2023, from 3:35 pm to 5:00 pm, the Student Seminar Series 8.0 on Illustrations (Autodesk and Canva) was conducted at the UG Zoology Lab, St Joseph's University Campus. The event was organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators. Khushi Panchariya, Core Team member of the Natural Science Association, served as the resource person. UG students participated in the seminar. Khushi Panchariya provided an insightful talk on “Illustrations - Introduction to Autodesk and Canva”. She introduced the two websites, Autodesk and Canva, which are widely utilized for creating illustrations and various graphic designs for diverse purposes such as brochures and poster designs. The session aimed to familiarize students with these tools and enhance their skills in digital illustration and graphic design. Participants gained valuable knowledge about the functionalities and applications of Autodesk and Canva, empowering them to create visually appealing illustrations for academic and professional purposes.

### **Student Seminar Series 8.0: Ecological Importance of Ants in India**

On November 13, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the Student Seminar Series 8.0 on the Ecological Importance of Ants in India took place at the UG Zoology Lab, St Joseph's University Campus. The event was organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators. Paul Antony served as the resource

person, and UG students participated in the seminar. During the seminar, Paul Antony provided insights into the ecological importance of ants in India. He discussed their general characteristics, including their colonial habitat and phylogenetic connection with bees and wasps. He traced the evolution of ants to roughly over 150 million years ago (MYA), highlighting their diverse adaptations and defense mechanisms, such as the production of formic acid by weaver ants. The seminar provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the ecological role of ants in India and their evolutionary history, emphasising their significance in various ecosystems.

### **Tiger of the Cauvery - The Humpbacked Mahseer**

On November 16, 2023, the seminar “Tiger of the Cauvery - The Humpbacked Mahseer” was held at the UG Zoology Lab, SJU Campus. Organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators, Basil Sarguroh, a III UG student, served as the resource person. He presented findings from a study conducted in the Cauvery Basin by the Wildlife Association of South India, focusing on the Humpbacked Mahseer's habitat, behavior, and conservation status. The seminar provided UG students with insights into the ecological importance of this iconic fish species in the Cauvery River ecosystem and ongoing conservation efforts.

### **Interaction with Researchers on Campus (IROC)**

On January 31, 2024, Dr Grace Prabhakar, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology at St Joseph's University, spoke at the Interaction with Researchers on Campus (IROC) session in the UG Zoology Lab. Organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators, the talk focused on biotechnology's contributions to humanity, particularly in plant and Bt biotechnology. Dr Prabhakar highlighted advancements benefiting agriculture, medicine, and environmental conservation.

The session, attended by UG students, provided valuable insights into the diverse applications and significance of biotechnology in addressing global challenges and improving human welfare.

### **Golden Jackals of Mumbai – Shweta Patil**

Ms Shweta Patil presented a talk on the “Golden Jackals of Mumbai” at the UG Zoology Lab, SJU Campus, on February 8, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators, UG students attended the session. Ms Patil discussed her analysis methods, including camera trapping for temporal activity patterns, interview surveys, and scat analysis to understand golden jackals' feeding behavior. The talk provided insights into the ecology and behavior of *Canis aureus*, enhancing participants' understanding of urban wildlife dynamics and research techniques in studying them.

### **Spiders of Mumbai Mangroves**

On February 8, 2024, Mr Akash Mhadgut, an arachnologist, discussed “Spiders of Mumbai Mangroves” via MS Teams from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators, UG students participated in the session. Mr Mhadgut explored the distribution of mangrove forests in Mumbai and highlighted the diverse spider species thriving in these ecosystems. His talk shed light on the often-overlooked biodiversity of mangrove habitats, providing participants with valuable insights into the intricate ecological dynamics of Mumbai's coastal areas and the importance of conserving these unique environments.

### **CONSERVING THE THREATENED 5.0 - SLENDER LORIS**

On February 24, 2024, Dr Smitha D. Gnaolivu, Wildlife & Nocturnal Primatologist India Programs Manager, led a discussion on “Conserving the Threatened 5.0 - Slender Loris” via MS Teams from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Organised by Dr Magesh D and student coordinators, UG students participated in the session. Dr Gnaolivu, renowned for her expertise in the conservation of Slender Lorises, shared her real-life experiences from the forest. The talk provided valuable insights into the challenges faced in conserving these endangered primates, enhancing participants' understanding of wildlife conservation efforts and the importance of protecting vulnerable species like the Slender Loris.



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce actively contributes to both national and international conferences, serving as resource persons in educational institutions. They have enriched academic discourse with over 10 paper presentations and publications and participated in numerous Faculty Development Programs for professional growth. The department organised four notable events: THARANG, Hackathon, ICBF 5.0, and EMPORIO'24 and have also facilitated industrial visits, workshops, and other activities to enhance the academic environment. Students of the department have excelled in intercollegiate fests winning numerous prizes and showcasing their talent.

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **Ms Immaculate Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

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.

#### **Ms Gisa George, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Published a paper titled, 'The Role and Impact of ICT in Teaching Process - A Teachers Perspective' in UGC Care listed journal, Education and Society.

#### **Ms Litty Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Published a paper titled 'Social Media Dependency and Facebook Usage among the Older Adults of Kerala', Studies in Media and Communication, Vol.11, No.4, June 2023, ISSN: 2325-8071 E-ISSN:2325-808X Published by Redfame.

#### **Dr Shankar R, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Published a paper titled 'Non-Performing Assets: A Case Study on Karnataka State Finance Corporation', Gradiva Review Journal, ISSN NO: 0363-8057, Volume 10, Issue 1 2024, Pp. 260-271.

Published a paper titled 'A Study on Work Life Balance Among Employees of IT Industry, in Bengaluru City', Stard Research, ISSN NO: 0039-2049, Volume 11, Issue 2, 2024, Pp. 28-53.

#### **Mr Mohammed Umair, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Nominated as a member of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the academic year 2023-2024 for Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Hosur Road, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095.

Served as Judge and Quiz Master for Manojavam 2023, Intercollegiate Management Fest on November 2, 2023 at Oxford College of Business Management.

Published a book titled Financial Management: A Strategic Approach, ISBN-13 9789395085496, Skyward Publishers.

#### **Dr Sayantani Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Event Coordinator for organising a workshop on 'CTC Analysis & Tax Planning' on February 26, 2024.

Resource person for guest lecture 'Emerging Trends in Accounting' delivered at Christ Academy Institute of Law on March 13, 2024.

#### **Ms Maha Shriesha V, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Published a paper titled 'A Study on Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) Scheme with Special Reference to Hoskote Taluk' in Innovations: The Journal of Management, Volume-2, No.1 Jan-June 2023 (ISSN 2320-0979).

#### **Ms Vidhya B, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Resource person for an Orientation Programme on NEP at Lowry Memorial Institution on June 2, 2023.

Resource person for Faculty Development Programme on 'Effective Teaching Strategies' at Montfort College, Bengaluru, September 1-2, 2023.

Resource person for 'Ignitors: Integral Formation Programme' organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

#### **Ms Lakshmi S, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Resource person for webinar on 'Time Audit: Key to Optimise your Productivity' held by HigherEd for All Pvt Ltd., on July 27, 2023.

Resource person for the 'Ignitors: Integral Formation Programme' organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

**Mr Manoj Prabhakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**

Resource person for the 'Ignitors: 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

### Professional Courses

Prajwal P, Mahadeva B S, Vaishnavi P Mehta and Surya S of I BCOM A cleared the CA Foundation exam in November 2022.

Hita Shree T of I BCOM A cleared the CS Foundation exam in November 2022.

Rithika Solomon of I BCOM A cleared the CS Foundation exam in January 2023.

Ankeet Kumar of I BCOM A cleared the CS Foundation exam in December 2022.

Nithin M of II BPS cleared the CS Foundation exam in November 2022.

### Paper Presentations

Chaitrashree G A of II BCOM B participated in 'People and Places Associated with Indian Freedom Struggle', a National Conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on October 22, 2023 and secured 3rd place.

M Vaishnavi of II BCOM B participated in 'People and Places Associated with Indian Freedom Struggle', a National Conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on October 22, 2023 and secured 3rd place.

Chaitrashree G A of II BCOM B participated in 'Young Historian's Conference 2023', a National Conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on November 11, 2023.

Nanda Kumar T of II BCOM B participated in 'Young Historian's Conference 2023', a National Conference organised by the Department of History, St Joseph's University on November 11, 2023.

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS & EVENTS

The Commerce Association of the Department organised four notable events: THARANG, Hackathon, ICBD 5.0, and EMPORIO'24 enriching the academic environment by facilitating industrial visits and workshops. Students showcased their talent by winning numerous prizes at various intercollegiate fests.



### Tharang

On September 25 and 27, 2023, the Commerce Association hosted its flagship two-day intracollegiate fest THARANG'23 themed 'Money Heist.' The campus was adorned in red and black reflecting the theme's essence with palpable excitement in the air. Dr Sanjay Shantaram was the chief guest on the first day, where traditional lamp lighting and sponsor acknowledgments took place. The fest featured four major events: THARANG, Hackathon, ICBD 5.0, and EMPORIO'24, alongside enriching academic activities like industrial visits and workshops. Commerce students shone at Inter-collegiate fests, winning numerous prizes. THARANG'23 marked a resounding success, credited to the coordinators, council, core and organising committees, event heads, volunteers, participants, and university management and staff.

### Hackathon

The corporate sustainability hackathon spanning a full day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm provided final year students with invaluable insights into sustainable practices. Industry leaders like Mr Angelo George, CEO of Bisleri, and Ms Kanika Mayar, Knowledge Partner at Vertex Ventures graced the session enriching it with their expertise. Mr George emphasised the 3 Rs: Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce focusing on plastic circularity's benefits of durability and versatility. The event served not only as an educational platform but also as a catalyst for transformative thinking inspiring participants to reconsider sustainability's role and impact in today's world.

## International Conference on Business Dynamics and Sustainable Development- ICBD 5.0

The International Conference on Business Dynamics and Sustainable Development is a flagship event of the School of Business. Its fifth edition took place on March 14-15, 2024, attracting 44 full-time and part-time faculty members from the School of Business, alongside 60 paper presenters comprising academicians, research scholars, industry professionals, and higher education students. The conference's theme focused on the genesis and growth of sustainable practices within and outside India, considering the evolving dynamics of the environment, society, and governance, especially with India's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. This platform aimed to foster the exchange of research ideas and innovations in sustainable practices facilitating collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

### Emporio'24

On March 25 and 26, 2024, the Commerce Association hosted Emporio'24, a two-day national-level inter-collegiate commerce fest themed 'The Neutopian Realm - Survival War of Economies.' The university buzzed with talented participants from across the state, brimming with enthusiasm. S Anantharaman was the chief guest on the first day.

## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### Workshop - CTC Analysis & Tax Planning

The workshop was conducted for the M.Com students with the intention of understanding the components of CTC of a salary package and hands-on experience on the basics of Income Tax return filing. The welcome address was delivered by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business. The speaker CA Priti Modi covered various aspects of tax planning and mentioned that paying less tax should not be the sole motive but rather earning more income should be the goal even if more tax must be paid. The speaker covered the concept of CTC and the various components of CTC. The students got insight on how to choose between packages offered by the company. The second part of the workshop was ITR filing.

## INDUSTRIAL VISITS

### Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd.

The industrial visit to Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. commenced with an insightful overview of the industry's economic significance and its diverse contributions. A video demonstration illustrated the process of sandalwood oil extraction. The facility tour showcased advanced machinery and automation in soap production, emphasising safety measures and environmental sustainability

practices. Interactions with industry professionals provided insights into career prospects and environmental initiatives. The visit deepened our understanding of the industry's complexity and importance, serving as a valuable educational experience. However, hands-on learning opportunities or demonstrations of specific processes could have further enriched the visit.

### Avon Plastic Industries Pvt. Ltd.

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an industrial visit to Avonplast Industries Pvt. Ltd. in Bommasandra on August 26, 2023. Led by Ms Vidhya B and Ms Lakshmi S, I BCOM students from Shift-III gained insights into the industry's operations. An industry expert briefed them on the production, processing, and manufacturing procedures, showcasing the assembly of premium products. The visit provided hands-on learning about timing processes, parts production, and maintaining demand-supply dynamics in mass production. It aimed to supplement classroom teachings on assembly line management with practical exposure, enriching students' understanding of industrial processes.

### Professional Orientation & Development Programme (POD) – Session 1

A one-hour Professional Orientation and Development (POD) session was organised on August 2, 2023 for new faculty members in the boardroom. Mr Cyril led the session, introducing them to the Linways platform used on campus. The session focused on familiarising attendees with features like attendance marking, MCQ assessments, conducting exams, and uploading marks using Linways. Ms Immaculate provided a demonstration on advanced profile updating methods for new faculty members. The training was highly informative, equipping faculty members with necessary tools to effectively utilise Linways for academic activities, facilitating seamless integration into the School of Business policies and practices.

### Orientation on professional programmes for the academic year 2023-2024 (Shift III)

The Orientation Programme at St Joseph's University's Auditorium on August 8, 2023 was crucial for Commerce and Management (Shift-III) students. Attended by second and fourth semester BCom and BBA students, it featured speakers Mr Irfat Khan from Northstar (Enrolled Agent Course), and Mr Arjun and Mr George from Arivupro Team (Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary Course). The event delved into Enrolled Agent and CA/CS courses, detailing their structures, content, and significance. Students gained insights into expected outcomes, focusing on practical and professional competencies. Fee structures were openly discussed to facilitate accessible planning.

## Orientation on young tax professional of the year 2023-2024

The School of Business hosted a one-hour orientation on the EY Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) 2023-24 competition led by guest speakers Mr Sushanth and Ms Shoba, Senior Managers from EY. Attended by 200 third-semester BCom and BBA students, the session took place at Xavier Hall on September 6, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The EY representatives provided an overview of the YTPY program, an international tax competition aimed at identifying and nurturing future tax leaders since 2011. They emphasised its global reach, uniting young tax professionals under 30 from over 60 countries. Regarding the Indian edition, the speakers highlighted the exciting prizes and exclusive coaching opportunities for the winner, provided by senior EY India tax experts.

### Guest Lecture

A guest lecture was organised by the Department of Commerce Shift-III for BCom IFA and BCom I semester students on "Exam preparation and time management". Ms Vasanti K, Associate Professor, APS College, NR Colony, Bangalore with 35 years of teaching experience was the resource person.

### Guest Lecture on Investment Fundamentals

The Department of Commerce hosted a guest Lecture on 'Investment Fundamentals: A Comprehensive Overview' to enlighten students about investments. Mr Suresh Shetty, renowned freelance financial education Counsellor and retired Chief Manager from Syndicate Bank was the guest speaker. With his expertise in finance and banking, Mr Shetty provided a detailed insight into investment fundamentals, covering various topics such as types of investments, risk management, and financial planning. His comprehensive presentation offered valuable knowledge to the students, enhancing their understanding of the investment landscape.

## ACCA Orientation Programme (I year BCom IFA – Shift III)

ACCA Orientation programme for the first-year students of BCOM IFA was conducted on August 1, 2023 at 4 pm in De Nobili Hall, SJU Auditorium in the presence of Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of Commerce, and other faculty members. The session was compered by Ms Vidhya, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce.

### ACCA Orientation Programme

The orientation programme was organised by the Department of Commerce with the motive to discuss and present in detail about the professional course – ACCA, to the 1st year BCom IFA students. The programme started with the welcome speech by Dr J Fathima Farzana. The Dr Christo Selvan, Dean and Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Head, Department of Management addressed the gathering. Ms Nithya representative from ISDC explained in detail about the agenda of the programme, ACCA qualification structure and syllabus. Additionally, students were briefed about exemptions, registration, documentation, details of fees, exam entry, awards from ACCA, training for non-exempted papers, study material and resources, EPSM and finally about the career portal. All queries and clarifications addressed by the students were resolved.

### TCS Orientation for 1st year students and Placement Aspirant Session for final year students of industry integrated.

The session was started by Mr Ravikumar Murthy through an activity Connection. He briefed the students about the Academic Interface Program (AIP) and Tata Visionary Project. The briefing involved aspects like benefits of the course BPS, AIP offerings and the recruitment drive. Mr Seetharam J started by introducing capital markets and shared insights on various types of shares, assessing returns, D-MAT account, High Net worth Individuals (HNI) and portfolio management for new investors in the stock market.



# DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

The Department of Management faculty have been actively engaged in both national and international conferences contributing as resource persons across various educational institutions. Additionally, they have enriched academic discourse with over 10 paper presentations and publications. Their professional development has been enhanced through their participation in numerous faculty development programmes. Complementing these endeavours, the Business Association of the department organised three notable events: Regalia, Ascendance, and Eminence. Further enriching the academic environment, the department facilitated various activities such as industrial visits and workshops. Moreover, students of the department showcased their talents securing numerous prizes at the intercollegiate fests.

## 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.

### **Dr Kanishka, Assistant Professor, Department of Management**

Resource person for the topic 'Impact of Digital marketing on Consumer Decision Making Process' organised by the Department of Commerce, Post Graduation Studies, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Bangalore on August 2, 2023.

Resource person for FDP on 'Imperatives and Best Practices of Faculty Development Programs' organised by the Department of Commerce, CMR University, Bangalore on July 27, 2023.

Resource person for 5-day International FDP on 'Rejuvenation and Teachers Adaptability in Quality Enhancement' organised by the Department of Management in collaboration with the IQAC, St Anne's First Grade College, Bangalore on July 21, 2023.

Resource person for 'Ignitors: 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**

Resource person for 'Ignitors: Integral Formation Programme' organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20-29, 2023.

Resource person for 'Capacity Building Programme' for M.Com. students organised by Christ (deemed-to-be) University on August 16, 2023.

Invited as a Viva Voce External Examiner for BBA students at REVA University on July 27 and 28, 2023.

Invited as a judge for Tharang, intercollegiate fest organised by Commerce Association of St Joseph's University on September 25 and 26, 2023.

Copyrights -The Platinum, Gold, and Silver Cohorts in the Consumer Market; A New Marketing Pyramid Model – Dr Anand Shankar Raja M, Akshay Kumar Annam (Registration Number- L-134908/2023).

Session Chairperson for the Student Research Conference for two sessions of Marketing Track conducted by the Department of Management Studies (MBA-BU Programme), Dayananda Sagar College of Arts, Science & Commerce held on October 21, 2023.

### **Mr Ebenezar Sam, Assistant Professor, Department of Management**

Resource person for Ignitors: Integral Formation Programme organised by Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works from September 20 to October 6, 2023.

Resource person for Orientation Programme at St Joseph's PU College, Bangalore on July 20, 2023.

Resource person for Orientation Programme at Bon Secours Degree College, Bangalore on July 20, 2023.

Presented and published a paper on 'Impact of Bank Mergers on Account Holders' in an International Conference organised by Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on the Theme: Artificial intelligence in Banking Insurance on August 25, 2023.

### **Dr Tejaswini Bastray, Assistant Professor, Department of Management**

Granted patent right for 'Mediating effect of innovation on the relationship between strategic agility and competitive advantage among telecommunication industry in India' Application No. 202441004433 A.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

1. Prajwal Tenginkai represented SJU and NCC Karnataka/Goa in the National Vayu Sainik Camp.
2. Kumud and Manisha of II BBA A won 2nd place in Event Management at Regalia.
3. II BBA students' team HEXAPOLY won 1st place in Open Day Elixir 2023.

4. Shashank Dwaraknath Murki of II BBA A participated in the 25th World Scout Jamboree held at Saemangeum, South Korea from August 1-12, 2023.
5. Rithanya Shree SK, Salvia May Savio, Shantell Shailesh Dias, Angeliza Titus, Merlin Anish, and Anuksha D'Cunha of II BBA A won the Gold Medal for basketball in the interclass Sports Event Pegasus on August 6, 2023.
6. Rithanya Shree, Salvia May Savio, Diana, Merlin Anish, Merlyn Angel, Angeliza, and Varsha won the silver medal for football in the interclass sports event Pegasus held on August 26, 2023.
7. Diana I, Salvia Mary Savio, Angeliza, Varsha, Merlin Angel, Keerthana, Rachel Sinu Thomas, Nishtha, and Swapnashree of IInd year BBA Sec A won the gold medal in cricket for the interclass sports event Pegasus held on October 7, 2023.
8. Abigail Elizabeth Jacob of II BBA(SF) won 1st place in basketball at Umang 2023 an intercollegiate competition organised by IIIT Bangalore from November 3-5, 2023.
9. G Harshitha of II BBA(SF) won 1st place in throwball at Umang 2023 an intercollegiate fest organised by IIIT Bangalore from November 3-5, 2023.
10. Ashok B of III BBA secured the 2nd place in Regalia 2022 for Event Management on November 18, 2022; 1st prize in the national level intercollegiate B-fest in Human Resource Management at Reva University, Bengaluru on April 28, 2023; 1st place in the national-level intercollegiate B-fest in HR EVENT at Presidency College, Bengaluru on August 24, 2023.
11. Rajesh A of III BBA secured the 2nd place in Regalia 2022 on November 17 and 18, 2022 in St Joseph's University Bengaluru; secured 2nd place in the Finance Event Fest at Revothsava conducted by Reva University, Bengaluru on April 27 and 28, 2023 and 2nd place in the Finance Event Fest at Advitya in Jyoti Nivas College Bengaluru on August 18, 2023.
12. Anees Ali of II BBA A won 1st place in Elixir conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on September 30, 2023.
13. Shantell Dias of II BBA A won 1st place in Elixir conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on September 30, 2023.
14. Rahul Kumar Singh II BBA A won 1st place in Elixir conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on September 30, 2023.
15. Diana Immanuel II BBA A won 1st place in Elixir conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on September 30, 2023.
16. Juzer Y C II BBA A won 1st place in Elixir conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on September 30, 2023.
17. Anees Ali of II BBA A won 1st place in the business fest Conscondo conducted by Manipal University on October 12, 2023.
18. Christelle Sibu Cheeran II BBA A won 2nd place in the business fest Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on October 31, 2023.
19. Anjali Anna of II BBA A won 2nd place in the business fest Ascendance conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on October 31, 2023.
20. BBA A won 2nd place in the 'Best out of Waste' event during Pratibha conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on October 13, 2023.
21. Thimmaiah PU of I BBA B participated in the academic event Brain Storm conducted by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru on November 10, 2022.



## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND EVENTS

The Business Association has orchestrated three significant events: Regalia, Ascendance, and Eminence fostering a vibrant academic atmosphere. Complementing this, the department has arranged industrial visits and workshops. Students of the department excelled, winning multiple prizes at intercollegiate fests adding to their achievements.

### Intracollegiate Business Association Fest: Regalia 2023-24

The flagship intracollegiate business fest Regalia was organised by the Business Association of St Joseph's University from August 29-30, 2023. Commencing at 9:00 am in the main auditorium. Following the inauguration, an investiture ceremony conferred responsibilities upon the newly elected

office bearers of the association. Amidst applause, each bearer received their badges, symbolising the commencement of their roles in organising Regalia 2023. It was a moment of pride and honor as they embarked on their journey of leadership.

### Ascendance

Ascendance was the inaugural of the business fest on October 31, 2023. Commencing at 9:00am in the main auditorium, the event was graced by Chief Guest Mr Mahesh Narayan, an esteemed expert in Artificial Intelligence, Anees Ali, Vice President of the Business Association, and the faculty and students.

### Eminence

The annual flagship national level intercollegiate business fest Eminence was hosted from February 19-20, 2024. Starting at 9:00 am in the main auditorium, the two-day event brought together students and faculty from the School of Business. Chief Guest Capt Sanghamitra Boreddy (Retd) and Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ graced the occasion. The lighting of the lamp ceremony followed the inauguration, symbolising the official start of Eminence 2024 amidst applause. This year witnessed a record-breaking number of registrations, totaling 8 contingents including one from Chennai, and 16 teams of 2 with additional on-spot registrations, totaling over 150 participants.

## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### Industrial visits

#### Avon Plastic Industries Pvt. Ltd

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, arranged an industrial visit to Avonplast Industries Pvt. Ltd. in Bommasandra, Bengaluru, on August 26, 2023. Led by Dr T Mahesh Babu, I year BBA students gained insights into the industry's process patterns, product manufacturing, and production procedures. They witnessed the production of premium products and were mentored on timing processes and supply patterns. The visit aimed to familiarise students with Assembly Line management, offering practical knowledge beyond classroom teachings. Participants learned about assembly line processes, production management, and demand-supply dynamics enriching their understanding of industrial operations.

#### TVS Motor Company Ltd. (Hosur, Tamil Nadu)

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru arranged an industrial visit to TVS Motor Company Ltd. in Hosur, Tamil Nadu, bordering Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on August 21, 2023. Led by the mentor Mr Akshay Kumar AV, II BBA students were introduced to the industry's process patterns, product manufacturing, and sales by industry expert Mr P Ranjith. They toured manufacturing plant number 2 and plant number 10 witnessing mixed-process assembly

of motor vehicles. This involved both human and machine efforts in assembling various vehicle parts. The visit provided insights into assembly line processes, production and multiple processes management, and demand-supply dynamics. Students gained a deeper understanding of how manufacturing units operate across different function plants.

#### Cycle Pure Agarbatti

An industrial visit to Cycle Pure Agarbatti, Mysore was arranged for the final year BBA and BCOM students. Led by Dr Amudan, Ms Niha, Mr Clifford, and Ms Mahashriya students gained insights into industry processes, product manufacturing, and production. They observed the production of premium products and received mentoring on timing processes and parts production procedures. This visit aimed to provide practical knowledge and enhance understanding of manufacturing operations.

#### Jumping International Manufacturer at Jakkur

On April 10, 2023, a group of 50 III year BBA(SF) students visited Jumping International Manufacturer in Jakkur. Welcomed by the Jumping team, they received an introductory session detailing the company's focus on adventure sports and product lines, including snow activities and sky dining. Founded by two brothers, Jumping pioneered small-scale bungee jumping, also producing glamping tents and offering gift consultancy services. The company prides itself on a vibrant work culture, recently hosting an ice cream competition and slime building activities. Operating six days a week, Jumping offers flexible work timings and days, reflecting its commitment to employee satisfaction and productivity. They have these set ups in 5 cities including Bangalore.



#### Orientation on Professional Programmes for the Academic Year 2023-2024 (Shift III)

The orientation programme at the university's auditorium held on August 8, 2023 marked a significant milestone for the Shift III students of the

School of Business. Attended by second and fourth semester BCom and BBA students, the event featured distinguished speakers Mr Irfat Khan from Northstar (Enrolled Agent Course), and Mr Arjun and Mr George from Arivupro Team (Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary Course). The programme delved into the structures, content, and importance of the enrolled agent and CA/CS courses, providing clarity on expected outcomes and emphasising practical and professional competencies. Transparency was maintained with an open discussion on the fee structure to facilitate accessible planning for students.

### **Orientation on young tax professional of the year 2023-2024**

The School of Business hosted a one-hour orientation on the EY Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) 2023-24 competition led by guest speakers Mr Sushanth and Ms Shoba, Senior Managers from EY on September 6, 2023. The EY representatives provided an overview of the YTPY programme, an international tax competition initiated by EY in 2011 to cultivate future tax leaders. They outlined how the competition brings together emerging tax professionals under 30 years old from over 60 countries for national and global contests. Highlighting the Indian edition, the speakers emphasised that the winner of EY India YTPY would receive exciting prizes and exclusive coaching from senior EY India tax experts. This preparation aims to prepare them for the Global YTPY Finale in March 2024, where national champions compete for the title of EY Young Tax Professional of the Year 2024.

### **Professional Interface Forum on 'Security Analysis and Temperament'**

The Professional Interface Forum organised by the department on August 25, 2023, aimed to provide finance elective students with insights into various finance aspects. Starting at 11:00 am in De Nobili Hall the event featured Mr Anupam Roongta, an SEBI registered research analyst and certified financial planner, as the chief guest. Mr Vishal Choudhary introduced him and Dr Christo Selvan, the Dean of School of Business felicitated Mr Roongta. The guest speaker shared his expertise on evaluating financial instruments, making investment decisions, and fostering the temperament for success in finance.

### **IMA - SJU Student Chapter Inauguration**

The School of Business at St Joseph's University inaugurated its IMA student chapter on February 13, 2024 underscoring its dedication to student professional development. The ceremony opened with a choir performance, creating an energetic ambiance. Mr Fenil Vedakken, Dr Madhavi Lokhande, and Rev Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor graced the occasion. Dr Christo Selvan V, Dean of the School of Business welcomed and

thanked the esteemed guests. They were honored by Rev. Dr Victor Lobo, SJ for their contributions. Dr S Amudhan, IMA, SJU Student Chapter Coordinator introduced the inaugural office bearers, followed by a badge presentation investiture ceremony assigning the responsibility of their respective roles. The event celebrated a significant step towards fostering professional growth and career opportunities for students.

### **Professional Interface Forum on Production and Operations Management**

The Professional Interface Forum aims to provide students with practical insights into production and operations management. Mr Ankeet Dadu, Head of Strategy at Anand Sweets and Savouries, South India's largest sweets brand was the invited speaker. A qualified Chartered Accountant and with extensive experience in retail, consumer goods, technology, and manufacturing, Mr Dadu began his career as a salesman in his family business of Anand Sweets. He progressed to become the Head Strategist overseeing various aspects of business and making it a goal to establish Anand Sweets as one of the most popular sweet chains in South India.

### **AICPA Strategic Finance Certification Examination Certificate Distribution**

Miles Education in association with the department conducted an examination for the Certification in Strategic Finance from AICPA (Association of International Certified Professional Accountants) for final year CMA students of the 2021 batch. The AICPA Strategic Finance Program which is a subset of the US CMA Programme covers key topics from the US CMA Curriculum. The examination was moderated by Ms Rhea Mariam Zenu, Manager, Academics, and Mr Syed Abdul Basith, Manager, Institutional Relations, from Miles Education. The certificate distribution ceremony was held on March 23, 2023 in Xavier Hall. Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor was the chief guest for the event, and Mr Uttam Pai from Miles Education was the guest of honour. Students of BBA (SF) attended the ceremony. The programme was coordinated by Ms Greeshma Francis.



## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### Social Work Students' Association (SWSA) Investiture Ceremony

On August 9, 2023, the Social Work Students' Association (SWSA) hosted its investiture ceremony at Xavier Hall attended by esteemed guests, faculty, and students. The event celebrated the dedication of students entering the field to effect positive societal change. It marked the beginning of a new chapter dedicated to improving the world. The gathering was a jubilant affair, highlighting the virtues of passion, empathy, and the pursuit of a noble cause.

### Social Justice Lecture

The 11th Social Justice Lecture was jointly organised by the School of Social Work and SWSA on September 2, 2023. The speaker, Ms Supriya

and intellect, students gathered to explore its implications on social work education. The event sparked passionate discourse, dissecting its effects on curriculum standards, accreditation processes, and professional growth. Fostering critical thinking and collaborative insights, the debate underscored legislative frameworks' role in shaping the field's future. It provided a platform for informed dialogue and collective advocacy for quality education in social work, emphasising the importance of informed deliberation in shaping policy and practice.

### SWSA led Alumni Lecture

On October 25, 2023, Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University hosted a poignant alumni lecture and interaction session. Mr Ajay, an esteemed alumnus, shared his compelling life journey, focusing on his battle with addiction and subsequent recovery. His heartfelt narrative resonated deeply with attendees,



Shrinath, highlighted the need for equality and for removing discrimination amongst people on the basis of caste and religion. She provided several examples of these violations and spoke about how one could help and how social media could have a great impact in resolving and bringing awareness among people. A Q&A session was also held at the end of the event that enlightened everyone present about several social issues in the country.

### Parlance by SWSA

Parlance Vol.1 Debate on October 4, 2023 ignited a dynamic discussion on the National Council of Social Work Education Bill - 2021. With fervour

offering valuable insights and inspiration.

### Greening our Community: BOSCH and University Associations Collaborate for Environmental Action

On November 1, 2023, a significant environmental initiative unfolded as BOSCH partnered with the Social Work Students' Association (SWSA) and the Green Spartans Association from St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, for a transformative plantation drive. Under the coordination of Dr S Rama Gokula Krishna, Assistant Professor, and the guidance of Fr Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, 70 dedicated students convened for a 'Plant for the Planet' event.

Their mission aimed to enhance the ecological landscape by cleaning the surrounding areas of Rayasandra Lake and planting over 100 fruit-bearing saplings. This collective effort showcased the power of collaboration and grassroots activism in addressing environmental issues. It reflected a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and community welfare, inspiring others to join in creating a greener, more sustainable future.

### **Kristu Jayanti College International Conference**

Second-year Master of Social Work (MSW) students enthusiastically presented at the distinguished national conference 'Health and Well-being: Bridging the Gap for a Sustainable Future,' hosted by the Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College on November 7-8, 2023. The paper presentations included:

"Impact of Mass Media on Health and Well-being in Youth" by Betsy Binu Samuel and Mihil S Joseph.

"Sustainability, Health, and Well-being: Impact of Mass Media during COVID-19" by Zairah Zaheer and Th Padone Bliss.

"A Study on the Stigma Faced by HIV Patients" by Maneesha Joy and Christan S.

"Employability among Differently-abled Persons: A Descriptive Analysis" by Lakshitha S and Yompi Ronya.

"Impact of Smartphone on the Sleep Pattern of Youths" by Jaiba Tanbi, Jyothi Mariyaapa Goudar, and Pema Choden Bhutia.

"Role of Sibling Relationship in Socialization and Family Well-being" by Swathikaa G and Aishwarya Y.

"Mental Health of Corporate Employees across Various Nations" by Jemima Saji and Isaac A.

"The Psychosocial Impact of Urbanization on Health" by Ritika Tirkey, Pushpa Rani Tirkey, and Khairii Tuni.

"Government Efforts on Dengue Across the World" by Prarthana Santhosh and Asha Paul.

"The Role of Physical Education in Promoting Health and Well-being among School Children" by Alphonsa John and Charles T Chacko.

"Impact of Sleep Hygiene on Mental Health among Youth in India" by Divya Thomas and Angela Elizabeth Oommen.

"Exploring the Impact of Poor Nutrition on Maternal Health among Rural Women: A Comprehensive Analysis" by Swetha Jane and Chandrasekar.

"A Study on Yoga Programs in Hospital Settings" by Tejashwini SN and Sai Prasad.

"Health and Management Practices in the Manufacturing Sector and Service Sector" by Vanshika and Divya.

The diverse range of topics showcased comprehensive analyses across various sectors, emphasising the conference's theme of promoting holistic health and well-being.

### **Empowering Communities: Cancer Awareness Programme at Catholic Club, Bangalore**

On November 17, 2023, the Catholic Club hosted a cancer awareness programme from 6 pm till night, drawing participants from diverse backgrounds to support Cancer Awareness Month. Notable attendees included St Joseph's University's School of Social Work faculty members, such as Capt. Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, who graced the vibrant ramp walk and fashion show, and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department, who contributed a graceful classical dance performance. Ms Latha Paul delivered an inspiring speech, emphasising the importance of such initiatives in fostering community engagement. Adding cultural richness, 1st-year Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students, including Saniya, Gowri, Juliette, Maansi, and Anna, presented a captivating semi-classical diya dance during the inaugural ceremony, infusing tradition and artistry into the event and underscoring the community's united effort in combating cancer through awareness and solidarity.

### **Bridging Borders: UNCW and School of Social Work Exchange Programme**

From December 7-16, 2023, an impactful student exchange programme unfolded between the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and St Joseph's University focusing on the School of Social Work. Ten students and two faculty members from UNCW immersed themselves in Bangalore's vibrant culture. Paired with companions from St Joseph's I MSW class, they forged meaningful connections, guided by Dr Latha Paul and faculty from St Joseph's. The exchange encompassed visits to medical psychiatry facilities, Visthar in Bangalore, community outings in Mysore, and sightseeing. A pivotal board meeting convened students, faculty, and key figures from both institutions to discuss enhancing cultural exchange and researching the program's impact was held on December 10, 2023. As the programme concluded on December 16, 2023 participants bid farewell, carrying cherished memories and strengthened cross-cultural ties to enrich their academic and personal journeys.

## Empowering Action: Symposium on Human Rights and Human Trafficking

On December 12, 2024, the Social Work Students Association in partnership with the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) organised an impactful symposium addressing human rights and human trafficking issues. The event aimed to spark discussions and promote cross-cultural perspectives on these global challenges. Fr Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work and Dr Alan Godfrey A., Head, Department of Social Work coordinated the symposium held at Xavier Hall from 9:00 am onwards. Esteemed guests like Dr Sylvia and keynote speaker Dr Arthur enriched the event. II MSW students from both universities engaged in presentations, panel discussions, and workshops, exploring socio-cultural and economic factors influencing these issues. The symposium facilitated networking, knowledge exchange, and advocacy, empowering students to drive change. By fostering dialogue and leveraging professional expertise, the event sought to raise awareness and mobilise action against human rights violations and human trafficking on local and global scales.

## Exploring Social Work: 2nd BSW Rural Camp at Vadageri Village

From January 2-11, 2024, II BSW class embarked on a rural camp in Vadageri near Kolar, coordinated by Dr Alan Godfrey A and Ms Latha Paul. This immersive experience aimed to provide firsthand insights into rural life while fostering opportunities for positive change. Activities included visits to local institutions, participatory rural appraisal mapping, and voluntary labour. Six rotating committees managed camp tasks like cooking and documentation, facilitating community engagement. Interacting with villagers offered invaluable insights into rural challenges and community solidarity. Despite occasional disagreements, students observed a sense of unity among villagers. Returning with newfound perspectives, students felt fulfilled from potentially aiding individuals within the village. The camp left a lasting impact, enriching students' understanding of social work and community engagement.

## Tribal Camp Report: Exploring Socio-Cultural Dynamics in Jamunamarathur, Tiruvannamalai

The class had their Tribal Camp in Jamunamarathur, Tiruvannamalai from January 2-7, 2024. The camp was a wonderful experience where the students were taken to different communities each day to understand about the tribes and their way of life in

the villages. The students were divided in groups each day to conduct surveys on different aspects such as the socio-cultural systems, governance and political systems, religious systems, and the economic and livelihood systems. The class had cooperated well with each other and had also presented street plays and skits on social issues at the different villages. Overall, the camp came with much learnings, observations, and understandings that was taken in by the students that enriched their overall social work learnings.

## Exploring Social Work: I MSW Rural Camp at Choodahalli Village

Embarking on a journey of transformation, Master of Social Work (MSW) students embarked on a profound ten day rural immersion in Choodahalli village from January 2-11, 2024 as an integral component of their second semester curriculum. Under the guidance of camp leaders and faculty members Fr Simon Paul D'souza and Ms Femina, supported by student coordinators Deol Jude Simon and Ishwarya M, the camp seamlessly translated classroom teachings into practical application. The first week started with Participatory Rural Appraisal sessions and household surveys, unravelling the intricacies of village life. Divided into committees, students synergised efforts in cooking, cleaning, and organising programmes for diverse community groups. Evenings were vibrant with cultural exchanges, fostering active participation among villagers. Residing in the government school, students conducted awareness sessions on critical topics like education, career opportunities, menstrual hygiene, legal rights, environmental stewardship and more. They also undertook community improvement projects, including cleaning and painting initiatives, addressing immediate needs. In conclusion, the rural camp offered students profound exposure and hands-on experience, fostering empathy, teamwork, and community engagement.

## Exploring Social Dynamics: A Recap of the MSW Study Tour to Kolkata

The study tour to Kolkata which took place from January 2-12, 2024 was organised by MSW students of St Joseph's University. Fr Dr G Augustine Lordu, Captain Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, and Dr Premajyothi D coordinated the tour. This immersive experience provided MSW students with a unique opportunity to explore themselves within the rich cultural, social, and economic tapestry of one of India's most dynamic cities. The tour complemented classroom learning with hands-on exposure, enabling students to delve into a myriad of social

issues, community practices, and development initiatives. Throughout the study tour, students participated in a variety of activities tailored to their academic interests and goals. These activities encompassed meticulous planning, immersive field visits, and meaningful interactions with local organisations and communities. By applying theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios, students deepened their comprehension of social work principles and practices, thus enriching their educational journey. The tour not only broadened students' perspectives but also equipped them with practical skills and insights essential for their future endeavours in the field of social work.

### **Inspire to Science: Collaboration with I-Volunteer**

On January 3, 2024, 15 students from I BSW partnered with Team I-volunteer for an educational initiative. They visited two BBMP Higher Primary schools in Lakasandra as part of the 'Inspire to Science' active citizenship programme. The programme aimed to empower volunteers to enrich the educational experiences of government school children. Volunteers conducted science sessions using low-cost experiment kits, fostering an appreciation for science and igniting a passion for academic pursuits. Through hands-on experiments, the volunteers aimed to make learning enjoyable and inspire a lasting curiosity for scientific inquiry among the students.

### **Bembala Outreach Camp: Empowering Student Engagement and Development**

From January 16-18, 2024, the students of III BSW participated in an enriching outreach camp held in Solur. This immersive experience provided them with a unique opportunity to cultivate not only basic skills but also crucial coordination and teamwork abilities through collaboration with peers from another class. Despite the minimalistic nature of the activities, each endeavour was imbued with profound lessons, ranging from visits to a brick factory, farmhouse, and various village locales. Working in unison, the students orchestrated a series of impactful activities and street plays addressing pertinent social issues for the local community. The Bembala Outreach Camp left an indelible mark on the students, offering them a deeply gratifying and authentic taste of real-world engagement. Through hands-on involvement and collective efforts, they garnered invaluable insights and honed essential interpersonal skills, thereby enhancing their overall personal and professional development.

### **Exploring Experiences: Reflecting on MSW Rural Camp and Study Tour Presentations**

On January 22, 2024, the School hosted a presentation session at Aloysius Hall from 12:15pm to 3:00pm. The session focused on reflections from the I MSW students' rural camp and the II MSW students' study tour in Kolkata. Student coordinators welcomed attendees, and the second year students presented detailed insights from their study tour, covering various specialisations such as medical psychiatry and community development. The first year students followed with presentations on their rural camp in Choodahalli village, leading to group discussions on Participatory Rural Appraisal activities. Faculty members actively participated in the discussions. The session concluded with gratitude expressed towards faculty coordinators Capt Akshay Mandlik and Fr Dr Augustine Lourdu G for the study tour, Fr Simon D'souza, and Ms Femina for the rural camp, acknowledging their valuable guidance and mentorship.

### **Empowering Inclusivity: Sports Day for Differently Abled Children**

On February 2, 2024 starting at 8:00 am, 15 students from I BSW collaborated with Pro Vision Asia, Bangalore to organise an inclusive sports day for differently abled children. Serving as compassionate mentors, the students acted as buddies providing support and guidance throughout the festivities. The event featured inclusive activities like dance, ball races, and hoop throwing, tailored to the children's abilities. Every aspect of the day was meticulously planned, considering the children's needs. Volunteers dedicatedly set up tents, marked tracks, and ensured a seamless experience. Beyond mere participation, the event aimed to create moments of joy and empowerment for the children. Volunteers enthusiastically embraced their roles, leaving a lasting impact on both the children and themselves.

### **Inter Religious Peace and Harmony: Signing of Memorandum of Understanding**

On February 17, 2024 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, a transformative gathering occurred at the Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern in Bangalore. Revered religious leaders and guest speakers, representing diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, emphasised the importance of reverence and autonomy in matters of faith. They highlighted how these principles foster solidarity among

communities. Seana, Maansi, and Aaysha from I BSW along with their faculty member Fr Simon Paul D'souza actively participated in promoting the role of youth in understanding religious boundaries and work through collaborative efforts.

### **Unity in Action: SWSA Sports Day for Social Workers**

SWSA orchestrated a dynamic sports extravaganza for social workers from February 19-21, 2024 at the university ground running from 1:00pm to 3:00pm daily. Featuring games like throwball, kho-kho, tug of war, and cricket the event brimmed with excitement and camaraderie. Ms Manisha Sara, a St Joseph's University alumna, inaugurated the event setting the stage for spirited competition. Dr Gokul, the SWSA faculty coordinator and dedicated student committee members ensured smooth proceedings allowing participants to showcase their athletic abilities and teamwork. The II MSW class clinched the runner-up spot, demonstrating remarkable sportsmanship and competitiveness. Beyond winning, the sports day fostered unity and camaraderie among all, as students and faculty forged bonds of friendship and solidarity transcending academic boundaries.

### **Financial Management Lecture for Community Development Students**

On February 21, 2024, Ms Cyril, faculty member from the Department of Commerce delivered a talk for students pursuing social work with a specialisation in community development. Her content delved into essential techniques for calculating the payback period and net present value, crucial components of effective financial management strategies. The event was coordinated by Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik. Attended by a cohort of 20 students, the program was hailed as immensely advantageous and impactful, significantly enriching their academic pursuits.

### **Fostering Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing: School of Social Work Students at India International Social Work Conference 2024**

Students from the School of Social Work actively engaged in the India International Social Work Conference held from February 22-24, 2024 in collaboration with the Indian National Professional Social Workers' Association (INPSWA) and Loyola College, Chennai. They joined numerous students from prestigious colleges not only attending but also presenting papers. This gathering serves

as a platform for policymakers, practitioners, educators, researchers, and students to share insights, innovations, and best practices. Attendees discussed field actions and presented research through papers and posters, fostering a rich exchange of learning experiences and ideas. The paper presentations included:

“Pioneering paths: Innovative approaches in public health and emergencies” by Aleena Saji.

“Examining the Public Perspectives on Social Workers in Kerala: A Societal Analysis” by Anaina Tigi.

“Examining the Public Perspectives on Social Workers in Kerala: A Societal Analysis” by Gowri Nandana K.

“Pioneering paths: Innovative approaches in public health and emergencies” by Sneha Yohannan.

### **Promoting Awareness: School of Social Work's Initiative Against Drug Abuse**

On February 28, 2024, at 8:50am, the School of Social Work organised an event led by I MSW students with guidance from Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work. The event started with a message about drug abuse. Students gathered at the PG quadrangle and grabbed attention with a flash mob. Then students performed a skit to show the dangers of drug abuse. The skit emphasised how friends can support those struggling with addiction and why parents and counselling are important. The students handed out placards to remind everyone to fight against drug abuse and make the campus a better place. The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse among students.

### **Volcon: India's Premier Volunteering Conference Unites Enthusiasts and Experts**

On February 29 and March 1, 2024, the largest volunteering conference in India, Volcon was held at Citadel Sarovar, Portico in Gandhi Nagar, coordinated by the I Volunteer and Bhoomi Organization. This dynamic event brought together enthusiasts and experts to explore various dimensions of volunteerism. With sessions spanning corporate volunteering, CSR, and engaging Gen Z audiences, the two-day conference featured structured programs across four meeting rooms. Dedicated social work students from the I BSW and II BSW including Adam Alexander, Aysha

Mariyam A, Jovan Boanerges F, Maansi Kushi Prabhu, Y Abhishai Vijaykumar, Swasthika Chand, Carel Joji Thomas, and Ferin Siby Thomas played a pivotal role in documenting meeting minutes. Their involvement ensured valuable insights were accurately recorded and communicated to the organisers, highlighting the significance of their contributions beyond mere participation.

### **Empowering Change: St Joseph's MSW Students Lead Drug Awareness Campaign**

On February 28, 2024 at 8:50 am, St Joseph's University witnessed a significant initiative led by I MSW students guided by Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse. Gathering at the PG quadrangle, students employed various tactics to engage their peers, starting with a lively flash mob followed by a thought-provoking skit. Through storytelling, they highlighted the dangers of negative peer influence and drug abuse. The skit emphasised the importance of support systems, including classmates, parental involvement, and counselling services. The Dean appreciated the students for the event's impact. Awareness placards were distributed by the team to reinforce the commitment to combat substance abuse and foster a healthier campus environment.

### **Empowering Voices: Aweksha's Peaceful Protest on International Women's Day 2024**

On March 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm, Aweksha organised a peaceful protest at Mayo Hall Civil Court to mark International Women's Day. The event saw participation from various institutions, including 15 students from I BSW who volunteered and were led by Dr Premajyothi D, alongside volunteers from other colleges. The protest began with a symbolic display of solidarity featuring a dance and skit by the BSW class and volunteers emphasising empowerment and unity. Passionate speakers highlighted the importance of collective action in advancing women's rights and safety. The atmosphere turned solemn as the protest ended with a moment of reflection. Participants held candles in remembrance of past struggles and in support of ongoing efforts for safer spaces for women, especially from marginalised communities. The demonstration underscored the collective responsibility to advocate for gender equality and stand in solidarity with women globally.

### **Empowering Advocates: School of Social Work**

#### **Students' Engagement at the 21st Samanwaya International Conference**

Students from the School of Social Work actively participated in the 21st Samanwaya International Conference & Social Work Students Meet held on March 11 and 12, 2024 at BCM College in Kottayam. The conference's central theme was 'Rise against Child Trafficking: Protecting the Rights and Future of Children'. Numerous social work students from various esteemed colleges also attended this international conference. Moreover, these students were actively involved in presenting papers during the event. This conference serves as a significant platform for policymakers, social work practitioners, educators, researchers, and students to share their ideas, innovations, best practices, and learning experiences. By facilitating such exchanges, the conference fosters collaboration and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders committed to combating child trafficking and safeguarding the rights and well-being of children.

The students paper presentations included:

"Impact of domestic violence on children mental health trauma and healing in Bangalore" by Ann Maria Jose and Kezia Susan Benison.

#### **Social Work Event on Ecosystem Preservation**

On March 13, 2024 at 8:50 am, the School of Social Work arranged an event spearheaded by I MSW students. The event commenced with a message on ecosystem preservation. Students congregated at the PG quadrangle and captivated the audience with a flash mob. Following that, they enacted a skit aimed at highlighting the significance of water in sustaining ecosystems and advocating conservation efforts to safeguard aquatic habitats and biodiversity. Dr G Augustine Lourdu, the Dean, conveyed his appreciation.

#### **School of Social Work Students Present Papers at National Conference on Sustainable Transformative Change and Social Justice**

Social work students from both the first and second years of the Master of Social Work (MSW) actively participated in a national conference on Social Work for Sustainable Transformative Change and Social Justice, organised by the Madras School of Social Work in Chennai from March 14-15, 2024. Mr Shnan, Associate Editor, Frontline magazine

graced the event as the distinguished chief guest. Notably, 18 students from the school presented their research papers. The conference provided invaluable exposure, allowing students to interact with esteemed scholars and experienced social workers, share insights, and engage in meaningful discussions on various social issues. This experience enriched their academic journey, inspiring their commitment to social justice and transformative practices within the field of social work.

The student paper presentations included:

“Strengthening Mental Health: Embracing Resilience in the Workplace” by Aleena Treesa Lukose.

“Exploring the Influence of Social Support on Students: A Study on Students Living Away from Home” by Ann Mary John.

“Conglomerates and Sustainability: A Study on ITC Ltd” by Aswathy V M.

“The Role of Green Human Resource Management (GHRM) in Promoting Sustainability” by Bala Vignesh.

“The Imperative of Sustainable Human Resource Management in Manufacturing Organizations” by Christabelle Liza Lawrence.

“Conglomerates and Sustainability: A Study on ITC Ltd” by Elizabeth C Sebastian.

“Exploring the Influence of Social Support on Students: A Study on Students Living Away from Home” by Hanna Kuriakose.

“The Role of Green Human Resource Management (GHRM) in Promoting Sustainability” by Isaac A.

“Climate Change and Environmental Justice” by Judith Cheriyan.

“Strengthening Mental Health: Embracing Resilience in the Workplace” by Kripa Thomas.

“Strengthening Social Support Networks: Building Resilience through Community Connections” by Lakshmi Suresh.

“The Imperative of Sustainable Human Resource Management in Manufacturing Organizations” by Megha S.

“Gender Justice and Equality” by Merin Varghese.

“Strengthening Social Support Networks: Building Resilience through Community Connections” by Niranjana Suresh.

“Organisational Change and Sustainability” by Raghavendra Holla.

“Organisational Change and Sustainability” by Shalom S Basileia.

“Gender Justice and Equality” by Sophia Sylvius M.

“Climate Change and Environmental Justice” by Tania Felix.

### **Empowering Advocacy: BSW Students Collaborate with Sangama for Social Change**

On March 15, 2024, as part of their curriculum the BSW students visited the NGO Sangama. Sangama focuses on public discourse regarding gender identity, sexual orientation, sex work, and urban poverty, linking these to development, human rights, and socio-economic justice. During the visit, Sangama highlighted five unfulfilled promises by the Karnataka government regarding sexual minorities' education and development. Sangama's initiative involves a signature campaign to raise awareness and advocate for these promises' fulfilment. Following the orientation, the I BSW students actively supported Sangama by participating in the campaign. With purpose and enthusiasm, all 40 students pledged their support, collecting a minimum of 30 signatures each and providing their contact details for further engagement. Their collective effort contributes to Sangama's advocacy for marginalised communities' rights and welfare, emphasising the importance of social activism and community engagement for social justice.

### **Social Work Event on Ecosystem Preservation**

On March 20, 2024 at 8:50 am, the School of Social Work coordinated an event led by II MSW students under the guidance of Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean of the School of Social Work.



Commencing with a discussion on the significance of water conservation, the event unfolded at the PG quadrangle, where students captured attention through a flash mob. Subsequently, they portrayed the essence of educating individuals and communities about the importance of water conservation, its environmental implications, and ways to contribute to water preservation through a skit performance. The Dean conveyed his appreciation for the initiative and the programme came to an end.

### **Silent Messages: Mime for Change by SWSA**

SWSA organised 'Mime for Change' a transformative event on March 20, 2024 held in the auditorium at the basement. BSW and MSW students from all classes participated, presenting unique topics through mime performances. Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head, Department of Social Work, and Ms Natasha Carolle, a St Joseph's University alumna judged the event. The captivating mime presentations sparked reflections on social issues. After a closely contested competition, II BSW students won first place, showcasing talent and dedication. Meanwhile, I MSW students secured second place, demonstrating adeptness in conveying powerful messages through mime. The mimes provoked meaningful discussions, deepening awareness of social issues and fostering empathy and social responsibility within the School of Social Work community.

### **Survey for 'Yes to Access'**

'Yes to Access' is a pioneering project by APD, aiming to foster inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. It involves uploading images of public space to assess their accessibility. The goal is to provide accurate information to people with disabilities. On March 2, 2024, I BSW class committed to this cause for two weeks. Each student contributed 7 to 10 forms detailing accessibility observations in areas like Old Airport Road, Shantinagar, and MG Road, particularly for wheelchair users. Guided by Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head, Department of Social Work, the survey provided students with insights into infrastructure and accessibility. Their participation not only contributed data but also deepened their understanding of urban planning's importance. 'Yes to Access' serves as both a data-gathering platform and a catalyst for raising awareness, fostering inclusivity and accessibility in society.

### **Educational Empowerment: Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation Workshop**

All faculty members of the School of Social Work actively participated in a one-day workshop focused on teaching, learning, and evaluation, which took place on March 23, 2024, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the 3rd floor of the new block. The workshop was specifically organised for the academic staff. Dr Michael Rajamathi led the programme providing valuable insights and guidance on effective teaching strategies, enhancing learning experiences, and implementing robust evaluation methods. The workshop aimed to empower academic staff with the necessary tools and knowledge to enhance their teaching practices, foster a conducive learning environment, and ensure comprehensive evaluation methods to assess student performance effectively.

### **II BSW SWEFT Programme**

On March 27, 2024 at 8:45 am in the Aruppe Atrium, II BSW students organised the SWEFT programme, raising awareness about Bangalore's water crisis. The event featured solo and group performances, including a dance and skit highlighting the importance of drip irrigation in water conservation. Accompanied by a narrator, the skit effectively conveyed the need for sustainable practices to address the crisis. Through engaging performances, the audience learned about the urgency of conservation efforts in water management. Solo and group dances were strategically incorporated to captivate the audience, reinforcing the message of water conservation and collective action. The SWEFT programme served as a creative and impactful platform for educating students about drip irrigation's critical role in addressing the water crisis.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Maneesha Joy from II MSW presented her research on 'Adolescent Girls' Attitudes Towards Menstruation and its Impact on Self-Esteem' at a seminar on Women's Mental Health at NIMHANS on March 30, 2024. Maneesha's insightful research earned her the first prize.

Liya Carmel Joseph from III BSW showcased her photography skills at the Elysian fest coordinated by CAIAS on March 23, 2024. Her photos captured human emotions under the theme 'Expressions Unveiled' earning her the second position and a Rs. 3000 cash prize. This achievement not only showcased Liya's talent but also brought recognition to our institution in collegiate events.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

On March 15, 2024, five faculty members from Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Dr Alan Godfrey A, Ms Latha Paul, Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, and Ms Viola Maria Noronha collectively authored a paper titled 'The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications' in the journal Social Work Practice by Springer.

In January 2024, Ms Latha Paul presented a paper titled "Accessibility of Rural Healthcare Services for Women in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review" in the International Research Journal of Modernisation in Engineering Technology and Science (IRJMETS).

In December 2023, Ms Latha Paul had a paper titled "Gender Discrimination and Mental Health" published in the proceedings book of a one-day conference at the Institute of Social Science and Humanities, Srinivas University.

Ms Latha Paul conducted a gender sensitisation session during a workshop for Mercy Fellowship at the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre in December 2023.

Mr Kiran Jeevan was an invited speaker at the Eka Educational and Charitable Trust Graduation Ceremony on November 25, 2023.

Mr Kiran Jeevan attended Education Tomes sponsored InspirED as a Delegate on 'Inspiring Excellence in Higher Education and Industry with Technology' on December 7, 2023.



Mr Kiran Jeevan was an invited speaker for a National Seminar Metanoia 2024 organised by the Department of Social Work at St Aloysius (deemed-to-be university). He spoke on "Reforming Systems, Empowering Lives: Social Work Strategies in Preventing and Combating Child Trafficking," on February 28, 2024.

Mr Kiran Jeevan conducted a one-day workshop on 'Making smart Career Choices' on March 10, 2024 at the East Parade Church, Bangalore

Mr Kiran Jeevan conducted a Faculty Development Program for the Staff of St Joseph's College of Law on 'Developing a healthy student-teacher relationship' on March 20, 2024.

Dr SRG Krishnan co-authored four web of science and scopus indexed research articles:

Krishnan, SRG, & Joseph, JJ. (2023) 'Online learning experiences of social work students in India' in Journal of Social Work, 14680173231207962.

Krishnan, SRG, Godfrey AA, Paul, L, Mandlik, AD, & Noronha, V. (2024) 'The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications for Social Work Practice' in Ageing International.

Krishnan, SRG, Godfrey, AA., Daly, C., & Avinash, A. (2024) 'Child Sexual Abuse and Wellbeing Among LGBTQ + Individuals: The Role of Family in Healing' in LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 0(0), 1-14.

Lourdu, GA, Nathan, JPS, & Krishnan, RG. (2024) 'Religio-political influence on social Work Practice in Contemporary India' in Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 0(0), 1-13.

Dr SRG Krishnan became the first PhD guide from the School of Social Work in April, 2023.

Dr SRG Krishnan was invited as a resource person at Gonzaga College, Tamil Nadu on September 8, 2023 as part of a national seminar on research writing.

Dr SRG Krishnan was invited as a resource person on November 16, 2023 by the Department of Humanities at Ramaiah College, Bengaluru. The topic addressed was "Human Rights: Euthanasia and Acid Attacks"

Dr SRG Krishnan was invited as a resource person to Fatima College, Madurai, on October 18, 2023. He spoke to students and PhD scholars from various institutes about community engagement and research.

Dr SRG Krishnan coordinated a Plant for the Planet event on November 1, 2023, in association with BOSCH. During the event, students participated in a cleanup drive at Rayasandra Lake and planted fruit-bearing trees.

Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik facilitated a three-day workshop from March 20 -22, 2024 for 28 individuals from Good Business Lab (GBL) on team-building sessions tailored for nonprofit organisations in Colar.

Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik facilitated a 14-day Command Defence Service Examination workshop from March 26, 2024 to April 8, 2024 onwards for the NCC cadets in the college, specifically targeting second and third year UG students primarily aimed at IAS and IPS defence aspirants.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew successfully completed a certificate course when in Mentoring and Counseling Skills conducted by SAMAGRA - St Joseph's Holistic Wellness Center in Bengaluru.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew published a paper on "Patient Perspective on Factors that Facilitate Recovery in Schizophrenia" in the Journal- Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health, indexed in Scopus.

Fr Simon Paul D'Souza participated in an interreligious peace and harmony meeting on February 17, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern. The meeting convened prominent religious leaders and guest speakers representing diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

Dr Premajyothi received the Kannada Rajyotsava Award (Pavagada Taluk) from the Taluk Administration Government of Karnataka in the year November 2023.

Dr Premajyothi received the award for exceptional contribution in the sphere of education and the Sri Durga Foundation in Mysuru will bestow the Karnataka Mahila Ratna Award in 2024.

2023-2024 was indeed an academically-enriching, intellectually-stimulating year at the School of Communication and Media Studies. Hands-on learning intertwined with creative expressions through art, as well as, intellectual discussions on media, politics and advertising. Field trips and industry visits made the academic experience memorable. Here is an overview of the events and activities of the School of Communication and Media Studies.

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Parinitha Laxmi Shinde R. received a PhD in Journalism and Mass Communication from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, on December 30, 2023, for her thesis on the impact of social media on news production and consumption.

Mrudhusha Mohanan earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Management from Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, on February 22, 2024, for her dissertation on hedonic motivation and social influence impacting young Instagram users' travel intention.

Nevil Pradeep Dsouza was awarded a PhD in Journalism and Mass Communication by Jain University, Bangalore, on February 26, 2024, for his thesis on the effectiveness and teacher perception of using media technology in education.

Maruthu Pandian was awarded a PhD in Journalism and Mass Communication by Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, on March 1, 2024, for his thesis on the influence of video-on-demand services on visual narrative and aesthetics.

Shabin PK won the Second Best Actor Award at the Indian Film House Short Film Awards on September 22, 2023, for his role in Ennam Pol Vazhkai, a film produced by BVC students of School of Communication and Media Studies.

Dr Rupa Peter published a book of poetry titled Feelings are like Bangalore Skies on August 25, 2023, which reflects everyday life situations and received positive reviews.

Dr Rupa Peter won the Best Paper Award at the national media conference 'Mediatron' held by Jyoti Nivas College on October 12-13, 2023, for her paper on thematic visual analysis in Quentin Tarantino's films

Nevil Pradeep D'Souza received the Best Paper Award from Jain deemed-to-be University on July 6-7, 2023, and served as a resource person for St Joseph's Pre-University College during the same period.

The film 1098 by Nevil Pradeep D'Souza was selected in the Lift-off session organised by Lift-

off Global Network on July 7, 2023, and later shortlisted in the Non-Competition Section for the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival held from August 3-13, 2023.

Nevil D'Souza conducted an interactive session on Artificial Intelligence as part of Ameliorate 2023 at St Joseph's Pre-University College on August 7, 2023.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Bijo Benjimin achieved first place at Ramaiah University's short film competition on March 7, 2024, and secured third place at Jain University's fest on March 2-3, 2024. He also won first place at Mount Carmel College's Kannada fest in February 2024 and received a special mention award at Jain University's 48-hour short film competition on October 13, 2023.

Farhan Musthafa attained third place for his short film Mind at the ICE 2024 event held by Symbiosis, Pune, on March 23, 2024.



Srishti RJ earned second place for Piece-to-Camera (PTC) at Journotri'23, a state-level media feSt

Brandon Fernandes and Anita C from I BVC emerged victorious in Elixir, Open Day.

Roby Jayson, Sandra Mariah, Aditya Chacko, Selwyn Joseph, Smrithi Ganesh, Trinity John Opperman, and Tamil Iniyan won the Best Screenplay award at the Mokka International Film Festival.

Aswathy S Manoj was appointed President of the Public Relations Consultants Association of India (PRCAI).

### DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### RISEUP PR+

PRmoment India and Hill and Knowlton launched RISEUP PR+, a contest for PR professionals. St Joseph's University, Bengaluru won the competition

mentored by HPE's Diksha Verma. Team St Joseph's University, comprising Thangamma KM, Rahul Srishailappa Murudi, and Gopika Menon, bagged the first place with campaign plans developed under industry mentors, winning cash prizes and certificates on March 7, 2024.

### Mediacon 2024

Mediacon 2024, held by the School of Communication and Media Studies (SOC) at St Joseph's University on January 23 and 24, 2024, centred on the theme Media, Politics, and Governance. Featuring keynote speakers like Mr Pawan Khera and Mr Rajeev Gowda, the inauguration marked a significant start. A panel discussion on "Freedom of speech: The State of Play. The way ahead." included eminent figures like Paranjoy Guha Thakurta and Siddique Kappan. Day two featured panels on advertising and public relations, followed by an international webinar with experts from CBC News, Geo News, Reuters, Bloomberg LP, and Kyodo News. The event showcased 50 academic papers exploring contemporary media issues, from the media landscape to social movements and democratic governance, making Mediacon 2024 a resounding success.

### Rushes National Film Festival

The 6th edition of Rushes National Film Festival (RNFF23) ran from November 2 - 4, 2023. D Satya Prakash, a national award-winning writer, director, lyricist, and producer, graced the event as Chief Guest over three days, the festival showcased student-made and acclaimed national and international short films. Day one featured a master class on music direction by Victor Logidasan, followed by discussions with director Pannaga Bharana and a workshop on direction by Karthik Seenivasan on day two.



Day three included more film screenings and an interaction with director Manso Re. The festival concluded with a valedictory and an alumni meet, making RNFF23 a vibrant celebration of cinema and creativity.

### Artistica

The Association of Art and Animation, a student-led organisation, cultivates creativity in animation and visual arts, providing a collaborative space for enthusiasts. Their flagship event, Artistica, held from November 2 - 4, 2023, aims to enhance artists' skills and showcase creativity. Activities included art exhibitions, competitions, live sessions, and stations for origami, face painting, clay-modelling, and painting.



Over 220 artworks were submitted nationwide, with 200 curated and displayed. Artistica fosters a community of passionate artists, nurturing their talents and creating an intimate space for artistic expression.

### Allura

The 9th edition of Allura, the national media and arts festival hosted by the Images Association, took place from November 2 - 4, 2023. It provided a platform for artists nationwide to exhibit, learn, and interact. Events included the Red Carpet fashion show, combining face painting, costume design, ramp walking, and photography. Crimson Canvas featured a t-shirt design competition on the theme 'Cities of the World,' allowing participants to showcase creativity. The valedictory included a Q&A session with noted author Anuja Chauhan, making Allura a holistic experience for artists and enthusiasts alike.

### MA Journalism and Mass Communication

#### Beyond the CV

Beyond the CV was held 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.

## You think there is no room in Legacy Media?

On March 14, 2024, St Joseph's University's School of Communication and Media Studies hosted a guest lecture featuring senior journalist Mr John Thomas. The discussion centred on Legacy Media's foundational role in news dissemination and its abundant opportunities. Mr Thomas highlighted the significance of news agencies like AFP, Reuters, and AP, along with India's Press Trust despite social media competition, he emphasised print media's enduring importance, citing Bengaluru's leading newspapers. Mr John emphasised legacy media's job stability and branding opportunities for aspiring journalists. He advised focusing on networking and skill development rather than monetary gain. Concluding, he stressed legacy media's value as a career launchpad despite its challenges, encouraging students to pursue their journalistic aspirations.

## Josephite Media Forum – Association of the MA Journalism and Mass Communication

### Interactive Workshop

In an insightful workshop organised by Josephite Media Forum, veteran journalist G Manjusainath, who works with the Press Trust of India, addressed the first and the second year masters students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism on October 27, 2023. He talked about his experiences and shared his opinions and knowledge with the students, answering their questions in detail. The session was also fruitful through interesting activities that were enjoyed by all the students.

## Prospects and Scope in Business Journalism

On February 23, 2024, an interactive session on prospects and scope in business journalism was held by the School of Communication and Media Studies in association with the Josephite Media Forum. Mr Raghu Krishnan, the Chief Editor of Happiest Health magazine, spoke about his experiences in journalistic beats such as technology, space and business. He also provided insights into the scope of artificial intelligence (AI) in the field of journalism and motivated the students by expressing that AI is not always right and creativity is what sets us apart. He also touched upon the importance of having the skills for the utilisation of AI in areas such as content writing, marketing and copywriting.

## Supporting journalists and media educators across India against misinformation

On February 27, 2024, a workshop was conducted to support journalists and media educators against misinformation by Giridhar Narayan, trainer at GNI India Training Network. The trainer started by addressing the importance of fact-checking with the rise in circulation of fake news and cleared the difference between misinformation and disinformation. He suggested reverse image searching tools like Google Lens and Yandex.



A link was provided where the attendees immersed themselves in a fact-checking exercise. Extensions like InVid, Tineye and Baidu were also introduced for video content fact-checking. Some examples of the stories were Rahul Gandhi's RTI meme, Covid victims in India, etc. The key takeaways were: to examine and verify the content, think of intent, search for sources and look for basic red flags.

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

On February 28, 2024, The Josephite Media Forum organised a guest lecture with the School of Communication and Media Studies on Skills and strategies to kickstart a journalistic career in the AI and data-driven world with Mr Vignesh Radhakrishnan as the speaker. His evidence-driven opinions on the Print, electronic and online media platforms, the financial aspect of the career and the challenges the industry faces began the session followed by his insights into data journalism. He demonstrated to the students of MA mass communication and journalism how to use artificial intelligence (AI) in the field of data journalism and

its benefits and challenges. He stressed the skills required for an aspiring journalist which rooted back to being updated on current affairs for ease in finding sources for data stories, writing reports and so on, fact-checking and keeping the report as simple as possible for the readers.

## Looking Beyond Narratives the Scientific Way

On March 1, 2024, the Josephite Media Forum, in collaboration with the School of Communication and Media Studies, organised a workshop on scientifically dissecting narratives, featuring Mr Narendra Nayak as the speaker. Nayak's evidence-based insights delved into exposing the deceptive practices of "godmen" and their influence on the public. He demonstrated manipulation tactics and showcased videos supporting his arguments on power's impact across societal domains. Encouraging critical thinking, he provided practical examples of debunking myths associated with supposed miracles. Nayak engaged with MA mass communication and journalism students, answering queries about truth-seeking, logical reasoning, and sharing personal anecdotes of facing threats for his truth-seeking endeavours. The workshop urged attendees to critically analyse information and approach narratives with a rational mindset.

## News in the making

On March 26, 2024, the Josephite Media Forum hosted a guest lecture centred on a book discussion of 'News in the Making' by Mr Premangshu Ray. The lecture explored essential qualities for journalists, newsroom operations, and the editor's role, emphasising attention to detail in writing to avoid misinterpretation. Mr Ray highlighted challenges faced during book writing, primarily time constraints. The session included student-guest interactions, addressing queries on journalism ethics, women's roles in crime reporting, and the versatility required in journalism. Mr Ray underscored key journalist traits: language proficiency, curiosity, and dedication. Overall, the discussion provided insights into journalistic practices and challenges, emphasising the multifaceted nature of the profession.

## MA Advertising and Public Relations

### Digital Introspection – Ready Set Digital

Digital Introspection – Ready Set Digital was a talk conducted by the Department of Advertising and Public Relations August 4, 2023. 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

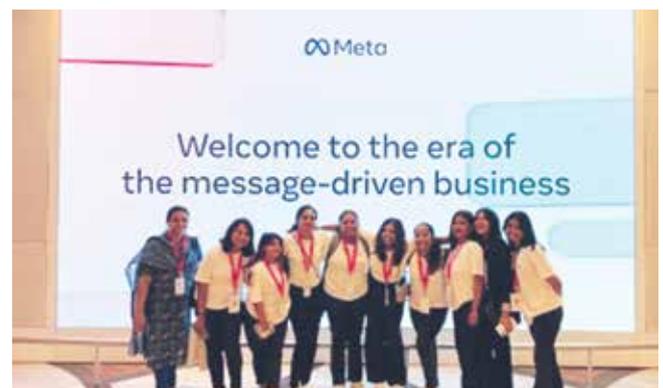
individual users. He spoke about how to maximally utilise the fast-paced technology to target specific groups. He also informed the audience about the need for hook steps and other strategies used in digital marketing.

## 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 the Department 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.

## IBM's Think Event

On September 12, 2023, 12 students from the Department 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 documenting information and interviews to preserve the event's highlights.

### Meta Conversations

The Department of Advertising and Public Relations sent 14 students 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 Media Studies 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

The Department of Advertising and Public Relations held a talk on AI-powered Consumer insights 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

The Department of Advertising and Public Relations conducted a talk titled Gearing towards Corporate Excellence 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.

### Inkarnate

Inkarnate, a literature festival was organised on November 9, 2023, by students of II MA Advertising and Public Relations. The event was associated with Author's Channel, a book publishing company, aiming to celebrate literature in all its forms and provide a platform for emerging writers, poets, and speakers to showcase their talent. Inkarnate featured a diverse range of activities including author readings, poetry slams, panel discussions, workshops, and book signings. The festival attracted participants from both within the university and the wider community, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and creativity.

The Women Empowerment Panel focused on the theme of women's empowerment and featured esteemed authors Aruna Nambair, Andaleeb Wajid, and Aparna Devigiri. Besides, there was a panel on romance, historical fiction, poetry reading and start-ups. These panel sessions offered attendees a diverse and enriching experience, catering to a wide range of literary interests and providing opportunities for learning, inspiration, and dialogue.

### ASCI's Student Vigilance Movement

Fifteen students from MA Advertising and Public Relations, St Joseph's University actively engaged in ASCI's Student Vigilance Movement between December 13, 2023, and January 31, 2024. The program aimed to enhance their ability to discern ethical advertising practices. The participants attended a comprehensive 2-hour webinar, gaining insights into the ASCI code and methods for identifying misleading advertisements. Subsequently, utilising ASCI's digital platform, they reported such advertisements across various media. This programme not only strengthened their knowledge of advertising compliance but also instilled a strong sense of responsibility, enabling them to become moral leaders in the advertising industry.

## PRCAI Bengaluru Academia Conclave

The Bengaluru Academia Conclave, hosted by St Joseph's University's School of Communication and Media Studies in collaboration with the Public Relations Consultants Association of India PRCAI, took place on February 26, 2024, at the De Nobili Hall. Moderated by Deeptie Sethi, CEO of PRCAI and Co-Founder of Complimentors, the event featured esteemed speakers such as Vaishali Ramakrishnan, Dr (Fr) Richard Rego SJ, Amrutha Moorthy, Sarah Gideon, Kaushik Kashyap, and Tarunjeet Rattan. The seminar provided students with insights into the evolving PR industry through panel discussions and interactions with professionals. It emphasised the skills and attitudes needed for success in PR, including continuous learning, empathy, and a balanced approach to AI and human interaction. The importance of research, analytical thinking, and communication skills was highlighted, along with the intertwined relationship between politics and the economy in PR. The event concluded with a call for students to focus on human-centric storytelling, develop diverse skills, and aspire to shape narratives as future PR professionals.

## AI and the Attention Economy

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

## Brandstorm - Association of the MA Advertising and Public Relations

### Association Inauguration & Lecture on the Advertising Ecosystem – How it functions

Brandstorm, an association of MA Advertising and Public Relations, was inaugurated 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 Dr Fr Richard Rego SJ, Dean, School of Communication and Media Studies, 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

Brandstorm 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 and Idea Generation

Writing and Idea Generation was conducted under Brainstorm, 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 Niranjan 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.

## Creative Brief – A Strategic and Creative POV

On February 3, 2024, a session titled "Creative Brief – A Strategic and Creative POV" was held for I MA Advertising and Public Relations students at St Joseph's University. Organised by the School of Communication and Media Studies in collaboration with Brandstorm, the session featured experienced media professionals Saurabh KV, a Brand Strategist from Ex-Ogilvy, and Parvathy Rajmohan, Creative Director, Copy at Ogilvy. During the session, Mr Saurabh KV highlighted the challenges in crafting marketing ads, including the complexity of the advertising field, subjective creativity, and tight deadlines. Emphasising the importance of a clear creative brief, he explained how it guides the objectives and messaging, facilitating collaboration and structuring the creative process. Ms Parvathy Rajmohan emphasised the role of insights derived from a good brief in creating impactful advertising campaigns. She noted that while a good brief fuels creativity, a poor one hinders it. The speakers advised students to gain practical experience through internships and freelance work.

## HEY. Humanity Empathy and You

Brandstorm organised an impactful event titled "HEY. Humanity, Empathy and You" at St Joseph's University with the aim of promoting courtesy and kindness among students. The event featured engaging activities, including a poster designing contest and a live bingo game, spread over a week from March 11 to March 18, 2024, with a grand culmination on March 22, 2024. The event revolved around the central themes of courtesy and kindness. Participants were encouraged to express these values through their poster designs, highlighting the importance of practising empathy and consideration in daily interactions. The culmination event on March 22 featured posters displayed throughout the campus, a live bingo game reinforcing the core message, and a dynamic flash mob performance. Winners were also rewarded with Brandstorm merchandise as tokens of appreciation. The event served as a beacon of positivity, successfully reminding students about the significance and benefits of practising courtesy towards others, leaving a lasting impact on the community at large.

## Industry Visit to Anomaly Advertising

On April 4, 2024, Brandstorm, the Advertising and Public Relations association, organised an industrial visit to Anomaly, a renowned branding agency in Bangalore. Students toured the agency's creative spaces, witnessing first hand brainstorming and design processes. Anomaly's founders, Roby G Mathew and Rahul Chawda, emphasised innovative storytelling and consumer engagement strategies in branding. Students gained insights into brand development, from concept ideation to execution, and learned about digital age brand positioning. The visit included a focus on design's role in brand identity formation, providing valuable insights. It concluded with a Q&A session, facilitating idea exchange and career guidance for students.

## Industry Visit to Zen Sciences

On April 4, 2024, through an initiative by Brandstorm the Advertising & Public Relations association, a group of students undertook an insightful industrial visit to Zen Sciences digital marketing agency, situated in HSR Layout, Bangalore. Guided by Mrs Namratha, they were treated to a thorough office tour and a detailed one-hour presentation on B2B marketing. The session culminated in a stimulating brainstorming activity addressing a hypothetical PR crisis. The students found the interactions with industry professionals particularly noteworthy, noting their approachability and humility. This experience proved invaluable, providing both educational insights and opportunities for professional networking.

## Industry Visit to Grey Worldwide

On April 4, 2024, students from MA Advertising and Public Relations, organised by Brandstorm, visited Autumn Grey (Grey Group) advertising agency. Interacting with various departments, they gained insights into the advertising industry's intricacies. The session began with Nishanth Ananthram's statement emphasising people's role in agency success. Zainab Hajji stressed the need to innovate ad formats to combat saturation and fatigue. Nishant Sethi and Deepak Putturamaiah discussed brand integrity and media planning fundamentals. Effective storytelling tools and the agency's use of the CRAFTS framework to prevent subjective feedback were also covered. The visit provided students with a comprehensive understanding of advertising dynamics, emphasising the importance of consumer engagement and innovation in content delivery.

## Industry Visit to Edelman

On April 10, 2024, Brandstorm organised an insightful visit for 12 MA Advertising and Public Relations students to Edelman, a prominent global PR and integrated marketing communications agency. The visit aimed to offer first hand exposure to the dynamic PR and marketing communications industry. Students learned about Edelman's diverse services, including social media marketing, crisis communication, media relations, and brand management. Case studies featuring companies like Airbnb and Starbucks provided practical insights into applying PR and marketing theories. Through interactive discussions and workshops, students gained valuable knowledge and a deeper understanding of industry practices, enhancing their academic learning with real-world insights.

## BVOC Digital Media and Animation

### Trip to Gokarna

On 18 October, 2023, a trip to Gokarna was organised for II BVOC Digital Media and Animation with Assistant Professor Shabin PK as part of their History of Visual Art educational trip to visit temple architectures of Karnataka. The trip included a short trek and was an unforgettable experience for the students.

### 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 to ensure the learning of writing skills for travelogues. Students were trained to capture photographs of the scenery around them in a creative manner. They learnt the techniques and aesthetics of nature photography and the trip taught the students the

importance and beauty of nature and also helped them bond with their peers.

## Field Trip to Bengaluru GAFX

On 29 January, 2024, the students of III BVOC Digital Media and Animation visited the Bengaluru GAFX, an annual event in Karnataka, supported by the Government of Karnataka, based around the AVGC Sector (Animation, VFX, Gaming and Comics). Animation and VFX studios such as Cinesite, TheMill, DNEG, MPC, Mikros and Graphic India showcased their works and behind the scenes footage of the making of cinematic hits such as Leo, Jurassic World, Oscar nominee Nimona and many more. This enabled the students to see the pipeline used by the industry and the process of creation from ideation to post-production. Gaming studios conducted talks about the rise of the gaming sector and relevance of gaming in modern digital media. Various masterclasses were conducted on game development, Animation theory and Special effects in cinema. Upcoming filmmakers showcased their films such as Sri Aurobindo and panels were held on AVGC sector and women empowerment in the AVGC sector. Students participated in live sketching, sculpting and many other competitions. Few students also participated as volunteers and helped organise various events and shows.

## BVOC Visual Media and Film-making

### Elixir

On September 30, 2023, students of BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking 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. 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.

### Visit to Chitrakala Parishad

On 16 March, 2024, students from the BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking program visited the 'Aesthetic Reverie Photography Exhibition' at Chitrakala Parishad. The exhibition offered a rich tapestry of photographic works, spanning various genres and styles. Through guided exploration,

students delved into the nuances of composition, lighting, and storytelling inherent in each image. The experience proved invaluable, igniting their passion for visual communication and film making while providing practical insights for their creative pursuits. Also, another batch of students of BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking visited Chitrakala Parishath on March 22, 2024. The students actively participated in engaging conversations about various artworks expressing their interpretations and beliefs regarding the same. The students recognised signs and symbols, semiotics and intertextuality in the paintings. They also made various associations between certain paintings and similar incorporations in modern day cinema.

### **Workshop on Film Preservation, Conservation and Archiving**

A workshop on Film Preservation, Conservation and Archiving was conducted for the III BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking students by Mr Johnson Rajkumar from Film archival of Manipur on 16 January, 2024.

### **Visit to Republic Kannada TV**

On February 29, 2024, the BVOC Visual Media and Filmmaking students (21VOF) visited the Republic Kannada TV News production studio in Vinobha Nagar, Bengaluru. Mr Shabin PK organised this trip to offer insights into TV news channel operations. This semester, 21VOF has been studying TV production and has already produced six episodes of "Josephs News." Led by Mr Sadashiva from Republic TV, the introduction session provided invaluable learning opportunities. Students observed the studio floor's news production process and experienced the round-the-clock nature of TV news in the PCR room. The visit enhanced their understanding of real-world TV production dynamics.

### **Beyond the Cam**

On April 8, 2024, Rushes Film Club hosted "Beyond the Cam,"

featuring an interactive session with the Director, Srinidhi Bangalore, and Cinematographer, Avinasha Shastry, of the Kannada movie Blink. Open to the public, around 100 people attended. Attendees engaged in discussions about filmmaking, posing questions to the professionals. Organised by students and club members, the event aimed to provide insights into pitching films and entering the industry. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with the audience finding the session both interesting and helpful for aspiring filmmakers.

### **BA Visual Communication**

#### **Field Trip to Museum of Art and Photography (MAP), Bangalore**

On February 6, 2024, I BA Visual Communication students visited the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP). This museum is celebrated for its wide-ranging collection of contemporary and historical art, photography, and textiles, featuring works by Indian and international artists. The visit provided valuable insights into India's rich cultural heritage through its extensive collections, captivating exhibitions, and educational programs. Additionally, an educational talk addressed the inclusion of physically and mentally challenged individuals in work environments, enhancing students' awareness of diversity and inclusivity in professional settings. The visit was informative and inspiring, offering a multifaceted exploration of art, culture, and social issues.

#### **Field trip - Film viewing in theatre**

On March 15, 2024, II BVC students attended a screening of the film Manjumal Boys as part of their screenplay writing class at Lakshmi Theatre, SG Palya. The experience proved both informative and entertaining for the students, offering valuable insights into screenplay techniques and storytelling elements.



## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Vision of the Department is to ensure that our students have a deep and analytical understanding of the field and to enable them to use their immense potential to enhance the quality of human life by contributing to the field of Technology, preparing them for their Career in the Industry, and to the needs of the society with ethical responsibilities. The Department offers quality education in the Science of Computing by providing courses with Computer Applications, courses in combination with Physical Science and courses with specialization and by focusing on the personal, emotional and character development.

The Department conducts a Board of Studies every year and offers the syllabus according to the Industry requirements and demands. The dept offers the following courses BCA, BSc, MCA, MSc in computer science and applications. It aims to prepare young professionals for challenging business opportunities in the IT sector. The Department also assists research scholars of various universities such as Bharathiar University, Sri Krishna Devaraya University, and Mother Teresa University. The Department has 22 staff members. All faculty members have completed their MPhil and are on the verge of completing their PhD. Both members of the staff and students are actively involved in the research. The students ought to prepare a term paper that is a culmination of a certain amount of research performed by the student on a topic of their choice as approved by the Department. The student is guided continuously during the process by the teachers. All final year students will have to develop and complete a project for an organization outside the College. The students need to have a deep awareness of the existing environment and produce workable solutions, ensuring that they have sufficient exposure and preparedness for a challenging career in the field. The Department organizes conferences, workshops, Intercollegiate IT fests, FDPs, guest lectures, expert talks, and Panel discussions on new trends in computer science and Information technology.

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Phd Defence

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

#### Awards

Dr B Nithya was awarded the Outstanding Academician Award at the International Asia Research Awards in Trichy on July 1, 2023.

Ms Banu M was awarded SPoC of the month by Infosys Spring Board in Bangalore on March 20, 2023.

#### Patents

Dr Periyasamy P was granted European Patent titled "Object Detection and Voice Assistance Glasses for the Blind" , with Patent No : 6342953, 2024.

Mohammed Mueen Pasha M was granted Indian Patent titled "IOT BASED AGRICULTURE FARM ANALYZING ROBOTIC VEHICLE" with Patent No : 392046-001, 2024.

Mohammed Mueen Pasha M published an Indian patent titled "DEEP LEARNING-BASED TECHNIQUE FOR AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC ANOMALY DETECTION ON THE ROAD NETWORK" with Patent No : 202241075373 A, 2023.

Mohammed Mueen Pasha M published an Indian patent titled "A NOVEL TECHNIQUE BASED ON SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES FOR PREDICTING THE DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF SELECTED SHARES IN THE STOCK MARKET" with Patent No : 202241077043 A, 2023.

#### Publications

Dr Puneet Kumar BS published a paper entitled "Image Analysis using Machine Learning and Traditional Image Processing Approaches" published in Nuerquantology, Scopus publication(Volume 20, No 9).

Dr BG Prasanthi Published a paper on "an efficient approach on the implementation of RSA algorithm in network computing environment" @IJREAM on 2nd May 2023 volume 9 issues 02 with ISSN no 1238-4562.

Ms Sara Kutty TK published a paper on "Analysis and Implementation of Linear and Multiple Regression for data Visualization" Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovation Research, ISSN: 2349-5162, Volume 10, Issue 5, May 2023, (UGC Recognized).

Dr BG Prasanthi published a paper on "Analysis and implementation of linear and multiple regression for data visualization" in Journal of Basic sciences, ISSN: 2349-5162, Volume 10, Issue 5, May 2023.

Dr BG Prasanthi published a paper on “A study on customer satisfaction & expectation towards after sales serviced of TVS two wheeler at Sri Babu motors, Bangalore in TIJER Vol 10,issue 6 June 2023 with ISSN 2349-9249.”

Dr BG Prasanthi published a paper “Analyzing sales enabled technologies and their role in enhancing sales teams” @ Tujin journal of propulsion technology with ISSN: 1001-4055 Vol. 44 No. 4 (2023).

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Mr Melwyn Amrithraj published a paper titled “Exploring the Potential of Machine Learning in Improving Educational Outcomes for Students with Special Needs”, International JOURNAL OF EMERGING TRENDS AND NOVEL RESEARCH, 2, 1, a170 - a174, 2024, <http://doi.org/10.1729/Journal.37484>.

Ms Annie syrien published a paper titled “Predictive Modeling of Public Opinion for Karnataka Elections using Twitter Data Analysis”, Atlantis Press, 2024, 10.2991/978-94-6463-250-7\_30.

Ms Sara Kutty TK published a paper titled “Science and technology of rice matters more in the 21st century”, in the Indian Food Industry Mag Vol 5 No 4 & 5, Jan 24.

Mr Selwyn Paul published a paper titled “High Capacity Reversible Data Hiding by Recursive look-ahead in encrypted images adaptive MSB prediction for the cloud computing” in Journal of Autonomous Intelligence (2024), Volume 7, Issue 1, doi:10.32629/jai.v7i11735.

Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha M published a paper titled “Effective Temperature Prediction for An Enhanced Climate Forecast System Artificial Intelligence in Forecasting: Tools and Techniques” in CRC Press; 1st edition (2024), INDIA, Amazon.

in, 304-315, ISBN-10 1032506156, ISBN-13 978-1032506159.

## Books Authored

Dr Bojamma, Mrinmoyee Bhattachaya, Dr Prasanthi authored a book titled ‘Operating Systems’ with ISBN No : 978-93-95085-41-0.

Melwyn Amrithraj edited “TECHNOLOGICAL FRONTIERS”, published by ST PAULS COLLEGE, ISBN : 978-81-955923-3-3, 2023.

## Resource Persons

Ms Banu M worked from March 13, 2023 to May 6, 2023, as an Online Faculty for the blended online learning course Data Structures & Algorithms, which is accredited by the Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, USA.

Dr BG Prasanthi was invited as an academic expert BOS member at National college, Maharanis college, Jyothnivas college and Surana college for both UG and PG computer science courses.

Dr Bojamma attended the BOS meeting held on April 1, 2024 at St Joseph’s College of Commerce (Autonomous).

Dr BG Prasanthi was session chair for the International conference on “current trends in IT” held at Presidency university on March 16, 2024.

Ms Sara Kutty invited as reviewer for an International Conference on Advances in Engineering and Technology for Intelligent Systems”, ICAETIS-2023, May 16-18, 2023.

Ms Sara Kutty Invited as a resource person for Expert Class on “Analysis and Design of Algorithms” organised by the Department of Computer Science, RJS First Grade College on June 19 and June 21, 2023.

Dr BG Prasanthi invited as keynote speaker and chief guest for the national conference on the theme “Fintech Innovation and Sustainability” SURANA COLLEGE Autonomous. on June 27, 2023.

Dr BG Prasanthi was 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.

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

Ms Banu M has participated as the Guest of honor in the International Model United Nations conference on the Right of Persons with Disabilities organised

by Vidyavardhaka Law College Sheshadri Iyer Road, New Bamboo Bazar, Mysore on March 2, 2024.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Kapse Swathe of III B.Sc. attended a national level workshop organised by GIFT A carrier FOUNDATION on cloud computing on July 14, 2023.

A Lohith Ashwa of BCA presented a paper in an international level conference 43RD WORLD CONFERENCE ON APPLIED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY on the title "Prediction of Strength of Concrete with Nano Silica and Silica Fumes using BPANN" organised by Padre Conceição College of Engineering.

BCA students showcase their talent and dedication by clinching victory at the National-Level IT Coding Competition held in Tamil Nadu. Despite stiff competition, our team emerged as the Overall National Champions, marking a significant achievement for our university.

BCA students' success at the National Level IT Fest hosted by Christ Deemed to be University highlights the program's commitment to fostering innovation, excellence, and leadership in IT education.

BCA students from Bangalore to Kochi culminated in a resounding success at the National Level IT Fest. Their second-place triumph in the coding competition not only highlights their individual skills but also contributes to the university standing as a center for academic excellence in the field of Information Technology.

Students from BCA, BBA, and BA programs, collectively secured back-to-back victories at the National IT Fest hosted by Jyothi Nivas College.

Two students participated and won at the IIT Bombay Techfest 2023.

Gavin Livero, Mohammed Naseef bin Mashood and Reaven Clint D'souza participated and won first in an IT - FEST Aarohana 2023 organised by department of Computer Application, Presidency college, Bangalore.

Alan Shaju and Suryanarayana K attended all India Vayu Sainik Camp held at Air Force station, Jalahalli, Bangalore.

Rida Ahmed participated as a delegate of the World Health Organization (WHO) at Asia youth international Model United Nations, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Gnanesh KC participated and secured first place in tennis mens at Falak Surge, annual cultural and sports festival organised by Manipal Institute of Technology.

St Joseph's University in collaboration with SkyLena Info Technology Pvt. Ltd. had provided an internship program for 40 students in the field

of Cyber Security. The selected interns had the opportunity to work on tasks spanning three crucial domains: Offensive Security (Red Team), Defense Security (Blue Team), and Infra Deployment Team on the AWS Cloud platform.

Reyna Royce and Jestin Joseph have obtained global certification on AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner.

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS

### Syntaxia 2024

Syntaxia, the flagship intercollegiate fest organised by Syntaxia, the Cybernetics Association (UG) and Technophite Association (PG), celebrated its annual event on March 12 and 13, 2024. Embracing the ethos of learning, socializing, and coding, Syntaxia attracted students from various educational institutions nationwide. From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days, participants showcased their technical prowess and quick thinking skills across 20 UG and PG events. The festival's theme, Digital Oasis, infused the venue with a vibrant atmosphere.



Noteworthy partners such as La Clarcencia, Pushpa Home Biryani, and Minticc contributed to the success of the event. The Cybernetics association's events spanned both technical and non-technical domains, featuring competitions like Tech Tank, AniMania, and Red Alert. Additionally, the Online Gaming event, Valorant, sponsored by La Clarcencia, added a dynamic touch to the festivities, making Syntaxia 2024 a memorable experience for all involved.

### Investiture Ceremony of the Cybernetics and Technophite committees

The event commenced with an introduction by emcees Celesta & Payal, followed by a heartfelt prayer by Bro Melvin. Chief Guest Mr Sanjai Gangadharan, President of NETCON Technologies and AAVI College alumnus, was warmly welcomed by Ms Mrinmoyee. Fr Denzil Lobo felicitated Mr Sanjai, who then imparted valuable life lessons. Fr Denzil Lobo motivated the audience and the newly elected office bearers. Badge distribution began with Technophite Association's Office

Bearers felicitated by Mr Sanjai and Cybernetics Association's by Fr Denzil Lobo, Dr B Nitya, and Dr Prashanti. Dr Shashikala administered the oath, followed by speeches from association presidents Shashank and Nikhil, encouraging participation and bridging theory with practice. They concluded with gratitude. Reaven D'Souza delivered the vote of thanks, wrapping up the event splendidly.

## AWS Academy

The AWS Academy was initiated in 2022, training 193 students, with Reyna Royce and Jestin Joseph achieving global certification as AWS Certified Cloud Practitioners.



Now, under the AWS Tech Initiative, the department aims to provide Cloud Engineer training to students, enabling organizations to recruit skilled professionals directly.

## Events conducted under AWS Academy

An online webinar on AWS Certification was held on July 27, 2023, in collaboration with AWS Academy. Ms Akankshi Rai Sharma, Technical Program Manager, AWS Academy, addressed students, providing insights into the AWS Academy Programme and AWS Global Certification. The session covered Cloud services, their relevance in the Indian job market, and the importance of AWS Certification. Tips for exam preparation, leveraging Cloud Communities, resume building, and the benefits of AWS Academy were discussed. The session concluded with a Q&A, addressing students' queries and offering valuable suggestions.

## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### National Level Workshop on React Framework

A National Level Workshop on React Framework commenced on July 28, 2023. Mr Stuart introduced

participants to downloading React framework code and emphasised using the 'create react app' script for project creation. He recommended VS Code for development and explained modules, folders, routes, and route components. In the concluding session, he guided attendees in designing a login page, covering basic properties. Participants were encouraged to refer to W3 schools for additional learning. On August 4, 2023, Day 2 of the workshop commenced with Mr Stuart urging participants to practice NPX (Node Package eXecute) in React. He demonstrated replacing App.js with route components, highlighting the ease of passing data and manipulating components in React. Mr Stuart encouraged further exploration of React and suggested utilizing ChatGPT for efficient coding practices. He emphasised the importance of understanding programming basics for career opportunities in companies.

### Industry/Placement Interaction with the CEO of GeeksforGeeks

On August 4, 2023, our department had the privilege of hosting Mr Sandeep Jain, the CEO of GeeksforGeeks, renowned for his visionary leadership in computer science. With unwavering passion, he laid the foundation for GeeksforGeeks' remarkable success, making it a beacon in the field of coding and education. Mr Jain's presence was inspiring, underscoring the importance of dedication and innovation in the tech industry. During the interaction, discussions revolved around enhancing our syllabus, incorporating value-added courses reflecting current IT trends, and optimizing placement activities. Additionally, the possibility of faculty exchange programs was explored, laying the groundwork for potential future collaborations. This inaugural meeting marked the beginning of what we hope will be a fruitful partnership with GeeksforGeeks.

### Workshop on Personality Development

The workshop on Personality Development, conducted on August 11, 2023, commenced with an introduction to the speaker, Mr Amit Paul Babu, a distinguished industry veteran with 25 years of experience and local ambassador for the World Assessment Council. Emcees Zaid and Ramya initiated the session by outlining its objectives, followed by a prayer by Fr Denzil for its success. Dr Shashikala introduced Mr Amit, who delved into the intricacies of personality development, emphasizing the role of nature and nurture in shaping individual traits. He highlighted the importance of self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and effective communication skills, illustrating the distinction between skill and competence. The interactive

session concluded with a Q&A segment, during which Mr Amit addressed participants' queries adeptly. The workshop concluded on a note of gratitude, with a vote of thanks and a group photo session capturing the enlightening experience.

### **An Introduction to the World of Ethical Hacking**

The St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, School of Information Technology (Computer Science) organised an enlightening international workshop titled "An Introduction to the World of Ethical Hacking" on August 17 and 19, 2023. Welcoming 240 participants from 20 universities worldwide, the event buzzed with energy. Mr Arnold Prakash, renowned as Cyber Carlo, served as the guest speaker, captivating attendees with his insights. The workshop spanned two days, covering crucial topics such as utilizing free resources, mastering tools like Wireshark and Nmap, and tackling CTF challenges on the TryHackMe platform. The engaging sessions culminated in a fruitful Q&A segment, leaving participants enriched and inspired. This workshop underscores the significance of knowledge-sharing in professional development and collaboration.

### **Workshop on "Building Resume and Enhancing Interview Skills"**

The Department of Computer Science at the School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted a valuable online workshop titled "Building Resume and Enhancing Interview Skills" on September 29, 2023, via Zoom. Commencing at 7:00 pm, the event featured Mr Aditya Labroo, COO of GIVA and distinguished alumnus of IIM Calcutta and IIT Kanpur, as the keynote speaker. Divided into two segments focusing on Resume Building and Interview Skills Enhancement, the workshop provided students with insightful guidance. The interactive Q&A session allowed for personalized advice, ensuring attendees left equipped with essential skills for future success. Overall, the workshop was a rewarding experience, empowering students with invaluable knowledge.

### **Industrial visit to ISRO**

The ISRO industrial visit on November 23 and 24, 2023, offered students first hand exposure to industrial operations, providing insights into manufacturing, technology, and organizational management. The orientation session ensured safety compliance, setting the stage for a productive experience. Highlights included a technology showcase featuring cutting-edge machinery and automation processes, revealing advancements in aerospace manufacturing. Quality control discussions emphasised the significance of product standards and customer satisfaction. An interactive segment facilitated dialogue with industry professionals, offering insights into career prospects and sector challenges. Overall, the visit provided valuable practical knowledge, enriching students' understanding of industrial practices and innovations.

### **Research opportunities at CSA-IISC**

On November 17, 2023, an academic interaction session was conducted at CSA-IISC, featuring Dr Deepak Dsouza from IISC Bangalore as the resource person. Attended by the faculty members of the Computer Science department, the session focused on discussing various aspects including the syllabus, value-added courses in current IT trends, and research opportunities. Additionally, there were deliberations on faculty and student exchange programs, aiming to foster collaborative initiatives between institutions. The engagement provided a platform for meaningful discussions and exploration of avenues for academic enrichment and collaboration.

### **Workshop on "Introduction to Embedded Systems"**

On December 1, 2023, Mr Mahendra Nayak conducted an enlightening workshop on "Introduction to Embedded Systems," providing a comprehensive overview of the subject. Beginning with the definition of embedded systems, he delineated the distinctions between General Purpose Computing Systems and embedded systems, accompanied by illustrative examples. Mr Nayak elaborated on the classification of embedded systems based on various parameters such as generation, complexity, and performance,



elucidating each category with relevant instances. Furthermore, he delved into the purpose and applications of embedded systems across diverse domains including household appliances, healthcare, banking, retail, and card readers, highlighting their indispensable role in modern-day technologies. The session concluded with a detailed explanation of RISC and CISC architectures, enriching participants with foundational knowledge in embedded systems.

### Placements and Interview Talk

On December 7, 8, and 9, 2023, a series of insightful sessions were conducted on placements and interview preparation. Mr Ashwin Gnanashekhar and Maddi Abhilash elaborated on navigating the corporate world, recruitment processes, and interview strategies, emphasizing the importance of presentation and effective communication. Day 2 featured Mr Chethan Chinnappa's session on personality development and soft skills, fostering holistic growth through communication and emotional intelligence. Ms Kajal Tekwani provided guidance on optimizing LinkedIn profiles for professional networking. On Day 3, Mr Ram Kumar and Annie led a session on internships, outlining guidelines and facilitating placement drives, resulting in the selection of 40 and 5 students respectively. These sessions fostered meaningful connections and empowered students for future career endeavors.

### Workshop on “Fun with C”

The “Fun with C” workshop on December 15, 2023, aimed to make learning the C programming language engaging and enjoyable. Through interactive examples and live coding sessions, participants explored fundamental concepts such as variables, data types, and control structures. Creative coding challenges, like crafting ASCII art, encouraged attendees to apply their skills creatively. Practical applications and debugging techniques were emphasised, along with the introduction of useful libraries and tools. The workshop fostered problem-solving skills and curiosity, providing attendees with a valuable and interactive learning experience to deepen their understanding of C programming.

### WORKSHOP ON “UNCOVER CLOUD - THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF CLOUD COMPUTING”

The “Uncover Cloud - The Power and Potential of Cloud Computing” workshop on December 19, 2023, provided a comprehensive overview of cloud computing, elucidating its definition and core principles. Cloud computing, facilitating the delivery of various computing services over the internet, offers rapid innovation, flexible resources, and cost efficiencies. The discussion covered the three primary deployment models—Public, Private, and Hybrid Clouds—and explored service models such as Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a

Service (PaaS), and Software as a Service (SaaS). The workshop outlined the benefits, challenges, and emerging trends in cloud computing, offering attendees valuable insights into harnessing the full potential of cloud technology.

### Session on Agile Methodology

The Agile Methodology session on March 22, 2024, aimed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of Agile principles, practices, and frameworks, enabling effective adoption in their projects. Facilitated by emphasizing Agile's iterative and collaborative nature, it highlighted flexibility, adaptability, and customer satisfaction. An overview of popular frameworks like Scrum, Kanban, and Lean was provided, accompanied by real-world examples. A case study demonstrated Agile's application in project scenarios, fostering group discussions and problem-solving. Overall, the session instilled a solid foundation in Agile, promoting collaboration, adaptability, and continuous improvement for successful project outcomes in today's dynamic business landscape.

### Session on Power Platform

The Power Platform session on March 23, 2024, provided participants with a hands-on experience and comprehensive understanding of its relevance in today's data-centric landscape. Attendees actively engaged in practical training sessions, learning to navigate the platform, import data, create visualizations, and derive insights. Advanced techniques for managing large datasets were explored alongside real-world case studies, highlighting its diverse applications. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, fostering valuable discussions among participants and experts. Attendee feedback praised the workshop's effectiveness in demystifying Power Platform and providing practical insights, affirming its success in delivering valuable learning experiences.



# DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING

## DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS

### Datagram 6.0

On February 29, 2024, Ms Jeshma N D'Souza and dignitaries inaugurated Datagram 6.0. Representatives from universities like Christ (Deemed-to-be) University and Kristu Jayanti College participated. Mr L Ravichandran, Former President of Tech Mahindra, was the Chief Guest. The inauguration started at 9:00 am, followed by a message from Pro-Vice Chancellor Ms Regina Mathias and a token of gratitude. Datagram 6.0 featured diverse competitions. The valedictory ceremony began at 4:10 pm, hosted by Ms Syona

18, 2023, attracting 200 participants. Ms Alexei Beuno H, an esteemed St Joseph's College alumna anticipated to join KPMG, led the session. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas. It was highly successful, enriching attendees with practical career-oriented knowledge. Another workshop on "MONGODB" was held on November 16, 2023, at SJU, also drawing 200 participants. Chief Guest, Mr Royal Praveen Dsouza, Assistant Professor at St Aloysius University and SIONA SOLUTIONS co-founder, aimed to deepen students' data management skills and boost their confidence in the field.



and Ms Praicy. Dr Srinivas Bhogle, Honorary Scientist at CSIR Fourth Paradigm Institute, was present. Christ (Deemed-to-be) University emerged as the overall champion.

### Incognito-24

On February 26, 2024, Dr Asha K and dignitaries inaugurated the ceremony. Ms Siddhi Mahajankatti, actress and St Joseph's College of Commerce alumna joined Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dr Jayati Bhadra, and Dr Asha K as the Chief Guest. The event began with a prayer song by the university choir. Chief Guest Ms Siddhi Mahajankatti emphasised enhancing communication, interpersonal, and technical skills, along with problem-solving techniques.

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

SIGMA Squared Association hosted a workshop on "Data Wrangling and Visualization" on October

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

On January 4, 2024, the Department of Advanced Computing conducted a talk on aDDa, led by Dr Jayati Bhadra, featuring Mr Atul Jain, a passionate entrepreneur from TEOCO. Mr Jain emphasised the importance of persistence in achieving life goals, encouraging students to ask questions and seek answers actively. The discussion revolved around current industry trends, required skills, job transitions, and skill management. Additionally, a talk was organised on November 23, 2023, focusing on Industries' Expectations for Data Science, coordinated by Dr Jayati Bhadra, with Ms Chitritha Nath from Shell Co. sharing insights as their Customer Performance Analytics Manager.

### International Conference

International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC)

The inaugural “International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC) -23” held on May 2, 2023, at St Joseph’s University, showcased 61 research papers and hosted over a hundred researchers. The conference aimed to provide a platform for young researchers to discuss innovative ideas addressing societal challenges. Dr Lawrence Jenkins served as the Chief Guest, with Fr Swebert D ’Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor, and Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Director, SJIT, presiding over the ceremony. Keynote speeches by eminent speakers, including Dr Radhakant Padhi and Dr Simone Ludwig, were followed by paper presentations across four tracks, fostering rich academic discourse.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

The following are the achievements of the staff from the Department of Advanced Computing.

### Dr Jayati Bhadra

Authored a book chapter titled “Spam Message Filtering Based on Machine Learning Algorithms and BERT” in *Lecture Notes on Data Engineering and Communications Technologies*, Volume 131, Pages 227 – 238, with ISBN 23674512, published by Springer Nature.

Additionally, she presented three conference papers at the IEEE International Conference on Advances in Electronics, Communication, Computing, and Intelligent-I, held from April 19-21, 2023

“Comparative Study for Optimizing Sales through Media,” pp- 72-77.

“A Graph Neural Network Approach for Identification of Influencers and Micro-Influencers in a Social Network: Classifying influencers from non-influencers using GNN and GCN,” pp- 66-71.

“Classification of Organic and Recyclable Waste for Sustainable Development using Resnet50 Model,” pp – 78-83.

Dr Bhadra also served as a resource person, delivering a guest lecture on “Big Data Analytics” at Vijaya College, Bangalore on July 28, 2023.

Furthermore, she presented a talk titled “The Power of Big Data Analytics” at the International Conference on Recent Trends in Data Science organised by the PG Department of Data Science, St Xavier’s College, Palayamkottal, Tirunelveli, held on February 21-22, 2024.

### Dr Sivakannan S

Published a book titled *Computer Network & Network Security* with ISBN 9789356252653, Scientific International Publishing House.

Dr Sivakannan S also authored a book chapter titled “Spice yield prediction for sustainable food production using neural networks” in *Lecture Notes on Data Engineering and Communications Technologies* with ISBN 978-981-19-1844-5, Springer.

The following research articles were published during the year 2023-24.

(i) Citrus Leaf Disease Detection Using Various Deep Learning Architectures - *IEEE Explore* - 2024, pp- 1425-1430.

(ii) Medical image watermarking technique using IWT - BSVD - *International Journal of Advanced Intelligence Paradigms* - 2024, Vol -26, No-1.

(iii) Robust medical image watermarking technique using integer wavelet transform and shearlet transform with BSVD - *International Journal of Advanced Intelligence Paradigms* -2024, Vol-27, No-1.

(iv) MEMS based eating and drinking gesture spotting using machine learning techniques - *Journal of Statistics and Management Systems* -2023, Vol-26, No-1, pp-134-145.



(v) Cardiovascular diseases prediction by machine learning incorporation with deep learning – *Frontiers in Medicine* – 2023, Vol-10, pp- 1-9.

(vi) A study on dog emotion recognition using deep learning techniques- *AIP Conference Proceeding* – 2023, Vol- 2790, No-1 2023, Vol- 2790, No-1.

Resource person for an invited talk titled “Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning” at VSA Group of Institutions, Tamil Nadu, India on March 15, 2024.

Resource person for an invited talk titled “FPGA based System Design using Verilog & VHDL” at Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai, India on November 29, 2023.

### Mr Francis Densil Raj V

Published two books, “*Data Structures and Algorithmic Analysis using Python*” and “*Artificial Intelligence*” with ISBN numbers 978-93-5757-125-8 and 978-93-5757-044-2 in the year 2023.

Conference publication titled “Scene text detection, recognition and language identification” in *AIP Proceeding*, 2023, Vol- 2790, No-1.

A patent has been registered and granted in the year 2023, and two patents have been applied for and published. The details are as follows:

(i) Thermal vision surveillance robot - 378848-001 (Granted).

(ii) Artificial Intelligence-Driven Automated Smart Healthcare System for Preventing and Predicting Cardiovascular Diseases through the Identification of Inflammatory and Angiogenic Mechanisms Using Image Processing and Deep Learning- Published.

(iii) IoT-based Automatic Smart Water Quality Monitoring System for all purposes using Wireless Sensor Network- Published.

### Dr Asha K

Chaired a session in an International conference titled “International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning” organised by PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Peelamedu, Coimbatore.

### Book Chapters

“A Systematic Review With Recommendations on Intelligent Systems in Cognitive Healthcare” in the book, *Intelligent Solutions for Cognitive Disorders* – 2024, with ISBN 9798369310908, IGI Global, USA.

“Reducing Counterfeit Medicine through Blockchain” in the book, *Blockchain Security for IOE: Security and Privacy Perspective* – 2023, with ISBN 9781032431741, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group.

“Real-estate Housing Market Analytics and Prediction Using Big Data for the Post-Pandemic era” in the book, *Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems* – 2023, with ISBN 978-3-031-27523-4, Springer, Singapore.

“A Prognostic Approach to Crime Analysis” in the book, *Advanced in Machine Learning for Big Data Analysis* – 2023, with ISSN 1868-4394, Springer Singapore.

### Dr Sanjay Dutta

Published a research article titled “A Novel Approach to Solve Multi-Objective Fuzzy Stochastic Bi-level Programming using Genetic Algorithm” in *Operations Research Forum*, Springer publication, Vol- 5, No-1, pp-1-11.

### Dr Sivakannan

Participated as a mentor in the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Finale organised by AICTE and the Ministry of Education, held on December 19 and 20, 2023, at Aditya Engineering College, Samalkot, Andhra Pradesh.



**Sports/Arts/ Others**

Although the BCADA and Big Data Analytic students participated in various events organised by SJU or other Universities / Colleges. A few are highlighted

Student's Name	Name of the Item	Name of the Event	Position	Date	Organised by	Place
Sagar Kumar (VI Sem)	KHO-KHO	Sportstakes- 24	First	27-03-2024	SJU	SJU
Balraj Kaur (IV Sem)	Riverdale Revolt- A Female Fatale Fusion	Hear Me Roar	First	02-02-2024	Mount Caramel College	Mount Caramel College
Shawn (IV Sem)	Rap Battle	Manavika Vedike	First	13-03-2024	NMKV College for Women	NMKV College for Women
Dharnesh E	KHO-KHO	Sportstakes- 24	First	27-03-2024	SJU	SJU



# COUNSELLING CENTRE

The counselling team at St Joseph's University not only focuses on the sessions conducted but also on building a supportive eco-system for students outside of these sessions. For this, counsellors interact with mentors and deans in case students need on-campus support. In the year 2023-2024 counselling centres saw a steady growth in the number of students reaching out for support. Steps were taken to ensure effectively reaching out to students in need.

Post-COVID, the counselling centre observed a rise in social anxiety cases among young adults. This includes inability to participate in classes,

aware counselling. Ms Senora's engaging session provided students with a fresh perspective on mental health, aligning perfectly with the event's goal of advocating mental health as a universal human right.

A case conference was conducted to induct the MSc Counselling students for the final semester, where they presented their practicum cases. Ms Maria Senora presented a case on BPD and MDD, while Mr Thomas Jacob moderated, creating a learning experience for student participation. The conference included students from the I and II MSc Counselling cohorts.



low grades, and a poor social life. The cases of trauma are on a higher range; this involves trauma of various kinds such as physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. The counselling team has seen a significant number of clinical cases, many of which come with a diagnosis. Therefore, their focus is to ensure that students receive the appropriate help both on-campus and off-campus. Reducing the stigma surrounding counselling, and creating a holistic environment for growth and learning is the larger goal of the counselling centre.

Various workshops and seminars were conducted by the Counselling Centre to promote awareness and provide students with reliable information regarding mental health:

Sumana organised a significant event for World Mental Health Day on October 10 and 11, 2023, at St Joseph's University's PG Campus, focusing on the theme "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right." The event aimed to promote mental well-being and raise awareness about the importance of mental health. It featured activity-based stalls and a talk by Ms Maria Senora, a Counsellor from the university, emphasizing inclusive and politically-

Ms Maria Senora conducted a session in collaboration with NSS (National Service Scheme Cell) as part of the Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign, titled "Project Semicolon," on September 29. The online workshop, held from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, covered the topic "A guide on speaking to someone about suicide and interviewing for individuals who appear suicidal."





This engaging workshop aimed to destigmatize suicide, facilitating sensitive conversations and creating awareness about how to discuss suicide with peers effectively. Participants found it intriguing and valuable for initiating important dialogues on the topic.

Ms Maria organised a workshop on Queer affirmative therapy in collaboration with Consilium. Ms Swati Sambrani and Ms Lakshmi Acharya from Azim Premji University served as resource personnel. The workshop equipped students with tools and techniques for interacting with the queer community as counselors. It addressed crucial questions on ethics and sensitivity in therapy practices, providing valuable insights for effective counseling in diverse contexts.

Ms Anu organised a seminar in collaboration with the SJU Women's Cell, drawing an audience of 1000 students in the University Auditorium in October 2023. Additionally, the counselling team of SJU conducted a workshop and demonstration of basic counselling skills for I MSc Counselling students. This interactive session allowed students to ask questions and participate actively.

To maintain ethical standards, students themselves played the role of clients during the demo session.

Ms Zehra Ahmad conducted a workshop titled "EmoVerse – Navigating Your Emotional Landscape" on November 8, 2023, in collaboration with Consilium and Sumana. This dynamic workshop focused on enhancing emotional

awareness among students, equipping them with strategies to effectively manage their emotions. Participants engaged in hands-on activities, including solving colourful puzzle sheets and expressing their emotions through art. Each student painted a small glass bottle to represent their identified strong emotion, providing a tangible representation of their emotional landscape. Tips on managing overwhelming emotions were shared, fostering a supportive and empathetic environment.

## CASE CONFERENCE



**MODERATOR**  
**THOMAS JACOB**  
Assitant Professor



**PRESENTER**  
**MARIA SENORA**  
Counselling Coordinator



**FACILITATOR**  
**DR NEETA PEREIRA**  
HOD

## ORIENTATION OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The orientation programme for the first-semester undergraduate and postgraduate students of Shift III was held on July 14, 2023. Newly joined students assembled in their allotted classrooms at 4:00 pm for an ice-breaker session, and they were given an introduction to the university and their respective courses. At the same time, parents assembled in the auditorium for an orientation session. After a refreshment break, the mentors met with students and parents in their respective classes. On the second day, students assembled in the auditorium at 5:00 pm. The orientation began with a prayer which was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, the Registrar, and Dr Fr Maxim SJ, the Director of the third shift addressed the gathering, and the session was then concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr Prashanth Kumar, the co-ordinator of Shift III.

## ORIENTATION FOR THE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

The orientation programme for the second and third year undergraduate and postgraduate students of Shift III was held on July 17, 2023. Mr Timothy welcomed the gathering, which was followed by the University anthem and a prayer by Dr Sr Saly and team. Mr Prashanth, the Coordinator of Shift III delivered the welcome address which was followed by an address from the Director, Dr Fr Maxim Dias. Dr Paul Newman, the Principal of St Joseph's Evening College addressed the gathering and Mr Timothy then introduced the guest speaker for the day, Ms Swarnalatha Iyer, CEO and MD of Sheshan's Academy Infinity, Bengaluru. After the felicitation of Ms Swarnalatha, the technical team presented a video highlighting the activities and achievements of the previous year. Ms Vidhya closed the session with a vote of thanks.

## STAFF GET-TOGETHER

Staff members of Shift III, St Joseph's University and St Joseph's Evening College gathered in Aloysius Hall for the first meeting of the new academic year on July 15, 2023. The session began with a prayer led by Mr Ebenezer followed by an icebreaker facilitated by Dr Fr Maxim Dias. He then delivered the Director's address informing the staff of the goals and objectives for the new year, whilst also highlighting the meaningful work opportunities that Shift III gives the staff to make a difference. The address was followed by a prayer led by Dr Fr Maxim Dias which preceded the staff dinner, to close off a productive staff get-together.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE II AND IV SEMESTER UG & PG

Shift III of St Joseph's University began its orientation programme for the second and fourth semester undergraduate and postgraduate students on January

12, 2024. The orientation began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by an address by Dr Fr Maxim Dias SJ, the Director of Shift III. Ms Swarnalatha Iyer, the CEO and MD of Sheshan's Academy, Bengaluru addressed the students on the topic, 'Academic Goal Setting and Unlearning Destructive Behaviour'. The second guest speaker, Mr Vinod from Narcotics Anonymous, along with his team members Mr Majid M, Mr Nitin Y, Ms Yashoda, and Mr Avinash, addressed the gathering on overcoming drug addiction and concluded with a Q&A session. Later, Mr Prashanth Kumar, the coordinator of Shift III and Mr Ebenezer, the Coordinator of Bembala, addressed the gathering on the academic requirements of the university and the outreach programme.



## TEJAS 2024 - INTERCLASS CULTURAL FEST

Tejas, the Interclass Cultural Fest for Shift III, commenced on March 16, 2024, with an impressive launch event. The launch featured the unveiling of banners and trophies, accompanied by a vibrant food fest organised by the students. Throughout the week, a total of 30 diverse competitions were held, captivating the attention and participation of students from 19 different classes. These competitions ranged from performing arts to literary endeavours, offering a platform for students to showcase their skills and talents. The fest culminated on March 23 with a grand finale and valedictory ceremony. Amidst an atmosphere brimming with excitement, last year's runner-ups, II BBA C, emerged victorious, clinching the overall championship. The finale was graced by esteemed guests from the Kannada film fraternity, adding an extra layer of grandeur to the event. They not only joined in our celebrations but also unveiled the trailer of their upcoming film, "4n6".

## TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE STAFF OF SHIFT III, SJU

Team-building activities for the staff of St Joseph's University, Shift III, were organised by Mr Jerrin Chandan S from February 12 to 16, 2024. One of the primary objectives behind the team building activities was to promote harmony and effective collaboration among the staff and to inculcate in them a spirit of togetherness. The team-building activities culminated with a sumptuous lunch followed by games and high tea.

## GUEST LECTURE ON CF SKILL ACQUISITION

A guest lecture titled 'Make your Mark: A Journey from Campus to Corporate' was organised for the students on February 26, 2024. The resource person, Ms Shwetha N, a training manager for business process and CRM delivery at IDP Education India Pvt Ltd addressed the students on the importance of personal branding to succeed in one's career. She emphasised the importance of acquiring skills during their stay at the university and simultaneously building their brand through networking on social media platforms such as LinkedIn, and Instagram.

## Events Organised by the Department of Sociology for Shift III BA Students

A guest lecture on Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's idea of democracy in India was held on August 26, 2023. Dr Zeeshan Husain, an independent researcher and alumnus of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata; and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, delivered an engaging and insightful lecture that traversed the life and ideas of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. He

enlightening experience for the students. Students learned about the plant's extensive sewage processing, sourced mainly from prominent areas like Vidhan Soudha and UB City mall. An exploration of various plant units, from the wet well to the aeration chamber, chemical zone, and laboratory ensuring water quality was facilitated. Witnessing the clean treated water was a remarkable experience, emphasising the BWSSB's commitment to sustainable practices by reusing sewage water. Additionally, the visit provided insights into the existence of larger STPs operating throughout Bangalore, underlining the city's dedication to water management and conservation.

An interactive session with BWSSB officials on Water and Waste Management in the city of Bangalore was held on August 31, 2023. Dr Renukumar, Additional Chief Engineer (Design), BWSSB was invited to enlighten Sociology students as part of their Urban Sociology core paper, focusing on Urban Governance and BWSSB's role in water management in Bangalore. His presentation addressed the city's escalating water demands due to rapid urbanisation, emphasising the need for alternative water sources and the pivotal role of STPs. Collaboration among stakeholders, including



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 affirmative policies, Dr Ambedkar's pivotal role in drafting the Indian Constitution, and his conversion to Buddhism as a means to empower the marginalised.

An excursion to the BWSSB Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) was arranged for third-semester Sociology students with a core paper on Urban Sociology. The purpose was to offer insights into how cities effectively manage their limited water resources amid the continuously increasing demands of a growing population. The visit served as an educational and

BWSSB, NGOs, RWAs, and citizens was highlighted for equitable water access. The session ended with a Q&A segment.

Mr Prajwal Nagesh, a Sociology doctoral candidate at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, delivered a comprehensive overview of Social Sciences research, covering topics ranging from selecting research topics to different types of data sources and ethical considerations in research conduct. He also delved into the differences between qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methods, cautioning against the use of mixed methods without adequate experience in both approaches. Using examples from his research projects, Mr Nagesh vividly illustrated the practical aspects of conducting qualitative research, particularly emphasising interview and ethnographic methods. The session sparked students' interest, prompting diverse questions ranging from selecting appropriate research approaches to addressing requests for re-interviews from participants dissatisfied with their initial responses.

# ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

## LIST OF AWARD WINNERS BEST OUTGOING STUDENT AWARD - UG

Category	Name	Register Number
Best outgoing student – UG – Physical Sciences - Shared by	ROXAN ROBIN FRANCIS	21CMS21
	NISTHA SHRESTHA	21EMS58
Best outgoing student – UG – Natural Sciences	ADITI ASHWIN	21CZBT19
Best outgoing student – UG – Humanities	ISHANI BHUSHAN	21IES027
Best outgoing student – UG – Commerce and Man- agement	PREETHI N	21BCOMA65
Best outgoing student – UG – Professional Courses	THEERTHA VINOD	21BVC03

## AWARDS FOR EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Category	Name	Register Number
Sports & Community Service	BHARATH R	222ECO35
Sports	CHAITANYA UMA SHANKAR	21BCOMB31
Sports	SHARATH SRIVASTHAV	21BCOMC80
Art and literature	MINI P THOMAS	223ENG02
Environment	S DAKSA	222ESS11

**AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORTS**

NEOLE ANNA CORNELIO	232JPY05
YOGESH G	21IES080
TARUSHI VIKRAM	222BZ15
CHAITANYA UMA SHANKAR	21BCOMB31
NIRANJAN M TALKAD	233BCOMG082
IKSHA KIRAN KALLE	221BBASF24
DOROTHY V B	21BCOMA21
PRITHVI VOKUDA	21TEP045
MANJUSHREE	21EPS052
NIVEDITA V	21EPS080
NISCHITHA H	221BCOMD017
S ISHVARYA	221BBAB039
MEDHA RAJEEV	221VC45
VIVEK KUMAR PAREKH	221BPS12
PRADHI JAIN	21BCOMB39
SHREYAS HARIHARAN	221VOA55
VEDANSH PRASHANTH REDDIYAR	21BCOMS46
SAM D SIMON	221BCOMD010
NEHA JERRY	222JPY05
PREETHI SERAFINA	222JIN15
D RESHMA	221MSW60
SARASH KUMAR	222ECI077
SHEHAL P	232ECI043
ANNA SPOORTHI TERESA J	231BCOMA008
POORNIMA BOYAPATI	232ECPS013
KAVYASHRI K G	232BCOMD058
DINESH D V	21BCOMB53
VIKRAM M POOJARY	21BCOMB27
SRI RAGHAV Y N	20BCOMA084
EMMANUVEL BRITTO	21BCOMS65
ASHISH BECKHAM	21BCOMS71
IMMANUEL FERNANDO	21IES065
SAMA NAVEED	21CPE005
DELONA LOBO	2110309
A R TEJASWINI	21BCOMA73
SHARATH SRIVASTHAV	21BCOMC80
MADHAV V	21BCOMS85
NANDA KUMAR G	21CBT09
ANISH ACHARYA	21CZBT05
PRAJWAL SHANOON A RUBDI	21BCOMS37
SAI SRUJAN S	21BCOMS83

**AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN NCC****AWARDEES FROM 1KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP -3**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGISTER NUMBER</b>
'Honorary Captain G Krishna Murthy Memorial Best NCC Cadet' Annual Award	CJUO VISHAL RAO N	21HEP073
Best cadet	CSUO ANUSHA S BIRADAR	21CEB14
Special achievement	CJUO LOHE LEPHROYIA ROSA	21PCM36
Special achievement	CSM S M MUKUNDH	21MEC07
Special achievement	SGT JAYANT JHABAK	21PMC63
Special achievement	SGT STEVE SAMSON CHESNEY	21CMS43
Special achievement	CDT KRISHNA GUPTA	21BCOMC31
Special achievement	CDT NAYAN SRIVASTAVA	21BCAS03
Special achievement	CDT MANDEEP SINGH	21BCAF65
Special achievement	CQMS SYED FAISAL AHMED	223ECH09
Special achievement	CPL CHANDAN H	223BCOMF009
Special achievement	CPL SURAJ KUMAR	223BCAC45
Special achievement	L/CPL GARV BHARARIA	222HPS19
Special achievement	CPL CINDERELLA GORH SJ	231BPS07
Special achievement	L/CPL M CHARUHASHNI	221BPS41
Special achievement	L/CPL GAJAPATI MAHAPATRA	222BZ35
Special achievement	CDT DHARSHAN V	221BCOMA003
Special achievement	CDT ANANYA P KUMAR	222MCS24
Special achievement	CDT NIHARIKA M SHASTRI	222JPY09
Special achievement	CDT BRYAN NELSON D'SOUZA	221CST12

**AWARDEES FROM 1KAR AIR SQN NCC**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGISTER NUMBER</b>
'Honorary Captain G Krishna Murthy Memorial Best NCC Cadet' Annual Award	CWO MANYA KENCHAIN DJ	222CHBT45
Best cadet	CWO PRAJWAL TENGINKAI	223BBAD028
Special achievement	CSUO CHARAN GOWDA K R	21BCOMS78
Special achievement	CUO VATHSALA TM	21PEM02
Special achievement	CUO THOMAS RINO	21BCOMS48
Special achievement	CWO JANHAVI SHARMA	21HEP103
Special achievement	CWO SUMAN KUMAWAT B	21CBZ61
Special achievement	CWO SURYANARAYANA K	21BCAF76
Special achievement	CDT/SGT THARUN M R	21CBT34
Special achievement	CDT/SGT LEIYAPAM KASHAK	21PMC51
Special achievement	CDT/SGT RAJESH M	21MEC04
Special achievement	LFC MEGHAL YADAV	21CPE043
Special achievement	LFC HARSHITHA P	21CBT60
Special achievement	CWO PRAJWAL TENGINKAI	223BBAD028
Special achievement	CWO MANYA KENCHAIN DJ	222CHBT45
Special achievement	CWO ALAN SHAJU	221BCADA14
Special achievement	CWO SHIWANGI MISHRA	222PM48
Special achievement	CDT/SGT JOEL J MAMMEN	221BCOMC022
Special achievement	CDT/SGT BRENDAN THOMAS DAUNT	222ECST04
Special achievement	CDT/SGT ARYAMANN SINGH BISHT	222ECST49
Special achievement	LFC MOHAMMED MUTAHIR	222HSO43
Special achievement	CDT ALON JOY KACHHAP	223BCAC35
Special achievement	CDT JOSHUA SEBASTIAN D'SOUZA	222PM58
Special achievement	CDT PEDDI SAI KAUSHIK	222JIN32

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DAKSHESH MAHESHA DHAGE	232CHBT05
ROHINI S	221BCOMC018
NANDINI V	21BCAS14
DRAVID A	222ECPS015
GOHIL ZEMIN KUMAR HARIBHAI	21CBZ53
DEVARAJ	21CBZ78
YASHASWINI H S	222CHBT58
VARSHITA D	221MST22
ALBINA MARY	231BCOMA026
LAKSHMAN M A	223BBA0061
ALOYSIOUS WESLEY G	233ECH21
SHREYA ANGELINE	233ECH05
MUSKAAN R	233ECH04

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Cultural Secretary	ISHANI BHUSHAN	21IES027
Sports Secretary	VIKRAM M POOJARY	21BCOMB27

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1	International Relations and Peace Studies	JIP	1) YASMIN ROSAMMAL DANIEL
		JIP	2) SUHANA
2	Biotechnology	CZBT	1) ANISHA JUDITH J
		CBBT	2) VISHESH ASNANI
3	Botany	CBZ	1) R AKIFA KAUNAIN
		CBZ	2) BHARGAV Y
4	Chemistry	PCM	1) KOTA GURU MOUKTHIKA
		CZBT	2) ANISHA JUDITH J
5	Computer Science	CMS	1) ADHIYA A
		CMS	2) PREETH ANN EAPEN
6	Economics Science	EMS	1) KESAR KOHLI
		EMS	2) NANDANA VASUDEVAN
7	Economics Arts	HEP	1) DIVYA R REDDY
		HEP	2) ANNA ABRAHAM
8	Electronics	PEM	1) H R SHREE RAKSHA
		PEM	2) DHRUTHI DECHAMMA K P
9	Additional English	MCZ	1) GRISHA SHARMA
		CZBT	2) VIDHYU LEKHA S
10	General English	CBBT	1) RYAN PATHAK
		CBBT	2) VISHESH ASNANI
11	Optional English	TEP	1) ISABEL VICTORIA NICHOLAS
		EJP	2) SHAIMA ALTHAF
12	Communicative English	CPE	1) ZOE LIZ PHILIP MALAYIL
		CPE	2) NITIA CATHERINE PALLITHANAM
13	Environmental Science	CEZ	1) RAKSHITH RAJPUROHIT
		CEZ	2) PRATHIKA NATARAJHAN
14	History	HEP	1) J TEJU CATHARINE
		HEP	1) DIVYA R REDDY
		HEP	2) ANKITH C
15	German	MCZ	1) BENJAMIN JOSEPH
		BCA	2) TREVIS LIU CHANG FEI

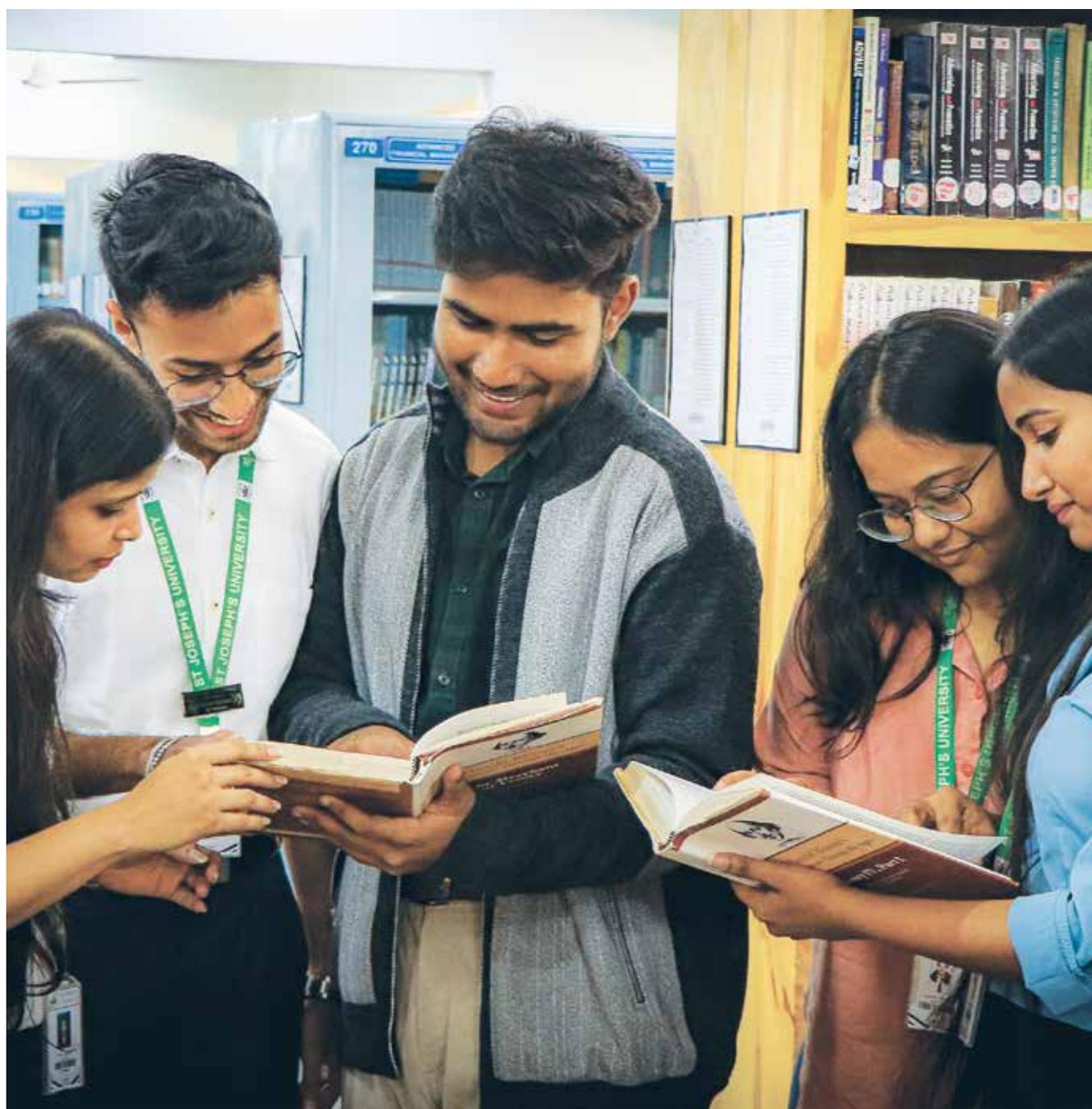
16	French	EJP	1) NAINA MARY SEBASTIAN
		CEZ	2) VANYA JOANNE SINGH
17	Hindi	IES	1) ADITYA PRAKASH
		EPS	2) ISHITA PURAKAYASTHA
18	Kannada	PCM	1) ANUSHREE K
		BBA-SF	2) V G MADHAN RAJ
		MCZ	2) MEGHANA P
		HEP	2) ANKITH C
19	Tamil	EJP	1) PAVITHRA N
		EJP	2) ARATHANA K R
20	Sanskrit	MCB	1) SUBHANJAN V
		MCZ	2) SANMITHA NARAYAN
21	Mathematics	PCM	1) KOTA GURU MOUKTHIKA
		CMS	2) AARYA GANESH
22	Microbiology	MCZ	1) SINDHU G S
		MCZ	2) MEGHANA P
23	Physics	PCM	1) KOTA GURU MOUKTHIKA
		PEM	2) H R SHREE RAKSHA
24	Political Science	EPS	1) ROHAN BHARGAVAPURI
		HEP	2) DIVYA R REDDY
25	Psychology	EJP	1) SHAIMA ALTHAF
		EJP	2) NAINA MARY SEBASTIAN
26	Statistics	CMS	1) PREETH ANN EAPEN
		EMS	2) NANDANA VASUDEVAN
27	Zoology	CBZ	1) R AKIFA KAUNAIN
		MCZ	1) MEGHANA P
		CZBT	2) ANISHA JUDITH J
28	BCA	BCA	1) TREVIC LIU CHANG FEI
		BCA	2) RAMISHA R
29	Journalism	JIP	1) YASMIN ROSAMMAL DANIEL
		EJP	2) NAINA MARY SEBASTIAN
30	Sociology	EPS	1) ROHAN BHARGAVAPURI
		IES	2) ADITYA PRAKASH

31	BSW	BSW	1) ELEANOR THOMAS
		BSW	2) BIJILA MARIAM VARGHESE
32	BVC	BVC	1) DIA SHARMA
		BVC	2) RITIKA SANTANI
33	Industrial Relations	IES	1) ADITYA PRAKASH
		IES	2) SARIKA SHARMA
34	Introductory Kannada	BCA-DA	1) A LOHITH ASHWA
		EMS	2) TINA DOKANIYA
35	Digital Media & Animation	VOA	1) SHIVANI P B
		VOA	2) VIKASH TOPPO
36	BCom	BCOM	1) RISHIKA G
		BCOM	2) NIRMITH K
37	BCom – BPS	BCOM-BPS	1) DEVIKA M S
		BCOM-BPS	2) LIKITHA N G
38	BBA	BBA	1) AYUSHI H RAO
		BBA	2) SUBIKSHAA VIJAYA KUMAR LAVANYA
39	Biochemistry	BBZ	1) SRUSHTI RAGHAVENDRA
		BBZ	2) RAKSHITH
40	BCom – IFA	BCOM-IFA	1) JANVI DODEJA
		BCOM-IFA	2) ASHWINA GANESAMURTHY
41	BBA – SF	BBA-SF	1) V G MADHAN RAJ
		BBA-SF	2) NISCHITHA J
42	BCA – DA	BCA-DA	1) A LOHITH ASHWA
		BCA-DA	2) RAISA
43	Public Policy	JIP	1) SUHANA
		JIP	2) YASMIN ROSAMMAL DANIEL
44	BVMF	BVOC-VMF	1) SRESHTHA DAS
		BVOC-VMF	2) ASMATH AZHAR HASAN
45	Theatre Studies	TEP	1) ISABEL VICTORIA NICHOLAS
		TEP	2) GAYATHRI B PRACHOD

## UG RANK LIST

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1	Big Data Analytics	1) ARYA CHANDRAN
		2) SHRUTI GOYAL
2	Botany	1) APARNA K
		2) CASSIA JEAN ATHAIDE
3	Commerce	1) NITIN K S
		2) SIRISHA D
4	Computer Science	1) ARUN KUMAR E
		2) M SHIVA
5	English	1) NIVEDHANA PANDIAN
		2) ANAGHA ANIL NAIR
6	Mathematics	1) PARAB SHIVANI TUSHAR
		2) SHARANG THIMMAIAH
7	Food Science and Technology	1) ANNS RANI C
		2) MARIA TREESA JOSE
8	Communication	1) SAISHYAM SRIKANTH
		2) THENMAYA PRAKASH
9	Microbiology	1) SAKSHI RANE
		2) SUMERU SUGATA RAJU
10	Physics	1) JALAK J MEHTA
		2) HARSHITHA B R
11	Political Science	1) ANUSREE J NAIR
		2) SHAH DANIYA
12	MSW	1) ARCHANA SUKUMARAN
		2) JESSICA PRADHAN
13	Statistics	1) S NANDANA
		2) VARTIKA SAHAR
14	Economics	1) ANAGHA S
		2) DHANANJAY SHAW
15	Psychology and Counselling	1) VIJAY C
		2) HANIYA RIYAAN S

16	Biotech	1) YUTI VAGHELA
		2) GAYATHRY SURESH
17	Organic Chemistry	1) NIKHYTHASHA
		2) DIVYA B
18	Analytical Chemistry	1) KEZIAH AKESA SHOJI
		2) ANANDHU U K
19	APR	1) AKSHARA B
		2) MURCHONNA SARMAH



# RETIRED STAFF

## Mr Don Bosco



Mr Don Bosco, Attender, Department of Physics, St Joseph's University, retired from service on April 30, 2023, on reaching superannuation, after 40 long years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mr Don Bosco joined St Joseph's on April 4, 1983, as an Attender in the

Department of Physics. He has experienced every stage of the institution and stayed with it through both difficult and prosperous times. He resides with his wife in Kariyana Palya. He has two daughters who are married and three grandchildren. The Management, Vice-Chancellor, staff, and students thank Mr Don Bosco immensely for his long and tireless service to the Institution and congratulate him on his retirement.

## Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson

Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, St Joseph's



University, retired from service on July 31, 2023, on reaching superannuation, after 36 long years of dedicated service to the Institution. Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson joined St Joseph's College on July 1, 1987, as a Lecturer in the Department of Environmental Science.

He was the Head of the Department for about 25 years. He served as the Coordinator of IQAC (2011-2014) and the Convener of Certificate Courses (2018-2023). Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson has consistently embodied simplicity, humility, and helpfulness, always wearing a smile. He planted ten tree saplings on campus and nurtured their growth. Additionally, he generously donated 150 reference books to the library. He was honoured by Rotary Bangalore South and Karnataka Civil Defense Corps for his dedicated service in the field of Environmental Science. The award was conferred by His Excellency Dr Hansraj Bharadwaj, Governor of Karnataka, on the occasion of the Teachers' Day held at Dayananda Sagar Institutions, Bangalore, on September 28, 2013. The Management, Vice-Chancellor, staff, and students thank Dr M R Ebenezer Wilson immensely for his long and tireless service to the Institution and congratulate him on his retirement.

## Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj

Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, St Joseph's University, retired from service on October 31, 2023, on reaching superannuation, after 34 long years of



dedicated service to the Institution. Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj joined St Joseph's College on September 19, 1989, as a Lecturer in the Department of Physics. Apart from teaching, Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj embraced various responsibilities including being the HOD, CSA Coordinator, Welfare Officer, Student Governor,

and several others. For many years, Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj organised the College Christmas programme with his wife Dr Prema Gunaseeli, former Dean of the School of Life Sciences of the Institution. Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj has always been a courteous, cheerful, soft-spoken, and benevolent gentleman. As a teacher, he provided extensive support to students who struggled with the subject, offering them the maximum help possible. He has been an encouraging and supportive colleague, providing financial assistance to many non-teaching staff members. A true Josephite in word and spirit, Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj has not just studied and worked as a Josephite but has lived a life upholding the values of a Josephite. The statue of St Joseph, which has adorned the entrance of the Institution since 2021, was donated by Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj and is a testament to his immense love for the Institution.

Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj lives in Kothanur with his wife, son, and daughter-in-law. The Management, Vice-Chancellor, staff, and students thank Dr C A Maria Sahayaraj immensely for his long and tireless service to the Institution and congratulate him on his retirement.

## Ms Sheela Jose Thomas



Ms Sheela Jose Thomas, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, retired from service on December 31, 2023, on reaching superannuation, after 29 long years of dedicated service to the Institution.

Ms Sheela Jose Thomas joined St Joseph's College on December 8, 1994, as a Lecturer in the Department of Physics. Over the years she has held several positions such as Welfare Officer, Scholarship Committee Coordinator, Class Mentor, and Physics Students Association Coordinator. Ms Sheela Jose Thomas is known for being pleasant, friendly and soft-spoken, and the first thing people notice about her is her charming smile. Her colleagues describe her as being systematic in her work and a popular teacher among students. Ms Sheela Thomas has had a profound impact on her department and students. Her passion for Physics and dedication to teaching has inspired countless minds and fostered a love for learning that will endure. Ms Sheela Jose Thomas lives with her husband in Victoria Layout. She has two daughters who live in the USA. The Management, Vice-Chancellor, staff, and students thank Ms Sheela Jose Thomas immensely for her long and tireless service to the Institution and congratulate her on her retirement.

### Mr Anantha Prasad Jain S N

Mr Anantha Prasad Jain S N, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, St Joseph's University, retired from service on January 31, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 25 years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mr Anantha Prasad Jain S N, affectionately known as Mr APJ, joined St Joseph's College as a Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics on June 25, 1999. Over the years, he has held various positions such

as Class Mentor, Governor of the Students' Council (2001-02), Examination Coordinator (2010-13), and



Head of the Department of Mathematics at St Joseph's PU College after the bifurcation. His colleagues have expressed that Mr APJ has been a cornerstone of the department. While he is known for being a strict and disciplined professor, he is also amicable. Mr Anantha Prasad Jain S N is a living example of the quote "When

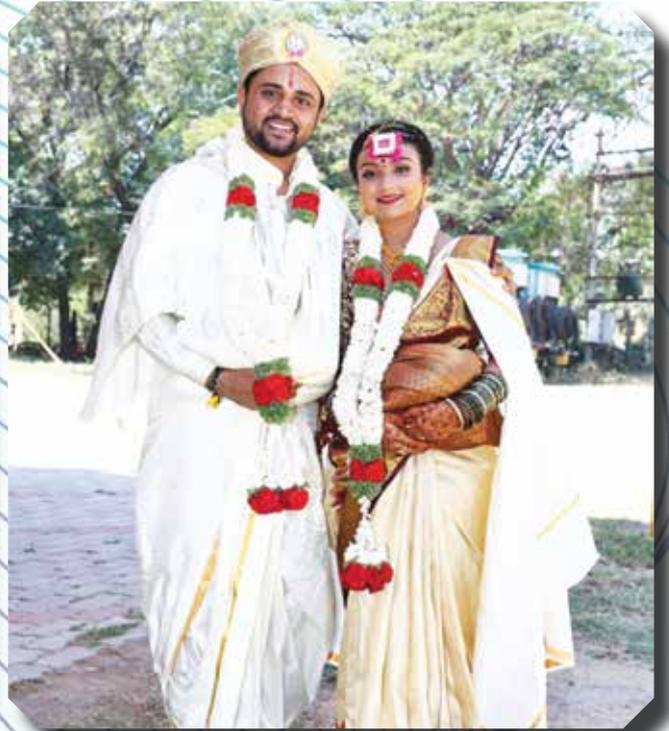
the going gets tough, the tough get going." He is an inspiration, given his positivity and pleasant disposition despite the challenges he has had to endure. Overcoming a tragic incident, he turned a setback into a comeback. At a time when it was unimaginable to teach Mathematics while seated in a wheelchair without using chalk and a board, he demonstrated that when a teacher is passionate, they will always discover alternative means to carry out their duties. The institution adopted those very methods several years later when COVID-19 broke out. The adversity that struck him only made him more resilient. Mr APJ lives in Sahakara Nagar with his wife and two daughters. The Management, Vice-Chancellor, staff, and students thank Mr Anantha Prasad Jain S N immensely for his long and tireless service to the Institution and congratulate him on his retirement.



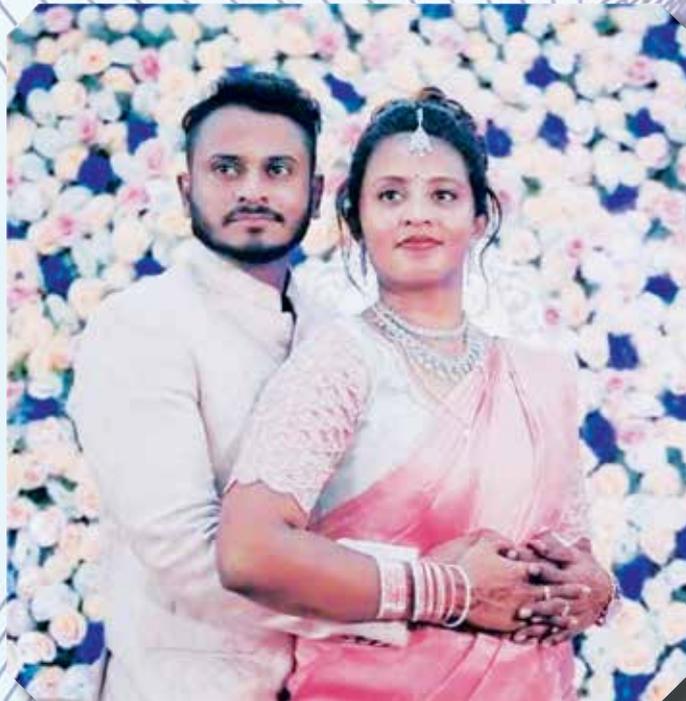
# WEDDINGS



**Ms Maria Senora**  
Department of Psychology and Counselling  
Date of marriage: Jan 27, 2024  
Spouse's name: Mr Calvin Neil Moras



**Dr Suhas D P**  
Department of Chemistry  
Date of marriage - Feb 11, 2024  
Wife's name: Ms Sahana



**Mr Justin Bernard G**  
Accountant  
Date of marriage - November 12, 2023  
Wife's name: Ms Thanuja Y S

# OBITUARY

**Time passes, memory lasts!  
The living grow older,  
The dead remain as they are.  
Etched in our memories,  
You remain young forever.**



**Late Bhavana Khamesra, (221PYC18), a II year student of MSc Counselling Psychology - passed away on 19 September 2023**



**Late Mr Walter D'Souza, carpenter and craftsman of SJU - passed away on 5 January 2024.**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Athletics

The university's athletic team participated in the inter-college competition at Manipal College, winning gold medals in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, and 4x100m Relay (Men). They also secured silver medals in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and the 4x100m Relay (Mixed). At Garden City University, the team also won gold medals in the 100m, 200m, Long Jump, and Shot Put, silver medals in the 100m, 400m, and Long Jump, and bronze medals in the 400m and Long Jump.

### Badminton

The University Badminton Men's team competed in six inter-collegiate tournaments in Bengaluru, winning the 'COBALT' tournament organised by Bangalore Medical College and 'Sportstakes' hosted by the university, and finishing as runners-up at the CMS JAIN College Sports Fest. The University Badminton Women's team took part in seven inter-collegiate tournaments in Bengaluru, claiming victories in the 'COBALT' tournament organised by Bangalore Medical College and the CMS JAIN College Sports Fest while finishing as runners-up in 'Sportstakes' hosted by the university and the IITB Sports Fest.

### Basketball

The University Basketball Men's team participated in 11 inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru and were runners-up in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Basketball Women's team participated in twelve inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning the IITB Sports Fest and finishing as runners-up in the Garden City University Sports Fest.

### Carrom

The University Carrom Men's team competed in six inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning 'SCINTILLATION' organised by Jyoti Nivas College, 'HUSTLE' organised by T. John College of Pharmacy, JSS College Sports Fest, and 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. They were also runners-up in 'Sportstakes'. The University Carrom Women's team won 'SPORTSTAKES 2024', an inter-collegiate tournament organised by the university.

### Chess

The University Chess Men's team participated in four inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, finishing as runners-up in 'COBALT' organised by Bangalore Medical College and 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Chess Women's team

also participated in four inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru and emerged as winners in the SMSG JAIN College Sports Fest.

### Cricket

The University Cricket Men's team participated in six inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru and won the 'JSR' College Inter-Collegiate Sports Fest.

### Football

The University Football Men's team participated in 12 inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning 'Chrispo' organised by Christ Deemed-to-be University, Reliance Youth Foundation, and 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. They were runners-up in the NMIMS Deemed-to-be University tournament and the INIFINI CUP organised by PES University. The University Football Women's team participated in three inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru.

### Handball

The University Handball Men's team competed in seven inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning the BCU tournament conducted by Acharya and finishing as runners-up in the Dasara Tournament. They also secured the 2nd runner-up position in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Handball Women's team participated in three inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning 'Sportstakes' organised by the university and finishing as runners-up in the Dasara tournament.

### Hockey

The University Hockey Men's team participated in four inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning the St John's Medical College tournament. The University Hockey Women's team took part in one inter-collegiate tournament across Bengaluru and finished as runners-up in KHEL 2024 (5 A Side Tournament) organised by Mount Carmel College.

### Kabaddi

The University Kabaddi Men's team competed in three inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, finishing as runners-up in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Kabaddi Women's team participated in one inter-collegiate tournament across Bengaluru, finishing as runners-up in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university.

### Kho-Kho

The University Kho-Kho Men's team participated in two inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning 'Sportstakes' organised by the university and

finishing as runners-up in 'Chrispo' organised by Christ Deemed-to-be University. The University Kho-Kho Women's team participated in two inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning 'Sportstakes' organised by the university.

## Tennis

The University Tennis Men's team participated in four inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning at Manipal University and 'Chrispo' organised by Christ Deemed-to-be University, and finishing as runners-up in 'Spiel 2024' organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

## Powerlifting

The University Powerlifting Men's team participated in an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Amrutha University.

## Table Tennis

The University Table Tennis Men's team competed in six inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, finishing as 2nd runners-up in CMS Jain University and winning at Bangalore Medical College.

## Throwball

The University Throwball Men's team participated in six inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning the PES Tournament, finishing as runners-up in the Kensri Tournament, and securing 2nd runners-up in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Throwball Women's team participated in 14 inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning at St Francis College, St Anne's First Grade College for Women, Jain Indiranagar, Bangalore Medical College, PES University, and the International Institute of Information Technology. They were also runners-up in BCU, JSS, and 'Sportstakes' organised by the university.

## Volleyball

The University Volleyball Men's team participated in 13 inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, finishing as 2nd runners-up in 'Sportstakes' organised by the university. The University Volleyball Women's team participated in eight inter-collegiate tournaments across Bengaluru, winning the Devadan Cup organised by Christ Deemed-to-be University, Kengeri Campus, and Garden City University. They were also runners-up in 'KHEL 2024' organised by Mount Carmel College, 'Sportstakes' organised by the university, and Bangalore Medical College.

## Staff Achievements

The University staff cricket, badminton, and throwball teams emerged as winners, while the table tennis team finished as runners-up in the BJES Inter Unit Staff Sports Meet - Vamos Amigos! Arrupe Cup 2023-2024. Additionally, the throwball team were runners-up in the 'ZEAL' tournament organised by BMS College for Women.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Neole Anna Cornelio represented Karnataka thrice and secured a gold medal in the First Open Nations Relay held in Chandigarh in the 4x100 metres relay, silver in Nationals 34th South Zone Athletic meet held in Warangal from October 15 to 17, 2023, and in the 22nd Junior National Federation Cup held in Lucknow from March 8 to 10, 2024, in the 100 metres.

Tarushi Vikram represented Karnataka in the 2023 and 2024 seasons of The Circuit Racing MRF MMSC FMSCI National Saloon Car Racing Championship, held from July to October 2023 and 2024 at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai. She debuted in the South India Rally, the first round of the Indian National Rally Championship from February 15 to 17, 2024. She has qualified for the Indian National Autocross Championship, in 2023.

Chaitanya Uma Shankar represented Karnataka twice and secured a gold medal in the 18th National Pool Life Saving Championship and a bronze medal in the State Senior Aquatic Championship.

Niranjan M Talkad represented Karnataka and secured a gold medal in the State Senior Aquatic Championship.

Iksha Kiran Kalle represented Karnataka in the 76th Senior National Aquatic Championship held in Bangalore from June 21 to 25, 2023.

Dorothy V B and Prithvi Vokuda represented Karnataka in Throwball Women, and the team won in the 44th Senior National Throwball Championship held in Bihar.

Manjushree and Nivedita represented Karnataka in Throwball Women, and the team were runners-up in the 45th Senior National Throwball Championship.

Nischitha represented Karnataka in Throwball Women in the 33rd Federation Cup held at Sri Sai Plakhi Nivara, Shiradi, Maharashtra.

Ishavarya represented Karnataka thrice in Roll Ball and Skating Nationals in Pondicherry and Senior Roll Ball Championship.

Medha Rajeev represented Karnataka in the National Canoe Sprint Senior Championship, U-23 World Championship Trials from Karnataka State, and the 37th National Games Goa.

Vivek Kumar represented Tamil Nadu in the 38th National Junior Athletics Championships.

Pradhi Jain represented Karnataka in the National Golf Championship held in Hyderabad.

Shreyash Hariharan represented Karnataka in the National Games Goa and National Kalaripayattu Champions, Trivandrum.

Vedansh Prashanth Reddiyer represented Karnataka in the National Tennis Tournament held at Bengaluru and represented South Zone Inter University in Tennis

Men held at Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Sam D Simon represented Karnataka and secured a gold medal in the 40th Karnataka State Taekwondo Championship organised and promoted by the Karnataka Taekwondo Association from June 23 to June 25, 2023.

Preethi Serafina represented Karnataka, and the team were the 2nd runners-up in the National Inclusion Cup 2024 held in Howrah, Kolkata from February 29 to March 3, 2024.

Reshma D represented Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu State Senior Badminton Championship, 2024.

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J represented St Joseph's University in Khelo India University Games 2023 - Ashtalakshmi held at Assam and also participated in All India University Games 2023-24 from February 1 to February 4, 2024 at SDAT Pool, Velachery, Tamil Nadu. She is the first student to represent St Joseph's University at its highest level of participation.

Poornima Boyapati represented Khelo India South Zone, Tamil Nadu from January 18 to January 21, 2024.

Kavyashri K G represented Karnataka in Khelo India Rugby U-18 held in Tamil Nadu on December 30, 2023, securing a win. Additionally, she represented Karnataka in Throwball Women, and the team were runners-up in the 45th Senior National Throwball Championship.

Dinesh DV and Vikram M represented the All India Inter University Netball Championships organised in Sri Siddhartha Medical College, Tumkur from March 11 to March 14, 2024.

Sri Raghav Y N represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter-University Athletic Championship (4x100m) organised by Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports University from December 29, 2023, to January 3, 2024.

Emmanuel Britto, Immanuel Fernando, and Ashish Beckham M represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Football Men's Championship held at Yenapoya Deemed to be University.

Sama Naveed represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Basketball Women's Championship held at Jain Global Campus, Kanakapura from December 25 to December 28, 2023.

Delona Lobo represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Volleyball Women's Championship held at Shri Padmavathi Mahila Vishyavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh from December 26 to December 31, 2023.

Sharath Srivasthav, Madhav V, Nanda Kumar G, and Anish Acharya represented Bangalore City University

in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men's Championship held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala from May 2 to May 6, 2024.

Tejaswini A R represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Women's Championship held at Periyar University, Salem from January 10 to January 13, 2024.

Madhav.V represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men event held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from May 2 to May 6, 2024.

Nanda Kumar G represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men event held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from May 2 to May 6, 2024.

Anish Acharya represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men event held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from May 2 to May 6, 2024.

Prajwal Shanon A R represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men event held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from May 2 to May 6, 2024.

Sai Srujan S represented Bangalore City University in the South Zone Inter University Handball Men event held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from May 2 to May 6, 2024.



## SPORTSTAKES 2024 - FINAL RESULTS

SL NO	GAME	WINNERS	RUNNERS	2 <sup>ND</sup> RUNNER - UP
1	BADMINTON (M)	SJU	SJCC	Kristu Jayanti
	BADMINTON (W)	BMSCW	SJU	Kristu Jayanti
2	BAKESTBALL (M)	Jain University	SJU (A)	Christ University
	BASKETBALL (WOMEN)	Jain University	Mount Carmel College	Christ University
3	FOOTBALL (MEN)	SJU (A)	SJCC	Presidency College
	FOOTBALL (WOMEN)	Christ University	Azim Premji University	Reva University
4	HANDBALL (MEN)	Presidency University	BMSCE	SJU (A)
	HANDBALL (WOMEN)	SJU (A)	BMSCW	SJU (B)
5	KABADDI (MEN)	Reva University	SJU	Indian Academy
	KABADDI (WOMEN)	BMSCW	Presidency University	SJU
6	KHO-KHO (MEN)	SJU	GFGC Yelahankha	Christ University
	KHO-KHO (WOMEN)	SJU	Christ University	BMSCW
7	TABLE TENNIS (M)	Jain University	BMSCE	SJCC
	TABLE TENNIS (W)	Mount Carmel College	Alliance University	SJCC
8	THROWBALL (MEN)	SSMRV College	Seshadripuram Main College	SJU
	THROWBALL (WOMEN)	BMSCW	SJU	Mount Carmel College
9	VOLLEYBALL (MEN)	Surana College, South End	Christ University	SJU
	VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN)	BMSCW	SJU	Presidency College
10	CARROM SINGLES (M)	SJU	Garden City University	SJU
	CARROM SINGLES (W)	Garden City University	SJU	Indian Academy College
11	CARROM DOUBLES (M)	SJU	SJU	SJU
	CARROM DOUBLES (W)	Garden City University	Nrupatunga University	SJU
12	CHESS (M)	PES University	SJU (A)	Christ University
	CHESS (W)	BMSCE	SJU	Christ University BGR

## CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF PEGASUS 2023-2024

GAME	DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE
CARROM (M)	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 23	II BCOM D	II HSO	II BCOM F
CARROM (W)		III BCOM C	III BBA A	II ECI
BASKET BALL (M)		III EMS	II ECST	MA ENG
BASKET BALL (W)		II BBA A	II BCA A	II BCOM IFA
THROW BALL (M)	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 23	II BBA B	II BCOM A	II BCOM B
THROW BALL (W)		III BCOM A	III CMS	I BCOM D
CHESS (M)		II BBA C	I JNOE	I BCOM D
CHESS (W)		I BCMB	I ECSO	II PSCE
FOOT BALL (M)	26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 23	II BBA D	MA ENG	I BCOM C
FOOT BALL (W)		I BCOM BPS	II BBA A	MSC.STATS
TABLE TENNIS (M)		I BCOM B	II CST	II BBA B
TABLE TENNIS (W)		III EMS	II BCOM B	II BBA B
HAND BALL (M)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 23	III BCOM D	MSC STATS	II BCOM IFA
HAND BALL (W)		II BCOM D	II JIN	II BCA A
KHO - KHO (M)		III EMS	II BBA B	II BCA DA
KHO - KHO (W)		III BBA A	I ECSO	II JIN
KABADDI (M)	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 23	III CBZ	I BA ECSO	II BBA B
KABADDI (W)		IIMAPS	II BA ECSO	II BCOMD
VOLLEYBALL (M)		II BBA B	II BCA A	III MSc CH
VOLLEYBALL (W)		II BCA A	II BSc PM	I BA OEPY
CRICKET (M)	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 23	II BBA B	III BCOM IFA	II BCOM C
CRICKET (W)		II BBA A	I BCOM B	III BCOM IFA
BADMINTON (M)		I BCOM D	III BBA B	I HSO
BADMINTON (W)		II OEPY	III EJP F	II BCOM IFA

# 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET 2024 RESULTS

## INTER JESUIT 1500 METERS (MEN)

Name	College	Timing	Result
Kamalakannan S	SJCC	04:44.27	First
Bala	SJU	04:44.74	Second
Nishanth S B	SJPUC	05:16.98	Third

## INTER JESUIT 1500 METERS (WOMEN)

Name	College	Timing	Result
Harshitha Gowda	SJCC	06:30.51	First
Harshini	SJU	06:39.27	Second
Anusha	SJU	06:44.18	Third

# 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET RESULTS - UG

## 100 MTS (MEN)

Name	College	Timing	Result
Sri Raghav Y N	20BCOMA084	10.88 s	First
R Dhanush	232PSCE12	11.12 s	Second
A Shaan Devaiah	231BBAB33	11.15 s	Third

## 100 MTS (WOMEN)

Name	College	Timing	Result
Michelle Agnes	232OEPY55	13.08 s	First
Neole Ananacorlelio	232JPY05	13.32 s	Second
Sanya Sudheer	222JIN03	14.75 s	Third

**200 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Sri Raghav Y N	20BCOMA084	22.64 s	First
Dhananjay	222JIN30	23.32 s	Second
Venkatesh	21CBZ39	24.01 s	Third

**200 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Neole Ananacorlelio	232JPY05	27.78 s	First
Juliette Lizsnow	231SW04	32.06 s	Second
Sanya Sudheer	222JIN03	32.04 s	Third

**400 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Dhananjay	222JIN30	52.46 s	First
Venkatesh	21CBZ39	54.41 s	Second
Rohan Justine	232BTBY03	56.15 s	Third

**400 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Medha Rajeev	221VC45	01.10.36 s	First
Trisha J	21BBAB07	01.10.88 s	Second
Vibha J S	231IFA76	01.11.60 s	Third

**800 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Bala Sworup B	21HEP066	02.11.61 s	First
Vikram Rajkumar B	222MCS49	02.13.52 s	Second
Vignesh Anant Shet	221BBAB024	02.14.45 s	Third

**800 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Vibha J S	231IFA76	03.14.52 s	First
Trisha J	21BBAB07	03.15.25 s	Second
Anita Joyce Anil	222PM12	03.27.42 s	Third

**1500 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Bala Sworup B	21HEP066	04:20.07 s	First
Alan Sanjay Xavier	231BCOMB065	04:22.59 s	Second
Vignesh Anant Shet	221BBAB024	04:27.09 s	Third

**1500 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
N Anusha	21CZBT32	06:32.83 s	First
Trisha Joshi	222JPP024	06:34.29 s	Second
Medha Rajeev	221VC45	06:52.15 s	Third

**DISCUS THROW (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Sharath Srivasthav	21BCOMC80	23.00 m	First
Abinbabu C R	231VOF41	22.19 m	Second
Syed Mehraan J	233BCOMG059	20.86 m	Third

**DISCUS THROW (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Delona Lobo	2110309	19.10 m	First
Kavyashri KG	232BCOMD058	18.07 m	Second
Gayathri	232BTBY15	13.75 m	Third

**JAVELIN THROW (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Vikas	221TPY45	38.01 m	First
Vasanth Kumar	232ECSSO40	36.71 m	Second
Shemborlang Thongni	233BCAC55	33.68 m	Third

**JAVELIN THROW (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Delona Lobo	2110309	19.25 m	First
Cinderella	231BPS07	19.22 m	Second
Diana I	221BBAA059	13.10 m	Third

**SHOT PUT (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Bharath C K	231BPS82	10.89 m	First
Revanth Gowda C P	221BCOMD077	10.10 m	Second
Jaisivasakthi R	21CBZ37	9.89 m	Third

**SHOT PUT (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Kavyashri KG	232BCOMD058	10.91 m	First
Jerlin S Thomas	21CBZ66	8.43 m	Second
Shantell Das	221BBAA044	8.42 m	Third

**HIGH JUMP (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Vivek Parekh	221BPS12	1.70 m	First
Ajay K	222HPS01	1.65 m	Second
Adrian Paul Wycliffe	222HSO09	1.45 m	Third

**HIGH JUMP (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Cinderella	231BPS07	1.20 m	First
Juliette Lizsnow	231SW04	1.10 m	Second
Jasmine	221BCADA24	0.95 m	Third

**LONG JUMP (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Vikas	221TPY45	6.12 m	First
Steve Joe C	232ELCS61	5.81 m	Second
Vivek Parekh	221BPS12	5.66 m	Third

**LONG JUMP (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Michelle Agnes	232OEPY55	3.98 m	First
Disha A	231BCOMA022	3.94 m	Second
Theresa C Sunil	21BCOMA77	3.76 m	Third

**TRIPLE JUMP (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Ajay K	222HPS01	12.49 m	First
Marryil Nirmal	221BPS43	11.59 m	Second
N K Mohamed Adhil	221IFA093	11.15 m	Third

**TRIPLE JUMP (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Avani A Shetty	232OEPY18	9.42 m	First
Tara Parmar	231TPY13	8.95 m	Second
Theresa C Sunil	21BCOMA77	6.90 m	Third

**4 X 100 M RELAY (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
2 BCOM BPS	48.63 s	FIRST	First
3 BCOM A	49.80 s	SECOND	Second
2 BCOM D	50.80 s	THIRD	Third

**4 X 100 M RELAY (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
1 BCOM B	01.00.68 s	FIRST	First
3 BCOM A	01.02.16 s	SECOND	Second
1 OEPY	01.02.19 s	THIRD	Third

**140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET RESULTS - PG****200 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
A B Koushik	232ECO47	25.52 s	First
Sandesh Karlus	231CHO24	27.06 s	Second
Joshua Chirag Nag	231PLS29	28.14 s	Third

**200 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Harshini A	232CHA07	32.09 s	First
Megan Rose Fernandes	222ENG11	35.60 s	Second
Heidi B	222MAT07	36.70 s	Third

**400 MTS (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Sandesh Karlus	231CHO24	57.36 s	First
A B Koushik	232ECO47	58.34 s	Second
Valerian Joel J	231PLS32	58.85 s	Third

**400 MTS (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Harshini A	232CHA07	01:13.71 s	First
Megan Rose Fernandes	222ENG11	01:20.83 s	Second
Heidi B	222MAT07	01:26.67 s	Third

**SHOT PUT (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Pradeep Anani Hegde	221STA27	10.13 m	First
Gokul Mohan	221STA06	09.68 m	Second
Ajay G	232BDAS7	08.43 m	Third

**SHOT PUT (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Vmitra J Reddy	232ESS02	7.58 m	First
Anuka Vanditha	232ECO07	7.00 m	Second

**LONG JUMP (MEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Valerian Joel J	231PLS32	5.17 m	First
Varun T	232ESS04	4.87 m	Second
Giridhar S	222MAT23	4.68 m	Third

**LONG JUMP (WOMEN)**

Name	College	Timing	Result
Tabitha Venuh	232ECO23	3.51 m	First
Neema D Souza	232MAT33	3.32 m	Second
Boomika G	232MAT23	3.10 m	Third

**4 X 100 M (MIXED RELAY)**

Name	Timing	Result
MA Economics		First
MSC CS		Second
MA English		Third

**OVERALL UG & PG****TUG OF WAR (MEN)**

CLASS	RESULT
1st Year BCOM E	FIRST
3rd Year EMS	SECOND
1st & 2nd MA ECONOMICS	THIRD

**TUG OF WAR (WOMEN)**

CLASS	RESULT
3rd EMS	FIRST
1st BCOM BPS	SECOND
1st BCOM IFA	THIRD

**FLASHMOB**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Group 3 (Chemical Science & Humanities and Social Science)	FIRST
Group 4 (Communication and Media Studies & Business)	SECOND

**POSTER MAKING**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
MSc Analytical Chemistry (School of Chemical Science)	FIRST
MSc Organic Chemistry (School of Chemical Science)	SECOND
2nd Year OEPY (School of Humanities)	THIRD

**FLAG (3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR)**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
3rd Year EPS (School of Humanities)	FIRST
MSc FST & 3rd Year BCOM IFA (School of Business)	SECOND
MA Economics (School of Humanities)	THIRD

**MARCH PAST(3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR)**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
3rd Year EMS (School of Physical Science)	FIRST
3rd Year BCOM IFA (School of Business)	SECOND
3rd Year EJP (School of Humanities)	THIRD

## MISCELLANEOUS



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
Sanjith sriram Sundara raghavan- 232BTBY30	"Won silver in the Karnataka State Under-19 Light Flyweight category from January 26 to January 28"	Runners



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
Preethi Serafina	Represented Team Karnataka in the National Inclusion Cup 2024, held from February 29 to March 3 in Howrah, Kolkata.	Runners



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
<p>Neole Anna Cornelio 232JPY05</p>	<p>"Won silver in the Karnataka State Under-19 Light Flyweight category from January 26 to January 28" Represented Team Karnataka at the 22nd National Junior Under-20 Federation Athletics Championships on March 8-10, 2024, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, securing Silver with a timing of 12.14.</p>	<p>Runners</p>



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
<p>Tennis (Men)</p>	<p>St Joseph's University Tennis team emerged as runners-up in SPIEL, the intercollegiate Sports Fest organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, held from March 9 to 14, 2024.</p>	<p>Runner</p>



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
Football (Men)	St Joseph's University Football team emerged as winners in Chrispo, the intercollegiate Sports Fest organised by Christ University, held from March 6 to 12, 2024.	Winners

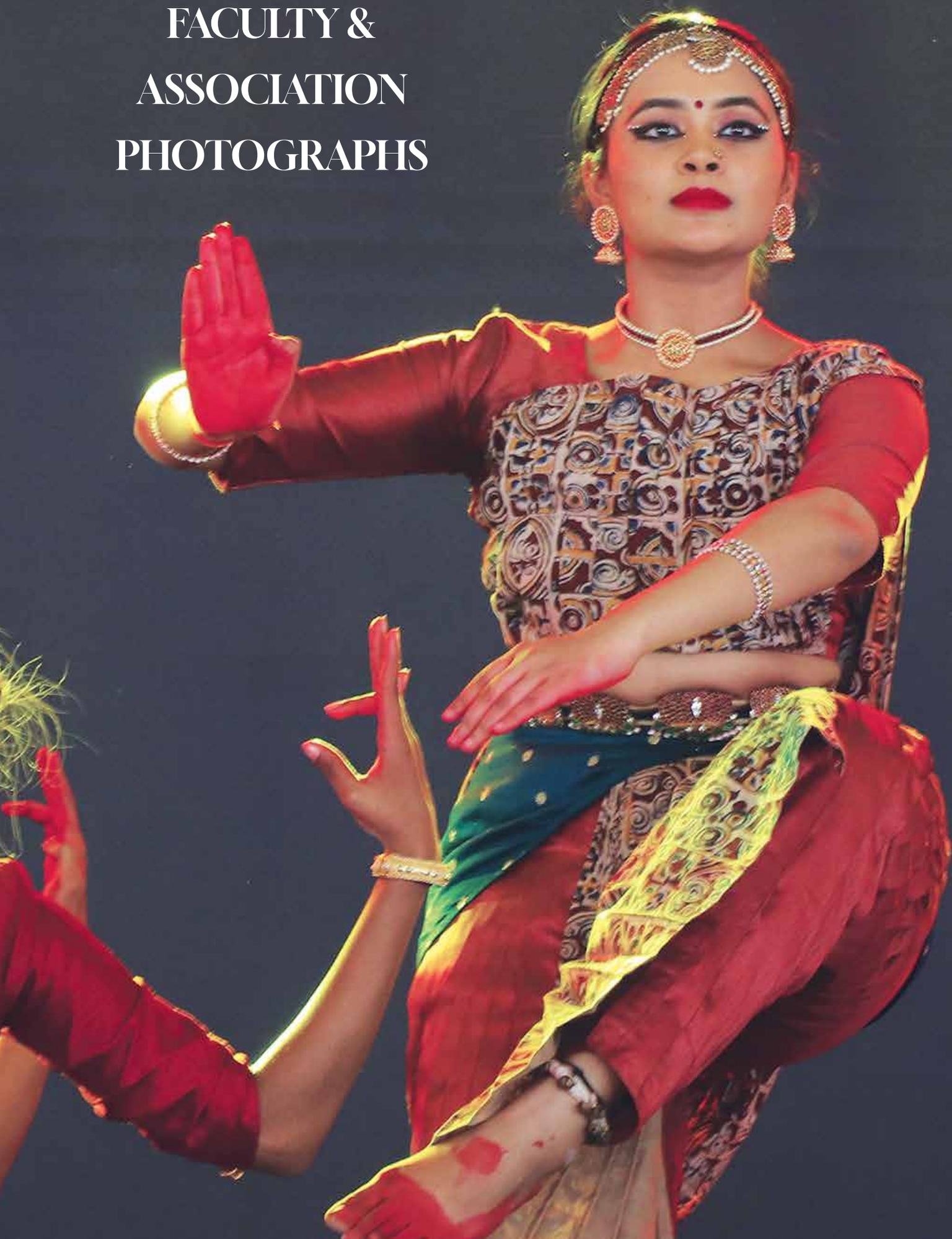


Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
Sanjith Sriram Sundara Raghavan 232BTBY30	Won a Gold Medal in the Under 19 District Level Boxing Championship organised by King Boxing Fitness Club on March 17, 2024.	Winner



Name & Reg No	Tournament	Result
Neole Anna Cornelio 232JPY05	Represented Team Junior Asian (AFI), participated in the 1st National Open Relay Carnival 2024 held in Chandigarh on March 24.	Winner

CLASS,  
FACULTY &  
ASSOCIATION  
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## BCom A



## BCom B



## BCom BPS



**BCom C**



**BCom D**



**BCom IEA**



**BCom  
Special Achievement**



**BBA A**



**BBA B**



**BBA SF**



**BSc BBZ**



**BSc MCBZ**



**BSC BZBT**



**BSc CBZ**



**BSc CEZ**



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## BA CPE



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BA EJP B



BA EPS



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BA IES



BA JIP



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BA EJP A



BA TEP



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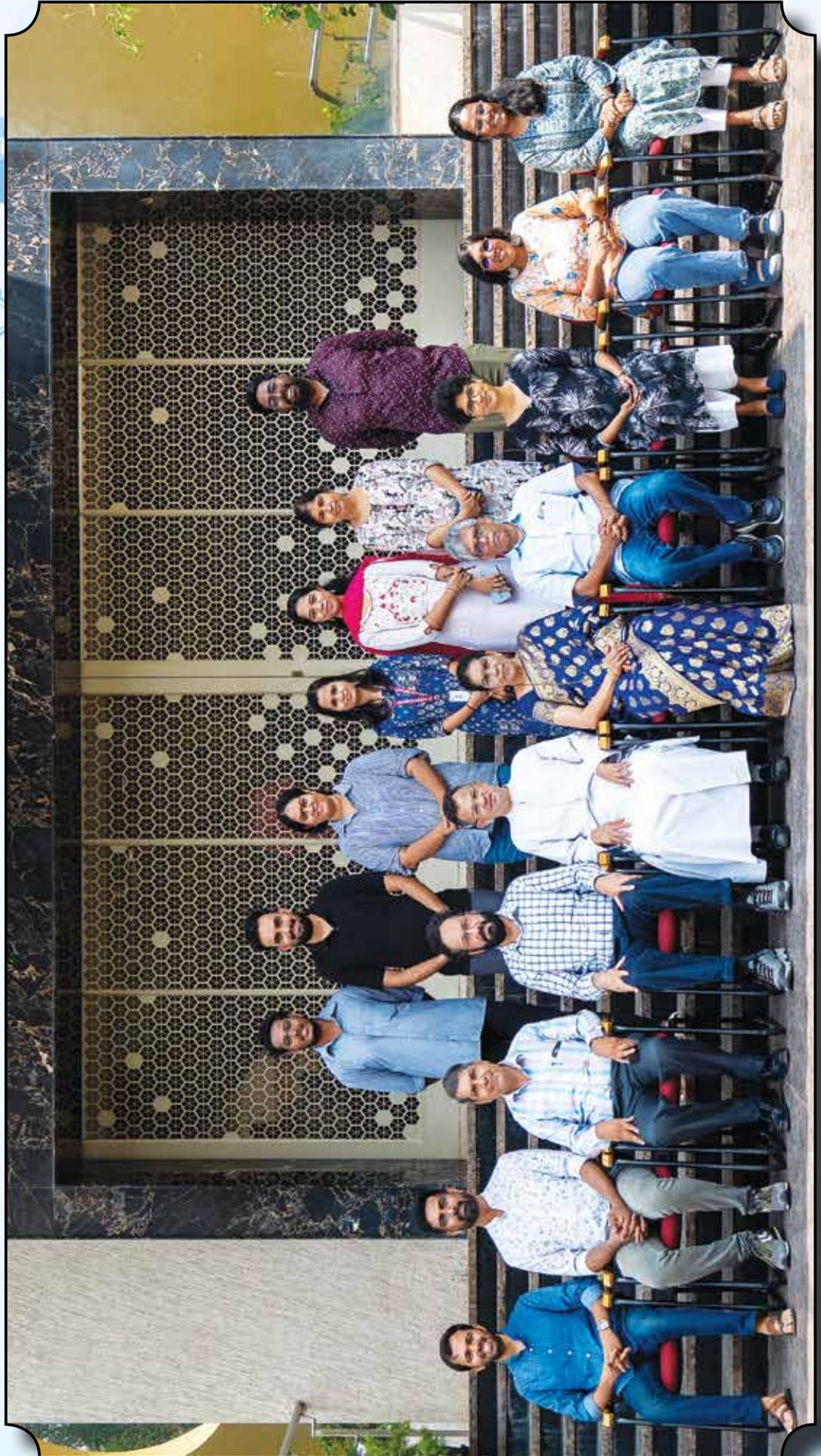
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