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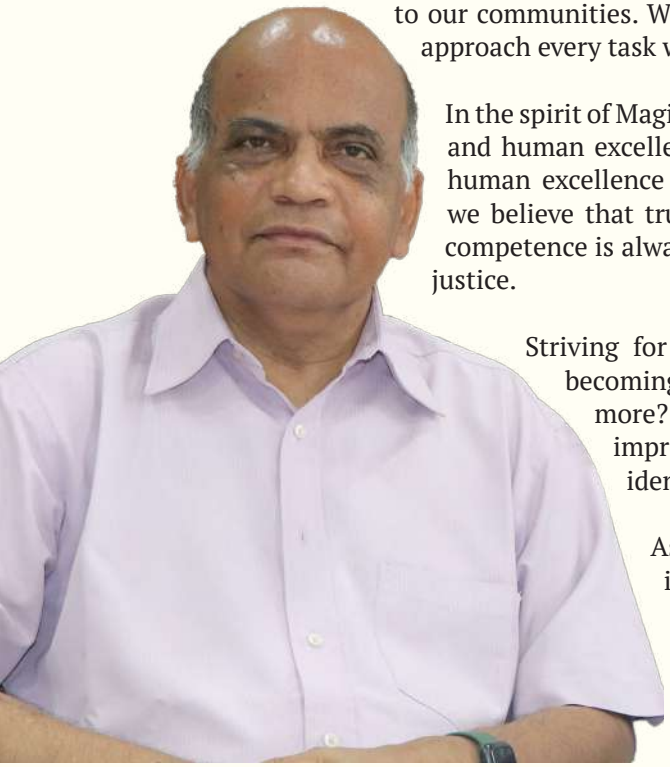
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PRO-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

At St Joseph's University, Magis is more than just a Jesuit motto; it is a way of life. Derived from Latin, meaning 'more' or 'greater,' Magis invites each of us to go beyond mediocrity—to strive for the greater good, the deeper purpose, and the highest standards in all that we do. As we reflect on this profound ideal in our Annual Magazine, we are called once again to revisit Magis—not as a one-time achievement but as a continual journey of transformation.

Magis calls us to pursue excellence in everything we do—in our thoughts, in our actions, and in our relationships. It does not demand perfection, but it urges us to give our best, to reach beyond the expected, and to contribute meaningfully to our communities. Whether in academics, arts, sports, or service, Magis challenges us to approach every task with integrity, creativity, and wholehearted effort.



In the spirit of Magis, we recognise the importance of nurturing both academic excellence and human excellence. Academic excellence equips us with knowledge and skills, but human excellence shapes our character, compassion, and conscience. At St Joseph's, we believe that true education lies in the integration of intellect and values—where competence is always accompanied by conscience, and learning is grounded in love and justice.

Striving for excellence is not about comparison or competition; it is about becoming the best version of ourselves. It is about asking each day: Can I do more? Can I do better? Can I serve more lovingly? This spirit of continuous improvement, rooted in purpose and passion, is what defines the Josephite identity.

As we celebrate the achievements of our students, faculty, and alumni in this magazine, let us also renew our commitment to the Magis way of life. Let us be men and women for others—driven not by ambition alone, but by a deep desire to uplift, to inspire, and to transform.

May the spirit of Magis continue to guide and energise the Josephite community to aim higher, reach further, and serve deeper.

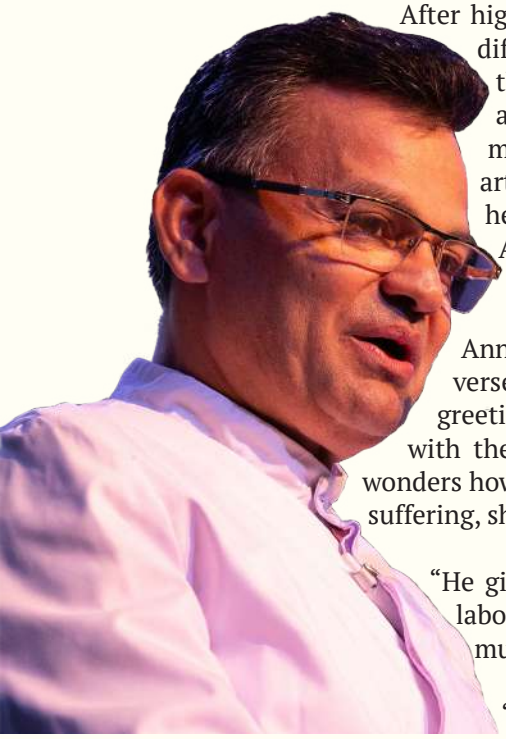
Fide et Labore!

Pro-Chancellor
Rev Fr Swebert D Silva SJ

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

John 14:12 - "I am telling you the truth: those who believe in Me will do what I do—yes, they will do even greater things because I am going to the Father."

Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932), a prolific poetess and hymn-writer, was born on Christmas Eve in the small town of Vineland, New Jersey, to Ms Jean and Mr Eldon Johnson. Three years later, little Annie would lose her mother, who died as she gave birth to Annie's baby sister. The father, who himself was suffering from an incurable disease, willed the children to the Flint family.



After high school, arthritis began to show itself. She grew steadily worse until it became difficult for her to walk at all, and she was soon obliged to give up her work, followed by three years of increasing helplessness. The death of both her adoptive parents within a few months of each other left Annie and her sister alone again. There was little money in the bank, and they were now twice-orphaned children. Her rheumatoid arthritis caused her to be twisted up in bed for many decades. She had cancer inside of her, she was incontinent and lived on diapers, and blindness started to overtake her. At the final stages of her life, there were so many boils and marks on her body from lying in bed that she needed 8 pillows to cushion her body.

Annie loved to give. She created hand-lettered cards and gift books, decorating her own verses. After receiving many testimonies of blessings, two card publishers printed her greetings, leading to the release of her first poetry brochure. Her booklets and connections with the Sunday School Times established her in a worldwide fellowship, though one wonders how she could get a pen through those poor, twisted fingers. And in her unimaginable suffering, she gave the world the hymn:

"He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength as our labours increase; To added afflictions He addeth His mercy, to multiplied trials He multiplies peace.

"When we have exhausted our store of endurance, when our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, our Father's full giving is only begun. His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundary known unto men; For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again".

It is astounding how Annie became so inclined to be cheerful and optimistic. She focused on the bright side of life and derived much enjoyment from it. Her forward-looking, lifted head was a characteristic stance and reflected the courage she showed as she endured great suffering. Perhaps she experienced God's boundless love and blessings. She rose above her circumstances, becoming much more than what life had allowed her to be. For me, that embodies magis. It isn't about the best, the most, or the greatest It can't be reduced (as it often is) to banal or bourgeois terms like generosity or excellence. Magis must not be conflated with just doing more. Magis is more about being than doing, and more focused on becoming than achieving.

Be stronger than your strongest excuse. Be bigger than your biggest fear. Be kinder than your cruellest enemy. Be more than your circumstances and infirmities. Be more of a giver. Leave the world better than you found it. May God help us be more. Ad majorem Dei gloriam!

Vice-Chancellor
Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ

In Loving Memory of His Holiness Pope Francis (1936–2025)
A tribute of love and reverence to 'the people's pope', from the Community of St Joseph's University.

With hearts heavy with sorrow yet profoundly grateful, the St Joseph's University community mourns the loss of His Holiness Pope Francis—a shepherd to the world, a voice for the voiceless, and an unwavering beacon of compassion.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis shattered barriers from the onset of his papacy in 2013. As the first pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit pope, and the first to take the name Francis, he embodied a transformative spirit of humility, simplicity, and an unwavering commitment to caring for creation and humanity.

As a Jesuit institution, St Joseph's University felt a unique kinship with Pope Francis. His words were not just doctrine; they were inspiration. His life embodied the Ignatian call to be "men and women for and with others." He reminded us that the Gospel is not merely read from a book but lived in the streets, among the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalised.

We remember his tireless efforts to build bridges between people, faiths, and ideologies. We recall his visits to the slums, his embrace of suffering, his fearless calls for peace amid conflict, and his steadfast belief in the dignity of every human soul.

At St Joseph's, we sincerely strive to carry forward his legacy in letter and spirit in our classrooms, service, and prayers. His papacy was not a time but a period of transformation. His presence will echo in the halls of our university and the lives of every student who dares to dream of a more just, loving, and unified world.

As we grieve, we also rejoice in the life of a man who revealed the face of Christ to us. Rest now, dear Holy Father, good and faithful servant. May your soul find peace in the divine arms of the God you have faithfully served throughout your life.

Requiescat in pace, Pope Francis.
With deepest love and reverence,
The Josephite Community.





EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

Since its first issue, the Blue & White magazine has represented St Joseph's College's work, ethos, and heart. When we began putting together the magazine this year, our incredible team of student editors took to the library and began collecting archives of the older editions. While our magazine does not feature these editions, we were all charmed and touched by the history of not only the institute, but the magazine itself. These magazines are all available in the library, a coloured history of St Joseph's.

As we continue our laborious and fruitful journey as a University, it is good to remind ourselves of what this institute stands for—the spirit of Magis, of going beyond one's call for duty. The process of putting together the magazine is representative of this spirit, not only in the work it takes to build it, brick by brick, but in the privilege of this moment—of curating the work we have done this academic year.

We live now in a time wherein technology demands that we ask ourselves our worth; that we ask what our contribution to the world is. Blue & White is an attempt at answering this question and remembering what happens when we pay attention to one another, when we learn to look beyond ourselves and the work we do as individuals.

The chosen theme this year is 'Revisiting Magis'—a reminder to carry on, but with iron clad focus on what remains important: a world beyond ourselves. We hope the magazine shows you what it has shown us through this year. Happy reading!

Drishti Rakhra
Department of English, School of Languages and Literatures
Coordinator, Team Blue & White 2024-25

Three years into our journey as a university, St Joseph's University is striving ahead and breaking barriers. Our keen focus on student wellbeing, and academic excellence has resulted in a successful 2024-25. In keeping with the theme of the magazine this year, the 2024-25 Annual Report is one that exemplifies the spirit of Magis. As we continue to think of this, read on: the report consists of highlights and achievements of faculty and students of Shifts I, II, and III.

Josephite Family who have left for the Heavenly Abode

As we come together to celebrate the continued growth and achievements of our beloved institution, we pause to honor and remember the cherished members of our Josephite family who have departed from us this year. Though no longer with us in physical presence, their spirit remains deeply woven into the fabric of our Josephite community.

Mr Murali, aged 38 years, from the maintenance department of SJU, passed away on November 30, 2024.

Madhumita, III CS-ST, passed away on May 19, 2025.

Retiring staff

Dr P E Somaiah (Department of Political Science), Mr Clement Joseph D'Souza (Department of Economics), Lt Nagarajan E M (Department of Hindi), Ms A Bessy Estheline (Department of Physics), Mr Gregory Sequeira (Department of Electronics), Mr John J Binze (Department of Mathematics), Mr Henry Goveas (Second Division Assistant), Mr Balaraju, Ms Chandrakala and Ms Shanthamma B S (members of the housekeeping department) retired this year after years of illustrious service. We wish all of them a healthy and happy retired life ahead.

BJES Institution Day

March 8, 2025, marked a truly memorable day for all the Jesuit institutions under the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES). This year, the joyous spirit of the occasion was hosted by SJU. The event celebrated the collective achievements and unity of 16 BJES institutions, spanning a diverse spectrum of educational endeavors—from primary schools to a University, and from technical institutes to an Institute of Business Administration. The celebration also included the Bembala Outreach Centre, highlighting the inclusive and far-reaching impact of the Jesuit educational mission. The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr V S Elizabeth, a former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu National Law University and a professor at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. Her address, introduced by Dr Pauline Priya, Principal of St Joseph's College of Law, focused on women's rights, empowerment, and the challenges faced by women globally.

Convocation

The annual convocation of St Joseph's University was conducted on September 27, 2024, two years to the day since the institution was granted university status. The event was a proud moment in our history, honouring the first set of students to graduate from the university. The first annual convocation was held to confer degrees to the first batch of postgraduate students to emerge from the university. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Pro-Visitor of the university, Dr M C Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, and the Chancellor, Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province. The renowned neurologist Dr Thimappa Hegde, Director, Narayana Institute of Neurosciences, was the Chief Guest for the programme. Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, the hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the university, presided over the programme in absentia. 570 postgraduate students from 9 schools and 21 programmes were awarded degrees during the convocation. The event was attended by over 1500 guests, faculty members, and non-teaching

staff of the university.

Elixir

Elixir 2024, the annual Open Day event of St Joseph's University, was a resounding success, showcasing the university's academic excellence, vibrant campus life, and commitment to fostering collaboration with schools, colleges, parents, teachers, principals, administrators and the community. Held under the guidance of a committee led by Dr Christo Selvan, comprising faculty members, the event witnessed active participation from students, teachers, principals, and industry experts. The event witnessed 129 exhibits from 10 deaneries, highlighting student innovation and creativity. NCC, NSS, Sports, Aruppe Nivas, Research, and SJU Clinic showcased the university's holistic development approach. The event also highlighted the participation of 14 exhibits from 8 schools, with Delhi Public School, South, winning the first prize and School of India, Kanakapura Road, securing the second prize. Nearly 878 registered students attended the event.

Dignitaries at SJU

In this academic year, SJU had the honour of opening its doors to some of the most distinguished and inspiring minds. Among the many memorable moments, a few standout highlights include the following:

Members from the Sambhota Tibetan School, Mungod, visited the university.

Rev Fr Martin Link, Provincial of the Caribbean Province, visited the institution on September 11, 2024.

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, SJU had the honour of hosting His Excellency Fleming Duarte, Ambassador of the Republic of Paraguay to India. Accompanying him was Mr Karthik Tallam, the Honorary Consul General of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Bengaluru.

SJU welcomed Madam Sajidha Mohamed, First Lady of the Republic of Maldives and alumna of SJC Batch 2000-2003 BSc-MCB, on October 9, 2024.

Rankings

We are proud to report that St Joseph's University has been awarded several noteworthy ranks nationally. SJU was awarded the Best College prize during the Xavier Board Annual Conference and General Body Meeting held at Trinity College, Jalandhar, Punjab. This year, the University participated in its first-ever NIRF ranking assessment and achieved high scores in most categories. In The Week Ranking for the University category, the institution secured the 58th position in the All India Multidisciplinary University category, 25th in the All India Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary category, 21st in the Multidisciplinary category for the South Zone, and 10th in the Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary category for the South Zone. At the state level, the institution ranked 4th among Multidisciplinary Universities and 3rd among Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary Universities. Furthermore, in The Week Category-Wise National Ranking, the university ranked 17th in the Mass Communication category, 18th in both the Science and Arts categories, and 28th in the Commerce category. At the state level in the same rankings, the university achieved 3rd in Mass Communication, 3rd in Science, 2nd in Arts, and 5th in Commerce. In the India Today Rankings, the university achieved impressive ranks across several disciplines: 3rd in India and 2nd in the city for the BCA category, 11th in India and 1st in the city for the BSc category, 14th in India and 3rd in the city for the Mass Communication category, 18th in India and 3rd in the city for the BA category, 21st in India and 3rd in the city for Social Work, and 48th in India and 8th in the city for the BCom category.

Admissions and Courses

3507 undergraduate students were admitted to SJU in 2024-25 under various deaneries. The postgraduate intake was 832. The school wise orientation for all courses was conducted in phases on July 4, 2024. The university successfully implemented the State Education Policy across all undergraduate programmes and returned to the triple major system. 26 members were welcomed to the non-teaching staff and 86 members were welcomed to the teaching staff. The University offers 42 UG courses, 22 PG courses, 12 PhD programmes, and 6 Diploma

Courses. This year, 41 certificate courses in diverse fields attracted over 2,500 participants.

Library

Arrupe Library and Information Centre is the brains of the campus and caters to the needs of more than 10,000 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, 2431 donated books, 671 student dissertations, 32 magazines, 15 newspapers, 22 journals, And the library has seen nearly 40,000 visitors this year.

Scholarships

For the year 2024-25, an amount of ₹ 81,99,568/- was received from the private, government and other benefactors this year. The management has lent support in the form of management and chancellor scholarships to the tune of ₹ 3,61,15,975/-, and 11,88,059/- respectively, for 2024-25 bringing it to a total of ₹ 4,55,03,602/-. 2,176 students have benefitted from this.

SJU Goes Global

On March 26, 2025, the Office for International Affairs hosted a delegation comprising students and faculty coordinators from ECEMA School of Business, College de Paris, France.

A team from Boston College also visited SJU on February 2, 2025.

The Office for International Affairs then hosted a group of seven students from Creighton University (Omaha, USA) for an enriching cultural exchange programme titled "India Immersion" under the theme Sustainability and Culture.

A delegation of universities expressed interest in collaborating with SJU; they included representatives from Bridgewater State University (MA, USA), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Millersville University, Dr Dan Kulmala (Assistant Vice President for International Programmes and Global Engagement at Millersville University), Ms Mary Ellen Mahoney (Dean of Graduate Admissions at The Catholic University of America), and Santa Clara University.

Ms Aranza Rodriguez Perez from Universidad Iberoamericana León joined us through the Magis Exchange Programme. During this semester-long exchange in the even semester 2024-25, she studied Life Sciences courses, including Biotechnology, Biochemistry, and Microbiology. Ms María López de Bayas Alcántara, Head of International Partnerships at Erasmus in School, was on campus for two months, while she collaborated with the International Affairs Office to promote scholarships and assist faculty in attaining ERASMUS funding.

Representing the university at the India Education Fair 2024 in Dubai on November 9 and 10, conducted by The Hindu Group, Dr Madappa, the IQAC Director, and Ms Poonam Ahuja, Criteria Coordinator for Learning & Teaching, effectively highlighted the university's academic strengths and global engagement opportunities.

Grants received

In the academic year 2024-25, Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay from the Department of Biotechnology was awarded the ANRF Symposia Grant of ₹ 2,00,000/- from Anusandhan National Research Foundation to conduct the national conference titled 'Recent Trends in Biotechnology 2025', organised by the Department of Biotechnology. Dr Devapriya Sanyal and Dr Shiny K G from the Department of English were both awarded individual Minor Research Project grants (2024-25) by ICSSR. Dr Arun Varma Thampan from the Department of Physics received the ISRO-RESPOND grant from ISRO. The grant includes a high performance computer which will be located at the SJU campus. Ms Shalmali Kamat from the Department of Microbiology received a CSIR Symposia Grant from CSIR-HRDG of ₹ 50,000/- to conduct a national conference. Dr Sangita Das (Co-PI) from Department of Biochemistry received a grant under the Early Career Research Award Scheme by VGST, Govt of Karnataka. Ms Nikhita Thomas and Mr Pranav V S from the Department of English were awarded the Project

560 grant by India Foundation for the Arts. Dr Sivakannan S from the Department of Advanced Computing received an FDP grant from AICTE to the tune of ₹ 3,50,000/- to conduct an FDP on Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare.

Examination Section

The odd semester examinations held in October 2024 saw 8914 UG and 1654 PG students appear, of whom 6152 UG and 1411 PG students cleared the examinations. The University conducted decentralised 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. This year, a two-week fast track summer course was conducted for students who had backlogs in various subjects.

SJRIC

The Department of Chemistry at St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council inaugurated a low-temperature reactor, acquired through a grant from the Vision Group on Science and Technology (VGST), awarded to Dr Rita Pal. SJRIC also organised an interaction with delegates from Sophia, Seisen, and Ferris Universities, Japan, to initiate conversation on Journalism, International Relations, Sociology, and Public Policy.

FDP

The FDP team conducted the induction programme for new faculty from June 29-July 6, 2024. The focus was 'Jesuit Ethos, Teaching, Learning and Classroom Management'. JESCOL I was carried out for new faculty members at the SJU campus from November 4-6. 2024. A total of 85 participants were a part of this programme. An FDP was conducted by the Gender Sensitisation Cell (coordinated by Dr Grace Prabhakar) where two major topics were highlighted and discussed. Dr Christo Selvan organised a two-phase FDP for members of Loyola Degree College in January and February.

IQAC

This year, the IQAC team underwent a revamping of posts. The IQAC committee has expanded to 10 criteria as per the new draft policy released by the NAAC office. The IQAC team organised several key meetings during the academic year, and the Action Taken Reports (ATR) were generated accordingly.

ACCA

We have 23 ACCA affiliates this academic year 2024-25, out of which 2 are from the present final year. 42 students cleared ACCA professional papers in the November 2024 attempt, and 57 students cleared the professional-level papers in the March 2025 attempt. Ms Janvi Dodeja got the Highest Average in P level among affiliates (Global rank 14 & India rank 1).

Placements

The placement season is one of the most crucial phases in the academic journey of students, marking the transition from education to professional careers. A total of 2,120 final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students have registered for placements through the Linways portal for the current academic year. More than 600 final-year students participated in these sessions, which were conducted in batches of 50 across three focused sessions, each spanning two hours.

MoUs

St Joseph's University signed the following MoUs in the year 2024-2025: with the European Union-University of Lodz, on July 22, 2024; with St Martha's Hospital August 14, 2024; with the Institute of Spanish Studies India Pvt. Ltd on August 5, 2024; with MongoDB for Academia Programme on January 9, 2025; with the President of Bridgewater State University, USA Inking on February 12, 2025.

Faculty Achievements

7 faculty members have received grants, one faculty member has received a patent, 15 faculty members have published research papers in journals in Scopus, Web of Science, and the UGC CARE lists as first and corresponding authors, published book chapters, and contributed to edited volumes. 11 faculty members from various departments were successfully awarded PhD degrees.

The Department of Collegiate Education,

Government of Karnataka, has promoted Dr Paul Newman (Department of History) from Associate Professor to Professor.

Student Council

The Investiture Ceremony of the newly elected Student Council, held on August 21, 2024, saw the presence of Chief Guest, Mr Pratap Kumar, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. He honored the council members with their badges and sashes, marking the beginning of their tenure. The student council was active throughout the academic year, and paved the path for the rest of the students of the university. The activities began with a timely awareness campaign organised in Freedom Park, condemning the horrific sexual assault in Kolkata that shook the country. The council then celebrated Teachers' Day, Onam, and began an admirable Peer-to-Peer learning initiative. Following this, they organised the Under 25 Summit and collaborated with NSS to organise a session during Women's Week. The council then closed the academic session with the highly successful inter-collegiate festival, Visages.

Prathibha

The Student Council conducted Prathibha 2024, the annual intra-collegiate fest, on September 28 which showcased the incredible talent of students across various fields such as dance, music, fashion, and more. Prathibha was a vibrant celebration of creativity, where students from different courses put forth exceptional performances, making the campus come alive with energy and enthusiasm. The School of Business was the overall winner of the feSt

Republic Day

Three cadets of 1 Karnataka Air Sqn NCC of St Joseph's University attended RDC 2025 — CDT/SGT Santhosh was part of the All India NCC Marching Contingent at Kartavya Path, a feat the college achieved after six years; CUO Shiwangi Mishra won the All India Best Cadet Bronze Medal while CUO Shreyas Sudip Mitra won the All India Best Cadet Gold. This marked the second consecutive year that the SJU Air Wing bagged two All India Best Cadet medals. Furthermore, this year's victory in the All India Best Cadet Air SD event marks a historic hat-trick, with cadets from the same institute and unit winning the coveted award three years in a row. To top it all off, the Karnataka and Goa Directorate won the prestigious PM's Banner after a long wait of six years.

Independence Day

On August 15, 2024, Independence Day celebrations were held at St Joseph's University. The National Flag was hoisted by the Vice Chancellor, in the presence of the Chief Guest, Rtd Col K Cyril Menon, Pro-Chancellor, esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, alumni, cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU, and all five units of NSS cadets. The flag hoisting was followed by the National Salute and the National Anthem. The inaugural speech was delivered by Mr Anuplal Gopalan. Subsequently, the pipping ceremony of NCC cadets was conducted by the ANO of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, Cpt Akshay D Mandlik and the ANO of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU, Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman.

PRO

The investiture ceremony of the PRO was marked by the presence of chief guest, Mr Arun Chakravarthi, IPS officer and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Karnataka. St Joseph's University hosted Start-Up Mela 4.0 on October 28, 2024, themed "Seeds to Success" fostering innovation and sustainability. The seventh edition of Open Heart was successfully held on February 4, 2025. This year, the event extended its reach beyond the university, welcoming over 30 high school students from Moulana Azad Urdu Model School, Shanti Nagar. On March 18, 2025, the 6th Annual Rev Dr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture was delivered by Mr Venkatesh Nayak, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) India Office.

Women's Cell

On August 27, 2024, St Joseph's University Women's Cell hosted an Investor Awareness Programme. The event aimed to educate participants on smart investment strategies and provide valuable insights into financial planning, catering to both novice and experienced investors. The Women's Cell then organised an informative talk on Women's Hygiene and

Cervical Cancer on October 14, 2024.

Gender Sensitisation Cell

On December 13, 2024, the Gender Sensitisation Cell of St Joseph's University, in collaboration with AWE (Actions We Empower), organised a play titled "Chai". Written and directed by the students of III OEPY.

Mentoring

Mentoring at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, is an integral part of the institution's ethos, shaping students' educational and personal development. The programme 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.

At the Postgraduate level, mentoring is provided by academic advisors within respective departments. These advisors guide students on stress management, research opportunities, and career pathways.

Kairos

Kairos 2025 was successfully organised between March 10-April 12, 2025, for all the undergraduate and postgraduate final year students. The sessions included inter-religious prayer services, sessions on spreading peace and harmony, gratitude to friends, and gratitude to teachers. The Kairos team was led by Fr Brian Pereira SJ, HRDC, and Bembala Outreach Centre.

NSS

St Joseph's University's 5 NSS units are active throughout the year to further the cause of social justice and welfare, in addition 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 a cleanliness drive with Margga NGO, a visit to People for Animals, Meal Packing efforts for the Needy, and collaborations with the Forest Department. Trisha P, a NSS volunteer, represented SJU at the National Parade on Republic Day.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry at St Joseph's University is committed to addressing both the spiritual and corporal needs of students. The Ministry conducts regular weekly masses for Catholic students, providing them with opportunities for communal worship and spiritual growth. In parallel, Human Resource Development (HRD) classes are organised for non-Catholic students, ensuring inclusive and value-based formation across diverse faith backgrounds. Among its distinguished initiatives is the Ignitors Integral Formation Programme, aimed at fostering leadership, ethical responsibility, and personal growth among students. A highlight of the Ministry's annual calendar is the solemn and vibrant celebration of the Christmas Mass, which witnesses the participation of over 2,500 Catholic students, marking a profound expression of unity, joy, and shared faith within the university community.

SJU Sports Day

SJU held its 141th Annual Athletic Meet on January 11, 2025, with Mr Karunakar Raj, International Soccer Player, as chief gueSt Events included staff relay races and an inter-college sports fest featuring 11 games.

Josephite Choir

The Josephite Choir, the only student-led choir in Bangalore with a legacy spanning over a century, continues to inspire through music. On August 24, 2024, the choir represented the university at the 32nd Glorious: Festival of Harmony at Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan. During the 2024 Christmas season, they performed at Magnificat (Christ University Central & Kengeri), St Pius X Church, Ascension Church, and UB City. The choir won 3rd place at the Global Carol Singing Competition by Hindustan Group of Institutions, Chennai, and 2nd place at VR Mall's Annual Christmas Carol Competition, along with a cash prize of Rs 10,000 and Rs15,000 respectively. On February 16, 2025, they performed at Resound hosted by

St Joseph's College of Commerce, themed "This Is Us." Through every event, the choir continues to uphold its motto—"Singing for the Greater Glory of God."

NCC

During the academic year 2024–25, cadets actively participated in various training programmes, community service initiatives, and national-level camps. On May 14, 2024, 29 cadets were present for the occasion of College Day. Eleven second year cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 received awards for their remarkable achievements, including Best Cadet, Best Shooter, and Excellence in Leadership awards, setting an inspiration for the juniors. Nine third year cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 were recognised for their various accolades, including Republic Day Camp representation, SSB Super 30 Camp selection, Best Drill Performance, and accolades from Special National Integration Camp and Army Attachment Camps (CMP and MEG & Centre). Their achievements also spanned victories in inter-group competitions of RDC and AITSC, with several cadets securing top three positions in cultural and drill events. Three cadets of 1 Karnataka Air Sqn NCC of St Joseph's University attended RDC 2025, one in the Kartavya Path, a feat which the college is achieving after 6 years, and two cadets in the 'Best Cadet' event, where both the cadets from the institute bagged medals for the 2nd consecutive year. Furthermore, this year's victory in the All India Best Cadet Air SD event marks a historic hat-trick of cadets from the same institute and Unit winning the coveted award. SJU NCC cadets also achieved a remarkable feat by cycling 650 km from Bengaluru to Kanyakumari in just 45 hours. Five cadets also represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp

NETSF

The Northeast & Tibetan Students Forum (NETSF) of St Joseph's University hosted its vibrant Food Fest 2025 on February 3, 2025, celebrating the rich culinary heritage of Northeast India and Tibet. The Food Fest 2025 not only celebrated the gastronomic diversity of Northeast India and Tibet but also reinforced the university's commitment to cultural awareness and community spirit.

AICUF

St Joseph's University observed Ignatian Week 2025 with enthusiasm, uniting students, faculty, and leadership in a series of meaningful initiatives centered on self-discovery, compassion, and community engagement. AICUF organised a rally to raise awareness about the Wayanad flood crisis, followed by a solemn prayer service led by Fr Jaison, in memory of those affected. The event underscored the values of solidarity and social responsibility. In response to recent incidents of sexual violence, AICUF also hosted a prayer and awareness meet, advocating for justice and societal change. A candle-lighting ceremony symbolised hope and healing, while discussions emphasised the need for education and collective action. Additionally, a self-defence training session was conducted, promoting empowerment and safety, particularly for women, through skill-building and confidence enhancement. AICUF has reaffirmed the University's commitment to justice, empathy, and transformative leadership among its students.

SJU Hostel

The Gents' Hostel of St Joseph's University observed its 78th Hostel Day on March 23, 2025, marking a testimony of decades of camaraderie and selfless service.

Alumni Connect with SJUAA

The Golden Jubilee Reunion of the 1974 batch was celebrated with great enthusiasm on August 4, 204 at the SJU campus. The Coorg Chapter of the SJU Alumni Association held its Annual Get-Together on October 15, 2024, in Kodagu bringing together a vibrant group of 70 alumni for a day of reconnecting and reminiscing. Syed Kirmani, Indian cricketer & Alumnus of SJU presented his autobiography Stumped.

Conclusion

As the university looks back at a year of work, 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.

VISION WORKSHOP

The Strategic Vision Workshop

Driven by a commitment to propel St Joseph's University to greater heights in higher education, senior leaders and faculty participated in an engaging, intensive three-day Vision Workshop in Mysore between May 24, 2024, and May 26, 2024. Esteemed Mr Anand Nayak, Independent Director of the ITC Board, former Executive Vice President, Human Resources of ITC Limited for more than 42 years, OBA Lifetime Achievement Awardee of St Joseph's College, and initiator of various social development programmes especially of sustainability solutions for rural India; and renowned Mr Steve Correa, Executive Coach, HR Consultant with over 30 years of experience spanning several sectors that include major global corporates, and the author of the book "TIBAW", facilitated the Workshop with their expertise and inspiring perspectives.

A significant milestone in the 'Journey Ahead', the workshop provided a unique opportunity for deep reflection and strategic planning in the envisioning of SJU as an esteemed Centre of Excellence for Learning and establishing it as one of the leading universities in the country, deeply rooted in Jesuit traditions and values. The deliberations focused on the organisational energy to drive transformative change and alignment of individual aspirations to the shared Institutional Vision.

A key outcome of the workshop was identifying individuals and teams responsible for implementing the strategies discussed for consistent progression. The teams of the Big Tent and Small Tent were formed with a clear road map, initiating the journey for the 'Way Forward'.

The members of the Small Tent compiled and shared a comprehensive SWOT analysis, along with suggestions and recommendations from their deliberations, with the Steering Committee and the Big Tent members. While making significant strides towards excellence, the collaboration and commitment of the teaching and non-teaching staff and the addressal of challenges would be vital for achieving success in the chartered focus areas.



The SJU Vision Team with Mr Anand Nayak

SJU – Our Vision and the Journey Ahead

Continuing the Visionary, transformative journey, the one-day Programme from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. was conducted in August 2024, with esteemed Mr Anand Nayak as the facilitator. A consensus was reached on the nine focus areas – Faculty, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Research, Infrastructure, Networking, Student Support, Non-Teaching Staff and Culture.

New members of the Extended Big Tent were inducted, teams formed, and team leaders nominated based on their interests, strengths, and areas of expertise. Challenges were identified following deliberations on the analysis of SWOT. The teams collaborated to outline their specific objectives, methodology, timeline, and allocation of responsibilities to each team member. The Steering Committee members discussed their roles as mentors and the various ways they could support the teams in achieving their goals.

The Programme played a vital role in the formation of the Extended Big Tent, defining the nine key focus areas, delegating responsibilities, and laying the groundwork for continuous progression and success.

Landmarks for the Journey Ahead - I

On December 19, 2024, the Small Tent hosted the first "Landmarks for the Journey Ahead" Programme from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In a spirit of collaboration and shared purpose,

faculty, staff, and Honourable members of the Steering Committee participated in the Programme facilitated by esteemed Mr Anand Nayak. The distinguished External Member was Rev. Dr Frazer Mascarenhas SJ, former Principal, St Xavier's College, Mumbai, and member of numerous education committees and initiatives, including a current term as Member of the Steering Committee of the Planning Commission of India, specifically contributing to financial allocation recommendations for Higher and Technical Education.

Each team provided updates regarding defined goals, action plans, and timelines in their respective focus areas. By the end of the Programme, an accountability matrix for effective monitoring and implementation, with clear objectives, detailed action plans and timelines, was established. The valuable insights of the External Observer and Honourable members of the Steering Committee emphasised the importance of sustained effort and collaboration. Marked by active participation, constructive dialogue, and a shared commitment to excellence, the programme enabled team members to identify challenges, seek insights, and realign strategies with the Vision of SJU.

The Study Visit to Azim Premji University,

The Study Visit to Azim Premji University on February 7, 2025, facilitated a deep understanding of the operations of the University through a detailed Question and Answer session. Discussions covered key areas like Curriculum, Research, Infrastructure, Social impact, Faculty development, Student life and Administration. The visiting team gained valuable insights into the best practices of the University and identified potential areas for improvement, laying the foundation for future collaboration and implementation.

Landmarks for the Journey Ahead - II

The second programme, "Landmarks for the Journey Ahead", conducted on February 28, 2025, continued its proceedings from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Extended members of the Big Tent deliberated upon actionable long-term, mid-term and short-term strategies, to realise the Vision of SJU. The esteemed Facilitators, Mr Anand Nayak and Mr Steve Correa, Honourable members of the Steering Committee and renowned External Members, Rev Dr Frazer Mascarenhas SJ and Mr Anil Sachdev, Founder and Chairman of SOIL, former Chairman of the National Committee on Industrial relations and President of the National HRD Network of Delhi, guided the discussions with their valuable insights and perspectives.

The significant progress of the teams since last year, a development highly commended, was attributed to the trust-based environment of the Jesuit Fathers that has encouraged progressive growth. Team leaders and their members engaged in detailed discussions on the nine focus areas. These discussions contributed to the formulation of actionable strategies for building a high-performance culture, with the aim of achieving the University's preeminence in higher education.

In the near future, we expect to see the fruition of our efforts, which is a significant step forward in establishing SJU as a Leading Centre of Excellence.



The Vision Team during a group discussion



Our staff at 'Landmarks of the Journey Ahead'

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Faculty Development Programme

FDP for all staff was organised by the Gender Sensitisation Cell on July 6, 2024 coordinated by Dr Grace Prabhakar, where two major topics were highlighted and discussed. The convenors were Dr Chandini Bhambani and Dr Grace Prabhakar. The first session was on substance abuse titled 'Tobacco Abuse among Students of Higher Education Institutes,' by Mr S J Chander, CEO, Foundation for Sustainable Health, India and 'Alcohol & Drugs Abuse among Students of Higher Education Institutes' by Dr Jayant Mahadevan, Assistant Professor, NIMHANS. The concluding remarks were given by the Vice Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ. The second session aimed at 'gender awareness' was delivered by Ms Akkai Padmashali, a Transgender Rights activiSt This was followed by a panel discussion on sexual minorities on campus. The panellists were activists Ms Madhu Bhushan, Ms Twisha Mehta, Dr Arul Mani, and the moderator was Ms Shagun from Gamana Women's Collective.

Induction Programme June 2024

The induction programme took place between June 29, 2024, and July 6, 2024. Dr Joyce D'Souza, Dr Sayantani, Dr Usha Priyadarshini, and Mr Clement D'Souza served as the convenors. It was conducted in the AV Room at Arrupe Block, and the theme was 'Jesuit Ethos, Teaching, Learning, and Classroom Management.' Col KC Menon, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Mr Anuplal, Dr Mini Mark Bonjour, Dr Arul Mani, Mr Prem Kumar, Dr Sam Joshua, COO, Baldwin International Academy; Dr Madappa, Mr Ebenezer Sam, Assistant Director of Bembala; Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr Etienne Rassendren, Dr Michael Rajamathi R, Fr Arun D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer; Mr Thomas Jacob, Dr Gerard Rozario J, Mr Cyril, Linways Team, and Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco were among the speakers.

The following sessions were held with "Jesuit Ethos and Characteristics of Jesuit Education" as the theme. 'History of SJU,' 'Classroom Dynamics: reflections on classroom management,' 'MAGIS and Teaching,' 'SJU Library Orientation,' The Youth Compass: Inspiring minds and building character,' IQAC, 'Outreach Activities and Social Concerns.' The Research Policy, Grants and Structure, Mentoring. 'Classroom Practice: some reflections,' 'Research Ethics and Publications,' 'Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in Finance Department,' 'Teacher Emotions and well-being,' 'Micro Teaching Skills,' 'Examination System,' Briefing on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, University application and various aspects of St Joseph's University's administrative structure were carefully planned and systematically organised.

JESCOL I

From November 4 - 6, 2024, Jescol I was conducted for incoming faculty members on the campus. This programme involved eighty-five individuals in all. The Rector, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, introduced the programme. Fr Joel Fernandes, SJ, a presenter, spoke on the strength of teamwork in the institution. The history of the Jesuits was then explained by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, whose address was titled 'Jesus History: Origin and Growth.' Dr (Fr) Charles Lasrado, SJ, Principal of St Joseph's Commerce College, spoke on 'Jesuit legacy: purpose, vision, and mission.' Ms Renuka Zakaraiah from SJPUC, Mr Raj Sadhvani, SJCC; Ms Gauri Achanta, SJBHS, and Mr Vinod Amrithraj, SJIHS, were the panellists. Everyone who attended the workshop walked away with a fresh sense of direction and a profound understanding of the significant influence of Jesuit education.

Day 2 consisted of sessions titled 'Characteristics of Jesuit education by Mr Clement D'Souza, SJ, 'Jesuits and spiritual exercises' by Fr Pradeep Crasta, SJ; 'Jesuit commitment to peace and dialogue' by Fr Olvin Veigas, SJ; 'Jesuits and option for the poor' by Fr Arun Luis, SJ. This talk highlighted that SJU students are trained to become men and women for others. The first topic of day 3 was 'Collaboration' by Fr Joseph D Mello, SJ, followed by the topic 'Jesuits: leadership and governance' by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ.

Loyola Degree College Staff Training

Programme

Conducted on January 25, 2025, phase 1 of FDP for staff members of Loyola Degree College was organised by Dr Christo Selvan. The FDP was conducted department-wise, in the School of Business and the School of Languages and Literatures, followed by a session on functioning of the admin office, organised by Ms Emilda.

The staff training programme was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of academic and administrative functions within the university and its departments.

Ms Amita Priyadarshini led the session conducted by the Department of Commerce. The session included a discussion on the department's infrastructure, resources, and support systems available for faculty members.

Dr Arul Mani led the session conducted by the School of Languages and Literatures.

A detailed talk was delivered on the role in curriculum development, syllabus revision, and ensuring alignment with industry and academic standards. Insights were provided into regular departmental activities, including faculty meetings, research discussions, and student feedback sessions. Office staff members were briefed on the library's rules, shown the physical facilities, including reading rooms, discussion areas, and digital resource centers. The IQAC team provided an overview of the documents and processes required for NAAC accreditation and institutional rankings. Mr Gopal from the COE office explained the processes for preparing and maintaining Continuous Internal Assessment (CiA) documents, including mark sheets, attendance records, and question papers. The procedures for conducting end-semester examinations, such as question paper setting, moderation, and evaluation, were detailed. Ms Emilda, Superintendent of the Admin Office, outlined the administrative office's functions, including student record management, communication with faculty, and coordination of academic activities. The HR team provided an overview of policies and functions.

Phase 2 of the FDP was conducted on February 8, 2025 in Loyola Degree College. Mr Umair, department of Commerce, conducted a session on mentoring at SJU, emphasising the importance of personalised guidance for students. Dr Madappa, Coordinator of IQAC, St Joseph's University explained the functions of the IQAC in maintaining and enhancing institutional quality, including academic audits, feedback collection, and implementation of best practices. Inclusivity and New Approaches for Student Issues was addressed by Dr Neeta, Expert in Inclusive Education and Student Counselling. Dr Neeta discussed the importance of creating an inclusive learning environment that accommodates students from diverse backgrounds, including those with socio-economic challenges. The session introduced innovative approaches to address student issues, such as mental health support, peer mentoring, and proactive counselling.



The teaching staff, with speakers from each department

Monthly SJUAA Managing Committee Meetings

The St Joseph's Alumni Association Managing Committee held a total of 10 meetings through 2024, focusing on key initiatives aimed at strengthening alumni engagement and enhancing institutional growth.

Corporate Outreach & CSR Engagement

A major emphasis was placed on connecting with corporations to facilitate internship opportunities, campus placements, and securing CSR funds. The committee has reached out to over 2,000 organisations across Karnataka.

Fundraising for the New Campus

Extensive discussions were held to formulate a strategic plan for fundraising to support the new university campus at Bannerghatta Road – Mount St Joseph's. The committee is actively working to ensure the necessary financial backing for the project.

Alumni Engagement Expansion

The committee remains committed to increasing alumni participation in the Alumni Association. Efforts are being made to onboard as many Josephites as possible.

These meetings played a crucial role in shaping the future direction of the association, and continued support for the university's development.

SJUAA EVENTS

Medical & Blood Donation Camp

The Medical & Blood Donation Camp, organised by SJUAA in collaboration with St Joseph's University (SJU), NSS, NCC, and YRC, was held on July 25, 2024 at the St Joseph's University Campus in association with St Martha's Hospital. Running from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, the event was open to students, staff, and the general public, offering an opportunity for both voluntary blood donation and comprehensive health check-ups. The initiative saw an overwhelming response, with 300 units of blood successfully collected, contributing to a noble cause. Additionally, a significant number of students, faculty members, and members of the public availed themselves of the medical check-up services.

The event was highly appreciated by participants and organisers alike, reinforcing the importance of community-driven health initiatives. Given its success, plans are in place to establish the Medical & Blood Donation Camp as an annual event, further strengthening the university's commitment to social responsibility and well-being.





Blood donation camp organised by SJUAA

1974 Batch – Golden Jubilee Celebration

The Golden Jubilee Reunion of the 1974 batch was celebrated with great enthusiasm on August 4, 2024 at the St Joseph's University Campus. The event brought together 25 alumni who gathered to commemorate 50 years of their journey since graduating from the university.

The occasion was graced by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor of SJU, and Fr Denzil Lobo, Dean of the School of IT Fr Denzil E. Lobo delivered an insightful presentation on the history and future plans of the university, highlighting its evolution and upcoming initiatives. Mr Lakshminarayana, President of SJUAA, reflected on the strong bond between the alumni and their alma mater.

A deep sense of gratitude was expressed by the batch members and as a token of appreciation, the 1974 batch donated INR 1.25 lakhs towards the development of the new campus.

To commemorate this milestone, customised merchandise was specially designed for the occasion.

Corporate Connect

On August 24, 2024, St Joseph's University welcomed a distinguished panel of business leaders and industry experts for the Corporate Connect event. The visiting dignitaries included Ms Revathy Ashok, Board Member, Angel Investor, and Co-Founder of Strategy Garage, Mr Chandrakanth B N – Founder, Pairee Group, Mr Uday Shankar, Start-up Mentor and Alumnus, Mr D. Ashok, Certified CEO and Executive Coach, Adjunct Faculty at IIMs and Dr Sridhar Rajendran, CHRO and Adarsh Properties.

During the event, Fr Denzil Lobo presented the new campus plans, outlining the university's ambitious vision for the future. The guests provided invaluable insights and strategic recommendations for fundraising efforts, which are now in the process of being implemented. Their expertise and support are expected to play a crucial role in strengthening the university's corporate engagement and financial sustainability.

Coorg Chapter Get-Together

The Coorg Chapter of the SJU Alumni Association (SJUAA) held its Annual Get-Together on October 15, 2025 at The Planters Club, Gonnikoppal, Kodagu bringing together 70 alumni.

The event was graced by the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, the Vice -Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Fr Denzil Lobo, Dean of the School of IT, the President of the SJUAA, Mr Lakshminarayan and BU Manu, the President of the Coorg Chapter.





The annual get-together, 2025, with 70 alumni

The gathering was addressed by Fr Swebert D'Silva, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, and Mr Lakshminarayana, President of SJUAA, emphasising the importance of alumni contributions to the university's ongoing growth.

Adding to the nostalgic atmosphere, several retired faculty members, including Dr Bopaiah, Dr Latha Radhakrishnan, Dr Subhashini Muthukrishnan, and Dr Berin Lucas, attended the event as well.

A special highlight of the gathering was the presence of senior alumni, Mr A B Devaiah (89 years old) and Brigadier M B Devaiah (84 years old). Their participation was a testament to the enduring spirit of the Josephite community, making the event a truly memorable one.

SJUAA Annual Get-Together

The 104th Annual Get-Together of the St Joseph's University Alumni Association (SJUAA) was held on December 15, 2024 at the SJU campus, bringing together a lively gathering of 350 alumni under the nostalgic theme, "GOOD OL' DAYS."

The event commenced at 11:30 am and continued till 5:30 pm, offering a day filled with music, dance, games, and rekindled friendships. Fr Prashanth Madtha, the Chief Guest, was honored for his remarkable literary contributions, celebrating his influence in the field of literature. Additionally, Mr M Purushotham (Batch of 1969) was recognised for his extensive collection of vinyl, cassettes, and CDs, a testament to his passion for music preservation.

The gathering was addressed by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, the Pro-Chancellor and Mr Lakshminarayana, President of SJUAA.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr Anuplal, Deputy Director of SJUAA. With a festive atmosphere filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a sumptuous lunch hosted by SJUAA, leaving cherished memories.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day 2024 began at St Joseph's University with an air of patriotism pervading every corner. In the presence of staff, students, alumni, and a few parents, SJU (which was active in the Indian Freedom Struggle during 1937-1947) witnessed grand Independence Day celebrations.

After inspecting a spectacular Guard of Honour accorded to him by both Units of National Cadet Corps, all the Five Units of the National Service Scheme and the Youth Red Cross, Vice-Chancellor Hon Major Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ hoisted the National Flag on University Grounds. The officials and student leaders of SJU, led by the Registrar, greeted the Vice-Chancellor. In his Independence Message, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the role played by the youth of the country in liberating India from colonial rule and called upon the students to be role models in National Service and Nation Building.

The Registrar & Chairman of the Celebrations Committee, Dr Melwin Colaco, gave the National Salute, bringing to an end the formal celebrations of the Day.

The Management hosted the customary Independence Day Tea Party.

In the presence of the NCC, The Protocol in Charge, Mr G Anuplal lowered the National Flag at 6 pm bringing curtains down on a memorable Independence Day Celebration.











The parade and felicitation of the student cadets

REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day Celebrations

The Republic Day Celebrations at St Joseph's University commenced on the morning of January 26, 2025 with the Honourable Vice Chancellor Hon Major Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, inspecting a combined Guard of Honour accorded by the Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron, 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, volunteers of all units of the National Service Scheme and Youth Red Cross Volunteers.



The guard of honour at SJU

The National Flag was unfurled by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor at 9 am. After the administering of the National pledge, the Pro Chancellor Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ and Vice-Chancellor Hon Major Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, received greetings from dignitaries and leaders of various associations.

In their Republic Day addresses, the Pro Chancellor Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ and Vice Chancellor Hon Major Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, emphasised the importance of protecting the rights and values enshrined in the Constitution of India and preserving the Nation's unity and inclusiveness. They asserted the importance of students playing an important role in community service aimed at the less privileged and in nation building.

In a solemn and impressive Military Ceremony-The Piping-Ceremony, the Vice Chancellor Hon Major Dr Victor Lobo SJ, assisted by the NCC Officers Squadron Leader Dr Paul Newman and Captain Akshay D Mandlik, conferred ranks on the following NCC Cadets-

1 KARNATAKA ARMOURED SQUADRON

Cadet Junior Under Officer Syed Faisal Ahmed
Cadet Junior Under Officer Garv Bhararia
Company Sargent Major Gajapati Mahapatra
Company Quarter Master Sargent Aditya J

1 KARNATAKA AIR SQUADRON

Company Warrant Officer Alon Joy Kachhap
Cadet Sergeant Vedanth Karumbaiah
Cadet Sergeant Steve Vins
Cadet Sergeant Rajeshwari

The parents of the Cadets who received their Ranks, were present to witness the grand and solemn function.

The grand celebrations culminated with the Registrar & Chairman of the Celebrations Committee Dr Melwin Colaco giving the National Salute. The Management hosted the customary tea party.

At 6 pm, in the presence of the NCC, Protocol In Charge Mr G.Anuplal lowered the National Flag marking the end of Republic Day Celebrations of 2025.





The Registrar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and the Pro-Chancellor 1

ELIXIR 2024

St Joseph's University (SJU) hosted Elixir 2024, the annual Open Day event, bringing together students, educators and experts for a day of learning, innovation, and networking. This year's edition, curated by a dedicated core committee under the leadership of Dr Christo Selvan, reaffirmed SJU's commitment to academic excellence and community engagement. The event was planned and executed by a team of over 19 core members, including Dr Asha K, Dr Ance Tressa, Dr Vaishnavi, Dr Rama Gokula Krishnan, Dr Mrinmoyee, Dr Parul Goel, Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Dr Sunitha Rajamani, Dr Paramesha, Dr Gerard Rozario, and others.

External contributors like Ms Rupinder Kaur and administrative support from Mr Binod ensured seamless coordination.



Elixir 2024 Inauguration Ceremony

The event transformed the SJU campus into a vibrant hub featuring 129 student exhibits from 10 schools, with over 1,400 students presenting. A high school exhibition showcased 14 displays from eight schools, highlighting the zeal of young minds. Career guidance sessions provided insights into diverse fields such as science, arts, business and IT, while the Principal Conclave convened 28 school principals to discuss "connecting the dots", focusing on AI's role in education and bridging the gap between secondary and higher education. Additionally, the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) engaged 78 high school teachers, with an insightful session by Mr Shashank S from IISc Bengaluru on integrating AI and teaching. Interactive campus tours showcased SJU's research centers, sports facilities and Aruppe Nivas, alongside social media competitions and networking opportunities.

Insights from the Principal Conclave

The Principal Conclave was one of the event's most thought-provoking segments. Dr Christo Selvan emphasised the crucial role of AI in shaping educational methodologies. Prominent speakers include:

- Ms Anupama Ramachandra (DPS, Electronic City) – "Future Trends in AI Education"
- Ms Anitha Bijesh (DPS North) – "Early Exposure to Higher Education"
- Ms Hamsa Venugopal (New Baldwin Group of Education) – "Technology Integration and Digital Literacy"

An Open House Panel Discussion, led by Ms Amita Priyadarshini and Ms Rupinder, focused on Building Collaborative Pathways, addressing curriculum design, inclusivity and strategies for improving academic excellence.

Celebrating Excellence

The awards segment recognised outstanding contributions. Delhi Public School, South, secured first place in the high school exhibition, followed by School of India, Kanakapura Road.



Students of DPS South receiving an award

Words of Appreciation

The impact of Elixir 2024 was reflected in the positive feedback received:

"The event was exceptionally well-Organised and the student volunteers were incredibly attentive. Dr Christo's hospitality made us feel

truly valued." – Ms Nidhi Tripathi, Nalapad Group of Institutions
"Thank you for inviting us! Our students and staff had an amazing experience and we truly appreciate the transportation provided." – California School

"A well-curated event with excellent takeaways. The hospitality and organisation were top-notch." – Ms Sangeetha, Sasi Group of Institutions

A Legacy of Learning and Innovation
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As Elixir 2024 concludes, SJU continues to inspire, innovate and lead the way in higher education—with greater milestones yet to come.

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"Connecting the Dots", a conclave of 28 principals, was held as part of Elixir 2024. At the panel discussion, Dr Christo emphasised the importance of bridging the gap between secondary education schools and universities like St Joseph's University. Additionally, the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) engaged 78 high school teachers, with an insightful session by Mr Shashank S from IISc Bengaluru on integrating AI and teaching. Interactive campus tours showcased SJU's research centers, sports facilities and Arrupe Nivas.

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The winners of legacy of learning and innovation of different events

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council election at St Joseph's University was held on August 2, 2024, marking an important event in promoting student leadership and representation. Ajay Krishna from III HPS was elected President of the Student Council, while Manasa Prakash, III BCA was chosen as the Vice President. Aaron Samuel, III JPY, and Aaditya CK, II BCom, were elected General Secretary 1 and 2, respectively. Anjali Anna Jose, III BBA, was elected as the Cultural Secretary, and Krithika CB, III BCom was elected as the Sports Secretary. Niveditha Narayanan from II MA English was also elected as the Joint Secretary. The election reflected the active participation and enthusiasm of the students.



Ajay Krishna



Manasa Prakash



Aaron Samuel



Aaditya CK



Anjali Anna Jose



Krithika CB



John Denzel



Niveditha Narayanan

The student council began their journey by taking a significant step in organising an awareness campaign on August 26 2024, in response to the Kolkata rape case. The campaign saw participation from over 500 students at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, along with active involvement from university associations like E-Cell, Open Heart, WACC (Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club), WMA (Western Music Association), and Kalah.

The Student Council helped organise many events on campus. Visages, an inter-college fest, was held on February 21 and 22, 2025. Swagath, the freshers' day celebration, gave students a chance to meet and connect. Onam, Teachers' Day, and Women's Day were celebrated with great student participation. The Student Council also worked with Under 25, a youth platform. Together, they held a summit on December 18, 2024, in the university auditorium.

The Student Council played an active role throughout the year, creating opportunities for students to learn and connect beyond the classrooms.

Student Council Election

The Student Council elections for the academic year 2024-25 began with a two-day campaign on July 29 and 30, 2024 where candidates presented their vision and plans. On August 1 2024 they delivered an open address to the student body. The election results were announced by the Election Commissioner on August 2 2024 at 6:30 pm. The newly elected council members were Ajay Krishna from III HPS as President, Manasa Prakash from II BCA as Vice President, Aaron Samuel from III JPY as General Secretary 1, Aaditya CK from II BCom as General Secretary 2, Anjali Anna Jose from III BBA as Cultural Secretary, Krithika CB from III BCom as Sports Secretary, and Niveditha Narayanan from II MA

English as Joint Secretary.

Investiture Ceremony

The first major event of the newly elected student council was the investiture ceremony, held on August 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium. In attendance was the previous council, student council representatives from various institutions across Bengaluru, management officials, and the families of the newly elected members. The chief guest for the ceremony was Mr Pratap Kumar, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. During the event, the council members were formally honoured with their badges and sashes, marking the beginning of their tenure.



Student Council members with the Council Governer, Mr Prem Sagar

Awareness Campaign

The student council began their journey by taking a significant step in organising an awareness campaign on August 26 2024, in response to the Kolkata rape case. The campaign saw participation from 500 students at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, along with active involvement from university associations like E-Cell, Open Heart, WACC, WMA, and Kalah. Cultural performances served as vehicles to spread awareness and women speakers, including Ms Brinda Adige from the Global Concerns India NGO, shared their thoughts and perspectives on the issue. University management officials also joined the campaign, showing their support and reinforcing the importance of standing against sexual violence.

Teachers' Day

On September 10, 2024 the student council celebrated Teachers' Day to express gratitude to educators. All teachers were invited to the celebration and many of them participated in cultural performances, making the event even more special. As part of the celebration, members of the Student Council personally visited and gifted every teaching and non-teaching staff a token of appreciation on behalf of all the students of the university.

Onam celebration

On September 19, 2024 the student council conducted the Onam celebration to honour the vibrant Malayali community in the university. The event took place during the 40-minute lunch break, providing students with the opportunity to showcase and express Malayali culture through performances and festivities.

Swagath

The Freshers' Day event, Swagath, was held on September 27, 2024, and welcomed around three thousand students. First-year students were given the opportunity to showcase their talents on the main stage, setting a vibrant tone for the academic year. All cultural associations performed and introduced their teams. The event began at 4:00 pm and concluded by 7:00 pm, creating an energetic and inclusive atmosphere for the incoming batch.

Prathibha 2024

Prathibha, the annual intercollegiate fest, was held from September 23 to 28, 2024. This vibrant celebration of creativity and talent featured events in dance, music, fashion, and more. Over three hundred students formed the organising committee, managing areas such as logistics, art and décor, technical support, and security. Despite a minor time-management issue leading to the cancellation of the DJ session, all cultural events ran smoothly. The School of Business emerged as overall winners for their stellar performances. The fest stood as a testament to student talent, dedication, and teamwork.



Peer-to-Peer Learning Initiative

Launched during the 2024 odd semester examinations, the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Learning Initiative received an overwhelming response. The initiative connected over thirty volunteer tutors with more than two hundred learners via WhatsApp groups, facilitating collaborative study through shared notes and discussions. Students praised the platform for its academic support and the spirit of mutual learning. This initiative not only aided exam preparation but also fostered a culture of peer engagement and academic collaboration.

Under 25 Summit

In collaboration with Under 25, a youth platform, the Student Council hosted a summit on December 18, 2024. Held in the university auditorium, the event featured creators such as Anto Philip and Reshi Magada and was attended by five hundred students. The summit provided a platform for students to engage with industry professionals, gain inspiration, and explore creative opportunities.

Women's Week Programme

As part of Women's Week, observed in March 2025, Student Council members actively supported activities organised by NSS Unit 3. On March 11, students joined NSS for flash mobs to promote women's empowerment. Their performances energised the programme and contributed to an impactful celebration.

Visages 2025 – Intercollegiate Fest

Visages 2025, the university's flagship intercollegiate fest, was held on February 21 and 22. The inauguration was graced by Sharlaine Menezes, Goa's first woman rapper, and Dr Devika, alongside university management. The fest saw participation from seven college contingents, with SJCC securing the overall trophy. Leading up to the event, Pre-Visages Week included flash mobs and campus-wide activities that generated excitement. Highlights of the fest included two DJ nights—a performance by an in-house DJ on Day 1 and a Sunburn Campus set on Day 2—making it a memorable celebration of student creativity and spirit.



Some snippets from the events in 2024

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christmas Eucharistic Celebration on December 20, 2024, at 12:20 pm in the University auditorium. It was attended by all 2500 catholic students and staff of the university. The main celebrant was Fr Arokia Raj Satis Kumar, SJ. The celebration concluded the week-long Christmas celebration events hosted by AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) for all the students on campus. Fr Satis Kumar, SJ, was facilitated by the Pro Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and the Pro Vice Chancellor. It was followed by a fellowship lunch organised by the campus ministry.







Moments from the Christmas celebration



Fr Arokia Raj Satis Kumar, SJ, being felicitated by the University officials

FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The annual convocation of St Joseph's University was conducted on 27, September 2024, two years to the day since the institution was granted university status. The event was a proud moment in our history, honouring the first set of students to graduate from the university.



The dignitaries at the Convocation

The first annual convocation was held to confer degrees to the first batch of post-graduate students to emerge from the university. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Pro-Visitor of the university, Dr M C Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, and the Chancellor, Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province. The renowned neurologist Dr Thimappa Hegde, Director, Narayana Institute of Neurosciences, was the Chief Guest for the programme. Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, the hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the university, presided over the programme in absentia.

Taking into account the vast volume of guests and graduands, the programme was held in two parts – a centralised convocation programme held in the university ground, followed by school-wise decentralised convocation programmes held in multiple venues. 570 post-graduate students from 9 schools and 21 programmes were awarded degrees during the convocation. The event was attended by over 1500 guests, faculty members, and non-teaching staff of the university.

Students and their guests were required to register at a desk by 08:00 am on the day of the programme. At 08:15 am, the university flag was hoisted in front of New Block by the Vice Chancellor, Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, in the presence of the Pro-Vice Chancellors, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, Deans and Heads of Departments.

At 09:15 am, the Procession of Graduands began. Each batch was led by the First Rank Holder, Best Outgoing Student (of the School), PG Coordinator and Head of the Department, and proceeded with the accompaniment of band music to the main venue at the university ground. This was followed by the Procession of Dignitaries. Escorted by NCC volunteers and the Police Band, the Controller of Examinations and the Registrar–bearing the university and national flags–led the procession which included the Deans, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Chancellor, Visitor and Chief Guest.



PG students headed for the ceremony

The formal programme commenced with the national anthem and the Karnataka anthem, followed by a prayer song, rendered by the University Choir. The Welcome Address was delivered by the Vice Chancellor, followed by an address by the Chancellor. In his spirited speech, Dr M C Sudhakar, spoke of the pioneering role played by St Joseph's University and the constant collaboration between public offices and private institutions in Karnataka. The convocation speech was, then, delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr Thimmappa Hegde. Dr Hegde inspired the

students, narrating stories and anecdotes, to dream big while remaining mentally resilient. Emphasising the need for gratefulness, he stated that one has to repay three debts in one's life – the debt towards one's parents, the debt towards society, and the debt to one's teachers.

Following the convocation speech, in a moment of great pride and privilege, the graduands from the postgraduate batch of 2024 were presented by the Controller of Examinations and the conferment of degrees was approved by the Chancellor. The certificates for Best Outgoing or other official dignitaries of the university. After the distribution of certificates and a bag containing gifts and souvenirs, the new graduands were led in taking the convocation pledge by their Deans.

The event, tinged with a sense of elation as well as nostalgia, marked a significant moment in academic career of the new graduates while showcasing the university's social commitment towards fostering men and women in service of others.





Dr M C Sudhakar felicitating a student

Student from each school as well as the First and Second Rank Holder from each programme were distributed on stage.

After the conclusion of the official ceremony, school-wise convocation programmes were conducted in various venues – Schools of Life Sciences and Chemical Sciences in the university ground, Schools of Physical Sciences and Information Technology in the auditorium, Schools of Commerce and Management, Communication, and Social Work in the basketball court, School of Languages and Literature, and MSc Counselling Psychology in Xavier Hall, and MA Economics and MA Political Science in De Nobili Hall. Snacks and refreshments were arranged at the different venues. During the school-wise programme, PG Coordinators read out the names of graduands who were handed out their degrees by the Dean



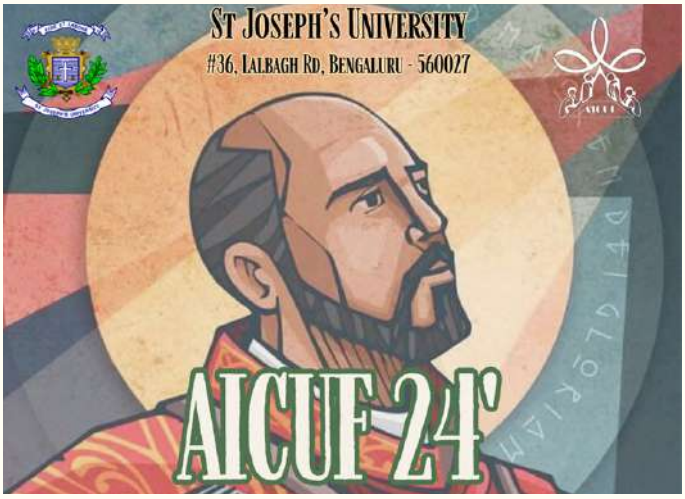


Quiet moments from the ceremony

Ignatian Week 2024

The annual Ignatian Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm and energy, aiming to inspire and encourage students to embark on a journey of self-discovery, creativity, and teamwork. This week-long festival, held with the theme "Ignite the Journey, Celebrating Transformation", brought together the community to foster transformation and growth through a variety of exciting events.

On July 22, 2024, the event commenced with an inspiring inaugural ceremony that set the tone for the festivities. College leaders, faculty and students joined hands harking the beginning of this transformative week.



The Ignatian Week Poster

A variety of events were conducted during the week. Pixel Palooza was a digital poster making event. The Dilemma Shipwreck was a thought-provoking debate event where participants tackled tricky hypothetical scenarios. Participants' logical reasoning and problem-solving skills were tested in Twisted Tiles, while their precision and coordination came to the fore in Tumble Towers, where participant attempted to build a cup pyramid. Blow Aghata Build Graham was a similar activity where teams worked together to build stable pyramids, blending engineering and creativity.

Students tried out their storytelling abilities in Reel Rumble, while, in Build the Society, teams collaborated to construct imaginative models of societies, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. Pirate Adventure was an exciting treasure hunt that combined strategy, teamwork and adventure. Living Legends involved participants displaying their acting talents by portraying legendary figures in captivating solo performances. Students showcased their musical talent in Sound spectacle, an instrumental music challenge. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony was on July 29, 2024.



Ignatian Week activities

Wayanad Rally

On August 7, 2024, the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) at St Joseph's University (SJU) organised a rally to raise awareness about the Wayanad flood crisis. Students marched while holding placards, calling for aid and action to support relief efforts in the flood-affected region. Following the rally, a prayer service led by Fr Jaison was held for the souls of those who lost their lives during this tragedy and for the recovery of the region. The event emphasised the importance of solidarity, compassion, and collective action responsive to natural disasters.

Independence Day

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), St Joseph's University, celebrated Independence Day at a Government School. The event began with the flag hoisting, followed by a patriotic speech, dance and singing performance by AICUF members, showcasing the unity and

diversity of India. Patriotic songs like "*Ae Watan*" filled the atmosphere with national pride.
After the performances, AICUF representatives and the school principal delivered speeches on the significance of independence and the role of youth in nation-building. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets, bringing joy to the students and leaving a lasting impression.



Independence Day Celebrations

Investiture Ceremony
The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), St Joseph's University, organised the Investiture Ceremony at Faber Hall to recognise and honour the newly-formed council. The Chief Guest for the day was Fr Jaison. The event started off with a solemn prayer. The AICUF anthem was sung with immense pride. An inspiring talk was given by the chief guest. The council members were badged and pledged their duties with great sincerity and pride. There were various cultural events like dance, singing, etc.

Prayer Meet
In response to recent incidents of sexual assault, including the incident that took place at the Karnataka Medical College, AICUF organised a prayer and awareness meet on August 29, 2024, to raise awareness and express solidarity for the victims.

The event began with a heartfelt address highlighting the urgent need for societal change. A prayer service was held for the healing of survivors and justice for the victims. Discussions on the causes of sexual violence and the importance of education and law enforcement were held. A symbolic candle-lighting ceremony, representing sorrow for the victims and hope for a brighter, safer society. The event concluded with a call for action, urging students to spread awareness and actively challenge harmful cultural norms. The meet was a powerful reminder of the community's responsibility to stand against sexual violence and to work for a more just society.

AICUF Orientation
On September 21, 2024, an orientation programme was organised for all the AICUFer's at the Auditorium Basement. The programme aimed at highlighting the mission and vision of AICUF. The Chief Guests for the day were Mr Ranjith and Mr Terance, alumni of AICUF. The event started off with a solemn prayer followed by the AICUF anthem. An inspiring and motivational talk was given by the chief guests. An action song was performed by all the AICUFers along with the council members. The event concluded with an expression of gratitude.

Christ Kengeri Campus Gospel Fest- ROPHE
The team from AICUF, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, delivered an outstanding performance at the Gospel Fest "ROPHE", organised by Christ University, Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru, on October 2, 2024. This event witnessed participation from numerous colleges, creating a competitive and spiritually enriching atmosphere for the students. Out of the 10 events held during the fest, the AICUF (SJU) team participated in 9 events and were victorious in 6. They showcased their talents in

a wide range of categories.

As a result of their consistent excellence, AICUF (SJU) was crowned Runners-Up of the entire feSt In recognition of their achievements, the team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 15,000.

This stellar performance stands testament to the hard work, dedication and talent of the AICUF SJU team. Their success at ROPHE not only highlights their skills but also their commitment to promoting faith through creative expression.



ROPHE - Promoting Hope through Creativity

Little Sisters of the Poor Outreach

AICUF (SJU) organised a donation drive aiming to help the elderly and abandoned children at an old age home run by the Little Sisters of The Poor. AICUF successfully ran the drive with immense positive response. A sense of service was built through the orientation programme conducted for all the AICUFer's. Donation boxes were placed in the campus and students were encouraged to donate generously.

Our students, driven by the AICUF spirit of kindness and compassion, donated various items that find their use in daily life. This drive is indeed a remarkable event in AICUF which reminded each individual that "Being rich is not about how much you have but how much you give."

AICUFers Got Talent

AICUFers Got Talent, a three-day event organised by the AICUF (SJU), was held on October 18, 19 and 20, 2024. This programme aimed to showcase the unique and creative talents of the AICUFers of SJU. The primary goal of the event was to provide a platform for AICUFers to display their special talents and foster a spirit of creativity and engagement.

All the competitions were conducted during the lunch break (12:55 pm to 1:45 pm) to ensure maximum participation and audience engagement without disrupting the academic schedules. Esteemed members of the university staff were invited to judge the performances. Their expertise and impartial judgment added credibility and excitement to the competitions.

The competitions such as solo dance, solo singing and face painting were conducted.

The university's staff provided valuable feedback and appreciated the participants for their dedication and performances.

AICUFer's Got Talent was a successful event achieving its objective of uncovering and celebrating the hidden talents of the SJU Unit AICUFer's. The event concluded with a valedictory programme conducted on December 19, 2024.

Christ Yashwanthpur Campus Gospel Fest-JUDAH

The AICUFers of St Joseph's University (SJU) participated in the event, JUDAH 2024, organised by CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur campus, Bengaluru.

The event commenced promptly at 9:00 am, bringing together students from various universities for a day filled with competition and creativity. The aforementioned team actively

engaged in several events, showcasing their talents and dedication.

The AICUF members from SJU demonstrated excellence in the cultural events. The students participated in a variety of cultural competitions, leaving an indelible mark with their artistic performances. The SJU unit proudly secured victories in multiple categories, standing out amongst the participating teams. Their outstanding performances highlighted the vibrant spirit and dedication of the AICUF members.

The event was well-organised and the participants enjoyed a lively and interactive event. The AICUF members of St Joseph's University returned with satisfaction. Their participation not only showcased their skills but also reinforced their commitment to individual development and representation of their values on a larger platform. The event JUDAH 2024 was a memorable experience for all, leaving students motivated and inspired.



Events conducted at Rophe

Tea Talk

The AICUF SJU Unit organised the Tea Talk event on December 7, 2024, with the aim of fostering self-improvement, enhancing communication skills, nurturing insightful minds and deepening the understanding of the AICUF's purpose, vision, and history.

The event commenced with a short prayer, setting a reflective tone for the gathering. This was followed by readings from the Holy Book, which emphasised on the values aligned with AICUF's objectives. The purpose of the event was highlighted. The honorable chief guest was warmly welcomed. The chief guest addressed the gathering, this set the stage for further successful council initiatives. A moment of gratitude was expressed by presenting the chief guest with a token of appreciation.

The event also highlighted the contributions of the council members, commending their creativity and tireless efforts in organising such a productive and meaningful event. The Tea-Talk proved to be a platform for growth, collaboration and deeper understanding, leaving participants motivated for future endeavors.

Jyoti Nivas College Gospel Fest- EL SHADDAI

The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University actively participated in El-Shaddai, an intercollegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College on December 12, 2024. The fest brought together various colleges for a day filled with talents, enthusiasm and healthy competition. Our students enthusiastically competed in multiple events, showcasing their diverse skills, teamwork and determination. Through outstanding performances across categories, St Joseph's University secured the Overall Championship, winning the first place and bringing pride to the institution.

The success at El-Shaddai highlights the hard work, dedication and competitive spirit of the AICUF unit. This victory stands testament to the collective efforts of the students and the

guidance of the coordinators. We extend our gratitude to Jyothi Nivas College for hosting this vibrant event and providing a platform for students to grow and connect.

AICUF State Convention, Mangaluru

The AICUF State Convention, held on December 14, 2024, at St Aloysius College, Mangaluru, marked a milestone as the organisation celebrated 100 years of serving people across the country. Ten representatives from St Joseph's University (SJU) attended the event. AICUF units from 21 colleges gathered to commemorate this significant milestone.

The event began at 9:30 am with icebreaker activities, fostering enthusiasm and unity among participants. Distinguished speakers shared their insightful experiences based on gender equality, justice for the vulnerable, serving the marginalised, and perspectives on societal issues. These sessions inspired students to strengthen their commitment to the AICUF mission.

"The key highlights" of the event was the interactive question-and-answer sessions held after each speaker's address. These sessions allowed AICUFers to engage directly with the speakers, seek clarifications, and share their thoughts.

The speakers responded with insightful answers, enriching the participants' understandings and perspectives. The convention concluded at 5:00 pm, celebrating a century of service with a renewed focus on future goals. Group photographs were taken to conclude this special gathering. The AICUF State Convention was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired to continue their journey of service and leadership.

Jessica Santhmayor's Appointment as The National Convenor of AICUF

Jessica Santhmayor, the Vice President of AICUF (SJU), has been elected as the National Convenor of AICUF. This is a moment of immense pride and accomplishment. This achievement is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to social justice. Jessica Santhmayor's appointment as National Convenor of AICUF is a proud moment for St Joseph's University and a beacon of hope for those committed to social justice. Her leadership promises to take AICUF's mission to new heights, inspiring the youth to actively participate in creating a fairer and a more inclusive society.

Christmas Unfolded

The AICUF unit of St Joseph's University conducted a week-long Christmas celebration. Starting on the December 5, 2024, the event aimed to create awareness on the advent of love, peace and joy. The celebration was marked by a series of engaging activities designed to foster a sense of community and Christmas spirit among students and staff.

Students from various departments showcased their musical talents by means of caroling. This event brought about a festive atmosphere to the campus and shone light on the joy of Christmas through melodies. A crib making competition saw participants creatively depicting the nativity scene. This was a symbolism of the birth of ChriSt Departments competed enthusiastically, showcasing their artistic and collaborative skills. A unique initiative, "Tree of Joy," was set up at the university's hotspot on December 11, 2024. Students and staff were encouraged to write their intentions, wishes or reflections on Christmas and place them on the tree in the form of stickers. This activity sought to inspire personal reflection and communal bonding. The Tree of Joy was later relocated to the entrance of the administrative block, allowing it to be appreciated by the entirety of the university.

The week-long celebration concluded with a valedictory ceremony on December 19, 2024. The event recognised and awarded the efforts of students who actively participated and contributed to the ultimate success of the celebrations. This served as a motivation for students to continue engaging in such meaningful activities.

The Christmas Week Celebration by AICUF successfully brought the university community together to reflect upon the core values of Christmas - love, peace and joy. The events fostered creativity, collaboration and a sense of unity among students and staff. AICUF remains committed to organising initiatives that promote these values and strive to build a compassionate

campus environment.

Chronicles Gospel Fest 2025

Chronicles, the annual inter-college event organised by AICUF (SJU), was held successfully on the January 13 and 15, 2025. This year's theme revolved around Egyptian Culture, all the while embracing gospel values and practices. The event invited participation from various Jesuit colleges associated with AICUF across Bengaluru.

The inaugural ceremony took place on January 13 at 9:00 am. Dr M G Devasahayam, the former IAS officer, was the Chief GueSt Other dignitaries present included the former Principal of St Joseph's evening college, Dr Paul Newman, and the AICUF Coordinators. The guests shared inspiring life experiences of serving the marginalised. The official unveiling of the festival poster marked the commencement of the celebration. With the help of the core committee members and volunteers of AICUF, the fest was successfully conducted. Refreshments and lunch was provided for the organisers, volunteers and the core committee members.

The fest featured a variety of engaging events, all skillfully organised by the AICUF council. Spanning over two days, students from different AICUF units actively participated in the organised competitions. On the final day, January 15, the valedictory ceremony honored the winners and runners-up of each event. The awards were presented by the Chief Guest, Mr Bharath, a faculty member of the Department of Economics and a National-Level boxing champion. Christ University (Kengeri) was declared the overall Runners-Up, while Mount Carmel College (MCC) emerged as the Overall Winner, making the Chronicles 2025 one of the most successful editions in its history.

Republic Day Celebrations

The 2025 Republic Day celebration at the Tamil Medium Government School at Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru, was organised by AICUF (SJU). The event began at 9:30 am with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Headmaster, accompanied by the recitation of the Preamble and patriotic



Various events at Chronicles Gospel Fest

songs that created an inspiring atmosphere. The students enthusiastically participated in various cultural events, including patriotic dances, melodious songs and impactful speeches, all emphasising the significance of the Republic Day celebration. To engage the students further, AICUF volunteers conducted interactive games and activities, which added energy and excitement to the event. The programme was a great success, fostering patriotism among the students and encouraging their active participation. Parents, teachers and community members lauded the efforts of AICUF and the school for organising such a memorable celebration.

Cancer Awareness Program

AICUF (SJU) organised an awareness session to observe the World Cancer Awareness Day February 4, 2025, at 1:00 pm. The event was a significant initiative aimed at spreading awareness and breaking misconceptions surrounding cancer. The programme commenced with an introduction to the significance of World Cancer Awareness Day, highlighting the importance of early detection, treatment and support for the survivors. An engaging interactive segment was conducted, featuring a "Myths vs Facts" discussion about cancer. AICUFers actively took part in clarifying the myths and misconceptions with the help of facts. This session not only educated AICUFers but also provided valuable insights into the realities of living with cancer. As the event concluded, AICUF members were invited to share their suggestions on ways to support cancer survivors and to leave heartfelt notes of encouragement for them. This gesture created an atmosphere of empathy, solidarity, and hope, reinforcing the importance of community support in the journey of healing. Overall, the session was impactful, fostering awareness, breaking stigma and inspiring AICUFers to contribute toward cancer support initiatives. AICUF (SJU) remains committed to advocating for health awareness and community well-being through these meaningful engagements.

Yirah Fest - Christ Bannerghatta Campus

The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University actively participated in YIRAH, an intercollegiate fest organised by Christ College on March 13, 2025. The fest brought together various colleges for a day filled with talent, enthusiasm and healthy competition. Our students enthusiastically competed in multiple events, showcasing their diverse skills, teamwork and determination. Through outstanding performances across categories, St Joseph's University secured the Runner's Up Championship, bringing pride to the institution. The success at YIRAH highlights the hard work, dedication and competitive spirit of the AICUF unit. This victory is a testament to the collective efforts of the students and the guidance of the coordinators. We extend our gratitude to Christ College (Bannerghatta Campus) for hosting this vibrant event and providing a platform for students to grow and connect.

Trailblazing Women: Self-defence Workshop

A self-defence workshop, an empowering event, was conducted by AICUF (SJU) on March 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm. This was a significant initiative aimed at spreading awareness on the occasion of

International Women's Day 2025

The event kicked off with an interactive and interesting puzzle activity that featured great achievements of women in different fields. An inspiring speech was delivered by the speaker for the day, Mr Sam D Simon, a renowned 3rd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. The speech highlighted the importance of women's safety in society and the need for women to take control of their own security. The keynote speaker emphasised that self-defence is not just about physical strength but also about mental preparedness, confidence and self-awareness. Following the speech, a series of interactive self-defence skills and techniques began. This workshop was designed to teach practical techniques for protecting oneself in various situations, ranging from escaping holds and grabs to counteracting attacks such as chokes or strikes.The event successfully combined self-defence training with an important message of empowerment, creating a space where women could learn vital skills and gain confidence in their own abilities. It was a reminder that self-defence is not only about physical preparedness but also about mental and emotional empowerment.

1 KAR AIR SQN NCC

Vayu Sainik Camp 2024

The All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC) 2024 was organised at ETI, Jalahalli. It was a camp specifically organised for Air Wing NCC cadets. Cadets competed in various disciplines, including microlight flying, aeromodelling, drill, tent pitching, skeet shooting, and firing. Five cadets from St Joseph's University were part of the Karnataka and Goa Directorate's contingent for AIVSC 2024, where the contingent bagged the prestigious Chief of Air Staff AIVSC Trophy.





Youth Exchange Programme - Vietnam 2024

The Youth Exchange Programme is an annual initiative organised by the NCC to allow selected cadets to attend an exchange programme in a friendly foreign country. The programme aims to enhance cooperation and foster a better understanding of each other's socioeconomic and cultural realities. The year 2024 was historic, as CSUO Prajwal Tenginkai became the first cadet from the institute's Air Squadron to attend this prestigious programme in 30 years.

Republic Day Camp 2025

The Republic Day Camp is the most prestigious annual camp for NCC cadets, held in New Delhi. Cadets compete in events such as drills, cultural performances, and leadership activities over the course of four weeks. Three cadets from St Joseph's University attended RDC 2025 — CDT/SGT Santhosh was part of the All India NCC Marching Contingent at Kartavya Path, a feat the college achieved after six years; CUO Shiwangi Mishra won the All India Best Cadet Bronze Medal while CUO Shreyas Sudip Mitra won the All India Best Cadet Gold. This marked the second consecutive year that the SJU Air Wing bagged two All India Best Cadet medals. Furthermore, this year's victory in the All India Best Cadet Air SD event marks a historic hat-trick, with cadets from the same institute and unit winning the coveted award three years in a row. To top it all off, the Karnataka and Goa Directorate won the prestigious PM's Banner after a long wait of six years.

Adventure Camps

The NCC offers adventure camps such as trekking, white-water rafting, skiing, mountaineering, and paragliding. These camps help cadets develop character, camaraderie, and discipline. Five cadets from St Joseph's University participated in a variety of adventure camps. Three cadets attended the Basic Skiing Course in Kashmir, while the other two attended the Basic & Intermediate White-Water Rafting Course and the All India Trekking Camp, respectively.

Awareness Rally for 'World Day Against Child Labour'

On June 12, 2024, the cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU participated in an awareness rally for 'World Day Against Child Labour,' organised by the Labour Commissioner's Office of Karnataka State. The cadets were instructed to report to Mahatma Gandhi Park at 8:00 am. Cadets from Bangalore 'A', Bangalore 'B', and NSS volunteers were also present. Placards with captivating slogans and strong social messages were distributed.

The Hon'ble Labour Minister, Shri Santosh S Lad, presided over the event with a warm welcome. A street play was performed to raise awareness about child labour. The minister delivered a speech emphasising the importance of eradicating child labour, discussed the

current situation, and outlined measures for improvement.

Following the speeches and performances, the volunteers began a jatha (rally) from Cubbon Park to KR Circle to spread awareness. The event concluded by 11:00 am.

Kargil Vijay Divas

On July 26, 2024, cadets from 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU observed the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas. The commemoration began at 05:30 am, with cadets and aspirants reporting at the NCC office. Simultaneously, another team reported at the National War Memorial Park, where the wreath-laying ceremony was to be held.



One of our NCC Cadets

A 3.5 km run from the University to the Kargil War Memorial was organised as a tribute to the bravehearts who laid down their lives for the nation. Both cadets and aspirants participated in the run, accompanied by Lt Col Vinay Siddineni, a distinguished Kargil War veteran. The Chief Guest for the wreath-laying ceremony was Col Anshu Trivedi, a retired army officer and Kargil War veteran. Col Trivedi, along with Wg Cdr P R Ponappa, the Commanding Officer of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, and Wg Cdr Tanya Srinivas, the Administrative Officer, laid wreaths in honour of our martyrs' supreme sacrifice. Lt Col Amar Rugge and Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman, the Associate NCC Officer of the squadron, also paid their respects.

The event was attended by cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 SJU and 2 KAR(T) AIR SQN NCC, accompanied by their respective ANOs and COs. The ceremony featured a Guard of Honour display, during which the cadets transitioned from Shok Shastra to Salami Shastra, rendering homage to the fallen heroes.

Independence Day 2024

On August 15, 2024, the cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, St Joseph's University, participated in the Independence Day celebrations at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The cadets assembled in front of the NCC office at 6:00 am in ceremonial attire, where they were briefed about the Independence Day programme. A flag hoisting ceremony took place in front of the NCC office, witnessed by cadets of both squadrons. Following this, the cadets assembled at the University ground.

At 7:30 am, the Vice-Chancellor, Hon Major Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, and other dignitaries were escorted to the University ground by the pilots. The National Flag was hoisted by the Vice-Chancellor in the presence of the Chief Guest, Rtd Col K Cyril Menon, the Pro-Chancellor, along with esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, alumni, cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU, and all five units of NSS cadets.

The flag hoisting was followed by a national salute and the National Anthem. The inaugural speech was delivered by Mr. Anuplal Gopalan, Associate Professor of the Department of Industrial Relations. Subsequently, the pipping ceremony of the NCC cadets was conducted by the ANO of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, and the ANO of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU, Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman. The Chief Guest received the honor and addressed the gathering, commemorating the occasion with a speech. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr Anuplal Gopalan, followed by a photo session.

The flag was guarded by NCC and NSS cadets until it was ceremoniously lowered at 05:45 pm, marking the end of the celebration.

Welcoming CSUO Prajwal Tenginkai

On August 17, 2024, the cadets of 1 KAR

AIR SQN NCC SJU welcomed CSUO Prajwal Tenginkai upon his triumphant return from the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) in Vietnam. CSUO Prajwal was part of an elite 13-member contingent representing India in this prestigious programme.

The celebration was graced by the presence of Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman, ANO of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU, Capt Akshay D Mandlik, ANO of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, and CSUO Prajwal's proud family. The event began at 12:50 pm with a cake-cutting ceremony.



The Hon'ble Prime Minister and CSUO Prajwal

Following the ceremony, Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman and members of CSUO Prajwal's family shared uplifting words, emphasising the significance of his achievement and the dedication it took to represent India on an international platform. In an inspiring speech, CSUO Prajwal himself recounted his experiences in Vietnam, offering valuable insights and motivating cadets to aspire to such esteemed opportunities.

The event culminated with an engaging video presentation that captured the highlights of CSUO Prajwal's YEP journey.

Elixir 2024

On August 31, 2024, the cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU took part in the Elixir Exhibition, which took place at St Joseph's University. The cadets assembled in front of the office at 6:00 am and were briefed about the event.

Cadets then cleaned and organised to a classroom to set up the exhibits of the NCC Air Wing. Videos showcasing the history of the NCC Air Wing, its achievements in various camps, and the activities conducted were displayed. Three hand-drawn placards of notable IAF officers—Marshal of the IAF, Arjan Singh, Air Marshal Rajesh Sharma, and Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon—were exhibited, and the cadets spoke about each of their contributions to the shaping of the Indian Air Force.

A dummy rifle was displayed, along with a sheet highlighting its various parts. A control line model and a static aircraft model were also presented. The cadets explained the concept of aeromodelling and emphasised that it is a unique feature of the NCC Air Wing. Three posters depicting aircrafts used by the IAF were also on display.

The cadets spread awareness about first aid, providing essential information on how to identify injuries and facilitate medical assistance. They emphasised appropriate methods for handling emergencies such as snake bites, CPR, and fractures, highlighting the importance of acting quickly and confidently until professional help arrives.

The cadets encouraged the youth to join the NCC and consider a career in defense. The exhibition concluded at 3:30 pm.

Graduation Ceremony Celebration

On September 18, 2024, cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU participated in the graduation ceremony of the 2019–2024 batch at St Joseph's Law College, Bangalore. Four cadets were chosen to serve as pilots for the event. The pilots assembled in front of the NCC office at 2:00 pm hours in full ceremonial attire, and at 3:00 hours, they reported to St Joseph's Law College for the final dress rehearsal.

At 4:00 pm, the pilots escorted the Chief Guest, Justice S R Krishna Kumar, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka, the Guest of Honour, Fr Daniel Fernandes, SJ, Rector of the Jesuit Educational

Society, and other dignitaries to the boardroom. From there, they proceeded to a photo session with the graduating students and then to the auditorium, where the event took place.

The event began at 4:30 pm, followed by speeches delivered by the dignitaries, who congratulated the graduating students. Mementos and certificates were distributed to the graduates by the Chief Guest Prizes for the best achievers were also awarded. The event concluded with the college anthem and the National Anthem.

Plantation drive

On November 27, 2024, the first- and second-year cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU organised a plantation drive at ABCD Park in Indiranagar. This event aimed to commemorate NCC Day and Constitution Day, showcasing the cadets' commitment to environmental conservation and national values. The drive began at 09:00 am hrs, with the cadets planting 25 saplings, which included Jasmine, Cherry Blossom, and predominantly Tulsi. The choice of Tulsi was significant due to its cultural and medicinal importance, while the other plants added ecological and aesthetic value. This initiative not only raised environmental awareness but also encouraged sustainable practices. The plantation drive concluded at 11:00 am, marking yet another meaningful step toward environmental sustainability.



The smiling faces of our cadets after the drive



Standing at attention in SJU

1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

General Election Volunteer Seminar
On April 20, 2024, cadets attended a seminar at Ambedkar Bhavan to understand election protocol and responsibilities. They were trained in online registration and decorum during election duty.

CO Visit
On May 13, 2024, Col Amar Rugge visited the campus. Cadets attended sessions on personality development, disaster management, and weapon training. The event concluded with an inspection and appreciation.

College Day
On May 14, 2024, 20 cadets (6 SWs & 14 SDs) were felicitated for their exceptional performances and participation in various camps and events throughout the year. A proud moment shared with faculty and parents.

CMP Passing Out Parade
On June 1, 2024, 9 Cadets (4 SDs & 5 SWs) witnessed the prestigious CMP Passing Out Parade at Neelasandra. The experience included interaction with newly inducted Agniveers and the Commandant Officer.

Kargil Vijay Diwas
20 cadets (10 SDs and 10 SWs) participated in a 3.5 km memorial run and a wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial commemorating Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2024. Senior officers and dignitaries attended.

World Environment Day Awareness Campaign
In commemoration of World Environment Day (celebrated on June 5), cadets conducted an impactful awareness campaign within the college campus on June 29, 2024. Divided into two teams—Alpha and Bravo—they created posters and held discussions emphasising environmental conservation. Their enthusiasm reflected a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to a greener future.

Wayanad Flood Relief Drive
Under the guidance of ANO Capt. Akshay D Mandlik, cadets organised a successful flood relief collection drive for the Wayanad region. The collection drive, conducted on August 2, 2024, involved the participation of cadets (18 SDs and 13 SWs). Essential items such as food, clothing, sanitary products, and medical supplies were collected, packed, and dispatched with care and discipline.

Independence Day Celebrations
The annual Independence Day celebrations at St Joseph's University saw the active participation of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B. The ceremony included a parade, flag hoisting, pipping ceremony for new appointees, and sports activities. Drill Square Test and lecturettes were conducted post-event.

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign
38 cadets participated in this national initiative, held on August 16, 2024, by uploading selfies with the national flag and receiving certificates of appreciation.

National Sports Day
On August 29, 2024, 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B collaborated with the university's Physical Education Department to highlight the importance of physical fitness through morning runs and public engagement.

RDC Inter-Battalion Drill Competition
The RDC Inter-Battalion Drill Competition was organised by 9 KAR BN NCC and held at ASC Centre, Bangalore, on August 30, 2024. The event saw 12 cadets (5 SDs and 7 SWs) display their drill precision. Five cadets (4 SWs and 1 SD) from the unit were selected for the next camp—an admirable achievement for the squadron.

RDC Inter-Battalion Cultural Events
The RDC Inter-Battalion Cultural Events were held from August 28 to 29, 2024.

On August 26 and 27, 40 cadets rehearsed solo and group performances, guided by Capt Akshay



The annual Independence day celebrations

D Mandlik. The rehearsal was graced by the presence of Lt Col Amar Rugge, SM.

On the first day of the event, the cadets performed group and solo cultural acts including singing, dancing, and instrumentals showcasing Karnataka-Goa traditions. Esteemed guests from various battalions attended the event.

On the second day, August 29, 2024, RDC cultural selections continued with enthusiastic participation. Finalists were shortlisted based on performance and evaluation by senior officers.

ANNUAL PARADE REPORTS

Parade 1
Date: August 9, 2024
Strength: 37 (18 SDs & 19 SWs)
First official parade included drill training and theory sessions. A traditional lunch followed, ending with dispersal (Visarjan).

Parade 2
Date: August 13, 2024
Included a patriotic rally from the NCC office to the War Memorial, followed by breakfast and theory classes.

Parade 3 & National Space Day
Date: August 23, 2024
Alongside regular training and theory sessions, cadets commemorated National Space Day by spreading awareness among university students.

Parade 4
Date: September 12, 2024
Continued advanced drill training with SLR rifles. Sessions followed the usual disciplined structure including theory and Martyrs' Table tradition.



On university ground

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME- (UNIT 2)

With a focus on service, awareness, empowerment, and nation-building, NSS volunteers participated in numerous impactful activities at the institutional, state, and national levels. The activities detailed below comprise all 5 NSS Units.

National Integration Camp (NIC)
Held from February 20-26, 2025 at Bembala Outreach Centre, this week-long camp fostered unity and cultural exchange among 130 youths from six states. Activities included leadership training, environmental sessions, and a cultural walk, culminating in a vibrant showcase of diversity.

Republic Day Camp 2025
Trisha P, an NSS volunteer, represented St Joseph's University at the national-level Republic Day Parade. Her journey, marked by intense training and cultural exchange, culminated in her marching on Kartavya Path and interacting with national leaders.

State Youth Festivals – Mysuru & Mangalore
These week-long festivals in March 2025, featured debates, cultural nights, community service, leadership workshops, and skill-building competitions, fostering creativity, social responsibility, and camaraderie among youth.

Donation Drive – Wayanad Flood Relief
From August 5-10, 2024, Unit-1 organised a relief drive to support flood victims in Wayanad. Students and faculty collected essentials and funds, successfully delivering them to affected communities.

World Peace Day
An awareness campaign on peace was conducted across campus with white ribbon distributions, discussion sessions, and feedback collection to promote a culture of nonviolence and harmony.

World Environment Day
The event included a keynote on environmental issues, poster-making, and volunteer recognition to raise awareness on pollution, conservation, and sustainability.

NSS Day
Celebrated with speeches, a group pledge, games, and reflection sessions that reinforced commitment to service and community development.

YMCA Off-Grid Adventure Camps
These camps focused on physical fitness, sports, mental resilience, and motivation through interactive games and inspiring sessions led by prominent guests.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
Three teams led cleanliness drives in parks and schools, emphasising hygiene, teamwork, and community participation.

Gandhi Jayanti Walkathon
On October 2, 2024, volunteers marched from Gandhi Bhavan to Vidhana Soudha, promoting Gandhian values of peace, unity, and social justice.

Blood Donation Camp
Held on October 3, 2024 in partnership with Narayana Hospital and others, the camp collected over 1000 units of blood and emphasised the importance of voluntary donation.

World Mental Health Day
The event featured interactive games, mimes, and motivational talks, promoting mental well-being and team bonding among students.

Cleanliness Drive at MARGGA NGO
Volunteers cleaned the NGO premises and learned about the importance of maintaining a hygienic environment for social welfare.

Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign
Despite weather challenges, volunteers attended an awareness programme led by the Chief Minister, advocating for a tobacco-free lifestyle.

Talent Day
A platform for volunteers to showcase creative talents like singing, drawing, and dancing, encouraging artistic expression within the NSS community.

First Aid Awareness Day
Medical professionals led practical sessions on CPR and health awareness. The event focused on empowering students with life-saving knowledge.

Road Safety Day
At Nanjappa Circle, volunteers distributed placards and safety tips, promoting responsible road behavior among the public.

Vigilance Awareness Week
Themed events like debates, pledges, and creative writing were organised to instill values of integrity and anti-corruption among students.

National Unity Day
Activities such as poster creation, unity walks, and symbolic games promoted national integration and collective spirit.

Gender Equality Day
Debates and skits were organised to address gender-based issues, highlight inequalities, and encourage dialogue and inclusivity.

Voter Awareness Day
Interactive sessions and mock elections helped participants understand the importance of voting and democratic responsibility.

World Cancer Day
Expert talks, poster-making, and awareness campaigns highlighted the importance of early detection, treatment, and collective support in battling cancer.

Women's Day Pledge
Events included storytelling, poster-making, and a pledge ceremony that celebrated women's achievements and reaffirmed gender equality.

Social Justice Day
Debates and group presentations on equality, corruption, and inclusion engaged students in active discourse and critical reflection.

Adoption of Slum
NSS supported cleanliness drives, awareness, and socio-economic interventions to improve living conditions in the adopted slum area.

International Literacy & Peace Days
Unit-3 celebrated these days with debates and creative sessions to promote education and peace in society.

Leadership Workshop & Servitium Fest
Council members attended workshops on ethical leadership and represented the university in cultural competitions at Madras Christian College.

Meal Packaging & Food for Needy Drives
Volunteers participated in hunger alleviation efforts by packaging meals at Rise Against Hunger India and distributing food in slums.

Wildlife Week & Walkathon
Events like quizzes, collage-making, and a walkathon with the Forest Department raised awareness about biodiversity and conservation.

PFA Visit (Animal Welfare)
Volunteers visited People for Animals to learn about ethical wildlife care and rescue operations, enhancing empathy and environmental responsibility.

This robust year of programming by the NSS has exemplified the spirit of "Not Me, But You," making a tangible difference through service, learning, and leadership.



A snapshot of NSS Unit 2 at SJU

SJU BOYS' HOSTEL

The past year at St Joseph's University Gents Hostel was filled with memorable celebrations that brought together students, teachers and guests in an atmosphere of festivity. Under the guidance of Fr Jaison Pais, Director of the Gents Hostel, various events fostered a sense of cultural diversity, camaraderie and personal growth. Infrastructural improvements, such as renovated washrooms, new flooring and upgraded Wi-Fi facilities, enhanced the overall hostel experience. Fr Jaison Pais has played a pivotal role in ensuring student well-being through improved hostel management and infrastructural development.

Students actively participated in various hostel events, showcasing artistic, athletic and leadership skills. Teams from the hostel competed in the Hostel Premier League, demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Orientation Programme

The academic session opened with the much-awaited Orientation programme on July 15, 2024, where fresh students were welcomed by the hostel family. With the able guidance of Fr Jaison Pais, Director of the Gents Hostel, and senior students, the programme gave the students a perspective of hostel life, expectations, and possibilities of personal development. The night was brought to a close by a lively interactive session, forging new friendships and creating the atmosphere for a fruitful year to come.

Musical Night

Musical Night was held on August 8, 2024 and was a highly anticipated event which showcased the tremendous musical talent of our students. From soulful solo performances to spine-tingling band performances, the night rang out with melody and rhythm and left the crowd in awe.

Onam Celebrations

On September 22, 2024, The hostel was filled with colourful floral decorations, and the majestic 'Pookalam' (flower rangoli) was the centre of attraction for the day. Students were treated to a lavish Onam Sadhya, the traditional meal, as cultural shows and games filled the air with festive spirit.

Hostel Premier League

Competitive spirit peaked with the Hostel Premier League on December 13, 2024, in which hostel teams competed in a highly competitive yet cordial cricket tournament. Energetic participation and excellent sportsmanship made the event a resounding success.

Christmas Celebrations

The festive season was welcomed with a warm Christmas celebration on December 18, 2024, when the hostel was turned into a winter wonderland with glittering lights and festive decor. The occasion was filled with beautiful carols and a scrumptious Christmas dinner.

Exubria

Complementing the year's celebrations, Exubria, from January 24-26, 2025, was a magnificent three-day celebration of talent, creativity, and togetherness. A mix of cultural shows, thrilling sports activities, and interesting competitions captivated participants and spectators alike. Aside from festivities, the year also saw major infrastructural improvements to give hostel life a better experience. Washrooms were renovated and new tiling in the floors made life more comfortable and hygienic for the residents. A chapati-making machine added to the dining service made the meals fresh and nutritious for the students. Wi-Fi installation allowed easy connectivity for academic and personal purposes to meet the changing needs of students.

Hostel Day

The Gents' Hostel of St Joseph's University observed its 78th Hostel Day on March 23, 2025, in the Xavier Hall of PG Block from 6:00 pm onwards, marking a testimony of decades of camaraderie and selfless service. The director of the hostel, Fr Jaison Pais, coupled with the wardens, Mr Manu, Dr Neil, and Dr Gulbadin

served as supporting pillars to make sure that the event was a cake walk and a memorable one for the entire hostel. Two hundred and twenty boys, students from the girls' hostel, Sisters' Orphanage, brothers and fathers from the Arrupe Niwas, with chief guests as Mr Clement D'Souza and the Pro Chancellor Fr Swebert D'Silva, graced the event with their presence. The event say cultural performances, film screenings, and ended with a lavish dinner.

Farewell Evening and Transition Ceremony

The farewell event for the outgoing third-year students of St Joseph's University Hostel (SJUH) was held on April 5, 2025, at the Hostel Block. The evening was marked by a blend of celebration, gratitude, and reflection as the hostel community came together to bid farewell to the graduating batch. The event began with an address by the Director, Father Jaison Pais SJ, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for the contributions of the third-year students. He also officially announced the conclusion of his tenure and introduced Fr Arvind Royce as the new Director of SJUH. The evening saw heartfelt speeches by Jonathan, the Best Outgoing Student, and Gerald Jacob, the Best Outgoing PG Student, who both shared personal reflections and thanked the hostel authorities and peers. While the hostel community looks back on a year packed with incredible events, the continued support of students, staff, and faculty serve as a symbol of the harmony that unites us.



Hostel Premier League



The hostel team, all smiles

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

This year, the IQAC team underwent a revamping of posts. The IQAC Committee has expanded to 10 criteria as per the new draft policy released by the NAAC office. The following members in charge of the new criteria include: Dr Padma Nandanan Karioth, Curricular Design; Dr Paramesha Mallegowda, Faculty Resources; Dr Jayshankar M, Infrastructure; Mr Cyril, Financial Resources and Management; Ms Poonam R Ahuja, Learning and Teaching; Mr Prem B G, Extended Curricular Engagements; Dr Vaishnavi M, Governance and Administration; Dr Prashanthi, Student Outcomes; Dr A Mohan, Research and Innovation Outcomes; and Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Sustainability Outcomes.

XBHEI Awards

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the 'BEST UNIVERSITIES' title by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI). The Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI), established in 1951, is the only association of Catholic higher education institutions in the country The IQAC office had applied for the Best University Awards constituted by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI). We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all stakeholders for this remarkable achievement.

Outcome-Based Education and Integration of Bloom's Taxonomy Concepts in Question Papers

The IQAC office-initiated outcome-based Bloom's mapping to enhance the alignment of assessment methods with learning objectives. Departments were instructed to complete Bloom's mapping for the October 2024 exams. A total of 92 papers were successfully mapped to Bloom's levels. The outcome of the report was shared with the HODs to initiate discussions on improving assessment strategies and ensuring comprehensive learning outcomes. This intiative aims to create a more structured and effective evaluation framework that promotes higher-order thinking skills among students.

IAE workshop

The IQAC Director Dr Madappa M B, NAAC Coordinator Dr W Jothy, Criteria Coordinators Dr Padma Nandanan Karioth, Dr Paramesha Mallegowda, Dr Jayshankar M, Mr Cyril, Ms Poonam. Ahuja, Dr Vaishnavi M, Dr Prashanthi, Dr A Mohan, Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Dr Priya S, and Ms Swathi Narayan, Secretary, attended a one-day National Level Programme on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions. The sessions covered key topics such as UGC guidelines for IDP. Additionally, the workshop featured a keynote address on "Institutional Development Plan - National and Global Perspectives" and explored strategies for restructuring higher education frameworks with a focus on outcome-based education. Case studies from institutions like BITS Pilani, RV College of Engineering, IIM Lucknow, JSS AHER, and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences were discussed to highlight best practices in developing IDPs. The role of IDP enablers in formulating a strategic roadmap for institutional goals, including financial, human resource, academic, and digital enablers, was also covered, along with the influence of IDP enablers on NIRF rankings and NAAC accreditation. Following the workshop, our team has been in the process of planning and developing the IDP for our institution.

Assessment and Evaluation

Teachers' Evaluation: The IQAC office has completed staff evaluations by students for the October 2024 odd semester teaching courses, conducted after the exams. The evaluation included several newly added parameters to enhance the depth and quality of the report. The responses have been shared with the staff to provide insights for improvement. The Dean's office has held constructive feedback sessions with the school's staff. The reports are now available in the Linways portal. Additionally, the academic audit was successfully completed by the IQAC office.

360-degree evaluations: The IQAC office initiated the 360-degree Assessment evaluation in collaboration with the HR office in May 2024. The results have been submitted to the VC office. These responses covered HODs, Deans and Vice chancellor's level work assessment and

evaluation.

Meetings and Outcomes

The IQAC team organised several key meetings during the academic year, and the Action Taken Reports (ATR) were generated accordingly.

The IQAC Core Committee meeting was conducted on August 22, 2024. During this meeting, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) data was presented, and discussions took place to identify areas requiring improvement and action plans for enhancement. Several valuable suggestions were provided by external members. Mr Gulshan Chhabra, Placement and Industry Representative, emphasise the importance of updating training programs to better prepare students for placements. He also stressed the need to align educational strategies with economic trends to enhance students' adaptability in the job market. Mr Sunil Vishwanath, Parent Council Representative, inquired about social welfare initiatives to help students develop stronger social skills. Mr Nagesh, a Society Member, acknowledged that no issues were reported this year concerning the neighborhood, reflecting positive engagement with the local community. Mr A Jude Oswin, Alumni Representative, encouraged the institution to aim for a higher ranking and inquired about future research targets. The administration received appreciation for the generous scholarships offered during the 2023-24 academic year, which have significantly benefited students in need.

The IQAC Class Representatives' meeting was conducted with the Director on March 10, 2025. During this session, a Student Satisfaction Survey was presented.

The survey provided insights into students' experiences, and the IQAC representatives conveyed concerns raised by their classmates. The IQAC team is committed to addressing these concerns and will submit an Action Taken Report at the end of the semester to outline improvements and resolutions.

NIRF Ranking 2024

The University participated in its first-ever NIRF ranking assessment. In the Teaching, Learning & Resources category, the University scored 34.47/100, while in the Research and Professional Practice category, it scored 1.47/100. The University achieved a commendable score of 45.86/100 in Graduation Outcomes and an impressive 59.91/100 in Outreach and Inclusivity.

The University's performance in the Perception category was 32.86/100. The institution has demonstrated strong results in Perception and Graduation Outcomes, reflecting its growing reputation and focus on student success. However, the score in Research and Professional Practice was comparatively lower, as only one year of university data was considered for evaluation. The university has identified this as an area for growth and has conducted a comprehensive NIRF evaluation meeting to strategise improvements for the next ranking cycle.


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The University has already applied for the

NIRF 2025 ranking with several noteworthy achievements highlighted in the application. A total of 1,549 undergraduate students and 712 postgraduate students successfully completed their programs in 2024. 81 students are currently pursuing their PhD degrees, demonstrating a commitment to advancing research initiatives. The University invested significantly across key academic areas: 1,39,15,698 was allocated to the library, 2,41,56,709 for procuring equipment, and 4,32,32,075 for other expenses. Rupees 42,34,26,073 were spent on salaries. Rupees 12,13,36,151 were used for the maintenance of academic infrastructure. Rupees 99,22,689 were spent on student activities, workshops, and seminars. These investments reflect the University's commitment to enhancing educational quality, strengthening infrastructure, and enriching student experiences. The institution remains dedicated to improving its NIRF ranking by building on its achievements and addressing identified areas for improvement.

Achievements in other rankings

In 'The Week' Ranking for the University category, the institution secured the 58th position in the All-India Multidisciplinary University category, 25th in the All India Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary category, 21st in the Multidisciplinary category for the South Zone, and 10th in the Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary category for the South Zone. At the state level, the institution ranked 4th among Multidisciplinary Universities and 3rd among Private/Deemed Multidisciplinary Universities. Furthermore, in 'The Week' Category-Wise National Ranking, the university ranked 17th in the Mass Communication category, 18th in both the Science and Arts categories, and 28th in the Commerce category. At the state level in the same rankings, the university achieved 3rd in Mass Communication, 3rd in Science, 2nd in Arts, and 5th in Commerce. In the 'India Today' rankings, the university achieved impressive ranks across several disciplines: 3rd in India and 2nd in the city for the BCA category, 11th in India and 1st in the city for the BSc category, 14th in India and 3rd in the city for the Mass Communication category, 18th in India and 3rd in the city for the BA category, 21st in India and 3rd in the city for Social Work, and 48th in India and 8th in the city for the BCom category.


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Prof. Dr. Fr. L. Joji Reddy, SJ
President - XBHEI

Dr. Sr. Deepthi, UFS
Secretary General - XBHEI

SJU's 'Best University' Certificate

Documentation and other activities

Our university was featured in the May 26, 2024, edition of "The Week Ranking" magazine, recognising our commitment to academic excellence and institutional growth. Applications for the 'India Today' and 'The Week' ranking 2025 have been completed.

The office achieved considerable progress in documentation, applications, and data compilation. The successful collection of AQAR data for the academic year 2023-2024 was completed. Department-level documentation, including files and pen drives, was efficiently collected, ensuring comprehensive records were maintained. Additionally, on May 23, 2024, the office successfully completed the data collection application for the State Quality Assurance Cell under the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka.

Significant strides were made in outreach and digital presence. On April 10, 2024, the IQAC office successfully launched its official Instagram account to improve communication and engagement with stakeholders. Website interactive files showcasing the university's support for Divyangjan students, Green Campus Initiatives, Green Nature Initiatives, Water Conservation programs, and social activities led by students were also published.

The office also collected Student Progression Data for the UG and PG programs for the 2024 pass-out batch, tracking academic advancements, placements, and higher education enrolments. The data revealed that 923 UG students opted for higher education while 553 secured placements.

Among PG students, 567 graduated, with 127 pursuing higher education.

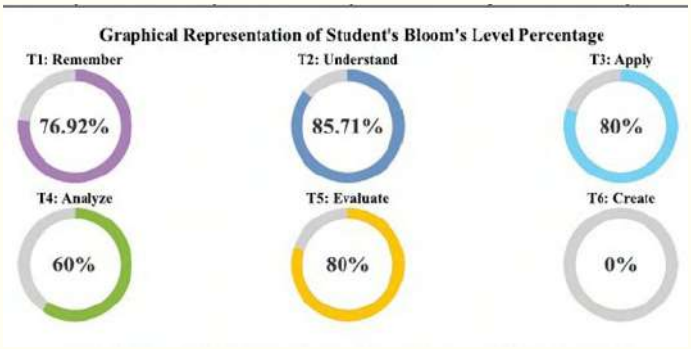
Alumni files from the years 1979 to 1997, including photographs and memorabilia, were compiled. This collection was showcased in a heartwarming presentation at the Coorg Chapter event held on October 17, 2024. The IQAC office also collected updated staff details from all departments to ensure accurate documentation for the NIRF.

Dr Madappa and Ms Poonam Ahuja represented the university at the India Education Fair 2024 in Dubai on November 9 and 10, and highlighted the university's academic strengths and global engagement opportunities. This initiative strengthened the university's presence in the international education sector and opened doors for new collaborations and student exchange programmes.

The IQAC office successfully arranged the visit of Sambhota Tibetan School, Mundgod, to St Joseph's University, ensuring a well-coordinated and enriching experience for the visitors.

The IQAC office presented a comprehensive report on the university's progress and achievements to Fr Martin Link, Provincial of the Caribbean Province, during his visit on September 11, 2024.

The consistent efforts, meticulous planning, and strategic initiatives undertaken by the IQAC team have played a significant role in ensuring St Joseph's University's sustained growth and academic excellence. Furthermore, with NAAC preparations underway, the IQAC team remains dedicated to enhancing institutional quality, ensuring robust documentation, and driving initiatives that contribute to the university's continued success and recognition.



An example of Bloom's Taxonomy mapping



The IQAC Core Committee, including Mr A Jude Oswin, Mr Sunil Vishwanath, and Mr Nagesh

ST JOSEPH'S RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL

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. To enable this, SJRIC, in addition to facilitating doctoral programmes, would provide state-of-the-art infrastructure, industry-academia interface, seed money funding for faculty at the early stages of their careers, faculty training programmes in research-related areas, as well as seminars and symposia on current thrust areas. It is my earnest hope that students and faculty will wholeheartedly participate in the various programmes offered by SJRIC and thus make possible a thriving culture of research at SJU.



Department of Chemistry Instrument Inauguration

On October 14, 2024, the Department of Chemistry at St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council inaugurated a low-temperature reactor, acquired through a grant from the Vision Group on Science and Technology (VGST). The event featured an introduction by Mr Saurabh on the significance of the reactor for future research. Dr Rita Pal, who secured the VGST grant, expressed her gratitude for the support, emphasising the impact it will have on enhancing the department's research capabilities. The inauguration included a blessing by Dr Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, symbolising the union of faith and scientific progress, Faculty, students, and research scholars attended, marking a promising advancement for the department. This advanced equipment is expected to play a crucial role in upcoming research projects, enabling more precise and innovative experiments. Its installation highlights the department's commitment to staying at the forefront of scientific discovery and fostering an environment of academic excellence.

Japanese Delegates Session

On January 20, 2025, the St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC) and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Shift III) organised a session with delegates from Sophia, Seisen, and Ferris Universities, Japan. Held in the Board Room at 10:30 AM, the event welcomed 40 participants, including the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Registrar, PhD scholars, and undergraduate students from disciplines such as Journalism, International Relations, Sociology, and Public Policy. The session began with Prof Kathy R Matsui's insightful talk on peacebuilding and the origins of Global Citizenship Studies at Sophia University. She shared personal reflections from her childhood during the Vietnam War and highlighted the importance of non-violent dialogue, referencing Gandhi's philosophy.

Dr Tatsuya Hikichi followed with a presentation on media literacy and inclusive education for people with disabilities, emphasiseing the role of technology and the SDGs. Mr Hirakita Kotaro presented his research on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), highlighting how universities can prioritise and integrate SDGs in their work. Ms Yoshitaka Nozomi concluded with findings from her doctoral study on social media literacy among youth, warning of its potential harms. The session closed with remarks by Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, reinforcing the alignment of the discussions with Jesuit educational values.

iRISE Early Career Researcher (ECR) Capacity Building Workshop

The iRISE Early Career Researcher (ECR) Capacity Building Workshop was held from January 29–31, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. Jointly organised by SJRIC, DST, the British Council, RSC, IISER Pune, and Tata Technologies, the workshop aimed to enhance research skills, grant writing, collaboration, and leadership among early career researchers. Key sessions included Dr Anuradda Ganesh's talk on transitioning from academia to industry, and Ms Anita Nagarajan's session on impactful presentations. On Day 2, innovation and entrepreneurship were explored through interactive discussions led by Milind Choudhary and Ashutosh Prachand. They emphasised systematic problem identification and the role of collaboration in solution-building. The final day featured sessions on pedagogy and research criteria, led by Ms Prachi Pasalkar and Dr Swetavalli Raghavan. Participants appreciated the practical insights, interdisciplinary focus, and opportunities for networking. The workshop concluded with positive feedback and suggestions for more hands-on activities and follow-up support.

PANA

The Philatelists And Numismatists Association (PANA) of SJU celebrated its Silver Jubilee in the academic year 2024-25. The Annual General Body of PANA which met on July 22, 2024, unanimously elected Mr G Anuplal and Ayush Sinha (III B.A. IR-ECO) as the President and General Secretary of the association. Mr Clement D'Souza and Dr Maria A were the Returning Officers. Weekly meetings and study classes are regular features of PANA Activities since 1999.

During ELIXIR '24, PANA put up a special exhibition. The display saw a collection of Postage and Fiscal Stamps, Postal Stationery, Coins and Currency Notes. 18 student members and five faculty members of PANA (Dr Melwin Colaco, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Maria A, Mr Anil D'Souza and Mr G Anuplal) displayed their extensive collections during the exhibition.

On September 11, 2024, a special meeting was held for current and honorary members to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of one of the smallest but most active professional associations of the university. To mark the silver jubilee of PANA and PANEX, there was also a special display of their collections, put up by faculty members of PANA: Mr G Anuplal, Dr Melwin Colaco, Mr Clement D'Souza, Mr Anil D'Souza, Dr Maria and Dr Amutha Manavalan.

On October 5 and 6, 2024, members visited the Grand Philately Exhibition to mark the 170th anniversary of Indian Postal Stamps, at the Indian Institute of World Culture. Senior members Ayush Sinha, Gowri Shastri, and Abdul Qadir won prizes in a Philately event. PANA Student delegation which represented SJU at the National Philately Day Celebrations conducted at Bengaluru GPO, received mementos from the organisers.

The 25th Annual Exhibition of Philatelists And Numismatists Association-PANEX 2025 was held on February 21 and 22, 2025. 15 student members participated in this grand annual event, displaying 136 exhibition sheets containing 186 postage stamps, 36 postal stationeries, 327 coins and 95 currency notes. To mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Belgaum, a special display of postal stationery, currency notes and coins was the specialty of PANEX-25. The jury, consisting of Mr G Anuplal, Dr Melwin Colaco, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Maria, and Mr Anil D'Souza declared the following as winners of this unique exhibition:

Under Philately: Postage Stamps, the first place was awarded to Gowri Shastri KL (III BA ECO-IR). Second place went to Ayush Sinha (III BA ECO-IR). The third place went to Binitha Issac (I BA IES), while Abdul Qadir AC (III BA ECO-IR) was awarded a consolation prize.

The Philately: Postal Stationery prizes went to the following students: first place to Ayush Sinha (III BA ECO-IR), the second place was tied between Palki Jain (II BA ECO-IR) and Caroline J Benhur (II BA ECO-SOC), third place to Nayana K (II BA ECO-SOC), and the consolation prize went to Gowri Shastri Kl (III BA ECO-IR). The Best Philatelist of SJU for the year 2024-25 was awarded to Ayush Sinha (III BA ECO-IR).

The Numismatics: Coins prizes went to the following students: first place to Gowri Shastri KL (III BA ECO-IR), second place to Ayush Sinha (III BA ECO-IR), third place to Caroline Judi Benhur (III BA ECO-SOC), consolation prize to Lakshmi Shetty A (II BA ECO-SOC).

The following students won prizes for Numismatics: Currency Notes: first prize to Gowri Shastry KL (III BA ECO-IR), second prize to Ayush Sinha (III BA ECO-IR), third prize to Abdul Ahad MV (II BA ECO-SOC), and the consolation prize to Caroline J Benhur (II BA ECO-SOC). Best Numismatist of SJU 2024-25 was awarded to Gowri Shastri KL (III BA ECO-IR).

The next Annual General Body Meeting of PANA was held on March 29, 2025. The prize winners were awarded Certificates. Two senior members, Mr Clement D'Souza and Lt EM Nagarajan, who superannuated this academic year, were also felicitated.







The Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, and the manager at PANEX 2025 with Mr G Anuplal

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Open Heart Investiture Ceremony

On August 30, 2024, Open Heart, under the Public Relations Office (PRO) of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, held its investiture ceremony at the staff seminar room. The event commenced at 12:50 pm with a welcome address by Meghna, the co-convenor, who introduced the PRO and the chief guest, Mr Arun Chakravarthi, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Karnataka. Venugopal, faculty coordinator and PRO, then welcomed the chief guest and Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, Dean, School of Communications. The investiture began with the badging ceremony, where office bearers received their badges. Mr Chakravarthi later led a Q&A session, sharing insights from his experience in Yugoslavia with the UN Peacekeeping Forces, his study of sociology, and real-world observations. He discussed life's unpredictability, women's safety in the RG Kar Medical College incident, and strategies for managing professional burnout. The event concluded with a congratulatory speech by Dr (Fr) Richard Rego and a vote of thanks by Iris Nixon, the convenor, followed by a performance by Kalah.

Start-Up Mela 4.0

St Joseph's University hosted Start-Up Mela 4.0 on October 28, 2024, under the theme Seeds to Success, fostering innovation and sustainability. The event featured over 100 startups, 20 investors, and partnerships with Startup Karnataka, NSRCEL, and the Wadhwani Foundation. Chief guest Mr Raj Waghray highlighted startups' role in economic growth. Standout ventures included AERS, a fire detection system using computer vision, and Orbyt, a smart health ring with AI sensors. The mela provided entrepreneurs with a platform to connect, pitch ideas, and gain industry exposure. University leaders engaged with startups, reinforcing their commitment to entrepreneurship. Each startup received recognition for its efforts, and the organisers were praised for their contributions. With the establishment of the St Joseph's University Innovation Council, future editions will further drive sustainable development and entrepreneurship. The success of Start-Up Mela 4.0 reaffirms the university's dedication to empowering young innovators and strengthening India's startup ecosystem.



The PRO Team with the speakers

OpenHeart 2025

The seventh edition of Open Heart, the premier speaker series of St Joseph's University, was held on February 4, 2025. This year, the event extended its reach beyond the university, welcoming over 30 high school students from Moulana Azad Urdu Model School, Shanti Nagar, reinforcing its core belief that stories can change the world. The event began with a session featuring Aisshwarya DKS Hegde, moderated by Mr Shabin. She spoke on the transformative power of education, emphasising lifelong learning as a fundamental right, not a privilege. She highlighted the role of Catalyst Labs in fostering innovation, stating, "An entrepreneur can't be without a learner." The second session, moderated by Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, featured Samyuktha Hornad, who discussed career choices, philanthropy, and social impact. She urged students to "Chase what you want to do" and shared her work with an NGO recognised as the Best Animal Welfare NGO. She spoke about adopting a government school, improving its infrastructure, and hiring an English teacher through social media advocacy. Additionally, she promoted her 24/7 animal rescue helpline for reporting animal abuse. With the motto "They Were. We Are. You Will Be.", OpenHeart 2025 reaffirmed its mission of spreading knowledge across generations, underscoring education, engagement, and social responsibility as pillars of meaningful change.

Martyrs' Day Memorial Lecture

The Public Relations Office of St Joseph's University, in association with Sarvodaya International Trust and its Karnataka chapter, organised a Martyrs' Day Memorial Lecture on January 30, 2025, at De Nobili Hall. The lecture, Gandhi's Vital Contribution to Women's Emancipation and Empowerment, was delivered by Smt Margaret Alva, former Union Minister, Governor, and distinguished public intellectual. Rev Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor of SJU, presided over the function. Padma Shri Ms Anita Reddy and Dr Jeevan Kumar, Managing Trustee, Sarvodaya International Trust, were also present.

The 6th Annual Rev Dr Ambrose Pinto, SJ Memorial Lecture

On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, the Public Relations Office organised and hosted the 6th Annual Rev Dr Ambrose Pinto SJ Memorial Lecture delivered by Mr Venkatesh Nayak, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) India Office. The memorial lecture commemorates the legacy of Rev Dr Ambrose Pinto SJ, the former Principal of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) as a stalwart figure, activist, an ardent writer and advocate for the rights of the marginalised and the oppressed communities of India. His legacy as the former Principal of St Joseph's College is a matter of pride and dignity for all staff and students now representing St Joseph's University.

The lecture touched upon the legacy of Fr Ambrose's activism serving as an inspiration to Mr Nayak. He spoke of the Right to Information Act and how important it is for the youth population to be aware of their duties as citizens. The lecture also provided insights into the option of 'NOTA' in elections and election malpractices that continue in the country despite progressing over the years. Mr Nayak spoke of the eroding democratic principles in the country and emphasised the role of students in upholding democratic practices, accountability through RTI acts and the loopholes that exist in the system.

Mr Venkatesh Nayak is a leading expert on the Right to Information (RTI). With a Master's and MPhil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, he has been instrumental in advocating for the RTI Act, 2005, training over 7,750 government officers and 800 PSU executives. He has advised governments and CSOs across Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean on RTI laws and conducted global capacity-building workshops. A recognised researcher and policy advisor, he has collaborated with institutions like the World Bank, UNDP, and India's DoPT. He also serves on the International Advisory Board of the University of Arizona's Human Rights Programme. He was also an Alumnus of St Joseph's College and a student of Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ.

The memorial lecture was marked by the attendance of Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mr P Venugopal, Public Relations Officer, and Dr Joyce D'Souza, Deputy-PRO. The memorial lecture was organised and coordinated by the PR Interns of the Public Relations Office.



Mr Venkatesh Nayak





The inaugural of the Start Up Mela

PLACEMENT CELL

Empowering Future Professionals: A Glimpse into the 2024 Placement Season

The placement season is one of the most crucial phases in the academic journey of students, marking the transition from education to professional careers. At our institution, the Centre for Placements and Skill Development has been actively working to equip students with the necessary skills and opportunities to secure promising career prospects.

Registrations and Training Initiatives

A total of 2,120 final-year undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students have registered for placements through the Linways portal for the current academic year. Recognising the importance of job preparedness, the Centre for Placements and Skill Development organised 'Skillsync'—a dedicated six-hour soft skills training session in association with Summit Careers. This initiative aimed to enhance students' confidence, communication, and overall employability skills ahead of the placement season 2024-25.

More than 600 final-year students participated in these sessions, which were conducted in batches of 50 across three focused sessions, each spanning two hours. This structured approach ensured that students received personalised attention and hands-on learning experiences, preparing them effectively for the recruitment process.

A Promising Placement Season

The placement season commenced in August 2024, attracting a diverse range of prominent firms across various industries. Notable recruiters include Ernst & Young (EY), ITC Foods, Thomson Reuters, Nielsen IQ, IPSOS, Empower, GainPro, Swiggy, Accenture, LTIMindtree, Ditto Insurance, FirstSource, Standard Chartered Bank, Federal Bank, and Zomato, among others. One of the key highlights of this placement season has been the substantial recruitment by Ernst & Young (EY), one of the Big Four global auditing firms. The firm has successfully hired over sixty final-year students from different academic schools, demonstrating the exceptional talent and preparedness of our students. Furthermore, 32 students from the School of Business, who are currently in their second year, have secured part-time internship opportunities at EY, gaining early industry exposure and hands-on experience.

Academia-Industry Connect: Bridging the Gap

To further enhance employability skills, the Centre for Placements also organised 'Academia-Industry Connect' programs. These sessions featured industry experts who provided valuable insights on upskilling, effective communication, personal branding on social media, and other critical aspects of professional development. These engagements have been instrumental in bridging the gap between academia and industry expectations, empowering students to navigate the job market with confidence.

Looking Ahead

The ongoing placement season continues to create remarkable opportunities for our students, reinforcing our institution's commitment to academic excellence and professional growth. With structured training programs, strong industry collaborations, and a student-centric approach, we are confident that our graduates will continue to achieve outstanding career milestones.



Some of our students who received placements

MIMA

The MadAds, Ice-breakers, and Mockrock Association

The MadAds, Ice-breakers, and Mockrock Association (MIMA) is the official entertainment association of St Joseph's University, bringing together students with a passion for performance and creative expression. MIMA provides a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents across various artistic and theatrical disciplines, including street theatre, mime, mad ads, mockrock, aircrash, personality, stand-up comedy, monoact, and icebreakers. Beyond entertainment and engagement, MIMA fosters a culture of artistic storytelling and social awareness, using dramatisation to highlight and represent social issues. Their performances spark conversations on pertinent topics. Whether it's captivating audiences with a high energy mockrock act, delivering thought-provoking street theatre performances, or engaging in witty mad ads and stand-up comedy sets, MIMA creates an immersive space for creativity, awareness, and impactful storytelling. With a dynamic community of performers and changemakers, MIMA continues to be a powerhouse of entertainment and advocacy, where talent meets purpose and art becomes a voice for social change. Dr Alan Godfrey A is the faculty coordinator of MIMA.

The students of MIMA participated in the following events and secured the respective places:

First place: Poiesis Fest, Sacred Hearts Girls' High School, Mad Ads. Yirah Fest, Mount Carmel College, Soldiers for Christ Kala Sangram, Sindhi College, Mad Ads. Disha'25, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Street Play, Mad Ads. Mediatron, Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Mad Ads. El-Shaadai, Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Street Play, Pot Pourri. Dhwani, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Icebreakers. Enact'25 Theatre Festival, Hashmi Theatre Productions, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Mono-acting.

Second Place: Samyoga, Jain Jayanagar, Improv. Chigaru, Cambridge Institute of Technology, Mad Ads. Disha'25, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Mad Ads. El-Shaadai, Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Icebreakers. Yirah, Christ BGR, Pot Pourri. Rophé, Christ (Deemed to be) University, Pot Pourri.

Third Place: Crescendo Kala Sangram, Sindhi College, Mad Ads. Scintillation, Jyothi Nivas College Autonomous, Street Play. Dhwani, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Mad Ads.

Individual Achievements of Students from MIMA
Preet D Jain, III BCOM, participated in Poiesis organised by Sacred Hearts Girls' High School and secured first place in Personality on July 26, 2024.

Tom Abraham, I INJPP participated in Yirah Fest organised by Mount Carmel College and secured first place in Soldiers for Christ on August 2, 2024. He also participated in Yirah Fest organised by Christ BGR and secured second place in Pot Pourri, and first place in JAM. At El-Shaddai organised by Jyoti Nivas College, he secured first place in Pot Pourri. In Rophé, organised by Christ (Deemed to Be) University, he secured second place in Pot Pourri.

Melwin J from III JPY participated in Scintillation organised by Jyoti Nivas College and won Mr Scintillation title in Personality on November 21, 2024.

Samhita Pravin Netrekar from I TEP participated in INBLOOM Fest organised by Christ University, Central Campus, and secured second place in Monoacting on January 17, 2025.

R B Aishwarya Lakshitha from II INPP participated in INBLOOM Fest organised by Christ University, Central Campus, and secured first place in Monoacting on January 17, 2025.
Naomi Sneha J from III TPY participated in Enact'25 Theatre Festival organised by Hashmi Theatre Productions, SJCC, and secured first place in Mono-acting on February 14 and 15, 2025.

GENDER SENSITISATION CELL

On December 13, 2024, the Gender Sensitisation Cell of St Joseph's University, in collaboration with AWE (Actions We Empower), organised a play titled, Chai. Written and directed by the students of III OEPY, the play began at 12:50 pm in the University's Black Box theatre and attracted a packed audience. The event commenced with an opening address by Dr Neeta, who emphasised the importance of gender sensitisation and outlined the objectives of the Gender Sensitisation Cell. Her speech was followed by a deeply moving session with the founder of AWE Ms Fiona Martin, who shared her journey and the mission of her organisation in combating abuse and empowering women across India.

The play, Chai, narrated the story of Priya, a 22 year-old woman whose therapy sessions reveal flashbacks of traumatic experiences. These included struggles stemming from negative childhood memories, absent parenting, and abusive relationships. The narrative depicted the profound psychological effects of abuse while providing insight into the challenges faced by survivors of rape and societal oppression. The play not only highlighted the importance of addressing such social issues but also brought to light the need for accessible mental health treatment—an often-overlooked aspect in Indian society due to prevailing taboos. Priya's gradual journey towards healing through therapy served as a hopeful message, advocating for acceptance and the breaking of stigmas surrounding mental health.The performance concluded to thunderous applause, and the cast and crew were introduced and celebrated for their hard work and dedication over weeks of preparation.
This event was more than just a theatrical production; it was a meaningful platform to address pressing social issues, foster awareness, and showcase the creative talents of students. The collaboration between the Gender Sensitisation Cell and AWE exemplified the power of storytelling in bringing about social change and encouraged discussions around gender equality, abuse, and mental health in today's world.



Students of III OEPY after their performance of Chai

WOMEN'S CELL

Investor Awareness Programme

The women's cell hosted an Investor Awareness programme, on August 27, 2024. The event aimed to educate the participants on smart investment strategies and provide valuable insights into financial planning, catering to both novice and experienced investors.

The programme commenced with a felicitation ceremony, led by Dr Shanty Mathew, the Convenor; Ms Veena Nirmala, the Co-ordinator; and Dr Archana V, a member of the Women's Cell, who honoured the guest speaker, Mr Karthik C S, Co-founder of Knowise, in recognition of his expertise and contributions to the field.

Following the felicitation, Mr Karthik C S delivered a keynote session where he shared his knowledge on various investment strategies and the significance of financial literacy.



Women's Cell members with Mr Karthik C S

Talk on Women's Hygiene and Cervical Cancer

The Women's Cell organised an informative talk on Women's Hygiene and Cervical Cancer, On October 14, 2024. The event opened with a warm welcome and a brief introduction highlighting the significance of awareness around women's health issues. This session was designed to empower women with essential knowledge on preventive health and hygiene.

The guest speaker, Dr Namrata Sugandhi, a respected obstetrician and gynecologist at Sagar Chandrama Hospital, delivered an insightful talk on the menstrual cycle and hygiene, debunking common myths surrounding women's health and fostering an open and inclusive environment. Her talk resonated deeply with the audience, stressing the importance of proactive health management. She also discussed cervical cancer and its prevention, emphasising the importance of regular screenings like pap smears and the role of HPV vaccination. Dr Veena Yaragatti, Assistant Medical Administrator at Sagar Chandrama Hospital, provided practical guidance on maintaining health during menstruation with some simple exercises. The event concluded with a lively Q&A session where attendees posed questions on various aspects of women's hygiene and preventive care, followed by a vote of thanks. Overall, the session was a great success, achieving its goal of promoting health awareness, with plans to organise similar events in the future. The event was organised by Ms Lakshmi S from shift III.



Learning about women's hygiene with medical experts

THE JOSEPHITE CHOIR

The Josephite Choir is one of the oldest and most cherished associations of the institution, with a rich legacy spanning over a century. It takes immense pride in being the only student-led choir in all of Bengaluru, upholding its noble motto: "Singing for the Greater Glory of God." With a tradition deeply rooted in musical excellence and devotion, the choir continues to be a beacon of harmony and faith. Guiding the choir with their invaluable expertise and dedication are the choir coordinators, Mr Leonard Winston Aiman and Ms Sushmitha Vincent Chemmanoor, who have played an instrumental role in shaping and mentoring the members. Their unwavering commitment ensures that the choir upholds its high musical standards while fostering a strong sense of unity and discipline. The choir is also blessed to have two exceptional conductors, Ms Anita Joyce Anil and Mr Samuel Samarpith, whose leadership and musical direction elevate every performance. Their keen understanding of vocal harmony and choral arrangement has helped the choir achieve new heights of excellence. Adding to the seamless execution of performances and events is the programme coordinator, Mr Bevan Mathew Cyriac, whose meticulous planning and organisational skills ensure that every performance is a resounding success.

The Josephite Choir proudly represented their institution at the 32nd Glorious: Festival of Harmony held on August 24, 2024, at Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru. This annual festival, a cherished tradition in Bengaluru's Christian community, brings together choirs from various institutions to celebrate unity through song. Led by their conductors, the choir performed two songs – '*Even So Come*' by Passion and '*Praise*' by Elevation Worship.

The Josephite Choir brought festive cheer to the community with their captivating performances during the Christmas season. The choir performed at various events this Christmas



The smiling faces of the very successful Josephite Choir

season such as Magnificat organised by Christ (Deemed to be) University at their Central campus and the Kengeri campus, events hosted by St Pius X Church and Ascension Church. They also participated in various Christmas Carol competitions. The choir won third place at the Global Carol Singing Competition organised by Hindustan Group of Institutions, Chennai, and came second at VR Mall's Annual Christmas Carol Competition. The choir closed the Christmas Season with a set at UB City.

The Josephite Choir delivered a captivating performance at Resound, an annual musical event organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 16, 2025. This year's edition, themed "This Is Us," celebrated diversity, unity, and the power of music to bring people together. The theme "This Is Us" emphasised the importance of identity, community, and inclusivity, values that resonated deeply through the choir's song choices and heartfelt renditions. Their set included inspirational numbers that reflected personal and collective journeys, reinforcing the message of unity and belonging.

Through its melodious hymns and heartfelt performances, the Josephite Choir not only enhances the spiritual experience of the institution but also fosters a sense of unity and camaraderie among its members. Whether performing at grand ceremonies, college events, or liturgical services, the choir remains committed to uplifting hearts and souls through the power of music.



Taking a break: between events



A packed classroom after a performance

KALAH

The academic year 2024-25 has been an eventful one for the college music team, with active participation in various inter-collegiate fests and outstanding performances across multiple categories. The team spent September and October planning events and conducting Kalah auditions, followed by Prathibha, where they actively participated in multiple competitions.

The Kalah team participated in the following events over the academic year:
Artemis at Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College, Scintillations at Jyoti Nivas College, Sargam at New Horizon, Disha at Bishop Cotton's, Magnovite at Christ Kengeri, Christ Main Campus Fest, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Culah at Mount Carmel College.

The team secured multiple wins across various categories:
Srikrishna won 1st prize in Indian Solo Singing in Christ (Deemed to be) University.

Supriya R won 3rd prize in Indian Solo Singing.
Rajeev Dixith and Supriya won 3rd prize in Kannada Bhavageethe Solo Singing.

Nura won 1st prize for Indian Solo Singing in John's Medical College and St Joseph's College of Commerce

Neha & Anagha won 3rd prize for Duet Singing in St Joseph's College of Commerce

Joshua Justus won 1st prize in Solo Instrumental in St Joseph's College of Commerce
Gregory in 3rd prize Solo Instrumental
St Joseph's College of Commerce

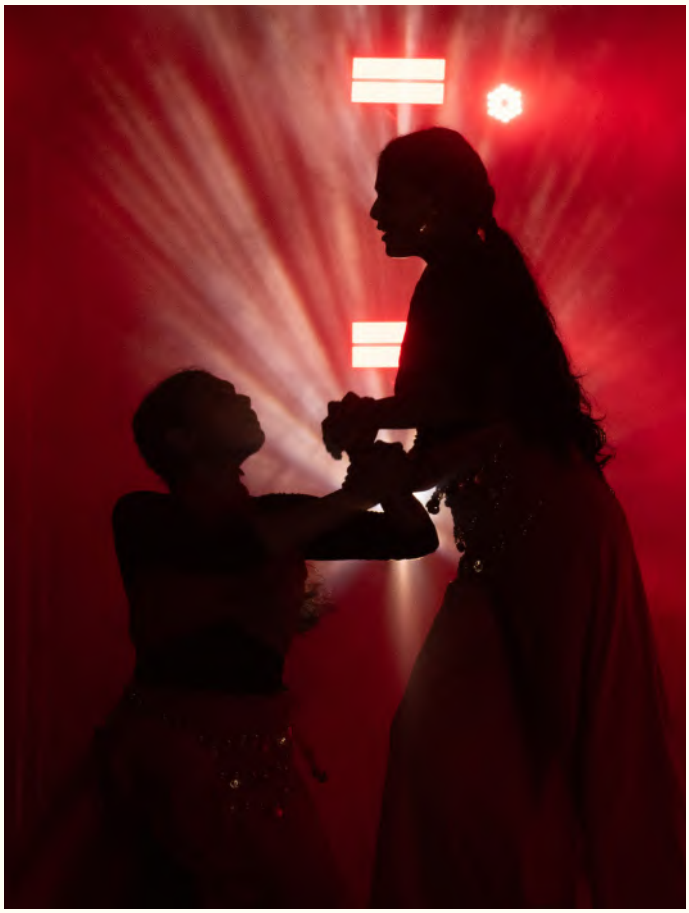
The team won the following contests:
Indian Group Singing
1st prize at Christ (Deemed to be) University, Kengeri Campus

2nd prize at Christ (Deemed to be) University, Main Campus

2nd prize at St Joseph's College of Commerce

Acapella
3rd prize at Christ (Deemed to be) University,

Main Campus
Riff-Offs
3rd prize at St Joseph's College of Commerce



Kalah in the spotlight

WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION

J Streets Crew, the Western Dance Association of St Joseph's University, started as a college crew, with a vision in our minds to reach greater heights. Hard work and consistency have been the most important values our crew has held onto this year. The dance crew has represented SJU in individual events, choreographies, and battles all over India.

The team started the academic year by achieving the title of the 'National Champions of India' (under college category) for the second time at 'Destiny 4.0'. They were invited to the finals of the college category dance event of the aforementioned national level competition. The competition had 1000 crew participants in attendance, out of which almost around 250 crews participated for the college category. Only a mere 10 crews were selected for the semi-finals from the video submission round. They entered the finals as they had been declared the Defending Champions of the last season by winning first place in 2023. J Streets Crew has been monikered the best college dance crew by consistently winning the competition in the last 2 years (2023 and 2024). With tremendous hard work and discipline, J Streets has also represented the city in the north, at the BIGinning Dance Competition, in Delhi, India. They were amongst the top 9 finalists in the competition, competing against professional crews all over the country.

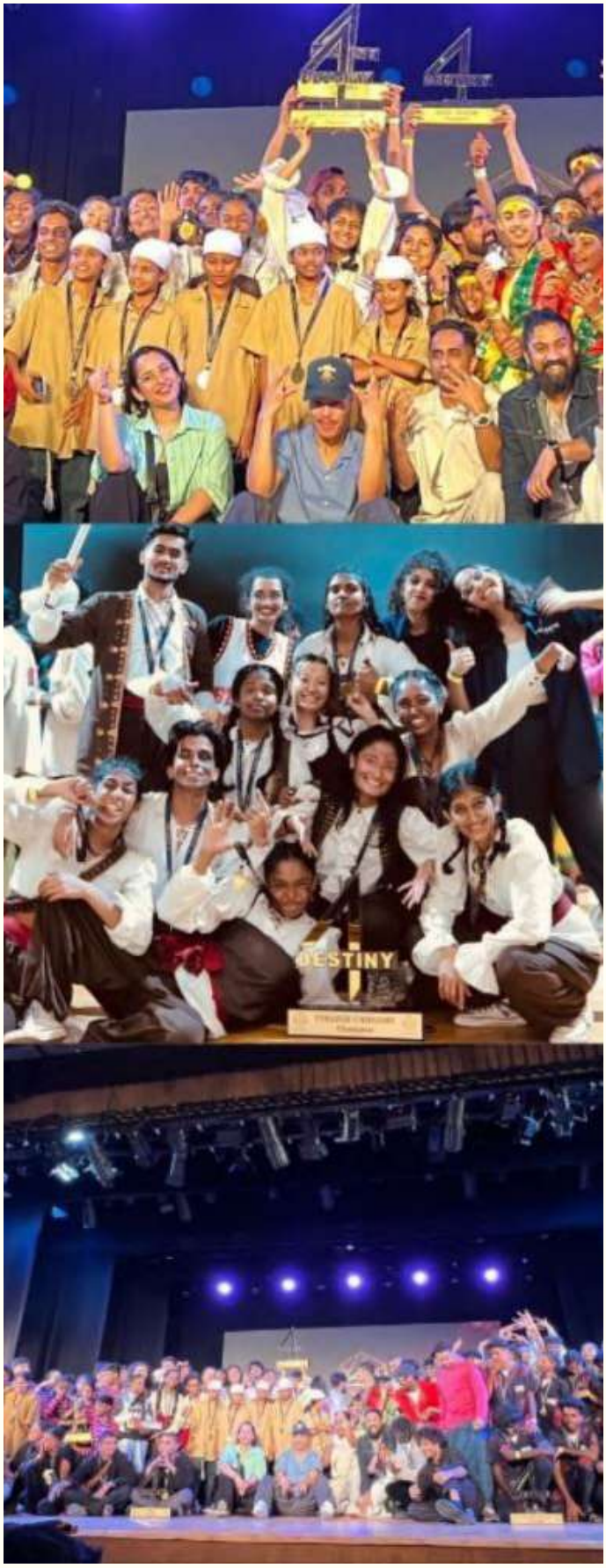
Achievements

Won second place in the solo dance competition at Mediatron, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Autonomous, Bengaluru.

Won third place in the solo dance competition at Cul-Ah'25 House of Aces, organised by Mount Carmel College, Autonomous, Bengaluru.

Won third place in the solo dance competition at Kala Sangram organised by Sindhi College, Bengaluru.

Won second place in the duet dance competition at Kala Sangram organised by Sindhi College, Bengaluru.



J Streets Crew winning prizes across India

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Christian Students' Association (CSA) convenes bi-weekly meetings every Monday and Thursday. The association hosts fellowship gatherings centred around exploring the teachings, profound insights and guidance offered by the Bible. The discussions also provide a platform for students to reflect on their own experiences, interpretations and apply Biblical principles in their daily lives. Here, all students are encouraged to share anything- whether it be career advice to doubts about their faith. All are welcome to engage in this association.

This year, the students of CSA participated in the following intercollegiate Gospel fests: Judah, hosted by Christ (Deemed-to-be) University, Yeshwanthpur campus, for the vernacular singing event on October 8, 2024; El Shaddai, hosted by Jyoti Nivas College, where students secured 2nd place in the Bible quiz, and participated in vernacular singing and treasure hunt.



Jesuit Worldwide Learning

Since 2020, the erstwhile St Joseph's College, now University, has been offering two six-month programmes called e-Commerce, and Creative Writing & Web Design. With the combined support and initiative of Fr Marcell SJ, Fr Praveen SJ, Fr Richard Rego and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas the courses were successfully conducted with complete LMS and online interactions. Based on the decision of Fr Peter Ballies, Executive President of JWL and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, the convenor of JWL, the two programmes were revised in November 2023 and extended from three to five courses: Business Administration (BA), Creative Writing and Web Design (CWD). JWL offered the revised Programs BA and CWD starting in January 2024, running for ten months. Each programme has five courses, comprising a total of 800 hours. These revised programmes were launched in 2024.

Business Administration 2021 – 2024
Creative Writing and Web design 2021 -2024

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from SJU began the revision and the creation of four new courses under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Ms Banu, with some support by the JWL Seitwerk team (Germany). The design and production was successfully implemented for the revised version of the existing courses. The SME team gained expertise in the design and production of blended eLearning courses using the software tools such as Microsoft Articulate, Vyond, Video Scribe and Adobe Premiere Pro. The feedback of the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) was positive, and students completed their assignments on time. The pass percentage improved as well.

World Wide Learning Centers

Afghanistan: Bamyan, Herat, Bhandar, Khidir, Nili, Shekmeren, Khoshak, Lal, Kabul
Guyana : Potarinau
India: Delhi, Kerala
Iraq: Sulaymaniyah, Erbil, Khanke, Sinjar, Sinuni, Qaraqosh, Domiz.
Sri Lanka: Triconalee, Mannar, Batticaloa.
Uganda: Kampala
Nigeria : Lagos
Israel: Jerusalem
Kenya: Kakuma
Malawi: Dzaleka
Myanmar: Yangor, Taunggya
Jordan: Amman
Zimbabwe

SJU Debating Society

Epigram, the vibrant debating society of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, officialised on October 10, 2023, is a platform for intellectual growth, refined communication, and critical thinking. It's a community of passionate individuals who engage with diverse perspectives on current events, social justice, environmental sustainability, historical turning points, and ethical dilemmas. At Epigram, there is a focus on inculcating and developing analytical skills, dissecting arguments, identifying logical fallacies, and constructing compelling cases through debates and discussion to gain confidence in articulating ideas persuasively—skills beyond competitions to academics, careers, and everyday interactions. After completing a successful founding first term in the last academic year 2023-24, Term 2 created history in student life and community culture. It focused on what truly matters to the youth in debates on the legitimacy of live-in relationships and the responsibility of the West in modern warfare. It also hosted the University's first-ever presidential debate during the student council elections, with presidential candidates in the Council Elections.

Swearing-in Ceremony

The Epigram swearing-in ceremony was held on July 16, 2024 at Faber Hall, administered by Mr Ryan Wilson, faculty coordinator. The event aimed to formally introduce the new Directorate & Executive Assembly members of Term 2, reinforcing their responsibilities and celebrating the beginning of a new leadership term. The ceremony began with the singing of the University Anthem, followed by an opening address and an introduction by Mr Wilson. The outgoing Chairperson then delivered a speech summarising their tenure's achievements while advising the in-coming team, quoting Col KC Menon's (CHRO) Republic Day address, to let "the interest of your organisation come first, and every time, the interest of the people you are responsible for coming next, and your own interest last and every time." Mr Wilson then introduced the new office bearers before leading the swearing-in ceremony, where each office bearer and executive assembly member took the official oath and signed the Oath Document. The newly appointed Chairperson delivered a speech outlining their vision and goals, followed by the concluding address by Mr Wilson.

Introductory Debate Workshop

The Epigram Debate Society's Introductory Debate Workshop was held on July 11, 2024 at DeNobili Hall. Key office bearers led the event, including Faculty Coordinator, Mr Ryan Wilson, Govind Anoop, and Prajwal TV. The workshop began with Prajwal TV's opening address, where he introduced Epigram's origin, values, and mission as a platform for knowledge exchange and critical discourse. Govind Anoop explained the debate formats, such as the British Parliamentary and Lincoln-Douglas styles, while discussing potential future formats. Next, Asmi Patnaik and Sanya Sudheer introduced Epigram Publications and Epigram Airwaves, explaining their operations and membership process. Cris Fernando then highlighted past events and upcoming engagements, including visits by the Consulate Generals of Japan and France. Finally, Govind Anoop concluded the session by introducing various working committees, such as hospitality and finance, and encouraging participants to engage actively in society's initiatives.

This House should be Concerned about the Legitimacy of Live-in Relationships

The VIII edition of the Epigram Debate Society was held on April 30, 2024, debating the motion This House Should Be Concerned About the Legitimacy of Live-In Relationships. Govind Anoop and Hanna Sara Sunny chaired the event. The proposition team (Wenona Rodrigues, Anushree Debnath, and Anjali Nautiyal) argued that live-in relationships promote emotional bonding, financial independence, compatibility checks, and personal growth. They cited historical precedents like Gandharva Vivah, legal protections under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, and security under the Domestic Violence Act of 2005. The opposition team (Maneesh A Kumar, Sanjana Saha, and Aryaman

A Goyal) contended that live-in relationships lack societal acceptance, legal security, and long-term stability. They highlighted domestic abuse cases, financial insecurity, and psychological effects on children, including the case of the murder of Shraddha Walkar. They also stressed Indian cultural values, stating that marriage provides a more substantial foundation for relationships. The rebuttal round focused on safety, legal rights, and societal norms, followed by a Q&A session where the audience raised concerns about legal complexities, financial implications, and social perceptions. The proposition won the debate, securing 27 votes against 10, reflecting a growing discussion on changing relationship dynamics in modern society.

The West Should Be Held Responsible For All Modern Warfare

The IX edition of the Epigram Debate Society was held on July 23, 2024 at Loyola Hall, debating the motion "The West Should Be Held Responsible for All Modern Warfare." Govind Anoop and Hanna Sara Sunny chaired the event. The proposition team (Devika K, Prakruthi DA, Urvashi Bajpai, and Adwitiyo Das) argued that the West's military interventions, arms sales, and colonial history have fueled modern warfare. They cited Cold War biological warfare, and ongoing US-Israel involvement as evidence of Western dominance in conflicts. The opposition team (Laya R Laju, Anush Joseph, Kaiz Visani, and Neel A Prabhakar) countered that multiple factors, including religious extremism, governance failures, and regional conflicts, influence modern warfare. They argued that Russia, China, and local actors also play a significant role and highlighted Western efforts in humanitarian interventions like Kosovo and Sierra Leone. After a heated rebuttal round, Urvashi Bajpai was named Best Speaker. The final poll had 40 votes for the motion and 25 against, declaring the proposition victorious.

The First Ever Presidential debate for the Student Council Election

The Epigram Debate Society, in collaboration with the Student Council, hosted the first Presidential Debate on July 26, 2024 at the Main Auditorium. The debate was moderated by Ms Afreen Mody, former SJC Student Council President, and chaired by Govind Anoop and Hanna Sara Sunny. The event was presided over by Mr Ryan Wilson, and Mr Prem Sagar, Student Council Governor. The candidates for Student Council President were Ajay Krishna, Divyansh Mehta, and Maneesh Arun Kumar. Ajay Krishna emphasised inclusivity, student engagement, and proposed gathering student feedback on cultural fests and securing better third-year placement opportunities. Divyansh Mehta focused on career development, workshops, and student placements. He suggested incorporating social causes into Visages, though he struggled to provide a specific theme. Maneesh Arun Kumar spoke about unity beyond language barriers and the importance of Josephite identity. The debate concluded with Niveditha KV, Chief Election Officer delivering the vote of thanks. Ajay Krishna won the Student Council's Presidential Elections for the academic year 2024-25.

Epigram's Curse of Controversy Debate - Prathiba 2024-25

Epigram hosted the Curse of Controversy Debate on September 26, 2024 as part of Prathibha at the quadrangle in the Science Block. Carrying two rounds, the preliminary took place on September 20. The finals on the two motions on "social media as a full-time profession or just a tool" and "should texting replace calling as the primary means of communication" were judged by a panel consisting of Mr Ryan Wilson, and research scholars Ms Abigail Chinzah, and Ms Daniya Shah. The final results were announced, with Juwariya securing first place, Jerry Joby securing second place, and Lisa securing third place. The debate brought about meaningful conversations on human emotions and ways of communication in changing times.



The Epigram team with Mr Ryan Wilson

SJU MUN Society

The St Joseph's University Model United Nations Society (SJU MUNSOC), reestablished in October 2023 from formerly St Joseph's College Model United Nations Society (SJC MUNSOC), has made several achievements including hosting SJU Summit, an intercollegiate MUN summit to securing best delegations across many intercollegiate MUN conferences.

Meet & Greet

On August 2, 2024, the SJU MUNSOC hosted a meet & greet. Programme as an inaugural workshop to meet the MUNSOC Council. The programme taught the students how the society works, and encouraged the delegates to socialise with each other. The event was held in the Arrupe block AV Room, with introductions by the President Saniya Philip, Vice-president Zaid Sheriff, and Anush Joseph followed by P Unnikrishnan, former President. Attendees included first and second year students who were introduced to the concept of MUN, its procedures, committees in MUNs, etc. With over 60 attendees, the inaugural programme provided new delegates for the society.

International Model United Nations Conference on Artificial Intelligence Regulations

The International Model United Nations Conference on Artificial Intelligence Regulations was successfully held on September 21, 2024, as a virtual event organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India, in collaboration with UNIFOR University, Brazil, JSS Law College, Mysuru, India, and the Institute of Legal and Policy Research (Virtual NGO). The conference focused on key legal themes such as AI and personal law, AI privacy, human rights, taxation, security, warfare, and liability. Experts and participants deliberated on AI's ethical, legal, and societal implications, particularly concerning autonomous decision-making, citizen rights, and regulatory frameworks. The event was coordinated by Mrs Banu M (India) and Mr Antonio Jorge Pereira Júnior (Brazil), with Mr S Q Hashimy attending as the organising secretary. Mr K S Suresh acted as the patron. The conference successfully fostered dialogue on balancing innovation with legal safeguards, emphasising the necessity of global cooperation in AI governance. The event was free to attend, attracting scholars, policymakers, and AI enthusiasts worldwide.

United Nations Day Panel Discussion

The President of SJU MUNSOC, Saniya S Philip, was invited as a panelist for a moderated discussion organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy on October 24, 2024, in Loyola Hall. The discussion, held in honor of United Nations Day, focused on the role of the UN in the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine conflicts. Saniya Philip provided a historical background on the formation of Russia and Ukraine, recent developments, and the UNHCR's response to displacement and the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Europe. She also highlighted UNICEF's role in ensuring children's education and the World Food Programme's efforts in providing food aid. On broader geopolitical aspects, she examined security concerns, external conflicts versus internal issues, and the ambitions driving global powers. When asked about UN reforms, she advocated for retaining the UNSC veto system but suggested regulating its use. She proposed a rotational system every 4–5 years and emphasised the need for ratification before voting on resolutions or agreements.

MUN Training Session

SJU MUNSOC successfully hosted an insightful session on "How the UN Makes Its Documents (Documentation and Law)" on March 13, 2025, by P Unnikrishnan, the former SJU MUNSOC President. This session provided participants with a deeper understanding of international documentation and legal frameworks. Whether experienced MUN delegates or newcomers, attendees gained valuable knowledge and skills to enhance their MUN journey. The event, held at A010 at 2:40 pm, offered a platform for engaging discussions, learning from seasoned delegates, and networking with fellow MUN enthusiasts. Participants actively interacted, asked

questions, and broadened their perspectives on UN procedures.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Christ Academy Model United Nations

St Joseph's University proudly participated in the Christ Academy Model United Nations and emerged victorious, securing multiple individual awards as well as the prestigious Best Delegation Award, along with a cash prize of 25,000. Our delegates showcased exceptional diplomatic and public speaking skills across various committees. In the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Zaid was awarded Best Delegate, while Bakul (II BVC) received Special Mention. Saniya (III JIN) claimed the Best Delegate title in DISEC, and in the Human Rights Council (HRC), Adwitiyo (I INJPP) earned a Commendation, while Anagha (II ECST) was named Best Delegate. Performance extended beyond international bodies, with commendable achievements in domestic and crisis committees. In the Lok Sabha, Farhaz (II INPP) received a Special Mention, while in the Joint Crisis Committee (JCC), Akshint (II INPP) was also recognised with a Special Mention, and Anush (II INPP) was honored as High Delegate. The International Press Corps (IPC) also saw success, with Daryl (II INPP) receiving a Special Mention for his outstanding contributions.

Jain University Centre for Management Studies

St Joseph's University proudly participated in the Jain University Centre for Management Studies Model United Nations on 16-18 January 2025 and emerged victorious with multiple accolades. In the UN Security Council, Adwitiyo Das (I INJPP) and Adala Anvith Reddy (I INJPP) secured the Best Delegate award, while Yash Chopra (II TPY) and Kshetra Shimil (II ELCS) received Special Mentions for their commendable performances. In the UN Human Rights Council, Anagha Girish (II ECST) was recognised with a Verbal Mention. Similarly, in the All India Political Parties Meet, Farhaz Rashid Ahmed (II INPP) and Anand K T Nambiar (II INPP) earned Verbal Mentions for their contributions. The Crisis Committee witnessed outstanding performances, with Akash Das (III JIP) winning Best Delegate, Anush Joseph (II INPP) securing High Commendation, and Akshint Joseph (II INPP) receiving a Special Mention. Meanwhile, in the International Press Corps, Daryl Elijah (II INPP) was honored with the Best Reporter award for his exceptional journalistic skills. Adding to this success, St Joseph's University was also awarded the prestigious Best Delegation Award, recognising the team's collective excellence. Congratulations to the entire delegation for their remarkable achievements!

St Aloysius (deemed-to-be-University), Mangaluru

SJU MUNSOC secured the Best Delegation award at ALMUN'25, held at St Aloysius University, Mangalore, on March 18 and 19, 2025. Our delegation excelled across multiple committees, with outstanding individual performances. In the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Zaid Sheriff (II HPS) was awarded Best Delegate for his exemplary leadership and argumentation. Similarly, in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Adwitiyo (I INJPP) also earned the Best Delegate award, while Saniya Philip (III JIN) received the Commendable Delegate recognition for her insightful contributions. In the Lok Sabha, Farhaz Rashid Ahmed (II INPP) was recognised as a Commendable



A MUNSOC poster

Delegate, showcasing his deep understanding of parliamentary proceedings. Meanwhile, in the International Press (IP) category, Yash Chopra (II TPY) was honored with the Best Reporter award for his outstanding journalistic skills. This success would not have been possible without the support and commitment of our entire delegation. Alongside the awardees, our team was strengthened by the presence of Evelyn (II ECI), Anvith (I INJPP), Kushad (II INPP), Anush (II INPP), and Elijah (II INPP), who played a vital role in our overall performance.

St Joseph's University Model United Nations Team 2024-25

Individual Students of SJU-MUNSOC have been invited to Chair the following conferences:

Saniya Philip, III JIN, chaired the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at ROTAMUN'25 Conference hosted by the St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru in December 2024.

Zaid Sheriff, II HEP, co-chaired the United Nations Security Council at ROTAMUN'25 Conference hosted by the St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru in December 2024.

Evelyn Tessa Grace, II ECI, co-chaired the United Nations Human Rights Commission at the SIBM-MUN Conference hosted by Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bengaluru in January 2025.

Anagha Girish, II ECST, co-chaired the United Nations Human Rights Commission at KJMUN'25 Conference hosted by Kristhu Jayanthi College.

P Unnikrishnan, chaired the United Nations Security Council at CMSMUN V'11 Conference hosted by the Centre for Management Studies, Jain University in January 2025.

Ayush Bhattacharjee, served as the Photographer-in-chief at the KLELCBMUN'24, Conference hosted by KLE Law College, in December 2024.
Zaid Sheriff, II HEP, served as the co-chairperson of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime at the KLELCBMUN'24, Conference hosted by KLE Law College, in December 2024.

Evelyn Tessa Grace, II ECI, served as the Vice-chair for the United Nations Environment Programme at the Presidency MUN Conference hosted by Presidency University.

Evelyn Tessa Grace, II ECI, chaired the World Health Organisation at the AiCON'24, Conference hosted by Acharya Institutes.

Saniya Philip, III JIN, served as the Secretary General of the 7th edition of SFSMUNB hosted by St Francis School in August 2024.

Zaid Sheriff, II HEP, served as the Chairperson of the Continuous Crisis Committee of the 7th edition of SFSMUNB hosted by St Francis School in August 2024.





The SJU MUNSOC Team

SJU IN DUBAI

From November 8-13, 2024, Dr Madappa M B and Ms Poonam R Ahuja represented St Joseph's University at key educational events in Dubai. The primary purpose of the visit was to raise awareness about SJU and engage with prospective students from the NRI community.
On November 9 and 10, the team participated in The Hindu India Dubai Education Fair 2024, held at the Crowne Plaza in Deira. The fair featured 22 participating institutions and attracted 633 attendees, mainly students and parents from Grade X and XI. At the fair, SJU showcased its academic programmes and facilities at SJU.

On November 12, Dr Madappa and Ms Poonam visited the Dubai American Academy (DAA), part of the GEMS Education network, to explore opportunities for collaboration. During their visit, they conducted master classes for students from Grades 9 to 12 on the topic of Biotechnology and met with high school counselors to discuss future partnership possibilities.

The final meeting on November 13, 2024 was with Mr Christopher Goodbourn, Director of University Partnerships at GEMS. Together they explored the potential for collaboration through the GEMS for Life Programme which aimed at providing SJU with greater exposure and outreach within the region.







Dr Madappa M B and Dr Poonam Ahuja representing SJU at various educational events

BEMBALA

Bembala-St Joseph's Outreach is a transformative community outreach initiative under the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES), designed to instil the Jesuit vision of life and education among students of St Joseph's Institutions. This programme aims to nurture young men and women with a deep sense of social responsibility and a commitment to creating a just and compassionate society. Under the leadership of Fr Daniel Fernandes SJ, Director of Bembala, the team has actively engaged students in various meaningful activities that are designed to sensitise students to societal challenges and encourage them to take initiatives that contribute to the well-being of marginalised and underprivileged communities. During the past year, Bembala has successfully organised several activities, including educational outreach programmes providing academic support, and mentorship to underprivileged children in local communities; health and hygiene campaigns and distribution of essential hygiene kits was done to promote better health practices; conducting awareness drives, environmental sustainability initiatives engaging students in tree-planting drives, waste management programmes, and awareness sessions on climate change; social awareness workshops organising sessions on human rights, gender equality, and social justice to broaden students' perspectives on societal issues; visits to shelter homes and elderly care centres encouraging students to interact with and support vulnerable groups through various service activities. Through these initiatives, Bembala continues to foster a spirit of service and solidarity among students, empowering them to become agents of positive change in society.

Rural Exposure Camps

Rural exposure camps for about 767 postgraduate students were conducted in Sindagi and Manvi for a duration of five days each. Upon arrival, the students were given an orientation about the activities conducted. They engaged in several community outreach programmes such as campus cleaning, road construction work, government school awareness and painting work, field work in the villages, where students were assigned tasks such as cleaning, digging, and plucking weeds. The students interacted with the villagers in their respective visits and conducted surveys regarding their lifestyle and organised cultural programmes to entertain the villagers. On the last day of the camp, evaluations were done to reflect on the activities and learnings of the visit.

Rural exposure camps for about 2800 undergraduate students were conducted at the Bembala outreach centre in Nelamangala. Each visit was roughly three days. The students were given an orientation upon arrival about their schedule. The community outreach programmes for the camp included field work in two villages, where they helped clean, pluck weeds and interacted with the villagers to understand their quality of life and fostered community engagement and teamwork. The exposure camp also included a visit to nearby brick factories where they tried their hand at making them, and early morning walks and exercises. The students organised a cultural programme to entertain and bring awareness to issues such as education and healthcare for the residents of the village.

Regular Activities

The regular activities for the first-year students included traffic awareness campaigns, where they educated the public on essential traffic rules and safe practices. The students made paper bags out of newspapers and distributed it to nearby vendors and shopkeepers to promote usage of eco-friendly covers instead of single use plastic. They also spent their time at nearby government schools interacting and teaching the students, and took part in cleanliness drives in and around the university campus.

Special Activities

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent



Students at the Cancer Awareness Walkathon

call for action by all countries to recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth - all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. The postgraduate and undergraduate students of SJU used this blueprint to plan their special activities that will create a positive impact in society. SDG goals such as climate action, economic growth, food security, quality education, gender equality, and responsible consumption were some of the topics which were addressed in these activities. The students organised cleanliness and plantation drives, book donation campaigns, tutoring and counselling sessions for students, skill training classes, and community engagement activities to tackle these goals.

National Youth Day

The National Youth Day programme was organised by Bembala in collaboration with Bosco Nivas on January 12, 2025 at the Outreach Department. A Signature Campaign was conducted for the students of I BCOM 'BPS' (Shift I). The event aimed to highlight the role and significance of youth in society. Fr Arockia Swamy, Director (Bosco Nivas), Dr Christo Selvam, Dean of School of Business, and Mr Anthony Derick, Outreach Coordinator, addressed the students on the importance of youth empowerment and the need for social change. The students pledged their commitment to being responsible citizens and as a symbol of their support, signed a banner promoting awareness on youth-related issues. The initiative encouraged students to take an active role in advocating for change within their campus and community. The event successfully fostered a sense of unity and responsibility among the participants.

Anti-Corruption Awareness Rally

As part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, a rally was organised by Bembala in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Shift III students to raise awareness about corruption. The students covered a total of two kilometres as a part of this rally and carried placards featuring anti-corruption slogans during the rally. The rally concluded with an address by Mr Ebenezer and guests from HAL following which the students took an integrity pledge to reaffirm their commitment to ethical conduct.

Cancer Awareness Walkathon

As part of the compensation activity for final-year students who missed their regular activities, our students participated in the Cancer Awareness Walkathon organised in collaboration with the St Joseph's University NSS Unit V. 130 Students from all three streams from the university participated in this walkathon and made the event a successful and memorable experience. The event not only raised awareness about cancer but also fostered a sense of community and social responsibility among the participants.







Plantation Drive & Snake Awareness Session

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) of St Joseph's University successfully conducted a Plantation Drive and Snake Awareness Session on December 15, 2024, in collaboration with the Karnataka Forest Department and Green Army NGO. The event began with the Plantation Drive, where students, faculty, and environmentalists came together to plant saplings at Badamanavarthekaval, reinforcing the commitment to sustainability and ecological conservation. The initiative aimed to restore green cover and promote environmental responsibility among participants.



The Plantation Drive organised by WAAC

Following this, a Snake Awareness Session was conducted by experts from the Birds of Paradise Foundation. The interactive session educated attendees on snake species, their ecological importance, and myths surrounding them. Live demonstrations helped participants learn how to handle encounters with snakes safely and responsibly. The event was met with enthusiastic participation, fostering environmental awareness and conservation efforts.

Neerathon 2025: Running for Water Conservation

The sixth edition of Neerathon, held on March 23, 2025, at St Joseph's University, was a resounding success, uniting over 3,000 participants in a shared mission to raise awareness about water conservation. This flagship event has grown into a powerful platform for environmental advocacy, inspiring individuals to take action for a sustainable future.

The event was graced by two distinguished chief guests—Sucheta Deb Burman, an ultra-marathon swimmer known for her incredible endurance in open waters, and Dr Srinivas Ravindra, a renowned sustainability expert and Executive Director at the Centre for Sustainable Development, Bangalore. Their inspiring words and dedication to environmental conservation deeply resonated with the participants.

Neerathon 2025 was made possible through the generous support of RS Associates (Food Sponsor), Chisel and Brics (Gifting Partner), Spectrum Physio (Health Partner), and TE Sports (Logistics Partner). Their contributions played a crucial role in ensuring the event's smooth execution and success.



Ready, set, go at Neerathon 2025

NORTH EAST & TIBETAN STUDENTS FORUM

Food Fest 2025 of Northeast & Tibetan Students Forum

The Northeast & Tibetan Students Forum (NETSF) of St Joseph's University proudly hosted its highly anticipated Food Fest 2025 on February 3, 2025. The food fest is an annual event that seeks to celebrate the rich and diverse culinary heritage of Northeast India and Tibet. This vibrant festival brought together students, faculty, and guests, fostering a spirit of cultural appreciation and unity within the university community. The event was a resounding success, as attendees enthusiastically sampled a wide variety of dishes, immersing themselves in the flavorful traditions of the region. The fest kicked off with a warm and engaging welcome address by the emcee, setting a positive tone for the day. Following this, Rajib, the president of the Northeast & Tibetan Students Forum, delivered a heartfelt introduction to the festival. His speech eloquently underscored the significance of the event, emphasising how it promotes unity and understanding among students from diverse backgrounds.



In preparation for the Food Fest 2025

The highlight of the morning was the felicitation ceremony, during which the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaco, was honored with a traditional shawl by Fr James. This gesture symbolized gratitude and respect for Dr Colaco's unwavering support of the Forum's initiatives. In his inaugural speech, Dr Colaco expressed his deep appreciation for the Forum's commitment to preserving and promoting cultural traditions through the medium of food, highlighting how such events enrich the university experience. He expressed deep gratitude to the Director of the Forum, Fr James, faculty coordinators Dr Sharmistha, Dr Sabbah, and Dr Sujoy, and the dedicated organising team. The grand opening was marked by an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, which officially invited attendees to explore the enticing array of culinary delights prepared by students.

As the inaugural ceremony neared its conclusion, Fr James led a special prayer, invoking blessings for the continued success of the event and the unity it inspired among everyone who took part in it. The festival concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Tenzin, the Vice President of the Forum.



Students and faculty coordinators with Dr Melwin Colaco at the Food Fest

The festival featured a remarkable selection of authentic Northeast Indian and Tibetan dishes, including the refreshing Roselle drink from Nagaland, savory momos from Darjeeling, laphing from Tibet, creamy kheer, and hearty pork and beef curries. The rich blend of flavors offered guests a unique opportunity to experience the distinct cultures represented at the festival. The student organisers designed stalls with traditional decorations that reflected their respective cultures. Each stall was accompanied by narratives about the origins and significance of the dishes, fostering connections between visitors and the culinary traditions. The atmosphere was enhanced by the sounds of traditional music and the vibrant energy of attendees eagerly participating in this celebration of culture. The Northeast & Tibetan Students Forum Food Fest 2025 not only showcased the rich culinary diversity of Northeast India and Tibet but also strengthened cultural awareness and camaraderie within the university community. The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from students, faculty, and guests have laid a strong foundation for future cultural events, reinforcing the importance of celebrating heritage through the unifying power of food and community spirit.







Some of the other activities organised by the NETSF, with students in traditional attire



TEAM MRITYUNJAYA

Team Mrityunjaya, the Indian Dance Team of the Josephite Dance Association, continues to uphold its legacy of artistic excellence and resilience, blending Indian classical, folk, and contemporary dance. Founded in 2008 by Captain Akshay Mandlik, the team remains a powerhouse in the collegiate dance circuit. The 2024-25 season began with auditions, where over 200 dancers competed for a coveted spot. A core team of 14 dancers was selected, bringing together diverse styles and strengths. As we move forward, our goals include expanding national-level participation, collaborating with professional choreographers, hosting internal competitions, and exploring new storytelling techniques to elevate our performances.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PARTICIPATION & REPRESENTATION

Secured third place at Krupanidhi College Fest, setting a strong foundation for the season.

Won third place at Latitude Fest, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, proving our competitive edge at the interstate level.

Competed at NIT Calicut, Kozhikode against 25+ national teams, gaining invaluable experience.

Excelled in solo and duet categories, with team members representing St Joseph's University and earning individual accolades.

Performed at the SJU Retired Staff Gathering, paying tribute to former faculty members through dance.

Blended art with academia by performing at the International Science Conference at SJU, demonstrating the impact of cultural expression in intellectual spaces.

Performed at various association events and college conferences, adding vibrancy to academic and administrative gatherings.

Organised in-house dance festivals, fostering a culture of artistic excellence through intra- and inter-college competitions.

Participated in intercollegiate dance fests hosted by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Mount Carmel College, Symbiosis, and XIME, engaging with some of the best teams in the collegiate dance circuit.

Took the stage at Aditya Habba, organised by Aditya School of Institution, the team competed fiercely and secured 3rd place.

Performed at Surjanostavat, St Aloysius Degree College, where the team successfully clinched the 1st place trophy.

At Media Bash in St Paul College, Mrityunjaya's performance stood out for its technical finesse, expressive storytelling, and seamless execution, once again earning them 1st place.

Beyond our Bangalore-based wins, Team Mrityunjaya also competed in an interstate fest, where they performed against 15+ teams from across different states. Despite the fierce competition, we successfully secured a spot in the Top 5.

Team Mrityunjaya remains committed to pushing creative boundaries, representing St Joseph's University with pride, and keeping the spirit of dance alive through continuous innovation and excellence.



Team Mrityunjaya ready to take the stage

YOUTH RED CROSS

The Youth Red Cross (YRC) at St Joseph's University has been a driving force in fostering humanitarian values and active community engagement since its inception in 2023. Rooted in the principles of the Indian Red Cross Society, which was established under the Parliament Act XV of 1920, the YRC operates with a mission to protect life and health while inspiring students to contribute to societal well-being. Guided by Lt Dr Lokesha A, the nodal officer and Ms Ashitha, the faculty coordinator, the YRC provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and participate in service-driven initiatives.

Lt Dr Lokesha A has played a crucial role in organising disaster management training, health awareness initiatives and emergency response programmess, ensuring students receive hands-on experience in humanitarian service. Ms Ashitha has contributed significantly to community outreach programmes, mentoring students in volunteerism and leadership development.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Investiture Ceremony
On September 14, 2024, Marking the investiture ceremony marked the official induction of new committee members. The event featured an inspiring speech by chief guest Sir Balakrishna Shetty, a badge ceremony, and a pledge led by Lt Dr Lokesha A.

Blood Donation Camp
The camp was organised October 3, 2024, at St Joseph's University's basketball court along with the National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps in association with Narayana Hrudayalaya Blood Bank, Indira Gandhi Blood Bank and NIMHANS. 1045 units of blood were donated by our university students and staff.

The blood donation drive was started in the presence of Ms Vandana Mathuria, Vice President, HDFC Bank Operations; Ms Madhumati Rao, Assistant Vice President, HDFC Bank Operations; Dr Girish, Blood Bank Officer, Narayana Health Blood Center; and Dr V Akshita, Blood Bank Officer, Nimhans.

Independence Day Celebration
At the Independence Day celebration 2024, YRC volunteers took part in a ceremonial march, flag hoisting, and a pledge of service alongside NCC and NSS cadets.

First Aid Awareness Campaign
The campaign, conducted on October 19, 2024, saw medical experts conduct lectures and hands-on training sessions to emphasise emergency preparedness and first aid skills. Dr Isaac gave the team a reminder about the importance of health and healthy lifestyle. Dr Punirma from the Manipal Hospital gave YRC members a lecture conducting CPR with practical training.

Constitutional Morality & Social Services
The discussion held on December 19, 2024, Mr Bhanu Prakash conducted a session on Constitutional Morality and Social Services. The discussion covered topics such as ethics, caste, oppression, and how the Constitution empowers social workers to drive societal change.

Interactive Session for Volunteers
On December 14, 2024, YRC organised a session for volunteers, where participants engaged in team-building games like "Guess the Movie," a dance relay, and "continuing the story." These activities helped strengthen unity among the volunteers while encouraging teamwork and creativity.

First Aid Training
On January 17, 2025, YRC hosted a first aid training Session at Aloysius Hall. Dr Srinath, Senior Consultant at Sparsh Hospital, conducted a session on CPR and emergency first aid.

Swachhta Programme
On January 24, 2025, YRC members participated in a cleanliness drive at Bugle Rock Park to promote environmental responsibility.

76th Republic Day Celebration
On 26 January, 2025, volunteers played an active role in the flag-hoisting ceremony, honoring India's legacy with patriotic tributes.

The YRC at St Joseph's University continues to uphold its commitment to service, leadership, and social responsibility, making a tangible difference in the lives of students and the community.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Department of KANNADA

The Kannada Department at St Joseph's University stands as a pillar of linguistic and cultural excellence. Dedicated to the promotion of Kannada literature, heritage and scholarship, the department has consistently fostered a space for academic and cultural growth. Through thought provoking discussions, engaging workshops and grand celebrations, the department has made significant contributions to the university's vibrant academic landscape.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Poornima BN
Participated as a resource person at a conference titled 'Avalokana Haagu Pareeksha Siddhathe' at St Francis College, Bengaluru.

Dr Poornima S
She served as a jury member for the debate event at Baldwin's Women's Methodist College.

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B
Edited a book titled '*Sahitya Sammilana*' published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru with ISBN: 93-91611-87-3 in the year 2024.

Edited a book titled '*Munganike*' published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru with ISBN: 978-81-96343-8-4 in the year 2024.

Edited a book titled '*Thallana*' published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru with ISBN: 978-81-966343-9-1 in the year 2024.

Wrote a chapter "Mahilaa Kaadambarigalalli Streevaadi Vimarsheya Taatvika Swaroopa" for the book titled '*Nudi Thoorana*' published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru with ISBN: 93-91611-73-6 in the year 2024.

Wrote a chapter '*Mahadevi Akkana Vachanadalli Stree Samveedane*' for the book titled '*Shivasharaneyara Vachanagalu*: *Bahumukhi Aayaamagalu*' published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru with ISBN: 93-91611-78-1 in the year 2024.

Dr Hanumanatharayappa S B was appointed as the Board of Studies member for Kannada department in St Claret College, Autonomous for the academic years 2024-25 to 2026-27.

Dr Hanumanatharayappa S B was appointed member of Board of Studies in Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce in academic year 2024-25.

Dr Kumaraswamy Bejjihalli
Participated as a resource person in the Sahitya Utsav 2024 programme organised by Book Brahma and gave a lecture on "New Reading of Old Characters: Shakuntala."

Participated as a resource person during the launch of the book, "*Shira Taluk Sahitiya Darshan*" by Dr Dyarankunte Lakman organised by Nadoja Dr Baraguru Ramachandrappa Balaga in Tumkur District on September 8, 2024 and delivered a lecture on the book.

Participated as a resource person in the Sri Valmiki Jayanthotsava programme held jointly by Shira Taluk Administration, Social Welfare Department, Shira City Council and various organisations on October 17, 2024.

Participated as a resource person in the symposium titled "Cultural Leader Basavanna" organised jointly by Karnataka Sahitya Academy Bangalore and District Kannada Sahitya Parishad Tumkur on November 4, 2024 and delivered a lecture on the topic "Basavanna and the Aspirations of Democracy".

Participated as a resource person in a research workshop organised by the Centre for the Study of Saint Poet Kanakadasa and Philosophers, Bangalore and K S Muddappa Memorial Trust, Krishnapuradoddi for two days on November 22-23, 2024.

Participated as a resource person in the

"Constitution Day Celebration" programme organised by St Joseph's Educational Institution, Anekal, Bangalore District on November 26, 2024.

Participated as a resource person in the "District Level Inter-College Level Speech Competition" programme held jointly by Dr Masti Venkatesh Iyengar Trust (R) and Government Pre-University College, Masti on January 3, 2025 at Masti, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and delivered a lecture on Masti Venkatesh Iyengar.

Participated as the chief guest and delivered a special lecture at the second year school anniversary function held at Chinnar Lok Pre School, Bommanakkatte, Shimoga on March 2, 2025.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Inauguration of the Kannada Sangha

The Kannada Sangha community came together on August 21, 2024 to celebrate its highly anticipated inauguration ceremony, a momentous occasion that marked the beginning of a new chapter in its history, with Sri Lakshmana CV, a legendary Janapada singer, leading the festivities as chief guest, alongside a distinguished lineup of guests including Fr Francis Pinto SJ (Director), Prashanth Kumar (Convener), Dr Poornima S (Organiser), Dr Eariah Hampapur (HOD), and Chandu BN (President), whose collective presence added depth and significance to the event, which included a heartfelt badge distribution ceremony to honor the tireless efforts of all committee members.

Kannada Rajyotsava

The department of Kannada celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on November 1, 2024, marking the 69th anniversary of Karnataka's formation. The event featured a flag-hoisting ceremony, a Jugalbandi dance performance and a special appearance by actor Sharan Krishna, who enthralled the audience by singing Kannada classics. He was accompanied by Dr Kumar Indrabetta as well. The highlight of the session was the felicitation of Father Prashanth Madtha, Guest of Honour, who also released his book '*Pada Nidhi*'. He shared valuable thoughts on Kannada culture, stressing its richness and diversity.

The students of shift III celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on December 14, 2024 with a celebration that saw the presence of shift III director, Mr Prashanth Kumar. Kannada actor, Viraat, was the chief guest of the event.

Workshop on Anchoring

A workshop titled Pampavan Nalbara Matugatte was held on October 19, 2024, featuring Harish (Nana Mini Radio) as the resource person. The session emphasised the importance of voice modulation, presentation skills and patience in anchoring.



The dignitaries of the University on Kannada Rajyotsava

Coffee with Kavithe

Pampavana Nalbara Matugatte started under the Kannada department had its first programme, Coffee with Kavithe, on September 14, 2024 encouraging young poets to share their work. The event featured Kannada scholar Dr T Yallappa, who provided insightful feedback and conducted a Q&A session. Student participants and faculty members talked about their poems.



Members of the Kannada Sangha after an event

Samvidhana Odhu X Vichara Krantige Ahvana

The department organised a panel discussion on February 20, 2025 regarding the Indian Constitution and the ideologies of Jnapeeth Awardee, Kuvempu, featuring journalist Raghunath. The session critically examined the threats to secularism and democracy, drawing parallels between Kuvempu's ideas and contemporary concerns. The event featured conversations on the importance of the constitution and its maker, Dr B R Ambedkar.

ISIRI – 2025

The state-level inter-collegiate cultural fest was held on March 6 and 7, 2025, attracting over 650 participants from over 35 colleges. Chief guests included KR Kumar (Kannada Sena President) and actor Ashwin Yadav. Events ranged from literary competitions to cultural showcases, making ISIRI a grand success. Students of Jyoti Nivas College were the overall winners of ISIRI-2025, while Mount Carmel College were the runners up. The event saw over 650 participants over two days.

Sanchalana – Cine Stories

Held on January 9 and 10, 2025, Sanchalana was an inter-departmental cultural fest featuring dance, poetry writing and treasure hunts. Dr Hanumantharayappa, the convener of the Kannada Sangha, inaugurated the event that featured over 15 contests organised by the students. The closing ceremony, held in Xavier Hall, recognised and awarded winners of the events.

Book Release – *Munganike & Thallana*

The department celebrated the launch of two books authored by Dr Hanumantharayappa SB on March 6, 2025, highlighting the contributions of Christian missionaries to Kannada literature.

The book was released by Shri Kumar Indrabetta, Assistant Professor in ST College, who introduced the books and helped contextualise them.The event was also graced by writer Tumbadi Ramaiah.

Through its diverse initiatives, the Kannada Department continues to uphold the rich legacy of Kannada language and literature, fostering both academic and cultural excellence within the university.



Achievements laid out: the Kannada Sangha with their trophies

Department of ENGLISH

The Department of English was established in 1882, and is thus one of the oldest departments in the University. The Department has over the years conceived many innovations in English teaching and was the first to adopt and explore the certificate course model in the 1990s. The streamed syllabus approach was introduced in 2005 to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds found inspiration to improve their language skills. A 'lived experience' model is employed for General English, based on a lively interrogation of context and social relationships through reading and writing. Additional English has been offered since 1998 for the benefit of students unable to pursue an Indian language. 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.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Arul Mani

Invited to moderate a panel discussion on 'Beyond 9 to 5: Bangalore Hobbyists' at the annual 'Art is life' festival organised by the Museum of Art and Photography in December 2024.

Invited to moderate a panel discussion on the book '*Do not ask the river her name*' by Sheela Tomy and Ministhy S at Champaca Bookstore in August 2024.

Invited as resource person to deliver a talk on 'Canons, Readerships, and Discontinuities' at Christ University in March 2025.

Conducted a quiz on Science and Bengaluru at the Science Gallery in November 2024.

Conducted a quiz at Swargarani school in August 2024.

Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for Sandbox Collective's annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.

Conducted the Wing Commander G.R. Mulky Memorial Centenary Quiz organised by the Canara Union.

Conducted the annual school quiz and spelling bee for the Deccan Herald in November 2024.

Invited to conduct The Open Quiz (Mani Heist) at the annual Pravega festival organised by the Indian Institute of Science in February 2025.

Invited to conduct the finals of the All Orissa ICSE inter school championship at Cuttack in September 2024.

Led the setting-team for the National Championship, Asia Sweep Quizzes in December 2024.

Wrote a piece for slurrp.com- Hindustan Times, 'Straight Oota, Bengaluru: Of Bonda, Bajji & Boti In Basavanagudi' in June 2024.

Invite to judge the final selections of the debating team at St Joseph's College of Law in December 2024.

Dr Etienne Rasendren

Invisibilising Women in Jayasree, GS & Devika, S (Ed) Women and Culture: Samyukta India Series, Vol III pp 86- 102 (e- copy) pp.121-143. Published Prior in Samyukta: A Journal of Women's Studies Vol xi, no.1. Jan 2011.p.13- 36 (Scopus indexed) 2022.

Curious Case of Elena Ferrante in Chennattuserry, Joseph Chacko, Deshpande, Madhumati & Hong, Paul (Ed) Encyclopedia

of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century Singapore: Springer 2024 pp.124- 128 (Scopus).

Rassendren, Etienne and Nayak, Vinaya Recovering Memory, Choosing Forgetting: Reading My Family Partition and Me: India 1947: A Documentary Artha: A Journal of Social Sciences Voln23, No.4 2024 pp.105- 124 (Print).

Ms Vijetha Kumar
Invited as resource person to talk at 'Musings & Reflections' — a lecture series organised by The Department of Sociology, Kristu Jayanti College on the topic: "Yes, this is a fish market- the classroom and its noises' in January 2025.

Invited as a resource person to speak at the Kolkata Book Fair on the panel, Literature and Gender: Tales that are telling in February 2025.
Invited as the inaugural speaker for The Reading Room and Sandbox Collective's collaboration to discuss Miranda July's latest novel, *All Fours*.

Invited as plenary speaker for a national conference on 'Campus Conversations in Indian Shakespeares: Reading Lists, Classroom Teaching, and Student Productions' organised by The Department of English, St Stephen's College, Delhi on 26 April 2025 to talk about Shakespeare scholarship among Dalit readers.

Invited to moderate a conversation with British writer, Caroline Eden about her latest book, *Cold Kitchen* on February 7, 2025 at Champaca bookstores.

Wrote a piece for slurrp.com, Hindustan Times, 'Straight Oota, Bengaluru: Of Idlis And Idiosyncrasies In Basavanagudi' in June 2024

Wrote a short story for the 'Table for One' mini series produced and developed by filmmaker Dhruv Sehgal.

'It was supposed to be Pascal's Triangle but you two came' - film essay on Premalu published in The Open Dosa, December 2024.

Advisor and facilitator—Caste and Gender Curriculum, Studio for Movement Arts and Therapy Bengaluru, October 2024 to present.
Conducted a three-day workshop on writing the personal essay and nature writing for Rainforest Writers' Retreat, Coorg in March 2025.

Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for Sandbox Collective's annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.

Ms Maya Philip
Member of Board of Examiners for BMS College.

Ms Drishti Rakhra
Published four features with Deccan Herald under the newspaper's 'Saturday Story'. "Excursions of an Amatuer Birder" was published in September 2024.

"How I Built a Social Life Through Gaming" was published in October 2024.

"I Gave Up Modelling to Become a Monk" was published in January 2025.

"Same Sex, Together, Unmarried" was published in February 2025.

Moderated a session 'Appucalypse in 3 parts' with writer Appupen, organised by Toto Funds the Arts

Dr Achuth A
Invited lecture on "Food, Space and the Public Sphere: Studying Discourses on Food and Dining in Popular Media" for Chrysalis IV, organised by the Research Centre in English & IQAC, St Aloysius College, Thrissur.

Dr Lillykutty Abraham
Book published *Mavialarude Pattukal* (Oral Songs of Mavilar) by The State Institute of Languages, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram in 2024. ISBN: 078-93-6100-617-3.

Chaired a session titled "Social Sciences Pedagogy" and was a panelist in the panel discussion titled "tinai: Its Role and Applications" during a conference on "Ecological Humanities and Social Sciences Pedagogies in Higher Education: Theory and Praxis" held at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus on February 17-18, 2025.

Delivered a session on "Eco-consciousness in Folklore" at the Two-Day International

Conference on "Urban Voices and Rural Whispers: Spatial Dialectics in Global Narratives" held at Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, on December 6-7, 2024.

Delivered a session on "Next Generation AI-Platforms for Research" on December 3, 2024 as part of a Five-Day National Level Virtual Workshop on "Next-Gen Research Tools" organised by the Department of English & Other Foreign Languages, Faculty of Science and Humanities, Ramapuram SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Tamil Nadu.

Delivered a session on “Minding the Green and Greening the Mind” as part of a Co-curricular Course on Critical Plant Studies conducted by Sophia College for Women (Autonomous), Mumbai on August 28, 2024.

Dr Shilpa Sajeev
Delivered an invited lecture titled “Daring to Disturb the World: The Poetics of Hesitation in Prufrock” at the School of Liberal Arts, RV University.

Ms Nikhita Thomas
India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) Grantee along with Mr Pranav VS.

Short story published in the Fiction Special issue of Mint Lounge.

Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for Sandbox Collective’s annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.

Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia
Co-quizmaster with Dr Arul Mani for the "What's In A Name" college quiz, National Law School of India University.

Keynote speaker for the Rebooting Books Beyond Literature conference conducted by Chevalier T Thomas Elizabeth College for Women, Chennai. Juror for the Older Writers Grant 2025, Speculative Literature Foundation.

Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for Sandbox Collective’s annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.

Mr Jaswanth Arthimalla
Co-authored a paper with Jason Robert Arun from II MA English titled "Deceivers and Believers:Punishment of Trickster Deities as a Form of Intellectual Oppression" which was published in Singularities Journal (ISSN: 2348-3369).

Dr Devapriya Sanyal
Awarded the ICSSR Research grant for Minor project 2024-25.

Dr Shiny KG
Delivered a guest talk on the topic "Importance of Speaking and Listening skills in Negotiations" at Seshadripuram Evening College on March 1, 2025.

Mr Pranav V S
A short story, Aaya Kathe or The Story of a Burial was published in the 16th Issue of Gulmohar Quarterly Magazine.

Won the 2025 TOTO Award for Creative Writing in English.

Received a grant along with Ms Nikhita Thomas to work as a collaborator on the Project 560 grant given out by the India Foundation for the Arts.

Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for Sandbox Collective’s annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.

Dr Jenifer D
Published a research paper titled 'English-only policy as a difficult circumstance' in Fortell, UGC Care listed, July 2024 Issue.

Published a book chapter titled 'Unoffcial bilingualism in English-only policy context' at a volume on Language Education, Policy and Technology in South Asia, published in Routledge.

Conducted a workshop on 'Curriculum Planning' at Humanitas- Scholars conclave organised by Christ University, Central campus, Bengaluru.

Ms Irfana
Cleared NET to receive the PhD eligibility norm.

Ms Gayathri Lakshmi
Invited to conduct Queerabouts, a quiz for

Sandbox Collective's annual Gender Bender festival in November 2024.
Selected in the first cohort of Blurred Lines: an Interdisciplinary Workshop where Art Intersects with Journalism. Currently working on a theatre piece for Blurred Lines.

Designed, illustrated, translated a zine on parai attam for and in collaboration with Adavi Arts Collective in December 2024.

EXAMS CLEARED:

The following students cleared NET in the 2024 Winter Cycle:
Deepika Dalal, I MA English, achieved a score that put her in the 99.6th percentile.
Fr Aravind Royce, I MA English
Fr Cyril Lakra, I MA English
Meghana L, II MA English
Pooja Mohanan, II MA English
Aleena Mariya, II MA English
Sirisha Manoharan, II MA English
Denzel Joyson, II MA English

The following students in MA English cleared K-SET in the same cycle.
Denzel Joyson A J, II MA English
Meghana L, II MA English

The following students cleared GATE 2025
Ananya Mehta, III PSCE
Angel Kolady, III OEPY

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Humaira Hasan, III JNPY, received three bylines in The Pioneer.

Ananya Mehta, III PSCE, presented a paper, 'Resisting the Homogenisation of Women's Experiences: A Close Reading of Eunice de Souza's "Women in Dutch Painting"' at Discourses '25: Poetic Trails, a Conference on Poetry and Resistance, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), February 2025.
Published an article, 'Adavi Arts Collective thrums with the sound of the parai', The Hindu, August 2024.

Published an article, 'Sakhi Ri: A confluence of classical dance and menstrual awareness', The Hindu, July 2024.

Published an article, 'Mixed reactions to new park timings; many parks remain shut', The Hindu, July 2024.

Shruthi Senthilnathan, III JNPY, published a poem, Mallipoo, in SagarSquare, a magazine run by Sultan's Creative Writing Club (EFLU)

Sanjana Vinod, III JNPY, was published in Pulse, a journal by the Museum of Art and Photography. Was also published in SagarSquare, a magazine run by Sultan's Creative Writing Club (EFLU).

Received the Millennium Fellowship, associated with the United Nations Academic Impact.

Poojitha BV, II JNPY, received 13 bylines in Times of India, during a summer internship.

Preethika Kumar, III JNPY, published a book with Notion Press Publishing House.

Aaryan MC, II JNOE, received a byline in Deccan Herald's sports section.

Sai Rakshitha, II JNOE, published 18 bylines in the span of 2 months at Indulge, a cultural magazine at The Indian Express.

Aneega Nazar, II JNOE received a byline in Deccan Herald.

Agamdeep Kaur, I EJP, published a poetry book - L.O.V.E. - Letting Our Vulnerability Emerge. She also received the Emily Dickinson Award by BookLeaf Publishing.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Featuring with Aisiri Amin
In October 2024, journalist and writer Aisiri Amin visited SJU to conduct a workshop on feature writing, open to all students. Students were asked to bring in pitches for feature stories and discussed the process of research and interviewing. The workshop saw about 15 participants from different courses. While journalism students across campus study feature writing during their II and III year, a hands-on workshop like this one allows students to have discussions and conversations with a variety of people.

Check Yourself with Rohit R
February 2025 saw students from the English department in conversation with Reuters journalist, Rohit R. Check Yourself was a workshop of fact checking. An alumnus of the institution, Rohit has been on Reuters' fact checking team for about a year now. Students were introduced to the role of artificial intelligence in the spread of misinformation, particularly in the US elections that took place late last year. The workshop had 15 participants.

What is Business Journalism? With Rohit R
Rohit was also in conversation with final year Journalism-Psychology students about business journalism, and the perils and panache that come with being a business journalist. The session was 2-hours long and saw discussions about markets, the environment, and the role of business within these sectors. Rohit successfully debunked some misconceptions about business journalism and made several concepts simpler for our students.

A collaboration with Oorvani Foundation
In 2024, the Department of English signed an MoU with Oorvani, the trust that runs the well-known news website Citizen Matters, to facilitate a 30-hour internship for students interested in pop-culture and science writing. Funded by Bangalore Sustainability Forum, the internship began in December 2024 and will continue till April 2025. The cohort of 15 students will produce work intended for social media platforms, to be published in collaboration with Citizen Matters. Five students will be selected for a one-month internship with the aforementioned website.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Mixer Day 2024 began with a surprisingly excited class full of first-year students who were quickly calmed down after being addressed by Ms Vijeta. Sanjana from II MA English was one of the emcees who introduced the first association, SJU Quizzers. It opened to applause with Rithika Radhakrishnan, the convenor, speaking about the weekly events and the interesting people who arrive at the monthly quizzes. The Linguistic Society was introduced by Ananya Mehta (III PSCE), who mentioned that it was one of the only linguistic societies in all of Bangalore. Ishwarya, the convenor, talked about the very cute, very


II MA English students with Dr Arul Mani

fun bottle painting drive and Puzzle Tuesdays. Ms Cynthia was introduced and got many cheers, in absentia. The Literary Society was introduced by Angel, the convenor, who talked about Meta Schools and Metonym, while Adhya (III JPY) introduced Meta. The Office Bearers were introduced, and students were encouraged to participate. Khushi Devanath, the convenor, was welcomed to introduce NOUS. Aaron Menezes, the convenor, Aditi from II JPY and other office bearers introduced NOUS' flagship events. The mention of SJFF had the first-years whispering about plans. Ida Parker walked onto the dias with a suspicious little stuffed tortoise, which she later revealed as the mascot of The Performing Arts Society. There was an exciting and loud cheer from the audience. PAS' main events were introduced. Tappang, their signature performance event, came about with a fun, exciting beat from the Malayalam movie Premam, which lifted the energy. Ms Vijeta spoke about how A314 hadn't been this full in the past decade, setting many expectations for the year. Dr Arul Mani introduced the semester's main events once again, beginning with the tenth edition of Metonym, the interclass championship that took place from August 7-13, 2024.

Fandom Menace
The Literary Society kicked off Metonym with Fandom Menace on Wednesday, August 7, at 4:45 PM. The office bearers introduced the prompt: "There was nobody in the train, but all the lights were on." Participants trickled in, with one particularly eager participant arriving as early as 4:25 PM. As the event progressed, they scribbled away, crafting unique narratives—some featuring biscuits, others taking entirely

different turns. The event concluded at 5:45 PM, with 22 submissions from a diverse range of classes, including MA English, EMS, TPY, and even a student from BCom. The winners were Aaron Arthur (III JPY) in first place, Shakeez (III PSCE) in second, and Sanjana R.K. (II MA English) in third. Joyce Mary (I TEP) received a special mention.

Art Essay

The second event of Metonym 2024, organised by The Literary Society under the English Department, took place on 10th August, in room A310. The event began at 1:00 PM with a warm welcome from emcees Aneega, II JNOE, and Sirisha, II MA English. Participants were given 40 minutes to write a five-hundred-word piece based on one of two prompts: “new notebooks” or “raw mangoes.” A total of 21 students participated, while others came to support their friends. The second round of the Art Essay event for the third shift students began at 6:30 PM with the prompts, “Sniffing shoes” and “Aunties in buses,” sparking both excitement and amusement among the 10 participating teams. As the event progressed, the atmosphere shifted from leisurely brainstorming to frantic creativity. Stick figures and imaginative depictions of the prompts began to take shape. Misbha (III JPY) was the winner, Sahana Rebecca & Ashny A S (II OEPY) and Jaishree & Devika (I CPE) came first, second and third respectively. Parvathi Dinesh & AP Gouri (I CPE) And Pavithra Emmanuel & Gowri Nikhil from I BA (III Shift) were given special mentions.



Winners of Meta Schools with Ms Vijeta Kumar

Love Poetry

For its last event for Metonym, the Literary Society held the most loved event, 'Love Poetry'. The event took place on August 13, Tuesday at 1:10 PM in A301. The original venue had to be changed due to an astounding number of 82 participants that showed up. This led to the need to call in all the forces to help with registrations. The event heads were Grace Antony (II OEPY) and Elisha Alex (III TPY). Once everyone was registered and seated, emcee Elisha introduced the event and the rules. The prompts were then revealed: "Despite the rain" and "In the metro". Amelia David (I MA Eng), Meera K Pisharody (III PSCE) and Sunidhi Arakere (II MA Eng) came first, second and third, respectively. Special mentions were given to Adiba A (III BCADA) & Sameeksha Shetty, II TPY.

Meta Schools

The seventh edition of Meta Schools, an inter-school literary championship, was organised by The Literary Society and The Department of English on August 24 and 30, 2024. The inauguration took place at DeNobili Hall at 9 AM on August 24, Saturday, with Grace Treesa Antony (II OEPY) acting as the emcee. The event was inaugurated by Dr Mini Mark Bonjour (HoD) and Dr Lillykutty Abraham (Associate Dean). The 10 schools which participated in the events were Bishop Cotton Boys’ School, Christ Junior College, St Claret PU College, Jyoti Nivas PU College, Army Public School (Kamaraj Road), Presidency School (RT Nagar), Vidyashilp Academy (Yelahanka), Christ Academy ICSE School, Sri Kumaran Children’s Home and Delhi Public School (North). The participants were divided into 2 categories: Juniors (Class 8 to 10) and Seniors (Class 11 & 12). St Claret won in the overall prize in the Senior cateogry, while Bishop Cotton's won the Junior category

Reading Room (Sandbox Collective)

Reading Room was conducted at Studio 345, a creative space by Sandbox Collective in Cooke Town. Ms Vijeta led the session, speaking about the book All Fours by Miranda July. The session began at 6:20 PM with a short, no-spoiler introduction to the work. Students slowly filed into the space and got comfortable, while Ms Vijeta spoke about a woman's pleasure, the rare use of complete free will and the lengths a woman could go to, to pursue pleasure. The conversation touched upon the intimate lives of women, a topic not often discussed in the context of celebrities, women or popular literature. She also spoke about what freedoms pursuing personal pleasure can bring, and the session ended with an encouragement to read the book, and the students explored the Feminist Library by Sandbox Collective, in the same space.

Writing Desk (Ms Cynthia)

The first writing desk of the new semester happened on December 9, 2024. The event started at 1:00 PM in A314. Ms Cynthia conducted the event and presented the prompts for this edition of Writing Desk, which included 'gloomth,' 'interesting nights when you don't sleep', and 'dreams I want to steal'. While talking about sleep and dreams, Ms Cynthia spoke about her insomnia and played the song fireflies by Owl City for the room. She talked about how gloomth is a cool word because it combines gloominess and warmth. The event had an attendance of approximately thirty students. The students were given about 20 minutes to expand on the prompts. After writing, some people read out their entries while everyone listened keenly. After this, the event came to an end, and everyone dispersed at 1:45 PM.



Students of the Literary Society at Meta 2024

Dear X

On January 13, The Literary Society of St Joseph's University hosted its awaited writing event, 'Dear X', in A314. The instructions were announced on the spot by Ms Christine. The event centered around the concept of writing heartfelt letters to the best lover the participants had ever encountered in books, plays, adaptations, or movies. Participants were given fifteen minutes to write their letters with a word limit of three hundred fifty words. The event fostered creative writing among the participants, who wrote letters to Tun Tun Mausi, Naruto, and Andrea Jeremiah. The participants addressed classic heroes as well as contemporary favorites, and the range of choices showcased the participants' diverse tastes.

Reading Room (Ken Liu)

Mr Pranava conducted a Reading Room session, where we focused on Ken Liu's piece, The Paper Menagerie. The event began at 1:10 PM, where he introduced the piece and how he'd discovered it, and then did a short reading of a few excerpts from the piece. He talked about his experience with toys, the relevance of toys to a child and the surrounding incidents that influence how a child feels loved. He narrated an incident where he'd wanted a shiny remote control car and how personal experiences often intersected with stories from around the world, as well as how emotions in childhood are usually universal. The event ended with Mr Pranava sharing the piece with students and encouraging them to read Ken Liu.

Reading Room (Ella Minnow Pea)

Jenica (III PSCE) found Ella Minnow Pea by accident while looking for another book that she still has not been able to find. She talked about this work of dystopian fiction at Reading Room on January 27, 2025, organised by The Literary Society and The Linguistics Society in collaboration. To draw the audience into Mark Dunn's strange island of disappearing letters, Jenica asked them to try to come up with a pangram—a phrase or sentence which includes all the letters of the English alphabet, such as "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." In Ella Minnow Pea's Nollopville, this pangram is attributed to a certain Nevil Nollop, a deity-like figure on the island. She spoke to us about how this has parallels with the divine source theory of language. Jenica says the book made her ask many questions about a language she otherwise takes for granted. "What would you do if you had to rethink every letter before you use it?

Reading Room (George Saunders)

Ms Nikhita Thomas didn't initially care much for science fiction or speculative fiction or anything with spaceships and long explanations written by people who probably have PhDs in molecular biology. She was bored by it as a kid. But then there was The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, which wasn't really about science at all. Just a salesman's voice, typing away, spinning nonsense, and somehow making it profound. She talked about George Saunders. About how he loves his students and how when men are 19 or 20, they have so much hair, and then one day they wake up and they're bald. And they don't shave it off. They just...watch it happen. Like

a slow, inevitable plot twiSt Saunders wrote A Swim in a Pond in the Rain, and Love Letter, a short story in The New Yorker—a grandparent writing to a grandson, trying to say something important. She seemed a bit miffed about how, when writers grow older, they stop having fun. "They think they have to be serious now." Stories that aren't about rockets or aliens but about something else. Something sharp and quiet and unsettling. Like watching your hairline recede and knowing you'll let it.

Writing Desk and Trading Tuesday

This session of The Writing Desk was conducted in collaboration with The Linguistics Society. The event began at 1:15 PM, where Ms Cynthia spoke about the chosen theme for the Mother Tongues Essay Contest enthusiastically, and asked students to elaborate on any superstitions they knew of. Students shared superstitions that came from their communities, personal conveniences and from commonly misunderstood coincidences. She then talked about the theme for the SJU Essay Prize, "Small Differences". Students shared small, tiny annoyances and pet peeves that plagued their everyday friendships, and made them a little angrier at their close friends.

META 2025

The 13th edition of Meta-the Josephite festival of literature was conducted between March 21 and 28. The theme this year was 'Hands Up!', a nod to the spirit of students and student-volunteers who make teaching and learning fun. It's a tribute to the many times and the many ways in which students say yes and raise their hand, despite inhibitions and fears. Year after year, students continue to show up, for each other, for themselves, for work, and play. This is the department's way of acknowledging their small, everyday acts of big courage. Meta 2025 featured interactions with writers Vanamala Vishwanatha, Praveen Kumar G, Srikar Raghavan, Shalini Srinivasan, Srinath Perur, and Peggy Mohan. Vanamala Vishawanatha was in conversation with Sunidhi Arakere (II MA English) about her latest translation of Kuvempu's novel ಮಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಲಿ ಮದುಮಗಳು from Kannada to English as Bride in the Hills. Dr Vishwanatha's lively engagement with the joys and perils of translation, the process of writing, and the play of imagining words in two languages kept the audience mesmerised. Her humor and infectious laughter made the evening spent gloriously under the Banyan tree an extremely memorable one.

Writer, Journalist, and translator Srinath Perur who has spoken at previous editions of Meta returned with yet another charming session on 10 things about Sakina's Kiss, a book he has translated from ಸಕೀನಾಳ ಮುತ್ತು by Vivek Shanbagh. Author of Children's fiction and professor at Azim Premji University, Dr Shalini Srinivasan's talk on 'Ten Children's Books we must all read' was illuminating for many young writers in the audience. Praveen Kumar's collection of short stories, ಎಡೆ was published early this year and this is a moment of great joy for us too because Kumar is no stranger to Meta. He has read out his work from the very same manuscript at earlier editions of Meta. Kumar was humorous in his reading and discussion of the short story ಅವಿವನ ಟೆಲಿಗರಾಮ್, translated to English Tisha Thomas (II MA English). Writer Srikar Raghavan was in conversation with Adithi SS (I MA English) about his new book, *Rama Bhima Soma*, a travelogue and cultural exploration of Modern Karnataka. Writer, teacher, and linguist Peggy Mohan was in conversation with Ananya Mehta (III PSCE) about her research in Indian languages. Filmmaker Suneel Raghavendra's 2016 film *Puta Tirugisi Nodu* was screened in the auditorium followed by a conversation between him and Mr Pranava VS. Bangalore-based Arts Collective, Sandbox Collective hosted an exhibition of The Feminist Library on the fourth day of Meta. Students were in conversation with the co-founder Shiva Pathak who addressed the making, function, and necessity of a working feminist library. The Feminist Library is part of Studio 345, a joint initiative of Sandbox Collective and the Goethe-institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore.

Writer, theatre artist, and co-founder of Sandbox collective, Nimi Ravindran brought her solo performance, 'To Forget is to remember is to forget' to Meta. Her one-woman show took the audience through the journey of a daughter's rebellion and slow acceptance of her mother's dementia. Nimi's soulful, intimate, and moving performance left many in the audience stunned and deeply introspective. As they walked with Nimi from one memory to another, one song

to another, one bit of trivia to another, without realising when or how, everybody surrendered to Nimi's story and storytelling. This edition of Meta featured four flagship contests in writing, speaking, JAM, and elocution. The Fr Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution contest was won by Rose Zacharias (II TPY) and Adit Avinash from Azim Premji University. Jerry Joby (II OEPY) and Karthik Nagendra (I MA English) were placed second. Ananya Ajith (II TPY) came in third. The judge, theatre artist, voice trainer, and life coach, Mr Nazarius Manoharan was generous with his time, patience and feedback. The Prof TRH Peck Memorial Lecture contest, held annually at Meta is a tribute to Prof TRH Peck who taught at St Joseph's in the 1930s-40s. The lecture contest invites participants to choose any material, subject, concept or idea and explain it using lively examples to an audience. The judge this year was Mr Calvin Michael, teacher at Indian Academy. The first, second, and third prizes were won by Emma (ll JIN), Rishin (l JPS), and Ananya Mehta (lll PSCE) respectively. Neeraja (l EJP A) won a special mention. Just a Minute (JAM) prelims and finals were held on the last two days of Meta. The prelims were conducted by Ms Cynthia Gonsalves and Ms Nikhita Thomas and the finals were conducted by Dr Arul Mani. The first, second, and third places were won by Sai Hariesh (lll OEPY), Grace (ll OEPY), and Hridya (lll CHES) respectively. The annual SJU Prize for the Personal Essay was judged this year by writer and publisher Ajitha G S who chose 'Dragonflies Move, Still' written by Delhi-based activist, researcher, and writer, Sakshi Nain Bishnoi, as the overall winner. 'The Law of Recognition' by Salini Johnson, a I year LLB (Hons) student from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru was awarded the college winner. Anagaa B from the school category was given a special mention.

This week-long celebration came to a rapturous close with teachers willingly sacrificing themselves at an impromptu event called Teachers' JAM that descended on all of them unannounced. As JAM master Dr Arul Mani proceeded to spark fireworks in prompts such as 'Why Basavanagudi is not real', 'Why ponjobis aren't around anymore', and 'Sunflowers in my hair', the audience buckled down with laughter. This year's Meta was a seven-day long fun-filled and joyous mela of sorts. Volunteers, office-bearers, and faculty members came together to celebrate this little festival, raising the bar quite enthusiastically for the next edition!



Dr Vanamala Vishwanatha at Meta 2024

THE QUIZ CLUB

2024 was a year of many firsts for the Quiz Club at St Joseph's University. The most notable among them was 'The SJU Quizzing Companion.' Packed with over 500 questions from the 2023 - 2024 quizzing season at SJU, this was the first quiz book released by the Quiz Club. The illustrated quiz book was released in August last year, and features Curious Kumara, the Quiz Club mascot, quiz lover, quiz goer, and canine extraordinaire. Another addition to the association's activities was 'NousWise,' a weekly timed set of twelve current affairs questions to be attempted by teams of two. A collaboration between the Quiz Club and Nous, the journalism association, 'NousWise' was inaugurated in October and has since continued a weekly basis at its trusty venue, A314. 2024 also saw the debut of 'AskQance Last Place.' A riposte to the Karnataka Quiz Association's (KQA) annual quiz festival AskQance, 'AskQance Last Place' is a monthly open general quiz hosted by the quiz club at SJU where open quizzers and college quizzers get paired up in the finals.

Tiegrab

TieGrab, the annual quizzing festival at SJU was delivered across two semesters, and saw the following line-up: 'Guess-talt' (a college general quiz), 'Ott-aku' (an open written OTT quiz), 'Bookends' (the open books quiz sponsored by Bookworm, Church Street), 'Amor & Tongues' (an open written quiz on languages), 'Weird-

e-Alam' (an open etymology quiz), 'Groove-a-Pravesha' (an open music quiz), 'Eve-ntually' (an open women's quiz), In Foreign Parts (an open news, travel, and business quiz), 'Prop-ah' (an open theatre quiz).'Straplines' (an open written media and journalism quiz), and 'Oikoumene' (the Fr Cecil Saldhana memorial wildlife quiz). TieGrab's flagship event, Magister, a national solo quiz championship, was held on March 22, 2024, across multiple Indian cities. Topping the championship were Sachin Deshpande with a score of 79, Thejaswi Udupa with a score of 78, and Anustup Datta with a score of 67.

Apart from the quizzes billed under TieGrab, the Quiz Club also hosted other open and collegiate quiz competitions. January saw 'Arty Detours,' a written arts quiz. 'Who News,' the news quiz, was held in February. The months that followed saw more open quizzes — 'Election Yearing,' 40 questions on election year 2024, 'Kino Thyself,' Cinema from everywhere, 'U-Shoe,' an open quiz on footwear, 'Hallyu There,' the Korean quiz, 'Calmix,' 40 questions on comics, and 'Buildingsroman,' 40 questions on buildings. Last year also saw several themed weekly in-house quizzes for students with themes ranging from 'Fast and Curious' to 'Quiz for the stars.' There were also quizzes for the third shift with short, bite-sized quizzes like 'Street Play,' a quiz on gully games,.

SJU Quizzers also held practice sessions to inculcate an interest in quizzing for those unfamiliar with the form. For those who were already avid quizzers, the space served to make new team ups possible in order to represent the college in other, open and college, quizzes. SJU also hosted several popular inter and intra-collegiate quizzes last year such as 'Spentagram' and 'Jaane Two' respectively. Last year also marked the beginnings of the weekly Department Quiz Meetings (DQM), which encouraged quiz enthusiasts among faculty to bring five questions each to a quizzing potluck every Monday. This initiative even led to a collaboration between SJU Quiz Club and Sandbox Collective at their annual Gender Bender festival, where the faculty members of the association hosted 'Queerabouts,' a quiz on Sridevi, Shah Rukh Khan, Silk Smitha, and Rekha.

THE LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

Weekly Activities

The Linguistics Society organised puzzling events and cryptic code cracking on almost every Tuesday this year, affectionately dubbed Puzzle Tuesday. Participants cracked clues, and the winners won hand-made bookmarks. The first session was held on October 1, 2024, during the lunch break. The questions were set by Ananya Mehta and Emma Rose. First place went to Bevan, who participated solo and defeated all the double brains in the room. Second place went to Abhishek and Aagney. As prizes, bookmarks on Moo Deng made by Emma were given out to the winners. The event closed off with Ananya thanking the gathering and announcing the event for next Tuesday, Lang Time No See on Ladakhi.

Lang Time No See

The Linguistics Society had their first 'Lang Time No See' for this semester on September 24, 2024, in A314 at 1 pm. This year's 'Lang Time No See' was in Urdu and its dialect, Dakhni, with Iram Qureshi and Misbha from as the panelists. Both went on by speaking about their relationship with Urdu and Dakhni followed by the history and its variants, with around 25 people in the audience. The event was lovely and engaging, filled with the insightful discussions on language identity and dialects. The second 'Lang Time No See' session this semester was a cosy gathering of 15 people on October 8, 2024. Tsering Charol, Stanzin Chuskit and Padma Gyaltsan spoke about their mother tongue Ladakhi. They concluded with a fun slide on playful insults. "Langhyar" means dead buffalo and "chato" means scarecrow.

First Ever Onde Ondu Idiom!

On December 10, 2024, the Linguistics Society introduced a new event in A314 named "Onde Ondu Idiom." This event is executed in the form of madlibs- but with idioms and proverbs in the various languages found in our society, which were translated into English. As it was the first edition of the event, there were idioms from Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Tamizh, Nepali, Manipuri, Konkani, Hindi, Gujarati and Telugu. Partner A read out the word class of the blanked-out words from each idiom while their partner B had to fill it in with what came to their mind. This brought fruit to very messy answers, where some sentences made more sense in the remix

version while others were absurdly hilarious.

V2R1

On March 4, 2025, V2R1 took place with about 7 teams participating. V2R1 requires teams to think on their feet, and scramble to make sentences with just one word per person at a time. Two people, whose words when put together, form one coherent story. Some prompts given to the participants included writing a love letter to your celebrity crush and explaining to your dad that you got a low grade because your teacher hates you. In their V2R1 performance, Niranjana and Michelle asked Mr Moo to not poo in front of their house. Adithya and Abhishek explained AI to a three-year-old. Ms Amritha was the judge for the event that had many roaring with laughter. Angel and Khrithika won third place, Ananya and Emma won second place, Carol and Bevan won first place.

Skibidi Sonnets

Skibidi Sonnets was conducted by The Literary Society in collaboration with The Linguistics Society at 1 PM, in A314 on Dec 16, 2024. Participants were given Sonnet 18 by Shakespeare and were asked to replace certain words in the sonnet with Gen Z slang. There were a total of 15 participants. The event concluded with 4 pieces being read out loud to the audience.

Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee Prelims commenced with Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia announcing the rules. The event attracted a larger-than-expected turnout of around 60 participants, leading to a temporary shortage of question papers. resolved. The prelims concluded with 10 qualifiers: Sunidhi Arakere, Eshana Raj, Angel Kolady, Amelia David, Karthik N, Arya Singh, Suryan Isaac, Priskilla, Jaden Thomas, and Ananya Mehta, who advanced to the finals scheduled for later in the day.

The Spelling Bee Finals took place in the Communicative English Lab. Although minor internet issues arose, they were swiftly addressed. Dr Arul Mani kicked off the finals with an overview of the rules and stakes, heightening the anticipation. The results were as follows: Angel Kolady secured fourth place with 70 points, Suryan Isaac took third place with 80 points, Arya Singh earned second place with 85 points, and Sunidhi Arakere emerged as the winner with an impressive 120 points.

Anaphora

On Day 2, Anaphora drew a significant crowd, with participants eagerly trying to find space in A314. The event saw an unexpectedly high number of participants—40 teams totalling 80 individuals. Despite a minor error in one of the questions, the issue was promptly resolved, and the participants were given 20 minutes to complete the challenge. The post-event discussion led by Dr Arul Mani revealed answers that left some participants pleasantly surprised, and others baffled. The winners of Anaphora 2024 were as follows: Manas Pradhan and Eshana Raj took first place, Keerthana and Karthik N secured second place, and Jaden and Denzel claimed third place.

V2R1 at Metonym

The final event, V2R1, was a lively and laughter-filled affair. The Black Box venue was brimming with energy even before the event began, with participants and spectators alike eager to join the fun. The event featured a series of humorous scenarios, from failed attempts to attract a cat's attention to participants showcasing their "skidibi rizz." After much deliberation, the winners were announced. Denzel and Jaden tied for first place with Ram and Rudrannsh, Jerry and Sahana secured second place, and Aavya and Ananya took third place. Special mentions were given to Pooja and Sanjana, Havya and Sneha, and Misbha and Malvheeka.

The Puzzling Contest

The Puzzling Contest was held by the Linguistics Society of the English Dept as part of Meta Schools on August 24, 2024. It was scheduled to start at 12:30 PM at Faber Hall. Juniors were asked to sit in the front but as there were no participants from that category, the whole room was filled with more than a hundred PUC students from Christ Junior College, Jyoti Nivas PU College and St Claret PU College. It was a contest for teams of two and featured three sets of questions, all in cryptic clues. Ananya Mehta hosted the contest and briefed the participants. Anugraha Maria and Laksha Biju from Christ Junior College came in first place, Leevanshi Ahuja and Maria Joyce from Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College came in second and Aruna

Prakash Iyer and Maahika Ajay Kumar from St Claret's College came in third.

Buzzing Preliminary Round

The Spelling Bee prelims at 9:30 AM on August 30, 2024. It was hosted by Ananya Mehta. Students from Christ Junior College, Christ Academy, St Claret PUC, Jyoti Nivas PUC, and Vidyashilp participated in the senior category. For the junior category, there were students from Bishop Cottons Boys High School, Presidency School and Army Public School. 55 students took part in Spelling Bee. Three sections in the questions; first one to check if there were spelling errors, second to find synonyms from the given clues and third were anagrams. All nine participants from the junior category qualified into the finals as the last two had tied. The finalists were announced and everyone cheered as their names were being read out. Ms Nikhita Thomas took over as the junior finals host. For the senior category, the finalists were Rushil Agarwal from Vidyashilp, Laksha Biju and Lana from CJC, Smriti S, Mexeba E James, Jeff Joseph and Amulya from St Claret PUC, Jahnavi from Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College and Kishan from Bishop Cottons.

Spelling Bee Finals (Juniors)

Ms Nikhita Thomas allotted seats to the finalists herself and then began the event at 10:40 am. The first round of the finals was a written round, and the second would be spoken with Pounce. For the spoken round, Dr Arul Mani took over as the host and read out the scores of the participants. Finalists were given the choice to choose a number each and they would get a word corresponding to it. The given word was explained and pronounced by the host, after which the student had to spell it aloud. If they got it wrong, the word would get pounced, where other participants get the chance to score bonus points if they're right and negative if wrong. Three out of nine words were given for pounce. Soham Padhi from Bishop Cotton Boys came in third place with 60 points, Jyotsna V Vaidvel from Presidency School in second place with 80 points and Advay Singh from Bishop Cotton Boys in first place with 95 points.

Spelling Bee Finals (seniors) - Stake it or Make it

The Spelling Bee senior finals conducted by Dr Arul Mani, was held at 11:30 AM in Aloysius Hall. There were 8 finalists competing against each other. The first round was a written round, and the second round was a spoken one which included pounce. The questions were projected on the screen and participants were supposed to write down their answers on their given sheets of paper. The second round was an oral round with participants coming on stage and spelling their given word with clues included, with Dr Arul Mani as the hoSt The hall was full of St Claret and Bishop Cotton Boys' students in the audience. Joseph Pramod from St Claret Pre-University College won first place with 90 points, Laksha Biju from Christ Junior College came in second place with 70 points and Smriti S from St Claret Pre-University College in third with 50 points.

SomeAntics Inauguration and Stan Fiction

Dr Arul Mani inaugurated SomeAntics along with Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia who wished the participants the beSt An excerpt from Holly Black's The Boy Who Cried Wolf was given as the prompt for the participants of Stan Fiction, who had to replace the text with Gen Z slang. Sanjana RK and Amelia David tied in first place, Schenelle M and Suryan Issac tied in second place and Danya Alvan came in third. Special mentions went to Aditi and Bevan Mathew.

Spellunked

Spellunked took place on February 18, 2025, at 4:30 PM in A314. It was chaotic and filled with fun as everyone was muttering and attempting to figure out the correct answers as the first written round took place. The finalists were Manas Pradhan, Ananya Mehta, Carol Worth, Danya Alvan, Bevan Mathew, Keerthana, Amelia David and Jaden. The finals, hosted by Dr Arul Mani took place after a short tea break, and had pounce. Keerthana and Bevan Mathew tied in third place, Amelia David came in second place and Jaden won first place.

What's The Good Word?

What's The Good Word? took place on February 19, 2025, at 1:15 PM. Fifteen teams gathered in A314 ready to put their vocabulary skills to the test A fast-paced game where quick thinking and linguistic prowess were the keys to victory. Manas and Eshana came in third, Krithika and Bevan came in second, and Angel and Ananya came in first place.

Punny Kutty
Punny Kutty was conducted on February 19, 2025, in A310 at 4:30 PM. Ms Gayathri judged the event which had 9 members trying to pun their way to the top. The first round gave each participant prompts to base their puns on. This included phrases like "monks who are young" and words like watermelon. For the second round, the participants were asked to speak about themselves or anything they had in mind. This particular round was so much fun with a lot of people discussing their fun dates and their respective love lives. Jerry Joby placed first followed by a tie between Akshitha N S and Ashray Krishna. Krithika Kannan placed third and Govind Anoop got a special mention.

Anaphora at SomeAntics
On February 20, 2025, at 1 pm in A314, Anaphora, was held. Anaphora is a written event with teams of two. There were 17 teams in total who participated. The participants need to decode questions from made-up languages using the hints provided to them. It had three parts to it, with a total of 25 points. In first place was Manas and Eshana, in second place, Abhishek and Aagney, and in third place, Prarthana and Keerthana.

Trigger Lee
Trigger Lee, took place on February 23, 2025 at 11 AM, happened online through Google Meet. There were to be two rounds with Mr Jaswanth Arthimalla as the judge; in the first round, the participants had to choose a number, and accordingly a word was given. In this round, the participants could choose to either defend or abolish the words, as they wanted. In the second round, the same choosing of the numbers were there, barring the ones that were already taken. However, they had to do the opposite of what they did in the first round, ie, if they defended a word in the first round, they'd have to abolish the word in the second round. Sammita came third, Agniv came second, and Ann won first place.

Saussure of Yourself?
The panel took place on February 24, 2025, at 7 PM and had Ms Sabbah Qamri as the moderator. Ramsha, Eshwari and Shivani were the panellists for the evening. As the discussion ripened, Eshwari said that a language and its dialect are indiscernible. For example, Malayalam, Tamil, Telegu and Kannada all fall under the Dravidian language family and how all these languages co-evolved to exist like it is now. They went on to say how patriarchy had become a part of language as it evolved, giving rise to the phrases and mannerisms that we know today. They also talked about how swear words, always targeting and directed towards the female population is an outcome of the same, Ramsha went on to explain. Shivani went on to give us an example of a language that has no gender-marker, Sambalpuri and how it always used "they" and not any gender-specific words or pronouns.

The Mother Tongues Essay Contest
The Linguistics Society organises an annual essay writing contest on mother tongues. This year's edition invited participants to write on "conversations on superstitions". The Linguistics Society and The Literary Society collaborated with Bookworm to organise a Writing Desk there on March 16, 2025. Participants gathered at Bookworm to write for the Mother Tongue Essay Contest, and the SJU Personal Essay Prize.

NOUS

NOUS, the public culture and news arts association under the Department of English conducted two events, namely Listening Post and Nouswise, on a weekly basis across the two semesters this year. Listening Post is a platform for students and faculty alike, to come and share their interests and tastes in music. Nouswise, was a collaborative initiative by NOUS and the Quiz Club under the Department of English that was introduced this year. It is a 10-minute general quiz of 12 questions, that revolves around weekly news events. We had seven such quizzes across the two semesters with a leaderboard that was updated with the winner's list after each quiz.

Blue Pencil
This year, the Department of English and NOUS presented the ninth edition of Blue Pencil, the annual festival of journalism, news and cultural arts. The event took place in the Auditorium block on March 13-15, with two events lined up for each day. The TGV Film Review Competition was followed by a Q&A session with the Toto Award-winning filmmaker Naveen Tejaswi who enlightened us with his experience in

filmmaking. This edition also saw the comeback of Newsroom, an event where participants imagined themselves in a fast-paced newsroom setting. It was a fun and intriguing experience as participants dove into their heads trying to find a headline and a lead for the famous children rhymes 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.

SJU Debate

The second edition of the SJU Debate, conducted by Nous, was held on March 15, 2025, at 2 pm. It was held in Faber Hall, Auditorium block, with two teams from St Joseph's University and two other teams from St Joseph's College of Law, and Alliance University. The motion for this debate was, "In the opinion of the house, the university in India benefits everybody except the student." The chairperson for the debate was Dr Cheriyan Alexander. The judges were Mr Arun Dev, an assistant editor at the Hindustan Times and Mr Darius Sunavala who continues to work in broadcasting. K R Shankar Linga Reddy from St Joseph's College of Law won third best speaker, Aditya Kiran and Eshaan Badkas from Alliance University won second best speakers and Meera Ramaswamy from St Joseph's College of Law won first, and St Joseph's College of Law winning the best team. From St Joseph's University, Ashray Krishna and Grace Treesa participated in one team, and Yash Chopra and Juwairya in the other.

Listening Post

Metonym 2024 commenced with the highly anticipated event, Listening Post, featuring Ms Gayathri engaging the audience with an insightful discussion centred around the music of Hozier. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the audience, with many expressing their admiration for the artist Ms Gayathri reflected on how Hozier's music resonates deeply with her, particularly in opening up new perspectives on love. She played tracks like "Better Love" from The Legend of Tarzan, "Francesca," and "To Noisemaking (Sing)" to illustrate various interpretations and metaphors of love, such as red roses. Her analysis captivated the audience, setting a reflective and introspective tone for the day.

Social Justice Film Festival

The fourth edition of the Social Justice Film Festival was held on 3-4 October 2024. The films were curated by writer and filmmaker R P Amudhan.

THE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

The Performing Arts Society began the 2024-25 academic year with the Mixer Day event on July 22, 2025. Performing Arts Society (also cutely & shortly known as PAS) is the space where students come together to perform and watch each other perform. PAS organises weekly events on Fridays.

Do Your Own Thing

The Performing Arts Society organised 'Do Your Own Thing' on August 2, 2024. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their diverse talents. The Performing Arts Society conducted



MA English (shift III) students at Upstage 2025

a second edition of Do Your Own Thing on December 13, 2024.

Tableau Escobar
The first event conducted by PAS during Metonym was Tableau Escobar. In this team event, participants must pick a film, a book or a TV series and enact four moments from the source material. The narrator of the team speaks while the rest of the team mimes. Tableau Escobar was successfully organised with the participation from 5 teams on August 10, 2024. Ms Jenifer D was the judge for the event.

Bhoot Polish
Bhoot Polish was the second event conducted at Metonym by PAS. The event was an absolute blast, with both scares and laughs to be had in equal measure. Ms Nadika, the judge, gave Prathik Jayaprakash the first place, Ananya Ajith Kumar the second place, Joanna Jonathan and Nihal Deepesh tied for third place, with Jerry Joby and Yashovardhan C P receiving special mentions for this event.

JAM at Metonym
Metonym 2024 ended with PAS hosting JAM on August 13, 2024. The JAM Master, Dr Arul Mani presided over the event. Sixteen participants took part in JAM, with Ananya Mehta, Sai Hareesh, and Grace Tressa placing first, second and third places respectively.

Mime Workshop
On August 19, 2024, PAS organised a Mime Workshop in collaboration with Mr Nazarius Manoharan. This workshop was organised as a celebration of the work at the Department of English and the budding theatre scene at St Joseph's University. It was open to the public as part of Elixir 2.0.

Theatre Day
PAS organised Theatre Day on September 19, 2024. The event provided a social platform for the first years to interact and engage with their respective seniors. Theatre Day offered the first years an opportunity to learn more about the theatre scene at St Joseph's University and seniors of Theatre Studies used the platform to showcase their talents and learnings.

Intramural
Intramural was held on September 30 and October 1, 2024. The first day of the festival began with Short Play, Mime, and Scenematic which took place in the auditorium from 12 -5 PM. Dr Arul Mani inaugurated the event by sharing a few words of encouragement to the participants and audience. The judges for the Short Play category were Mr Sujoy, Ms Nikhita Thomas, and Mr Pranava. 'Love Lies and Lipstick; directed by Rose Zacharias won first place and Mohitha won best actor. 'S/he' by Dhruvi and Mythri won second place and won the prize for best comedy ensemble. 'Swarga Vasil' directed by Athul won third place. Anush Kannambath, an alumnus of SJU was the judge for Mime and Scenematic. Team 'Jhumki,' written and directed by C S Havya placed first, Team 'Kalpana is Here,' written and directed by Rachana D and Drishika S placed second and Team 'Shakespeare in Love,' written and directed by Ashny Anthony and Valentina D'Souza placed third. On October 1, 2024, Tappang and JAM took place. Ms Christine and Ms Gayathri were the judges for Tappang while Dr Arul Mani was the JAM Master. Grace Treesa secured first place in JAM, Manish JS won second and Dhruv Joshi won third.

Limelight
In 2024, the Performing Arts Society established a new theatre festival called 'Limelight'. This one-day festival offers a platform to students who are training in theatre to showcase their work to a larger audience. Mr Vinod Ravindran Susheela, a director, actor and theatre-based facilitator trained one batch of I TEP students in Shakespearean theatre. These students re-created and brought to life plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, The Merchant of Venice and Romeo and Juliet. Mr Norman Leslie Doss and his students from I TEP and II TPY introduced Platform Theatre to the St Joseph's University stage. Students adapted and re-created stories like Beauty and the Beast, Tangled, Titanic, Lion King, Fight Club, Frozen, and Encanto. II TPY students, for their third semester of Theatre and Performance Studies, were engaging with works of Dario Fo. As part of their learning, students brought The Death of an Anarchist to life and adapted Can't Pay? Won't Pay! Both these plays were written by Dario Fo and his wife Franca Rame. III TPY students for their fifth semester were trained in Agitprop theatre and Theatre of the Oppressed. Students adapted the play Woza Albert! to the Indian

context during Limelight 2024.

Upstage

Upstage is an intercollegiate event where budding theatre artists from different colleges of the city come to perform and challenge each other. Upstage 2025 offered events such as Short Play, Long Play (Proscenium), Mime, Scenematic, and Street Play. It was held on March 1 and 5, 2025. On March 1, 2025, Street Play performances began at Xavier Hall at 12 PM. II MA English students trained by theatre veteran Mr B R Manjunath were placed first and third place for their work on caste and gender violence in India respectively. While the second place was bagged by students at Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous). The Judge for this category was Naren, a folk artiste and the founder of Adavi Arts, and an alumnus of St Joseph's University.

At Mime, II MA English students trained by Mime Artist and Theatre Facilitator Nazarius Manoharan were placed first and third place. Both teams worked on presenting humorous and interesting Mime productions. The second place was bagged by students at Indian Academy Degree College. Their honest portrayal of the curse of manual scavenging won them audience approval and the judge's. The judge for this category was Ms Shweta Philip. She is a writer, teacher, artist, and an alumnus of SJU. She works at Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College. She also went on to judge for Platform Performances. The winner for this category was Team Moana directed by Ananya Ajith Kumar (II TPY).

Mr Antony Mathew was the judge for Scenematic. He teaches English at the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering. He has participated and won Scenematic in Upstage 2023 as an alumnus of SJU. He declared team 'Not Clickbait: There's A Ghost" as the winners. Team 'Colours of Indian Cinema' and 'Murder at the Copacabana' tied for second place. On the second day of Upstage, there were Short Play and Long Play (Proscenium) categories. Short Play began at 9:00 am at the Auditorium. Vibha Ghorpade was the judge for this event. She is founder of YoMama Café and an alumnus of St Joseph's University. Ms Vibha Ghorpade declared students from Loyala College, Manvi as the winners of the category. Second place was shared between Team 'Pethava' and Team 'Kiska Kya Hoga?', the St Claret College team secured third place with their production 'Voices of the PaSt'

For the Proscenium category, four teams participated, and performances began from 1 pm onwards. Students from Jyoti Nivas College performed Story of Madurai and their classical costume design and detail won them the Best Costume Award. The II-year MA English, shift III, students adapted the novella Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry to stage as Little Princess, they secured third place and won the Best Set-Design category. Kenneth George who played the narrator won many hearts and the Best Actor (Male) category.

Art of Lying for Her was an original musical written and directed by Diya Maria Jojo and Joanne Sherluck. They won second place and also won the Best Stage Work Category. Nagamandala, a modern-musical adaptation of Girish Karnad's play won first place in the Long Play category. Elisha (III TPY) who played Kurudavva in Nagamandala won the Best Actor (Female) Category. The judge for the Long Play (Proscenium) was C K Meena. She is a journalist, novelist and newspaper columniSt She is also the chairperson of Toto Funds the Arts. As part of Upstage, The Performing Arts Society in collaboration with Quiz Club organised Propah 2025. Propah is a quiz on Theatre and Performing Arts, and it was organised on March 1, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The quiz masters for this written quiz were Dr Arul Mani, Ms Vijeta and Ms Nadika. The valedictory for Upstage 2025 was conducted on March 20, 2025, at A314. The teams were presented with certificates and the effort that went into making Upstage 2025 was celebrated.



Ms Vijeta and Dr Arul Mani addressing students in A314

Department of HINDI

The Hindi Department at St Joseph's University is a hub of linguistic and literary excellence, dedicated to the promotion of Hindi literature, translation studies and cultural expression. Through academic research, student-driven initiatives and vibrant events, the department continues to uphold the rich heritage of the Hindi language.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Hasan Pathan

Co-edited GadyaSangam (for BCA I semester under State Education Policy). Prasaranga, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.

Co-edited (August 2024). KavyaSangam (for BA II semester under State Education Policy). Prasaranga, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.

Published a paper "Bhaarateey Kala Cinema: Parampara, Pravrttiyaanaur Prabhaav" in Apni Maati Journal (included in the UGC-CARE list), Issue 58, ISSN 2322-0724.

Published a paper "Cinema Ke Aaeene Mein: Hindi Films Ka Svaroop". Dakshinapatha Patrika, Vol.03, Issue 11, ISSN 2583-3367.

Published a paper "Marathi Cinema Ka Itahasa Aur Vartamaan". Dakshinapatha Patrika, Vol.03, Issue 12, ISSN 2583-3367.

Translated "Bhomakya" by Anna Bhau Sathe (Marathi to Hindi Translation) in Dakshinapatha Patrika Vol.03, Issue 12, ISSN 2583-3367.

Translated "Jaal" by Anna Bhau Sathe (Marathi to Hindi Translation) in Dakshinapatha Patrika Vol.03, Issue 11, ISSN 2583-3367.

Translated "Khoon Ka Teeka" by Anna Bhau Sathe (Marathi to Hindi Translation) in Dakshinapatha Patrika Vol.03, Issue 10, ISSN 2583-3367.

Gave a talk titled "Raashtrabhaasha: Svaroop Chunautiyanaur Sambhavanaen" organised by Central Silk Board (Ministry of Textiles-Govt. of India), Bengaluru, on December 20, 2024.

Gave a talk titled "Raashtrabhaasha: Svaroop, Chunautiyaan Aur Sambhaavanaen" organised by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd., Bengaluru, on November 21, 2024.

Gave a talk titled "Anuvaad ke vividha Aayaam" organised by the Hindi Department, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous).

Participated as a resource person for "The Inter House Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition" at Rashtriya Military School, Bengaluru, on September 4, 2024.

Participated as a resource person for "The SEP-24 Hindi Subject Orientation Programme (BCA 1st Semester)" at St Paul's College, Bengaluru, on September 19, 2024.

Participated as a resource person for "The Book Review Competition," jointly organised by the Bank of Baroda and Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samithi (Bank and Insurance), Bengaluru on March 5, 2025.



Dr Hasan Pathan being felicitated

Dr Kiran Dashrath Dake
Published an article titled, Sanyukt Rashtra Sangh Mein Hindi ki Bhumika. Vidyawarta Peer Reviewed International Journal, Jan To March 2025, Issue-53, Vol-16. ISSN: 2319 9318.

Marathi Cinema Mein Dalit: Hashiye Se Mukhyadhara Tak. Dakshinapatha Patrika. October - December 2024, Vol.03, Issue 12, ISSN: 2583-3367.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Guest Lecture on Rahi Masoom Raza
A guest lecture on Rahi Masoom Raza ka Katha Sahitya was delivered by Dr Gangula Jwajjalya (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Hyderabad) on March 3, 2025.

Hindi Parishad Investiture Ceremony
The Investiture Ceremony was held to welcome the new core committee members of the Hindi Parishad. The event featured cultural performances and was graced by Fr Francis Pinto SJ and faculty members.

Mehfil-e-Ghazal
Held on February 6, 2025, this event showcased soulful ghazal performances, poetry recitations, and interactive discussions. Xavier Hall was beautifully decorated to enhance the evening's ambience. Students from different colleges, along with parents and teachers, attended the event.

Hindi Diwas
On September 14, 2024, Hindi Diwas was celebrated with literary and cultural activities. Highlights included Ganesh Vandana recitation by Ms Noora, followed by a speech given by the guest of honor, Ms Riya Kulshrestha, and musical and dance performances by students. Mr Sathish Honnanagar, the teacher coordinator, formally welcomed the guest and students to the event. Anurag and Gunjan performed various songs for the audience, while Srishti delivered a dance performance. The president of the association, Harsh Bajoria, ended the event with a vote of thanks.

Elixir 2024: A Literary Showcase
The department participated in Elixir 2024, an annual university open day. Students presented models on the evolution of Hindi language, communication methods and Hindi literary giants like Premchand, Om Prakash Valmiki, and Mannu Bhandari. All exhibits from the departments received several compliments from students and faculty members alike.

Farewell for Lt Nagarajan E M
A farewell was organised for Lt Nagarajan EM on December 19, 2024, honoring his years of service to the department.

Through its commitment to academic excellence and cultural engagement, the Hindi Department continues to inspire students and scholars alike, making a lasting impact on the university community.



Dr Hasan Pathan during a talk

Department of SANSKRIT

Samskruta Tarangini at St Joseph's University has played a vital role in promoting Sanskrit literature, cultural heritage and spiritual learning. Through a variety of events including lectures, performances and film screenings, the association has provided students with enriching experiences that highlight the depth of Sanskrit traditions. Students of the association actively participated in various cultural and literary events, showcasing their knowledge, artistic abilities and dedication to Sanskrit heritage.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tandava: Rhythms of Knowledge and Creation

In celebration of Maha Shivaratri, which was observed on February 26, 2025, the Samskruta Tarangini association at St Joseph's University organised a special event titled Tandava: Rhythms of Knowledge & Creation on February 25, 2025 at Aloysius Hall. The event began with a warm welcome by Anitha P, followed by an inspiring speech by the chief guest, Ramachandra N U, Assistant Professor, Department of Languages – Sanskrit Division, School of Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be) University. He spoke about the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and the importance of Sanskrit in preserving India's cultural wisdom. The cultural programme included a powerful Rudra recitation by Skanda and a graceful dance performance by Mrudula, beautifully depicting Lord Shiva's cosmic dance. Further, Shreya and Aditi N delivered an insightful talk on the Jyotirlingas, and Archana (IT and design head) emphasised the importance of Sanskrit. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Sushriya, appreciating the efforts of all participants and organisers.

Shakuntalam Screening

The Samskruta Tarangini association successfully hosted a captivating screening of Shakuntalam on March 3, 2025, in Aloysius Hall. The event, held from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. The audience was particularly moved by the emotional depth and cultural richness presented in the film. The session encouraged students to reflect on the relevance of classical literature in modern society. The student coordinators of the association ensured the smooth execution of the event. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to experience Kalidasa's work in a visual format, which deepened their understanding of Indian literary heritage.

Felicitation Ceremony

The Felicitation Ceremony for Seniors, organised by the Sanskrit Association, Samskruta Tarangini, was held on March 5, 2025 at Aloysius hall. The event began with a warm welcome speech by B Anitha Pai, vice president of the association who expressed gratitude to the faculty, seniors, and students present. The ceremony featured the felicitation of five distinguished seniors for their academic excellence, dedication, and contributions to the Sanskrit Association: Anirudh V A (III BTBY), Maithri S Arya (III BTBY), Aryavardhan D (III MBBY), Vishrutha N (III BCBT), Dhruthi V S (III PCH). During the ceremony, the seniors shared heartfelt words of wisdom and encouragement. They reflected on their experiences with the Sanskrit Association, emphasising the value of teamwork, dedication, and learning. Their inspiring words motivated the juniors to actively participate in cultural and academic events. A special felicitation was also given to Mr Prasanna, who delivered an insightful speech highlighting the importance of preserving the Sanskrit language and staying committed to lifelong learning. The felicitation was presented by S V Kaushik, President of the Sanskrit Association. In the closing remarks, Anitha extended heartfelt gratitude to the faculty, association members, and volunteers for their efforts.



Students of the Sanskrit Association

Department of FRENCH

The Department of French began the year with nearly doubling the number of students enrolled to 400 in the two second language courses offered. The French language course at SJU for existing learners corresponds to the A1 & A2 level of the DELF examinations and the Introductory French course for debutant learners corresponds to A1 DELF Junior. Two new faculty members. Ms Prema George (shift I) and Ms Mamata Moorchung (Shift II) joined the department. The semester opened on a fun-filled note for the students with an interactive association inauguration, followed by a second-place win in the competitive section of Elixir and finally, an informative session on teaching English in France with the Embassy of France.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Satyasree Balijepally
Published an article in September 2024 titled, Le Role des Industries Créatives à Promouvoir la Coopération Culturelle Entre la France et L'inde in Lokogandhar, ISSN: 2582-2705.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Elixir French Exhibition
Elixir, the Open Day showcase was held on August 19, 2024, at St Joseph's University, The French Department stood out with its fascinating display of French culture appealing to all five senses. The entrance featured French flags, banners, puzzle games, and a paper gramophone playing jazz music. Inside, student-created posters highlighted famous French figures, architecture, literature, and cuisine. One of the participating teams recreated a Parisian outdoor café. The highlight was a 12-minute play about the French Revolution, illustrating themes of anarchy and class struggle, with characters like King Louis XVI, Queen Marie Antoinette, Count Mirabeau and the protesting peasants. The performance earned the students an award at Elixir 2024, celebrating their creativity and dedication to showcasing French heritage.

Opportunities Await: Teach English in France

"Teach English in France" session was held in Aloysius Hall on August 21, 2024, organised by the Department of French. It offered students a glimpse into the modalities of teaching the English language to school children in France under the assistantship programme. The speakers from the French Institute in India were Thomas Chaumont, Attaché, French Language, Smriti Pahwa, project manager, Yash Khakhar, Campus France, Ms Fanny Brun, Alliance Française, Bangaluru and Ms Aishwarya Chandramouli, alumni, ALVE who recently completed the 'Teach English in France' programme. The event clarified the eligibility criteria for the programme.

Inaugural Ceremony of the French Association Rendez-vous 2024
The inaugural ceremony of the French Association Rendez-vous was held on July 22, 2024 at 12 pm, in Aloysius Hall with an icebreaker session followed by games and roleplay by the Introductory French students. The chief guest, Ms Sujata Swamy addressed the students and spoke to them about the advantages of learning the French language. The office bearers were presented with badges in the presence of the faculty members, Mrs Satyasree B, Mrs Prema George and Mrs Mamata Moorchung.



Students of French at Elixir 2024

Department of GERMAN

The German Department at St Joseph's University fosters linguistic proficiency and cultural understanding among students. Through interactive events, academic exhibits and leadership programs, the department provides a dynamic learning experience that bridges language studies.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Treffpunkt Investiture Ceremony

The Treffpunkt Investiture Ceremony was held on August 7, 2024, at De Nobili Hall, marking the transition of leadership within the German Association. The event commenced with a singing performance and lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by an inspiring speech on perseverance. The Badging Ceremony formalised the appointment of new office bearers, culminating in a cultural segment featuring German knowledge-sharing and dance performances.



A performance put up by Treffpunkt

Berlin Wall Exhibit

On August 19, 2024, students, under the guidance of Ms Sri Vidhya, showcased a modular reconstruction of the Berlin Wall. The team successfully presented the historical and political impact of the wall through a skit and video presentation. The students in this process did not only learn about this important event in history but also enjoyed and took pride in presenting to the people what they had learnt.

Erfindergeist: Language and Innovation

As part of the Arrupe Atrium's academic exhibition, the department hosted Erfindergeist, a German linguistic challenge event. Visitors engaged in word identification, tongue twisters and trivia games, receiving rewards for their progress. The event combined education with entertainment, reinforcing students' enthusiasm for the German language.

With a blend of language, history and innovation, the German Department continues to offer enriching opportunities for students to engage with German culture and academia at St Joseph's University.





Students of German at Elixir 2024

Department of TAMIL

The Tamil Sangam Association of St Joseph's University has had an eventful year, celebrating Tamil language, heritage and traditions through various engaging activities. From grand inaugurations and thought-provoking lectures to cultural fests and exhibitions, Tamil Sangam has provided a platform for students to explore and embrace the richness of Tamil culture. Faculty members of the department played an instrumental role in mentoring students and curating events that highlighted the linguistic and artistic heritage of Tamil.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Sanjith Sriram, an NCC cadet, successfully completed a 650 km cycle ride from Bangalore to Kanyakumari in 45 hours.

Rahuljith secured first place in a Tamil creative writing competition in Chennai.

Navya won the carrom competition at the university's Sportstakes championship.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tamil Sangam Inauguration Ceremony

The year began with a grand inauguration featuring *Thamizhthaai Vaazhthu*, Bharatanatyam, *Oyilattam* and *Karagattam*. The event also included speeches by S D Kumar and T Begum, who emphasised the importance of Tamil storytelling.

Elixir 2024: Celebrating Tamil Heritage

Tamil Sangam students took the spotlight at Elixir 2024 with projects on Tamil landscapes, lost Tamil cities and architectural wonders. Tamilar Kattadakalai secured second place in the School of Language and Literature category. Guest Lecture: Rediscovering the Power of Our

Mother Tongue

Assistant Professor M Karuppusamy delivered an engaging talk on the importance of learning and preserving one's mother tongue, sparking thoughtful discussions among students.

Tamil-Kannada Unity Conference

Students participated in this prestigious conference inaugurated by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, where they assisted in event management and showcased Tamil culture through performances.

Semmozhi 1.0: A Cultural Extravaganza

Tamil Sangam's first-ever intra-college fest featured 13 competitions including *Pechu Engal Moochu, Namma Ooru Runway, Isai Aruvi, Aadiya Aattam Enna, Tholaikatchiyin Ulle, Varthaiyodu Velaiyaadu, Kutty* Story, Periya Lesson, Reel Making. The overwhelming participation made it a standout event of the year.

Pongal Celebration 2025

Tamil Sangam wrapped up the year with a grand Pongal celebration featuring traditional dances, folk music, mimicry and comedy performances. The event also served as the valedictory ceremony for Semmozhi 1.0, recognising winners and participants. The celebration brought together students, faculty, and honored guests, creating an unforgettable experience filled with joy, talent, and cultural pride .

Women's Day Debate

A debate on "Women only have freedom in their house and only in their country" engaged students in discussions about gender equality, cultural norms and women's rights worldwide.

With a blend of language, culture and community spirit, Tamil Sangam has had a phenomenal year, reinforcing its commitment to celebrating Tamil heritage and fostering student engagement at St Joseph's University.



Members of the Tamil Sangam posing with their certificates

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology was established in 1959 under the purview of St Joseph's College (now St Joseph's University). Over the years, the department has endeavoured to educate and empower students, conscientising them about social realities, issues, and challenges in contemporary society. It aims to nurture informed, responsible citizens who embrace diversity.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Maria A

Invited as the Chief Guest for the 78th Independence Day celebration at Little Angel's School, K R Puram, Bengaluru. She addressed the students on the significance of Independence Day, honouring the sacrifices of freedom fighters, and encouraging unity in diversity.

Received an award from the Karnataka *Krista Alpasankyatara Jagruti Vedike* (R), presented by the Archbishop, for completing her PhD in Sociology (Cultural Studies) on January 11, 2024. Member of the Board of Studies at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) and St Claret College, serving as an academic expert for the Department of Sociology.

Invited as the Chief Guest for the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at Auxilium School, Bandapura, Bengaluru, on February 10, 2025. She addressed students, parents, and teachers on the importance of moral education in child development, encouraging the cultivation of values such as honesty, empathy, and respect.



Dr Maria, receiving an award from the Karnataka Krista Alpasankyatara Jagruti Vedike

Ms Melissa C Remedios

Invited as a resource person at KLE College of Law to speak on 'Law as a Powerful Mechanism of Social Control' on August 29, 2024.

Dr Chandni Bhambhani

Awarded the M N Srinivas Memorial Prize in Sociology by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, for her thesis "Delaying or Rejecting Parenthood: Decision-Making Process by Couples", recognised as the best in the discipline of Sociology (2019–2024).

Acknowledged by Seisen University, Tokyo, for organising interactions between students from Seisen University's Department of Global Citizenship Studies and St Joseph's University during their visit to Bangalore in September 2024.

Invited to peer review a manuscript titled "Shouldn't I Know If I Want to Have Kids or Not?": Reproductive Decision Making in Child-Free Established Adults for the Journal of Adult Development (Scopus-indexed).

Accepted the official invitation to join the editorial board of अनुसन्धक: A Peer Reviewed Multidisciplinary Research Journal, published by St Xavier's College, Jaipur, as a member.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Shravan Kumar, I HPS, presented a paper titled "Between Pluralism and Prejudice: The Political Marginalisation of Religious Minorities in Mangaluru" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024.

Shravan Kumar, Isabel Stephanie, and Sristy Chhetri, I HPS, presented a paper titled "Education and Belongingness: North-Eastern Students' Journey at St Joseph's University" at the two-day international conference Work, Migration and Society, held on 20–21 February 2025, organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai.

Bhoomika C, I HPS, presented a paper titled "Gender Inequality in Marginalised Communities" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives, held on October 25–26, 2024organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Aditya George, I EPS, presented a paper titled "Marginalised Voices: The Indifference to Sudan's Humanitarian and Educational Crisis" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024.

Keerthi Mohan, I EPS, presented a paper titled "Forgotten Historical Persecution and Contemporary Marginalisation: Anti-Roma Discrimination and Promoting Romani Rights" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024. at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Devika Sreejith, I EPS, presented a paper titled "The Colonisation of Sexuality" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

A. Harshini, I HPS, presented a paper titled "Education and Empowerment of Marginalised Communities (Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes)" at the two-day international conference Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also presented a paper titled "Rethinking, Upskilling, and Reskilling Strategies in an AI-Driven Workforce: Rebooting Employee Morale in India's IT Sector" at the two-day international conference Advancing Sustainability Transition for People and Planet: The Road Ahead, held on March 4–5 2025 by the School of Social Work, in collaboration with the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD), Texas, USA, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Shakchi Verma and Manisha Prajapathi, I HPS, presented a paper titled "Bangalore: The Silicon City's Mosaic—Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion" at the Bengaluru Sociology Students' Seminar 2025, themed Bengaluru's Urban Tapestry: Threads of Change, on February 27 2025. The seminar was organised by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University, Bengaluru.



Students of Social Work with Dr Maria A and Mr G Anuplal

Abhigyan Chanda, III ECSO, presented a paper at the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology from October 25–26, 2024. He also presented a paper at a national conference at Jyoti Nivas College.

Dimpi Deka, II HSO, presented a paper at the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology from October 25–26, 2024. She also presented a paper at a national conference at Jyoti Nivas College.

Rishin B, I JPS, presented a paper at National Conference on Concerns of Indian Democracy: Identity, Pluralism, and Federal Politics, organised by Department of Political Science, Tumkur University in association with Karnataka State Political Science Teachers' Association

Punita, II JSO was selected to perform with

actor-choreographer Mr Prabhu Deva in Vibe Live in Concert in Chennai on February 22, 2025

SOCIAL ZEST

Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

On July 25, 2024, the Social Zest Association for the academic year 2024–25 was inaugurated with an investiture ceremony for the core committee. The chief guest, Mr Dushyant Dubey, founder of the Broseph Volunteering Organisation, addressed the gathering. The event, held in Xavier's Hall, PG Block, St Joseph's University, commenced with an introduction by a committee member, followed by Dr Maria conferring badges of responsibility to the new core committee. The new members took an oath to uphold their duties in the association. The ceremony also included the release of GUSTO Magazine for the year, a cultural programme featuring group dances and songs, and concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph.

Confession Booth

The Confession Booth event was organised by the members of Social Zest, Department of Sociology, on August 1, 2024 at 11:00 am in the Arrupe Atrium, UG Block. Led by Dr Maria (Faculty Coordinator) and Abhigyan Chanda (President of Social Zest), students wrote anonymous confessions and pinned them on a board. The event, which saw enthusiastic participation from students across departments, concluded at 3:00 pm and was deemed a success.

Awareness Campaign

In response to the RG Kar Medical College case, St Joseph's University organised an awareness campaign and candlelight vigil to honour the victim and advocate for women's safety. The Social Zest Association participated in this campaign, where students dressed in black, held placards with slogans, and observed a silent prayer. The Student Council also performed Nukkad Nataks to highlight the struggles faced by women. The event concluded with a candlelight vigil, where students paid tribute to victims of violence.

International Conference

The Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations at St Joseph's University hosted a two-day international conference titled Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development on October 25–26, 2024, under the guidance of Dr Maria A and Mr G Anuplal. The conference featured speakers such as Prof Vivek Kumar (JNU) and Prof Abey Rathnayake (University of Peradeniya), discussing themes of social justice, globalisation, and grassroots movements. Rev Fr Arun SJ highlighted the Siddhi community's history, while Squadron Leader Dr Paul Newman delivered the valedictory address. The conference concluded with cultural performances, fostering academic dialogue and community engagement.

Webinar on Research Paper Writing

The Social Zest Association organised a webinar on Research Paper Writing featuring Dr Reetika Syal, faculty member at the Department of International Studies, Political Science, and History, Christ University. The webinar, held on September 25, 2024 via Google Meet, was attended by over 100 students.

Movie Screening

On January 17, 2025, the association held a screening of Laapataa Ladies from 12:00 pm to 1:50 pm in the AV Room. Over 100 students attended, engaging with themes of swapped brides, cultural norms, women's education, and empowerment.



The inauguration of the conference, Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development

Christmas-Themed Flash Mob

On December 12, 2024, the Social Zest Association hosted a Christmas-themed flash mob in the Arrupe Atrium, featuring dance performances, carol singing, and interactive engagement with the student crowd, spreading Christmas cheer across the campus.

Cinematic Sociology: Stories that Shape Society

The Social Zest Association organised a five-day movie screening from Monday, February 24, 2025, to Friday, February 28, 2025. The films screened included La Haine (1995), which explored urban marginalisation and systemic inequality; Devi (1960), which examined religious dogma and patriarchy; Rashomon (1950), which delved into the complex relationship between subjective truth and perception; and Aligarh (2015), which highlighted LGBTQ+ rights and societal prejudice in the Indian context. Each screening attracted an audience of over 100 attendees. The screenings took place from 12:50 pm to 1:40 pm and were well received by students. Many provided insightful feedback on the selection of films, their themes, messages, and their impact on young adults in the audience.

Flashmob: Inter-Religious Harmony

The Social Zest Association organised a flash mob on the theme of inter-religious harmony on March 20, 2025, from 12:50 pm to 1:30 pm in Arrupe Atrium. The event featured a singing and dance performance by final-year students of Economics and Sociology, paying homage to India's unique cultural and social diversity. The performance was well received by the students gathered outside to watch.

SHIFT III ACTIVITIES

On March 6, 2025 the Department of Sociology hosted a guest lecture titled "Feminist Criminological Scholarship in India" for II and III year BA students of Shift 3. Ms Shreejata Niyogi, Research Officer at the Public Affairs Centre, Bengaluru discussed the emergence of feminist criminology as a critique of traditional male-centric criminology. She highlighted intersectionality's role in understanding how overlapping identities—gender, caste, class, and sexuality—affect women's experiences with crime and justice. Additionally, Ms Niyogi addressed the challenges of empirical research in this field, emphasising ethical considerations, methodological choices, and the necessity for reflexivity.

On February 25, 2025, III JSO had an exposure programme at St Patrick School, Bengaluru. They organised an informative session on the current realities of our society for students studying in grades VII and VIII. The students were accompanied by Dr (Sr) Saly Joseph from the Department of Journalism.

On January 20, 2025 the SJRIC hosted a session coordinated by Dr Chandni Bhambhani featuring esteemed delegates from Sophia University, Seisen University, and Ferris University in Japan. Dr Kathy R Matsui, Dr Tatsuya Hikichi, Dr (Fr) Arun Prakash D'Souza, SJ, Ms Yoshitaka Nozomi, and Mr Hirakita Kotaro shared insights from their research with the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Registrar, PhD scholars, and undergraduate students from various Humanities and Social Sciences departments.

On September 30, 2024, III JSO students attended an international seminar on women empowerment organised by Christ (Deemed-to-be) University's Department of Media Studies. The sessions were aimed to introduce students to the basis of women empowerment through in-depth discussions and interactive sessions,taking them through the complex intersections of gender equality, policy formulation, and societal practices that shape the empowerment narrative. The students were accompanied by Dr (Sr) Saly Joseph, and Dr Chandni Bhambhani.

On September 04, 2024 the SJRIC hosted an interactive session, organised by Dr Chandni Bhambhani, with Japanese faculty and student delegates from Seisen University, Tokyo. The delegates, led by Dr Keitei Matsui and Dr (Fr) Arun Prakash D'Souza, SJ, visited SJU as part of the Global Citizenship program. The session covered child poverty in Japan, followed by workshops on Calligraphy and Origami, promoting cross-cultural exchange.



Prof Abey Rathnayeke from the University of Peradeniya speaking at SJU

Department of Industrial Relations

The UG Department of Industrial Relations was established in the year 1986 by the visionary Principal Rev Dr Joseph Chinnappa Nelapathy. The subject was offered in BA along with Economics and Sociology. With the introduction of the National Education Policy in Karnataka, the subject is offered in BA along with Economics.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr G Anuplal
Keynote speaker and resource person at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association of Loyola Composite Pre-University College, Bengaluru.

Industrial Relations Forum
The Department of Industrial Relations, in association with the Department of Sociology and with the support of the Industrial Relations Forum student body, conducted a two-day international conference on Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 25–26, 2024.

The conference featured esteemed keynote speakers, including Prof Rathnayake M. Abeyrathne (University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka), Prof Vivek Kumar (Jawaharlal Nehru University), British sociologist Prof John Holmwood, Bangladeshi social activist and distinguished alumnus Mr Ashiq Kabir, researcher and faculty member Squadron Leader Dr Paul Newman, and finance officer and research scholar Rev Fr Arun D'Souza SJ (St Joseph's University). The event saw the presentation of numerous insightful research papers by academicians and students across India, offering sociological and industrial relations perspectives on the theme.

The Board of Studies in Industrial Relations convened on July 27, 2024, to formulate and approve the syllabus for Industrial Relations under the New State Education Policy for Semester I and Semester II of the B A Industrial Relations programme.

Marking its Silver Jubilee Year, the Industrial Relations Forum, in collaboration with the Sociology Association—Social Zest, held a joint inauguration on July 25, 2024. The 12-member Executive Council, led by General Secretary Ms Sejal Purohit and Documentation Head Ms Ritika Ranjan, assumed office following the swearing-in ceremony.

The Industrial Relations Forum organised several events throughout the semester. On August 6, 2024, a Cartooning Competition was held on the theme 'Office Gossip', encouraging students to showcase their creativity and humour while addressing workplace dynamics.

As part of Elixir'24—SJU Open Day, the forum presented an Industrial Relations Exhibition on August 19, 2024. The exhibition provided an insightful overview of Industrial Relations as an academic discipline, highlighting its significance in understanding workplace policies, labour rights, and employer-employee relations.

On September 30, 2024, seven members of the forum participated in an International Seminar on Women's Empowerment—Concepts, Policies & Practices, hosted by Akashavani, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Christ Deemed to be University. The seminar facilitated discussions on gender equality, policy interventions, and the role of institutions in promoting women's empowerment.

The Industrial Relations Forum successfully conducted a Logo Redesigning Competition on January 21, 2025, with enthusiastic participation. Senjanthung Y Kikon II BA (Economics, Industrial Relation) secured first place in the competition. Looking ahead, the Annual Industrial Relations Lecture Competition and Annual Quiz Competition are scheduled for the last week of March 2025 and the first week of April 2025, respectively. The events will conclude with the Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution.

Department of POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science at St Joseph's University has a legacy dating back to 1926, when the BA degree programme was introduced under Fr J Argaunt. Initially part of the Department of Social Sciences, Political Science became an independent department in 1962. Over the past 95 years, it has been shaped by eminent professors such as PM Francis, Michael, S Clement, Balakrishna, Dr Benny Peters, Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ, Fr Francis D'Almeda SJ, and Prof Jerome Nirmal Raj. With a vision to foster a community of learning that promotes knowledge of politics while being guided by human and environmental concerns, the department strives to equip students with theoretical knowledge, analytical skills, and critical thinking abilities. It fosters an inclusive learning environment and prepares students for higher education and civic engagement. Committed to academic excellence and social responsibility, the department continues to inspire future leaders and scholars.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr P E Somaiah
Invited as a subject expert for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting at Maharani Cluster University, Bengaluru (July 12, 2024), and SDM College, Ujire (August 29, 2024).

Co-edited "Democracy and International Peace in an Open World: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives" with Dr N C Sumathi and contributed a chapter titled Terrorism: History, Traits, Types, and Trends (ISBN: 978-81-948506-5-6, Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024).

Co-edited "Globalisation and the New World: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives" with Dr Gurubasavaraj Panditha and published a chapter titled "Impact of Globalisation on Law and Order and Crime in Bangalore City" (ISBN: 978-81-948506-6-3, Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024).
Published a chapter titled "Governance and Development in Kodagu District in Governance and Development in Karnataka", edited by Anil Kumar and Jeevan Kumar (ISBN: 978-93-93082-89-3, Writers Choice Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2024).

Served as a panellist at the IIPA-KRB Prelude Conference on One Nation One Election, jointly organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (Karnataka Branch) and the Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University, at Xavier Hall, PG Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru (September 28, 2024).

Dr Shreejita Biswas
Served as an expert participant for the project US-India Strategic Cooperation, co-led by the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, and the Centre for East Asian Studies, Christ University, Bengaluru (January–June 2024).

Chaired the session 'Populist Politics in South Asia' at the Modernities Re-defined: Perspectives from South Asia Conference, organised by GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSHS), GITAM University, Bengaluru (February 22–23, 2024).

Served as a Board of Examination member (Political Science), Department of Humanities, Presidency College, Bengaluru.

Delivered an online talk on 'Understanding the Role of the State in International Politics' for the Certificate Course on Fundamentals of International Politics, organised by CeRSSE, Jain University (September 20, 2024).

Served as a judge for the debate 'Censorship or Free Speech? What is the Right Way Ahead for Democracy?', organised by the Debate Society, St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL) (November 7, 2024).

Dr Ance Teresa Varghese
Served as a resource person at the Indian Institute of Spirituality, delivering a session on 'Overview of the Governance Machinery in

India' (October 14, 2024).

Served as a rapporteur for the 65th Indian Society of Labour Economics Annual Conference, held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore (January 10, 2025).

Dr Roshni Sharma

Served as a Board of Examination (BOE) external member for the Department of Political Science, Reva University, Bengaluru (June 13, 2024).

Delivered a session on Glimpse of Indian Politics as part of Deeksharambh – Student Induction Programme, organised by CeRSSE, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, for M.A. students (August 23, 2024).

Conducted offline and online foundational courses for II and IV Semester students at St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) (September 12–16, November 26–December 3, 2024, and January 3–10, 2025).
Conducted a masterclass on Debating the Theories of Democracy for M.A. students at CeRSSE, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University (December 6, 2024).

Published a paper titled 'Motherhood on the Move: Embarking on Data Collection as a New Mom' in Economic and Political Weekly (Scopus Indexed), Volume 59, Issue No. 52 (December 28, 2024).

Served as a panellist at the First NIAS Annual Myanmar Conclave – Myanmar in 2025, organised by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), University of Mysore, and Pondicherry University (January 30, 2025).

Delivered an online session on Qualitative Research Tools and Techniques as part of the Skill Development Programme for PhD scholars, organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University (February 1, 2025).

Mr Bhanuprakash R

Served as part of the organising committee for the One-Day Seminar on One Nation One Election, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Chapter (September 28, 2024).

Delivered special lectures on constitutional values and the Indian Constitution at St Joseph's Commerce College.Delivered a guest lecture on the Role of Political Science in UnderstandingLaw and Governance at Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies (September 24, 2024).

Served as a Board of Studies member at BMS College for Women.

Served as part of the Board of Examination to finalise question papers for India and the Indian Constitution and Constitutional Values at BMS College for Women and St Joseph's College of Commerce.



Students of Political Science with Dr Ance Teresa Varghese



Prof Vivek Kumar at his lecture, Understanding Youth in India

SPECTRUM

Spectrum, the student association under the Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University, is a forum of governance, politics, and international relations. It organises lectures, workshops, discussions, and interactive events to engage students with contemporary political issues, policymaking, and global affairs. Through collaborations with experts and institutions, Spectrum fosters critical thinking, civic awareness, and academic discourse, encouraging students to develop informed perspectives. By creating opportunities for dialogue and engagement, the association prepares students to navigate and contribute to political and public affairs within and beyond the university.

Organised a special lecture on the empowerment of religious minorities in Karnataka by Dr Azhar Khan CA on August 3, 2024, at De Nobili Hall.

Coordinated model making on the party system and Indian Parliament for Elixir 2025 at N205. The Political Science Department's model on the party system won second prise in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences exhibition.

Observed Anti-Ragging Day on August 12, 2024, through poster displays, awareness walks, and a human chain at St Joseph's Campus.

Organised a lecture on reading habits and UPSC career guidance in collaboration with The Hindu and Shankar IAS Academy on September 18, 2024, at Xavier Hall.

Hosted a special lecture on the power of narratives in gender research by Dr Debangana Chatterjee on September 30, 2024, at the AV Room, PG Block.

Conducted a lecture-cum-workshop on 'Working of the Police Department: A Reality Check' on September 21, 2024, at A203.

Organised a pledge-taking initiative for a Green & Clean Bengaluru in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka and BBMP on October 2, 2024, for Gandhi Jayanti.

Hosted a special lecture on 'Understanding Youth in India' by Prof Vivek Kumar (JNU, New Delhi) on October 26, 2024, at the AV Room, Arrupe Block.







Students and faculty members of the Political Science department

Department of INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy at St Joseph's University offers a curriculum integrating theory and practise, with specialisations in international relations, public policy, and peace and conflict studies. The department prepares students for careers in academia, research, government, and administration, focusing on peaceful conflict resolution, the root causes of conflicts, and non-violent societal transformation. It fosters critical thinking and socio-economic change through policy-making. In a world facing challenges such as civil unrest, climate change, and human rights violations, and with India emerging as a key global player, the department equips students to analyse complex global and domestic issues and contribute to effective policy solutions.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar

'Rise of India Through Economic Corridors' – Modern Diplomacy
'Surge in Dropouts Among Dalit Students in HEI' – Mainstream Weekly
'How India Is Failing Its Farmers' – Deccan Herald
'Modi Faces Backlash as Farmer Discontent Grows' – International Policy Digest
'Decoding China–South Korea Talks' – Telangana Today
'Weaponising Water and Water Conflict' – Telangana Today
'Beijing's Double Standards' – Telangana Today
'Boko Haram Kidnappings in Nigeria' –
'Will the World Ever Know the Full Truth About Sednaya Prison?' – The Dialectics
'Middle East Matters' – Telangana Today
'EU's Tariffs on Chinese EVs: Will It Kerb China or Spark a Trade War?' – The Dialectics
'War and Games' – Deccan Herald
'Africa's Bid for the UNSC Permanent Membership' – Modern Ghana
'Nepal Between India and China' – Modern Diplomacy



IRPP students at Elixir 2024

Shreya Jagadeesan, III JIN published an opinion article, "The Conflict Between Democracy and Despotism in Bangladesh", in Metro Times on September 16, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, presented a paper titled "Sino-Indian Trade Relations: Balancing Economic Dependency Amidst Strategic Tensions" at the Second NIAS–CEAP Young Scholars' Workshop on "China in South Asia: Beijing's Long Shadow", organised by NIAS, China, East and the Pacific Area Studies, and the Centre for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, on October 3–4, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III, JIN presented a paper titled "The Migration Crisis in Venezuela: Economic Sanctions, Political Instability, and the Humanitarian Problem" at the Fourth Annual IPRI Young Scholars' Residential Workshop on "Contemporary Conflicts", organised by the International Peace Research Initiative, NIAS, and the Centre for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, on October 4–6, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, presented a poster at the Track 1.5 NIAS–MEA First Polar Dialogue, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the National Institute

of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, on August 30–31, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, presented a paper titled "Globalisation of Caste: Analysing the Role of the United Nations in the Annihilation of Caste-Based Discrimination" at the International Conference "Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives", organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on October 25–26, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, co-authored and published an article titled "Locating Caste in SDG" with Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar in Mainstream Weekly, Vol. 62, No. 46, on November 16, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, published multiple articles in NIAS – This Week in History:

"08 July 1497: Vasco Da Gama Leaves Portugal, Starting an Era", July 8, 2024.

"16 July 1969: US Launches Apollo 11 with Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Michael Collins", July 25, 2024.

"06 August 2012: NASA's Curiosity Lands on Mars", August 9, 2024.

Prajwal T V, III JIN, published an article titled "75 Years of NATO: A Critical Analysis" in Modern Diplomacy on July 13, 2024.

Prajwal T. V, III JIN, published an article titled "Ocean Management and Marine Environment Governance Under the Arctic Council" in Indo-Arctic, Vol. 1, No. 1, August 2024.

K V Niveditha, III JIN, published an article titled "Crossroads of Crime: Drug Trafficking Networks in the Indian Ocean Region" in Modern Diplomacy on August 23, 2024.

Govind Anoop, III JIN, presented a paper titled "EU's Migration Debacle: A Tale of Two Faces" at the International Conference "Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives", organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on October 25–26, 2024.

Govind Anoop, III JIN, presented a paper titled "The Russia–Ukraine Conflict and Its Maritime Repercussions" at the Young Scholars' Seminar 2024, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Cris Fernando, III JIN, published an article titled "Decoding Bangalore's Traffic Quagmire" in Metro Times on September 28, 2024.

Shreya Jagadeesan, III JIN, published multiple articles:
"India's Approach Towards Crisis in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh" in Modern Diplomacy, August 29, 2024.

"Frozen Nightmare: A Pandemic Hibernating in the Arctic Ice" in Indo-Arctic, Vol. 1, No. 1, August 2024.

"23rd July 2020: China Launches Its First Mission to Mars" in NIAS – This Week in History, July 28, 2024.

Anamica Vinod, III JIN, presented a paper titled "Understanding Women's Perspectives in National Disasters" at the 61st All India Political Science Conference on October 18–19, 2024.

Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy presented a paper titled "Narcotic Terrorism in the Golden Crescent and the Golden Triangle: Implications on India" at the Young Scholars' Seminar 2024 organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy presented a paper titled "The New Great Game in Central Asia: Analysing China's Approaches through Heartland and Rimland Approaches" at the Young Scholars Conference 2.0: World Today through the Lens of Political Science(s) organised by the Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College, Chennai, on September 30, 2024.

Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy presented a paper titled "Geopolitics of Oil and Terrorism in West Asia" at the 61st All India Political Science Conference and International Seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047, organised by the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18–19, 2024.

Hanan Salim presented a paper titled "Thevara: From Ancient Arts to Digital Frontiers—Transforming Indian Tourism" at the National Seminar on Redefining Culture and Communities: Cultural Mobility and Migration, organised by the Department of English, Sacred Heart College, East Campus, Kochi, in collaboration with Prajñā Foundation, Kochi, on September 24–25, 2024.

Hanan Salim presented a paper titled "Geopolitics of Oil and Terrorism in West Asia" at the 61st All India Political Science Conference and International Seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047, organised by IPSA at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18–19, 2024.

Sanjana Saha presented a paper titled "Emerging Voice: How Local Journalism Upholds Gandhi's Vision" at Maulana Azad Urdu University, Hyderabad.

Mamatha Janakiraman, II JIN, presented a paper titled "Gandhi's Print Media Strategy and Its Relevance to the Contemporary World Order" at Maulana Azad Urdu University, Hyderabad.

Emma Rose presented a paper titled "Chinese Investments in Gwadar: CPEC's Geopolitical Setbacks and Local Resistance" at the NIAS-CEAP Young Scholar's Workshop on China in South Asia: Beijing's Long Shadow, held on October 3–4, 2024.

Emma Rose presented a paper titled "New Media and Contemporary Conflicts: Reportage and Censorship in the Israel-Palestine War" at the Fourth Annual IPRI Young Scholars' Residential Workshop on Contemporary Conflicts, held at Pondicherry University from October 4–6, 2024.
Aaron Nair presented a paper titled "The Re-emergence of Quad: analys ing the Politics of Balance of Power Between India and China" at the 61st All India Political Science Conference and International Seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047, organised by IPSA at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18–19, 2024.

Anketh D Raj presented a paper titled "Beyond the Vote: analys ing the Challenges for Women's Political Representation in Kerala" at the 61st All India Political Science Conference and International Seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047, organised by IPSA at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18–19, 2024.

Vrishti Shenoy presented a paper at Young Scholars' Seminar 2024, St Joseph's University.
Poornima Sogarwal presented a paper at Madras Christian College, Chennai, titled "analys ing the Role of Social Media in Social Movements."
Hanan Salim published a paper titled "Tug of War: India's Soft Power Versus China's Economic Power in Maldives" in Metro Times on November 14, 2024.

Samita Sajeevan published an article titled "Switzerland's New Foreign Policy in Strategy for 2024-2027" in Modern Diplomacy on October 16, 2024.

Samita Sajeevan published a poem titled "Freedom in Ink Is Never Enough" in the literary magazine Perplex.

Samita Sajeevan published a poem in the anthology "Sky is the Limit" by Blue Cloud Publisher.

Samita Sajeevan published a poem titled "To The Forgotten Souls" in Perplex Magazine under the theme "In Memoriam."

Aaron Nair published an opinion article titled "Beijing's Double Standards" in Telangana Today on October 30, 2024.

Aaron Nair published an article titled "Rise of India Through Economic Corridors," initially in Modern Diplomacy on August 17, 2024, and later republished on the BRICS website.

Aaron Nair published an article titled "Decoding China-South Korea Dialogue" in Telangana Today on August 28, 2024.

Aaron Nair published an article titled "Surge in Dropout of Dalit Students" in Mainstream Weekly on September 14, 2024.

Aaron Nair published an article titled "Israel-Iran Conflict: Implications on the Global Economic Sector" in Modern Ghana on October 29, 2024.

Mariyam Shajil published an article titled "Possibilities for a Trilateral Alliance Between China, Russia, and North Korea" in Modern Diplomacy on July 28, 2024.

Sofia Matthew published an article titled "The Virtual Battlefield: Social Media's Pivotal Role in the Israel-Gaza Conflict" in International Policy Digest on November 11, 2024.

Samita Sajeevan secured a Top 100 position in the PenSmith Awards conducted by HS Publications.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Meet & Greet – Investiture Ceremony
The ASPIRE association's Meet & Greet and Investiture Ceremony was held on August 7, 2024, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University, from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. The event began with a badge pinning ceremony, followed by words of encouragement from faculty. The formal segment concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice President Yumna, after which entertainment programmes commenced.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day – Japanese Consulate Visit
On August 9, 2024, the Department of International Relations Peace and Public Policy commemorated the 79th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings at Xavier Hall PG Block St Joseph's University. The event began with a welcome dance, followed by an address by Mr P Venugopal. H E, Mr Nakane Tsutomu, Consul General of Japan, spoke on Japanese culture and Indo-Japanese relations, with further insights from Ms Meghna Ravoor and Mr Dolwin Cutinha. Vice Chancellor Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo emphasised the role of youth in shaping the future. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, remarks by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, and the national anthems of both nations.

Workshop on Abstract Writing
A workshop on abstract writing, led by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar and Sayani Raina, focused on enhancing students' academic writing skills. Covering key aspects like clarity, conciseness, and coherence, the session included interactive discussions and hands-on exercises, equipping students with the skills to effectively summarise research.



Members of the Japanese consulate being felicitated by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo

Elixir 2024
First-year INJPP students participated in Elixir 2024, presenting a functional model on Rising Sea Levels in Africa, featuring a water-pumping system and interactive elements. Participants included Aryagayatri, Adwitiyo, Utkarsha, Riddhi, Dhruv, Lawanya, and Tarini Another model, "Through War and Peace," showcased war transitions, diplomacy, and negotiation tactics, incorporating representations of military warfare and diplomatic strategies Contributors were Namratha, Charisma, Anushka, Hridya, Ritika, Tharrani, and Safura. Third-year students, led by Dona, presented a policy tree model Judges appreciated the creativity and analytical depth of the exhibits.

Young Scholar Seminar 4.0
The National Young Scholar Seminar, organised by ASPIRE on September 30, 2024, featured students from across the globe discussing Border Disputes, Sustainable Development, and Foreign Policy of Major Powers Hosted by Jonathan and Yumna, the event included a welcome

address, the Chief Guest's speech, and cultural performances Topics ranged from India-China relations and global sustainability to US foreign policy choices Conducted in a hybrid format, the seminar concluded with a valedictory ceremony, presided over by Prof Clement D'Souza, followed by prise and memento distribution.

Panel Discussion on United Nations Day

On October 24, 2024, a panel discussion was organised by 2nd and 3rd-year JIN students under the Department of International Relations Peace and Public Policy to mark the 79th anniversary of the UN Panelists Abdul Rehman (PhD Scholar), Saniya S Philip, Cris Fernando, and Hanna Sunny, moderated by Prajwal T V, discussed the UN's role in global conflicts, particularly the Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine crises The discussion highlighted the UN's humanitarian efforts and challenges, especially in Gaza, where its stance has drawn criticism.

Aspire

ASPIRE, the student association under the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy, fosters discussions on global issues like peace, conflict, and diplomacy. Through seminars, workshops, and panel discussions, it creates a platform for students to engage with current international affairs, diplomatic practises, and pressing global challenges. Committed to raising awareness and encouraging open conversations, ASPIRE provides opportunities for students to share perspectives, develop informed opinions, and deepen their understanding of world affairs. By promoting critical thinking and dialogue, the association empowers students to become active contributors to global discussions within and beyond the university.











Students and faculty members at the National Young Scholar Seminar 4.0

Department of PSYCHOLOGY

Established in 2013, the Department of Psychology inspires students to explore human personality and relationships, contributing to the betterment of societal well-being and strongly emphasising high-quality research and meaningful internships while supporting emotional growth and fostering creativity.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Nisha Menzies Rao
Was invited as a resource person at NEEV Academy, where she engaged grade 6 students for two days.

Dr Neeta Gerosa Pereira
Served as a resource person at St Joseph's School, where she enlightened high school students on leadership.

Dr Anaurene Roy
Was invited to Mount Carmel College and Kristu Jayanti College to orient new faculty members on teaching. She also delivered a guest lecture on psychometric methods and research proposal writing in APA format.

Ms Thushara Mariyam Thomas
Was invited to East Point College of Higher Education for student orientation.

Dr Stephen Babu
Rendered a capacity building programme at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for women in Coimbatore.

He also received a patent for his work.

Ms Kodhai B Narayanan
Secured the 1st rank in MSc Counselling Psychology.

Ms Sonia Patwardhan achieved the 3rd rank in MSc Psychology (Clinical) from Bangalore North University.

Dr Maria Wajid
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Dr Safeya Makhmur
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Dr Grace Maria Jochan
Published a paper, Exploring the Intersectionality of Cisgender Queer Women in Non-WEIRD Contexts. Rupkatha Journal.

Mr Yudhajit Roychowdhury
Scored in the 99.9 percentile on the NET exam, qualifying for (JRF).

Mr Aditya Nath
Invited as external examiner for MSc Clinical Psychology programme at Reva University on March 1, 2025.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

The department organised programmes to enhance the skills of teachers and students. Professor Romate John shared his social science research and professional development expertise with the faculty. Ms Nidhi Srivasta discussed the importance of legal knowledge for counsellors with postgraduate students. The department also hosted students from the Anugraha Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy, and Research in Dindigul as part of their training in counselling techniques. Before the odd semester break, Dr Baiju Gopal conducted a team-building workshop for the psychology faculty, featuring interactive activities and reflective exercises. At Loyola Degree College, Dr Neeta Gerosa Pereira discussed inclusive education and student counselling while leading a gender cell for domestic violence awareness. The department also hosted a "Therapy in Action" webinar featuring Dr Rathna Issac. Additionally, Ms Anjana Kothamachu presented psychodrama

principles, demonstrating how action methods can help individuals explore emotions and relationships. Ms Deeksha Suresh from the University of Pittsburgh educated attendees on strengths-based interventions to improve family dynamics and address intergenerational trauma.

SUMANA ASSOCIATION

The Psychology Association of Postgraduates at the University was a student-led organisation that promoted interest and engagement in psychology.

Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

New leaders brought fresh ideas and activities to Sumana's events each year, engaging students more effectively. The newly appointed leaders were eager to take on their roles with enthusiasm and commitment to excellence, promising a productive year ahead.

The leaders for the academic year were oriented by the Head of the Department and the Postgraduate Coordinator on the responsibilities and objectives of the association. Following this, the new association commenced its work with its first set of activities.

Roll a Reel – Mental Health Edition: A Reel-Making Competition

This remarkable initiative, aimed at promoting awareness through short video creation, made a significant impact on students. It provided a platform to share ideas, experiences, and solutions related to mental health. The competition focused on engaging and educating the audience on critical mental health issues.

Mind Maze: The Ultimate Hunt

A treasure hunt was organised across five different locations on campus, with the goal of raising awareness about mental health services and social media engagement. The event challenged participants' cognitive and physical abilities through a series of tasks. It promoted teamwork and collaboration, with each task requiring participants to communicate strategies effectively.

Suicide Prevention

Suicide remains a major public health challenge, with increasing global deaths each year and profound impacts on individuals and communities. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), observed on September 10, aimed to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote understanding of suicide. To support WSPD's mission, students wrote hopeful messages and wore suicide prevention ribbons to spread awareness.

Quiz Context

The quiz, designed to test participants' knowledge and quick thinking, comprised two rounds. The quiz structure ensured a fair yet challenging competition that encouraged teamwork and intellectual engagement.

Photography competition

A photography competition was organised by the association, which aimed at capturing emotions through photography on emotions with compelling captions. The esteemed judge carefully evaluated each submission, Ms. Kodhai B. Narayanan, based on three criteria: creativity, relevance to the theme, and caption quality. After a thorough assessment, the three best photographs were selected for recognition.

Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy

On January 16, 2025, Sumana hosted a guest lecture on psychoanalytic psychotherapy by Dr Baiju Gopal. He explained how psychoanalysis brings unconscious thoughts to light, helping individuals recognise suppressed emotions and patterns. He introduced free association as a key technique for promoting openness and self-expression.

***Anant Bharat*: Infinite Shades of India**

Sumana hosted the 'ANANT BHARAT: Infinite Shades of India' college-making competition to foster awareness and appreciation of India's rich cultural diversity among students. Participants created vibrant collages showcasing the country's diverse cultural heritage.

CONCILIUM ASSOCIATION

Established by the Department of Psychology within the School of Humanities at SJU, the association has been organising events for undergraduate students since 2017. Its primary goal is to promote mental health awareness and create a supportive network for students on campus.

Mindful Painting and Face Painting
In observance of Mental Health Week, Sumana and Consilium jointly organised a mindful painting session at the university. The event aimed to connect participants with their emotions through painting, offering a pathway to self-discovery and reducing stress and anxiety.

Down to Earth: Session 1
The university's quadrangle hosted a lively flash mob performance followed by engaging activities. After the performance, participants were divided into small groups to discuss their experiences at the university and how they were coping with stress. This activity provided a non-judgemental space for participants to open up and support one another.

Down to Earth: Session 2
As part of Mental Health Week, a peer group discussion was held in the university's quadrangle. Participants gathered in two large groups to share their challenges, struggles, and the coping mechanisms that had supported them, fostering a sense of community.

Flourish
The association hosted a queer event that included the screening of The Half of It, a 2020 American coming-of-age comedy film written by Alice Wu.

The Zen Zone
Sumana and Consilium collaborated to organise a series of events during Mental Health Week. Activities included writing about personal burdens and (un)grateful notes on chart paper, leaving positive messages or compliments for strangers, and listening to calming music through headphones provided at the venue. The event aimed to create a positive space for participants to relax, unwind, and share kindness.

Five Nights at Freud's
A Halloween-themed event was held in the Aarupe Atrium and basement labs. It featured two activities: face painting, which allowed participants to express their creativity, and "candy trauma dump," where participants shared their traumatic experiences and symbolically "dumped" them by placing candy in a large bowl.

Spectra of Minds
A neurodivergent awareness event included activities such as jewellery making, hair braiding, clay modelling, and peer discussions.

Murder Mystery (VISAGES)
Consilium in collaboration with the Student Council, hosted a murder mystery event for the intercollegiate fest Visages. The event included Mystery Solving, Treasure hunt and Finale. The event was conducted in two batches, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 2:00 p.m. Three teams emerged as the winners: one from Mount Carmel College, one from CMR and one from St. Joseph's College of Commerce.

Platonic Valentine
On February 18, Consilium, the Psychology Association, hosted Platonic Friendship Day at St. Joseph's University. The event celebrated the importance of platonic friendships, bringing together students and community members for a fun, interactive day. The event fostered a sense of community with vendor stalls and live interactions while highlighting the value of non-romantic connections.

Apherodi-tea-Yap & Scrap & Compliments
In honour of International Women's Day, Consilium hosted "APHERODI-TEA," featuring a YAP AND SCARP session to promote creativity and mental well-being. Attendees, mainly students from psychology and other fields, were encouraged to wear pink, symbolising unity and empowerment.

From Theory To Application
The UG Psychology PIA event linked theory and practice by having students create zines and pamphlets on psychological topics. Participants conducted surveys, analysed data, and presented findings in a public demonstration.

Eepy Haven
Consilium organised 'Eepy Haven' on March 11, 2025, in honour of World Sleep Day. The purpose of the Eepy Haven event was to provide a space for participants to discuss their sleep habits and experiences with sleep. Topics such as insomnia, sleep paralysis, and dreams were explored, with participants discussing what specific dreams they remembered and why they thought certain dreams stood out.



Team building with Dr Baiju Gopal



Investiture ceremony of Sumana



Training for Anugraha Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy, and Research in Dindigul



Ms Estelle Dsouza with students





Psychology students at Spectra of Minds



The team building workshop conducted for the Department of Zoology

Department of COUNSELLING

The Department of Counselling at St Joseph's University is led by a team of passionate counsellors under the guidance of Rev Fr Joseph Cyril D'Mello SJ. This dedicated team strives to provide empathetic, non-judgemental, and genuine support to enhance the mental well-being of students on campus. Employing evidence-based psychological interventions, the department tailors its approach to meet the unique needs of each student—who are seen as the future of our nation. The department envisions a comprehensive and integrated mental health care system that focuses on promotion, prevention, and rehabilitation. Central to this vision are its core values and guiding principles: psychological well-being, community care, cultural relativism, accessibility, and the protection of vulnerable students, with a strong emphasis on fostering a supportive community and encouraging healthy lifestyle choices.

To book a slot: mail listen2me@sju.edu.in

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

The Department of Counselling conducted orientation and briefing sessions for undergraduate and postgraduate students during July and August 2024, held across various UG and PG classrooms from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The primary objective of this initiative was to raise awareness about mental health and break the stigma associated with seeking professional help. Students were encouraged to reach out for support. The sessions included psycho-education on the importance of counselling and therapy, along with a briefing on the existing counselling system at SJU. There was an increase in student enrolment for counselling services on campus.

ELIXIR 2024 – Open Day

On August 19, 2024, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru hosted ELIXIR 2024 – Open Day at Arrupe Block, Classroom A-208, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Department of Counselling actively participated by presenting posters and live model displays on themes such as gratitude, stress management, growth mindset, positive psychology, and the benefits of seeking professional help. These displays served to psycho-educate visiting students on the significance of mental health and well-being.

NIMHANS Poster Making Competition

The Clinical Psychology Department at NIMHANS, Bangalore, organised a poster presentation competition on September 21, 2024, held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Dr M.V. Govindaswamy Block. The event aimed to promote artistic expression and collaborative critical thinking among participants. Representing St Joseph's University were students Dhriti Jain, Diya Maria, Steve Franklin, and Palak Jain, who showcased their creative ideas through posters. They were accompanied by Ms Estelle D'Souza, a faculty member from the Department of Counselling, who provided guidance and support throughout the competition.

Fundamentals of Research

On December 12, 2024 Mr Aadithya R Nath from the Department of Psychology organised a session on the Fundamentals of Research for the II BA students of Shift III, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The session was led by the distinguished guest speaker, Dr Balaji BR, Assessment and Evaluation Specialist at CMR University, Bengaluru.

Team Building Workshop

On February 3, 2025, with the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, counsellors Ms Muskan Mehta and Mr Ryan Peter facilitated a workshop for the Department of Zoology on Identity vs Role Confusion and Boundaries. The session aimed to strengthen team dynamics by helping participants explore their individual identities and the various personal and professional roles they navigate. It also emphasised the importance of boundaries in maintaining balance and clarity across these roles.

Department of HISTORY

The Department of History is one of the first departments started in the Institution dating back to the 1930s. The students tend to be heterogeneous, ranging from those well-read, who possess a good deal of insight and have a clear goal as to what they want to do in life to the larger percentage in the class who for reasons academic, economic, and social, need basic assistance, encouragement and follow up. In this context, the Department does a lot of remedial work to help academically weaker students perform better. Students tend to be varied, ranging from those who are well-read, possess a great deal of insight, and have a well-defined life objective to the majority of the class who, for academic, economic, and social reasons, require basic input, support, encouragement, and follow-up. The Department strives to make history instruction engaging, informative, and pertinent. Consistent use of audiovisuals is employed to supplement the information. While conducting a class, efforts to inculcate a spirit of inquiry among the students are encouraged. Wall maps, models, pictures, etc., are used to supplement data. The Department runs a History Association titled 'Parishodhana'. Through its own newsletter, 'The Pendulum,' the Department encourages students to explore with their research abilities. The Department of History also conducts its annual 60 hour Certificate Credit Course on 'Gleaning India's History through Numismatics'.



Faculty members from the School of Humanities at the Pottery workshop

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Jane Dsouza

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Prof Dr Paul Newman

Actively contributed as an assessor for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), participating in a series of institutional evaluations to assess academic and administrative quality.

Was promoted as Professor by the Government of Karnataka on March 3, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on "Minimum qualification for Appointment and Promotion of Teachers in universities and colleges, draft UGC regulations 2025, Jesuit Higher Education Commission, Loyola College, Chennai on February 4, 2025.

Delivered a lecture at the UGC Madan Mohan Malaviya Teacher Training centre, Bangalore University on Creativity in Teaching on February 10, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on 'Leadership' at the UGC Madan Mohan Malaviya Teacher Training centre, Bangalore University on February 24, 2025.

Delivered the inaugural address at the international conference on Democracy beyond the state at Loyola College, Chennai on March 5, 2025.

Human Rights Abuses Continue in Sri Lanka without a reprieve on May 9, 2024, in Freedom and Refugees by LISSTAR, Loyola College.

Killing Rohit Vemula again on July 9, 2024, in International Policy DigeSt

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In Myanmar, a war no one watches on December 7, 2024, in Deccan Herald.

A step forward: Democratising India's reservation policy on December 19, 2024, in International Policy DigeSt

New UGC guidelines ignore ground realities, undermine HEI autonomy on January 22, 2025, in Deccan Herald.

Myanmar's four-year nightmare: A call for Global Justice and Action on January 29, 2025, in International Policy DigeSt

Why we Need Rohith Act in Educational Institutions of India on January 30, 2025, in The Mooknayak.

'Myanmar: a distress call on hold' in the Deccan Herald was titled on February 26, 2025

Delivered a presentation titled Importance of Social Analysis for teachers in Jesuit educational systems on July 20, 2024, at Ashirvad during JESCOL II.

Shared insights on Experiences in Jesuit higher education on August 2, 2024, at SJIM during JESCOL I.

Gave a presentation on Jesuit Higher Education on August 6, 2024, during the Induction programme for SJU teachers.



Members of Parishodhana in the Arrupe block AV Room with Dr S K Aruni and Ms Jane D'Souza

Delivered an online guest lecture on Indigenous people and AICUF for AICUF Karnataka.

Delivered the keynote address on Teachers Day, September 5, 2024, at Lake Montfort School.

Delivered the keynote address at the International Sociology Conference – Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives on October 26, 2024.

PARISHODHANA

Inaugural lecture & Investiture

The Department of History commenced its activities for 2024-2025 with the Inaugural Guest Lecture and Investiture Ceremony of Parishodhana on July 24, 2024, at De Nobili Hall. Dr S K Aruni, Regional Director of the Southern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), delivered an insightful lecture on "Bengaluru—Its History and Monuments," offering first-year BA students a deeper understanding of the city's historical evolution and heritage. The event featured an investiture ceremony which formally inducted the newly elected members to the aforementioned association, who took an oath to uphold the association's values and responsibilities.



Parishodhana at Elixir 2024

Elixir 2.0

On the August 19, 2024, the History Department of our esteemed University, under the leadership of Ms Jane D'Souza, participated in the second edition of Elixir, themed "Sands to Valleys—A Voyage." The event featured life-sized models depicting historical narratives from different eras, some were as follows —The Ahoms of Assam, The Pharaohs of Egypt, and The Geographical Explorers. Students brought forth history to life by embodying various characters, while interpreters enriched the experience with an accompaniment of detailed insights. The exhibits showcased intricate craftsmanship, cultural elements, and historical grandeur, with many components handmade for authenticity. The team showcasing the Ahoms of Assam exhibit secured First Place in the School of Humanities.

Azmayish-e-Azadi

As part of the celebrations for the 78th Independence Day, Parishodhana organised a quiz competition,"Azmayish-e-Azadi", on August 16, 2024. Designed to test participants' knowledge of Indian history, the independence movement, and key national figures, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 16 teams comprising 32 students. The competition featured multiple rounds, including image-based and audio-visual segments, making it both challenging and engaging. The lively atmosphere reflected the participants' deep understanding of India's past, fostering a sense of patriotism and intellectual curiosity. Azmayish-e-Azadi was a meaningful tribute to India's historical legacy, enhancing the university's Independence Day celebrations through an enriching and commemorative experience.

Indigenous Knowledge System – Workshop on Pottery Making

On September 23, 2024, a Pottery workshop was organised from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, led by the talented Mr Babu, a highly skilled and patient resource person,. Aimed at reviving and promoting indigenous art forms, predominantly pottery, the workshop provided participants with a hands-on experience crafting unique designs. With over 130 persons in attendance including both students and faculty, the participants engaged with clay under the guidance of Mr Babu. The active involvement of the members of Parishodhana guaranteed the success of the event making it a memorable day filled with excitement, joy, and artistic exploration.

Together in Vision: A Celebration of Unity

On September 28, 2024, Parishodhana organised a motivational and inclusive event, Together in Vision: A Celebration of Unity, to support the

visually impaired and the physically disabled students. Held in the AV Room of the Arrupe Block, the event fostered a sense of community and empowerment among participants. The occasion was graced by two highly distinguished St Joseph's University alumni, Ms Nandini, who is an Assistant Manager at the State Bank of India, and Mr Shreyas Reddy, an Advocate. They shared their valuable experiences, offering motivational insights and guidance to students and their parents, as well. The event also provided a platform for students to showcase their talents through dance, singing, and public speaking performances, exemplifying their resilience and their pursuit of excellence despite facing numerous challenges. The day bore an atmosphere of joy and inspiration, reinforcing the values of inclusivity and perseverance.



Historia 2025: Legends and Legacies

National Conference January 22nd 2025

On January 22, 2025, Jyoti Nivas College, in collaboration with St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted a National Conference themed, Conserving Heritage: Integrating Culture, Community, and Sustainability. The conference was presided over by Dr Selvakumar V, Head of the Department of Maritime History and Maritime Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur. It featured distinguished resource persons, which included Ms Yashaswini Sharma, Founder Architect of Estetique Architects, who spoke on the conservation of architectural heritage and outreach, while Ms Immaculate Antony A, Founder of IMA Creations, explored the theme, Ancient Games: Restore, Reminiscent, Relive. A total of 19 research papers were presented by students and scholars alike, reflecting a strong commitment to heritage preservation. The conference aimed to raise awareness on the significance of conservation through community participation, with an emphasis on local engagement, sustainable practices, and eco-friendly conservation methods. The event was a smashing success accompanied by the drive, enthusiasm and dedication of students in advocating the protection of cultural heritage.

Inter Class Quiz on the occasion of 76th Republic Day

On January 28, 2025, a written quiz competition was organised to celebrate the 76th Republic Day. The team-based event featured the participation of 11 teams. Covering a wide range of topics pertaining to the Indian Constitution and the freedom struggle, the quiz provided an informative and engaging platform for students to enhance their constitutional knowledge while showcasing their historical awareness.

Study Trip to Nandi Hills

As part of the certificate course Leadership Skills Through Ancient Board Games, the Department of History, in collaboration with Ima Creations, organised a study trip to Nandi Hills on February 16, 2025. Thirty-two students explored sites like Tipu's Summer Palace and Yoga Nandishwara Temple while engaging in traditional games such as the Goat and Tiger game. The trip combined strategic learning, cultural immersion, and historical exploration. A visit to Ima Recreation deepened our appreciation for ancient games. Interactions with locals, panoramic views, and insightful discussions on heritage and leadership made this experience both educational and enriching.



At the study trip to Nandi Hills

Bangalore through the ages: an exhibition

The Department of History, in collaboration with ICHR (Southern Region), organised a visual exhibition titled Bangalore Through Ages at St Joseph's University on February 21, 2025. Inaugurated by Dr Githa Badikillaya, the exhibition featured over 100 rare photographs, maps, and artefacts showcasing Bengaluru's evolution from Kempegowda's time to British rule. Highlights included heritage structures, colonial architecture, and social life in the cantonment. Dr Badikillaya's talk on ancient Bangalore added depth to the event. Over 200 students attended, engaging with the city's visual history and gaining insights into its transformation into a colonial and modern metropolis.

Guest Lectures

On March 3, 2025, the Department of History at St Joseph's University organised a guest lecture titled Foraging into the Past, Building a Future: Career Paths in Archaeology, delivered by Ms Riddhee Joshi from the University of Mysore's PGDA (ASI) program. She discussed career opportunities in archaeology, emphasising practical fieldwork, research, and heritage management. The session also covered modern methods, ethical challenges, and the role of technology in excavation. Students actively participated, gaining clarity on specialisations and academic pathways. The lecture offered valuable insights into archaeology's evolving scope and its relevance in preserving history and cultural heritage.

Beyond Borders – Navigating International Education & Opportunities

On March 4, 2025, the Department of History hosted a motivational talk titled Beyond Borders – Navigating International Education & Opportunities with alumnae Bhoomika Sesharaj and Madhura Mahesh from the HEP Batch (2019–2022). Having completed their Master's in International Relations from the University of Bristol, UK, they shared insights on studying abroad, professional growth, and student life overseas. The session covered academic and cultural challenges, global opportunities, and adapting to new environments. Students actively engaged with questions on careers and international education. The talk was insightful and encouraging, offering valuable guidance to those aspiring to pursue higher studies abroad.

Emperor Ashoka Speaks – A Workshop to Learn Ancient Brahmi Script

On March 8, 2025, the Department of History organised a workshop titled Emperor Ashoka Speaks – A Workshop to Learn Ancient Brahmi Script. Conducted by Mr Gautam Jantakal, Numismatic Consultant and trustee of the Centre of Indian Numismatics Studies, Bengaluru, the session introduced 33 students to ancient writing systems and the significance of script preservation. Students explored language evolution, types of scripts, and the historical importance of Brahmi through Ashokan edicts and ancient coins. A highlight was the hands-on practice with Brahmi letters, culminating in writing their names in the script. The workshop was interactive, intellectually stimulating, and deeply enriching.

Historia 2025 - Legends and Legacies

On March 12, 2025, the Department of History and Parishodhana organised Historia 2025, the annual intercollegiate fest themed Legends and Legacies. The event saw enthusiastic participation from colleges across Bengaluru in a range of academic and cultural competitions. Chief Guest Dr Narasingaraja Naidu, retired professor from Bangalore University, delivered a keynote on the Jesuit legacy and released his book Education and Social Change in Mysore (1840–1920). Highlights included events like Runway Durbar, Chakravyuh, and Kaun Banega Itihaskar. The fest celebrated historical narratives while encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper appreciation for history among students.

History and National Myth

Mr Mahesha DK from the Department of History and the History Association La-Storia organised a guest lecture on the topic "History and National Myth" on September 20, 2024 at 4:30 pm in the De Nobili Hall. Dr Vagishwari SP, Head of the Department of International Studies, Political Science, and History at Christ (Deemed-to-be) University, Bangalore, was invited as the resource person. The lecture was enthusiastically attended by approximately one hundred and fifty II and III year BA students.

Department of ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics was established in 1882 and is as old as the Institution itself. Economics was a subject at the intermediate level till 1923 and once the Institution became a First Grade College in 1923, Economics became one among the major subjects of study for the degree students. The Department today offers both Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes. The Postgraduate programme was started in 2006.

The Department is committed to generating interest in the discipline of Economics among students by imparting sound theoretical knowledge and developing quantitative skills to analyse economic behaviour. We are engaged in creating responsible citizens with critical thinking, right human values and attitudes which help one become an agent of change for our society.



Faculty members of the Economics Department

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Nagarjun
Cleared the K-SET exam in Economics conducted in November 2024.

ECONOMICS FORUM

Economics Forum is a student-led organisation aided by the teaching staff fostering a deep understanding of concepts pertaining to economics through collaboration, learning, and engagement. It provides a platform for those students who are passionate about economics. It enables them to come together, discuss economic theories, and explore real-world applications. The association organises various events such as guest lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions with professionals, academics, and industry leaders. This offers valuable exposure to the field. Additionally, students can participate in research projects, competitions, and economic outreach activities, enhancing their academic and practical knowledge. By promoting critical thinking and problem-solving, the association helps equip students with the skills and resources needed to excel in their academic pursuits and future careers in economics and related fields.



Forum 101: kickstarting connections

Forum 101
The Economics Forum of St Joseph's University hosted an engaging event on July 15, 2024, to introduce freshers to the association. With around 60 participants, the event featured interactive sessions like Speed Networking and stalls with activities like face painting and quizzes. Core committee members shared their experiences, and attendees learned about the forum's mission and upcoming events. The event successfully increased interest and enthusiasm for future involvement in the association.

Investiture Ceremony
The Economics Forum and Oikonomika at St Joseph's University held their investiture ceremony on July 29, 2024, marking the appointment of new executive members. Dr Suma

M Singh, Registrar of Mount Carmel College, delivered a compelling speech. The event featured vibrant dance and song performances, adding a celebratory touch. New office bearers were presented with badges, symbolising leadership and responsibility. The ceremony highlighted the association's commitment to growth, creativity, and excellence.

Elixir

St Joseph's University hosted an exhibition on August 19, 2024, showcasing student's research and innovations related to key economic events. With around 400 attendees, the event featured a skit on the 1991 economic crisis which highlighted the New Economic Policy's impact. Displays included models on India's economic history, such as the 1991 reforms and the 2008 financial crisis. The exhibition encouraged critical thinking and discussions, demonstrating the university's commitment to deepening the



Dignitaries on the dais: the guest lecture series

understanding of economics.

Loot & Leverage

The Economics Forum at St Joseph's University hosted an event named "Loot & Leverage," where teams presented a fictional bank heist to expose flaws in the Indian banking system. The heist, targeting a fictional bank, involved strategic planning and execution by 8 teams. In the second round, teams showcased how to invest the stolen money to maximise impact, focusing on sectors like real estate. The event highlighted economic inequality and the need for systemic reforms in the financial system.

Guest Lecture

In September, the Economics Forum at St Joseph's University hosted a guest lecture by



Students prepping for Trail of Secrets

Ms Shivali Tukdeo, focusing on "Policy Frames: Education in Contemporary India." The lecture laid emphasis on women's education and highlighted a 1940s psychological experiment on the Segregation's effects on Black children. Ms Tukdeo discussed policy-making examples, one of them being the school closures during floods. With over 70 attendees participating, the event encouraged critical thinking and sparked discussions on the relevance of education in contemporary India

Turncoat

On September 30, 2024, the Economics Forum at St Joseph's University hosted "Turncoat," an event designed to enhance public speaking and critical thinking. Participants had 8 minutes to



Prof Shivali Tukdeo with Mr Clement D'Souza

prepare and 5 minutes to present on random topics, followed by questions from a judge. Despite limited preparation time, participants showcased creativity and insight. The event was a huge success, fostering skill development and highlighting the importance of economics in everyday life.

Eskillate

The Department of Economics and Economics Forum at St Joseph's University organised the "Eskillate 24", a guest lecture series. There were 90 students in attendance. Lectures covered topics such as the job market, economic policies, the stock market, mental health, and women's empowerment. Speakers included professionals like Mr Nigel John, Dr Shreshti Rawat, and Ms Sonia Jain, offering valuable insights into the practical applications of economics. The series fostered critical thinking and provided a broader understanding of the role of economics in various fields.

Trail of Secrets

On December 17, 2024, the Economics Forum at St Joseph's University hosted "Trail of Secrets," a treasure hunt. It sought to combine intellectual engagement with entertainment. Participants worked in teams to solve riddles and complete tasks involving economic principles like supply and demand, market structures, and resource allocation. The event successfully reinforced key economic concepts while fostering collaboration and a sense of community among participants. The Economics Forum looks forward to organising more interactive events in the future.

Ecolibrium'25

Ecolibrium'25, held on January 25, 2025, at St Joseph's University, featured an inauguration with speeches by notable guests like Dr Keshava SD and Dr Regina Mathias. The event had three contingents and various competitions, including Vyapar Verse (sales pitch), Battle of Wits (debate), Policy Grid (Model UN), Mad-ads (advertising), and Code-Breakers (escape room). Students showcased skills in economics, marketing, and problem-solving throughout the day's activities.



Faculty members and students from the Department of Economics

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Department of PHYSICS

The Physics department at St Joseph's College had its humble beginnings in the year 1923 under the first HOD Sri S Ramaswamy Iyengar and Sri P Devasy. At present, the department has 14 faculty members and teaches around five hundred students in the UG section and 60 students in the PG programme. Over the last nine decades, the Department has scaled new heights in setting standards of education by promoting scientific temperament and kindling curiosity in physics among students. The laboratories and library are enriched by grants from the UGC, K.Kasturirangan MP LADS funds, and CE grants.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Publications

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A lecture by H R Madhusudan

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Space Quiz

To celebrate International Space Day, the Physics Student Association (PSA) organised a Space Quiz on August 23, 2024, at the university campus. The first round had 13 teams of two participants each, out of which 8 advanced to a timed oral quiz. The final round was a rapid-fire session, where teams answered as many questions as possible in a short time. The event successfully blended fun, education, and community engagement, inspiring participants to develop a deeper interest in space sciences.

The Science of Soap Films and Soap Bubble

On August 24, 2024, a lecture with a total of 50 attendees explored the scientific principles behind soap bubbles, beginning with a historical reference to a painting by Pierre Mignard. The speaker elaborated on the stabilising role of soap films in bubble formation and their significance

in multiple scientific fields including chemistry, biology, and engineering. He also discussed their applications in cleaning, beverages, climate change studies, and virology. The event was



Big winnings at Eureka 2024

organised by Mr H R Madhusudhan, ex-deputy director of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium.

Special Lecture on Gravitational Waves: Prediction to Detection to the Present 2024

The Physics Student Association organised an insightful lecture by Mr H R Madhusudan, ex-deputy director at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium. He elaborated on the significance of gravitational waves, Einstein's general theory of relativity, and the role of LIGO in modern astrophysics. The lecture highlighted how gravitational wave detection could help predict supernova explosions and provide insights into the Big Bang relics. The session explored the contributions of historical figures like Galileo and Newton in shaping our understanding of gravity. The engaging session ended with an interactive Q&A, where students raised intriguing questions about neutron stars, black holes, and their impact on space-time.

Christ University Fest: Eureka 2024

On September 19, 2024, the students of the Physics Department, participated in Eureka 2024 at Christ University, competing in various academic and science-based competitions. They emerged victorious in multiple events, showcasing teamwork, intellect, and enthusiasm. The highlight of the fest was the quiz competition, where SJU students secured the top position. Their victory not only brought pride to the university but also strengthened the sense of community within the department.

Noesis 2024

On October 28, 2024, Noesis 2024 was organised by Dr B Gurumoorthy, Dr Satish Patil, and Dr Venkitakrishnan P V. It aimed to inspire around 200 school students to explore careers in science. The event featured interactive discussions on groundbreaking discoveries and technological advancements. Topics such as Nobel Prize-winning innovations, renewable energy solutions, and AI-driven scientific research captivated the young audience. Hands-on demonstrations and thought-provoking debates encouraged students to think critically and explore emerging scientific frontiers. The event left a lasting impact, instilling curiosity and a passion for research among participants.

Guest Lecture: Colors of Astronomy

On March 5, 2025 a guest talk titled "Colors of Astronomy" took place at the university campus. The key speaker was Dr Margarita Safonova who is a passionate scientist with a deep love for comets. She has captured images of comets and has studied their course. She explained how various telescopes study celestial bodies using various imaging techniques and how images are processed through softwares like Aladdin. Margarita also shared links to various sites which would help students explore more about astronomy. Color concepts being an interesting subject in the Multimedia syllabus this talk from an Expert was truly inspiring.

Guest Lecture: Nonlinear Dynamics and its Applications

The session was conducted by Dr Asit Saha, an esteemed academician and researcher serving as an Assistant Professor (SG) in the Department of Mathematics at Sikkim Manipal University. The welcome note was presented by Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Director of Research, St Joseph's Research Institute, SJU. Dr Saha is recognised globally for his contributions to nonlinear dynamics and has been ranked among the top two percent scientists in the world by Stanford University, USA. Dr Saha was introduced by the event organiser and co-ordinator for this lecture, Dr Allen Lobo, Department of Physics, SJU, who also presented the vote of thanks and

the concluding talks. Dr Asit Saha's lecture primarily focused on nonlinear plasma waves and their role in various physical systems. The discussion covered various applications to fields of physics and scope of future research. The event attracted student and faculty members from physics, computer and physical sciences. Attendees engaged in an insightful Q&A session, discussing topics such as the practical aspects of plasma wave studies and real-world applications in fusion and space physics.

National Conference on Next-Generation and Emerging Materials

The National Conference on Next-Generation and Emerging Materials (NCNGEM 2025), organised by the Department of Physics, was held on February 27 to 28, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. This event brought together researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to engage in meaningful discussions on the advancements, challenges, and future directions in material science and its interdisciplinary applications. The organisers were Dr Sriram K, Principal Scientist at GE India Ltd, Mr P S Anil Kumar from IISc, Bengaluru, Ms Tanusri Saha Dasgupta, S N Bose Centre for Basic Science, West Bengal, Mr Bivas Saha from JNCASR, Bengaluru, Ms Anshu Pandey from IISc, and Mr N Gopalakrishnan from NIT Trichy. The conference spanned over two days. Talks on the first day were followed by oral presentations, which took place in parallel sessions, providing researchers with the opportunity to present their work and engage in discussions. The second day continued with invited talks and poster presentations, culminating in a valedictory session highlighting the event's key takeaways. The diverse range of oral and poster presentations enriched the conference experience, allowing participants to showcase their latest experimental and theoretical findings while fostering interactive discussions. The success of NCNGEM - 2025 can be attributed to the collective efforts of the organising committee, speakers, and attendees, who made this a significant event in materials science. This conference, convened by Dr Parul Goel and co-convened by Dr Mohan A, provided a valuable platform for networking. With such an impactful gathering of experts and 150+ participants, including industry experts, academicians, and young researchers from about 20 universities and institutes across India.



Dr Margarita Safonova all smiles at SJU



Dignitaries of the university at the inauguration of NCNGEM

Department of MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics was established in 1923. It is one of the oldest science departments in the Institution. The Department offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. In 2014, the Department instituted the MSc Mathematics programme to promote higher studies and research in Mathematics. At present, the Department has 18 well-qualified and highly dedicated faculty members and teaches over 800 students in the UG section and over 80 students in the PG programmes. The Department provides a platform for students to indulge in Mathematics-related activities at both intra-collegiate and intercollegiate levels through its academic club named ABACUS. The good work of the Department has been recognised by DBT and DST through the award of DBT- STAR and DST-FIST funding.

The Department endeavours to be a centre of excellence nurturing joyful curiosity in learning, enthusiastic creativity in research, and passion for building a respectful, free, transparent, and dynamic pedagogic community. The Department enthusiastically initiates students to the power of abstraction. Students are led to enjoy and create patterns and explore relationships that underlie mathematical structures. The learning process is conducted in a manner that interests students and opens their minds to explorations in the subject.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

PhD Defence Completion

Ms Grace Divya D'Souza, successfully completed her PhD. Defence on "Topics on Codes, Designs and Graphs" from the Department of Mathematics, Bengaluru City University, under the guidance of Dr Medha Itagi Huilgol, Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, Bengaluru City University, Jnanajyoti Central College Campus, Bengaluru-560001.

Resource Person for Conferences

Dr Deepa Mathew was invited as a resource person to deliver a talk on "Exploring Graph Theory with Sagemath'', in the 9-Day Online International Professional Development Programme CORE 4, jointly organised by the Departments of Computing Sciences, English and Mathematics, Shift II, of Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai from September 2 to 12, 2024.

Dr Deepa Mathew was invited as a keynote speaker for the International Conference on Recent Trends in Applied Mathematics (ICRTAM 2025), organised by Department of Mathematics (Shift I), Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, on January 22, 2025.

Publications

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KSET

Mr Leonard Aiman, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, St Joseph's University successfully cleared the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET-2024).

Dr Grace Divya D'Souza secured 68th Rank in the KSET examination held on November 24, 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

KSET 2025

The following alumni achieved outstanding ranks in the KSET examination held on November 24, 2024. The results were declared on 4th January 2025.

Sai Sanathann Kethana - 4th Rank
Sharang Thimmaiah - 7th Rank
Roopesh C - 34th Rank
Janice Caron Correya - 39th Rank
Abhishek Vaibhav Pathal - 66th Rank

Giridhar S - 188th Rank

JAM 2025

Ganti Narasimha (III MCS; securing AIR 190) and Niki Lama (III MST) cleared the national level Joint Admission Test on March 18, 2025.

GATE 2025

Sai Sanathann Kethana (II MSC Mathematics) successfully cleared the GATE on March 20, 2025.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Upshot Lectures

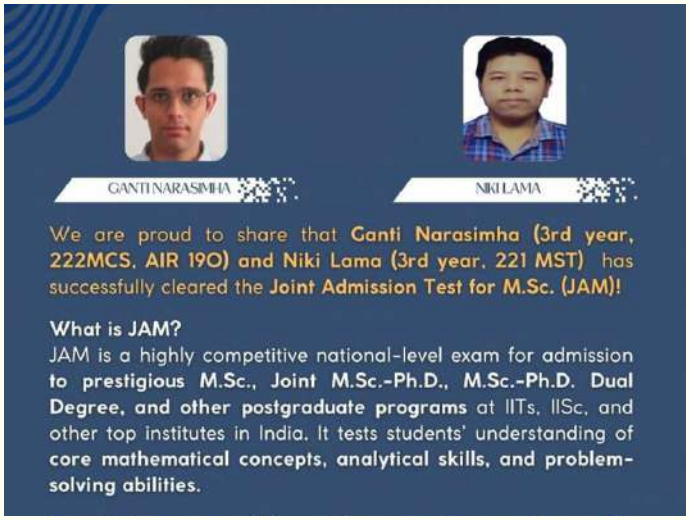
The abacus association launched its first Upshot lecture series for the year 2024 on September 29, 2025, in the presence of the HOD, Dr Maria Ancy, the PG coordinator, Dr Raisa D'Souza, and teacher coordinators of the association . The first edition of the association newsletter "pi-times" was launched and given to the speaker of the day and faculty present. The lecture session featured Dr Sreekar Vadlamani, Associate Professor at Centre of Appplicable Mathematics, TIFR, Bengaluru. The session started at 11 with an introduction to what is integral geometry and how to solve the Buffon's needle problem and its' connection to probability then moved on to uniform probability measure and estimation of pi from the Buffon's needle problem with the use of integrals from the Affine-Grasmanian of all straight lines in R^2. Dr Sreekar also gave us a brief idea on what is Crafton's formula, Minkowski functionals and Lipschitz-killing curvatures and ended the session with Weyl's tube formula. The second Upshot Lecture was taken by Dr Hari Baskar, a pioneer in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. The lecture titled "ML in Content Moderation Systems" was held on October 14, 2025.

Et Ultra

Et Ultra, an intra-college fest organised by the Abacus association, was held on October 19, 2024. The fest involved multiple programmes and competitions, testing the abilities and knowledge of the participants. The first event, Integration Bee, included two rounds of quick-solving integrals. A group event, titled Eureka, required students to creatively enact a mathematician and their iconic contributions, and make an advertisement based on the application of Pythagoras Theorem. Speed Sprint Path was another competition which required groups to alternate between solving puzzles and doing other physical tasks. A quiz competition, titled On Thin Ice, tested the students awareness on topics ranging from general knowledge to specialised mathematical concepts. Other events like Calcattack and Blackout also saw the active participation of students

Ad Infinitum

Ad Infinitum is the inter-collegiate fest organised by the Abacus association of Mathematics Department. This year's edition was held on January 27, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Dr Maria Ancy, Head of the department of Mathematics. Participants were engaged with six diverse events. Students from the Kristu Jayanti College were the overall winners. Rev Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, distributed the prizes for intra-college and inter-collegiate winners. The valedictory ceremony was celebrated with cultural performances.



The students who cleared JAM



Students participating in Ad Infinitum

Department of ELECTRONICS

The Department of Electronics was established in 1984 and the programme Physics, Mathematics and Electronics (PME) became a Grant-in-Aid programme in 1988. The Department offers undergraduate programmes in Electronics. With a legacy of thirty-eight years, our mission is to develop young men and women with active and creative minds, inculcating a scientific temper in them. We try to achieve this by exposing them to theories and applications of Electronic Science that are in tandem with the latest technological developments.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Neethu Joseph successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled Green Synthesis of Nano Carbon-Infused Polymer for the Detection of Toxic Heavy Metals on August 10, 2024.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Dr Neethu Joseph

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Mathew, Aleena Ann, Neethu Joseph, Elcey C Daniel, and Manoj Balachandran (2024). Effect of functionalisation on the optical properties of polymer-based nanostructure. Applied Nanoscience, 14 (5), 771-776.

Neethu Joseph, Nikita Varghese, Meera Varghese, Sreehari K S, Francis Joy, and Yamuna Nair (2024). Titania Doped CDs as Effective CT-DNA Binders: A Novel Fluorescent Probe via Green Synthesis. Particle & Particle Systems Characterisation, 41 (10): 2400127.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Yukta Noela Karamchand presented a paper titled "AI Enabling FemTech for Women's Health Optimisation" at the International Conference on Advances in Intelligent Systems, Cloud Computing, and Security, hosted by Christ Academy Institute of Advanced Studies. Received the Best Paper Award. She also participated in the Innovation Think Tank Certification programme (ITTCP) at Siemens Healthineers, Bangalore and pitched innovative tech healthcare solutions to a panel of judges. Competed against students across India from IIT, VIT, Manipal, etc. Won the award for third best solution pitched at ITTCP.

INTERNSHIPS AND PLACEMENTS

Alan George Sunny (III ELCS) was placed as Tech Risk Analyst at Ernst & Young.

Sumit Bhasan (III ELCS) was placed as Customer service associate at Federal Bank.

Sneha Manju (III ELCS) was placed for the role of graphic designer at TimelyAI.

Ms Yukta Noela Karamchand (III ELCS) completed a two month internship at First Source Solutions Ltd. as an Application Lead Intern. (June-August 2024).

Hari Om Tiwari (III ELCS) interned as a full stack developer at Calanjiyam technologies Tamil Nadu.

Diya (III ELCS) worked as IT intern attached to the BA Team at Anklesaria.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Inauguration of JET Club

Josephite Electronics Technology (JET) Club is a student development club that focuses on the individual's skill development and innovation. This aims to create innovative thinking among students to understand the development of Electronics in the world today, and also assist students in developing their own products. The JET club for the academic year (2024-2025) was inaugurated on August 29, 2024, in

the presence of HOD Dr Godwin D'Souza and department faculty members Dr Neethu Joseph and Dr Naveen Kumar R. All the three-year batch students attended the inaugural ceremony.The chief guest for ceremony was Reema, alumni from the department and former treasurer of the JET club (2022-2023). She enlightened the current batch students on the importance of JET club, its opportunities and urged the students to be an active participant and make use of the opportunities provided by her department. Dr Neethu Joseph was appointed as the association coordinator for the upcoming JET club activities.



Office Bearers & faculty members of JET Club

Elixir 2024

Elixir 2024, St Joseph University's open day exhibition provided a platform for students to exhibit two innovative projects at the forefront of Electronics. Projects were based on Robotics, Advanced Arduino applications incorporating IoT. The exhibition successfully highlighted groundbreaking innovations by the students from the Electronics department. The projects exhibited received amazing feedback from judges, staff and students alike.

Shock Fest 25

The annual Electronics flagship festival, Shock Fest 2025, was organised by Department of Electronics and JET Club, at St Joseph University on February 6, 2025. The event stood as a vibrant platform for fostering innovation, collaboration, and knowledge exchange within the electronics community. Organised by the Electronics Department and sponsored by AECC global, the event attracted enthusiastic participation from students across various colleges. This diverse participation underscored the fest's role as a hub for showcasing talent and ideas in the dynamic field of electronics. Featuring an extensive range of events and competitions, including technical quizzes, project presentations, and debate on emerging technologies, the fest provided participants with ample opportunities to engage, learn, and compete.

Esteemed guests including Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Mr Godwin J D'Souza, and other faculty members from the Electronics Department, attended the event. Under the guidance of Dr Neethu Joseph, faculty coordinator, and Mr Eric Victor Henry, association president of JET Club, event heads, volunteers and students from all three undergraduate years actively participated making the event a grand success.

JET Club at Eureka 2024

Students from the Department of Electronics participated in Eureka 2024, an electrifying tech fest organised by the Department of Physics and Electronics, Christ (Deemed to be University). The event showcased innovative projects, hands-on competitions, and thrilling challenges, providing a platform for budding engineers and physicists to test their skills. It was a great opportunity to learn, compete, and connect with like-minded enthusiasts. St Joseph's students made a remarkable impact by dominating victories in multiple events and bagging the overall trophy. Students from Electronics combined with Physics as a team from St Joseph's University bagged the overall championship at the event.

JET Club at Prismatrix '25

Students from the JET Club enthusiastically participated in PRISMATRIX'25, the Physical Science Fest organised by the Departments of Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Physics and Electronics at Kristu Jayanti College, on January 22, 2025. Students won second place in Mathematics, first place in Statistics, first and second places in Physics and first place in Gaming. These outstanding performances collectively led to our college being awarded the Overall Championship. Their participation yielded remarkable achievements and prizes bringing honour to the institution.

JET Club at Robotics Seminar, BMS College of Engineering

The JET Club association members of the Department of Electronics had the opportunity to attend an insightful Robotics Seminar at

BMS College of Engineering. The session covered cutting-edge advancements in robotics, AI integration, and real-world applications. Experts from the field shared their knowledge on autonomous systems, robotic vision, and the future of automation. The seminar provided valuable insights, sparking discussions on innovation and industry trends. It was an enriching experience that broadened our perspective on the evolving world of robotics and its potential impact on various industries.

SAADHANA by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Students from the department had the opportunity to attend SAADHANA, an event organised by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on February 1, 2025. The event featured a technical quiz and networking conferences, providing a platform for students to engage with industry experts and expand their knowledge. It was a valuable learning experience, offering insights into the aerospace sector and fostering meaningful discussions. Attending SAADHANA was an enriching opportunity, allowing students to enhance their understanding and connect with professionals in the field.

JET Club at Elektra '25

The students of the Electronics Department and JET Club at St Joseph's University participated in ELEKTRA '25, a national-level



Particpants of Elektra '25 at JNC

intercollegiate fest organised by the Power Bank Club, Department of Electronics, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), on February 20, 2025. Demonstrating their technical expertise, creativity, and teamwork, they secured the Overall Championship with remarkable achievements across multiple events.

The competition provided a platform for students to showcase their skills and engage with like-minded peers. ELEKTRA '25 provided a forum for creative expression and problem-solving, encouraging teamwork and a greater knowledge of developing a more sustainable tomorrow. Participants left with enriched knowledge, lasting memories,scope for future collaborations and a renewed determination to excel in the field of electronics.







(top-to-down) JET Club winners with the overall trophy from Christ (deemed-to-be) University; with the overall trophy from JNC, and participants at Sadhana

Department of STATISTICS

Established in 2010, the Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, provides students with a robust foundation in statistical theory and practical application. Comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs equip students with the skills essential for success in a data-driven world. The curriculum encompasses a broad spectrum of statistical methodologies, including descriptive and inferential statistics, regression analysis, and more. Hands-on learning is emphasised through real-world case studies, data analysis projects, and the utilisation of statistical software. Our experienced faculty are dedicated to cultivating a stimulating learning environment, fostering students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills. Graduates are prepared for careers in diverse fields such as data science, analytics, research, and related areas.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Completion of PhD

Dr Victor Seelan D has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Bharatiyar University for his doctoral thesis titled "Interface between Statistical techniques and Machine Learning Methods"

Publications

Dr Pandit P V and Dr Kavitha N published a paper titled "Inference on Stress-Strength Reliability for Lomax Exponential Distribution". Statistics and Applications, 22 (1), 229-240.

Dr Archana V reviewed the book chapter manuscript "Datalyse-Integrating Statistics and Computation for Streamlined Financial Data Analysis, Linear Model Building and Time Series Analysis." This chapter is intended for publication in Data Analytics and AI for Quantitative Risk Assessment and Financial Computation by IGI Global Publications, Hershey, Pennsylvania, USA.

Dr Babitha N published a book titled Foundations of Statistics: Theory and Applications for Engineers, First Edition, REST Publishers, ISBN: 9788198563668.

Invitation as Resource Person

Dr Kavitha N, delivered lectures as a resource person during the one week SDP on "Introduction to R Programming: Beginners Guide to Mathematical Concepts" held from June 3-8, 2024, at Department of Statistics, Nrupatunga University, Bengaluru-01.

Dr Shubhashree Joshi delivered lectures as a resource person during the one week SDP on "Introduction to R Programming: Beginners Guide to Mathematical Concepts" held from June 3 to 8, 2024, at Department of Statistics, Nrupatunga University, Bengaluru-01.

K-SET

Mr Ebenezer R has qualified K-SET in Mathematical Science, held on November 24, 2024, and secured Eligibility as Assistant Professor.

DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS & EVENTS

Webinar

A virtual statistics event titled "The Role of Statistics in everyday life in conjunction with National Statistics Day Celebration", coordinated by Dr Gulbadin Farooq Dar, was held on June 29, 2024. Prof Tirupathi Rao Padi, Professor, Department of Statistics, Pondicherry University, was the resource person for the webinar which was attended by around 40 participants.

Following an introduction by Dr Kavitha N, Prof Padi's presentation covered pre- and post-independence statisticians, current figures, and contributions of prominent statisticians like P C Mahalonobis and C V Rao. The inspiring presentation was well-received. Dr Archana V concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

Student Development Programme

A week-long Student Development Programme

for CSIR-NET/K-SET Competitive Examinations, coordinated by Dr Shubhashree Joshi, was conducted by the Statistics Department from July 29 to August 2, 2024. The resource person, Dr Mallappa from Bangalore University, covered key exam aspects, syllabus, random variables, probability, estimation, and reliability. 25 MSc Statistics and Mathematics students participated. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony highlighted by the presence of Dr Parameshwar V Pandit, Chairman of the Statistics Department at Bangalore University.

Workshop

St Joseph's University's Statistics Department held a State-Level One-Day Workshop on Biostatistics on October 1, 2024. 70 participants, including 17 from St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru, attended the programme. Dr Archana V and Ms Arpita I G coordinated the event.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr J Ronald Mascarenhas was the chief gueSt The resource person Mr Sebastian Thomas, an Associate Statistician at Novo Nordisk, led sessions on foundational concepts and practical applications. The workshop concluded with a valedictory program, feedback collection, and certificate distribution.

Weekly Facts: The Statistical Lens

The Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University successfully organised the Weekly Facts initiative, aimed at enhancing statistical awareness among students and faculty. This initiative, coordinated by Dr Shubhashree Joshi, featured intriguing statistical facts, data-driven insights, and real-world applications of statistical methodologies, which were presented on the Physical Science Dean's notice board as well as Department's notice board.

The primary objective of this initiative was to improve statistical literacy among students of university, illustrate the practical relevance of statistical analysis, and foster discussions on various statistical methodologies. The notice board was regularly updated with statistical facts, graphical representations, and case studies aligned with the event's theme.

FREQUENTIA - ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES



Students at the Frequentia Investiture ceremony

Investiture Ceremony

Frequentia, St Joseph's University's Statistics Association, held its investiture ceremony on July 26, 2024. Dr Mohd Yousuf Rather inaugurated the event, emphasising statistics' real-world applications. Office bearers received badges, and the oath of office was administered. The faculty coordinator shared insights on statistics' relevance. The association president addressed members, and the conveners concluded the ceremony with a vote of thanks.

Vectra - Intra-College Fest

St Joseph's University's Statistics Department, under Frequentia, hosted its first inter-college fest, Vectra, on September 25, 2024. The Registrar of the university, Dr Melwin Colaço, inaugurated the event, highlighting statistics' importance. Six diverse events, including Jeopardy and a Statistical Game Room, engaged participants. The valedictory ceremony celebrated winners with musical and dance performances. Convenors' humorous vote of thanks and the department head's closing remarks marked Vectra's successful debut, promising future editions.

Tilasto 2025 - Inter-College Statistics Fest

The Statistics Department of St Joseph's University, under Frequentia, successfully hosted Tilasto 2025 on February 1, 2025. With the theme "Made in Japan," the fest celebrated the intersection of data, precision, and innovation, drawing over 150 participants from more than eight colleges.

The event was inaugurated with an insightful address, emphasising Japan's analytical excellence and its parallels with statistical thinking. The fest featured a diverse lineup of competitions, including Cyberpunk Edgerunners

(Coding), Trillion Game (Shark Tank), NANI!? (Jeopardy), and Kusanagi Forest (Escape Room), challenging participants to apply their skills in engaging, real-world scenarios.

The valedictory ceremony honoured the winners, with Christ University (Central Campus) emerging as the overall champion. A blend of music, cultural performances, and a spirited vote of thanks from the convenors brought the day to a fitting close, marking Tilasto 2025 as an exciting and insightful edition, promising even greater fests in the future.

Industrial Visit

A two-day industrial visit to Kochi, Kerala, from March 24 to 25, 2025, was organised by the Department of Statistics, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, for I year and II year postgraduate students.The visit, coordinated by Dr Victorseelan D & Dr Archana V, aimed to bridge theoretical statistical knowledge with practical industry applications. The itinerary included visits to industries such as Milma Ernakulam Dairy and Anna Aluminium, along with cultural and historical explorations. The students gained insights into industrial processes, quality control, supply chain management and logistics management, enhancing their understanding of real-world statistical practices. Overall, the educational trip to Kochi was a resounding success, providing students with a deeper understanding of Statistics.



Student volunteers and office bearers at Tilasto 2025



Faculty members all smiles at Tilasto 2025

SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Department of CHEMISTRY

The Department of Chemistry, established in 1927, is the largest science department in the Institution. Over the last nine decades, the Department has built up its reputation as one of the best in its field as far as imparting education in Chemistry is concerned. It offers undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes in Chemistry. The Department has vastly experienced, well-qualified and highly dedicated faculty to mentor students and guide them.

The Department has a well-established research centre equipped with modern scientific instruments. Some of the analytical facilities, the Department is proud of having, includes AAS, GC, HPLC, PXRD, IC, AFM, spectrometers, emission spectrometers and electrochemical workstations.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Libi Thomas

Published the paper Tessa Mathew, Srividhya S, Krishna Venkatesh, Libi Thomas, Kathyayini Nagaraju investigated the electrochemical properties of a-cobalt hydroxide, and its composites with PANI and CNTs for supercapacitor electrode applications, Inorganic Chemistry Communications. 174 (2025) 114074.

Dr Nalini Sundaram

Published the paper Chethana Aranthady, Abhishek Kumar Mishra, Kapil Gupta, Ganapati V Shanbhag, Nalini G Sundaram - Bi2 WO6 as sensors for low concentration CO sensing: Experimental and computational studies, 313,2025, 117960.

Nalini G Sundaram, "Smart sensors can help deliver India's net zero targets", Chemistry World, November 8,2024.

Peer Reviewing: Reviewed 2 articles for the journal 'Materials Science and Engineering-B, published by Elsevier.

Resource person

Dr Nalini Sundaram was invited to the Royal Society of Chemistry's Select Committee on Chemical Sciences Education Strategy to discuss a robust strategy for chemical sciences education in India that effectively meets the industry needs and addresses societal challenges September 9, 2024, from 2pm-4pm at the Plumeria Hall, Taj West End.

Dr Debashis Ghosh

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Dr Pramod KM
Invited as an external examiner for the end-semester MSc Chemistry practical examination on July 12, 2024, and the MSc project dissertation on August 10, 2024, at Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Bengaluru.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Nandini Gotgi received the best poster award in the International Conference on Carbon Capture and Utilisation-24 (ICCCU24) by NCCCU, at JNCASR December 9-13, 2024.

PG final year students V Sai Subramanian and Ms Ramitha D K were granted for a student project programme (SPP) under the guidance of Dr Nalini G Sundaram by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, the title being 'Enhancing the soil health and nutrient efficiency using control release urea fertiliser coated with biocompatible nanomaterials'.

UG students Sargam Datta, Suryan Isaac and Vibha V Gaddankeri presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

PG students Prathika Natarajhan, Nafisa Banu Z, Mahima Rodrigues, Hemanth K Dharmapuri, Preemal N Rodrigues, Vandana D Prabhu presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

PhD scholars Swetha M, Nivedita Ghosh, Bhavani CN, Nandini M Gotgi, Geethanjali M, J Saurabh Jain presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

The School of Chemical Science celebrates the outstanding achievement of its students who have successfully cleared the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) 2024– Manoj P, Sushma A, and Bhawani C N (MSc 2022-24 batch). Sam Daniel, a I MSc student, secured an impressive 11th rank in the examination. Other qualifiers include Aswathi Harsha Kumar (II MSc), Aathira Suresh (MSc 2022-24 batch), and Udaya Rajesh (MSc 2020-22 batch).

Our students won runners up in Chemoz, an Intercollegiate chemistry fest organised by Christ (Deemed to be University), September 18, 2024.

All MSc students from the 2022-24 batch have been successfully placed in various companies, teaching positions, and other professional roles.

UNDERGRADUATE CHEMICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Inauguration of the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS)
Held on August 1, 2024, the inauguration event was graced by the presence of Dr Melwin Colaco, Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Nalini Sundaram, and Dr Joyce D'souza The ceremony commenced with a warm prayer followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the esteemed dignitaries which then proceeded with the inaugural address by Dr Melwin Colaco where he inspired the students with his journey in the field of chemistry. By the end of the speech Dr Colaco declared the Undergraduate Chemical Society open for the year. The key highlight of the event was the badging ceremony for the newly appointed office bearers of the association awarded by

the dignitaries. The inauguration concluded with a vote of thanks by Suryan Issac, the new Vice President. It is expected to create a vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment for students.

Elixir (Intercollegiate Exhibition)

St Joseph's University hosted its much-anticipated annual intercollegiate exhibition, Elixir on August 19, 2024. This event provided a platform for students from various schools to exhibit their creativity, innovation, and intellectual achievements. These exhibits not only reflected the theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom but also demonstrated practical applications of that knowledge in solving real-world problems, each highlighting the unique strengths and expertise of the respective schools. The Chemistry department emerged as one of the standout contributors to Elixir 2024, with a total of nine exhibits that captivated the audience with their innovation and relevance. One among these exhibits, titled "Organic Alternatives for Economic and Allergy-Free Sanitary Pads and Diapers," winning first place among all exhibits in the School of Chemical Sciences. This project was particularly noteworthy for its focus on sustainability and public health, offering a viable solution to a pressing issue.

Talk on 'Hydrogen: A buzz molecule for sustainable future'

A Buzz Molecule for Sustainable Future was an insightful association activity organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society. Held on January 24, 2025, at 2:30pm through online platform ZOOM. The session was handled by Dr Naresh. The Postgraduate Chemical Society organised the event, led by Dr Shanty Mathew (Convener). Dr Naresh Nalajala delivered an engaging presentation on the growing importance of hydrogen in the energy sector. Covering topics such as the properties of hydrogen that make it a promising alternative to fossil fuels, advances in hydrogen production technologies, including electrolysis and photocatalysis, etc.

Chemicals Sciences for a sustainable tomorrow: synergy and solutions

The Department of Chemistry organised a two-day National conference titled Chemicals Sciences for a sustainable tomorrow: synergy and solutions (CSSTSS 2025) on February 19 and February 20, 2025. This conference had five themes namely cutting edge materials, nanotechnology, computational chemistry, chemical biology and environmental stewardship. The core committee of this conference were Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Nalini G Sundaram and Dr Joyce Q D'Souza. The chief guest of this conference was Dr Suresh Das, Honorary Professor, IISER, TVM. The guest of honour was Mr Ajit Sharma, Managing Director India and South Asia, Royal Society of Chemistry.

There were total of five plenary talks and 10



The Department of Chemistry at the 2-day National Conference

invited talks. A total of 25 different institutions participated in this conference all over India. This conference had a total of 44 oral presentations and 56 poster presentations. With a total of 250 participants, the Department of Chemistry thank their main sponsors ANRF, RSC and Jagdale.

Farewell Programme

The first year MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry students of St Joseph's University hosted a grand farewell for the outgoing MSc batch (Analytical and Organic) on January 28, 2025 at 8:30 am. The theme was "Cinema" and the dress code was Cinema inspired costumes. The day began with a prayer, invoking the Lord's blessings. Faculty members delivered heartfelt speeches – expressing appreciation, recounting stories of memorable moments and challenges they overcame together, and wishing them success as they embark on their new chapter in life. One of the day's highlights was undoubtedly the fashion show by the senior students. Another highlight was the video montage, which was specially curated for our beloved students to showcase memories and milestones of their journey at St Joseph's. The farewell day was more than just a goodbye – it was a celebration of everything the students had achieved and everything they had yet to achieve.

Online talk by Dr Naresh Nalajala

A workshop on CV writing was an association activity organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society. Held on January 24, 2025, at 2:00 pm in Post Graduate AV room at SJU. The session was led by Dr Kiran Bettadapur, Co-Founder of Flask AI. The talk focused on the importance of writing a CV correctly. Dr Kiran focused on several key objectives during the workshop. He emphasised the importance of a well-structured CV and how it plays a crucial role in securing job opportunities. A significant part of the session was dedicated to tailoring a CV for different job roles and industries. Dr Kiran explained how customising a CV to match job descriptions can improve visibility in Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) and increase interview chances. He also offered a glimpse into his job search journey, sharing his CV and the strategies he used during his job hunt. The Department of Chemistry expressed gratitude to Dr Kiran for the impactful presentation, making the event both insightful and inspiring for the academic community.

Reactions Revelry

On October 25, the UGCS (Undergraduate Chemical Society organised an exciting and interactive event called Reactions Revelry at the Arrupe Quadrangle. This event was designed to showcase the fascinating world of chemistry through engaging and fun activities, allowing students from various fields to experience the wonders of science in an entertaining manner. One of the highlights of the event was the wide array of chemical experiments presented by the UGCS members. Two particularly popular activities that captivated the attendees were the colour changing ink and fake blood demonstrations. The atmosphere at the event was filled with enthusiasm as students actively participated in the activities, learning many new things.



Students at Elemental Exchange

Elemental Exchange

Elemental Exchange, a student-led research series, was successfully conducted on October 24 at Faber Hall. The event was inaugurated by Dr Melwin Colaco. Suryan Isaac delivered a compelling presentation on the newly discovered single-electron carbon-carbon sigma bond. Om Padalkar and V Shaina jointly presented on the process of crystallisation, explaining its significance in various scientific and industrial applications. Their presentation highlighted the fundamental principles of crystal formation and practical uses, making the complex topic accessible to the audience.

In the second session of Elemental Exchange, a student-led research seminar on December 17 in room no. S411, Science Block, St Joseph's University at 1:00pm. Amanda Maria

G (242CBBT02) and Samantha Premavathy (242CBBT03) presented their research on "Artificial Photosynthesis", This was followed by a presentation by G. Anthony Krithik Rohan (232CHBT56) on "Next-Generation Rocket Fuels."Both presentations were well-received and sparked engaging discussions among the audience and faculty.

The third session of the student-led research seminar Elemental Exchange was held on February 5 in Room S303. The session commenced with a welcome address by Sargam, who highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary research and student-led initiatives. The seminar featured two sets of presentations, one on Radiative Cooling Sunscreens by Akshatha (242CBBT01), Mrudula (242CBBT21), Neha MR (242CBBT34) and Inchaara Ramprasad (242CBBT45). This presentation explored the concept of radiative cooling in sunscreens, discussing its applications in temperature regulation and energy efficiency. Alvita Davis (221BCBT03) and Aishi Mandal (221BCBT08) presented on Basics of Maintaining a Drosophila Culture. Two third-year students who have been researching this topic for over a year and a half, shared their insights on the fundamental techniques of maintaining a Drosophila (fruit fly) culture. They showcased live cultures, fueling the audience and professors with curiosity and questions. Om, Peer Mentoring Head, concluded the session with a vote of thanks.

The final session of Elemental Exchange was held on March 14, 2025, in Room S303, Science Block. The session began with a prayer by Shubham Mazumder, followed by research presentations. Suhotra Das (IIBSc, Biochemistry & Biotechnology) presented Cyclooxygenase is a Murzyme!, while Sargam Datta (II Bsc, Physics & Chemistry) discussed DAPHNETIN: DNA's Oxidative Defence. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Sargam Datta, acknowledging the faculty, presenters, and participants. Elemental Exchange successfully fostered research enthusiasm, collaboration, and intellectual growth.

Elementia 2024

Elementia 2024, the inter-collegiate PU fest hosted by the UGCS, Department of Chemistry, was held on December 9, 2024, with PU students from various institutions. The inaugural ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp and a prayer song, symbolising the commencement of the much-awaited fest. The Vice President of UGCS, Suryan Issac, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. Following this, the pro-vice chancellor Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and the registrar Dr Melwin Colaco inspired the audience with their motivating speeches. The fest was officially declared open, by Dr



Students at Heisenberg Housie

Nalini G Sundaram, followed by spirited cultural performances by the UGCS office bearers, adding an energetic start to the day. The President of UGCS, Shubham, concluded the opening session with a sincere vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of everyone involved in organising the event.

Heisenberg's Housie

The UGCS brought an exciting twist to classic bingo with Heisenberg's Housie, held on March 6, 2025, at 12:50 pm in Room N206, Science Block, St Joseph's University. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 20-25 students, creating a lively and competitive atmosphere. Unlike traditional bingo, this version challenged players to match answers to dictated questions, marking off corresponding numbers on their sheets. The race was on to complete five rows, with the quickest participant claiming victory. After a thrilling session of deduction and quick thinking, Ujwal, Ayush, and Devang emerged as winners. Heisenberg's Housie was a perfect blend of fun and learning, reinforcing scientific concepts in an engaging way.

POSTGRADUATE CHEMICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Freshers' Day 2024

The Department of Chemistry organised a vibrant Freshers' Day celebration on July 12,

2024 at 2:00 pm in Aloysius Hall, PG Block, to warmly welcome the new MSc Chemistry batch. The event saw active participation from 120 attendees, including faculty and students. The programme began with a formal welcome, a prayer song, and addresses by Dr Libi Thomas and Dr Suhas. Dressed in the themed colors of red and black, students engaged in various activities such as games, dance, singing, and a newspaper fashion show. Performances included dances by Organic and Analytical seniors, songs by second-year students, and a DJ dance session. The event's highlight was the crowning of Mr Pranav and Ms Joshna as Mr and Ms Fresher. The celebration concluded with gratitude expressed to the department and seniors for organising a memorable event, marking an exciting start to the academic journey of the newcomers.

PGCS Inauguration

The Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) inauguration and investiture ceremony for the academic year 2024-2025 was held on August 10, 2024 at 11:00 am in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. Around 130 participants attended the event; The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest, Dr Swetavalli Raghavan, shared her insights and experiences, emphasising the benefits of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) for students' academic growth. She also engaged with the audience by addressing their queries. During the event, the newly elected PGCS office bearers were formally honored with badges corresponding to their roles. Peer tutors from the Postgraduate Chemical Society's Peer Tutor Programme were also recognised with certificates of appreciation for their contributions. The ceremony concluded with vibrant cultural performances, including singing and dancing, showcasing the diverse talents of the participants and creating a celebratory atmosphere.

Welcome of PGCS members

The first meeting of the Postgraduate Chemical Society members was held on August 31, in Loyola Hall. The first-year postgraduate students were officially inducted as members of PGCS. Senior members briefed the newcomers about the society's mission, its role in enhancing academic and social connections, and how PGCS will function this year. A significant highlight of the event was the formation of four groups, each comprising a mix of first- and second-year students. To encourage leadership and teamwork, each group was assigned two leaders—one from the second year and one from the first year. The teams were also given unique names, adding a fun competitive element. Each group would be responsible for organising and presenting their plans. The order of presentations was determined through a lot-picking ceremony by the teachers, ensuring fairness and excitement. This system was adopted to keep the students engaged and build camaraderie within the society, setting a vibrant tone for the rest of the year.

Dr Helen Pain's Seminar on "Moving Towards a Greener World"

The "Moving Towards a Greener World" seminar was a significant activity organised by the Department of Chemistry on September 10, 2024 at 11:00 am in Xavier Hall, PG Block. Dr Helen Pain, CEO of the Royal Society of Chemistry, was the chief guest at the session. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 250 attendees, including students, faculty members, and researchers. The event began gracefully with a prayer song, invoking the Almighty's blessings. Rev Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ,delivered the welcome address and warmly greeted the audience. Dr Pain delivered an engaging talk on "Moving Towards a Greener World: Meeting Net Zero Targets." She emphasised the collaboration of academia and industries and how it impacts the practical development of sustainability. Students from the Department of Chemical Science performed a captivating Indian classical dance, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Libi Thomas.

L'Elixir de Sens

The L'Elixir de Sens, an association activity organised by the group "Redox Rebels" of the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry, was held on September 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm in Xavier Hall, PG Block. This unique program, creatively planned and executed by MSc Chemistry students from the first and second years, aimed to engage participants in exploring the fascinating interplay of chemistry and sensory experiences. The event commenced with an introduction to perfumes, what perfumes are made of, their key ingredients, and the differences between natural

and synthetic perfumes. After the introduction, the stage opened for questions, with Dr Shobha SV, Dr Suhas D, Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi, and others contributing valuable insights. The group then conducted simple activities, including a round of quizzes, a crossword puzzle, and a final game called 'Quizades'. The words to guess were primarily names of chemical reactions and other chemistry-related terms. The event ended with a Q & A session.

Talk on "Sunlight-driven Green H_2: The Pathway Towards Cleaner Future"

The Pathway Towards a Cleaner Future" was an association activity organised by PGCS. Held on October 18, 2024, at 2:00 pm in room S411 of the Science Block, SJU, the session was led by Ms Sujana Chandrappa, a Senior Research Fellow (DST Project) and PhD Scholar from the Department of Chemistry at Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal Academy of Higher Education. The talk focused on the potential of sunlight-driven green hydrogen as a sustainable energy source for a cleaner future. Ms Chandrappa highlighted the role of hydrogen in combating climate change, reducing carbon emissions, and transitioning to a cleaner energy future, providing detailed insights into the latest advancements in solar energy utilisation for hydrogen production and discussed the challenges and opportunities in scaling up these technologies for industrial applications. Ms Chandrappa's expertise and enthusiasm inspired attendees to consider innovative approaches to sustainability. The Department of Chemistry expressed gratitude to Ms Chandrappa for her impactful presentation, making the event both insightful and inspiring for the academic community.

Evolution in Action: The Story of How New Species Arise

On October 25, 2024, the Postgraduate Chemical Society organised an online talk titled "Evolution in Action: The Story of How New Species Arise." This association activity took place at 7:30 pm on the Google Meet platform. The guest speaker was Ms Prachitha, a Ph.D. scholar from the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB). The event drew 130 participants, including students, faculty, and research scholars from various departments. Ms Prachitha's presentation explored the mechanisms driving the evolution of species, emphasising the processes and factors that contribute to the emergence of new species. The discussion was supported by scientific evidence and recent research findings, making the topic accessible to a diverse audience. A Q&A session followed, allowing attendees to engage actively and exchange ideas. The session received positive feedback for its informative content and engaging delivery. Overall, the event successfully provided a platform for fostering academic discussions and expanding knowledge in evolutionary biology.

Talk on Cocoa Cosmos... Chocolate

The event titled Cocoa Cosmos - Exploring the Universe of Chocolate by the Group SCHRODINGER'S CAT, an association activity organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry held on October 29, 2024, at 2:00 pm in S411, the programme was creatively designed and conducted by MSc Chemistry students from the first and second years. This event offered participants a delightful journey into the world of chocolate. The event attracted 120 participants. Dr Sunita Rajamani and Dr Cisy Abraham oversaw the session. The students presented the history behind the innovation of chocolate, and the making of chocolate was explained. Followed by that an exciting memory game designed to foster participant interaction and teamwork. The fun and lively atmosphere encouraged collaboration and built connections among the participants.

Chemistry in Crimes

The event titled Chemistry in Crimes by Group DAMN, an association activity organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry, was held on December 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm in Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. This intriguing programme delved into the role of chemistry in forensic science and crime-solving, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among attendees. The event saw an active participation of 130 individuals. The presentation was mainly based on four crimes: The Devil's Breath, the Jolly Joseph case, two out of four, and the Golden State Killer. Dr Ancila Urumese and Dr Pramod KM were the chief guests of the event. Four different individuals did the presentation for about 30 minutes. Post-

presentation, the group then conducted simple activities, including two games, murder mystery and Pictionary, for all the members of other groups to participate. Everyone participated actively and enjoyed it.

Neurochemistry

The event titled What if It's Possible to Use 100% of Our Brain? by the group Bhojpuri Boranes, was an association activity organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry held on December 13, 2024 at 1:30 pm in DeNobili Hall, Auditorium, the programme was creatively designed and conducted by MSc Chemistry students from the first and second years. It delved into the intriguing concept of unlocking the full potential of the human brain, blending scientific curiosity with imaginative exploration. The event attracted 120 participants The event commenced with an introductory quiz game to get the attention and enthusiasm of the audience.This was later followed by the team explaining concepts of neurochemistry and how it is portrayed in movies that are famous among the crowd. They also discussed various types of drugs and their effects on the human body with different ingredients, mechanisms, and interesting facts that fascinate the audience. Following the introduction, the team even portrayed Sanjay Dutt's character mimicry, and he revealed the psychological effects of drugs on his body. Dr Vinutha V S and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson raised some insightful and basic questions that added value to the session. The group then conducted simple activities, including quizzes, a Sudoku puzzle, and a final game called 'Chem - Business.' The group opened the floor for reviews and feedback as the event concluded.



Students at the Industrial Visit to Syngene Intl Ltd

Industrial Visit to Syngene International Limited, Semicon Park, Bengaluru

On January 8, the I MSc Organic Chemistry students visited Syngene International Ltd., Semicon Park, Hosur Road, for an insightful exposure to life in a chemical industry, chemical analysis, and career opportunities in industries. The visit comprised three key segments: a corporate presentation and two lab walkthroughs. The session began with an overview of Syngene's operations by Ms Sangeetha, Head of Operations, highlighting the company's role in integrated drug discovery. Dr Parekh Sagar, Head of the Small Molecule Bioanalytical Lab, illustrated lab functions with a case study, while Dr Aparna Kasinath, overseeing both labs, concluded with career guidance and a Q&A session. The visit provided invaluable practical exposure, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

ALCHEMY 2025

The intercollege chemistry fest ALCHEMY, organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry at St Joseph University, Bengaluru, took place on January 22, 2025. The event brought together students and staff from the university, with participation from students of other educational institutions. 250 participants from 9 institutions in and around Bangalore registered for the fest. The fest began with the traditional lighting of lamps, symbolising the start of the celebrations. The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, and the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaco, addressed the gathering. The Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas, declared Alchemy

2025 open. A vote of thanks marked the end of the inaugural segment. ALCHEMY 2025 featured a total of six exciting events. These events aimed to combine academic rigor with creativity and entertainment, showcasing the talents and knowledge of the participants. The event's success was a testament to the hard work and collaboration of the students and faculty involved, making it an unforgettable day for all attendees. The valedictory commenced in the evening where all the winners were felicitated. The programme concluded with a cultural performance.

Chemistry Outreach at St Michael's School

On December 20, 2024 around 25 students from MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry programme organised a Chemistry Outreach programme at St Michael's School, Shantinagar. The event commenced at 11:00 am under the guidance of Fr Marian Selvan, the school's principal. It was accompanied by faculty members Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, Ms Christine Nigli, and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson. The outreach aimed to ignite a passion for science in high school students through engaging experiments. Students were captivated by the Self-Inflating Yellow, Density of Liquids, and Lava Lamp experiments. The realistic Fake Blood, the glowing reactions of Chemiluminescence, and the foamy eruption in Elephant Toothpaste left the audience mesmerised. The programme concluded with an interactive quiz, encouraging students to participate and reinforce their understanding of the experiments actively. The warm hospitality of St Michael's School contributed to making the event a memorable success.

Industrial Visit to Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (CCAMP), Bengaluru

On January 8, 2025, students from First year Analytical St Joseph's University, accompanied by two faculty members, visited the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (CCAMP), Bengaluru, to gain exposure to cutting-edge research and innovation in chemical and molecular sciences. The visit began with an informative session on CCAMP's role as a premier biochemical innovation hub, supporting startups and researchers through funding, mentorship, and incubation programs in healthcare, agriculture, and sustainability. The visit concluded with an interactive discussion over lunch, allowing students to reflect on the technological advancements witnessed and engage with researchers at CCAMP.

Valedictory of the Post-Graduate Chemical Society

The Valedictory Ceremony of the Postgraduate Chemical Society was held on March 15, 2025, at 3:00 pm in S303, with 70 members in attendance. The event commenced with an insightful talk by Dr Debashis Ghosh, " From a Research Scholar to an Assistant Professor: A Journey through Post Doctoral Research in Chemistry". Dr Debashis shared his journey through postdoctoral research in chemistry. His lecture provided valuable guidance on the career paths available after a PhD, enriched with personal anecdotes and practical advice. Following the talk, the valedictory ceremony officially began with the valedictory address by the Dean of Chemical Sciences, Dr Libi Thomas.

Thereafter, the president of the PGCS, Mr V Sai Subramaniam, presented the PGCS activities for the year 2024-2025, which covered all the events conducted by PGCS members such as outreach initiatives, industrial visits, expert talks, workshops, seminars, weekly group events etc. This was followed by a video montage created by the students of I PG-Chemistry as part of the "Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat" initiative. Later, the results of the best weekly activity conducted among the four groups within the PGCS was announced. "Bhojpuri Boranes" emerged the winners.



Scrubbed up for the Industrial Visit

Department of BIOCHEMISTRY

The Department of Biochemistry was introduced by the St Joseph's Management in 2020. It was launched by pioneers in the field of chemistry and biochemistry who served this institution for several decades of years. This young department has energetic and enthusiastic faculty members who have significant teaching and research experience. The department presently has an undergraduate programme but plans to expand by starting its own master's programme. The department's curriculum fosters critical thinking, research, and innovation. Students are given the opportunity to do their final year group project. Practical skills are given much importance, and our alumni consistently give us incredibly positive feedback about our curriculum, which is constantly upgraded to suit the latest developments in the field.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Sangita Das crossed 1800 citations on Google Scholar.

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon was invited to Guest edit a special issue for *Discover Molecules* (Springer). Dr Gnanaraj Muniraj is one of the co-editors of this ongoing special issue.

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon was invited as a resource person for an international symposium titled "How do cells work as simple chemical engines?" organised by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, in May 2024. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai, Coimbatore in May 2024.

Dr Daniel completed close to 35 review reports between July 2024 and November 2024 he published a chapter in the *Handbook of Proteases in Cancer* (CRC Press, Taylor & Francis, UK). Dr Daniel also joined the Editorial Board of *Nature Scientific Reports* in September 2024,

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Sooraj Sunil, (II BCZ) was awarded the prestigious Har Gobind Khorana Fellowship.

Aarav Saraiya (241BCMZ07), Chaitanya Bhat (241BCMZ10), Kesia Evangelin (241BCMZ09), Neeha Subair (241BCMZ12) and Shamita R (241BCMZ14) participated in NCURB (National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Biosciences), held at IISER Tirupati, to present their findings on Hypothesis on Infants' Mood Changes During Their Growth.

Sooraj Sunil Nair (231BCZ13) was awarded the prestigious Millennium Fellowship in collaboration with UNAI (United Nations Academic Impact). He was also invited to Armenia as a grand finalist for the International Natural Science Tournament for Undergraduates. Additionally, he was one of the Top 20 Global Finalists for the 10th Millennium Oceans Prize.

Mary Sharon (231BCMB01), Glory Pertricia (231BCMB21), Juwayria M (231BCMB23), Neha Gupta (231BCMB12), and Roshan Emmanuel J (231BCMB11) participated in the National Conference "Nano for Young."

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Biochemical Society

Students were asked to present their work progress, and the faculty members evaluated them. Dr Ram Mohan, a Fullbright Scholar and faculty member from Illinois Wesleyan University interacted with the students and gave specific pointers to help the students with their project work. Dr Mohan and the staff with students of Biochemistry.

On August 3, 2024, the department of biochemistry celebrated the inauguration of the new lab space furnished by the management. Fr James Chin, the Campus Minister blessed the lab.

Investiture Ceremony of the Biochemical Society

The Biochemical Society held its investiture ceremony to formally induct the office bearers for the academic year 2023-2024. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, stressed on the society's significance.

Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Science highlighted the wonders of science. The badge and oath-taking ceremonies were conducted by Dr Colaco, Dr Thomas, and Dr Sandra Misquith. Anushka Suresh, the new president of the Biochemical Society gave the vote of thanks.

Fresher's Welcome
The Biochemical Society, on August 3, 2024, welcomed its junior students with an inspiring address by Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department, encouraging active participation and personal growth. The seniors organised interactive games aimed at fostering teamwork and camaraderie, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere. The event successfully set a warm and motivating tone for the academic year.

Talk on Art Therapy
Dr Shraddha, on September 13, 2024, faculty in-charge of the Biochemical Society presented a memento to Ms Ketaki Bali, the invited speaker from NH Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center, Bengaluru. Around 50 students and teachers from various departments participated in the event.



The inauguration of Biochemical Society

Talk on Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Dr Joel James, a Post Doctoral Research Associate from the department of Medicine, University of Indiana, USA visited the department on September 12, 2024, and gave a talk on pulmonary arterial hypertension, a rare disease of the cardiovascular system. He interacted with several enthusiastic students who were spell-bound by his innovative research and gave them pointers to build their future career. Over 60 students and faculty members attended.

Pre-Pratibha
The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University organised Hocus Pocus, a Halloween-themed Dumb Charades competition, on September 21, 2024, at Faber Hall as a pre-fest event for Pratibha 2024. Open to all nine schools of the university, the event saw participation from 36 teams across disciplines. Conducted in two rounds, the competition highlighted creativity and teamwork, with the top three teams receiving awards.

MOLECOOL, Intra-college Fest
The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University organised its inaugural intra-collegiate fest, MOLECOOL, on October 3, 2024, at Xavier Hall. Graced by Dr Sandra Misquith and Dr Libi Thomas, the event brought together students from various disciplines, fostering creativity, teamwork, and intellectual engagement. With enthusiastic participation and well-coordinated efforts, the fest concluded successfully, setting a strong precedent for future initiatives by the society.

Journal Club
The Biochemical Society's Journal Club hosted various engaging events in 2024. Highlights included talks by Mr Sooraj Sunil Nair on heat shock proteins (HSPs) in cancer (September 20, 2024). Talks by Mr Agilesvar NK and Dr Daniel Gideon on recent Nobel Prize discoveries in biochemistry were organised on October 22, 2024. A lively Pictionary session on December 19 fostered community spirit, followed by the investiture of first-year representatives, Mr Aarav Saraiya and Ms Vividha G Shenoy, by Dr Shraddha KN.

Pictionary Competition & First-Year Representative Announcement
On the December 13, 2024, the Biochemical Society organised a Pictionary competition, bringing together students for a fun-filled and interactive session. The event encouraged creativity, communication, and teamwork, as participants raced against time to guess words based on artistic sketches. The competition was met with enthusiasm and high energy, making it a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved. Additionally, during the event, we were delighted to announce our newly selected First-Year Representatives, Aarav, and Vividha. After successfully passing an interview with the Staff Coordinator and members of the association, they were chosen to take on leadership roles within the society. Congratulations to both Aarav and Vividha! We warmly welcome them to the association and look forward to their contributions in the upcoming events and initiatives.



Sooraj Sunil Nair talking about heat shock proteins

Dumb Charades Competition

The Biochemical Society of St. Joseph's University conducted a Dumb Charades competition on the January 23, 2025, in S306. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various disciplines, making it a highly engaging and entertaining experience. Participants displayed their creativity and quick-thinking skills while enacting and guessing a variety of words and phrases. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and excitement as teams competed to outwit each other. Overall, the event was a remarkable success, fostering teamwork and a sense of fun among all attendees.

Three Day International Webinar on "Recent Advances in Biochemistry"

From February 27 to March 1, 2025, the department of Biochemistry of St Joseph's University successfully organised a series of virtual talks via Zoom, bringing together esteemed speakers from across the world. This insightful event featured six distinguished speakers who shared their life experiences, research journeys, and perspectives on biochemistry and beyond. Each session had an attendance of over 150 participants on all three days, reflecting the immense interest and engagement from students and faculty alike. Close to 330 participants registered from 33 institutions all over India. Some participants were from foreign countries. The webinar was a grand success. On all three days, 123 students participated. Each of the six talks from seasoned researchers was given an average rating of 9.0/10. The participants gave overwhelmingly positive feedback on the programme (and their webinar experience) (scores of 9/10!).

ZYME, an Intercollegiate fest

Hosted on March 3, 2025, this fest brought together students from multiple institutions to compete in both technical and non-technical events, fostering scientific curiosity, creativity, and teamwork. Featuring a total of eight events, namely Trivia, Art, Meme Making, Treasure Hunt, Escape Room, Games, and Debate, we had enthusiastic participation from five different universities, with the highest number of participants coming from Jyoti Nivas College and Mount Carmel College. The fest commenced with an inauguration ceremony at 8:45 am in Xavier Hall, where the dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the event. The panel for the inauguration included Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dr Sandra Misquith, Dr Shraddha N, along with other faculty members from the department. Following the inauguration, the events were conducted throughout the day. The fest concluded with the valedictory ceremony at 4:00 pm in Xavier Hall, where the winners of each event were awarded prizes by Dr Libi Thomas and Dr Sandra Misquith. The overall championship trophy was won by Mount Carmel College, marking a triumphant end to the day. ZYME 2025 was a resounding success, with immense participation and enthusiasm from all attendees. The event not only provided a platform for academic and creative expression but also strengthened inter-college interactions and the spirit of healthy. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Ronald Macarenhas, the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dean Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Sandra Misquith, Faculty Coordinator of the Biochemical Society, Dr Shraddha and President of the Biochemical Society, Ms Anushka Suresh, as well as student organisers of the event can be seen on stage.



The inaugural function of ZYME

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Department of BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Department of Biotechnology remains a hub of academic excellence, research, and professional development. Emphasising innovation and hands-on learning, it nurtures future leaders in Biological Sciences through a dynamic curriculum and research-driven opportunities.This academic year, the department was strengthened by the appointment of Dr Gnanaraj M, Dr Valeeta Dsouza, and Dr Sneha Paul as permanent faculty members. Dr Saurabh M joined as a temporary faculty member. The department fosters a thriving research environment, with Sharon Sunil pursuing a PhD under Dr Anthony. Additionally, first-year PG and final-year UG students are actively engaged in faculty-guided small-scale in-house research projects.The department takes immense pride in its strong placement record, with many of its master's graduates securing positions in leading research organisations and biotech firms reflecting the department's unwavering commitment to producing highly skilled professionals excelling in diverse career paths. With new faculty expanding research opportunities, industry collaborations, and outstanding placement achievements, the Department of Biotechnology continues to push boundaries, shaping the future of biological sciences and biotechnology research.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Nishanth MJ

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Dr Gnanaraj M

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Publication

Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay, Dr Susan Philip, Dr Grace Prabhakar and Dr Madappa MB, Chattopadhyay, D, Philip, SM, Prabhakar, G et al. (2024). Influence of a-lipoic acid on longevity and stress resistance in Drosophila melanogaster fed with a high-fat diet. Biogerontology 25, 1097–1114.

Research Grant

Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay received seed money from SJRIC to conduct an in-house project titled:"Anti-hyperlipidemic efficacy of rutin on lipid droplet accumulation in 3T3L1 adipocytes via modulation of autophagy-related genes ATG5 and ATG7."

Awards and Recognitions

Dr Anthony Johnson was honored for his publication in a Scopus-indexed journal.

Dr Anthony Johnson served as a session chair for Oral Presentations during the International conference on "Biotechnology, Medicine and Cancer Therapeutics (ICBCT-2024)" held from December 27-29, 2024, at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.

Dr Anthony Johnson was invited as an external chair for Oral Presentations during a DBT and KSTA sponsored National Conference Bio Bridge 2025: Uniting Voices in Research and Entrepreneurship held at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru on February 5, 2025.

Dr Nishanth MJ was recognised for successfully completing his PhD.

Dr Sneha Paul was awarded with "ICAB-MISF'25 Young Scientist Award" for her presentation on "Eco-friendly silver nanoparticle-infused film

diabetic wound care, at the 4th International Conference on advances in Biotechnology-Microbial Innovations for a sustainable future- 2025 (ICAB-MISF'25) held at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (Autonomous), Chennai on February 3-4, 2025.

Sabbatical

Dr Susan Mary Philip spent the 2024-25 academic year on a sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia, as a Guest Academic at the University of Melbourne Veterinary School. She collaborated with the Asia-Pacific Centre for Animal Health (APCAH) on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research, working with Dr Laura Hardefeldt on veterinary antimicrobial stewardship. She also engaged with the National Center for Antimicrobial Stewardship (NCAS) and attended its 2024 seminar series. Additionally, she participated in a month-long workshop under the Fleming Fund Fellowship Scheme, collaborating with experts from Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Nepal, Bhutan, and Pakistan to address AMR challenges in low- and middle-income countries.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Manya Kenchain DJ from III BSc CH/BT, belonging to I KAR AIR SQN, NCC, secured silver medal in Best Cadet at Republic Day Camp 2025.

Abhyunathi Bhasker and Ganavi, of MSc Biotechnology 2024 batch, qualified KSET 2024.

Celesta Annabelle (III BCBT), cleared IIT JAM Biotechnology and GATE Biotechnology.

Aishi Mandal (III BCBT) and Vidhi Soni (III BCBT) cleared IIT JAM Biotechnology.

K Anish Acharya (III CZBT) from batch 2024 has cleared JAM, GATE (XL)- AIR:123 and GATE (BT)- AIR: 79.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Mammalian Cell Culture

The Department of Biotechnology conducted a three-day hands-on workshop on "Basic Techniques in Mammalian Cell Culture" from October 3-5, 2024, for PG students. Led by Sanchita Mishra and Anantika Chandra (IISc, Bengaluru) and organised by Dr Grace Prabhakar and Dr Nirmalya Basu, the workshop covered subculturing, freezing, thawing, viability assessment, and transfection techniques. Participants gained practical training in cell morphology assessment, counting, seeding, and contamination troubleshooting. The sessions emphasised sterile techniques and media preparation, equipping students with essential skills for research and industry applications in biotechnology, biomedical sciences, and pharmaceuticals.

Biotech Colloquia 1.0

The Green Gene Guild, the Biotechnology association of St Joseph's University, organised its first lecture series, Biotech Colloquia 1.0, on July 26, 2024, at Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. The session featured Dr BN Srikumar, Professor at the Department of Neurophysiology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, as the resource person. He delivered an insightful lecture on "Novel Drug Discovery for Neuropsychiatric Diseases – Approaches and Challenges." Dr Srikumar highlighted the systematic approach to clinical and preclinical research, emphasising its critical role in drug development. The session provided valuable knowledge on neuropsychiatric drug discovery and was attended by UG and PG Biotechnology students.

AUGmentation 2024

AUGmentation 2024, an engaging introductory event by the Green Gene Guild, was held on August 3, 2024, at Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block, SJU. The event began with an inspiring keynote address by Dr Anthony, the faculty coordinator, followed by a recap video showcasing the association's achievements from the previous year. To promote collaboration and teamwork, biotechnology-themed games were conducted, bringing together students from all years. The event also provided an overview of the association's vision and initiatives for the upcoming year, encouraging participation and fostering a spirit of innovation and scientific engagement within the student community.

Navigating Career Growth in Pharmacovigilance

The Green Gene Guild organised a career talk on "Navigating Career Growth in Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials: Roles and Responsibilities" on January 25, 2025, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Ground Floor. The session was led by Dr Nagagireesh Bojanala, an expert medical writer in pharmacovigilance, who provided insights into drug classification under the ATC system,



Dr Nagagireesh Bojanala interacting with final year students

as well as the roles of excipients and APIs. He discussed the growth of the industry, clinical trials, and pharmacovigilance, highlighting job roles, required skills, and career transitions. A Q&A session addressed job prospects, industry expectations, and the importance of adaptability in the field.

Two-day hands-on Workshop on Protein handling

Large Scale protein purification from bacterial cell culture, In vitro transcription, gel electrophoresis, theory about type II toxin was taught to the I MSc Biotechnology students through a hands-on workshop on 19th and 20th September, 2024. The resource persons were Ananya Chatterjee, Arnab Ghosh, Chandramouli Natarajan, Harshita Dutta, Manish Nag, Sainath Polepalli, PMRF fellows from Molecular Biophysics Department, IISc. The students gained expertise in protein purification via Ni-affinity chromatography, visualization via SDS-PAGE, post culturing, sonication, in-vitro transcription of proteins.

The AI Advantage

The Department hosted a talk by Dr Momna Hejmadi, Associate Pro-VC, University of Bath, UK titled 'The AI advantage: Breakthroughs in Health and Biotechnology' on January 28, for final year students in association with IDP Services. Second and Final Year UG students were encouraged to attend the talk that highlighted the applications of AI in various fields of biosciences including agriculture, veterinary sciences, health especially cancer research. The students greatly benefitted as they were exposed to frontier areas of research in biosciences.

Workshop on In vitro transcription of mRNA

The department organised a one-day hands-on workshop on 'In vitro transcription of mRNA' for its PG students. The sessions were led by Annanya Chatterjee, Harshita Dutta, Manish Nag and Sainath Polepalli, Prime Minister research fellows from IISc, Bengaluru, who provided a theoretical and hands on experimental demonstration of mRNA synthesis, emphasising on all the precautions required for working with RNA. Additionally, sequence specific RNase activity of toxin molecules were demonstrated to the participants.



The workshop on invitro transcription of mRNA

DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACH ACTIVITY

The Department of Biotechnology in conjunction with current MSc Biotechnology students, has initiated a departmental science outreach programme called the 'Foldscope Initiative'. The primary aim of this initiative is to establish a portable microscope library at the Biology lab of Loyola School at Manvi, in the Raichur district of Karnataka. The idea is to transcend basic biology to grassroot levels in rural communities in Karnataka. The ulterior motive is to encourage more female children of rural areas to take up science in schools. For this, we contacted Foldscope Inc., California, to contribute to our cause. We were successful in procuring 125 Foldscopes, free of cost. Fifty of these Foldscopes have already been handed over to the Principal of Loyola School at Manvi. We are currently looking forward to conducting a workshop at Loyola School to train students and teachers there to set up the Foldscope Library. To facilitate this, we are currently looking at crowdfunding sources to sponsor the honorarium amount and travel expenses for the resource person, Dr Anu Hansal.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP FOR PG STUDENTS

The Department recently organised an educational trip for MSc Biotechnology students

to Coorg from March 19th to 21st, 2025. The trip provided students with valuable insights into various aspects of biotechnology.

Varunya Biosciences:
The students visited Varunya Biosciences, a renowned facility with an extensive animal house. Here, they observed different strains of mice, rats, rabbits, and hamsters, learning about their care, handling, and experimental use.
Domaine Sula:
At Domaine Sula, students explored the fascinating world of winemaking. They witnessed the various stages of the wine-making process, from grape harvesting to fermentation and bottling. Additionally, they visited the grape vineyards, gaining a deeper understanding of viticulture.
CHES - Chettali Horticulture Experimental Station:
The students also visited the Chettali Horticulture Experimental Station (CHES) under the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR). CHES showcased a wide array of improved exotic fruit varieties and their cultivation techniques.
The three-day trip was an enriching experience for the students. They actively interacted with resource persons at each location, gaining valuable knowledge and insights. The trip provided a hands-on learning experience, complementing their theoretical studies. Overall, the educational trip to Coorg was a resounding success, providing students with a deeper understanding of biotechnology.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Chiasma

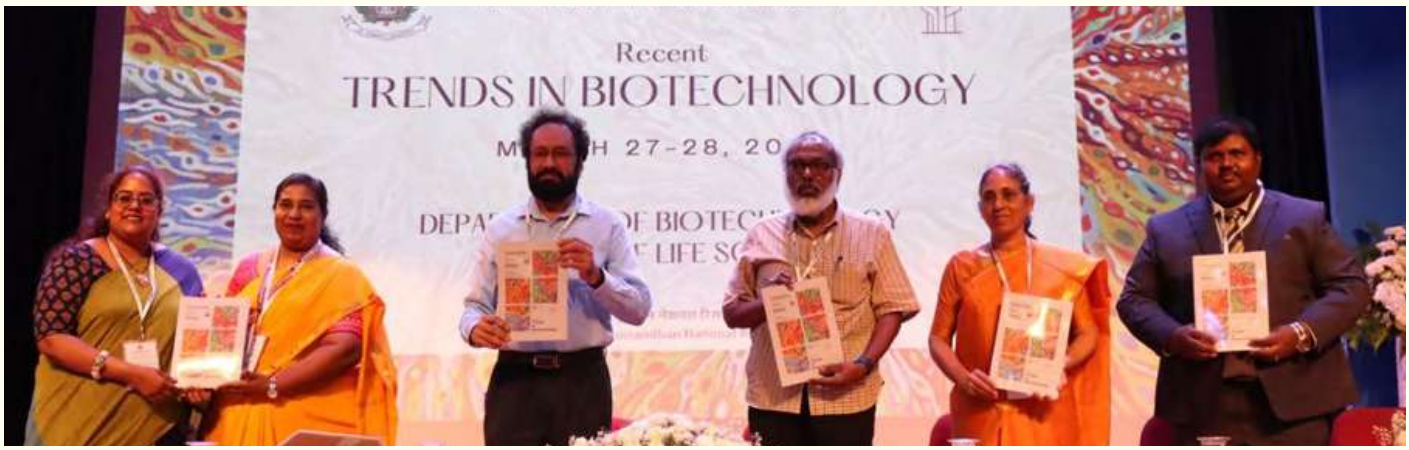
The PG Biotechnology association Chiasma organised an event, Cat Race, on March 28, 2025, during lunch break. This fun-filled event involved a pairwise competition to identify as many catalase containing wells as possible, within a minute. Prize comprised souvenirs 3D printed by IV Sem BSc Biotechnology student, Mr Suryan Isaac. UG and PG students from different streams of Life Sciences participated in the event.

Sequentia 2025

The Green Gene Guild (GGG) hosted Sequentia 2025, an intercollegiate biotech fest, on March 14, 2025. Dr Gurudatta BV, Assistant Professor (NIMHANS) delivered a keynote on Neuro Medical Genetics- the need of time. The event featured competitions, cultural showcases, and the Srestha Bharat program on India's Food & Cultural Diversity, jointly organised with Chiasma, the PG Biotech association. Winners were honoured by the faculties of the Department of Biotechnology.

ANRF-FUNDED NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT TRENDS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University has organised an ANRF-funded National Conference on Recent Trends in Biotechnology (TiBT-2025) from March 27-28, 2025. The conference represents themes such as AI in Biotechnology, Bio-conservation, Climate Change & Agribiotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology, Industrial Biotechnology, Marine Biotechnology, Medical Biotechnology, Molecular & Cellular Biotechnology, Nano Biotechnology. There were participants from all over India presenting oral presentations and posters. The conference was graced by Keynote speaker & Chief Guest Dr Rakesh Mishra, Director, TIGS, Bengaluru and seven more plenary lectures. This conference served as a platform for exchange of ideas and presentation of innovative concepts.



Department members, the pro-VC and the Dean of Life Sciences at the department conference

Department of FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Food Science and Technology aims to be a centre of excellence in training, research, outreach, and consultancy services in Food Science and Technology. It focuses on value addition, processing, technology-driven food conservation, nutritional goodness, and food security. The goal is to produce competent food technologists, scientists, researchers, and entrepreneurs through quality education. The department shares knowledge and creates awareness for safe and healthy food supply. It aims to enhance technical competencies for food industry professionals, develop skills to analyse food quality, integrate real-world problems, formulate environment-friendly and nutritious food products, and enable the production of value-added products for entrepreneurship development and food security.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Anupriya Mazumder

State level Student Project Programme (SPP) Guidance: successfully guided Ms Janisha, student for the completion of 47th series student project scheme awarded by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) on April 19, 2024.

Reviewed a research article entitled 'Effect of foliar application of biostimulants and micronutrients on Chlorophyll and Xanthophylls content of African Marigold cv. Pusa Narangi Gainda' submitted in The International Journal of Plant & Soil science.

Dr Mohan Kumar S

Pratishtha Jain, Hari Ramanan R, Hari Priya B, Vishalakshi Soudararajan, Mohan Kumar S, Kavitha Rao Sarvepalli & Lokesh Ravi. 'Functional food development using Ulva fasciata and its acute and chronic health benefits on Drosophila melanogaster'. Nutrire 49, 57 (2024).

State level Student Project Programme (SPP) Guidance:Successfully Guided Mr Hari Ramanan R, student for the completion of 47th series student project scheme awarded by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) on April 19, 2024.

Chaired a session and was a resource person at the National Conference on TMRCA (May 15, 2024, MS Ramaiah College, Bengaluru).

Resource person for the Workshop on Food Processing and Preservation (October 16, 2024, MS Ramaiah College, Bengaluru).

Resource person and judge for poster presentation at Pre-placement Workshop TEMA-2024 (November 6, 2024, MS Ramaiah College, Bengaluru).

Worked as a resource person to deliver a talk and training on "Pre-placement training on effective interview session for Students" organised by Department of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Bangalore University, Bengaluru on November 16, 2024.

Delivered a lecture on Mushrooms: Nutritional and Therapeutic Properties (November 28, 2024, SRNMN College of Applied Sciences, Shivamogga).



FST students after their 1st place win at Elixir

Dr Sunita Adak
Published a book chapter: Adak S, Kayalvizhib R, Bishai M, Jacob S, Kundu D, "Advancements in microbial production of polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) from wastes for sustainable active food packaging: An eclectic review" Biocatalysis and Agricultural Biotechnology (2024) 60: 103288.

Adak S, Bishai M, "Modern Luminescent Technologies Embraced in Food Science and Engineering" Non thermal food processing, safety and preservation. Prakash A and A Kuila (Eds), Wiley-Scrivener Publishing LLC: USA (2024) pp 71-95.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Anshita Bisht, a Food science and technology student, attended 5 days' workshop on "Rapid Detection of Food Adulterants" organised by Chamber for Advancement of Small and Medium Business on July 11, 2024.

Rubina Yasmin, a Food Science and Technology student attended FoSTaC training on "Advanced Manufacturing & COVID" conducted and held at Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal on July 13, 2024.

Deepthi J and Ashika NM, participated and presented a Poster on low cost nutritious recipe (Savoury) competition and secured first prize on the eve of celebration of "World Food Day - 2024" held on October 16, 2024 at Dr Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.



FST Students in GKVK

Shireen Fatima, Dabria Heleena Moniz and Megha R Ullal, participated in Poster making on low cost nutritious recipe (Sweet) competition and secured First prize on the eve of celebration of "World Food Day - 2024" held on October 16, 2024 at Dr Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

Ashika NM, Deepthi J, Anugraha Lalu, participated and presented a research paper titled "Production and Assessment of Physicochemical properties of Mung bean [Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek] spread" in the 30th ICFoST 20204 held between December 19 to 22, 2024 at DY Patil Deemed to be University, Sector-7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Shireen Fatima, Deepthi J, Ashika NM, Sidharth S, Thejaswini KP, Megha R Ullal, Dabria Heleena Moniz, A Froilan Mark Christone, C Thanish Somaiah, Anugraha Lalu, participated and presented a research paper titled "Formulation and assessment of physicochemical properties of dark chocolate enriched with Lactobacillus spp. and Citrus sinensis waste" in the 30th ICFoST 20204 held between December 19-21, 2024 at DY Patil Deemed to be University, Sector-7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Sidharth S, Ashika NM, Deepthi J, Shireen Fatima, Thejaswini KP, Megha R Ullal, Dabria Heleena Moniz, A Froilan Mark Christone, C Thanish Somaiah, Anugraha Lalu, participated and presented a research paper titled "Valorisation of Citrus sinensis waste for the preparation of edible crackers and assessment of their nutritional and sensory properties" in the 30th ICFoST 20204 held between December 19 - 21, 2024 at DY Patil Deemed to be University, Sector-7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Food Miles Association Report

Food Miles Inauguration on August 24, 2024: The Food Miles Association, established in 2019, held its sixth inauguration on August 24, 2024, featuring performances, insightful speeches, and leadership transitions. Chief

Guest Dr Usha Ravindra inspired with her talk on food origins, innovations, and sustainable nutrition. The outgoing team, led by President Nikita Saji, highlighted achievements, while incoming President Ashika NM outlined plans for 2024-25. The event concluded with gratitude and encouragement, celebrating past successes and looking forward to a promising year.

EDESIA-24

On September 21, 2024 the third edition of the inter-collegiate food fest organised by the Food Miles Association, Department of Food Science and Technology, was held on September 21, 2024. Featuring food, games, jewellery stalls, and engaging competitions like treasure hunts, cooking without fire, quizzes, and charades, the fest showcased the creativity and teamwork of students. The event concluded with a valedictory ceremony celebrating participants, organisers, and winners, marking its success with excitement for future editions.

International Coffee Day

To celebrate International Coffee Day on October 1, 2024, the Food Miles Association organised two online competitions for PG and UG students across India: a poster presentation themed "Exploring Coffee Cultures from Around the World" and a photography contest titled "Brewed Moments: A Coffee Photography Story." The events saw enthusiastic participation, with students showcasing creativity and insights. Winners were announced on the official Food Miles Instagram page and awarded exciting prizes.

Food Safety Awareness Day

January 18, 2025 The Food Safety Awareness Campaign, held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Magis Block and PG canteens, educated chefs and cleaners on kitchen hygiene. It featured a 30-second hand washing demonstration, highlighted personal hygiene, and provided gloves and head caps for safe food preparation. A session on hygiene principles emphasised maintaining cleanliness to ensure high-quality, safe food for students and staff, promoting a healthier dining environment.

A Lecture by Dr H N Mishra

Dr Mishra presented an engaging session on food technology innovations for nutrition and health security, highlighting advancements that address public health and nutrition challenges. He discussed sustainable food processing technologies and their role in combating micronutrient deficiencies, with a focus on the Indian food industry market. Key topics included staple food fortification, methods to enrich rice, wheat, and noodles with essential micronutrients, and the application of extrusion technology to enhance the nutritional value of fortified foods.

A Workshop on Processing Millets

The State-Level Hands-On Workshop on Processing and Value Addition in Millets, organised by the Department of Food Science & Technology at St. Joseph's University on March 6, 2025, aimed to provide insights into millet processing and value addition. Dr Mohan Kumar S coordinated the event, with Ms. Navya Siby and Ms Anugraha Lalu managing registrations. Students from various colleges in Karnataka and beyond, including MG University, Kerala, participated. The session began with a welcome by Dr Anupriya Mazumder, followed by an expert talk from Dr Ashwini A from UAS, GKVK, on millet processing and its health benefits. She highlighted millets' nutritional advantages and market potential. The hands-on workshop included preparing millet-based products such as coconut millet cookies, millet cake, laddus, and a health drink. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr Sunita Adak.



Dr H N Mishra delivering his lecture

Department of MICROBIOLOGY

Established in 1988, the Department of Microbiology has grown significantly, offering undergraduate (MCZ, MCB) and postgraduate programs since 1998. The curriculum integrates theoretical, practical, and research skills, guided by expert faculty. The department fosters critical thinking, analysis, and innovation, encouraging students to explore microbiology's vast potential. It aims to nurture aspiring scientists who contribute to academia, industry, and society. Emphasising microbial impact on the environment and human activities, it provides a dynamic learning environment. Student-led associations, Microcosm and the Microbiological Society, enhance engagement and collaboration, reinforcing the department's commitment to excellence in microbiological education and research.



Dr Beatrice receiving her award

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Beatrice Sequeira
Completed the World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week E-quiz on November 30, 2024, administered by the Department of Biotechnology, The New College (Autonomous), Affiliated to Madras University, with a perfect score of 100 percent.

Honoured on December 18, 2024, by Amity Business School Bangalore with the Guru Kritajna award 2024 for outstanding contributions as a teacher.

Dr Popy Dutta
External subject expert for DBT Star College Programme Advisory committee, SDM Degree college, Honavar.

Board of Studies (BoS) member – Department of Microbiology, Shri Sakthikailassh Women's College (Autonomous), Salem, Tamil Nadu.

Ms Shalmali Kamath
Published a book chapter titled "Microbiome and Hair Care Products: Opportunities and Challenges" in the book "Hair Care Products Efficacy, Safety and Global Regulation", released by Springer Nature, Singapore.

Dr Vanitha NM
Dr Vanitha was an organising committee member of the National Conference Microcosmos 1.0 – Emerging Innovations in Microbiology, organised by the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on March 3-4, 2025

Dr Syed Wajeed
Resource person for the one-day workshop organised by Tumkur University July 23, 2024. He deliberated on Academic and Administrative Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with special emphasis on Binary Accreditation and Maturity Based Graded level Accreditation.

Study-visit of the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports (EWCY&S) to Bengaluru from December 27 and 28, 2024. Honourable Vice-Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ and Dr Syed Wajeed attended the meeting and deliberated on two subjects: Implementation of Article 15(5) of the Indian Constitution by St Joseph's University. Progress of NEP 2020 by St Joseph's University.

Board of Governor - Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women (Autonomous), Vaniyambadi, Tamil Nadu.

Board of Studies (BoS) member – Department

of Microbiology, BMS College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru and Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women (Autonomous).

Dr Geeta Diddigi
Awarded 'Research contributor Award' during 'National Conference on Environmental Science (NCEVS 2024)', organised by VDGOOD Professional Association on August 16,2024
Awarded 'Young Women Scientist Award' during 'International Conference on Agritech Intelligence And Beyond: Cutting Edge Innovations In Agriculture and Allied Sciences' organised by Division of Veterinary Biochemistry, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & AH, SKUAST-Kashmir Srinagar & Agriculture Forum For Technical Education Of Farming Society (AFTEFS) from October 15-17, 2024.

Published research article – 'Gene analysis and Molecular Characterisation of low-density polyethylene degrading bacteria from Municipal dumpsite' in *African Journal of Biological Sciences*
Published Book Chapter— "The Evolution, Applications, and Environmental Impact of Thermoplastics".

Awarded certificate of excellence in reviewing international journal of pathogen research.

Awarded certificate of excellence in reviewing journals of advances in microbiology.

DEPARTMENTAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
Microcosm
With a rich legacy of over two decades, "Microcosm", the undergraduate association, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, has always aimed at holistic development of all its members, making the pursuit of life sciences fun and exciting. Over the years, we have held numerous seminars, hands-on workshops, webinars and fests, all intricately linked to Microbiology. Microcosm's annual newsletter, "Ubiquitous", empowers our budding scientists by awakening their inner artists and creatives.

Inauguration Of Microcosm
The Investiture of Microcosm was held on August 23, 2024, at Xavier Hall alongside the Microbiological Society, beginning at 3:45 pm. The event featured Mr Dhruv Gupta, a 22-year-old IISc student and JRD Tata Innovation Centre member, accompanied by Ms Sakshi. Distinguished attendees included Dr Beatrice Sequeira Dean of Life Sciences, Dr Popy Dutta Head of the Department of Microbiology, Microbiology, Ms Shalmali Kamath PG Coordinator, and Dr Debalina Chaudhuri UG Coordinator, along with faculty members. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new academic year for the association.

An invocation hymn and a lamp-lighting ceremony kicked off the celebration. Dr Debalina Chaudhuri then gave a welcome address, and the presidents of the PG and UG societies recounted the findings from the previous year. Additionally, the UG association's editor provided an overview of the year's plans, while the PG association's secretary did the same for the UG association.



The inaugural of the Microbiological Society

The principal guest, Mr Dhruv Gupta, was then introduced by Dr Syed Wajeed. After introducing himself, Mr Dhruv discussed his startup and ideas with the crowd. He gave guidance on how to proceed and make objectives a reality. Following his presentation, Dr Popy Dutta and Beatrice Sequeira gave Mr Dhruv a gesture of appreciation. The UG association's co-editor gave a vote of appreciation to close out the occasion, and then there was a quick photo opportunity with the association's members and dignitaries.

World AIDS Day Awareness Programme
On December 6, 2025, at 12:50 pm in the Arrupe Atrium, Microcosm hosted a dynamic World AIDS Day event, drawing students across disciplines. The event opened with a high-energy flash mob, sparking enthusiasm and engagement.

This was followed by an AIDS awareness speech and an introduction to Microcosm. A banner was unveiled to promote awareness, leading to a symbolic human chain uniting students and faculty. A Poster-Making competition with cash prizes encouraged creativity and advocacy, with posters displayed during the event. Throughout the day, red bows were distributed, reinforcing the message of solidarity and the importance of preventive measures.

Train to Busan

The screening of Train to Busan on September 25, 2024, in the PG Block AV room creatively merged epidemiology with fiction. Amid rising pathogen outbreaks, the event emphasised real-world applications of epidemiological knowledge while aligning with the Halloween theme.

PG DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Inauguration of Microbiological Society

The Microbiological Society held its inaugural event on August 23, 2024, marking a new chapter for the association. The ceremony featured Chief Guest Mr Dhruv Gupta, a prayer, and a lamp-lighting ceremony. New members were introduced, and past achievements were reviewed alongside future plans. Mr Gupta delivered an inspiring speech on scientific research and collaboration. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, laying a strong foundation for future growth and activities.



Dr Syed Wajeed and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo

Open Day: 2.0 Elixir

On August 19, 2024, I MSc students took part in Elixir 2.0, the University Open Day. At the Science Exhibition, they displayed their creative projects. It was an essential learning experience for them since it encouraged interaction between students, staff and guests and promoted a spirit of curiosity and knowledge-sharing.

Scientific writing workshop

The Department of Microbiology hosted a Scientific Writing Workshop on September 6-9, 2024, led by Dr Saurabh, an expert in microbial genomics, evolution, and computational biology. A passionate educator and co-founder of a drug discovery start-up, he guided students through literature searches, citations, writing methodology, results, and abstracts in engaging sessions designed to enhance research skills.



Microbiology students at Elixir 2024

Additionally, II Msc students (2023-2025) from St Joseph's University, accompanied by faculty, undertook an industrial visit on September 30 and October 1, 2024. At Sami-Sabinsa Labs, Bengaluru they explored R&D in phytochemistry, microbiology and drug formulation, observing HPLC and ICP-MS instruments. At Panduranga Coffee Roastery, Chikkamagaluru. The visit provided hands-on exposure to coffee production, harvesting to roasting, industrial processes, career opportunities in the industry and research applications.

PG Newsletter – Microlens

The Department's postgraduate students' essays in the most recent issue of Microlens, which was published in December 2024, demonstrate the breadth and significance of microbiology. "The Worm That Knew Too Much: C. elegans and Its Scientific Secrets" delves deeply into how model organisms lead to scientific discoveries, while "It's Your Bathroom, Not Stachybotrys" explores microbial ecosystems in commonplace areas. Innovative features like student-clicked images, memes, and crosswords give the newsletter a fun, interactive aspect that makes it both instructive

and entertaining for readers of all skill levels.

National Conference, Microcosmos 1.0 - Emerging innovations in Microbiology

The Department of Microbiology hosted the National Conference, Microcosmos 1.0 - Emerging innovations in Microbiology on March 3 and 4, 2025. The conference started with an inaugural program. Dr Raghunand R Tirumalai from CCMB, Hyderabad was the chief guest and gave the plenary talk on "Antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance." The conference was graced by eminent scientists and researchers from different parts of the country. There were oral and poster presentations by students and researchers from different institutes and universities.

The highlight of the conference was the industry conclave where industry experts from leading companies in the field will be a part of the panel discussion. The panel discussion focussed on the academia-industry connect, which aims to bridge the gap between academic research and industrial applications in microbiology.



Dr Syed Wajeed at Tumkur University



MSc Microbiology study trip



Dr Syed Wajeed was a part of the organising committee for the international conference 'Immunocon' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Department of BIOLOGY

The Department of Biology at St Joseph's University was established in 2024, marking a significant milestone in the university's commitment to academic excellence and scientific exploration. The department aims to foster a deep understanding of biological sciences through innovative research, hands-on learning, and interdisciplinary collaboration. With a dedicated faculty and state-of-the-art facilities, the department is poised to nurture the next generation of biologists, encouraging them to contribute meaningfully to scientific advancements and environmental sustainability.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr N Praveen Kumar
Published a paper titled, "Mushroom alkaloids as nutraceuticals, bioactive and medicinal properties: a preliminary review" Plant Science Today, 11(4):651-661.

Co-wrote and published the paper titled, "Aeromycoflora of Urban Parks of Bangalore" Karnataka, India. Annals of Biology, 40(2): 225-228.

Dr Anisha David
Co-published a book chapter titled "DNA Sequencing Technologies and DNA Barcoding"

In: DeSalle R (ed) Methods Mol Biol. Springer Protocol, Humana Press, NY. 2744:139-154

Dr Jincy George
Published a paper titled, "Evaluation of toxicity of Vitex negundo L. synthesised silver nanoparticles against Aedes aegypti" Plant Science Today, 11(2).

Co-wrote a paper titled "Phytofabricated bimetallic synthesis of silver-copper nanoparticles using Aerva lanata extract to evaluate their potential cytotoxic and antimicrobial activities" Scientific Reports, 14(1), 1270.

Awarded at International society of gene and cell therapy & AIML-BIO 2024 conducted on 21-09-2024

Ms Theresa Karra
Patent Awarded from German Utility Patent (April 23, 2024) for an innovative biosensor-based system utilising engineered antibodies for environmental monitoring and pathogen detection

Published a paper titled, "Uncovering the Role of Indian Medicinal Botanicals in COVID-19 Prevention and Management" A Review. Cureus, 16(12), e75920.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

BioGen
BioGen, the academic association of the Department of Biology at St Joseph's University fosters academic excellence, research, and innovation in life sciences through expert lectures, seminars, and interdisciplinary events. The first Investiture Ceremony (October 18, 2024) inducted newly elected office bearers, with Dr Medha Sugara, a distinguished surgical oncologist, sharing insights on cancer research advancements. On January 18, 2025, Mr Parth Sanghavi (4Gen.Bio) delivered a lecture on "DNA Uncoiled", highlighting the intersection of biology, computation, and data analysis. A unique "Music of the Plants" session (February 3, 2025), in collaboration with the Botany Department and CMCB, featured Tritone Crisantemo (Masterplants Orchestra, Italy), showcasing plant-generated music and the connection between biology, technology, and sound. With its diverse initiatives, BioGen continues to empower students, bridging scientific knowledge with real-world applications.



Departments of Biology & Botany at their national conference

Department of ZOOLOGY

The Department of Zoology at St Joseph's University in Bangalore is a distinguished academic unit offering comprehensive education in the field of animal science. With a focus on both theoretical and practical aspects of zoology, the department provides undergraduate and postgraduate programs that emphasise biodiversity, ecology, genetics, and molecular biology. Students benefit from a robust curriculum that integrates research opportunities, lab work, and field studies. The department fosters critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and hands-on experience, preparing students for careers in research, conservation, and education. Its commitment to excellence makes it a notable institution for aspiring zoologists.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Rajini SV

Delivered a special lecture at an international conference on endocrinology, metabolism and reproduction: exploring new frontiers. Organised by department of Zoology, University of Jammu, Jammu (UT, J&K), India. Under the auspices of Indian society for comparative endocrinology.

Publications : Rajini, SV., Sarjan, HN, & Shivabasavaiah (2024). Ameliorative action of eugenol on nitrate induced reproductive toxicity in male rats. Toxicology reports, 13, 101702

Dr Samson

He Was invited as an examiner for the PG practical examination conducted in the Department of Studies in Zoology, University of Mysore on August 6 and 7, 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Abhijith and Adithya , undergraduate students won second place in the Environment and Nature Quiz - 2024, Organised by Apollo Tyres Ltd at SJU, on September 12, 2024.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Natural Science Association (NSA)

Natural Science Association (NSA) of St Joseph's University, Bangalore, is a dynamic student-led association dedicated to fostering curiosity and innovation in the field of natural sciences. It provides a platform for students to engage in research, discussions, and hands-on experiments through seminars, workshops, field trips, and competitions. The NSA promotes interdisciplinary learning, encouraging students to explore biology, chemistry, environmental science, and physics. By collaborating with faculty and industry experts, the association nurtures scientific inquiry and critical thinking. Through outreach programs, NSA also raises awareness about environmental sustainability and scientific advancements, inspiring future scientists and researchers.



Zoology students at Zoocarniva

NSA of the Department of Zoology launched its activities on August 9, 2024, at Arrupe Atrium, with 70 participants. Organised by the NSA, the event introduced its objectives and upcoming initiatives, encouraging student engagement. The launch set the stage for a year of scientific exploration and collaboration within the department. NSA hosted its official promo launch event with great enthusiasm. Emcees Nidhi and Rama introduced NSA to the audience, setting an energetic tone. The event featured an exciting flash mob, a rap performance, and an engaging session on Weird Animal Facts. The highlight was the unfurling of the NSA banner, symbolising a triumphant start to the year's activities.

NSA held its Investiture Ceremony on August 10, 2024, at De Nobili Hall, with 75 participants. Organised by NSA, the event marked the formal induction of the association's office bearers. It emphasised leadership, responsibility, and commitment to promoting scientific curiosity. The ceremony set the stage for an engaging and dynamic academic year, fostering collaboration within the Department of Zoology. An investiture ceremony was held to officially introduce the Natural Science Association team for the year 2024-25. A welcome speech was given by Paul Anthony to introduce the association and start the event. It began with the lighting of the lamp by the coordinators of the Natural Science Association, Dr Viyolla Mendonce and Dr V Varun Rajan, and the former head of the Zoology department, Dr M Jayashankar and Dr Sarjan. Mementos were presented to the faculty for their support and guidance. The Council members were then presented with their badges by the faculty.

NSA and Zoologia organised a talk session on "Organoids in Bioengineering" on September 11, 2024, at N108, with 41 participants. Dr Santhosh Arul, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, and an SJU alumnus, was the guest speaker. He shared insights on organoids, their medical applications, and future research prospects. He also discussed academic and career opportunities in the field, inspiring students to explore advancements in bioengineering.

NSA organised Call of the Wild 4.0 on October 10, 2024, at SJU Campus, with 100 participants. The event featured Air Crash, Debate, Bio-All-Means (Quiz), Treasure Hunt, Bizarre Animals (Facts & Quiz), and Moody Mammals (Mood Board Competition). Students from various disciplines actively participated, enhancing their awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of animal conservation through engaging and interactive activities.

Organised the Ignatian Lecture Series 7.0 on October 1, 2024, via Microsoft Teams, with 40 participants, in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society. The theme, Conservation Technology, featured three expert speakers. Ms Parveen Shaikh emphasised the conservation of Indian Skimmers, Dr Reshma Pitale discussed intertidal habitats and their stressors, and Mr Deepak Rajanna explored the use of AI and database technology in bird ringing projects. The session provided valuable insights into modern conservation efforts.

NSA organised IROC 5.0 on October 25, 2024, at the Zoology Lab, with 35 participants. Dr Sivakumar from the Department of Statistics, SJU, delivered a talk on biostatistics, emphasising its applications in bioscience. He explained the importance of statistical correlations in scientific data, highlighting its role in research and data analysis. The session provided valuable insights into the integration of statistics in biological studies.

NSA organised a nature walk at Jigani Lake on August 15, 2024, at 7:00 am, with 30 participants. The walk focused on birding and herping, allowing participants to observe and document various species. The field visit team recorded notable sightings, enhancing their understanding of biodiversity and conservation. This experience deepened awareness of ecosystem preservation and the significance of wildlife documentation.

NSA organised a nature walk at GKVK, Hebbal, on September 22, 2024, at 7:00 am, with 25 participants. The field visit team observed various species of reptiles, birds, and amphibians, gaining insights into their ecological interactions. The walk provided a deeper appreciation of biodiversity and species adaptation, fostering awareness about wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.



MSc Zoology students at Zooventure

ZOOLOGIA

The Zoologia Association of the Department of Zoology at St Joseph's University held its

inauguration ceremony on August 23, 2024, at the PG Zoology Lab from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, with 40 participants in attendance.The event commenced with a welcome speech, setting the stage for an inspiring talk by the guest speaker, Dr Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, Dean of Research. His address emphasised the scope of research and postgraduate opportunities, motivating students to explore academic and professional avenues in zoological sciences. He highlighted the importance of active student participation in research, hands-on training, and community outreach to enhance their learning experience. Following this, Dr Beatrice Maria Sequeira, Dean of the School of Life Sciences, and Dr M Jayashankar, Head of the Department of Zoology, shared their insights, encouraging students to make the most of the opportunities provided by the Zoologia Association. A key highlight of the event was the investiture ceremony, where the newly elected office bearers of the Zoologia Association were formally inducted. Mr Syed Saqlain, the Joint President, delivered a speech on the vision and mission of the association. The teacher coordinator, Ms Prathibha RD, conducted the investiture, officially welcoming the new leadership team.The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Joint President Atmaja Ghosh, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty, and students for their support. The event marked the beginning of a promising academic year for Zoologia.



MSc Zoology students' at their aquarium visit

National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences

The National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS), organised by the Department of Zoology at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was held on March 17-18, 2025. The conference featured insightful keynotes and plenary sessions by Dr Mahesh Patlapati, Dr B S Shankarnarayana Rao, Dr Renee Borges, Dr Ravi Chellam, Ms Mahi Mankeshwar, Mr Vivek Chandra, and Mr. Deepak Ranjanna, covering topics from wildlife conservation to neuroscience and marine biology. Interactive and informative stalls from organizations like Lifescience Education Trust, Illume Gene, Bannerghatta Botanical Park, A Rocha India, Rajarajeshwari Medical College, and Study Abroad provided students with career insights. They provided awareness about wildlife and its care.

Ninety-nine participants from nine states and union territories, viz, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Punjab, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Nagaland, registered for the conference. Enthusiastic participation in oral and poster presentations, panel discussions, and cultural programmes enriched the event.







The Zoology department at the conference

Department of ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The department comprises six teaching staff members holding doctoral degrees in Environmental Science, and two non-teaching staff members. The department organises guest lectures and field visits regularly. The resource persons are from various industries with domain knowledge, giving 360-degree insights to corporate demand and requirements. The department regularly arranges field trips for students to study and gain practical experience in areas linked to their coursework and extracurricular activities while considering their overall development. The department actively engages in interdisciplinary research, addressing critical issues such as environmental pollution, biodiversity conservation, water resource management, and climate change mitigation. Students are encouraged to participate in research projects and present their findings at national and international platforms. Graduates from the department are well-prepared for careers in environmental consultancy, research organisations, government agencies, NGOs, and academia. The Climate Clock and World Emissions Clock is displayed on the St Joseph's University website. The linkage was initiated by the Department of Environmental Science and enables the university faculty, students and website visitors to be up-to-date on climate issues and encourages them to take positive action towards climate related issues.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr B S Prabhakar

Delivered a lecture titled “Ecology for a Nature Guide” at the JLR campus, Bannerghatta National Park, Bengaluru to the participants of the Naturalist training programme organised by the Naturalist School, Bengaluru on June 16, 2024

Resource person at workshop at ‘Environmental Sustainability in Dairy Industry’ in collaboration with Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar; Department of Dairy Technology, Dairy Science College, Hebbal, Bengaluru; Foundation for Quality (India) on September 21, 2024.

Dr Kumar M

Recognised by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), Quality Control of India (QCI) as Functional Area Expert – Ecology & Biodiversity;

Soil Conservation Academicia 2024-2025, an Inter-Collegiate Academic Fest SAMRAJYA at Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru (December 7, 2024).

Orientation Programme on Environmental Studies (Foundation Course) under the State Education Policy, 2024 at Soundarya Arts and Commerce Evening College, Bengaluru (November 29 and December 13, 2024).

Delivered a talk on "Understanding Environmental Laws and Their Implementation in India" at Baduku – Centre for Livelihoods Learning, Bengaluru (November 14, 2024).

Delivered a session on "Sustainable Energy" for I and II PU Science students at Mount Carmel PU College, Bengaluru (September 6, 2024).

Orientation Programme on Environmental Studies at Soundarya Arts and Commerce Evening College, Bengaluru (June 27, 2024).

Appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Examiners, Bengaluru City University for the UG Examinations for the academic year 2024-2025.

Board of Studies (BoS) member – Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs, Bengaluru City University.

Board of Studies (BoS) & Board of Examiners (BoE) member – Undergraduate Programs, RNS First Grade College (Autonomous), RR Nagar, Bengaluru.

Consulted on water neutrality studies for Sedam Solar Farm, Karnataka. Funding Agency: M/s. CleanMax Enviro Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Consulted on carbon sequestration project for Indian Institute of Management, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Funding Agency: M/s. Ecomorphosys, Bengaluru.

Consulted on Carbon sequestration study in the greenbelt of Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited (TKM) campus, Bidadi, Bengaluru. Funding Agency: M/s. Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited, Bidadi, Karnataka.

Consulted on Water neutrality audits - Solar Farm, NS Puram, Tamil Nadu. Funding Agency:M/s. CleanMax Enviro Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd.

Consulted on Water neutrality Audit Services at the Solar Farm, Gujarat. Funding Agency:M/s. CleanMax Enviro Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd.

Dr Alaknanda J Adur

Board of Examiners (BoE) Member for undergraduate at Bengaluru University and Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences

Published a paper in Science Talks: Alaknanda J Adur, Shilpashree Mayachar, N Nandhini, Manjushree Mahadeva, Raajasubramanian Devarajan, Ramu Loganathan, Narendra Kuppan,Eco-innovative breakthrough: Tamarindshell-derivedsilver nanoparticles for advanced wastewater bacteria purification, Science Talks,Volume 13, 2025, 100417.

Dr Mohd Yousuf Rather

External Examiner in Christ (Deemed-to-Be) University, Bengaluru for Internship and Dissertation Evaluation.

Rather, MY, & Sundarapandian, S (2024) "Utilisation of Eco-friendly Copper Oxide Nanoparticles and Iron Oxide Nanorods in Dye Removal from Real Textile Industry Effluent. Particle & Particle Systems Characterisation" 2300223.

Bhat, M. A., Rather, M. Y., Singh, P., Hassan, S., & Hussain, N. (2024) "Advances in Smart Food Authentication for Enhanced Safety and Quality. Trends in Food Science & Technology". 104800
Bhat, M. A., Rather, M. Y., Singh, P., Hassan, S., & Hussain, N. (2025). Response to the Letter by Prof Yoshiyasu Takefuji: Enhancing Methodological Rigor in Machine Learning for Food Authentication. Trends in Food Science & Technology, 104901

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) for the following consultancy: Name of the consultancy work: Carbon sequestration project for Indian Institute of Management, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Funding Agency: M/s. Ecomorphosys, Bengaluru.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

National Youth Climate Conclave 2024

Naveen Kumar J, Boomika, Nithin Joshua and Samuel from MSc were awarded Youth Climate Champions with a cash prize for best proposals and arguments on climate change negotiations. They presented a synthesis report on "Climate Emergency: Call for Actions" at the National Youth Climate Conclave 2024, organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) at St Francis Pre-University college. They represented India, aligning with the Paris Agreement-2015 and proposed innovation negotiations and solutions to combat Climate Change at Capitol Hotel near Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru.



Staff and students of Environmental Science

Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024, Bengaluru

Asia's largest Tech Conclave, held from November 19-21, 2024, served as a premier platform for showcasing innovation, research, and startups. The event featured insights from prominent leaders and tech experts on emerging trends and future technologies. As interns with Ecomorphosys, the event's sustainability partner, MSc students Boomika

S, Drishti Prakash, Naveen Kumar J, Nithin Joshua, Samuel G, Sridevi R, Suma M, Varun S and Vijay Kumar, actively contributed their expertise in data collection and fieldwork. Their efforts focused on reducing emissions through shared transportation, waste management, and eco-friendly initiatives, gaining valuable hands-on experience in implementing and promoting sustainable practices.

TiE Global Summit 24, Bengaluru

A team of MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability students, Alankrita Bose, Lohith S, Monika N, Pujanjali U, Saniha K, and Samruddhi R interned at the TiE Global Summit, held on December 10-11, 2024. Their efforts were instrumental in enhancing the event's sustainability by actively engaging in waste segregation, emission tracking through vehicular counts, and educating attendees on the 4Rs; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Refurbish. Their contributions played a key role in promoting eco-conscious practices and minimising the environmental footprint of the summit.

Go Green

Granted First scholarship of Rs 25,000/- for the designing of the prototype for Residential Cooling Retrofit to Vishakha Kumar, BSc. Faculty Lead: Dr Kumar M Faculty Advisor: Dr Harshita Asthana, under Solar Decathlon India Challenge 2024.



EVS students at the Tech Summit

International Conference

Naveen Kumar J and Nithin Joshua S participated in the International Conference on Environment, Sustainability, and Governance: Creating Shared Value, held at St Joseph's Institute of Managementon February 21-22, 2025. The two-day conference featured eminent speakers from leading organisations such as Toyota Engineering, Bosch, ITC, Wipro, Schneider Electric, Kyndryl, Chettinad Cement, Raymonds, and Rittal India. Additionally, dynamic startups like Smarter Dharma, Grewind, and Impact Verve contributed valuable insights, emphasising innovative approaches to sustainability and governance. The event fostered meaningful discussions on integrating environmental responsibility, sustainable practices, and corporate governance to create shared value across industries.

Poster Presentation

Naveen Kumar J and Rohini Reddy, MSc students, presented an e-poster on technology to capture methane emission from agriculture fields. At Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous) on National Science Day. The programme was witnessed by erudite scholars like chief guest, Dr Siva Umapathy, JC Bose Fellow, and followed by panel discussion on sustainability and environmental, health and safety (EHS).

Sports Achievement

Nithin Joshua S, MSc student captained the University Kabaddi team on March 28, 2025 in the tournament conducted by Christ Academy and secured the runner-up position.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Invited Talks

Green Skill Programme in Collaboration

With Green Skills Academy and Centre for Sustainable Development The Green Skills Programme, held on July 13, 2024 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, focused on sustainable practices and green initiatives. Organised by the Department of Environmental Science and Sustainability, it featured insightful sessions by experts like Dr Srinivas R and Mr Satyanarayan, highlighting the green economy, AI in environmental monitoring, and career opportunities in sustainability. Interactive workshops and networking enriched participants, inspiring purpose-driven sustainability efforts.
Careers in Sustainability

On August 2, 2024, Vittalkumar Ashwathrao, Director of Climate & Environment, delivered an inspiring guest lecture at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Organised by the Department of Environmental Science, the session highlighted the urgency of sustainability, diverse career paths in the field, and essential skills like problem-solving and environmental expertise. With real-world examples and case studies, he motivated students to explore impactful careers in sustainability.

Experience gained from the Ganga River



A moment's rest during a field visit

Rejuvenation Project

The Ganga River Rejuvenation Project, held on August 17, 2024, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was organised by the Department of Zoology and Environmental Science. Featuring insights from Dr SA Hussain, Dr Ruchi Badola, and Dr Tanveer Ahmed, the event highlighted the Ganga's ecological challenges. Interactive student sessions, workshops, and field trips inspired participants, equipping them with skills to promote aquatic biodiversity and sustainable water management.

Pioneering Patented Wastewater Treatment Technology

On October 7, 2024 the department conducted an invited talk on patented wastewater treatment technology by Dr Hariharan S Shankar who is a retired professor, IIT Bombay, member of National Technical Advisory Committee, Jal Shakti Ministry, GoI. The talk emphasised on incorporating innovative filtration, chemical processes, and biological treatments that significantly reduces contaminants and minimises environmental impact. This breakthrough helps address global water scarcity while promoting environmental management.

Alumni Interaction

As part of the Alumni Interaction, Dr Sushant Potdar, Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA, former student of SJC now SJU, an accomplished research scientist, engaged with the MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability students on December 7, 2024, to briefly explain the role of dissertation in a Master's degree and importance of each concept in Post Graduation.

Field Visits

India Meteorology Department-Bengaluru (IMD-B)

On August 22, 2024, students visited the India Meteorological Department, Bengaluru (IMD-B), gaining insights into its history, functions, and advanced meteorological tools. A scientist highlighted IMD's role in forecasting, data analysis, and job prospects for earth science. Discussions covered disaster predictions like the Wayanad tragedy and the importance of acting on warnings. The visit inspired students to serve society with scientific diligence and environmental care.

The visit to TKM was conducted on October 4, 2024 to provide MSc students with practical insights into the sustainable industrial practices implemented by one of the leading automobile manufacturers in the world. The students experienced Toyota ecozone, biodiversity theme park, forest theme park, value theme park for waste management, silent garden, pollination meadow, wetland pavilion, orchards and medicinal gardens, rainwater harvesting ponds, solar theme park, energy park, sacred grove theme parks, etc in TKM.

Visit to Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park

On August 23, 2024, the Department of Environmental Science organised a field visit to Sir M Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park, Jayanagar. Guided tours, presentations, and demonstrations of 26 rainwater harvesting models highlighted the importance of water conservation and sustainable practices. Students explored harvesting techniques, water measuring tools, and crop water requirements, concluding with a short film on rainwater harvesting. The informative visit inspired students to advocate for sustainable water management.

Visit to Prestige Technostar

The visit was an exclusive event organised by Prestige Group. Held on March 15, 2025 at 9:30 am at Prestige Technostar, Doddanakundi Industrial Area 2, Phase 1, Brookefield, Bengaluru, the event featured an insightful session on Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). Experts highlighted Prestige Group's unwavering commitment to sustainable practices, emphasising workplace safety, environmental responsibility, and compliance with global EHS standards. The session underscored how Prestige integrates safety and environmental consciousness into every aspect of its operations, ensuring a greener and safer future.

The Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST)

Located in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, the field visit to ISWT was organised on February 17, 2025. The visit focused on advancements in wood science, sustainable forestry practices, and innovative wood-based technologies. Experts from the industry, researchers, and policymakers discussed emerging trends in timber utilisation, biodiversity conservation, and eco-friendly alternatives. The visit aimed at fostering collaboration between academia and industry while promoting sustainable management of forest resources. Attendees gained insights into innovative approaches to enhance the environmental and economic value of wood-based products.

Education Tours

Hospete, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka

The department conducted a three-day tour from September 14-16, 2024, to Vijayanagara District that offered a profound perspective on environmental challenges and conservation strategies. Day one featured a visit to a local temple, blending cultural heritage with environmental adaptability. Day two explored Hampi's unique architecture, ancient water systems, and human-nature dynamics. Day three focused on MSPL's mining site, showcasing sustainable mining practices, rehabilitation techniques. The experience highlighted the synergy of history, culture, and science in environmental management

Indian Institute of Oceanography and John Paul Distillery, Goa

Educational tour to Goa was successfully organised on March 20-21, 2025. During the tour, students studied Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) , and the bioremediation of marine ecosystems. Students also visited key coastal sites and research centers, gaining practical insights into marine conservation techniques and sustainable practices. This experience provided valuable exposure to real-world applications of Environmental Science and Sustainability.

Colloquium

Climate Change, Its Impact on Agriculture and Food Security in Karnataka

The Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), in collaboration with Janna Shikshan Trust, organised a seminar at Souharda Auditorium, CSI Compound, Sampangi Rama Nagar Bengaluru, on December 20, 2024 The seminar aimed to bring together policymakers, researchers, environmentalists, and farmers to discuss the adverse effects of climate change, such as unpredictable monsoon patterns, rising temperatures, and soil degradation, which significantly impact agricultural productivity and food security in Karnataka. The session explored sustainable farming practices, climate-resilient crop varieties, and the role of technology in mitigating the impact of climate change. Students witnessed Dr Madhura Swaminathan, daughter of MS Swaminathan as she talked about the role of women in the agricultural sector and issues faced by small farmers in the country.



At the Moulana Azad Model School

Awareness Activity

Solid Waste Management Awareness Campaign
Swachh Survekshan—a Solid Waste Management Awareness Campaign was organised by the Department of Environmental Science in association with Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd on March 18, 2025 where students near the PG block and the Banyan tree eagerly noted the steps to segregate waste. A QR code was sent across all the groups of University to give feedback on separation of waste in Bengaluru.

EARTHLINGS ASSOCIATION

Reviving Roots
On August 9, 2024, Earthlings hosted its Investiture Ceremony and launched the first activity, "Reviving Roots: Climate Resilience through Agrobiodiversity". 12 new members were inducted, and leadership roles were established. Mr Arkesh K Shenoy, the guest speaker, discussed the importance of agrobiodiversity in climate resilience and the preservation of native crops. The event successfully enhanced environmental awareness, expanded membership, and emphasised sustainable agricultural practices. He also shared his experience on Cop 28.

International Day for Preservation of The Ozone Between September 22-28, 2024, the Department of Environmental Science celebrated the "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer" under the theme "Advancing Climate Action." Earthlings organised engaging events, including meme-making, quizzes, essay writing, short films, and photography competitions. These activities highlighted the significance of the ozone layer, climate change impacts, and the importance of global efforts like the Montreal Protocol.

Waste Management awareness programme
On August 18, 2024, Earthlings organised a waste management awareness programme during Elixir. The event focused on educating the campus community about waste segregation, recycling, and composting. Students displayed engaging posters and memes to raise awareness, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility. The initiative successfully promoted sustainable practices, with active participation from students, staff, and volunteers.

SEASONAL NATURE CLUB (SNC)
SNC conducted a week-long programme to identify and appreciate students' creativity and skills, providing them with a platform to explore various artistic expressions. Leaf painting was one of the highlights, where students enthusiastically showcased their talents, blending vibrant colors with intricate designs. Their imaginative work reflected a deep appreciation for nature and creativity. The event also included interactive sessions where participants exchanged ideas and techniques, fostering a spirit of collaboration and learning. The overwhelming response and active participation made the programme a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Student showcasing talent on leaf painting
The Movie Marathon was conducted, featuring a series of short films on nature that captivated the audience and highlighted pressing environmental issues. The films explored themes such as biodiversity conservation, climate change, and sustainable living, sparking meaningful discussions among the students. Several renowned environmental documentaries were also showcased, providing deeper insights into global ecological challenges. The interactive sessions following the screenings allowed students to share their thoughts, enhancing their critical thinking and analytical skills. Overall, the event not only entertained but also inspired students to take proactive steps toward environmental stewardship.



Activities of the Seasonal Nature Club

Department of BOTANY

Established in 1954, the Department of Botany was once led by the esteemed Late Rev Fr Dr Cecil J. Saldanha, whose legacy continues to inspire. Since the introduction of NEP 2021, the department offers five UG programmes, one PG programme, and a PhD. It mandates short-term projects for PG students and provides specialisation in Advanced Plant Physiology, Plant Tissue Culture, Plant Systematics, and Microbiology, along with annual educational plant collection tours. The department fosters a strong research culture, encouraging students to present at conferences and publish papers. Recognised guides, including retired faculty, have overseen over 32 PhD degrees. The department maintains a greenhouse for research and has procured instruments and renovated labs with funds from DBT (Star College Status), FIST, and CE grants. The Research Centre continues to guide doctoral students, contributing significantly to academic excellence.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Vaishnavi M

Published an article in Frontiers in Health Informatics Raghavendra Rao, N G, Yadav, R, Negi, S, M Vaishanvi, Pathak, P, Chaturvedi, H, Rawal, R, & Kumar, A (2024) "Ethosomal delivery systems for beta-sitosterol: Formulation and stability studies for dermatological applications". Frontiers in Health Informatics, 13(8), 355–366.

Dr A Stephen

Appointed as External Examiner: For PhD in Conservation of Natural Resources by Research Candidate Ms M Sathya Sangeetha' dissertation entitled, "Impact of Root Harvest on the Population Status, Survival, Yield and Reproduction of the Woody Climber Decalepishamiltonii Wight & Arn. in Savandurga Reserve Forest, Karnataka, India" from Faculty, Conservation of Natural Resources, The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology, Bengaluru - 560064. The Letter dated and received on 08th August 2024. The Viva Voce examination was held on December 18, 2024.

Appointed as External Member for Board of Studies (BOS) Undergraduates and postgraduate, Department of Botany Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women Autonomous, Bengaluru-560 012.

Popular publication Stephen, A 2025. TavaramArivom. Arivukkan, India (in Tamil).

Dr Neelam Mishra

Published an article in Tropical Plant Biology. Bhattacharjee, S, Paul, A, Jana, A R, Deepak, Meher Unnati, G, Li, W, Chatterjee, A, Lin C, Shen, G, Mishra, N "Genome Wide Identification, Expression Profiles and Regulatory Network Analysis of SOS Group of Genes in Camellia Sinensis." Tropical Plant Biol 18, 42 (2025).



At Celosia, the intercollege Botany fest

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

The Botanical Society organised multiple academic events in 2024-25, featuring distinguished experts.The inaugural ceremony on August 17, 2024, at De Nobili Hall included a guest talk by Dr Nagesh Hegde, an IITian, science journalist, and author, on "The Botany of New Desire. On January 25, 2025, in observance of International Environmental Education Day and International Day of Clean Energy, two guest talks were held at the AV Room, PG Block. Dr Balakrishna Gowda, retired professor (GKVK,

UAS Bangalore), discussed "Sustainable Green Energy Options for India," while Dr Anusha Krishnan, science writer and editor, presented "Exploring Microcosms: Figs and Fig Wasps."

Industrial visit

The MSc Botany students of St Joseph's University participated in two industrial visits in August 2024, gaining practical insights into seed technology, horticulture, and plant breeding techniques. On August 13, 2024, 21 Junior MSc Botany students visited Indo-American Hybrid Seeds (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, accompanied by Dr Paramesha M They explored the company's history, management, and hybrid seed production, learning about Mendelian genetics, seed viability, and purity testing. The visit also included equipment chambers, nurseries, propagating structures, rainwater harvesting units, and tools used in plant breeding and propagation.



The guest lecture by Dr Sowmya T N

On August 27, 2024, the same group visited ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bengaluru, guided by Dr Vaishnavi M, Dr Paramesha M, and Dr Martin Paul. The visit covered banana and potato culture, plant tissue culture lab, genetics lab, fungi/mushroom culture department, electron microscopy, cryopreservation center, and nurseries. Students gained hands-on experience with plant breeding tools, propagation techniques, greenhouse systems, and growing media. Both visits provided invaluable industry exposure, reinforcing theoretical knowledge through practical applications, enhancing students' understanding of advanced botanical research and horticultural innovations.

CELOSIA: Intercollegiate Fest

The Council for Molecular and Computational Biology, under the Botany Department of St Joseph's University, successfully organised the intercollegiate fest, CELOSIA, on January 22, 2025. The event celebrated academic excellence, cultural talent, and intercollegiate camaraderie.The inaugural ceremony, held at 9:00 am, featured esteemed guests Dr VR Sunil Desai, Chairman and Founder of ComBett, and Mr Jagadishwar Sukumar, a renowned Bharatanatyam dancer, actor, and musician. Their presence added prestige to the event, setting a vibrant tone for the day's activities. Despite invitations to multiple colleges, only Mount Carmel College participated, as many institutions had preparatory exams. However, enthusiasm remained high, and participants engaged actively in 12 diverse events that encouraged creativity, teamwork, and knowledge-sharing across both academic and cultural domains.The competitions witnessed remarkable performances, with St Joseph's University winning the overall trophy and Mount Carmel College securing two prizes.The valedictory ceremony marked the conclusion of CELOSIA, where winners received certificates, cash prizes, and gifts, while all participants were honored with certificates of appreciation. The fest fostered intellectual and artistic exchange, leaving a lasting impact despite the limited participation.

Education Tour

The MSc Botany students undertook a four-day botanical field study tour to Chikmagalur from September 28 to October 1, 2024. The tour focused on studying plants in their natural habitats, exploring various ecosystems, and understanding plant distribution.Students visited Manjarabad Fort, Mudigere, and the Central Coffee Research Institute, where they learned about ongoing research and internship opportunities. They explored freshwater ecosystems, shola forests, and evergreen forests and, under the guidance of a forest range officer, visited reserve forest areas at Byrapura and Devaramane Betta. Additionally, students attended the International Coffee Day celebration at the Coffee Museum, hosted by the Coffee Board of India. They collected and documented plant specimens using proper preservation techniques. The tour was guided

by faculty members Ms Poonam R Ahuja, Dr Vaishnavi M, Dr Paramesha M, Dr A Stephen, and lab assistants Mr Abraham and Mr Joshva.

International Environmental Education Day 2025

In commemoration of the 'International Environmental Education Day 2025' and 'International Day of Clean Energy 2025', the Botanical Society has organised two guest talks on January 25, 2025, in the AV Room, PG Block. The resource person for the first talk was Dr Balakrishna Gowda, Rtd Professor, GKVK, UAS Bangalore, Member of Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board, who delivered a talk on 'Sustainable green energy options for India.' The resource person for the second talk was Dr Anusha Krishnan, Science writer, Editor, and Associate Manager at MedInscribe, BioQuest Solutions, Bangalore, who delivered a talk on 'Exploring microcosms: Figs and fig wasps.'

A lecture on phytotherapeutics

CMCB organised an guest lecture on March 1, 2025, at 11:00 am in the AV Room, PG Block. The person for the lecture was Dr Sowmya T N from the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education, Mysuru. She delivered a compelling talk on "Phytotherapeutics: A Bioguided Approach for Antimicrobial Drug Discovery." Dr Sowmya TN elaborated on the significance of plant-based therapeutic agents in combating microbial infections and how bioguided drug discovery approaches are revolutionising the field of antimicrobial research.

MSc students at seminar with Dr Sowmya TN

Valedictory Ceremony of the CMCB Association CMCB in association with the Department of Botany, School of Life Sciences conducted its Valedictory Ceremony on March 22, 2025, at 11:00 am in the Staff Seminar Hall. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Suresha L co-founder of Vilcart.in, who delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Rise and Grind – The Entrepreneur's Path to Success." His speech provided valuable perspectives on entrepreneurship, perseverance, and the key steps to success in the business world. The event was coordinated by Dr Jayarama Reddy and Ms Grace Leena Crasta. This event marked a fitting conclusion to the academic and research activities of the CMCB association for the year, inspiring students to pursue excellence in their respective fields.



The valedictory ceremony of the Council for Molecular & Computational Biology

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Department of COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce at St Joseph's University provides an enabling environment to help its students stand out both academically and in shaping them into an overall balanced personality, both in terms of the University's vision and today's competitive environment. Since its commencement, the Department has continuously evolved, offering diverse programmes in the field of business studies. The Department aims at a holistic and integral formation of its students, fostering in them a spirit of academic excellence, character formation, and social concern, shaping them to become "men and women" for others. The Department strives to equip its students with the skills required to face the challenges of a dynamic business world.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Publications

Ms Jayalakshmi KU co-authored a book chapter with Rahul, V, PB Rao, Anto S, Muthamma BU, and Shimna J (2024). Sustainable architecture as a catalyst for eco tourism. Advances in hospitality, tourism and the services industry (AHTSI) book series, 331–362.

Mr Pradeep P published "DIGITAL ALCHEMY - " TURNING IDEAS INTO INNOVATION "in Bridging Human and Machine Intelligence: Cobots in The Era Of Industry 5.0.

Ms Sana Begum M co-authored a paper with Srinath T. (2024). Understanding Behavioural Biases in Investment Decision-Making: Key Drivers and Implications. ShodhKosh Journal of Visual and Performing Arts, 5(6).

Dr Hariharan R, Dr Padma Nandanan K and Dr Sayantani Bannerjee published "Causes of Rural–Urban Migration in India with Special Reference to Metropolitan Cities: Structural Equation Modelling Approach" in Anticipating Future Business Trends: Navigating Artificial Intelligence Innovations.

Dr Hariharan R and Dr Padma Nandanan K published "Harnessing IoT for socio-economic data intelligence" inBio-Inspired Data-driven Distributed Energy in Robotics and Enabling Technologies.

Patents Awarded

Mr Manoj Prabhakar M was awarded a patent for Financial Literacy Training Device. Intellectual Property India, (2024, May 29).

Ms Jayalakshmi KU was awarded a patent for AI-Enabled Remote Locking System with Dual Access Control for Godowns (202441088892A)

International Funding Project

Dr Christo Selvan contributed as co-researcher and data analyst for "Scaling Decarbonisation Interventions in Malaysian Hospitals: Towards Revenue Enhancement through Carbon Savings" an international project worth RM 25,000 funded by UCSI REIG, Malaysia.

Invitation as Resource Person

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as a resource person and delivered a lecture on "The evolving skill set required for future analytics professionals" during a National Conference at Vellalar College for Women, Erode, on September 19, 2024.

Dr Christo Selvan served in the Board of Studies at Kongu Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Erode, Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Coimbatore, Dr NGP Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Coimbatore, and T John College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Panel Speaker at Shimandhar Education's "GCC Talent Connect: Bridging India's Skill Future" on December 7, 2024.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Guest Speaker at St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College, and delivered a lecture on "Career Guidance for PuC

Students", August 17, 2024.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Chief Guest and Speaker, NPR College of Arts and Science, and delivered a lecture on "SWOT Analysis of Emerging Innovation & Technology in Business" on August 29, 2024.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Panel Speaker at SJCC, and spoke on "Role of Future Accountants in the Era of Digital Transformation" on January 16, 2025.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Guest Speaker at Bishop Cotton Girls Degree College, and spoke on "Research Methodology" on February 8, 2025.

Dr Christo Selvan was invited as Chief Guest, Mega International School Sports Day EPLICLATHON 2024 on December 21, 2024.

Dr Christo Selvan served as a Guest Speaker for a career guidance programme organised by the Karnataka Central Diocese at Holy Trinity Church, Bengaluru, on March 2, 2025.

Ms Jayalakshmi acted as peer reviewer for IGI-Global and Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting.

Mr Samrat Das acted as peer reviewer for Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics.

Awards and Recongitions

Dr Christo Selvan was honoured with the International Award for 'Excellence in Academia' by Miles Education, Mumbai.

Dr Christo Selvan was appointed as a member of the Scientific and Programme Council for the 5th International Scientific-Research-Practical Conference Jointly organised by University of Lodz, Poland, Center for Scientific and Research Cooperation: Poland-Ukraine, and Association of Polish Scientists of Lithuania on November 19, 2024.

Ms Ashitha was awarded Best YRC Programme Officer 2024 by Indian Red Cross Society, Dakshina Kanara District and Mangaluru University.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Sports Achievements

Shreeshma Bollamma (I IFA) secured the Runner-Up position in Hockey at Muddanada Hockey Tournament, an Inter-College competition organised by Lakeview Paradise Hockey on January 5, 2025.

Srimanth P Swamy (II BCOM) secured First Place in the Udaan tournament, organised by Presidency University on February 18-20, 2025. He also secured Second Place in the CPL tournament organised by Jain CMS University on March 3-6, 2025.

Gaurav Gopal (II BCOM) secured Second Place in the Spiel tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 10, 2025.

Roshini Philips (II BCOM) secured Second Place in the Khel tournament, organised by Mount Carmel College on February 3-5, 2025. She also secured Second Place at Sphygmus, organised by Jyothi Nivas College on February 20-21, 2025.

Rashmi A (I BCOM) was Runners up at Sphygmus, organised by Jyothi Nivas College on February 20-21, 2025.

Tejaswini K R (I BCOM) was Runners up at Sphygmus, organised by Jyothi Nivas College on February 20-21, 2025.

Aishwarya SU (I BCOM) secured Second Place at the Khel tournament, organised by Mount Carmel College on February 3-5, 2025.

Kavyashree (II BCOM) secured Best Player Award in Throw Ball (Women) at Khel Tournament organised by Mount Carmel College on February 3-5, 2025

Paper presentations

Mr Eshwar Balaji VN (II MCom) and Ms Sindhu J (II MCom) of MCom presented a paper during the International conference on sustainable future organised by Sri Ramkrishna College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) on December 12, 2024 and secured 1st - Best Paper Award in International level.

Ms Ruth Mary Joseph (II Mcom) Mr L Sanjay (231COM40) of MCom presented a paper during the International conference on sustainable future organised by Sri Ramkrishna College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) on December 12, 2024, and secured third - Best Paper Award in International level.

Ms Kusuma J (II MCom) presented a paper at the International conference on sustainable future.

Mr Aravind M (II MCom) presented a paper at the International conference on sustainable future.

Ms Shalini N (II MCom) presented a paper at the International conference on sustainable future.

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

Ms Sharo (II MCom) has presented a paper titled "The Impact of Social Isolation in remote work on work-life balance and employee well-being in Bangalore" in the one day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.



A workshop on research skills for MCom students

Ms Subhiksha N (II MCom) has presented a paper titled "Navigating the digital landscape innovative strategies in Modem digital Marketing" in the one-day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ms Praveena NV (II MCom) has presented a paper titled "A study on cross cultural management in an organisation" in the one-day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ms Agalya (II MCom) has presented a paper titled "The study on addressing socio economic challenges in Sindagi village" in the one-day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ms Shashwathi JS (II MCom) has presented a Paper titled "Exploring the Interplay between work life balance and career development" in the one day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ms Thainmuli P (II MCom) has presented a paper titled "A study on the role of corporate social responsibility in promoting environmental sustainability" in the one day National Conference on "Circular Economy: Redefining Sustainability" held on September 12, 2024, by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS & EVENTS

Corporate Connect

Ms Shrawani Mukherjee conducted a session on September 12, 2004, focusing on preparing students for their upcoming interviews. The session began with introductory remarks, on the learning outcomes of the session. The session covered the different stages and types of interviews, as well as essential preparation areas. It included tips on effective communication during group discussions and interviews. An activity was conducted to highlight the gap between student expectations and the reality of interviews. Students learned strategies for handling tough questions and how to use their weaknesses to address challenges in both interviews and real life. The session also emphasised cultivating a growth mindset and understanding that interviews are a two-way process. It was stressed that candidates should know how they are being evaluated and learn about the organisation or interviewer to make more informed decisions. Overall, it provided valuable insights into interview preparation and

self-development.

Industrial Visit to HAL Aerospace Museum, Income Tax Office and Bangalore Palace

On January 31, 2025, MCom students from St Joseph's University visited three Bengaluru sites. At HAL Aerospace Museum, they explored aircraft models, simulators, and India's aerospace advancements. Next, they observed operational functions at the Income Tax Office and its various departments. The final stop, Bengaluru Palace, hosted 15 students and Dr Sayantani Banerjee at 2:00 pm. Built in 1878 by Chamaraja Wadiyar, the Tudor-style palace, inspired by Windsor Castle, boasts intricate carvings, stained-glass, and royal artifacts. A cultural hub for concerts and exhibitions, it enriched the visit by blending heritage with learning.

Industrial Visit to Welcomehotel by ITC, Bengaluru

On March 10–11, 2025, BCom Final Year Accounts & Taxation students (Shift 1 and 2) explored luxury hospitality operations at Welcomehotel Bengaluru. Organised by Dr Christo Selvan, Dr Fathima Farzana, and Ms Maha Shriesha V, the visit included tours of amenities, glass-bottle hygiene processes, kitchen stations (grill, pastry etc.), K by Kaya Kalp Spa (with fitness facilities), Welcome Cafe Jacaranda, and the Mahjong Room's cultural themes. Insights into budgeting and revenue strategies were gained through a Q&A with the Assistant Finance Manager. The Cubbon Suite showcased luxury accommodations, and the visit concluded with a photography session. Special thanks to Col K C Menon for coordination support.

External Facilitator Session

On January 22, 2025, Mr Sunil Muralidharan, Vice President of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), led an interactive session for first-year BCom Industry Integrated students. The talk highlighted his corporate journey, including his Six Sigma Black Belt certification and MBA Level 2 qualification. He elaborated on TCS's operations, career growth strategies, and the application of six Sigma methodologies to optimise business efficiency. Emphasising adaptability, lifelong learning, and strategic decision-making, Sunil underscored his achievements in process improvement and quality management. The session provided students with insights into leadership, corporate excellence, and overcoming challenges in competitive industries. His experiences served as a motivational guide for aspiring professionals, concluding with key takeaways on resilience and



Mr Sunil Muralidharan at his lecture

career success.

Orientation for ACCA Program

On July 11, 2024, an orientation session for the ACCA programme was conducted by the International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC) for the 2024-27 IFA batch at St Joseph's University (Shift 3). Led by Ms Raji Rajan, the session covered the ACCA curriculum, registration, exempted papers, fee structure, and programme benefits. Students' queries on exams, internships, and career paths were addressed, providing clarity and confidence for their ACCA journey.

Investor Awareness Programme

On September 12, 2023, the Department of Commerce conducted a corporate Connect Workshop titled "Investor Awareness Programme" for BCom and MCom students. led by SEBI Trainer Dr Chitra C N from NSDL, the session covered investment strategies, market operations, and financial principles like compounding, diversification, and long-term planning. Students gained insights into income types, inflation, and share markets, equipping them with essential knowledge for sound financial decisions.

Industrial visit to Bench Mark Tea Factory and Chocolate Factory

On September 29-30, 2024, 33 students from MCom, accompanied by Ms Jayalakshmi KU

and Mr Leyander Lobo, visited Bench Mark Tea Factory and a Chocolate Factory in Ooty. Students gained hands-on insights into tea and chocolate production processes, including plucking, oxidation, grading, and modern machinery usage. Interactive sessions covered industry challenges like climate impact and market competition. Highlights included a tea tasting, cocoa sourcing, and discussions on economic contributions. These visits provided practical learning and valuable exposure to the tea and chocolate industries, blending education with real-world industrial insights.

Industrial visit to KMF Nandini Mega Dairy

On October 9, 2024, 48 students from BCom, the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University, accompanied by faculty members Dr Senthil B and Mr Shashank S, visited the KMF/ Nandini Mega Dairy in Malavalli, Kanakapura Road. The visit provided insights into milk processing, quality control, and supply chain operations. Students toured the facility, interacted with staff, and received goodie bags, making it a memorable experience that blended practical learning with thoughtful hospitality.

Discover: Workshop on Research Skills for MCom Students

On October 14, 2024, the Commerce Department organised a one-day workshop titled "Discover" in De Nobili Hall to equip MCom students with foundational research skills. Facilitated by Mr Samrat Das and Ms Sreelakshmi, the workshop featured guest speakers Dr Joshua Selvakumar and Dr Manikandan M K M from Christ University. Topics included literature reviews, research methodologies, and topic selection. Interactive sessions and expert insights prepared students for advanced research in academia and industry.

Business Espresso 4.0

On December 12, 2024, the Department of Commerce hosted Business Espresso 4.0 at St Joseph's University, featuring Ms Priyanka Bonick Bhatnagar, a renowned investor and entrepreneur, as the guest speaker. A graduate of IIM Bangalore and a Chartered Accountant, Ms Priyanka, the director of KBrands Hospitality Pvt Ltd, plans to create a "house of brands" for specialist cuisines in India. In her talk, Ms Priyanka shared valuable insights from her personal journey, highlighting resilience, hands-on management, learning from failure and emphasising the transformative power of education and practical experience. While not shying away from controversial topics such as surrogate advertising and decision-making without ego. Ms Priyanka's dual perspective as a consumer and business owner highlighted her expertise in enhancing operations. The session left participants inspired with practical knowledge on work-life balance and career development.

Tharang 24: Intra-University Event

Tharang 24, the much-awaited Intra-University commerce event, brought together 398 talented



Commerce students at the Industrial visit to ITC

students to demonstrate their business skills and competitive spirit. The event was inaugurated by Ms Srividya Puppala, CEO of ENSCONCE, alongside key university faculty members. Following the formalities, the competition officially began by featuring a variety of commerce and cultural events, such as Best Manager, Marketing, Mock Stock Finance, Entrepreneurial Development, HR+PR, Group Singing, Group Dance, Corporate Fashion Walk, and Josephites Got Talent. These events tested students' knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills across finance, marketing, HR, and entrepreneurship. Ultimately, III BCom BPS emerged as the overall winners, demonstrating exceptional skills and teamwork.

Session With ACCA Affiliates

In June 2024, ACCA affiliates from St Joseph's University addressed first and second-year BCom IFA students, covering key strategies for successful exam preparation. They emphasised the importance of creating a strict study timetable, dedicating consistent daily study hours tailored to personal learning speeds. The ACCA Hub was recommended for acquiring technical knowledge and understanding practical aspects of the exams. Speakers noted the importance of completing ACCA papers before starting a job to avoid stress and distractions. Top scorers shared tips on time management, deep understanding of material, and regular practice. Effective exam preparation strategies, including reviewing past papers and focusing on weak areas, while



Students of MCom at the Income Tax office



Industrial visit to Bench Mark Tea Factory, Ooty

maintaining motivation through goal-setting and self-rewards, were discussed. Attendees were encouraged to take breaks, stay active, and seek support when needed to balance study pressures and mental health.

Finance Club – Guest Lecture

On August 29, 2024, Mr Bhawarlal Sutar was invited as a guest speaker for the finance club, offering valuable insights into finance. He shared real-world examples from his experience, elaborating the difference between investing and trading, and emphasised the importance of long-term investment in building wealth. Mr Sutar also discussed market performance over the past few decades, giving a realistic view of how stock markets operate over time. The event included various sessions on key financial topics such as financial literacy, investment strategies, personal finance management, risk assessment, and budgeting. Attendees participated in Q&A sessions and interactive discussions, deepening their understanding of financial planning and decision-making. The event highlighted the critical role of financial education and was well-received by a diverse audience keen to improve their financial knowledge.

Emporio 2025

Emporio 2025, the much-awaited national-level Inter-Collegiate commerce fest themed Game of Thrones. took place on January 20-21 at St Joseph's University. The event saw fierce competition, strategy, and innovation, with over 200 participants nationwide. The inauguration was graced by Chief Guest Mr Anand Raj BSN, founder of Eat Raja, alongside esteemed faculty members. The fest featured dynamic events such as Best Manager, Marketing, Mock Stock Finance, Entrepreneurial Development, HR+PR, and the Corporate Fashion Walk, allowing students to showcase their skills and creativity.

The competitions extended seamlessly into the second day, concluding with the Valedictory Ceremony, where Christ University Central Campus was crowned overall champions, followed by Christ University Kengeri Campus as runners-up. Emporio 2025 was a grand success, thanks to the dedication of teachers, organisers, participants, and volunteers, making it a truly memorable event organised by Dr Hariharan R, Ms Thejaswini and Ms Lakshmi.



Ms Priyanka Bonick Bhatnagar at Business Espresso 4.0

Career Paths in Finance and Accounting

The Career Paths in Finance and Accounting session on August 8, 2024, guided students in professional development, highlighting communication as an undervalued skill and stressing strong subject knowledge. Discussions covered career goals, networking, and sectors like consulting and corporate. The critical role of the first five post-graduation years was emphasised, along with opportunities in emerging fields such as IT, start-ups, and e-gaming. AI and automation's impact on finance was explored, underscoring automation as an efficiency tool while retaining human-led tasks like reporting. Key subcategories—controllership, financial planning, and auditing—were addressed. The second segment focused on goal-setting, leveraging technology for planning, and excelling in placements through analytical skills, attention to detail, and problem-solving. The session concluded by advocating proactivity, communication, teamwork, and seizing opportunities for career advancement.



The School of Business at Emproio 2025, the national intercollegiate Commerce fest

Department of MANAGEMENT

The Department of Management, under the School of Business, has been training and developing future entrepreneurs since the year 2019. The Department has two major programmes namely the regular BBA programme and BBA Strategic Finance, a programme embedded with Certified Management Accountant (CMA) programme. The Department has ensured an industry-driven and updated syllabus that constantly evolves according to the present needs of the market. The faculty comprises well-qualified experts in various fields, working on various research projects to further their knowledge about the world of Business.

The Department believes in holistic development and encourages our students to take part in various institution-level and department-level activities as well as participate in intercollegiate events. An association unique to the Department, the Business Association, conducts fests and competitions for the students to upskill them with practical approaches to problem-solving. Students are also encouraged to take part in various social service activities; they are taught to work towards the upliftment of society, working as men and women for others.

Guest lecturers and interactions with entrepreneurs and known leaders are conducted by the Department to give students a more in-depth look at the practical working of the different sectors of Industries. Students are also taken on study tours and industrial visits to bring out in them the spirit of innovation and invention, through a close-up look at the production, and running of business organisations. The Department continuously strives towards creating better leaders and future agents of change.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Award of PhD Degree

Dr Kanishka K was awarded PhD in Management from Kuvempu University for his thesis titled, 'Impact of Digital Marketing on Consumer Buying Behaviour: A Study on Durable and Non-Durable Products in Bengaluru', on October 24, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam was awarded PhD. in Management from Presidency University for his thesis titled, 'Smart Human Augmentation through Artificial Intelligence Tools' Using Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) – An 'Impact Analysis on Performance of IT Employees', Bengaluru, in November 2024.

Publications

Mr Ebenezer Sam co-authored a paper with A Mani, S P Arunkumar, V D Babu, L Hussein and M S Kavitha (2024), 'The Development of Network Management System Design for the Upgraded Optimisation of 5G Network', 4th International Conference on Advance Computing and Innovative Technologies in Engineering (ICACITE), pp. 413-417.

Mr Ebenezer Sam co-authored a paper with Ganesh Babu M (2024), "Fostering Enterpreneurship: A Study on Retail Startups in Bangalore." bpasjournals.com.

Mr Ebenezer Sam co-authored a paper with Ganesh Babu M (2024), "A study on financial support system for start-ups in Bangalore City." bpasjournals.com.

Dr S Amudhan and Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a Scopus-indexed book chapter titled "Causes of Rural–Urban Migration in India with Special Reference to Metropolitan Cities: Structural Equation Modeling Approach" in Anticipating Future Business Trends: Navigating Artificial Intelligence 'Innovations from Springer', ISBN: 978-3-031-63402-4, 2024.

Dr S Amudhan published a Scopus-indexed book chapter titled "Beyond City Limits: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Media in Rural Karnataka: A Structural Equation Model Analysis" in Business Development via AI and Digitilisation from Springer, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a paper, "Emotional Intelligence on Psychological Wellness of Women IT Professionals, Bengaluru: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach". in Journal of Informatics Education and Research an ABDC indexed journal, 4 (1), 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a paper, "Catalysts and Constraints: A Comprehensive Review of G20 Countries' Performance in Financial Stability, Climate Change Mitigation, and Sustainable Development (2023)", in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, a Scopus indexed Journal / Conference Proceedings, 1375, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a paper, "IoT Enabled Smart Homes in Tropical Regions as a Means of Sustainable Development", in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, a Scopus indexed Journal/Conference Proceedings, 1315, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a paper, "Understanding AI Adoption: The Mediating Role of Attitude in User Acceptance", in Journal of Informatics Education and Research an ABDC indexed journal, 4 (2), 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam published a paper, "Enhancing disaster management effectiveness: An integrated analysis of key factors and practical strategies through Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) and Scopus Data Text Mining", in Geohazard Mechanics Journal, 2 (2), 2024.

Dr T Mahesh Babu published an edited book chapter titled, "Mapping the knowledge domain of machine learning methods in performance evaluation at IGI global publishing house."

Dr Rizwana Khanum published a Scopus-indexed paper titled, "Impact of Financial Literacy, Financial Well-Being and Financial Experience on Online Stock Trading Investment Behaviour—An Empirical Study".

Invitation as Resource Person

Mr Ebenezer Sam served as a resource person at St Joseph's Institute of Management, delivering a session on "Forming Men and Women for and with others" on September 24, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam served as a resource person in a one-week workshop on "SPSS and AMOS" from July 8 to 13, 2024, organised by Anthropic Center of Languages and Social Science (ACLSS), VIT-AP, Andhra Pradesh.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam served as a resource person in a 7-day National level Professional Development Programme on "Harnessing AI and SPSS Integration for Advanced Research Writing" from September 9 to 17, 2024, organised by Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Vadapalani City Campus, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam served as a resource person in a 5-day national workshop on "Research Methodology" from September 17 to 21, 2024, organised by Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam served as a resource person for a workshop on "Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) Using IBM AMOS" organised by Central University of Tamil Nadu - Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management on November 15, 2024.

Dr Kanishka K served as a resource person to facilitate a seminar on "Personality Matters: Shaping Your Future with Employability Skills" at Intuition's Innovation Council & Department of Commerce, St Paul's College, Bengaluru, on September 3, 2024.

Dr Kanishka K served as a resource person and delivered a talk on "Fintech and AI" and acted as Moderator for a Panel Discussion Session as a part of National Conference conducted by the Department of Commerce, Christ College, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, on January 6, 2025.

Dr Kanishka K served as a resource person and delivered a talk on "Impact of FINTECH on Leveraging Business Outcomes" at Post-Graduate Department of Commerce, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College on January 15, 2025.

Dr Kanishka K was invited as Academic External Expert by IQAC, St Paul's College, Bangalore on

August 1, 2024, to offer inputs on NAAC, AQAR and NIR.
Dr T Mahesh Babu served as a resource person in a 5-day national workshop on "Research Methodology" from September 17 to 21, 2024, organised by Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh.

Ms Archana A cleared UGC NET – Assistant Professor and Admission to PhD.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Spurthi V (I BBA), Ms Merysbell S Jose (I BBA), Ms Tara Clare (I BBA) presented a research paper on, "Climate Change and Its Impacts on Marine Ecosystem", at a National Online Student Seminar organised by Polinexus in December 2024.

Mr Prajwal Thenginkai (III BBA D) was the only Air Wing Cadet in the entire country to represent Indian Delegation as an Indian Youth Ambassador to Vietnam. He also secured the Gold medal in Best Cadet Competition at Republic Day Camp 2024, awarded by the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi.

Mr Arman Kumar Sah (III BBA D) won Cricket Matches at Manipal University and participated in the South Zone Cricket Tournament (Chennai).

Tejas Varma G (I BBA) won Gold Medal in State Kickboxing Championship, Mysuru.

Yashaswini P (I BBA) won Bronze Medal in Asian ITF Taekwon-do Championship, Bengaluru.

Leonel Andre Prabhakar (I BBA) represented Karnataka in U-19 Zonal Cricket Tournament, Bengaluru.

Gagan Rao S (I BBA) represented the Karnataka U-19 Cricket Team in their Tour of Nepal.

Akshay Ajay Kamath (I BBA C) scored a double century at the YS Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy organised by the Karnataka Cricket Association Club on September 22, 2024.

John Denzil (I BBA) got first place for council wars at Dhwani '25 held at SJCC on February 1.



During a session of the Professional Interaface Forum

Shivangi P (II BBA) got first place in badminton during JEET '25 Sports Fest, held at RV University from March 1 to 2, 2025

Sayee (II BBA) finished as runners up in badminton at SJCC on February 10, 2025, and won first place for badminton at JEET'25 Sports Fest, held at RV University from March 1 to 2, 2025

Arockia Sprenzia was a Delegate at Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR-2024), Harvard University

Akash Sharma B (I BBA C) has secured first place in Kabaddi organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Victor (III BBA C) has secured second place in HOOPSTERS Basketball Tournament conducted at Symbiosis Center for Management Studies.

DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS & EVENTS

CMA Orientation Session
The Department of Management, in collaboration with Miles Education, conducted a CMA Orientation Session for 50 first-semester BBA SF (Shift 1) students on July 16, 2024, at A207. Speakers, Mr Uttam Pai Umesh (CPA, AVP at Miles Education) and Ms Alka Kothari (CA, CMA, CPA) addressed the curriculum, exam structure, global recognition, and career benefits of the CMA certification. Mr Umesh emphasised career advancement and exam preparation support, while Ms Kothari discussed industry trends, practical applications of CMA skills, and professional development. Students actively engaged with insightful questions, gaining

clarity on career pathways and the certification's relevance. Coordinated by Ms Greeshma Francis, the session successfully aligned academic goals with industry demands, highlighting the CMA program's role in fostering global market readiness.

Professional Interface Forum: Career Mastery
Department of Management organised the Professional Interface Forum, Career Mastery, on July 19, 2024. The event was coordinated by Ms Jhanavi N and the guest speaker invited for the talk was Mr Varun Ramachandran, Assistant Director, HR at GDS India. Mr Ramachandran shared insights on digital transformation in finance, industry challenges, and best practices. His engaging session bridged classroom theory with real-world applications, using relatable examples to simplify complex concepts. Students gained actionable knowledge and left inspired by his expertise and motivational approach.

Industrial Visit: Dairyday Classic Icecreams
The Department of Management at St. Joseph's University organised an industrial visit to Dairy Day Classic Icecreams on July 19, 2024, for 30 first-year BBA SF (Shift III) students. Led by Dr Tadipigari Mahesh Babu, the visit provided practical insights into manufacturing, production, and assembly line management demand-supply patterns, and real-time manufacturing operations. Students observed the processing of premium ice creams and learned about demand-supply dynamics, production timelines, and operational workflows. The session highlighted real-time managerial practices and mass production strategies, aligning classroom theories with industry practices. The visit emphasised assembly line efficiency, multi-process coordination, and plant functionality, offering students real-time experience with the operational and managerial aspects within the company. The event successfully bridged academic concepts with industrial applications, enhancing students' understanding of production systems while fostering an engaging and educational experience.

Regalia 4.0
The Department of Management and Business Association at St Joseph's University hosted Regalia 4.0, a flagship intra-collegiate business fest, on August 22–23, 2024, at the main auditorium. The event, organised by Mr Sathyanarayana R and Dr Tejaswini Bastray, featured 140 participants competing across five events: Gentleman's Gazze (managerial skills), Wall Street Affairs (finance), Gala of Innovation (digital marketing), Great Gatsby (business development), and The Masquerade (corporate fashion). Chief Guest Mr Mohan Hariharan (Cluster Director, Manipal Hospitals) emphasised societal contributions in his keynote, while Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Regina Mathias inspired attendees at the valedictory. The fest concluded with 26 winners (13 winners, 13 runners-up) awarded trophies and certificates, fostering innovation, teamwork, and leadership. Highlights included an investiture ceremony, oath-taking for office bearers, and the 3rd-year BBA A team securing the overall trophy. Regalia 4.0 bridged academia and industry, promoting critical thinking and networking in a collaborative environment.

Professional Interface Forum: Sustainable Finance and Investment Banking
On September 12, 2024, Department of Management hosted a Professional Interface Forum on Sustainable Finance and Investment Banking, organised by Ms Jhanavi N. The guest speaker, Mr Marshal J A Sebastian, with 12+ years of experience shared insights on sustainable finance, investment performance, and industry challenges. He highlighted digital transformation and sustainable investments while connecting theory to practice. The interactive session enriched students' understanding of finance, inspiring them to explore careers in this evolving, impactful field.

Alumni-Student Engagement Session
The Department of Management hosted an Alumni-Student Engagement Session on September 14, 2024, at Xavier Hall, PG Block, for 150 BBA SF students. Alumna Ms Shreya Lakshmi, a Risk & Internal Controls Specialist at ABB, shared her experience pursuing the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification. She detailed the exam structure, career advantages, and effective study strategies, stressing perseverance and preparation. The session offered practical advice on clearing CMA papers, including section-specific tips. Coordinated by Ms Greeshma Francis, the

event connected academic goals with industry expertise, helping students navigate the CMA journey. Attendees gained clarity on exam preparation, reinforcing their readiness for finance careers. The session highlighted the value of alumni mentorship in boosting career confidence and preparedness.



I BBA SF students at Dairy Day Icecreams

Industrial Visit: Rishi FIBC

The Department of Management, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an industrial visit to Rishi FIBC on September 18, 2024, for II BBA C, D, and SF students, led by Dr T Mahesh Babu. Students learned about manufacturing, production processes, demand-supply patterns, and advanced techniques in packaging. The visit provided insights into global supply chains, quality assurance, and career prospects in manufacturing, logistics, and quality control, making it highly informative and inspiring.

Faculty Enrichment Workshop on CMA Curriculum

The Department of Management, in collaboration with Miles Education, conducted a Faculty Enrichment Workshop on the CMA Curriculum from September 17–October 3, 2024. Held daily from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the workshop engaged 17 faculty members. Resource persons Mr Madan M G (CMA, CPA) and Mr Ramadas G K (CMA) provided insights into effective teaching methodologies for the CMA curriculum, covering financial planning, analysis, decision-making, and performance management. Sessions focused on the CMA exam structure, preparation strategies, and aligning classroom instruction with industry standards. Faculty gained practical tools to enhance student readiness for certification. The collaboration with Miles Education reinforced curriculum relevance, equipping participants with updated pedagogical approaches to bridge academic and professional demands in management education.

Synergy 2024

Synergy, organised by the Business Association of St Joseph's University from October 3 to 9, 2024, featured eight events—four open to all (quiz, fashion, Mad Ads, sustainability) and four exclusive to BBA students (HR, marketing, entrepreneurship, Best Manager). Events ran daily from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, with finals and the valedictory ceremony on October 9, 2024. The week fostered competition, creativity, and leadership, making it a memorable experience for all participants.

Seminar on "Current Macroeconomic Indicators of the Indian Economy and the Business"

The Department of Management organised a seminar titled "Current Macroeconomic Indicators of the Indian Economy and the Business" on October 9, 2024, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. Dr S R Keshava, Professor and Chairperson at Bangalore University, addressed 210 first-year BBA students, analysing key indicators like capital expenditure (CAPEX), per capita income, inflation, infrastructure, and job creation. He emphasised infrastructure investment, rising purchasing power, and the role of education in economic stability. The event included a Dean's address and an interactive Q&A session where students discussed macroeconomic trends. Dr Keshava highlighted policy measures for job creation and financial inclusion, linking economic health to business outcomes. Coordinated by Dr Amudhan, the seminar enhanced students' understanding of India's economic dynamics and their implications for sustainable growth.

HR Conclave: Navigating HR Dynamics in the Age of AI

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted its 1st HR Conclave on October 10, 2024, themed "Navigating HR Dynamics in the Age of AI". With more than 850 participants, 18 experts explored AI's impact on HR practices through insightful sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.

Competitions, practical workshops, and engaging talks highlighted innovation, equity, and personal branding. The event fostered academia-industry collaboration, equipping participants with valuable skills to navigate AI-driven HR challenges and opportunities.

HR Conclave Workshop: Branding Oneself for Excellence in Interview

On October 10, 2024, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, held the workshop "Branding Oneself for Excellence in Interviews," led by five experts. Students from BBA programmes learned personal branding, effective communication, professional presentation, and stress management. Activities included mock interviews, feedback, and live hiring demonstrations, equipping participants with skills and confidence for interview success and long-term career growth.



All smiles after a fest

Excel Lens Excel through the Lens of Corporate

The Department of Management's IMA SJU Student Chapter hosted on October 19, 2024, at De Nobili Hall. The event, attended by 100 BBA Strategic Finance students, focused on enhancing Excel proficiency for corporate financial analysis. Dr Amudhan S (Faculty Coordinator) and student leaders organised the programme. Mr Akshay Chopda (IMA Bangalore) introduced the Institute of Management Accountants, while Ms Esha (Talentera Partners) facilitated Mr Sachin Tripathi (Investment Analyst, Jupiter Capital) as the keynote speaker. The workshop included two interactive sessions: foundational Excel training covering formulae, shortcuts, and financial functions (NPV, IRR), and advanced applications like creating financial statements (income statements, balance sheets). Following the felicitation of the guests by Dr Sayantani Banerjee, the event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Anjali Anil Kumar, emphasising practical skills for real-world financial challenges.

Industry-Academia Talk Series-1: Insight into Production Management

On December 18, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted the 'Industry-Academia Talk Series,' featuring a guest lecture by Dr P Mohan Kumar from Reva University. The session focused on Production and Operations Management (POM), emphasising resource optimisation, supply chain integration, technology, quality management, data-driven decisions, and sustainability. It provided practical insights into industry trends like Industry 4.0, inspiring students to explore innovative solutions in operations management.





Excellence through corporates

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The School of Social Work at St Joseph's University is committed to the pursuit of social work campaigns to improve the quality of life of the downtrodden. The school provides a platform for students who possess a commitment to bring about positive change in society and offers them with the right amount of training and orientation to fulfill their deeds in the most effective manner. The academic programme is designed to be rigorous, equipping students with the necessary attitude and knowledge to effectively tackle social challenges worldwide.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Fr Augustine Lourdu

Lourdu, G A, Nathan, J P S., & Krishnan, R G (2024). 'Religio-political influence on social work practice in contemporary India'. Published at Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 2024.

Dr Alan Godfrey A

Dr Godfrey was invited as a resource person for an international Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organised by the Department of Computer Science, Loyola College, on October 17, 2024, where he spoke on "Multidisciplinary Research – Developmental Perspective."

Dr Godfrey was a special invitee at the 'National Conference on Student Mental Health and Substance Abuse: A Growing Concern', organised by the Department of Social Work, Ananda College, Devakottai, on October 22, 2024, where he served as the moderator for a plenary session.

Dr Godfrey moderated a session at the Bengaluru Press Club on November 20, 2024, during the release of the newsletter Nyaya Sankalpa, advocating for the rights and entitlements of families of undertrials.

Dr Godfrey served as a resource person for a five-day workshop on "Mixed Method Research: Contemporary Approaches using SPSS, NVivo, and AI," organised by the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Chennai Campus, from November 25 to 30, 2025.

Dr Godfrey was invited as a resource person to conduct a workshop on "Understanding Urban Communities: Grassroot Perspective" organised by Mercy Mission Foundation on November 26, 2024.

Dr Godfrey served as the convenor for the Christmas Celebration for staff and students at St Joseph's University, held on December 21, 2024.

Dr Godfrey had the honour of performing a Bharatanatyam Dance Drama before the Governor of Tamil Nadu on December 23, 2024, as part of the Christmas celebrations.

Dr Godfrey conducted a workshop on Data Analysis using SPSS, organised by the Department of Sociology, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on January 9, 2025. The session was themed "Decoding Data: From Analysis to Interpretation with SPSS".

Dr Godfrey and Ms Viola Noronha were invited as resource persons by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University, to conduct a one-day workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) on January 17, 2025.

Dr Godfrey delivered a session at an online workshop hosted by Innovative Minds Institute on January 29, 2025, where he spoke on "The Art of Blending Methods: Workshop on Mixed Methodology."

Dr Godfrey was invited as a resource person for an international workshop on "Navigating Gender Intersectionality, Governance, and Emotional Well-being in the Backdrop of UN Beijing+30," hosted by the School of Social Work in collaboration with Schumacher Society, YWCA, and Gender Academy, Ecclesia, on February 8, 2025, where he spoke on Gender Intersectionality and Emotional Well-being at the Workplace.

Krishnan, SRG, Godfrey, A, Daly, C, & Avinash, A (2024). Child Sexual Abuse and Wellbeing Among LGBTQ+ Individuals: The Role of Family in Healing. LGBTQ+ Family: 'An Interdisciplinary Journal', 0(0), 1–14.

Krishnan, SRG, Godfrey A, A, 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' Ageing International.



Capt Akshay receiving the CM's Commendation

Capt Akshay D Mandlik
Captain Akshay D Mandlik of the 1 Kar Armd Sqn NCC at St Joseph's University received the Chief Minister's Commendation from MC Sudhakar, Ministry for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka. This esteemed award celebrates his unwavering commitment to excellence and service, setting a benchmark for others to follow.

Dr Mary Princess Lavanya
Invited as Resource Person in 'Writing research articles and publishing' by Jain University, Bangalore on 26th July 2024.

Invited for a Talk on "Healing the inner child" by ECHO, Kalyan Nagar, Bangaluru 2024.

Ms Viola Maria Noronha
Krishnan, SRG, Godfrey A, A, 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.

Invited as resource person along with Dr Alan Godfrey by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University, to conduct a one-day workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) on January 17, 2025.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew
Convened a session on "School Social Work – Scope and Challenges" on Monday, August 26, 2024

Dr Rama Gokula Krishnan
Published four papers in Web of Science and Scopus Indexed journals:
Krishnan, S R G, Godfrey, A, Daly, C, & Avinash, A (2024). 'Child Sexual Abuse and Wellbeing Among LGBTQ+ Individuals: The Role of Family in Healing. LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 0(0), 1–14'.

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Lourdu, G A, Nathan, J P S, & Krishnan, S R G (2024). 'Religio-political influence on social work practice in contemporary India'. Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 0(0), 1–13.

Krishnan, S R G, Pereira, N G, Das, N J, & Potter, A. (2024). 'Factors associated with a meaningful life for transgender women in India: Implications for social work practice'. Social Work in Mental Health.

Invited as a Resource Person for a workshop titled Unlocking Research Potential: A Workshop on Effective Publication Strategies at St Joseph's College of Law on November 19, 2024.

Developed a Tool/Scale to Measure Social Media Jealousy S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Vellaiah Sethuramalingam, S Chandni. (2024).

Dr Premajyothi D
Published an edited book on 'Exploring Intersections: Multidisciplinary Perspectives In Research', Volume 1, publisher, Red Unicorn,

ISBN 978-93-5809-832-7. April, 2024.

Invited as chief guest on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanthi, organised by Hosahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 6, 2024.

Invited as chief guest on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanthi, Organised by Dalavayihalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 12, 2024.

Invited as chief guest and felicitated with Karnataka Mahila Rathna Award on the occasion of Dr B R Ambedkar Jayanthi, organised by Indrabetta Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka on May 12, 2024.

Invited as chief guest for an award function of 'Karnataka Seve Rathna Award' organised by Shree Durga charitable trust Mysore at Nayana Sabangana, Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bangalore, on July 29, 2024.

Invited as chief guest for library inauguration on the occasion of Independence Day celebration by Shri Ranganatha High School, Byrenahalli, Koratagere, Tumakuru, Karnataka on August 14, 2024.

Invited as a chief guest on the occasion of Teachers Day Celebration by Sukankshya Charitable Trust, Bengaluru, on September 5, 2024.

Dr Premajyothi D served as a Chair at UGC sponsored two-day National Seminar on 'Mahatma Jyotirao Phule & Savitribai Phule's Contribution for the Promotion of Education & Empowerment for Women in India'. On January 30 & 31, 2025 organised by School of Social Work, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Centre, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Gunturu, Andhra Pradesh.

Invited as chief guest on the occasion of International Women's Day 2025, March 8, 2025, organised by DHASH Innovating Tomorrow, Bengaluru.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Field Work Orientation Programme For Social Work Students

The Office of Field Work Education conducted an orientation programme for all Social Work students on July 11 and 12, 2024, at 9:00 am in Xavier Hall. More than 200 students participated in the programme, which was conducted under the guidance of Field Work Coordinator, Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik. Ms Kajol Singh, Project Coordinator and Treasurer at Aweksha, and our esteemed alumna shared her enriching fieldwork experiences, highlighting that gaining perspective is a valuable form of learning.

Volunteering Experience At Swasthi Foundation

On July 18, 2024, the I BSW students embarked on their inaugural volunteering experience at Swasthi Foundation in collaboration with iVolunteer under the guidance of alumna, Ms Josmy Joseph, Senior Relationship Manager, Bengaluru and supervision of Ms Viola Maria Noronha. The highlight of the visit was the interactive art session, where BSW students worked alongside the institution's students to create vibrant paintings using vegetable prints.

Outreach Programme At Global Concerns India (GCI)



During one of the outreach programmes

On July 24, 2024, students from the School of Social Work organised an outreach programme at Global Concerns India (GCI) aimed at engaging and educating women and

children. The event took place in the LR Nagar community from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Seventy-five students participated, including II MSW students and trainees from Christ University, Bangaluru. The programme was coordinated by the I MSW students. The event was a meaningful blend of education, awareness, and community engagement, benefiting both the women and children at GCI.

United For Wayanad: Flood Relief Initiative

The Wayanad flood relief drive was initiated on August 1, 2024 by the School of Social Work, spearheaded by the Dean, Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lourdu, and the Associate Dean, Dr Alan Godfrey. The student coordinators for the drive were Kesiya Yohannan and Diya Prasanth from III BSW. A committed team of 10 volunteers from III BSW, along with other students from the School of Social Work, put in tireless effort throughout the drive. Additionally, 75 volunteers contributed by assisting with the collection of goods. The collected goods were sent to TUDI Wayanad, an organisation that supports tribal communities.



The South Zone Regional Abilympics

Empowering Communities: BSW Trainees Deliver 'Bag Of Joy' To Children At Snehamahila Sangam

On Friday, August 16, 2024, I BSW students visited Snehamahila Sangam in KS Garden, carrying handmade upcycled cloth bags crafted by repurposing old t-shirts. Snehamahila Sangam focuses on educating and supporting underprivileged children in the community. This initiative, conducted in collaboration with iVolunteer, was guided by Ms Josmy Joseph, Senior Relationship Manager, Bengaluru, and supervised by Dr Alan Godfrey A.

Session On Prison Ministry

On August 17, 2024, the School of Social Work organised an informative session on "Prison Ministry" for II MSW students. Led by Fr Das, a dedicated prison ministry volunteer, the session emphasised the importance of a social worker's attitude toward prisoners. He discussed counseling processes and their positive impact. The programme was coordinated by Dr YJ Rajendra.

Elixir 2024

Elixir 2024, held on August 19, 2024, at St Joseph's University, aimed to bridge academia and industry. The event featured a vibrant annual students' exhibition in which almost all the schools of the university participated. The School of Social Work actively participated under the guidance of SWSA Coordinator, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya. A major highlight was the II MSW class winning 1st prize for their exhibit, while the II BSW class secured 2nd prize, showcasing the creativity and dedication of social work students.

Social Action In Support For Justice - RG KAR Hospital Incident

On August 26, 2024, the School of Social Work in collaboration with the Student Council of St Joseph's University organised a protest at Freedom Park. The students and staff expressed their solidarity for the rape victim at RG Kar Hospital, Kolkata. The students raised slogans on the importance of women safety and enacted a street play and songs of resistance raising concerns for women safety in India.



The Social Work HR Forum

Session On School Social Work – Scope And Challenges

On August 26, 2024, the School of Social Work, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India

(NAPSWI), conducted a session on "School Social Work - Scope and Challenges" in Loyola Hall. The event, attended by 60 students from MSW was successfully organised under the guidance of Dr Shari Tess Mathew. The session was led by esteemed alumna, Ms Swiss Rein, Executive Assistant, Accenture. She provided a comprehensive overview of School Social Work, discussing its scope, challenges, and the wide range of opportunities it offers.

Collaboration With Government Schools: Empowering Students Through Education And Life Skills

The students from III BSW actively collaborated with several government schools in Adugodi, Madiwala, Wilson Garden, and Begur. The initiative involved teaching phonetics, science, mathematics, English, and other subjects, making a significant impact on students' academic performance and personal development. The social work students provided not only academic knowledge but also life skills training. The collaboration proved highly effective, combining academic learning with life skills training to foster overall growth.

Regional Abilympics 2024 - South Zone

The School of Social Work at St Joseph's University, in collaboration with the National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI), played a key role in organising the Regional Abilympics 2024 - South Zone, spearheaded by Ms Maria Sonia Louis, assisted by Dr (Fr) Augustine Lourdu, and Dr Premajyothi D. This vocational skill competition for persons with disabilities (PWDs) aimed to highlight their talents and promote inclusivity in the workforce. The School of Social Work actively supported the event by coordinating logistics, assisting participants, and documenting the event. The event provided a platform for PWDs to showcase their expertise in various vocational fields. This collaboration reinforced the importance of social work in creating an equitable society and fostering employment opportunities for PWDs.

Nyaya Sankalpa

St Joseph's Resource Convergence Centre in collaboration with St Joseph's College of Law conducted a study on the issues faced by the undertrial prisoners and their families. The report of the same was discussed in a larger collective on November 20, 2024, at the Bangalore Press Club. Dr YJ Rajendra convened the meeting where members of the press, legal officials and higher authorities were present. Chief Justice (retd) Nagmohandas came as the chief guest and released the newsletter *Nyaya Sankalpa* which highlights the issues faced by the undertrials and their families. The programme was appreciated for its clarity and the benefits that the families of undertrials have received through this initiative.



Dr Alan Godfrey being felicitated

Student Exchange Programme – University Of North Carolina Wilmington

A week-long student exchange programme between the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, and the University of North Carolina Wilmington was held from December 9-16, 2024. The programme was spearheaded by Ms Viola Maria Noronha with support from all the faculty, and featured interactive sessions for students. The UNCW team visited CARE, VISTHAR, Samajika Nyaaya Vedike (Social Justice Forum) and local communities, gaining first hand exposure to grassroots social work and insights into Indian social work practices.

International Symposium On "Human Rights In The Glocal World: Trends And Challenges"

Human Rights in the Glocal World: Trends and Challenges

The International Symposium on "Human Rights in the Glocal World: Trends and Challenges" was held on December 12, 2024, at Xavier Hall. The symposium which was convened by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya and co-convened by Ms Viola Maria Noronha and Capt Akshay D Mandlik featured discussions on human rights issues, including mental health, worker rights,

and prisoner welfare, with insights from experts such as Dr Arthur Frankl and Dr R Manohar. The symposium reinforced the strong partnership between St Joseph's University and UNCW, promoting cross-cultural learning.

Rural Camp

The rural camp for the II BSW students took place in Kaamanahalli, a village in the Tumkuru region. The students of I MSW batch attended and actively participated in a rural camp programme at the village of Hosahalli Thanda in Bengaluru Rural District from the 14-21 December 2024. The students carried out multiple awareness programmes and also carried out a village survey to identify the problems of the residents. The report was submitted to the local NGO working for the community.

Tribal Visit

In December 2024, II BSW students, along with two faculty members, participated in a 5-day tribal camp in Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu. The camp aimed to explore the lifestyles and traditions of indigenous tribes in the region, offering students the chance to witness tribal rituals and gain insights into their ancient knowledge. Organised with the Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA), the visit fostered the development of soft skills, leadership, and teamwork. It enriched students' understanding of tribal communities and deepened their commitment to social work and community welfare.

Study Tour

As part of the academic curriculum, II MSW students embarked on a study tour to Hyderabad to explore various opportunities and scope within the field of social work across different specialisations. The tour aimed to deepen our understanding of how social work functions in different settings, including NGOs, hospitals, government organisations, and corporate companies. The visit provided valuable insights into the diverse roles and impact of social workers in these environments, highlighting areas where social work services were either well-established or much-needed.

Samskruthika Samvidhana Parishe

The School of Social Work in collaboration with Karantakada Jeevapara Kalavidara Oggudiveyalli organised Samskruthika Samvidana Parishe. It is a festival aiming at upholding constitutional values through cultural expression such as singing, dancing, storytelling and art exhibition. The event was organised by Dr YJ Rajendra and was held on January 25, 2025. Artists from across the state participated in the event and showed their commitment and responsibility in upholding the constitution.

Sparks International Conference 2025

The SPARKS International Conference 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the University of Houston-Downtown, USA, focused on the theme "Advancing Sustainability Transitions for People and Planet: The Road Ahead." The conference brought together eminent speakers, including international experts, and research scholars from various institutions, alongside students who presented impactful research papers. The event also featured a debate competition and cultural program, enhancing the experience. It successfully facilitated academic exchanges, fostered international collaborations, and contributed to the ongoing dialogue on sustainability and social justice.

Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)

The Social Work Students' Association, coordinated by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya aims to sensitise students to social issues and inspire them to become agents of change. Its activities include awareness campaigns through rallies and street plays, engagement with marginalised communities, organising seminars, discussions, and public lectures with social work professionals, and participation in public protests to promote social justice and community development.

SWSA Introduction Programme

The SWSA Introduction Programme and Banner Unveiling took place on August 21, 2024, at Arrupe Atrium and PG Quadrangle. The event began with an energetic emcee performance, followed by a flash mob featuring BSW and MSW students. The SWSA banner, created by I MSW students, was then unveiled. A drama highlighting the 2024 Kolkata rape and murder incident was performed by seven I MSW students. The same sequence of events was repeated in the afternoon session at the PG Quadrangle.

SWSA Investiture Ceremony

The SWSA Investiture Ceremony was held on August 24, 2024, at Xavier Hall, with Mr Cyril Prabhu J as the Chief Guest The ceremony included the investiture of the SWSA core committee members, led by Chief Guest Mr Cyril Prabhu J. The committee took their oath under the instructions of the coordinator, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya. The programme continued with the "Movie Mania Film Fest", along with performances by BSW and MSW students, including a mashup, a talent show, and various dance acts.

Solidarity With Victims Of War

The "Solidarity with Victims of War" event was held on September 10, 2025, at the PG Quadrangle in collaboration with Green Spartans. It began with a dance performance by II MSW students, followed by a moving musical drama by I MSW students depicting the hardships of war victims The event concluded with a powerful monologue, emphasising compassion, unity, and advocacy for peace. The programme was well-received, with attendees appreciating its impactful message of empathy and global solidarity.

World Alzheimer's Day Lecture

The World Alzheimer's Day Lecture was held on September 18, 2024, at Xavier Hall, featuring Ms Meril KP, a psychologist from Soundarya Institution, as the resource person. Ms Meril KP highlighted the causes, risk factors, symptoms and treatment of Alzheimer's. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session. A video presentation for Kalakriti and an awareness programme by II BSW students were also included. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by SWSA Vice President Mr Alen Cyriac.

Kalakriti Arts Fest

The Kalakriti Arts Fest was held from September 21-October 21, 2024, featuring various competitions, including poetry, essay writing, debate, quiz, digital poster-making, photography, art-from-waste, Rangoli, JAM, singing, dance, and MIME. The final day, October 21, included a grand ceremony with Chief Guest Ms Rajni Sonar and Guest of Honour Mr Ayudh Gowda. The event featured dance and MIME competitions, a short film screening, and a special dance performance by Mr Ayudh Gowda. The fest concluded with the announcement of winners, with II MSW securing the top position, followed by III BSW, and a DJ event to celebrate the participants.

GREEN SPARTANS

Investiture Ceremony

The Green Spartans Investiture Ceremony was held on August 24, 2024, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University. Dr (Fr) G Augustine Lordu welcomed the gathering, followed by a video presentation by SWSA Coordinator



The Green Spartans in action, keeping everyone in check

Dr Mary Princess Lavanya. The key highlight was the Green Spartans Investiture, where Dr Alan Godfrey A awarded caps and badges to representatives, who took an oath to promote environmental sustainability.

World Rivers Day

On September 23, 2024, the I BSW class performed an awareness programme on water pollution to commemorate World Rivers Day, highlighting the importance of water conservation and sustainable development. The event began with a crowd-pulling flash dance, followed by a skit showcasing how corporate activities pollute river water and stressing the need to prevent such pollution. The skit also depicted the consequences of water shortages and their impact on people's lives, promoting sustainable practices and encouraging individual contributions to water conservation.

Importance Of Peace

On October 6, 2024, the I and II MSW classes, in collaboration with the Social Work Students Association (SWSA) and Green Spartans, organised a deeply impactful event centered on the Palestine-Israel war. The performances vividly illustrated the emotional and physical devastation inflicted on innocent civilians, showcasing the struggles faced by individuals and families caught in the crossfire. It helped raise awareness about the tragic consequences of the conflict while emphasising the importance of peace, reconciliation, and the protection of human life.

Water Conservation

On January 29, 2025, the I MSW class performed an awareness programme on water pollution, highlighting the significance of water and the importance of conservation. The performance began with a vibrant flash dance, where students presented the traditional Lambani dance to attract the audience. Following this, a skit was performed, emphasising the urgent need for water conservation and demonstrating practical ways to save water in daily life. The event effectively conveyed a strong message about the importance of protecting water resources.

Musical On Tree Plantation

As part of the Green Spartans initiative, the I BSW students staged a vibrant musical at the UG Block on January 5, 2025, at 8:50 AM. The performance creatively highlighted the importance of planting trees, using an engaging storyline and expressive choreography to captivate the audience. The musical featured beloved characters such as Simba, Timon, and Pumba, along with trees, woodcutters, and dancers who brought the environmental message to life. Their collective efforts made the event a memorable and meaningful experience, reinforcing the message of environmental conservation.

HR FORUM

Inauguration Of Hr Forum And Investiture Ceremony: Leadership For The New Millennium

The School of Social Work, MSW HR specialisation, hosted the inauguration of the HR Forum titled "Leadership for the New Millennium" and the Investiture Ceremony of the core committee members on the August 27, 2024, at 2:30 PM in Xavier Hall. Mr S D Satish Chandra, Head of HR, IR, and Admin at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd, served as the esteemed chief guest for the occasion. The HR forum coordinators, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Dr Premajyothi D, ensured the seamless execution of the forum and its activities throughout the academic year.

Workshop On Research Paper Writing

The MSW-HR Forum of St Joseph's University organised a workshop on "Research Paper Writing" on September 14, 2024, at Loyola Hall. Dr Samuel Mores Geddam from the School of Business led the session, highlighting research as a structured form of curiosity. He provided insights into effective research paper writing, followed by an engaging Q&A session.

Workshop On Resume Writing

The HR Forum organised a workshop on resume writing on September 21, 2024, in the AV Room of the PG Block. Led by Mr Santosh Kumar, Corporate Resource Manager at Jain (Deemed to be) University, the session covered resume formats, key sections, and effective presentation. Students learned how to highlight qualifications, achievements, and skills. The workshop provided valuable career insights for aspiring professionals.

Industrial Visit To Dairy Day Manufacturing Unit

On August 3, 2024, the HR Forum, comprising MSW-HR students, visited the Dairy Day manufacturing unit. Over three hours, II year students observed the ice cream production process and experienced -25°C cold storage. Mr Manghat Prakash provided insights into HR practices in manufacturing. Coordinated by Dr Premajyothi D, Dr Mahesh, and Fr Francis Pinto SJ, the visit enhanced students' understanding of workforce management and safety protocols in the industry.

Silent Cries: The Cost Of Pressure

On October 8, 2024, II MSW-HR students of St Joseph's University staged a skit, Silent Cries: The Cost of Pressure, at the PG Block Quadrangle and UG Arrupe Block. The performance highlighted workplace stress and its impact on mental health through powerful visual storytelling. Featuring 19 students, it emphasised themes of isolation and lack of support.

Role Play: Grievance Handling Mechanism And Collective Bargaining In ABC Manufacturing Unit

On October 23, 2024, II MSW-HR students of St Joseph's University staged a role-play on grievance handling and collective bargaining at the AV Room, PG Block. Set in a fictional company, ABC Manufacturing Unit, it depicted negotiations over wage cuts and safety concerns. Coordinated by Dr Premajyothi D, the exercise provided valuable insights into labour relations, dispute resolution, and fair workplace practices, enhancing students' practical understanding of industrial dynamics.

Workshop On Industrial Dispute Act, 1947

The MSW-HR Forum of St Joseph's University organised a workshop on the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, on October 19, 2024, at the AV Room, PG Block. Led by Ms Rukmini VP, President of the Garment Labour Union. The sessions covered key provisions, real-life case studies, labour union challenges, and the role of HR in industrial relations.

Workshop On Power BI

The HR Forum organised a Power BI workshop on February 3, 2025, at Xavier Hall for MSW students. Led by Ms Sara Kutty, Assistant Professor, the sessions covered data visualisation, dashboard creation, and troubleshooting. Students engaged in hands-on exercises, enhancing their analytical skills. Coordinated by Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto SJ, and Fr Simon D'Souza, the workshop successfully equipped participants with essential technical skills for research and professional applications.

Orientation Visit To The Karnataka State Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board

On February 19, 2025, II MSW-HR students visited the Labour Department for a session with the Karnataka State Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board. Led by Mrs Meena Patil and Mr Devi Prasad, the session explored policies and challenges in unorganised labour. The visit provided valuable insights into policy implementation, bridging academic learning with real-world labour issues.



BSW students after their presentations

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Anagha Rajesh published a book titled "Traces of You" and won the Prestigious Limited Edition 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award.

Ms Vanditha secured third place in a paper presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Ms Shruthika secured first prize for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Ms Aishwarya M secured first place for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Ms Ancita Treesa Crasta secured fourth place

for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Paper Presentations (MSW)

Ms Adithi Anil, Ms Aleena Treesa Lukose, Mr Alvin Francis, Mr Amalan Jerome, Ms Anaina Tigi, Ms Ancita Treesa Crasta, Mr Anjal Francis, Ms Archana S, Ms Ashika Sajith Kumar, Ms Avanteeka Sarma, Ms Catherine Gloria Philips, Ms Chaitanya NS, Ms Chelsa Maria PA, Ms Christina Sibichan, Mr Deol Jude Simon, Mr Danush Babu, Ms Divya Darshini M, Mr Donbosco Tomy, Ms Gowri Nandana, Ms Grace Joshi, Ms Irene Elizabeth Cheriyan, Ms Iris Joyce Moratho Nuda, Ms Aishwarya M, Mr Jerin Joshi, Mr Kaveettil Jenova John, Ms Kripa Thomas, Mr Leya Mariyam Joseph, Ms Maria Antony, Ms Meenakshi V, Ms Misbah Kulsoom, Mr Nevil Johny, Ms Piyali Mukherjee, Ms Preethi D, Ms Puthenchirakal Riya Chacko, Ms Rachel Christine D'Sena, Mr Raghavendra Holla, Mr Rickson Oliver J, Ms Ronjsenrenla Kichu, Ms Rosemerin Joby, Ms S Shruthika, Ms Safa Febin, Ms Seana Jai, Ms Sharanya Nataraj, Ms Sijimol KC, Ms Sneha Sarkar, Ms Sonia V, Ms Sweeni Reshal Rodrigues, Ms Taniya Rose Baby, Ms Tanushree Sukumar, Ms Tithi Banerjee, Ms Vanditha SS presented papers at various national and international conferences in different colleges and universities.

Paper Presentations (BSW)

Ms Jiya Srestha, Mr Rone George Siby, Mr Denil Roy and Ms Sreya C Sam presented papers at the International Conference on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility organised by the Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru on March 11, 2025.

Ms Angel Santosh, Mr Denil Roy presented papers at the National Conference on Social Work organised by the Department of Psychology at Roshini Nilaya College, Mangaluru on October 22, 2024.

Ms Kesiya Yohannan, Ms Sreya C Sam presented three papers at Loyola College, Chennai, Sri Rama Krishnan Mission, Coimbatore and Madras School of Social Work Chennai on September 24, March 25 respectively.

Ms Aby John Mathew, Mr Adam G Alexander, Mr George Raiju, Ms Anna Maria Varghese, Ms Aaysha Mariyam, Ms Elsa Maria Soni, Ms Kopuri Sailaja, Mr Jovan Boanergers F, Mr Abishai Vijaykumar, Mr Sufiyan Rehman, Mr Aman Sharma, Ms Merlin Lourdu I, Ms Gowri Krishna Anil, Ms Catherine Holy Prasanth, Ms Saniya Dinesh, Mr Allen Joseph, Mr Ashal Renil Sebastian, Ms Angelina Elza George, Mr Athul M Preeth presented papers at the one day International Conference on Mental Health organised by the Department of Social Work, Ananda College, Devakottai on the October 22, 2024.

Mr Athul M Preeth, Mr Jovan Boanergers F, Ms Aaysha Mariyam, presented papers at the National Conference organised by the School of Humanities, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.



The happy faces of the Social Work Students' Association

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

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From engaging guest lectures and interactive workshops to bonding events and art competitions, each occasion has enriched every student's experience and encouraged collaboration among them. These events not only enhanced learning but also provided opportunities for personal growth, networking, and creative expression. Here's a glimpse into the key highlights and events that took place in the School of Communication and Media Studies.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Thulasi Kumar Marella
Was awarded a PhD in Journalism and Mass Communication for his thesis, "The Cultural Debate's and Social Representation in R Narayana Murthy Film: A Semiotic Analysis" submitted under the guidance of Dr D Nivedhitha, Associate Professor, Department of Electronic Media and Mass Communication, Pondicherry University.

Was a resource person for the 'Audio Visual Methodologies in Social Sciences' workshop that was organised by the French Institute of Pondicherry, held from November 11-15, 2024. He presented lectures on "Looking through the Lens: Technology and Techniques" and trained PhD scholars on research methods.

Was invited as a resource person on November 11, 2024, to conduct a workshop for the French Institute of Pondicherry

Was invited as a resource person on November 18, 2024, to conduct a workshop for the Department of Electronic Media and Mass Communication, Pondicherry University on 'The Future of Video: Learn to Create It'.

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

Ravinandan BB
Was invited to lead a workshop on creating custom GPTs for teachers, organised by the Assembly of Religious Brothers of India. Held on November 17, 2024, the session focused on equipping educators with AI-driven tools to enhance personalised learning experiences and streamline classroom interactions.

Was invited as a resource person on January 2, 2025, to conduct a workshop on AI hacks for journalists at the Journalism and Communication Department, University of Mysore. The workshop provided practical insights into leveraging artificial intelligence for research, content creation, and fact-checking in journalism.

Was invited as a resource person on February 15, 2025, to conduct a data journalism workshop for postgraduate mass communication students at St Paul's College, Bangalore. The session covered data-driven storytelling, visualisation techniques, and the role of AI in modern journalism.

Was invited as a resource person to conduct a two-day workshop on news writing and reporting for postgraduate mass communication students at Bangalore City University. The workshop emphasised journalistic ethics, storytelling techniques, and the evolving landscape of digital news media.

Was invited as a resource person on March 13, 2025 for a workshop on developing e-content using AI in the dental field, organised by the School of Dental Sciences at Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth (Deemed to Be University).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Sherin Johnson from II MCJ won a bronze medal in the Pegasus Intramurals table tennis tournament.

Gowthaman B, I BVoc, won second place in a street photography competition organised by the Community College, Central University of Tamil Nadu. This photograph was part of his photography assignment.

Mahek Bihani, III VC, along with her western dance team of our University has won National championships of India in College category at the 4th season of the national level dance competition organised by Chennai Dance Community. Mahek and the team have ranked twice as the best college dance crew of the year in India in the years 2023 and 2024.

The MA APR football team won runners up in the University PG football match.

Daniel Kevin's short film that he submitted for Cinematography and Beyond Decay, Sainyuktha and team's experimental short film have won first and second prize respectively from Birla Global University fest.

Andrea Pinheiro has won the third place in RJ Hunt at Mediatron conducted by Jyoti Nivas College on December 5, 2024.

Visiting Hours, a short film by III BVC students Gautham, Sainyuktha, Divya, Durga, Kevin and Nikhil have won first prize at the short film competition conducted by Ramaiah College of Law

Navya Y has cleared KSET, standing first in the state with 184 marks.

Ms Riya Mathew, MA (Advertising & Public Relations) bagged the runners up position in the EUPRERA (European PR Education & Research Association) International Student PR competition. Riya is also the highest individual scorer for student work/presentation - the only student among 30 to score above 90%.

Shreyas, II MA (Digital Media and Animation), bagged the second place in the National Kalaripayttu Championship.
Vivian, I BVoc, won first place at Sportstakes as part of the badminton team.

Medha Rajeev, III BA, student conducted a photography exhibition of her recent works titled, Mosaic of Lives.

The short film project, Adichaya, made by first semester film-making students has won first prize in Inbloom short film contest. It also won other major awards such as best director for Namadevan K, best cinematographer Arjun Balagopal, and best editor Nandakishore R.

ACTIVITIES

Mediacon
Mediacon, the ninth edition of St Joseph's University's international media conference, held on January 30-31, 2025 explored 'Cinematic Crossroads and Digital Frontiers'. Filmmaker Krishna Hebbale's keynote addressed cinema's evolving role, while journalist Anjana George moderated a panel with WCC member Miriam Joseph, actress Shruti Hariharan, and the News Minute Editor-in-Chief Nandini Chandrashekar on the HEMA Committee report. Fr Dr Richard Rego led discussions on AI in film-making. The event also featured paper presentations, where scholars shared insights on media ethics, storytelling, and technological advancements.

MediaFluent
MediaFluent, themed 'Engage, Evolve, Connect' is the first-ever advertising and public relations fest of St Joseph's University. The fest began on January 30, 2025 with the launch of MediaFluent and MediaCon by chief guest Krishna Hebbale. Vinci Raj conducted a masterclass on advertising. January 31, 2025 featured a panel discussion on brand communication with industry experts, featuring four industry pioneers: Prasad Karat (Vice President, The Practice), Artthi Ponnuswamy (Vice President, Brand Solutions at ZenSciences), Varghese John (Vice President, MacCann), and Aashish Washikar (Director, Corporate Communications at Amagi Corporations). Events like Scene Zone, Brand It, MadAds, Pitch Perfect, and Best Manager showcased creativity and strategy.

Allura
The Images Association from SCMS hosted Allura: The Musical on January 29-30, 2025,



Students and faculty members of SCMS at the Artistica closing ceremony

celebrating cinema and music. Held at St Joseph's University, the fest featured Operetta (fashion show), Pixel Perfect (poster-making), and Reel Side Story (reel challenge). Operetta brought musicals to life with elaborate performances, while Pixel Perfect, judged by Mr Phani Srivatsa, challenged participants to design futuristic musical posters.

Artistica

Artistica 2025, hosted by the Association of Art and Animation, was held from January 29-31, celebrating creativity across various mediums. The festival featured an art exhibition with 110 artworks, themed "mundane objects" and an open category, alongside face painting and caricature stations. A cosplay event on January 30 showcased animated character portrayals, judged by Ms Muktha Chand, Ms Joan, and Mr Shahzeb. The festival concluded with a closing ceremony, celebrating winners and inspiring young artists.

RUSHES FILM CLUB

The university's esteemed Rushes Film Club was officially relaunched as Rushes Film Society. The announcement was made during a special event that not only marked the club's rebranding but also included the much-anticipated trailer launch of the Kannada film 'Anshu'. The Rushes Film Society is now accepting new members with opportunities to engage in upcoming screenings, events, and collaborations in the film world. The evening commenced with an introduction by the host, who set the stage for what was to come.

Rushes National Film Festival

Rushes National Film Festival, organised by the School of Communication and Rushes Film Society at St Joseph's University, held on 29-30 January 2025, featured insightful sessions on filmmaking. Events included a movie screening & panel discussion with director Suhel Banerjee, a master class on music direction by Nikhil Kumar, an editing workshop by Gautham, a cinematography masterclass by Suneil, and a student film screening competition.

Photography

The Rushes Film Society held a photography competition with the theme 'Portraits of Diversity'. The competition received an impressive number of entries. Participants were required to submit their photos in JPEG format, with strict rules in place.

Flash mob

The Rushes Film Society organised a flash mob as an icebreaker session, and to get more students involved in the club's activities. The event met its objectives in bringing like minds together from different departments and hoping in shaping the club.

Jamming

The Rushes Film Society organised a jamming session where students got together to perform

popular songs. The club also made around 300 movie tickets with the Rushes Instagram handle page QR code on it, enabling the interested students to join our society.

IMAGES

Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art

The Images Association organised a visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) for a group of approximately 50-60 students, primarily from the BA Visual Communication programme, though students from other departments participated as well. Students found the artwork interactive and engaging, while curators offered an informative introduction to the gallery and Bose's significant contributions to modern Indian art.

Film Screening of *Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream*

A film screening of *Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream* was held, organised by Mr Suhas Srinivas. The screening aimed to expose students to independent filmmaking and diverse storytelling. Following the film, students participated in an interactive session with the director, Arvind Sastry. The event offered students a deeper understanding of film production. The positive feedback from students emphasised their appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with a professional filmmaker.

A Screening of *Shivaji Surathkal*

The film *Shivaji Surathkal* was screened, which was followed up by a discussion with the director Mr Akash Srivatsa. He addressed a group of 50-60 students about filmmaking. The director also discussed the technical aspects of filmmaking, such as cinematography, editing, and sound design, and how these technicalities shape narrative.

ASSOCIATION OF ART AND ANIMATION

Art Roulette

Art Roulette the live art event was held by the Association of Art and Animation. The event was about a live art challenge where each artist was supposed to draw the objects present in front of them or could draw something of their will. The main objective of the event was to bring audiences to the Association of Art and Animation and to seek hidden artists around campus. The event was a success; students and faculty members enjoyed the experience.

JOSEPHITE MEDIA FORUM

Artificial Intelligence

The School of Communication and Media Studies conducted a workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The workshop was conducted by Kanchan Kaur (Former Dean, Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media). The session engaged the students of II MA – Mass Communication and Journalism. A very interactive session took place where the students as well as teachers were interacting.

Data Journalism

Tanay Sukumar from The Mint conducted a



SCMS faculty members and students at the PRCAI Conclave



The Editor's Guild of India Conclave

workshop on data journalism. Participants had discussions on topics such as 'who is the middle class'? 'How is data collected'? It was an interactive session as the students incorporated the feedback given by Mr Tanay.

Financial Literacy

A financial literacy workshop conducted by Ms Swati Saxena (CEO, 4Thoughts Finance). The session entailed gaining knowledge of everything revolving around managing finances. It was an interactive session wherein the students as well as faculties were truly engaged in the session by putting forward their queries as well as their insights.

Ideation and Creativity: Delivering Customer Expectations

A session titled, Ideation and Creativity: Delivering Customer Expectations, was conducted by the Founder/ CEO of BUD Creative Ad Agency, Mr Manoj Kumar to the students of I MCJ. It was an interactive session wherein Kumar focused on how to sell an idea to a customer and create an appealing ad with the idea. Mr Manoj then conducted an activity where he asked the students to come up with an idea to create an advertisement.

The Art of Longform Feature Writing

The workshop led by Chethan Kumar, Senior Assistant Editor at The Times of India, focused on longform article writing. The students of I MCJ were divided into five groups, each assigned a social topic and ten subtopics to explore. He emphasised that the writing style for longform articles should be clear and newsworthy rather than a fancy story. Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights into enhancing students' writing skills for impactful journalism.

Photojournalism

The workshop led by Gopinathan K, a retired photojournalist with over 40 years of experience working with The Hindu, focused on how personal experiences shape powerful photography. The students of I MCJ learned about composition, lighting, and the importance of emotional connection in capturing compelling images. Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights into photography as a storytelling medium, inspiring each student in the workshop.

Book & Film Review Writing

A 2-hour workshop was conducted by Sujay B M on Book and Film Review Writing. He is the youngest staff reporter of the political bureau at Deccan Herald. The students of I MCJ were asked to write any one film review from the five film options Sujay had given along with a book review before attending this workshop. Sujay then gave an explanation on each review and the way it could have been written through his written pieces.



A panel at the Rushes National Film Festival

Media Management Industry Visit

The students of MA Journalism and Mass Communication visited multiple industries. The purpose of these visits was to give students an idea on how organisations function, understand their roles and establishments. Students were able to interact with the existing founders of the



Mr Kaushik Chakrapani with II BVC students after his lecture of TV production

media houses too.

Workshop on Parliamentary and Legislative affairs

St Joseph's University, School of Communication and Media Studies, organised a workshop on parliamentary and legislative affairs for I and II MCJ students on January 9, 2025. Mr Chakshu Roy engaged with the students by talking about consistent civic management, the role of communication in simplifying legislative reports, and walked students through a typical day in the Lok Sabha.

Decoding the Evolution of Business Reporting: Ethics, Challenges and Transformations

The Josephite Media Forum, in collaboration with the School of Communications and Media Studies, hosted a guest lecture on Business Journalism by Mr Tyagraj Sharma on January 10, 2025. He highlighted the fundamentals of business journalism, reporting techniques, and key challenges in the field. The session emphasised adaptability, accuracy, and ethical considerations while covering business news. Sharma also discussed the evolving nature of the industry and shared insights from personal experiences, stressing the complexities of reporting in this beat.

Beyond the Headlines: Understanding Political Journalism

On January 28, 2025, a guest lecture on Beyond the Headlines: Understanding Political Journalism by B S Satish Kumar (Deputy Chief Bureau, The Hindu), explored the intricacies of political journalism in the Indian context. Kumar discussed the legislative framework of the State, noting the challenges faced by journalists in presenting raw political statements. He stressed the importance of maintaining honesty while being cautious about the context in which politicians speak. Kumar illustrated these points with examples from Indian politics, shedding light on the complex role of the press in shaping public perception.

Workshop on Pitching Data Journalism stories to the Editor

I MCJ students of St Joseph's University participated in a workshop on pitching data journalism stories, led by The Hindu's Principal Correspondent (Data), Mr Vignesh Radhakrishnan, was held on February 3, 2025. Students from each Beacon batch presented their story ideas, which were pre-circulated to him. He provided insights on refining pitches, improving data analysis, and visualising data through graphs, guiding them toward impactful storytelling. He also focused on finding compelling angles, verifying data, and ensuring clarity in data interpretation. The session allowed students to clarify doubts and have an understanding on how data can be transformed into meaningful journalistic narratives.

Publications with Udayavani

School of Communication and Media Studies has partnered with Udayavani newspaper through a MoU that provides students of I and II MCJ a platform to showcase their writing skills. Since January 7, 2025, over 24 articles have been published, with more to come beyond March

12, 2025. By offering real world experience, this initiative serves as a stepping stone for students entering the media field.

BRANDSTORM

Elections and Investiture ceremony
Brandstorm association conducted its second-ever elections to appoint office bearers for the upcoming term. The investiture ceremony was marked by the presence of Fr Richard Rego, Dean, School of Communication at St Joseph's University, along with various faculty members from the School of Communication. The elected members were installed with badges by Fr Richard Rego. Dr Parinitha Shinde then inaugurated Brandstorm Insider. The official inauguration of Brandstorm marked the start of a new and promising term for the association.

Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths
Brandstorm commenced its first university-wide event for the academic year 2024-25. Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths was launched on Bernbach's birth anniversary and drew inspiration from his work. The contest adapted three visuals from his legendary ads for Volkswagen and encouraged the students of St Joseph's University to reimagine the copy for these ads in the modern day. Nearly 100 students across St Joseph's University submitted over 200 lines of copy. The winners were awarded on August 27 during Brandstorm's Branding and Bonding event.

Branding and Bonding
Branding and Bonding was conducted for the students of MA Advertising and Public Relations. The programme included a range of educational and cultural events hosted by the I MA APR, geared towards promoting a sense of fraternity in the department through course-related activities.

An alumnus of the School of Communication, Ms Gabriella enlightened students on the scope and operations of a career in the Public Relations industry. The winners of Ad Craft: Battle of the Wordsmiths were also honoured at the event.

Internal Communications: An Insider's Perspective
Mr Akshay Arambam, the lead of Internal Communication at Lowe's India, held a talk enlightening the first and second years of MA Advertising and Public Relations about an insider's perspective on internal communications. The talk focused on how important the functions of internal communications are and the role it plays in the operations of a company or a business. The session was incredible as even the students had the opportunity to interact and delve into the world of communications. The event ended with a Q&A session.

Campus to Office: The Job Interview Scenario
Ms Sabitha Sulthana, a professional Soft Skills Trainer, held a talk about the do's and don'ts to help candidates present themselves effectively during interviews. The session was interactive as the audience got the opportunity to voice their opinions and questions. The students thus peeked into the minds of the recruiters and gained insider knowledge into how to successfully crack interviews. The session was extremely vital for the students as they all would soon be a part of the corporate world.

Rabona
Rabona 2024, a corporate football tournament for men, organised by St Joseph's University's Advertising & Public relations students in partnership with MAVA - (Men Against Violence and Abuse), supported by sporting partner Decathlon Hennur Road, radio partner Indigo Music, and merchandise sponsor Kwicq Networks was held. Proceeds supported MAVA's initiatives against gender-based violence. The dedication kept the energy high, turning potential setbacks into a memorable and spirited day of football.

Artisans for Impact
The students of MA Advertising and Public Relations organised an event called 'Artisans for Impact' as a part of their rural outreach programme. The students brought in stalls from NGOs around Bangalore and all of this was done at free of cost for the vendors. The event attracted a journalist from the Times, got coverage in the Bangalore Mirror and a local news channel called Guaranteed TV.

A Multidisciplinary Workshop for the Modern Classroom

An FDP titled 'A Multidisciplinary Workshop for the Modern Classroom' was conducted by the School of Communication and Media Studies for its faculty members. Two sessions on AI and Journalism were delivered by Ms Kanchan Kaur, former dean, IIJNM. A lecture on Financial Literacy was delivered by Ms Swati Saxena, CEO, 4Thoughts Finance. The objective for the FDP stemmed from the fact that since the modern-day media ecosystem is defined by its dynamic nature; media teachers today must have a foundational understanding of data, finance, and all things digital.

MAJOR ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Journalism@Digital Crossroads

On December 7, 2024, the conclave Journalism@ Digital Crossroads was co-organised by the Editors Guild of India (EGI) and the School of Communication and Media Studies, St Joseph's University. The event explored the challenges of journalism in the digital era. Minister of Revenue, Krishna Byre Gowda spoke on the impact of misinformation on democracy. Dr Sudhir Krishnaswamy, NLSIU Vice-Chancellor, introduced Karnataka's Information Disorder Tackling Unit (IDTU) initiative for fact-checking. EGI President Anant Nath discussed AI's disruption of journalism and EGI's role in defending press freedom. Students across 15 institutions participated in the conclave.

PRCAI Conclave

The PRCAI Conclave on February 25, 2025 starting at 10:40 AM, was hosted by School of Communication & Media Studies. Girish Balachandran (Founder, On Purpose) introduced the event, followed by an insightful panel discussion featuring industry veterans. Aanandita Bhatnagar shared her PR journey, discussing AI's role in PR. The conclave concluded with a career-focused session led by Sudipta Gupta, providing valuable insights into breaking into the PR industry.

Digital Transformation of PR

The School of Communication & Media Studies, in collaboration with PRCAI, hosted Apeksha Mishra (Head of Corporate Communications and Content, Policy Bazaar) on Zoom. Around 100 students attended the session on December 19, 2024, gaining insights into PR, digital transformation, and industry perspectives from a leading corporate communicator.

A deep dive into art in advertising

The talk on advertising art, led by Mr Sujai Chandran, held on December 14, 2024, provided valuable insights into the creative process behind impactful advertisements. Students learned about the meticulous planning and execution involved in ad creation, with global examples illustrating key strategies. The session emphasised industry preparedness through networking and research, offering guidance on securing jobs in advertising. Engaging discussions and Q&A enriched students' understanding, making the session an eye-opening introduction to the artistic and strategic aspects of the advertising industry.

Illustrating your way into a career in art

Ms Ritoparna Hazra, Deputy Art Director at Amar Chitra Katha, inspired II BA Visual Communication students during her talk on March 7, 2025. She emphasised the creative edge human illustrators hold over AI, encouraging students to explore the field passionately. By sharing her professional journey and showcasing her illustrated books, she highlighted the artistry and emotional depth unique to manual illustration. Her session deepened students' understanding of the illustration industry and sparked a renewed enthusiasm for creative storytelling through art.

Intricacies of Television production

Mr Kaushik Chakrapani, an expert in video production, guided II BVC students on March 11, 2025, through the intricacies of television production. He shared insights into multi-camera techniques, reality shows, TV news anchoring, and live reporting. Students learned about the roles and responsibilities of TV personnel and gained practical tips for producing quality programmes. The session emphasised understanding production workflows and news presentation strategies. A Q&A segment enriched the experience, offering personalised advice on creating impactful projects and navigating the production process effectively.

BVC Alumni - Film Showcase

The film screening session of 'H2WOAH' held on October 22, 2024 offered students of BA Visual

Communication insights into filmmaking. The interaction with director Johnny Ambrose and producer Surya provided a behind-the-scenes look, highlighting the realities of the film industry. Students gained valuable knowledge about production processes and industry challenges, enhancing their understanding of the creative and technical aspects of filmmaking.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

I BA Visual Communication students went on a one-day excursion on February 25, 2025 to explore Shravanabelagola, Halebidu, and Belur. Students experienced the grandeur of Jain and Hoysala architecture, from the towering Gomateshwara statue to the intricate carvings of Hoysaleswara and Chennakeshava Temples. Engaging with temple priests enriched their understanding of preservation and cultural traditions. The trip successfully bridged theory and practice, deepening appreciation for Karnataka's historical and artistic heritage.

The educational excursion to Melkote on March 1, 2025, provided III BA Visual Communication students with firsthand exposure to Dravidian architecture and historical significance. Through guided tours of key temples and cultural landmarks, students engaged in discussions on artistic and engineering elements, deepening their appreciation for heritage. The trip fostered practical learning, interactive discussions, and camaraderie among students and faculty. Overall, the excursion was a valuable experience, enriching their understanding of visual art and historical context.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On December 2024 10, St Joseph's University, School of Communication and Media Studies, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deccan Herald, offering the MCJ students a discounted subscription for the next two semesters at Rs 550. After the Dean of MCJ, Fr Richard Rego, welcomed the Deccan Herald team, they engaged with the I & II year students, encouraging them to share ideas on what changes they would like to see in the newspaper and how it could be made more engaging and readable. This collaboration aims to enhance students' learning experiences by providing access to quality journalism.

On December 17, 2024, St Joseph's University, School of Communication and Media Studies, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Udayavani, a leading Kannada Newspaper, offering I and II MCJ students a platform to contribute creative content in journalism, video production, and social media content creation. Representatives from Udayavani, including Mr Ravi Kiran and Ms Usha Rani addressed the newspaper's legacy of over 50 years and its commitment to mentoring young talent. Under the MoU, students will contribute articles, videos, and reels, which upon approval, will be published in Udayavani's platforms.



Volunteers of MediaFluent at the closing ceremony

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Department of COMPUTER SCIENCE

The vision of the department is to ensure that students develop a deep and analytical understanding of the field, enabling them to use their potential to enhance the quality of human life. The department aims to prepare students for careers in the industry and address societal needs with ethical responsibilities. It offers quality education in computing by providing courses in computer applications, programmes in combination with physical sciences and specialised courses, while also focusing on personal, emotional and character development. The department conducts a Board of Studies meeting annually to update the syllabus in line with industry requirements and demands. It offers the following programmes: BCA, BSc, MCA and MSc in Computer Science.

The department strives to prepare young professionals for challenging opportunities in the IT sector and also assists research scholars from various universities, including Bharathiar University, Sri Krishnadevaraya University and Mother Teresa University.

The department comprises 26 faculty members. 10 faculty members have completed MPhil, 10 have qualified UGC NET and 12 have obtained doctoral degrees, while others are in the final stages of their PhD. Faculty members and students are actively engaged in research. As part of the curriculum, students must prepare a term paper, which involves conducting research on an approved topic under continuous faculty guidance. Additionally, all final-year students are required to develop and complete a project for an organisation outside the college. This ensures that they gain real-world exposure and are well-prepared for a challenging career in the field.

The department organises conferences, workshops, intercollegiate IT fests, faculty development programmes (FDPs), guest lectures, expert talks and panel discussions on emerging trends in computer science and information technology.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr B G Prasanthi

Published a book titled 'Cryptography' and Network Security: Principles and Practises. IGI Publishing House, September 2024.

Granted a patent by the Government of India for the work titled Blockchain-Based Security Chip on June 7, 2024.

Attended the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting for postgraduate courses, Department of Computer Science, at Jyoti Nivas College on November 9, 2024.

Served as a subject expert for the BOS meeting for undergraduate courses at Surana College, South End Campus, on May 10, 2024.

Served as a BOS member, Surana College, Kengeri Campus, on October 4, 2024.

Served as a BOS and Board of Examiners (BOE) member at Maharani's Cluster University.

Delivered a talk on 'Importance and Responsibilities of the White Coat' at Oxford Medical College and Research Centre during the White Coat Ceremony.

Delivered a talk on 'Cybersecurity in E-Commerce' at Surana College on November 4, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Employee Welfare with Reference to Janatha PVC Private Limited, Anantapur in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews", 11(5), September 2024.

Published a paper titled "Computational Study of RSA Algorithm Between Two Primes and Four Primes in the Journal of Basic Sciences", 24(6), p. 171, August 2024.

Published a paper titled "Evolutionary Trends in Digital Marketing: The Impact of Social Media Strategies in Business, Management and Economics Engineering", 23(1), 2025.

Invited as a session chair for the National Conference on "Emerging Trends in Information Technology" at DSCASC on March 14, 2025

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO-Based Competent Levy Flight Scheduling Algorithm for Cloud (EHPSOLF)". AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 030010.



Students during Cyber Hunt

Dr B Nithya

Published a book titled Cryptography and Network Security: Principles and Practises. IGI Publishing House, September 2024.

Granted a patent by the Government of India for the work titled Blockchain-Based Security Chip on June 7, 2024.

Published a paper in Springer titled "Blockchain-Espoused Adaptive Multiscale Dual Attention Network with Quadrennium Fractional-Order Meixemer Moments Encryption for Cybersecurity in Wireless Communication Networks".

Published a paper titled "Web-Enabled Air Quality Monitoring System. AIP Conference Proceedings", 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020075.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO-Based Competent Levy Flight Scheduling Algorithm for Cloud (EHPSOLF)". AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 030010.

Ms Sandhya N

Published a paper titled "Web-Enabled Air Quality Monitoring System." AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020075.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO-Based Competent Levy Flight Scheduling Algorithm for Cloud (EHPSOLF)". AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 030010.

Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya

Published a paper titled "A Lexical Model for Automated Essay Evaluation System Using Ensemble Learning Techniques" in IEEE Xplore, 2024 (DOI: 10.1109/I-SM AC61858.2024.10714597).

Delivered a talk on 'Swarm Intelligence' at HKBK Degree College.

Ms Banu M

Keynote speaker at the international webinar 'The Impact of Information Technology on Disabilities in the Era of Artificial Intelligence', organised by Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru.

Delivered a talk on 'Software Privacy Issues' at JSS Law College, Mysore.

Delivered a talk on 'AI and Sustainability' at Surana College, Peenya, Bangalore.

Dr A M Bojamma

Published a paper titled "Novel Deep Learning Approaches for Automated Taxonomic Identification of Plant Species of the Western Ghats Region" in IEEE Xplore, 2024 (DOI: 10.1109/ICSES63445.2024.10763006).

Published a paper titled "A Lexical Model for

Automated Essay Evaluation System Using Ensemble Learning Techniques" in IEEE Xplore (DOI: 10.1109/I-SMAC61858.2024.10714597).

BOS member, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru.

Published a paper titled "Detection of Skin Cancer Using LBP-GLCM and Machine Learning Approach." AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020077.

Published a paper titled "Detection of COVID-19 Using Lung X-ray Images by Seeded Region Growing Method: A Machine Learning Approach." AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020076.

Dr Puneeth Kumar

Published a paper titled "Detection of Skin Cancer Using LBP-GLCM and Machine Learning Approach. AIP Conference Proceedings", 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020077.

Published a paper titled "Detection of COVID-19 Using Lung X-ray Images by Seeded Region Growing Method: A Machine Learning Approach." AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020076.

Ms Sara Kutty

Delivered a talk on 'The Impact of AI on Employability & Workforce' at VET First Grade College.

Delivered a seminar on AWS at HKBK Degree College.

Delivered a talk on 'Introduction to Cloud Computing & Career Opportunities in Cloud' at BMS College for Women.

Published a paper titled "Web-Enabled Air Quality Monitoring System. AIP Conference Proceedings", 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 020075.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO-Based Competent Levy Flight Scheduling Algorithm for Cloud (EHPSOLF)". AIP Conference Proceedings, 10 March 2025; 3175(1): 030010.

Dr Periyasamy

Published a paper titled "Link-Reliable On-Demand Distance Vector Routing for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks in International Journal of Information Technology", 2024 (DOI: 10.1007/s41870-024-01975-y).

Granted a UK patent for the work titled "Object Detection and Voice Assistance Glasses for the Blind."

Dr Deepa Nagalavi

Granted a patent by the Government of India for a Device for Detection of Diabetic Neuropathy.



Looking out of the world at Cyber Hunt

Dr Mithun D'Souza

Published research papers in IEEE Xplore and IJACSA on AI, smart grids and medical applications.

Granted a patent by the Government of India for the work titled Device for Detection of Diabetic Neuropathy.

Published a book titled Cloud Computing Unveiled. Inspiring Spoorthi Publisher.

Delivered a talk on 'Insights of Big Data Analytics' at NIE First Grade College, Mysore.

Dr Manivannan T

Published research papers in "Indian Journal of Natural Sciences and AIP Conference Proceedings" on AI, IoT and cryptography.

Granted a patent by the Government of India for the work titled Device for Detection of Diabetic Neuropathy.

Published a book titled Data Analysis and Visualisation in Python. CiiT Publisher.

Delivered multiple talks and chaired conferences on AI and data science.

Ms Pooja A
Cleared KSET in 2025.

Awarded a gold medal for academic excellence.

Dr Selvaperumal P
Published a paper titled "Enhancing IoT Quality of Service Using Dynamic Framework and Streamlined Algorithm in Indian Journal of Natural Sciences", 2024.

Published a paper titled "A Survey of Generative Artificial Intelligence and Its Applications in Indian Journal of Natural Sciences", 2024.

Granted a patent by the Government of India for the work titled Device for Detection of Diabetic Neuropathy.

Published a book titled Fundamentals of IoT. Scientific International Publishing House.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Yukta presented the best paper at ICAICS 2024 under the mentorship of Sandhya N.

Sumit Bhasan, Shyamshriram and Alan George Sunny presented papers at ICAICS 2024.

Manas Pradhan (BSc) secured second place in TECHNACK, a national intercollegiate IT event.

Syed Mehdi (BSc) received an internship offer from COSMIC365.

Sandeep L (BSc) completed his national apprenticeship, recognised by NCVET.

Pooja Rani Das participated in a workshop on containers and OpenShift, organised by IPSR Solutions Ltd and Valin.

Shreya Ramesh organised a G20 University Connect lecture.

The following final-year students have secured placements:

BCA and BSc: Ashham V O, S Sneha Satish, Sanam V H and Hari Tiwari at Accenture as SAS Associates.

BCA and BSc: Pranitha Anil, Ridhi Maskara, Srusti, Joel Joseph, Jonathan Dlima, R Kumar and Shawn Shibu at LTiMindtree as Associate Trainees.

MCA: Lishma Menezes at Yokogawa as a Software Developer.

BSc: Angela Baby at Teach for India as a Fellow.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Cybernetics Association
The Cybernetics Association, part of the School of Information Technology at St Joseph's University, is a student-driven community fostering academic excellence, innovation and collaboration among computer science students. Guided by Dr Shashikala D as the staff coordinator and led by President Shayari



At the inaugural of the international conference

Lobo, the 15-member core committee organises various events, including Hello World, Cyber Hunt and the intra-college event Multiplexer, which enhances technical skills and promotes healthy competition among students.The association also hosts Syntaxia, a national-level IT fest open to students across India. In addition to IT quizzes and coding challenges, it conducts workshops to strengthen students' technical expertise and industry readiness. Through networking opportunities and hands-on learning, the association fosters creativity, teamwork and problem-solving, preparing students for successful careers in the ever-evolving tech industry.

Hello World – 2024

The Hello World freshers' event, hosted by Cybernetics on August 16, 2024, introduced new students to the field of information technology, with over 40 participants. The event featured an engaging IT quiz, alongside interactive challenges such as Pic World and Dumb Charades, designed to test technical knowledge and problem-solving abilities. Freshers showcased their IT skills, engaged in friendly competition and became part of the Cybernetics community. The event successfully set an exciting and knowledge-driven tone for the academic year.

Cyber Hunt – 2024

On August 26, 2024, the Cybernetics Association hosted Cyber Hunt, a treasure hunt for over 50 computer science students. Teams navigated the campus, solving progressively challenging clues that tested their technical knowledge and teamwork. Tasks included code decryption and network security puzzles. The event concluded with a closing ceremony, where the winning team was awarded for its performance. Cyber Hunt was a celebration of collaboration and problem-solving.

Multiplexer – 2024

The intra-college event Multiplexer, held on September 19, 2024, featured a mix of technical and non-technical challenges. The morning session included IT Quiz and Sensory. The quiz tested participants on programming, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, while Sensory challenged them with creative tasks engaging their senses. The afternoon session featured Code Relay and Weeb Wars. Code Relay tested coding and teamwork skills as teams collaborated on HackerRank challenges, while Weeb Wars engaged anime enthusiasts in identifying characters and references from popular series. The event concluded with an online BGMI gaming competition. With 248 participants across all events, Multiplexer successfully combined intellectual challenges with interactive activities, making it an engaging and skill-driven event.

Syntaxia – 2025

Syntaxia, held on January 16–17, 2025, was a national-level inter-college technology fest, drawing 238 participants from across India, including Pune and Mangalore. Inaugurated by Mr Ashok Pereira, former senior partner at Ernst & Young, the event featured a combination of technical, creative and gaming competitions. Highlights included Code Relay, a coding and debugging challenge and Byte-o-Mania, an IT quiz evaluating participants' knowledge of technology. The Web Fiesta competition showcased web design skills, while a Valorant tournament added a gaming component. After intense competition, Kristu Jayanti College was declared the overall champion. Syntaxia celebrated technical excellence, collaboration and innovation, leaving participants with a memorable experience.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Talk on the Indian Startup Ecosystem

On January 15, 2025, St Joseph's University hosted an enriching seminar aimed at fostering entrepreneurial spirit among students and inspiring them to explore innovative business opportunities. The event was graced by two eminent speakers, Mr Sathvik Narayan and Ms Chitra, who shared their valuable insights into startup ideas and the significance of entrepreneurship in today's dynamic economy. Mr Sathvik Narayan, Managing Director of BlueTicks Innovations, delivered an inspiring talk about government schemes designed to support young entrepreneurs. He began the session by emphasising the importance of taking calculated risks and not being deterred by the fear of failure when venturing into entrepreneurship. He provided a detailed overview of various government initiatives, including funding programmes, subsidies

and mentorship opportunities, empowering students to turn their business ideas into reality. The seminar included an engaging Q&A session, where students posed questions about navigating entrepreneurial challenges and leveraging government resources effectively. The insights shared by Mr Sathvik Narayan and Ms Chitra underscored the importance of innovation, resilience and support systems in the journey of entrepreneurship. Events like these are instrumental in preparing students to become future leaders and innovators, driving positive change in society.

Visit to SAP – Whitefield, Bangalore

The industrial visit to SAP aimed to expose students to the work environment and make them aware of the latest market trends. The students gained insights into Joule, SAP's business AI tool and how AI is revolutionising business operations. A demonstration showcased the ease with which applications can be built.

The students were made aware that machines could be automated to perform repetitive tasks while programmers could focus on developing business logic based on customers' needs. The visit also emphasised the importance of being proficient in fundamental concepts such as data structures and enhancing programming skills, ensuring students are industry-ready.

Infosys Springboard Official Visit to SJU

Infosys Springboard officials conducted an interactive session with students, the registrar and the dean to understand the need for online courses provided by the Infosys Springboard platform. The interaction with students focused on helping them understand the necessity of various courses on the platform that could aid in career guidance and prepare them for interviews. The officials also engaged with the registrar and the dean. The objectives of the visit were to encourage students of the university to access online skill-based courses from the Infosys Springboard portal, discuss ongoing and potential collaborations and review the benefits of online courses relevant to specific areas such as skill-based training and coding.

Hands-on Workshop on Big Data Processing with Hadoop, Pig and Hive

On October 7, 2024, at the Magis Block Conference Room, the university hosted an enlightening workshop on big data, Hadoop, Hive and Pig. The event was attended by final-year MSc students and faculty members and aimed to discuss the evolving landscape of big data, its applications and associated challenges. The workshop began with a prayer led by Mr Melwil, followed by an introduction of the speaker, Mr Puneeth, by Mr Reaven. Mr Puneeth, an industry professional, then commenced the session. Topics covered included data engineering and the importance of data, advancements in phone cameras supporting up to 50MP resolution, the emergence of big data with examples from the communication and aviation industries and the three Vs of big data—volume, variety and velocity. The session also detailed Hadoop's master-slave architecture, including the job tracker, worker node, name node and block-level reporting,



Faculty members and students at the valedictory ceremony of Syntaxia

while highlighting its compatibility with Linux. The discussion on data storage covered racks, job tracker service and metadata, followed by an overview of the Hadoop ecosystem and its drawbacks. The interactive session included hands-on practise with tools such as Hive, Pig and Sqoop, with command demonstrations for participants. The seminar successfully highlighted the significance of big data and its transformative potential. Participants gained a deeper understanding of its impact across various sectors and the innovations it can drive. The session concluded with a note of thanks by Mr Gavin Livero, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, organisers and participants. The seminar was moderated by Dr Annie Syrien.

Seminar on College to Corporate Transition

The seminar, led by Mr Harsha Vardhan Singh, provided students with valuable insights into transitioning from academic life to the corporate world. Mr Harsha, with his extensive experience at Wipro, shared practical advice on how students can prepare for professional challenges.

Online Webinar on Introduction to AWS Certifications and AWS Academy Learner Lab Course

AWS Academy conducted an online webinar aimed at enhancing students' knowledge of AWS certifications and the AWS Learner Lab. The session was led by Ms Akansha Rai Sharma, Technical Programme Manager, AWS Academy, who shared her expertise. She introduced AWS and outlined its formation and evolution. The session highlighted the growing significance of AWS certifications for students, particularly those pursuing computer science and their role in hiring. A detailed overview of AWS certification levels—Foundational, Associate and Professional—was provided, along with essential learning resources, including AWS Academy and A Cloud Guru. The webinar also covered exam preparation strategies, practical test-taking tips and an interactive session with a sample question. The AWS Learner Lab was introduced as a platform for hands-on experience with AWS technologies. The session concluded with a Q&A, where students engaged in discussions about AWS certifications and practical applications.

IEEE Student Branch Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The IEEE Student Branch Inauguration and



The investiture ceremony of Cybernetics

Investiture Ceremony marked the formal establishment of the IEEE Student Branch at the university. The event celebrated the commencement of activities aimed at fostering innovation, leadership and collaboration in engineering, technology and science. The highlight was the investiture ceremony, where newly appointed office bearers took an oath to uphold IEEE's values and principles. Faculty members, industry professionals and student leaders attended the event, creating a collaborative and motivating environment. The ceremony laid a strong foundation for the branch's future endeavours, encouraging student engagement in technological advancements and professional growth.

Cloud Security and Ethical Hacking

The seminar on cloud security and ethical hacking, led by Mr Kiran Reddy, provided students with valuable insights into the evolving landscape of cybersecurity. Mr Reddy, a cybersecurity expert, discussed key aspects of cloud security, including encryption, data protection and compliance with industry standards. The session also explored ethical hacking techniques, highlighting their role in identifying vulnerabilities and enhancing security measures. The speaker shared real-world case studies, illustrating the importance of proactive security strategies in an increasingly digital world. The interactive nature of the session allowed students to engage with the expert, ask questions and gain practical knowledge applicable to the field of cybersecurity. The seminar concluded with an emphasis on the growing demand for skilled professionals in cloud security and ethical hacking, encouraging students to explore career opportunities in this domain.

Seminar on Consensus for Change: Decentralised Approaches for a Sustainable Tomorrow

This seminar focused on the role of decentralised technologies in fostering sustainability. Experts from various fields discussed the impact of blockchain, decentralised finance (DeFi) and other emerging technologies on environmental and social sustainability. The session highlighted how decentralised networks can reduce reliance on central authorities, promote transparency and create equitable systems in sectors such as energy, supply chain management and finance. Case studies demonstrated the practical applications of these technologies in real-world scenarios. The discussion also addressed challenges such as scalability, regulatory concerns and ethical considerations in implementing decentralised solutions. The seminar concluded with a call to action, encouraging students to explore research and innovation in decentralised approaches for a more sustainable future.

Online Webinar on Career Readiness in Cloud Computing with IBM

IBM hosted an insightful online webinar aimed at equipping students with the necessary skills for career readiness in cloud computing. The session covered key aspects of cloud technology, including infrastructure, deployment models and security considerations. Experts from IBM provided an overview of industry trends, certifications and career pathways in cloud computing. Participants gained insights into the growing demand for cloud professionals and the skills required to excel in the field. The session also included a live demonstration of cloud-based solutions, showcasing their applications in various industries. The webinar concluded with an interactive Q&A, allowing students to seek guidance on certifications, job prospects and skill development in cloud computing.

Webinar on Cloud and Generative AI: Accelerating Digital Transformation

This webinar explored the intersection of cloud computing and generative AI, highlighting their role in accelerating digital transformation. Industry experts discussed how cloud infrastructure supports AI-driven innovations, enabling organisations to scale operations, automate processes and enhance decision-making. The session provided insights into key AI models, their applications across sectors and best practises for leveraging generative AI in business and research. Case studies demonstrated successful implementations of AI-powered solutions in healthcare, finance and customer service. The discussion also addressed ethical considerations, data privacy and regulatory frameworks surrounding AI adoption. The session concluded with a Q&A, where students engaged with industry professionals to gain further clarity on the evolving landscape of cloud computing and generative AI.

Visit to Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum

The visit to Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum provided students with a practical understanding of industrial development and technological advancements. The museum showcased interactive exhibits on mechanics, electronics, space technology and automation, offering students a hands-on learning experience. The visit complemented classroom discussions by illustrating real-world applications of theoretical concepts in science and engineering. Students explored sections on machine principles, robotics and renewable energy, enhancing their awareness of technological evolution. The experience reinforced the significance of innovation in shaping industries and inspired students to pursue careers in science and technology.

Guest Talk: Colours of Astronomy

On March 5, 2025, Dr Margarita Safonova, a passionate scientist with a deep interest in comets, delivered an insightful talk on astronomy. She explained how celestial bodies are studied using various telescopes and imaging techniques, highlighting the role of software like Aladdin in image processing. Dr Safonova shared valuable online resources for students interested in exploring astronomy further. The session was particularly engaging for students studying colour concepts in multimedia, as it provided a real-world connection to their syllabus.

Guest Talk: Music to the Ears

On February 18, 2025, Fr Robin engaged around 100 II BCA (B & C) students in an interactive session on generalism, highlighting the benefits of interdisciplinary knowledge. He explained Analog-to-Digital and Digital-to-Analog (ADDA) conversion in a simplified manner, making complex technological concepts accessible. The session featured an impressive

musical demonstration, where Fr Robin mesmerised the audience by playing multiple instruments, including the Jews harp, thumb piano, flute, mouth organ, and saxophone. His performance showcased the cognitive benefits of rhythm and coordination. Concluding with an inspiring message, he encouraged students to embrace continuous learning, curiosity, and intellectual versatility.

Seminar: Demystifying Generative AI

The Department of Computer Science at St Joseph's University on February 27, 2025, hosted a seminar featuring Mr Gourav Sharma, AWS Technical Account Manager, who discussed the evolution of Generative AI from the 1960s to the present. He covered key AI concepts,



The industrial visit to Visvesvaraya Museum

including Machine Learning, Deep Learning, vectors, embeddings, and Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG). Mr Sharma emphasised the importance of selecting appropriate AI models and ensuring ethical AI deployment. He also provided insights into career opportunities in Generative AI and real-world applications across industries. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where students explored AI's potential and the significance of adaptability in the rapidly evolving field.

Workshop: Intellectual Property Rights & Patents

On February 9, 2025, Dr Bharat N Suryawanshi conducted an insightful session on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), explaining the significance of securing patents and design rights in today's competitive market. He provided a detailed overview of the patent filing process, covering legal considerations and best practises. The workshop included an interactive Q&A session, where participants gained clarity on IPR complexities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Sruthi Surendaran, followed by participant feedback collection. This session effectively raised awareness about intellectual property protection and equipped attendees with practical knowledge on patent and design registration.

Internship Talk

On December 4, 2025, Rubixe conducted an internship talk in the Conference Hall from 10 am to 11 am, offering final-year BCA students opportunities in AI and Cybersecurity. The speaker introduced Rubixe's mission and detailed the one-month internship, which includes live projects, mentorship, and assessments to enhance learning. The session provided students with valuable insights into industry expectations and hands-on experience opportunities.

International Conference on Current Trends in IT (ICCTIT-2025)

St Joseph's University hosted ICCTIT-2025 from March 10-11, 2025, bringing together researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to discuss IT advancements. The inaugural session featured addresses by Dr Annie Syrien, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, and Ms Regina Mathias, along with a keynote by Mr Thandava Popuri from Dell Technologies. Sessions covered AI applications, cybersecurity, and digital transformation, with expert talks by Dr K Gopalakrishnan, Dr Ruban, and Dr Dileep Kumar.

The valedictory session included insights from Fr Denzil Lobo, Dr Srinivas Kathargupe, and Mr Terrence Andrade, emphasising research's role in IT innovation. The event concluded with awards recognising outstanding research, fostering knowledge exchange and industry-academia collaboration.



The industrial visit to SAP

Department of ADVANCED COMPUTING

The Department of Advanced Computing of the School of Information Technology conducts UG, PG, PG-Diploma, and PhD courses. It comprises seven full-time, experienced faculty members with over ten years of specialisation. The intake of BCA (Data Analytics) is more than 70 students, while BDA (Data Analytics) has an intake of 60 students. Presently, the total number of UG and PG students is 198 and 55, respectively, with 14 students in the PG Diploma. The department is headed by Dr Jayati Bhadra, who has more than 24 years of experience.

The faculty's work spans various domains, engaging in complex and high-impact projects involving statistical modelling and inference, machine learning, deep learning, artificial intelligence, and operations research. Leveraging their strong foundation in data science and analytical methodologies, they play a crucial role in developing predictive models, optimising algorithms, and enhancing business decision-making processes. Their contributions drive innovation and address real-world challenges across industries such as finance, healthcare, e-commerce, and telecommunications.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Sivakannan Subramani

Edited the book 'Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing: Tools and Applications', published by Taylor & Francis Group, USA (2024).

Subramani, S, Hari, S, Asha, K, Raj, VFD, & Shaji, LP (2024, April). Enhanced short-term photovoltaic power prediction using a hybrid improved whale optimisation algorithm with XGBooSt 2024 Second International Conference on Smart Technologies for Power and Renewable Energy (SPECon), 1–4. IEEE.

Sabarad, K, & Subramani, S (2024). 'Revolutionising concrete engineering: Predicting material properties with AI insights. Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing' (pp. 293–310). CRC Press.

Ashwa, L, Subramani, S, & Savarimuthu, S X (2024). 'ECG-based diagnosis of sudden cardiac death using machine learning. Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing' (pp. 185–192).

Subramani, S (2024) Comparative analysis of feature-based image stitching algorithms. 'Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing' (pp. 185–192).

Subramani, S, & Sharwin, A (2024). MLACP 2.0: 'Utilising machine learning to predict anticancer peptide activity from protein peptide patterns. Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing' (pp. 75–89).

Mr Francis Raj V

Subramani, S, Hari, S, Asha, K, Raj, VFD, & Shaji, L. P. (2024, April). Enhanced short-term photovoltaic power prediction using a hybrid improved whale optimisation algorithm with XGBooSt 2024 Second International Conference on Smart Technologies for Power and Renewable Energy (SPECon), 1–4. IEEE.

Dr Asha K

Selected as Summer Faculty Research Fellow (SFRF 2024) by IIT Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi (13th May – 12th July 2024).

Asha, K, & Khan, R (2025). Detection of fake news on elections using a machine learning approach. Text and Social Media Analytics for Fake News and Hate Speech Detection (pp. 54–74). Chapman & Hall/CRC.

Reviewer for 6th International Conference on Advances in Distributed Computing and Machine Learning (ICADCML 2025), January 9-10, 2025, NTUST, Taiwan.

Dr Sanjay Dutta

Aleskerov, F T, Dutta, S D, Egorov, D S, & Tkachev, D. S. (2024). 'Networks under deep uncertainty concerning food security'. The New Economic Association Journal, 12.

Dutta, S, Sahoo, B C, Bhanavi, S, & Nethra, S. (2024). 'Multi-objective fuzzy probabilistic programming approach for obtaining optimum crops pattern with water replenishment'. International Journal of Applied and Computational Mathematics, 10(4), 1-21.

Reviewer for OPSEARCH Journal, Springer, India, a WoS and Scopus-indexed journal.

Delivered an online talk on 'Decision Making under Uncertainty', on January 10, 2025, at the College of Natural and Computational Science, Hawassa University, Ethiopia.

Ms Jeshma Nishitha Dsouza

Shekar, B, & Dsouza, J N (2024, October). Forecasting total dissolved solids to predict groundwater quality using machine learning techniques. 2024 IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing, VLSI, Electrical Circuits and Robotics (DISCOVER), 73–77. IEEE.

Dsouza, J N, Santhosh, S, Shivani, M, & Jins, D. (2023, December). Predicting quality of groundwater using different deep learning models. 2023 Fourth International Conference on Smart Technologies in Computing, Electrical and Electronics (ICSTCEE), 1–6. IEEE.

Arya, S, Joy, A M, & Dsouza, J. N. (2023, December). Prediction of MBTI with textual data using different pre-trained transformer models. 2023 Fourth International Conference on Smart Technologies in Computing, Electrical and Electronics (ICSTCEE), 1–7. IEEE.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Sangeetha Sandra Pais and Sameeksha BM presented a paper at the 6th International Conference on Sustainable and Innovative Solutions for Current Challenges in Engineering and Technology (ICSISCET-2024) October 26-27, 2024.

Sanskriti Agarwal and Livingstone Arthur Raj M presented a research paper titled 'Improvising Language Conversation': Hindi & Urdu at the IEEE International Students' Conference SCEECS-25 on January 18–19, 2025, at MANIT, Bhopal, India.

Syona Jean D'Almeida and Anita Irene presented a research paper titled Assessing Groundwater and Water Use in Karnataka: Integrating Quality and Availability at the International Conference on Environmental Science and Green Energy (ICESGE-2025) on February 8, 2025, in Bengaluru, India.

Manisha Viona D'Souza and Alisha D'Souza presented a research paper titled Signed Graph Analysis of Global Exports: Predicting Trade Vulnerabilities at the International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology on February 10–11, 2025, at SJU, Bengaluru, India.

Shalom S and Kaveri PK presented a research paper titled Deep Learning-Based Automated Severity Grading of Knee Osteoarthritis Using ResNet at the International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology on February 10–11, 2025, at SJU, Bengaluru, India.

Lankesh Reddy C presented a research paper titled Consumer Behaviour and Expectation in Quick Commerce: A Machine Learning and Deep Learning Perspective on the Indian Market at the International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology on February 10–11, 2025, at SJU, Bengaluru, India.

Caroline Judy and Syed Hammad presented a research paper titled Remote Sensing for Flood Mapping with Sentinel-1 SAR Imagery at the International Conference on Current Trends in



Prize winners at Datagram 7.0

Information Technology on February 10–11, 2025, at SJU, Bengaluru, India.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Sigma Squared Association

The inauguration of the Sigma Squared Association and Analytica took place on August 26, 2024, with the welcoming of chief guest Mr Arun Munuswamy and other dignitaries, followed by a traditional welcome dance. Dr Jayati Bhadra introduced the associations, highlighting their vision and impact. Mr Arun Munuswamy delivered a speech on skill recognition and selection, emphasising its role in personal and professional growth. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by secretary Mr Syed Hammad.

Analytica 2025 - Incognito

The Analytica 2025 inauguration took place on February 24, 2025, at Xavier Hall featuring speeches and discussions on learning consistency and ethical reasoning in technology. Dignitaries included Dr Jayati Bhadra, Rev Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Adrian Paul, and Dr Sajani Anand who delivered a motivational speech for data analytics students focusing on core values for academic and professional success.

Datagram 7.0

Datagram 7.0, an intercollegiate fest, by the Sigma Squared Association saw 205 participants from nine colleges competing across various events. The two-day fest was inaugurated by Mr Pramod Dsouza and presided over by Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology inspiring an engaging and competitive event. Following intense competition, Christ University emerged as overall champions securing the trophy for the third time fostering knowledge transfer networking and collaboration.

Talk on Skill Enhancement

Dr Augustus Azariah, Regional Director of Kyndryl delivered a session on Skills & Careers in the Future of Work at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru organised by the School of Information Technology. The session focused on the evolving professional landscape emphasising skill enhancement and adaptability. Faculty Coordinator Ms Jeshma Nishitha Dsouza welcomed the gathering and introduced resource person Mr Aaran DLima who set the stage for the discussion. Dr B G Prashanthi, Associate Dean presented a memento to Dr Azariah as a token of appreciation.



Dr Azariah at his session



Sigma Squared & Analytica Inauguration

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

The students in the lists below cleared GATE, IIT-JAM, KSET, and UGC NET, amongst other exams.

GATE
Amruthavarshini S (III TPY)
Amritha N M (III JPY)
Chaitanya Prakashchandra Vora (III BBZ)
Raksha B K (III OEPY)
Anjali A (II MSc Physics)
Subhadra R Menon (III TPY)
Gowri Krishna (III BCZ)
Aadya Paul (III OEPY)
Senorita Benedict (II MSc Physics)
Diya Ann Thomas (III OEPY)
Aditi Kumari (II MSc Psychology)
John Clifford D Souza (II MSc Physics)
Ananya N Mehta (III PSCE)
Angel Brilliance Sam Kolady (III OEPY)
Sharunya Shailesh (III HSO)
Vithur Varenya (II MSc Zoology)
Celesta Annabelle Mascarinhas (III BCBT)
Melwil Vas (II MSc Computer Science)

JAM
Ganti Narasimha (III MSC)
Pranava Shastri (III CHZ)
Shruti SarawagI (III PM)
Vidhi Soni (III BCBT)
Anushree R (III PM)
Dikshith L Naik (MBBY)
Nandagopal M (III PM)
Shivani Shukla (III CHZ)
Angel Mary Varghese (III BTBY)
Maithri S Arya (III BTBY)
Lekha A P (III CHBT)
Celesta Annabelle Mascarinhas (III BCBT)
Melwil Vas (II MSc Computer Science)

KSET
Sufiya Kouser (II MCom)
Sushma A (PhD Chemistry)
Manoj P (PhD Chemistry)
Bhavani C N (PhD Chemistry)
Navya Y (II MA MCJ)
Sruthy Jojy (PhD Zoology)
Sharon Betsy V (II MCom)
Shwetha A (II MCom)
Sam Daniel S (I MSc Chemistry)
Edberg D Cheeran (PhD Political Science)
Meghana K (II MA Political Science)
Eshwar Balaji V N (II MCom)
Sumanth N S (II MSc Environmental Science)
Chinmayi Swaroopa N (II MSc Zoology)
Aswathi Harsha Kumar (II MSc Chemistry)
Sunidhi Arakere (II MA English)
Melwil Vas (II MSc Computer Science)
Rakshitha N (II MCom)
Sindhu J (II MCom)
Abdul Rehman (PhD Political Science)

UGC-NET
Melwil Vas (II MSc Computer Science)
Sunidhi Arakere (II MA English)
Sherin Raju (II MSc Psychology)
Deepika Dalal (I MA English)
Varsheetha Hegde (II MSc Botany)
Devika V H (II MCom)
Rakshitha N (II MCom)
Sindhu J (II MCom)
Abdul Rehman (PhD Political Science)

Khorana Programme for Scholars 2025
Sooraj Sunil Nair (II BCZ)

TIFRGS-JGEEBILS (Biology)
Govinda S (III PMC)

CSIR-NET
Vithur Varenya (II MSc Zoology)

THEATRE STUDIES

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	**PY-T**	21TEP002	Isha D Sheelavant	119	117	113	104	121	121	122	122	1200	939	78.25
2	**PY-T**	21TEP018	Anush K M S	122	116	112	107	120	121	119	122	1200	939	78.25
3	**PY-T**	21TEP029	Arjun Magesh	109	112	106	113	122	122	119	123	1200	926	77.17
4	**PY-T**	21TEP007	Sejal Yadav	121	119	109	107	116	107	122	117	1200	918	76.5
5	**PY-T**	21TEP047	Preksha Gabri-elle Chandra	108	111	105	113	116	123	109	123	1200	908	75.67
6	**PY-T**	21TEP068	Karan Harish Baijal	110	110	108	109	119	122	108	122	1200	908	75.67
7	**PY-T**	21TEP056	Shaivali Rawat	109	107	103	110	110	120	119	120	1200	898	74.83

BIOTECHNOLOGY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	CBT	21CZBT19	Aditi Ashwin	141	142	149	147	143	135	139	141	1200	1137	94.75
2	BT-Z	21CZBT55	Varsha Gowri	113	123	145	144	138	140	127	131	1200	1061	88.42
3	BT-Z	21CZBT38	Prerna Udani	126	127	134	146	131	131	122	136	1200	1053	87.75
4	CBT	21CBT27	Mohammed Abdul Kareem	125	139	141	140	128	128	124	122	1200	1047	87.25
5	BT-Z	21CZBT43	Sandra Saiju	116	134	142	141	127	136	115	132	1200	1043	86.92

BOTANY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BZ	21BBZ04	Yelchuri Sai Kusumitha Sivani	122	146	141	145	132	143	131	126	1200	1086	90.5
2	CB	21CEB24	Amisha Sharma	115	133	139	149	142	136	133	135	1200	1082	90.17
3	BZ	21BBZ68	B A Darshan	113	149	134	134	131	139	126	137	1200	1063	88.58
4	BT-B	21CBT50	Harshitha S	108	140	136	133	126	117	132	130	1200	1022	85.17
5	BZ	21BBZ72	Likitha M S	111	140	133	133	133	127	127	115	1200	1019	84.92

CHEMISTRY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	CBT	21CZBT19	Aditi Ashwin	147	150	140	146	150	146	150	146	1200	1175	97.92
2	CZ	21CBZ01	Kinjal Jain	140	150	142	146	148	146	149	147	1200	1168	97.33
3	CBT	21CZBT26	Meghana Prasad	138	143	150	141	149	143	148	141	1200	1153	96.08
4	CM	21MCZ11	Chandana Ts	130	147	145	140	150	146	147	139	1200	1144	95.33
5	CP	21PCM35	R Aparna	137	138	145	138	149	149	144	131	1200	1131	94.25

COMPUTER SCIENCE

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	MTCS	21PMC05	Jyothika Jayaprakash	142	149	145	140	141	149	142	146	1200	1154	96.17
2	MTCS	21PMC13	Susanna Gladys S	134	147	139	137	140	146	139	127	1200	1109	92.42

3	ST-CS	21CMS07	Pachala Dominica Maria	132	141	141	121	144	144	139	141	1200	1103	91.92
4	ST-CS	21CMS40	Nandana V	130	142	145	137	137	142	127	137	1200	1097	91.42
5	ST-CS	21CMS24	Emma Rose Therattil	124	139	145	130	142	139	127	139	1200	1085	90.42

BCA

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BCA	21BCAS44	Kripa Dhandhania	358	371	375	367	411	134	318	244	2800	2578	92.07
2	BCA	21BCAS06	Pooja A	317	353	347	359	414	134	299	227	2800	2450	87.5
3	BCA	21BCAS58	Deekshitha Rami Reddy	346	365	356	319	382	128	283	222	2800	2401	85.75
4	BCA	21BCAS37	Rida Ahmed	314	328	348	335	387	111	314	228	2800	2365	84.46
5	BCA	21BCAS33	Spoorthy A	331	337	361	309	375	116	292	227	2800	2348	83.86

ECONOMICS (ARTS)

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	E-IR	21IES114	Flavia Andrea Philomena Celie Da Costa	183	175	189	187	86	176	86	172	1400	1254	89.57
2	EP	21EPS022	Devica Kumar Saxena	171	166	184	187	90	174	83	177	1400	1232	88
3	E-IR	21IES040	Tanushri Bommidi	174	170	182	184	81	178	85	174	1400	1228	87.71
4	EP	21HEP107	Moningi Keerthana	161	177	187	182	87	177	80	176	1400	1227	87.64
5	EP	21CPE093	Krati Samaiya	156	173	184	182	90	169	83	178	1400	1215	86.79

ECONOMICS (SCIENCE)

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	E-ST	21EMS58	Nistha Shrestha	174	182	191	183	82	170	80	171	1400	1233	88.07
2	E-ST	21EMS04	Riya Bhansali	182	185	187	180	79	162	81	173	1400	1229	87.79
3	E-ST	21EMS45	Sallagunta Sumana Yadav	159	175	186	180	77	165	69	168	1400	1179	84.21
4	E-ST	21EMS08	Hemakshi Hinger	163	158	185	165	74	160	80	153	1400	1138	81.29
5	E-ST	21EMS29	Fiona Ann Rebello	159	152	180	170	67	160	80	154	1400	1122	80.14

ELECTRONICS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	P-EL	21PEM12	Sinchana V	114	134	127	142	134	131	139	128	1200	1049	87.42
2	P-EL	21PEM04	Alfred P	121	122	121	123	107	119	124	111	1200	948	79
3	P-EL	21PEM37	Cammy Dawan Tongper	97	109	123	126	122	126	122	115	1200	940	78.33
4	EL-CS	21MEC42	Kapse Swathi	93	94	111	121	118	118	121	106	1200	882	73.5
5	P-EL	21PEM02	Vathsala T M	118	106	108	117	120	94	112	106	1200	881	73.42

HISTORY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	PH	21HEP009	Puujita M K	177	183	180	166	80	180	172	91	1400	1229	87.79
2	PH	21HEP103	Janhavi Sharma	172	171	160	155	76	167	169	83	1400	1153	82.36

3	PH	21HEP114	Vaishnavi Prakash Mallapur	152	162	167	141	61	142	136	80	1400	1041	74.36
4	PH	21HEP012	Suhas K	147	171	167	135	65	121	140	69	1400	1015	72.5
5	PH	21HEP102	K R Divyashree	130	158	162	135	57	136	149	81	1400	1008	72

JOURNALISM

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	J-INT	21JIP005	Rosemary Kurian	126	129	133	119	40	200	125	122	1200	994	82.83
2	J-OE	21EJPF10	Nikita Maria Jino	122	125	113	116	117	120	121	117	1200	951	79.25
3	PY-J	21EJPF04	Shine Maria	122	115	109	119	115	119	118	117	1200	934	77.83
4	J-INT	21JIP068	Yuktha Somashekhar	108	119	119	119	35	194	118	118	1200	930	77.5
5	J-INT	21JIP065	Rashmi Khotlande	120	111	117	118	37	192	115	115	1200	925	77.08

MATHEMATICS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	MTCS	21PMC42	Megha A Hebbal	149	147	150	148	148	150	150	149	1200	1191	99.25
2	MTCS	21PMC05	Jyothika Jayaprakash	148	148	150	148	150	150	148	148	1200	1190	99.17
3	P-MT	21PCM28	Gagan B	143	149	149	147	147	150	150	150	1200	1185	98.75
4	P-MT	21PCM08	Shahan Ulla Khan	148	142	149	143	149	150	144	146	1200	1171	97.58
5	ST-MT	21CMS61	Santosh Chandrashekhar Jois	145	143	149	142	146	148	147	145	1200	1165	97.08

MICROBIOLOGY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	MZ	21MCZ01	Risa Elizabeth Stanly	132	139	138	135	138	132	136	132	1200	1082	90.17
2	CM	21MCZ08	Devidha R Chandran	128	136	135	134	138	130	130	137	1200	1068	89
3	CM	21MCB01	Titiksa Dugar	134	139	133	136	130	122	125	130	1200	1049	87.42
4	CM	21MCZ11	Chandana Ts	127	139	130	139	133	127	130	124	1200	1049	87.42
5	MB	21MCB25	Lakshmi Chandana S	134	133	138	122	128	119	137	137	1200	1048	87.33
6	MZ	21MCZ19	Dyuti A Adavi	120	134	137	139	134	115	130	133	1200	1042	86.83

PHYSICS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	P-MT	21PCM08	Shahan Ulla Khan	142	146	138	142	146	142	137	139	1200	1132	94.33
2	P-MT	21PCM53	Ninad Padur Aithal	141	142	133	145	139	146	142	143	1200	1131	94.25
3	CP	21PCM35	R Aparna	134	146	141	148	139	143	119	138	1200	1108	92.33
4	P-MT	21PMC24	Sriram S	131	137	127	138	143	141	132	143	1200	1092	91
5	P-MT	21PCM28	Gagan B	121	143	138	142	137	132	137	142	1200	1092	91
6	P-MT	21PEM19	Chinmay Bandu Kulkarni	135	137	112	143	140	137	131	138	1200	1073	89.42

POLITICAL SCIENCE

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	PH	21HEP009	Puujita M K	154	167	158	164	162	87	153	89	1400	1134	81
2	EP	21CPE093	Krati Samaiya	154	168	150	151	164	86	160	86	1400	1119	79.93
3	PH	21HEP103	Janhavi Sharma	165	159	151	144	153	80	157	86	1400	1095	78.21
4	EP	21EPS022	Devica Kumar Saxena	152	173	149	153	147	84	152	85	1400	1095	78.21
5	EP	21HEP107	Moningi Keerthana	164	177	150	155	125	88	146	85	1400	1090	77.86
6	EP	21CPE097	Anugrah Ekka	130	170	141	147	159	77	149	89	1400	1062	75.86

PSYCHOLOGY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	PY-OE	21EJPF13	Anandita Balsavar	132	127	133	129	140	140	135	137	1200	1073	89.42
2	PY-OE	21TEP010	Kushi Ruth Satyanarayan	139	130	141	127	130	134	128	139	1200	1068	89
3	PY-J	21EJPF04	Shine Maria	133	129	135	130	135	134	129	138	1200	1063	88.58
4	PY-OE	21EJPF06	Devangana Dasgupta	123	128	133	124	139	137	138	139	1200	1061	88.42
5	PY-OE	21EJPS08	Maria Sanjana S	131	127	137	129	120	135	131	137	1200	1047	87.25

SOCIOLOGY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	PS	21EPS006	Durga M P	172	180	172	174	86	178	173	85	1400	1220	87.14
2	PS	21EPS091	Ashika Sajith Kumar	160	164	174	175	90	180	172	86	1400	1201	85.79
3	ES	21EPS028	Meghana B	166	167	171	167	87	173	166	84	1400	1181	84.36
4	PS	21EPS005	Sodasi Ar Murrali	158	161	170	177	84	178	171	78	1400	1177	84.07

STATISTICS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	ST-CS	21CMS40	Nandana V	136	146	147	145	139	136	142	146	1200	1137	94.75
2	E-ST	21EMS58	Nistha Shrestha	136	142	149	147	146	141	132	138	1200	1131	94.25
3	E-ST	21EMS04	Riya Bhansali	138	139	146	137	143	140	143	143	1200	1129	94.08
4	ST-CS	21CMS07	Pachala Dominica Maria	135	143	144	142	137	144	137	145	1200	1127	93.92
5	ST-MT	21CMS05	Jenica Thomas	137	137	145	139	142	140	142	141	1200	1123	93.58

ZOOLOGY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	BCHZ	21BBZ45	Apoorva Rachel Walters	133	131	144	92	47	137	93	238	97	1200	1112	92.67
2	BZ	21BBZ04	Yelchuri Sai Kusum-itha Sivani	144	137	141	88	44	136	130	135	129	1200	1084	90.33
3	BCHZ	21BBZ25	Vigneshwari M	136	143	138	84	47	127	85	228	83	1200	1071	89.25

4	BCHZ	21BBZ40	Jyotismita Chakraborty	135	130	132	85	48	137	88	229	85	1200	1069	89.08
5	BCHZ	21BBZ49	Yash Kaushik	127	130	134	94	49	134	88	229	83	1200	1068	89
6	CZ	21CBZ01	Kinjal Jain	141	140	132	83	49	138	130	134	121	1200	1068	89

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	J-INT	21JIP005	Rosemary Kurian	84	78	84	82	400	328	82
2	J-INT	21JIP065	Rashmi Khotlande	78	83	80	81	400	322	80.5
3	E-ST	21EMS58	Nistha Shrestha	79	83	76	80	400	318	79.5
4	MTCS	21PMC42	Megha A Hebbal	80	84	73	79	400	316	79
5	J-OE	21EJPF10	Nikita Maria Jino	73	77	84	78	400	312	78

FRENCH

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	BBA	21BBAB67	Kasturi Gulhane	93	92	95	86	400	366	91.5
2	E-ST	21EMS29	Fiona Ann Rebello	90	92	86	87	400	355	88.75
3	ST-MT	21CMS05	Jenica Thomas	89	90	91	79	400	349	87.25
4	MTCS	21PMC13	Susanna Gladys S	85	90	87	83	400	345	86.25
5	E-MT	21EMS10	Teesha Tom	88	87	82	76	400	333	83.25

GENERAL ENGLISH

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	PY-J	21EJPF37	K Sowmya	73	76	85	75	400	309	77.25
2	PY-J	21EJPF04	Shine Maria	74	73	82	80	400	309	77.25
3	BBA	21BBAA21	Nava Bhoomika K	72	79	76	79	400	306	76.5
4	P-MT	21PMC07	Shraddha B V	73	76	77	78	400	304	76
5	PY-OE	21EJPF24	Pranisha R	68	76	77	81	400	302	75.5
6	B.COM	21BCOMA02	Manasa M	77	74	75	75	400	301	75.25

GERMAN

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	E-IR	21IES019	Anushka Nath	99	98	98	96	400	391	97.75
2	CBT	21CZBT19	Aditi Ashwin	89	91	94	98	400	372	93
3	E-IR	21IES114	Flavia Andrea Philomena Celie Da Costa	90	94	95	93	400	372	93
4	BBA	21BBAA09	Vismaya Sivadas Valiyandi	93	89	93	93	400	368	92
5	EP	21EPS019	Diya Ann Selvin	94	85	98	90	400	367	91.75
6	CP	21PCM13	Karen Mathews	99	89	89	89	400	366	91.5

HINDI

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	BBA	21BBAB09	Rishab Kumar Jain N	93	93	93	87	400	366	91.5
2	PY-T	21TEP007	Sejal Yadav	95	90	94	82	400	361	90.25
3	P-MT	21PMC50	Shaikh Nawaz Akthar	92	89	93	82	400	356	89
4	MTCS	21PMC72	Fariha Masnoon K	96	83	89	87	400	355	88.75
5	MB	21MCB25	Lakshmi Chandana S	94	82	88	90	400	354	88.5

KANNADA

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	BCH-Z	21BBZ25	Vigneshwari M	100	99	100	100	400	399	99.75
2	EP	21HEP104	Spoorti Rajesh Shivalli	98	99	100	100	400	397	99.25
3	B.COM IFA	21IFA054	Sharon Shreya S	100	100	97	100	400	397	99.25
4	B.COM. BPS	21BPS27	Shalini M	97	100	100	100	400	397	99.25
5	BT-Z	21CZBT67	R P Rithushree	97	98	100	100	400	395	98.75
6	P-MT	21PMC07	Shraddha B V	97	100	99	98	400	394	98.5
7	CZ	21CBZ40	Divya N	99	100	95	100	400	394	98.5
8	CBT	21CBT18	Praneetha Prakash	98	98	100	97	400	393	98.25
9	CBT	21CBT29	Shravani R	99	100	99	95	400	393	98.25

SANSKRIT

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	E-IR	21IES039	Sridevi B A	100	99	99	100	400	398	99.5
2	J-OE	21EJPF28	Karthik N	100	99	99	99	400	397	99.25
3	CM	21MCB23	Mytripriya M	99	98	98	98	400	393	98.25
4	MZ	21MCZ03	Srividya A	99	98	97	95	400	389	97.25
5	ST-MT	21EMS07	Sahana Rajesh	100	97	95	97	400	389	97.25
6	BCA (DATA ANALYTICS)	21BCAF08	Achintya K	100	99	93	97	400	389	97.25
7	BZ	21BBZ24	Aishwarya S	95	91	98	100	400	384	96

TAMIL

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	ES	21EPS069	Sowmiya A	94	92	94	95	400	375	93.75
2	CM	21MCZ29	Shrimathivarshini L	94	92	94	93	400	373	93.25

3	CM	21MCZ18	Swathi S	96	91	93	91	400	371	92.75
4	CBT	21CBT10	Jeyasri J	91	91	92	89	400	363	90.75
5	P-MT	21PCM02	Jeffrina R	95	81	85	91	400	352	88
6	B.COM	21BCOMS31	Harini M	96	92	71	93	400	352	88

BSW

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BSW	21BSW28	Harshitha Sreedhar	227	238	230	323	232	88	201	208	2200	1747	79.41
2	BSW	21BSW13	Namitha Rose Thadevoos	208	229	233	340	213	85	197	201	2200	1706	77.55
3	BSW	21BSW01	Suraj M	237	219	240	290	227	87	202	200	2200	1702	77.36
4	BSW	21BSW09	Dona Antony	235	223	229	302	232	83	182	205	2200	1691	76.86
5	BSW	21BSW27	Hridya Ann Biby	208	228	234	294	213	87	196	184	2200	1644	74.73

BVC

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-centage
1	BVC	21BVC34	Sreehari H	378	319	320	312	286	211	125	369	2900	2320	80
2	BVC	21BVC03	Theertha Vinod	351	318	309	325	289	215	130	370	2900	2307	79.55
3	BVC	21BVC06	Lina Shams	374	320	311	308	271	202	131	344	2900	2261	77.97
4	BVC	21BVC33	Mikhail Mammikutty	389	293	304	305	272	194	123	335	2900	2215	76.38
5	BVC	21BVC32	Eric Godwin Isidore	376	287	323	299	264	178	125	334	2900	2186	75.38

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-centage
1	E-IR	21IES114	Flavia Andrea Philomena Celie Da Costa	178	179	180	174	91	184	92	180	1400	1258	89.86
2	E-IR	21IES039	Sridevi B A	168	180	169	168	91	184	91	182	1400	1233	88.07
3	E-IR	21IES019	Anushka Nath	161	177	170	166	89	175	90	180	1400	1208	86.29
4	E-IR	21IES040	Tanushri Bom-midi	165	174	165	170	86	181	89	177	1400	1207	86.21
5	E-IR	21IES014	S Smrithi	158	177	173	172	91	174	79	179	1400	1203	85.93

OPTIONAL ENGLISH

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	PY-OE	21EJPF13	Anandita Balsavar	125	108	118	111	115	123	118	117	1200	935	77.92
2	PY-OE	21EJPF06	Devangana Dasgupta	121	110	114	117	116	120	118	117	1200	933	77.75
3	PY-OE	21EJPF31	Sammita S Hullemane	119	117	116	116	111	115	114	113	1200	921	76.75
4	PY-OE	21EJPF01	Samira Mary Jothish	110	109	110	116	115	120	112	116	1200	908	75.67
5	J-OE	21EJPF10	Nikita Maria Jino	120	114	112	113	111	118	107	112	1200	907	75.58

DIGITAL MEDIA & ANIMATION

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	BVoc (Digital Media And Animation)	21VOA36	Arashree Padhy	471	452	473	474	313	181	569	75	3900	3008	77.13
2	BVoc (Digital Media And Animation)	21VOA05	Saachi Mehta D	438	441	465	489	307	174	567	89	3900	2970	76.15

3	BVoc (Digital Media And Animation)	21VOA18	Lokanaatha S M	458	435	464	480	313	156	560	69	3900	2935	75.26
4	BVoc (Digital Media And Animation)	21VOA15	Melanie Anna Wilson	417	468	470	467	299	161	563	89	3900	2934	75.23
5	BVoc (Digital Media And Animation)	21VOA02	Michelle Yusuff	470	431	443	468	256	166	591	89	3900	2914	74.72

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	C-ENS	21CEB01	Bhadra K S	131	136	137	134	136	98	183	134	1200	1089	90.75
2	C-ENS	21CEZ33	Shashank N	117	119	131	123	133	96	176	138	1200	1033	86.08
3	C-ENS	21CEZ03	Daivik G	113	110	130	126	133	87	162	128	1200	989	82.42
4	ENSZ	21CEZ25	Achuth Manoj	114	115	117	120	123	89	170	130	1200	978	81.5
5	ENSZ	21CEZ30	Akhila N S	116	117	99	117	132	91	172	129	1200	973	81.08

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	E-CE	21CPE106	Benjith K Shaju	121	118	126	118	116	126	114	120	1200	959	79.92
2	E-CE	21CPE001	Mohammad Abdurazak Jaffar	117	110	120	114	116	125	120	119	1200	941	78.42
3	P-CE	21CPE007	Cassandra Johanna Pereira	117	110	117	116	108	124	113	104	1200	909	75.75
4	E-CE	21CPE030	Sri Satya Asritha Rapeti	125	115	112	108	107	112	103	112	1200	894	74.5

BCOM

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-centage
1	BCom	21BCOMA08	Disha Krishna Vannali	255	276	251	268	440	100	264	257	2400	2111	87.96
2	BCom	21BCOMC39	Chaithra M	231	283	256	259	434	95	350	171	2400	2079	86.63
3	BCom	21BCOMA24	Priyanshi Ranjan	231	273	266	252	428	98	362	167	2400	2077	86.54
4	BCom	21BCOMA11	Yuvana E K	252	269	260	267	418	93	244	261	2400	2064	86
5	BCom	21BCOMC79	Swathika Ck	243	253	253	259	423	92	351	159	2400	2033	84.71

VISUAL MEDIA & FILM MAKING

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	BVoc (Visual Media And Filmmaking)	21VOF34	Hannah Sneha M	464	471	497	419	350	181	89	184	3200	2655	82.97
2	BVoc (Visual Media And Filmmaking)	21VOF24	Sunaina Madan	495	467	483	396	311	183	77	170	3200	2582	80.69
3	BVoc (Visual Media And Filmmaking)	21VOF21	Ricky Martin R	480	444	487	392	329	170	77	184	3200	2563	80.09
4	BVoc (Visual Media And Filmmaking)	21VOF37	Rohith R Poojari	456	444	480	401	303	167	84	175	3200	2510	78.44
5	BVoc (Visual Media And Filmmaking)	21VOF51	Sanket Suman	469	448	483	405	298	155	75	173	3200	2506	78.31

BBA

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BBA	21BBAA09	Vismaya Sivadas Valiyandi	257	269	269	279	264	277	265	281	2400	2161	90.04
2	BBA	21BBAB09	Rishab Kumar Jain N	258	272	279	278	175	360	262	262	2400	2146	89.42
3	BBA	21BBAA21	Nava Bhoomika K	243	276	276	280	259	266	252	282	2400	2134	88.92
4	BBA	21BBAA41	Arwa Khumri	262	277	269	279	262	263	244	270	2400	2126	88.58
5	BBA	21BBAA67	Sambhav R Mootha Jain	257	278	269	269	177	355	251	263	2400	2119	88.29

BIOCHEMISTRY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Per-cent-age
1	BCHZ	21BBZ45	Apoorva Rachel Walters	132	139	133	142	144	98	200	149	1200	1137	94.75
2	BCHZ	21BBZ09	Sneha Lakshmi	129	146	137	138	140	98	189	146	1200	1123	93.58
3	BCHZ	21BBZ40	Jyotismita Chakraborty	117	142	147	145	140	99	193	127	1200	1110	92.5
4	BCHZ	21BBZ25	Vigneshwari M	130	142	141	127	132	83	184	136	1200	1075	89.58
5	BCHZ	21BBZ49	Yash Kaushik	106	133	134	135	131	95	195	134	1200	1063	88.58
6	BCHZ	21BBZ65	Ruchitha N	123	133	125	131	136	94	179	142	1200	1063	88.58

BCOM IFA

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BCom IFA	21IFA021	Bhumika S Jain	253	271	264	274	423	82	265	263	2400	2095	87.29
2	BCom Ifa	21IFA026	Muskan Pincha	260	275	263	276	402	80	177	354	2400	2087	86.96
3	BCom IFA	21IFA024	Ridhi Raj	260	266	271	276	389	86	245	256	2400	2049	85.38
4	BCom IFA	21IFA060	Vandhitha G S	261	268	268	275	401	79	248	246	2400	2046	85.25
5	BCom IFA	21IFA081	Shivaanshi S Mehta	247	262	266	226	420	84	255	247	2400	2007	83.63

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	E-IR	21IES114	Flavia Andrea Philomena Celie Da Costa	178	179	180	174	184	91	92	180	1400	1258	89.86
2	E-IR	21IES039	Sridevi B A	168	180	169	168	184	91	91	182	1400	1233	88.07
3	E-IR	21IES019	Anushka Nath	161	177	170	166	175	89	90	180	1400	1208	86.29
4	E-IR	21IES040	Tanushri Bom-midi	165	174	165	170	181	86	89	177	1400	1207	86.21
5	E-IR	21IES014	S Smrithi	158	177	173	172	174	91	79	179	1400	1203	85.93

PUBLIC POLICY

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	PP-INT	21JIP 092	Sayani Rana	150	158	172	169	160	89	93	172	1400	1163	83.07
2	PP-INT	21JIP 001	Alka Bala	163	153	171	162	157	88	92	174	1400	1160	82.86

3	PP-INT	21JIP015	Rajika Kanungo	133	145	160	164	152	93	91	173	1400	1111	79.36
4	PP-INT	21JIP031	Ashlyn S A	138	143	155	162	152	91	90	161	1400	1092	78
5	PP-INT	21JIP009	Maansi N A	116	146	155	157	140	93	89	154	1400	1050	75

BCA-DS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BCA (Data Analytics)	21BCAF01	Pawni Gupta	342	349	376	361	401	145	279	233	2800	2486	88.79
2	BCA (Data Analytics)	21BCAF08	Achintya K	342	367	361	365	398	139	288	211	2800	2471	88.25
3	BCA (Data Analytics)	21BCAF09	Chakrikaa S R	319	348	365	354	418	134	284	232	2800	2454	87.64
4	BCA (Data Analytics)	21BCAF17	Joselin Maria J	332	353	362	341	409	123	274	226	2800	2420	86.43
5	BCA (Data Analytics)	21BCAF06	Ryan Vargheese	333	372	360	333	374	134	278	202	2800	2386	85.21

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PEACE STUDIES

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	V	VI	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	J-INT	21JIP005	Rosemary Kurian	174	176	173	172	184	87	183	84	1400	1233	88.07
2	PP-INT	21JIP001	Alka Bala	170	173	176	162	181	83	182	80	1400	1207	86.21
3	J-INT	21JIP094	Sukanya Taluk-dar	165	172	166	168	182	87	166	83	1400	1189	84.93
4	PP-INT	21JIP092	Sayani Rana	166	169	165	171	180	82	176	77	1400	1186	84.71
5	PP-INT	21JIP015	Rajika Kanungo	147	162	166	173	179	85	181	90	1400	1183	84.5

BBA - SF

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	Ii	Iii	Iv	V	Vi	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	BBA-SF	21BBASF06	Aswin Upadhaya	255	270	270	279	506	518	2400	2098	87.42

2	BBA-SF	21BBASF42	Simran Choudhury	225	258	258	252	524	515	2400	2032	84.67
3	BBA-SF	21BBASF18	Ushanthika R	227	255	262	261	516	502	2400	2023	84.29
4	BBA-SF	21BBASF22	Ashok B	204	257	260	264	520	508	2400	2013	83.88
5	BBA-SF	21BBASF23	Jatin Choudhary	221	250	259	257	496	519	2400	2002	83.42

BCOM-BPS

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Max. Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percent-age
1	BCOM-BPS	21BPS27	Shalini M	244	272	264	246	498	505	2029	2400	84.54
2	BCOM-BPS	21BPS06	Shwetha S	236	273	262	228	487	511	1997	2400	83.21
3	BCOM-BPS	21BPS64	Dishank Lahoti	228	252	262	224	499	514	1979	2400	82.46
4	BCOM-BPS	21BPS40	Kavya G	244	266	262	231	480	491	1974	2400	82.25
5	BCOM-BPS	21BPS80	Kia Hajela	236	254	257	229	477	487	1940	2400	80.83

BVOC-BVFM

#	Comb	Reg. No.	Name Of The Candidate	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Total Marks Obtained	Max. Marks	Percent-age
1	BVOC-BVFM	21VOF34	Hannah Sneha M	464	471	497	419	531	619	3001	3600	83.36
2	BVOC-BVFM	21VOF24	Sunaina Madan	495	467	483	396	494	573	2908	3600	80.78
3	BVOC-BVFM	21VOF21	Ricky Martin R	480	444	487	392	499	586	2888	3600	80.22
4	BVOC-BVFM	21VOF51	Sanket Suman	469	448	483	405	453	586	2844	3600	79
5	BVOC-BVFM	21VOF37	Rohith R Poojari	456	444	480	401	470	585	2836	3600	78.78

RETIRED STAFF

Over the last academic year, 6 teaching staff members and 4 non-teaching staff members have retired. The staff and students wholeheartedly extend their congratulations to our retired staff members as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Mr John J Binze, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics, St Joseph's University, retired from service on May 31, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 35 years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mr John J Binze joined St Joseph's College in 1989 as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics. He advanced to several positions including Head of the Department of Mathematics (2020-24), PG Coordinator of Mathematics (2017-20), Coordinator of Examinations (2016-20), Deputy Chief Superintendent of Examinations, Convener of Mentors, Convener of Puraskara (2021 and 2024), Treasurer, SJC Staff Welfare Fund, Member Board of Studies, Bangalore City University, Member Board of Examination Bangalore City University, Member Board of Examination Bangalore University, Member Board of Studies, BMS College of Women and Member Board of Examination of Multiple Autonomous Colleges. In addition, he has also been a member of the Governing Council at St Claret College, Bengaluru.



Mr Gregory Sequeira, Associate Professor, Department of Electronics, St Joseph's University, retired from service on June 30, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 31 years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mr Gregory Sequeira joined St Joseph's College on March 23, 1993 as a lecturer in the Department of Electronics. In 2001, when the institution was bifurcated into St Joseph's College and St Joseph's Pre-University College, he was appointed the Head of the Department of Electronics at St Joseph's Pre-University College and was responsible for setting up the Electronics Lab. At our institution, Mr Gregory served as the Coordinator for CSA, the JET club, and vocational courses, and he was the NSS Coordinator for 2 terms. He also actively participated in the student council group, coordinated the Centre for Social Concern (CSC), taught radio/TV repair classes in the evening in collaboration with BPL, organised several blood donation camps, and coordinated a 2-day state-level workshop for Electronics students in 2011.



Mrs Chandrakala, a housekeeping staff member of St Joseph's University, retired from service on July 3, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 12 years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mrs Chandrakala started working at St Joseph's College (Autonomous) on June 1, 2012, as a housekeeping staff member. She has been extremely punctual and has taken very few days off during her 12 years of service. Over the years, she has consistently demonstrated great dedication and commitment to completing all her duties every day before leaving work. She is greatly admired for embodying decency, gentleness and



innocence while remaining cooperative with everyone around her. Despite the strenuous nature of her work, she has been blessed with good health and was so dedicated that she was willing to continue working for the institution until her health permitted. Staff members such as her have not only worked diligently to maintain cleanliness on campus but have also contributed to the institute's overall wellbeing.

Mrs A Bessy Estheline, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, retired from service on July 31, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 28 long years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mrs



A Bessy Estheline joined St Joseph's College on July 1, 1996 as a Lecturer in the Department of Physics. Over the years she has held several positions for many years such as HRD Felicitator, Class Mentor and PSA Coordinator. Mrs A Bessy Estheline is known to be a fighter due to her positive attitude despite several trials. She has never said no to any responsibilities.

Mr Henry Goveas, Second Division Assistant, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, retired from service on July 31, 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 35 years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mr Henry Goveas joined St Joseph's College on August 23, 1989. as an Attender and was promoted to Second Division Assistant (SDA). He wholeheartedly worked for the welfare of the students, departments and the institution with exemplary and dedicated service over all these years. His first assignment was in the PG Library from 1987 to 1992 followed by his posting to II PUC lab in 1993, where he worked till June 2013. Since July 2014 he has been working in the Department of Electronics as a Lab Attender. He is known to keep discipline inside the labs and has always given importance to cleanliness and well-maintained labs. He was promoted to SDA on February 16, 2022. He also helped in the collection of answer scripts at the CoE's Office during Mid-Semester and End-Semester Examinations for many years.



Mr Balaraju, Housekeeping Personnel, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, retired on December 31, 2024, reaching superannuation,



after 7 years of arduous service to the institution. Mr Balaraju joined St Joseph's College (Autonomous) on July 1, 2017, and from that moment, he has exemplified unwavering dedication and remarkable vitality. Initially, he was appointed on contract but was later made a regular staff as his work ethic outshined even that of the youngest staff members. Age and the fear of illness have never deterred him even from lifting heavy objects typically requiring the strength of two people. We all know that housekeeping demands resilience, and Mr Balaraju embodies that spirit wholeheartedly, never turning down a task. Beyond being an exceptional worker, Mr Balaraju stands out as one of the most industrious staff members and inspires all with his commitment and relentless effort, demonstrating that no work is too small or insignificant.

Lieutenant Nagarajan E M, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, retired on December 31, 2024, after 29 years of dedicated commitment to the institution and a total of 34 years of service across the St Joseph's institutions. A beloved alumnus of our institution, Lt Nagarajan, began his

journey at St Joseph's College of Commerce on June 1, 1990 and then transitioned to St Joseph's College on June 1, 1995. In November 2014, he



showed his resilience and adaptability by taking on a new role at Government First Grade College, Hoskote, before moving to St Joseph's Evening College in July 2018. He made his way back to SJU in July 2023. From 1995 to 2011, he led the NCC as a lieutenant, showcasing his leadership and mentoring skills, in addition to serving as a Student Counsellor, Cultural Coordinator in 2012, Student Union Governor in 2013-14, and Head of the Hindi Parishad. He was also the Secretary of the Staff Welfare Fund and one of the directors of the Credit Cooperative Society. Lt Nagarajan is also a Philatelist and Numismatist specialising in Military themes and Indian Currency Notes. He has served as the Executive Council Member and Jury of the Philatelists And Numismatists Association of St Joseph's University.

Mrs Shanthamma B S, a housekeeping staff member at St Joseph's University, retired from service in March 2024, on reaching superannuation, after 17 long years of dedicated service to the Institution. Mrs Shanthamma B S joined St Joseph's College (Autonomous) in June 2007 as a housekeeping staff member. At the time of



her joining, she was the only housekeeping staff member of the PG Block of the institution and shouldered all the responsibilities with great diligence. Over all these years, she completed all her tasks to the best of her ability every day before leaving work. We are glad that despite the arduous nature of her work, she has been blessed with good health and we pray that she remains healthy all her life.

Dr P E Somaiah, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, completed his superannuation on March 29, 2025 marking the end of a remarkable 34-year journey characterised by unwavering dedication to this institution. Dr Somaiah graduated from St Joseph's College in 1986. After completing his post-graduation from Bangalore University, he

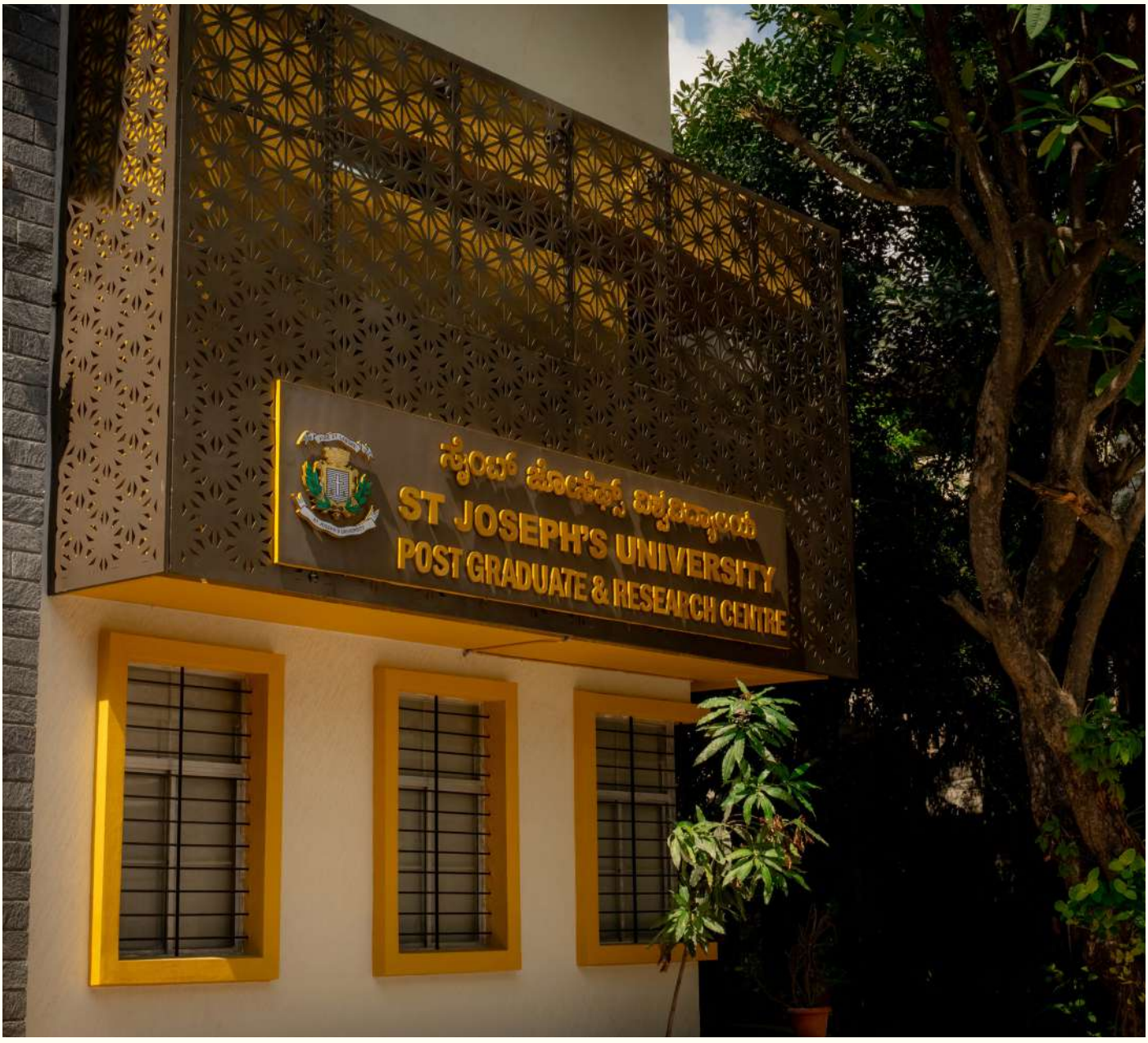


joined his Alma Mater on July 10, 1991 as an Ad Hoc Lecturer in the Department of Political Science. After joining the institution, he cleared his SLET examination and secured an MPhil Degree from Bangalore University in 1994. In the same year, he became an aided faculty member. He also secured his PhD degree as a UGC Teacher Fellow in 2002 from Bangalore University. Apart from his regular teaching and research work, Dr Somaiah has assisted the College and University administration in different capacities, viz, Class Mentor, Student Welfare Officer, Staff Coordinator of Student Council; Member of Sports Committee, Examination Malpractice Enquiry Committee, and General Disciplinary Committee; and Convener of Examination Grievances Committee and Anti-Ragging Committee. Dr Somaiah took over as the Head of the Department of Political Science in April 2017. During his tenure, new courses, new papers and combinations were introduced. The faculty strength, which was just three when he took over as HOD, increased to twelve by 2020.

Mr Clement Joseph D'Souza (Clive), Associate Professor in the Department of Economics and former Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at St Joseph's University, Benga-

luru, retired on March 29, 2025, marking the end of a remarkable 35-year journey characterised by unwavering dedication to this institution. Mr Clement joined St Joseph's College on January 29, 1990 as a Lecturer in the Department of Economics, devoting his entire career to the institution through various transformative phases. He pioneered the teaching of Econometrics at the college. Throughout his tenure, he has made significant contributions in numerous prominent roles including Placement Coordinator (1991), Coordinator of Humanities Honours Programme, Personality Development Programmes (1992-1995), Career Fest Coordinator(1995-2002), Maintenance Officer of Humanities Block (2000-2001), Exam Coordinator (2005), Student Welfare Officer (2005-12), Coordinator of AICUF (2012), Acting Vice-Principal (2012), Acting Head of the Department of Economics (2012-2013), Campus Minister (2013-14), IQAC Coordinator (2014-15), Member of the Academic Council and Governing Council for 3 terms (2015- 2023), Convenor of FDPs (since 2015), Block Coordinator (2018-2019), Head of the Department of Economics (2018-2020), Vice-Principal (2015-2018 and 2019-2020), and Dean of the School of Humanities (2020-2023).





WEDDINGS



Dr T Manivannan from the Department of Computer Science with his spouse, **Ragavi S.**
November 14, 2024



Mr Tobin Varkey Simson from the Department of Chemistry with his spouse, **Helen Vidhayathil Ignatious.**
August 17, 2024



Ms Maya Philip and Mr Nigel George, from the Department of English.
May 1, 2025



Dr Achuth A from the Department of English with his spouse, **Dwija Bai A K.**
May 28, 2024



Ms Ramya Archana from the Examination Department with her spouse, **Rocky Preetham D'Souza.**
April 27, 2024



Mr Linto Antony from the Department of Political Science with his spouse, **Meera VM.**
December 29, 2024



Dr Beena Ambrose from the Department of English with her spouse, **Tanweez Mulla.**
June 2, 2025



Dr Alan Godfrey A from the Department of Social Work with his spouse, **Felicia Rose Anandhi.**
May 29, 2024



Dr Valeeta Marina Dsouza from the Department of Biotechnology with her spouse, **Dr Kiran Kumar.**
November 24, 2024



Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha M from the Department of Computer Science with his spouse, **Mareea Mehbin M.**
February 18, 2024



Ms Akshara from the Department of Psychology with her spouse, **Nandhu K R.**
April 21, 2024



Mr Shiva Kumar Attender from the Admin Department with his spouse, **Ms Sangeetha**
September 16, 2024



Mr Raj Kiran from the System Administrator with his spouse, **Ms Banupriya.**
November 17, 2024

OBITUARIES

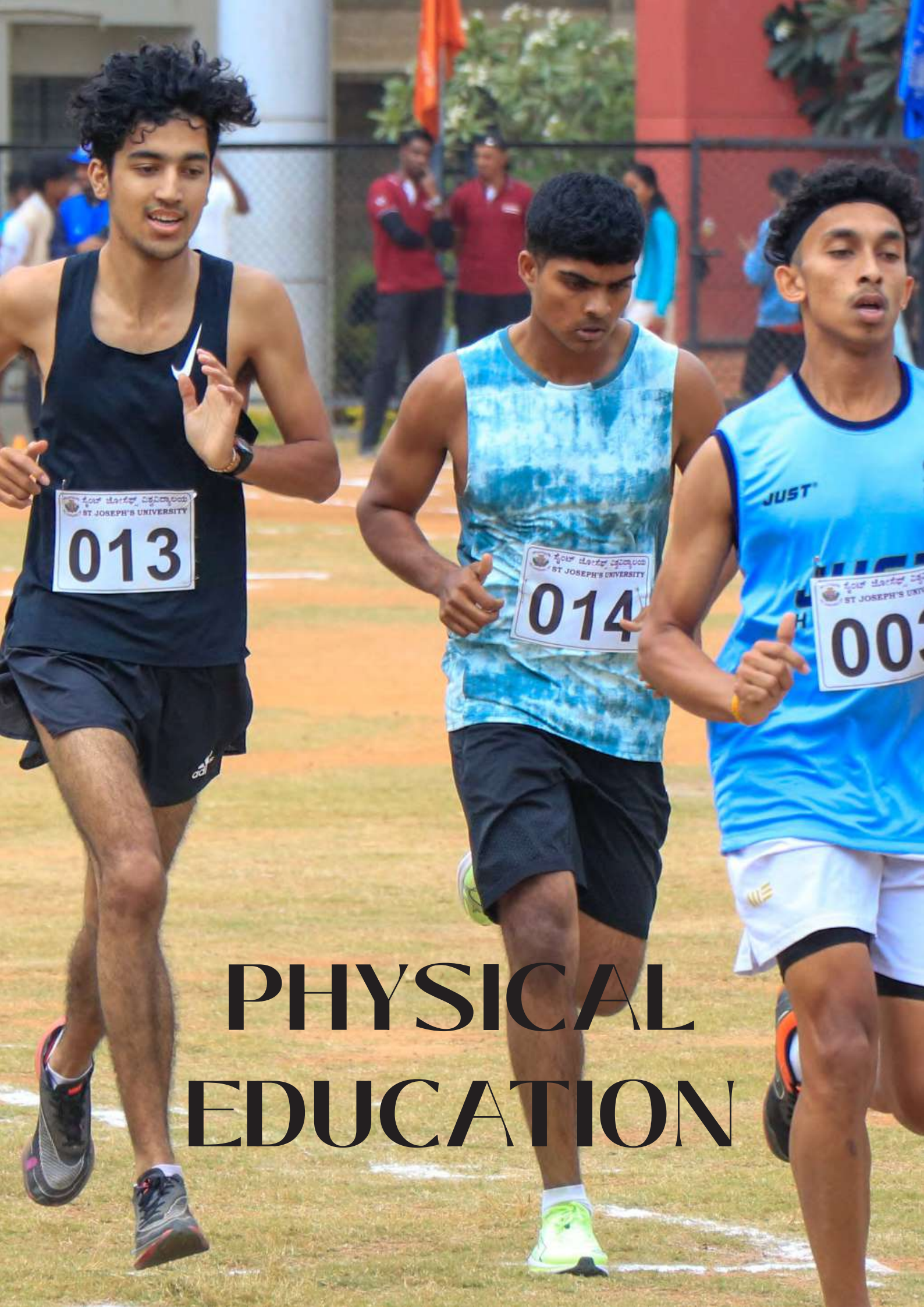


Mr Murali, Maintenance Department, passed away on November 30, 2024.



Madhumita, III Statistics & Computer Science, passed away on May 19, 2025.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

141ST ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET WAS HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2025

RESULTS UG

(MEN)

100 M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIMINGS
NAGUL KRISHNA S	222MBBY31	FIRST	10.81s
SIDDARTH	221BCOMD042	SECOND	10.94s
AJAY KRISHNA	222HPS01	THIRD	11.14s

200 M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIMINGS
DHANANJAY	222JIN30	FIRST	23.33s
DINU GIRISH	232BCAA69	SECOND	25.08s
HARSHAVARDHAN D D	221BCOMD074	THIRD	25.76s

400 M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIMINGS
DHANANJAY	222JIN30	FIRST	51.01s
KEVIN GEORGE	242BCA04	SECOND	53.00s
ADITHIYA.G	242BCOMD70	THIRD	56.10s

800 M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIMINGS
SHIVANANDA.T.S	243BCAB68	FIRST	02:06.81s
AMAN AIYAPPA.K.M	233BCOME024	SECOND	02:07.29s

LALRAMLIEN JOUTE	222PM13	THIRD	02:11.77s
1500M (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
JONAH K	242PCM09	FIRST	04:18.53 s
ANKIT SINGH MEHRA	232PSCE38	SECOND	04:33.13 s
AYUSHMAN BASU	221BCOMC031	THIRD	04:39.64 s
HIGH JUMP (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
VIVEK KUMAR PAREKH	221BPS12	FIRST	1.72 m
DENNIS	242IES063	SECOND	1.64 m
ASHUTOSH KULKAR-NI	20EMS44	THIRD	1.63 m
LONG JUMP (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
SHREYAS.R	221BCOMD076	FIRST	5.97 m
ERIC.V	242EJPA05	SECOND	5.83 m
VIVEK KUMAR PAREKH	221BPS19	THIRD	5.79 m
TRIPLE JUMP (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
AJAY KRISHNA	222HPS01	FIRST	13.40 m
SIBIRAJ B	221BBASF30	SECOND	11.65 m

ERIC V	242EJPA05	THIRD	11.60 m
DISCUS THROW (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
MITHIL	223BBAC039	FIRST	21.76 m
NIKHIL KUMAR	242CEZ11	SECOND	20.30 m
SYED MEHRAAN J	233BCOMG059	THIRD	19.94 m
JAVELIN THROW (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
TEJAS S P	243JPS06	FIRST	35.70 m
VASANATH KUMAR C	232ECSO40	SECOND	34.55 m
REVANTH GOWDA	221BCOMD077	THIRD	32.77 m
SHOT PUT (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
BHARATH.C.K	231BPS82	FIRST	10.56m
REVANTH GOWDA	221BCOMD077	SECOND	9.80m
SULTAN	221BCOMC012	THIRD	9.76m

4X100 M RELAY (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
SHREYAS.R	221BCOMD076	**FIRST**	**47.04s**
KEN KUTTAPPA	221BCOMD070		
SIDDHARTH	221BCOMD042		
BENNET	221BCOMD092		
VIVEK KUMAR PAREKH	221BPS12	**SECOND**	**47.77s**
PRINCE KUYUR	221BPS11		
DAVID	221BPS17		
JASHWANTH	221BPS35		
ADITHYA.G	242BCOMD70	**THIRD**	**48.24s**
AMAL SUBHASH	242BCOMD32		
JEFFRY JIMMY.K	242BCOMD49		
JENSON CRUZ	242BCOMD31		

TUG-OF-WAR (MEN)	
PLACE	**CLASS**
FIRST	2 BCOM E
SECOND	3 BCOM B
THIRD	3 BCOM E

1500M INTER JESUIT (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
ANKIT SINGH	232PSCC38	FIRST	4:25.37min
JONAH K	242PCM09	SECOND	4:25.55min
AYUSHMAN BASU	221BCOMC031	THIRD	4:27.72min
UG (WOMEN)			
100M (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
MICHELLE AGNES S	232OEPY55	FIRST	13.55s
D PRIYADHARSHINI	242EJPA02	SECOND	14.56s
KOMAL JAIN	231BCOMB064	THIRD	16.22s
200M (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
MICHELLE AGNES S	232OEPY55	FIRST	29.39s
SANYA	222JIN03	SECOND	29.80s
GAYATHRI M	232BTBY15	THIRD	29.94s
400M (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
VANSHIKA B	231BCOMB080	FIRST	1:12.07min
PREETHI SERAFINA	222JIN15	SECOND	1:13.56min
HARINI	242EJPA23	THIRD	1:14.03min

800M (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
ANCHAL BOJAMMA T R	233BCOME016	FIRST	2:46.74min
MAITHRI.S.ARYA	222BTBY30	SECOND	2:51.70min
VAIBHAVI PRAD-HAN.N	241BCOMC42	THIRD	2:57.46min
1500M (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**TIMINGS**
ANCHAL BOJAMMA T R	233BCOME016	FIRST	05:52.47 s
MAITHRI S ARYA	222BTBY30	SECOND	06:29.00 s
SINCHAL DECHAMMA C M	232ECSO74	THIRD	06:34.92 s
HIGH JUMP (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
ROSHNI	232BCOMD056	FIRST	1.16 m
SINCHANA V	22ECSO046	SECOND	1.16 m
BHAVYA KAREPPA HUGAR	243BCOMG07	THIRD	1.10 m
LONG JUMP (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
ANGELINA JOYCE	242MEC10	FIRST	4.00m
JADA CHARITHA	242HEP94	SECOND	3.50m
SONAL TRIPATHI	222JIN43	THIRD	3.37m

TRIPLE JUMP (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
TARA PARMAR	231TPY13	FIRST	8.70 m
KRITHIKA C B	221BBAB064	SECOND	8.40 m
SINCHANA V	22ECSO046	THIRD	7.65 m
DISCUS THROW (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
GAYATHRI M	232BTBY15	FIRST	13.44 m
VARSHA V	221BBAA068	SECOND	12.41 m
M CHARUHASHNI	221BPS41	THIRD	12.22 m
JAVELIN THROW (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
KAVYASHRI K G	232BCOMD058	FIRST	18.92 m
EZA EBY	242EPS22	SECOND	12.60 m
SATYA KHANNA	241VOA28	THIRD	12.40 m
SHOT-PUT (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
KAVYASHRI.K.G	232BCOMD058	FIRST	9.16m
VARSHA.V	221BBAA068	SECOND	8.55m
PREETHIKA.S	232ECPS038	THIRD	7.01m

4X100 M RELAY (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**		
MICHELLE AGNES S	232OEPY55	**FIRST**	**1:01.92min**
SASHA SMITH	232OEPY24		
SPOORTHI.V	232OEPY61		
ANNIE SHARON.S	232OEPY6		
PREETHI SERAFINA	222JIN15	**SECOND**	**1:02.12min**
ASMI	222JIN06		
SONAL TRIPATHI	222JIN43		
SANYA SUDHEER	222JIN03		
VANSHIKA.B	231BCOMB080	**THIRD**	**1:03.71min**
KOMAL JAIN	231BCOMB064		
RACHANA.R	231BCOMB071		
NAVYA MOL N	231BCOMB014		

TUG-OF-WAR (WOMEN)	
PLACE	**CLASS**
FIRST	2 OEPY
SECOND	2 BCOM E
THIRD	2 TPY

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - MICHELLE AGNES S - 232OEPY55 - 1290 POINTS

PG (MEN)-RESULTS

100M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIME
RAUL ROHAN B	232CSC21	FIRST	11.39s
ALEN ABY	242BDA69	SECOND	11.65s
VINAY B	232MAT29	THIRD	12.21s

200M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIME
VINAY B	232MAT29	FIRST	26.13s
A B KOUSHIK	232ECO47	SECOND	27.19s
SHIKAR JHA	242MAT17	THIRD	28.59s

400M (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIME
BHARATH A	232CHA15	FIRST	56.11s
JOHNVISTON TITAS DIAS	232MCA08	SECOND	59.76s
NEVAN	242ECO04	THIRD	1:00.33s

LONG JUMP (MEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	DISTANCE
RAUL ROHAN B	232CSC21	FIRST	5.45m
MOHAMAD SHOHIB	231MCJ35	SECOND	5.25m
A.B.KOUSHIK	232ECO47	THIRD	5.23m

JAVELIN THROW (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
UTSAV PRADHAN	231MCJ19	FIRST	28.79 m
VARUNAN J H	231STA05	SECOND	28.08 m
MOHAMMED SHOAIB	231MCJ35	THIRD	22.05 m
SHOT PUT (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
NOEL KENNY MALAG	232FSS16	FIRST	8.28m
DARREL SEAN D'SOUZA	232MAT02	SECOND	8.07m
THARUN ADHITYA	241MCJ14	THIRD	8.06m
4X100 M RELAY (MEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**		
M DHANRAJ KARTHIK	232CSC26	**FIRST**	**48.96s**
RAUL ROHAN B	232CSC21		
MELVIN	242CSC31		
ABINAV	242CSC11		
ALEN ABY	242BDA62	**SECOND**	**49.16s**
MUGIL M	242BDA05		
GAUTHAM KRISHNA R	242BDA38		
VIJAY NARAYANAN	242BDA		

SHARATH	232CHA08	THIRD	51.53s
BHARATH	232CHA15		
DLEEP LOBO	242CHA20		
NIEL VISEN D'SOUZA	231CHO025		

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - RAUL ROHAN B - 232CSC21 - 1370 POINTS

PG (WOMEN) - RESULTS

100M (WOMEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIME
P S ANCY	242ECO01	FIRST	13.89s
ANN ELZA VARGHESE	232MAT07	SECOND	15.92s
PRIYA NAIR	242BDA45	THIRD	16.32s

200M (WOMEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	TIME
P.S ANCY	242ECO01	FIRST	29.78s
HARSHINI A	232CHA07	SECOND	32.01s
ANUSHA N	241BTY12	THIRD	34.15s

LONG JUMP (WOMEN)

NAME	REGISTER NO	PLACE	DISTANCE
HARSHINI A	232CHA07	FIRST	3.49m
NEEMA D'SOUZA	232MAT33	SECOND	3.10m
PRACHI	242ECO31	THIRD	2.65m

JAVELIN THROW (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
PRABHA HAAVANUR	242BDA50	FIRST	10.08m
VIMITRA J REDDY	232ESS02	SECOND	8.80m
ANUKRITI	242ECO33	THIRD	7.46m
SHOT PUT (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**	**PLACE**	**DISTANCE**
VMITRA J REDDY	232ESS02	FIRST	6.65m
PRAKRUTHI	232MAT22	SECOND	6.05m
ANN ELZA VARGHESE	232MAT07	THIRD	5.30m
4X100 M RELAY (WOMEN)			
NAME	**REGISTER NO**		
ANCY P.S	242ECO01	**FIRST**	**1:04.66s**
MARY	242ECO27		
ANUKRITI SINGH	242ECO33		
PRACHI	242ECO31		
HARSHINI	232CHA07	**SECOND**	**1:05.13s**
BINDU	242CHA02		
SYEDA	241CHO022		
AVELEN	231CHO24		

BOOMIKA G VELLAI-YAN	232MAT23	**THIRD**	**1:05.61s**
LISA B	232MAT03		
ANN ELZA VARGHESE	232MAT07		
NEEMA D'SOUZA	232MAT33		
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - P.S ANCY - 242ECO01 - 1206 POINTS			

POSTER MAKING	
PLACE	**SCHOOL**
First	Chemical Science
Second	Humanities & Socia Science
Third	Business
MARCH PAST	
PLACE	**CLASS**
First	Ma Economics
Second	Bsc Economics Statistics
Third	Msc Analytical Chemistry
BEST FLAG	
PLACE	**CLASS**
First	Msc Food Science & Technology
Second	Ma Economics
Third	Msc Botany & Bsc Biology Microbiology

STAFF 4X100 M RELAY (WOMEN)	
PLACE	**SCHOOL**
First	Business
Second	Non-Teaching
Third	Life Sciences
STAFF 4X100 M RELAY (MEN)	
PLACE	**SCHOOL**
First	Language
Second	Humanities
Third	Life Sciences & Physical Sciences

TORCH BEARERS			
SL NO	**NAME**	**GAME**	**ACHIEVEMENTS**
1 **(21HEP092)**	Sardar Shahan Khan	Advenutre Bike Racer	BMW GS Trophy National Champion India, captain of team India. BMW GS trophy World Cup made it to 10th position out of 23 countries. Wild River Rally 2018 Champion.
	Medha Rajeev (221vc45)	Canoe Sprint & Rowing	Represented India in Asian Indoor Rowing Championship and secured 4th place in Asia. 2 gold,2 silver & 3 bronze medals in Canoe Sprint Nationals, Udupi.
2	Himanshu (222pm50)	Volleyball	Represented INDIA and secured 2nd position in 2nd Indo-Nepal International Tournament. Represented St Joseph's University in South Zone Inter-University tournament.
	Neha Jerry (222jpy05)	Taekwondo	National silver and bronze medalist in taekwondo championships (Kyorugi) 2023- 2024. 3 times state gold medalist in Taekwondo Championship (Kyorugi) - 2021, 2023, 2024.
3	Vivek Kumar Parekh (221bps12)	Athletics	State level Gold and set record 2022- (Athletics) HIGH JUMP. Participated in 38th junior national Athletics championship 2023- HIGH JUMP.
	Ria Elisha Miranda (21bbaa47)	Badminton	Represented Karnataka in Badminton (Mixed Doubles) and ranked 6 in 2023 Represented All India Tournament in 2024.

4	Sam D Simon (221bcomd010)	Taekwondo	1 Gold, 1 Silver & 1 Bronze in 9th MBC CUP International Taekwondo Championship represented India at Taean, South Korea 5 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze in State Taekwondo Championship in the year 2022-24.
	Tarushi Vikram (222bz15)	Motor Car Racer	MRF MMSC FMSCI National Saloon Car Racing Championship 2024- 4th place. FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals- Participation. NCC cadet of 1 Karnataka Armd Squadron
5	Gnanesh K C (222bcaa61)	Lawn Tennis	Played Nationals in Lawn tennis in Delhi & Lucknow. Ranked No.29 in Karnataka. Tennis Temple Premier league - Winner
	Nischitha H (221bcomd017)	Throwball	National level Throwball player. Won silver medal in the 33rd federation Cup National Throwball Championship conducted in Shiradi, Maharashtra.
6	Shreyas (221voa55)	Kalaripayattu	State level 2023- GOLD National Games Goa- BRONZE State Championship - Two Golds one Silver 2024
	S Ishvarya (221bbab039)	Roll Ball & Football	Participated in All India Nationals Roll Ball Championship. Secured 3rd place in Roll Ball South India Championship in the year 2023 &2024.

7	Ashish Beckham (21bcoms71)	Football	Represented Karnataka in KHELO India in Football held in Haryana and secured 3rd place. Represented Bengaluru City University thrice.
	Preethi Serafina (222jin15)	Football	Represented Karnataka in National Football Championship & came as runners up in Kolkata. Winners in Football-Indian Women's league tier 2 in Pondicherry.

CHIEF GUEST

MR KARUNAKAR RAJ
INTERNATIONAL SOCCER PLAYER

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Neole Anna Cornelio (II JPY) represented India at World Athletics U20 Championship 2024 from August 27-30, held in Lima, Peru in 4x100 metres relay and set a new national record of 45.31 seconds. Participated at South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Junior Championship held in Chennai, from September 11-30, in 4x100 metres relay and established a new national record of 45.08 seconds beating the previous record of 45.31 seconds, which was held by her.
Sam D Simon (III BCOM) represented India at Ninth Daejeon MBC Cup International Open Taekwondo Championships held in South Korea from July 31 to August 13, 2024. He secured a gold Medal in senior individual poomsae, a silver Medal in senior 87+ fighting, and a bronze medal in senior pair poomsae.

Himanshu (III PM) represented India at Second Indo-Nepal International Championship from August 9-13, 2024 at Pokhara, Nepal winning a silver medal.

Harsha BR (I HPS) represented India and won a silver medal at Second Indo-Nepal International Championship from August 9-13, 2024 at Pokhara, Nepal.

Yashasvini P (I BBA), represented India at Tenth Asian ITF Taekwondo Championship from August 19 to 25, 2024, where she secured a bronze medal.

Yashas P Raju (I INJPP), represented India at Tenth Asian ITF Taekwondo Championship from August 19 to 25, 2024, where he secured a bronze medal.

Sameer Godara (I BBA), represented India at the Indo-Nepal Invitation Boxing Championship 2023-2024-2025 at Dashrad Rangsala Indoor Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal from August 21 to 27, 2024, and won a bronze Medal.

Shahan Khan (21 HEP), represented India at the International GS Trophy Competition in Namibia organised by BMW Motorad from September 11 to 23, 2024, and placed. He is the youngest racer in the history of this sport.

Nitish Kumar (II BCOM), represented the Indian Swimming Team in the ISF Gymnasiade 2024 held in Bahrain from October 22 to 30, 2024, and participated in the 50M, 100M and 200M Freestyle category. He was also in the Indian Swimming team at the Malaysian Open 2024 held in Malaysia from May 23-26, 2024, where her participated in the 50M, 100M, 200M freestyle and 50M, and 100M Butterfly categories.

Riuthu Shree Mudigundam SP (I BCOM), represented India in the Women's Floorball Championship Qualifiers (WFCQ) in Singapore from March 15-25, 2025.

NATIONAL & DISTRICT LEVEL

Jason Immanuel Solomon (III TPY) participated in the Third Junior National Championship 2024 (Kyorugi & Poomsae) & Third Senior Poomsae National Championship 2024 held from June 28-30 in Cuttack, Orissa, where he secured two bronze medals. He also earned a gold and silver medal at the 41st State Sub Junior, Junior, and Senior & Tenth Cadet Takedown Championships 2024, held in Koramangala Indoor Stadium from August 1-5, 2024. Additionally, he represented Karnataka in the Indian Team Selection Champion of Champions in Nashik from September 20-22, 2024, and won two bronze medals.

Vasanth A (I BPS) took part in the Third Junior National Championship 2024 (Kyorugi & Poomsae) & Third Senior Poomsae National Championship 2024 held from June 28-30, 2024, in Cuttack, Orissa and won a bronze Medal. He also won two gold medals at the 41st State Sub Junior, Junior and Senior & Tenth Cadet Takedown Championships 2024, held in Koramangala Indoor Stadium from August 1-5, 2024. Additionally, he represented Bengaluru District in the State games Taekwondo competition held in Mangalore conducted from January 17-23, 2025 and won a bronze medal.

Neha Jerry (III JPY) participated in the Third Junior National Championship 2024 (Kyorugi & Poomsae) & Third Senior Poomsae National Championship 2024 held from June 28-30, 2024 in Cuttack, Orissa. She secured a gold medal at the 41st State Sub Junior, Junior and Senior &

Tenth Cadet Takedown Championships 2024, held in Koramangala Indoor Stadium from August 1-5, 2024. Additionally, she represented Bengaluru District in the State games Taekwondo competition held in Mangaluru conducted from January 17-23, 2025 securing a gold medal, and also represented Karnataka in the Champions of Champions National Championship (Kyorugi) held in Nashik, Maharashtra from March 1-4, 2025 where she again won a gold medal.

Srikanth G (I BCOM) took part in the Third Junior National Championship 2024 (Kyorugi & Poomsae) & Third Senior Poomsae National Championship - 2024 held from June 28-30, 2024, in Cuttack, Orissa, and at the 41st State Sub Junior, Junior and Senior & Tenth Cadet Takedown Championships 2024, held in Koramangala Indoor Stadium from August 1-5, 2024, where he won a gold and a silver medal. Additionally, he also won a gold medal when he represented Bengaluru District in the Dasara Sports CM Cup 2024 in Taekwondo, organised by the state government in Mysore from October 3-6, 2024. He secured a gold medal when he represented Bengaluru District in the State games Taekwondo competition held in Mangalore conducted from January 17 to 23, 2025.

Vanshika Lahoria (I EJP), won a bronze medal at the 12th Karnataka State Championship in 10m Peep Sight Air Rifle and 50m Peep sight rifle organised on July 14-15, 2024. She participated in the 67th National Shooting Championship (Rifle), organised by the National Rifle Federation of India from December 15-31, 2024 and secured two silver medals in the Junior and Senior Category. She won two gold medals at the Second Nagraj Rao Shooting Competition and Championship 2025 held at Karnataka State Rifle Association at Bangalore University from January 16 to 24, 2025.

Tarushi Vikram (III BZ) participated in Indian National Autocross Championship (INAC) 2023, South Zone Qualifiers, Bengaluru, from April 12-14, 2024, placing 5th in INAC2 1401-1650CC. Participated in INAC 2023 finals that took place at the Nanoli stud farm, Pune from April 18-22, 2024 placing 5th in INAC3 Open and 6th in INAC2 1401-1650CC; Asphalt Traxx 5, held by Ablaze Motorsports Club, placing 2nd in Ladies Open and 3rd in Student Class; Time Attack Showdown and Clash of Moto-Clans Edition 3, placing 3rd in Ladies Open and was named Fastest Female Driver in Clash of Moto-Clans; MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Saloon Car Racing Championship Indian National Rally Championship held from July 19-21, 2024 in Race 4-fifth, Race 5-third, Race 6-fifth, and is currently 4th in the Championship; the 2024 MRF MMSC FMSCI National Saloon Car Racing Championship held in Chennai from July 19-21, 2024, and August 15-17, 2024, and participated in 9 Races and placed 4th overall in the National Championship; Dust to the Clouds Hill Climb held by Motorsport Inc. at Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh on October 23 and 24, 2024, securing first place in Ladies Open, fourth in Diesel Open, and sixth in Club Open; FMSCI Indian National Rally Sprint Championship (4W) 2024 South Zone Qualifiers, held at Chikmagalur on November 29, 2024, placing first in MSCC Club Class, third in Chikmagalur, 3-fifth place in Sprint; Coffee Cross held by Team JACS Motorsports Club, at Chikmagalur on November 20, 2024, placing first in Ladies Open, sixth in Rally Cars; Indian National Rally Sprint Championship 2024 Finals conducted by MMSC at Madras International Circuit, Chennai on January 19, 2024, placing first in Ladies Open, first in Juniors Open, 3-fifth in Sprint, and was named Ninth Fastest; Karnataka 1000 Rally (round 6 of Indian National Championship 2024) held by BlueBand Sports and KMSC at Tumkur from December 12-15, 2024, placing fourth in JINRC and WINRC respectively.

Bollamma PM (I IFA), won a silver medal at the Second Hockey India Junior Men & Women South Zone Championship 2024 from July 10-17, 2024 held in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh. She also participated in the 14th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2024 from September 30 to October 10, 2024, held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Thanisha R (I BCOM) earned a silver medal at the Second Hockey India Junior Men & Women South Zone Championship 2024 from July 10-17, 2024, held in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.

Chandana S V (I IFA), participated in the 18th INFF Senior National Floor Ball Championship 2024 held from July 19-22, 2024 in Rohtak, Haryana.

Riuthu Shree Mudigundam SP (I BCOM), participated in the 18th INFF Senior National Floor Ball Championship 2024 held from July 19-22, 2024 in Rohtak, Haryana, and also participated in the 18th National Floorball Championship U-19 category 2024 held in Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu from September 27-29, 2024, where she won a gold medal.

Sam D Simon (III BCOM) won a silver and a bronze medal at the 41st Karnataka State Official Taekwondo Championship 2024 held from July 24-28, 2024, at Y Muniswamappa Convention Hall, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru.

CS Shreyas Hariharan (III VOA) won two gold medals and one silver medal at the State Level Karnataka Kalaripayattu Championship held on June 8 and 9, 2024, organised by SHVNM Government Pre-University College, Malleswaram, and participated in the 16th National Kalarippayattu Championship 2024, held from August 9-11, 2024, organised by Indian Kalarippayattu Federation at SAI LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Additionally, he represented in the National Games Kalarippayattu held in Haridwar, Uttarakhand from January 28-31, 2025 and won a silver medal.
Tejas Varma G (I BBA) secured a gold medal in the 16th Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Karnataka State Kickboxing Championship held on August 11, 2024, at Mysuru. He also won gold at the National Urban Games 2024-25 held in Goa, India from February 14-16, 2025 in the 71 kg category.

Anish Agarwal (I VOF) won gold medals at the Bengaluru District Power Lifting Bench Press Championship organised by Bangalore Power Lifting Association on August 24 and 25, 2024, where he participated in the Bench Press 83 kg category, and the Karnataka Powerlifting Association, Karnataka State Bench Press Championship 2024, September 13-15, 2024.

Preethi Serafina (III JIN) participated in the district football Karnataka Women's league from July 23 to August 26, 2024, in Bengaluru and secured third place. She represented Chennai in the All-India Foot Ball Tournament conducted on August 10 and 11, 2024, in Vidhyanagar, Bengaluru, and was awarded Best Midfielder; Additionally, she represented Mysore in Sectionals and Karnataka in in the National-level Ultimate Frisbee League from August 30 to September 1, 2024, in Avalahalli, Bengaluru; participated in the State Level Futsal Championship conducted by Karnataka State Football Association, on March 22 and 23, 2025, earning third place; Won a gold medal in Indian women's league Tier 2 and represented Tungabhadra FC, from February 11-25, 2025.

S Ishvarya (III BBA) won bronze at the Fifth South India Roll Ball Championship 2024-25 held in Kerala on August 17 and 18, 2024.

Jeeva KP (I EJP), won gold, silver, and bronze medals at the Karnataka State Kalarippayattu Championship Competition 2024-25 conducted by Viswanathan Academy of Arts and Kalari Centre.

Monika G (I PCMB) secured a bronze medal in Long Jump in the Karnataka State Junior-U23 Athletic Meet 2024 held in Mysore from September 15-17, 2024.

John Immanuel B (III ELCS) participated in the State level Powerlifting Competition 2024-25 held in BGS Ground Vijayanagar, organised by Karnataka State Powerlifting Association (Davanagere) on September 29, 2024 and won Second place in Deadlift and Bench Press.

Krithika C B (III BBA) won at the Bengaluru District Handball Championship held in Vidhyaranyapuram on November 10, 2024, and was awarded Best Player. She was the second runner up in the State Games Handball (Women) competition held in Mangaluru conducted from January 17-23, 2025, where she represented Bengaluru District.

Sanjay J (II BCOM) won the bronze medal at the Karnataka State Boxing Championship 2024, organised by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association on December 12 and 13, 2024. He participated in the 75-80 kg Category.

Anna Spoorthi Teresa J (II BCOM) participated in the Southwest Zone and All India Inter University Swimming (W) Championship 2024-25, organised by SRM Institution of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu from December 21-27, 2024. She qualified for All India Inter University

in 400 m IM, 200 m, 400 m & 800 m FS, 100 m & 200 m BF events.

Medha Rajeev (III VC) won two silver medals at the State games Kayaking and Dragon boat competition held in Udupi from January 16-20, 2025, where she represented Bengaluru District.

Neole Anna Cornelio (II JPY) represented Bengaluru District in the State Games Athletics competition held in Udupi, organised by Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Karnataka Olympic Association, Mangaluru from January 21-23, 2025. She won the gold medal and was awarded the Best Female Athlete.

She participated in National Games 2025 held in Uttarakhand from February 8-12, 2025 and won gold in 4x100 m relay category and placed fifth in 100 m category.

Drishti Dechamma (I BCOM) represented Bengaluru District in the State Games Handball (Women) competition held in Mangaluru, conducted from January 17-23, 2025 and was the second runner up. She also represented Karnataka in the 47th Junior Girls National tournament held from 26 to 30 at KP Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Hemavathi (III BTBY) represented Bengaluru District in the State Games Handball (Women) competition held in Mangalore conducted from January 17-23, 2025 and was second runner up.

Harshid M (I BCA DA) won gold in Fighting and silver in Poomsae in VIFA OPEN National Taekwondo Championship held in Malleswaram Rotary Club on January 26, 2025.

Poornima Boyapati (II ECPS) won gold in the 56 kg category at Khelo India Women's State Wushu League 2024-25 organised in Vijayanagara from February 15-17, 2025.

Krishiv Bajaj (I BCOM) participated in Thimmappaiah Trophy for Karnataka Colts, organised by Karnataka State Cricket Association from September 4-20, 2024. He participated in P Ramchandra Memorial for Karnataka Colts, organised by Karnataka State Cricket Association from October 17-30, 2024 where he won. Additionally, he represented Karnataka in the Karnataka v/s Namibia Series, Karnataka U25, organised by Karnataka State Cricket Association from February 18-26, 2025 and won.

Gagan Rao S (I BBA) represented Karnataka in the tour to Nepal organised by Nepal Cricket Association in Nepal from November 13-21, 2024. He represented Karnataka U-19 in the Cooch Behar Trophy against Odisha and Meghalaya, organised by Board of Control of Cricket in India from November 28 to December 8, 2024, where he won.

Gnanesh K C (III BCA) represented Karnataka in All India Tennis Association Tournament conducted in Delhi, Lucknow, and Dodaballapur from July 6-13, 2024 and participated in ll India Tennis Tournament held at Lucknow from July 16 to 31 August, 2024.

Vivek Kumar Parekh (III BPS) represented Pondicherry in 35th South Zone Athletics Championship for High Jump Qualifier top 8 and 39th Junior Nationals' Athletics Championship for high jump.

INTER-COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENTS

The University Men's team won the championship award at Sphygmus Inter-Collegiate Tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

The University Men's and Women's teams won the Sportstakes 2024-2025 Inter-Collegiate Sports Fest Game of Crown organised by St Joseph's University.

The University Men's and Women's teams won the championship award at Alliance One 3.0 Inter-Collegiate Tournament organised by Alliance University.

Badminton

The University Men's and Women's teams were the winners in Singles (Men) and Mixed Doubled categories at Falak 2024 Tournament organised by Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru. The Women's and Men's teams placed first in the Singles and Doubles, second and third places in Mixed Doubles, and the women's team placed third in Singles category at the tournament

organised by Jain CMS. The University Women's team were runners up at Spiel Inter-Collegiate Tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, and the University Men's team were the winners at Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Basketball

The University Men's, Women's, and Staff teams participated in eight inter-collegiate Tournaments and were runners up in Bengaluru City Division Dussehra Competition, organised by Department of Youth Empowerment; Fr Rebello SJ Inter-Collegiate Tournament organised by St Joseph's Institute of Management; Sphygmus Inter-Collegiate Tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College; Ximera Hoop Hustle Inter Collegiate Tournament; Sygnite Inter Collegiate Fest organised by Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies; Alliance One 3.0 Inter Collegiate Tournament 2025; Sportstakes 2024-2025;The University Men's team were the winners at the Jubilee Sports Fest organised by St Aloysius Institution. NS Kirtan Kumar (III BCMB) was named Best Player and was given the special award.

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The University Women's team were the winners and runners at Blaze 2K25 organised by T John College Autonomous and Sportstakes 2024-2025. The University Men's team were the winners, runners up, and second runners up at Alliance One 3.0, Blaze 2K25, and Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Chess

The University Men's and Women's teams were the second runner up and runners at Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Cricket

The University Men's team participated in five inter-collegiate tournaments this year. They were the winners at Falak '24 organised by Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.
Aravinth S (III BCOM) was awarded the Best Bowler title. At Udaan, organised by Presidency University, the team were the winners and Gagan Rao (I BBA) was titled Best Player. The university team participated at the CPL tournament where Amrith P (II BCOM) was awarded Best Bowler and Ayushmaan Basu (III BCOM) was awarded Man of the Match. The team was also the winner at Prof H S Ananth Murthy Memorial Cup organised ASC Degree College. At Amity Inter Unit Staff Cricket organised by St Joseph's Boys High School where the team participated, Mr Praveen Pedru Siddi was Named Man of the Match, and Dr Ranganath B was awarded Best All Rounder.

Football

The University Men's and Women's team participated in ten inter-collegiate tournaments this year. The men's team was the winner at CSE men's league cum Knockout tournament at Centre for Sports Excellence, Falak '24, Spiel, Cubyc organised by Christ Yeshwantpur Campus, Alliance One 3.0, CFL 2025, and Sportstakes and were also the runners at Sphygmus and Alliance One 3.0. Bennet B Babu 221BCOMD092 and Lalramlien Joute 222PM13 were named Joint Best Player of the Tournament at CFL 2025. The University Women's team were runners at Chrispo 2025 by Christ University, Khel by Mount Carmel College (MCC), and Sphygmus. They were also the second runner up at Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Handball

The University Women's team participated in Bengaluru City Division Dussehra Competition, organised by Department of Youth Empowerment. The Men's and Women's teams also participated in Sportstakes 2024-2025 where they were runners and the Men's Team B were the second runner up.

Hockey

The University Men's and Women's teams participated in five inter-collegiate tournaments this year. The women's team were runners at Hockey Tournament organised by Lake View Paradise Hockey, Team A was the winner at Sportstakes 2024-2025 and Team B were runners. Bollamma PM 241IIFA63 was awarded Best Player of the Tournament by Lake view Paradise Hockey. The men's team were runners at Chrispo 2025 and Spiel. They were the winners at Rhapsody, organised by Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Gyan Ganapathy 231BCADA65 was awarded Best Goal Keeper and Godwin P 221BCOMC023 was named Top Scorer. Additionally, they were also the second runner up at Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Kabaddi

The University Men's team participated in four

inter-collegiate tournaments this year and were runners at annual National Sports Fest 2024 by PES University and St. Chavara Inter-Collegiate Tournament 2025 by Christ Academy. They also won Sphygmus and were the second runner up at Sportstakes 2024-2025.

Kho-Kho

The University Men's and Women's teams competed in Sphygmus and Sportstakes 2024-2025 and were runners.

Table Tennis

The University men's and Women's teams competed in five inter-collegiate tournaments this year and were the runners at Spiel, Blaze 2K25, and Sportstakes 2024-2025. The women's team was the runner up at Falak '24, and placed first in Doubles category and third in Singles category; the men's team placed first and third in the Singles category at Jain CMS Tournament.

Tennis

The University Men's team participated in three inter-collegiate tournaments and were winners in Singles category, runners up in Doubles category at Tennis Infinity Open Tournament and winners in Republic Day Cup at BR Tennis Academy. They were also the second runner up at Alliance One 3.0.

Throwball

The University Women's and staff team participated in seven inter-collegiate tournaments this year. They were runners at Jubilee Sports fest, Umang '24 organised by IIITB, Sphygmus, and Sportstakes 2024-2025. They were the winners at Blaze 2K25 and St Chavara Tournament. Kavyashree KG (II BCOM) was awarded Best Player at Jubilee Sports Fest and Khel Inter-Collegiate Tournament by MCC.

Volleyball

The University Men's, Women's, and staff team participated in five inter-collegiate tournaments. The men's team was the winner at Falak '24 and runners at Khel, Sphygmus, and Sportstakes 2024-2025. Harsha Raj (I HPS) was awarded Best Player at Khel Tournament at MCC.

The women's team were runners at Sportstakes 2024-2025. Additionally, the Women's staff team participated at Samay Sports Academy & Junior Volleyball Academy Organised Volleyball Tournament for Teachers, and were runners up.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

At the Bengaluru City Division Dussehra Competition, organised by Department of Youth Empowerment, Poornima Boyapati (II ECPS) won a gold medal in Wushu; Srikanth G (I BCOM) secured a gold medal in Taekwondo; Ashley Edwin Bosco J (III BCOM) won gold in Boxing; Victor Cashper L (I EJP) earned a bronze medal in Boxing; Ghruthan V (II BCOM) earned a bronze medal in Swimming; Nitish Kumar S (II BCOM) placed fourth in swimming and was selected for the team.

Nitish Kumar S (II BCOM) won Silver in Swimming 100 m freestyles at the 23rd South Zone Swimming Championship 2024-25.

Dhananjay won a silver medal for Athletics 200 m at Falak '24 Tournament organised by Manipal Institute of technology.

Harshini A (II CHA) and Ankit Singh Mehra (II PSCE) both won gold medals at the Inter-Jesuit 1500 m race, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

The University Men's Athletics team participated in Inter-Jesuit 4X100 m relay, organised by St. Joseph's Pre-University, and won a bronze medal.

The University Men's and Women's Athletics teams participated in Neerathon organised by the Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club, St Joseph's University, where the men won a gold medal and the women won gold and silver medals.

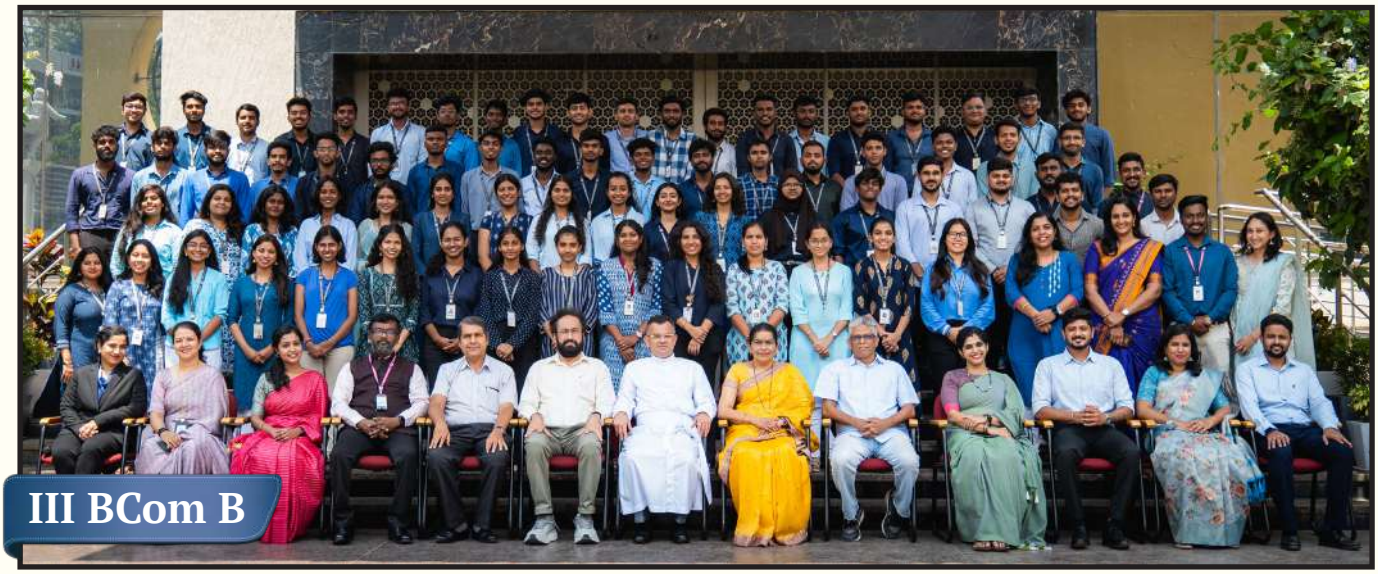


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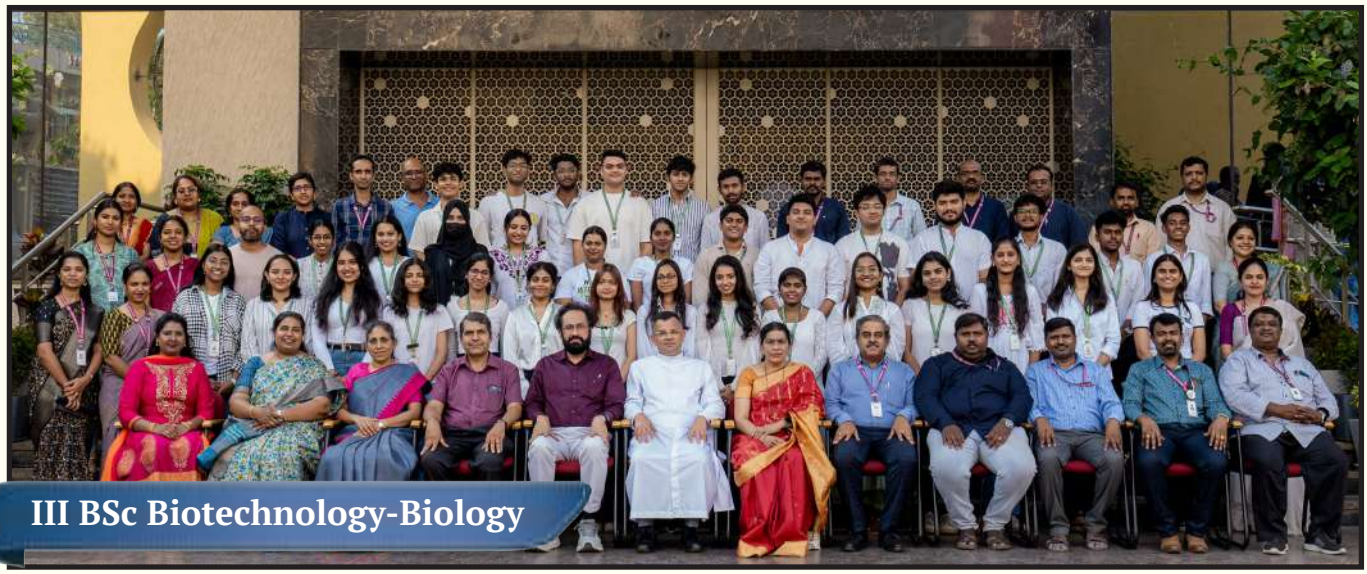
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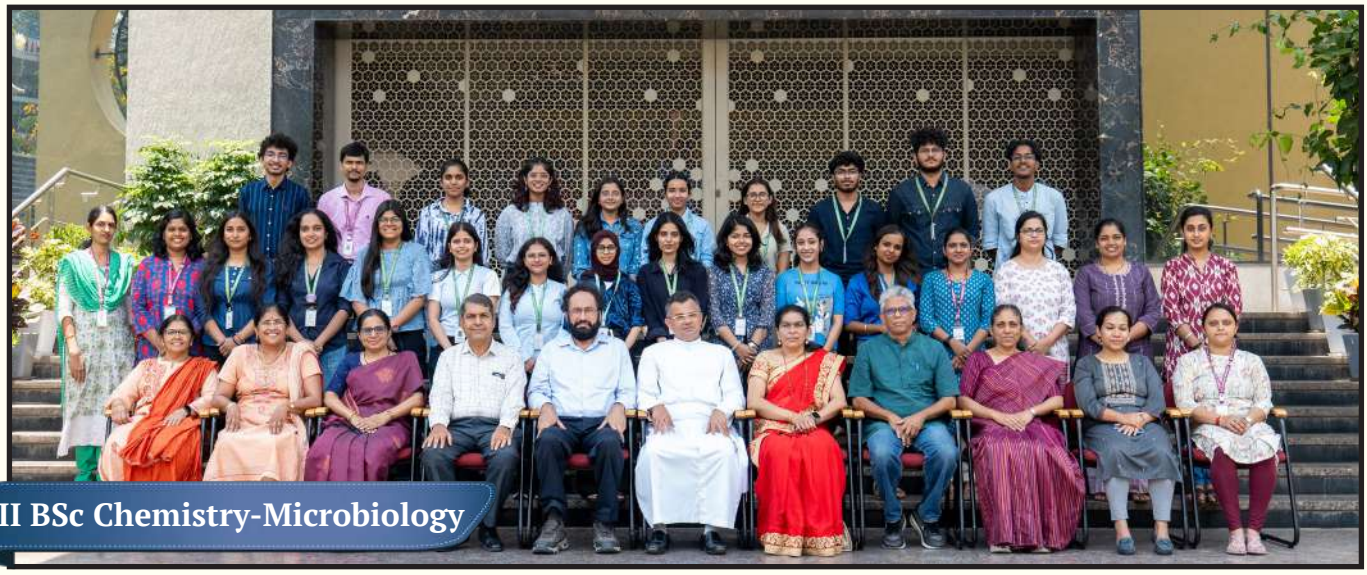
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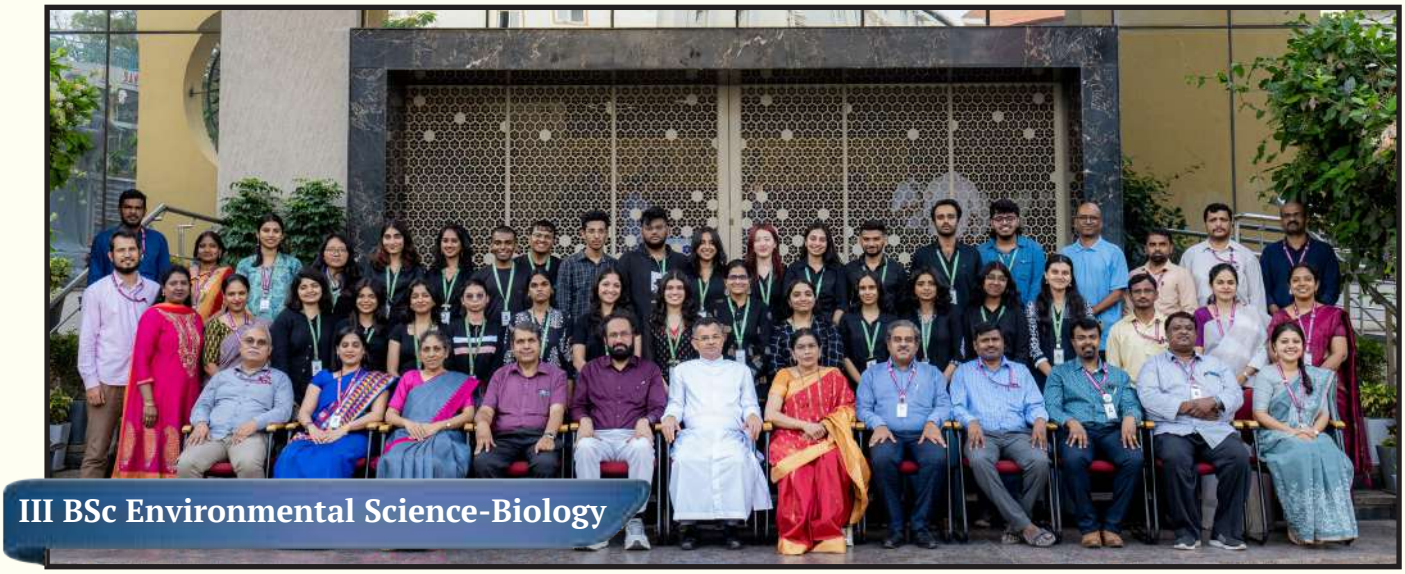
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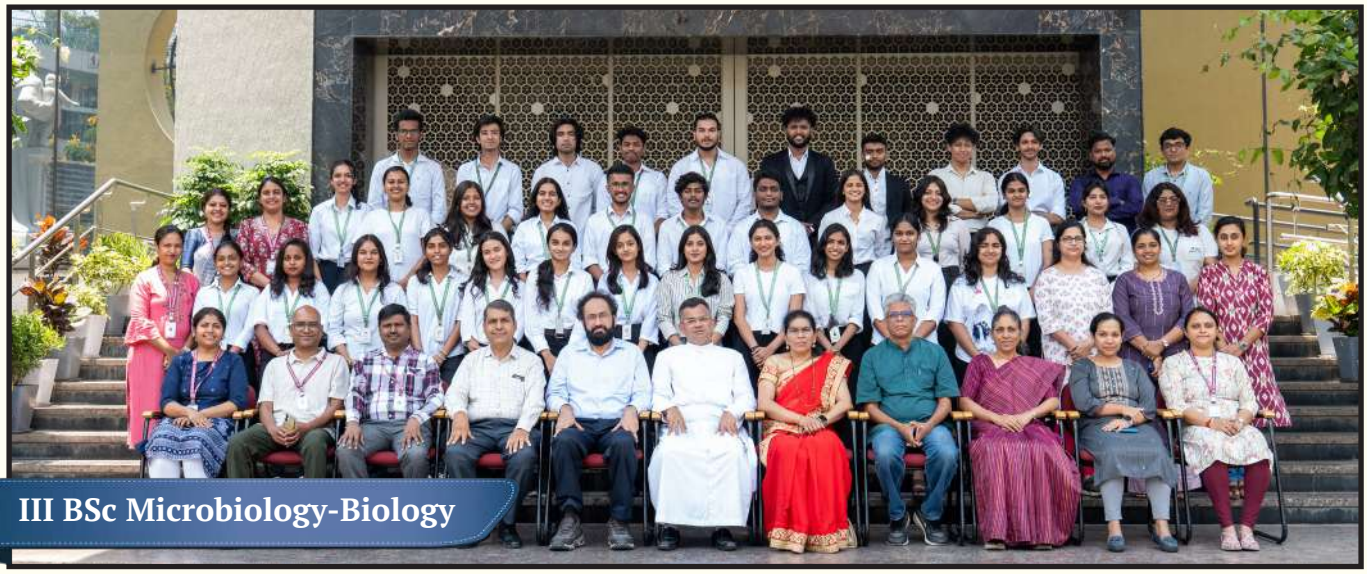
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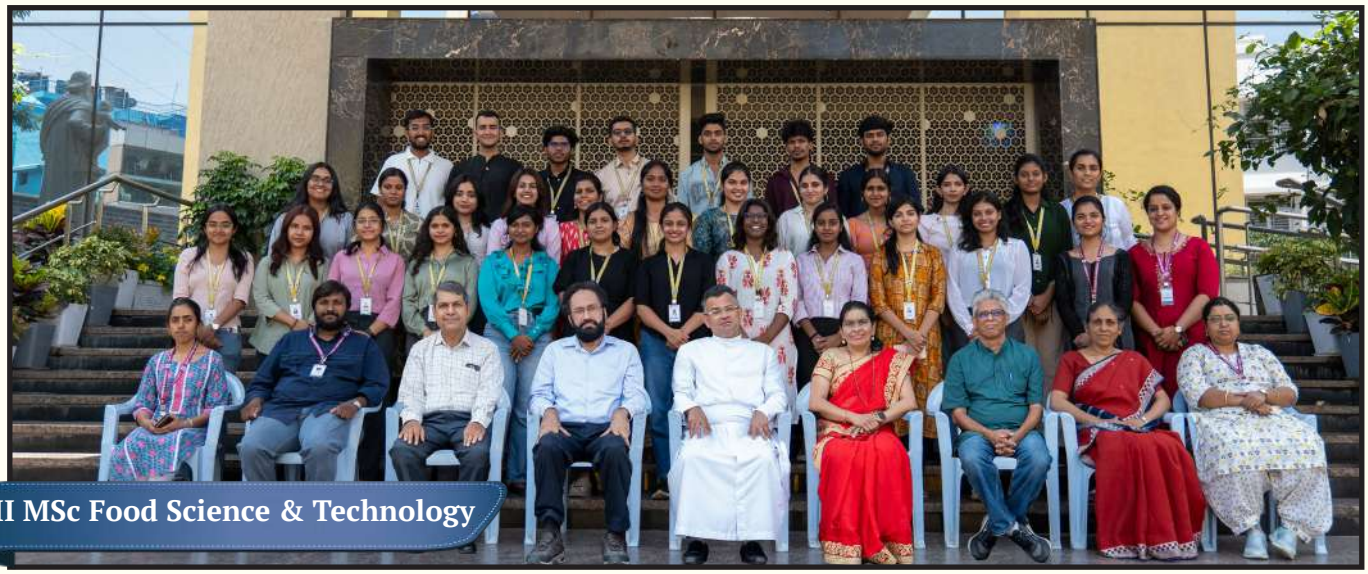
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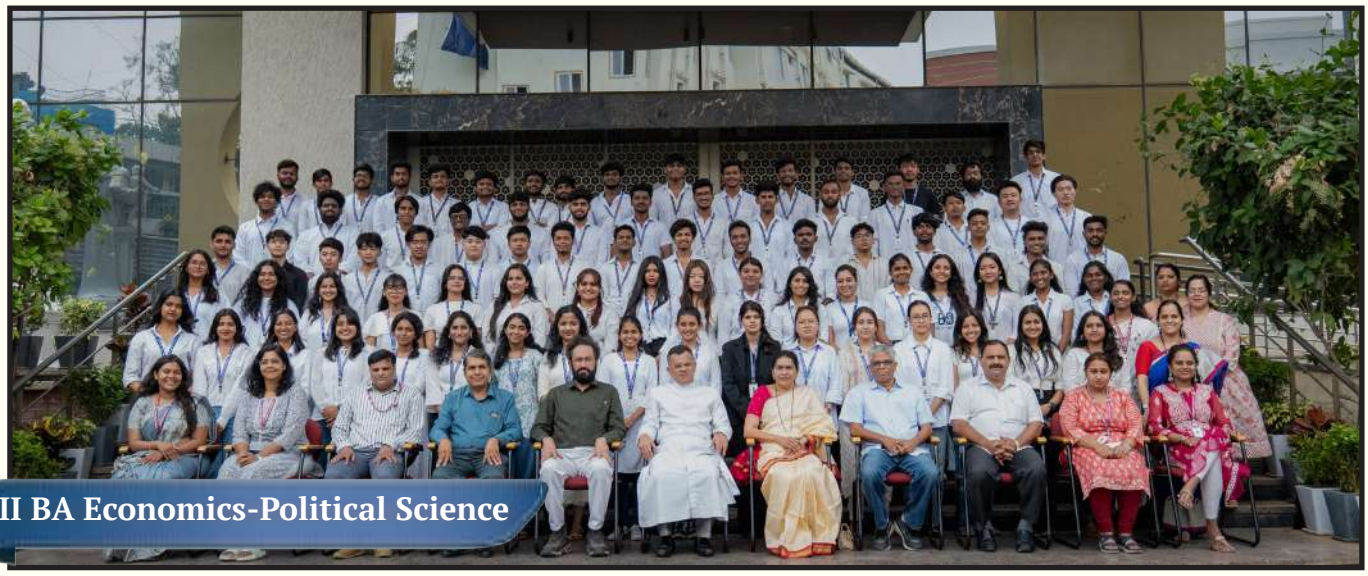
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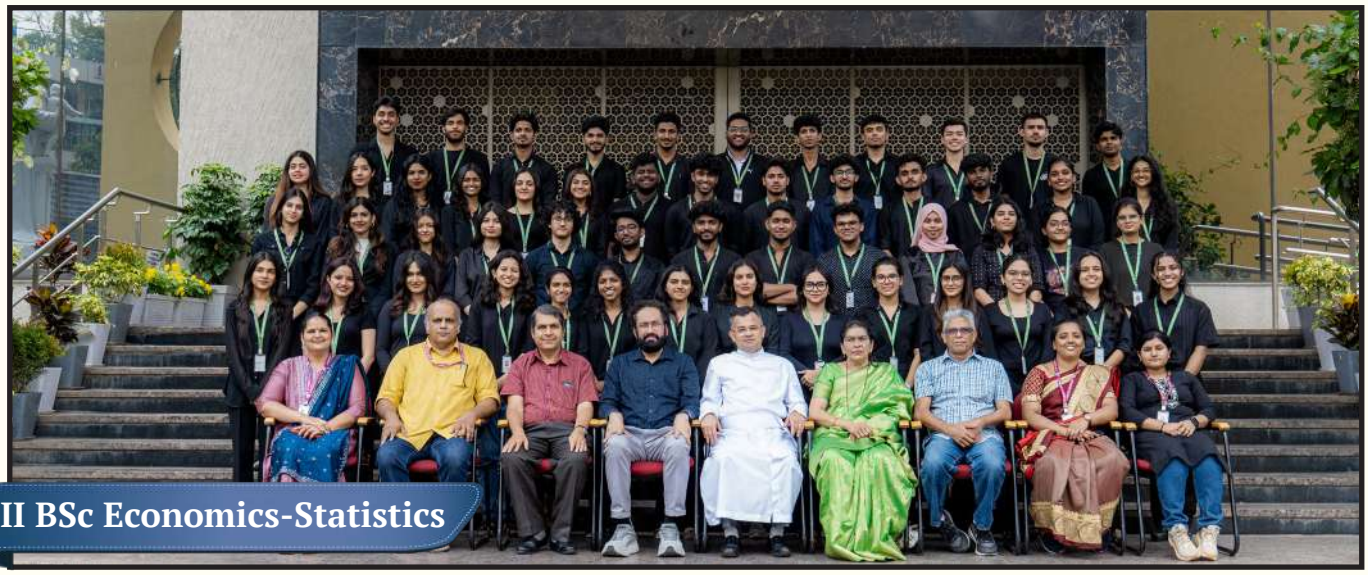


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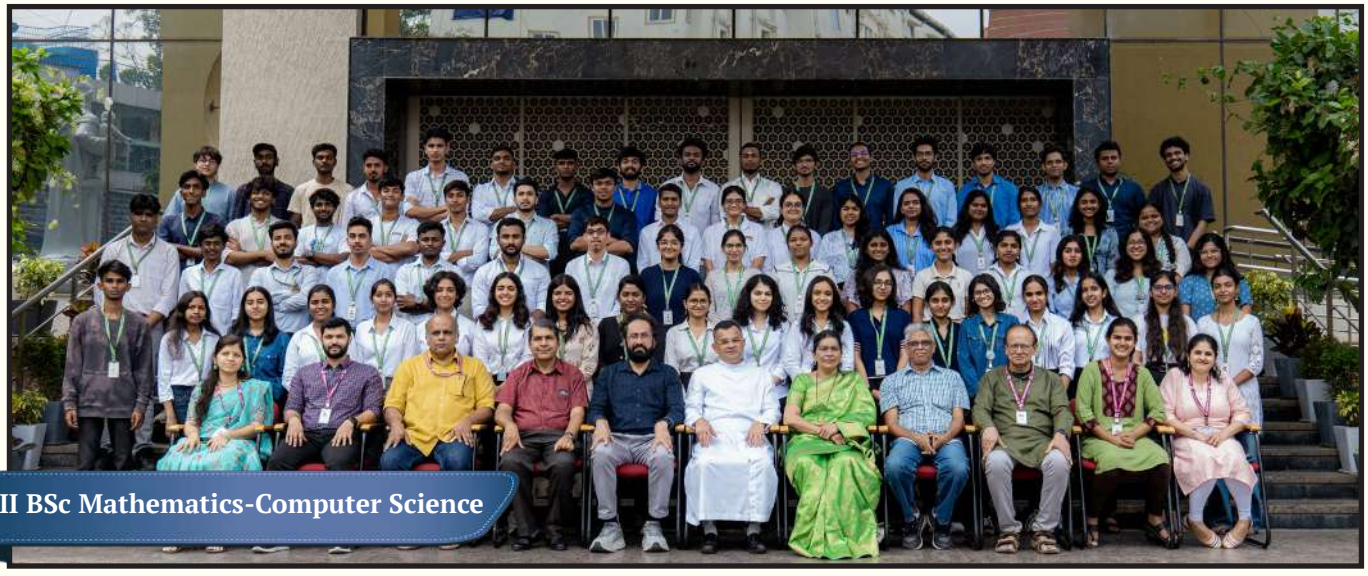
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III BSc Electronics-Computer Science



III BSc Mathematics-Computer Science



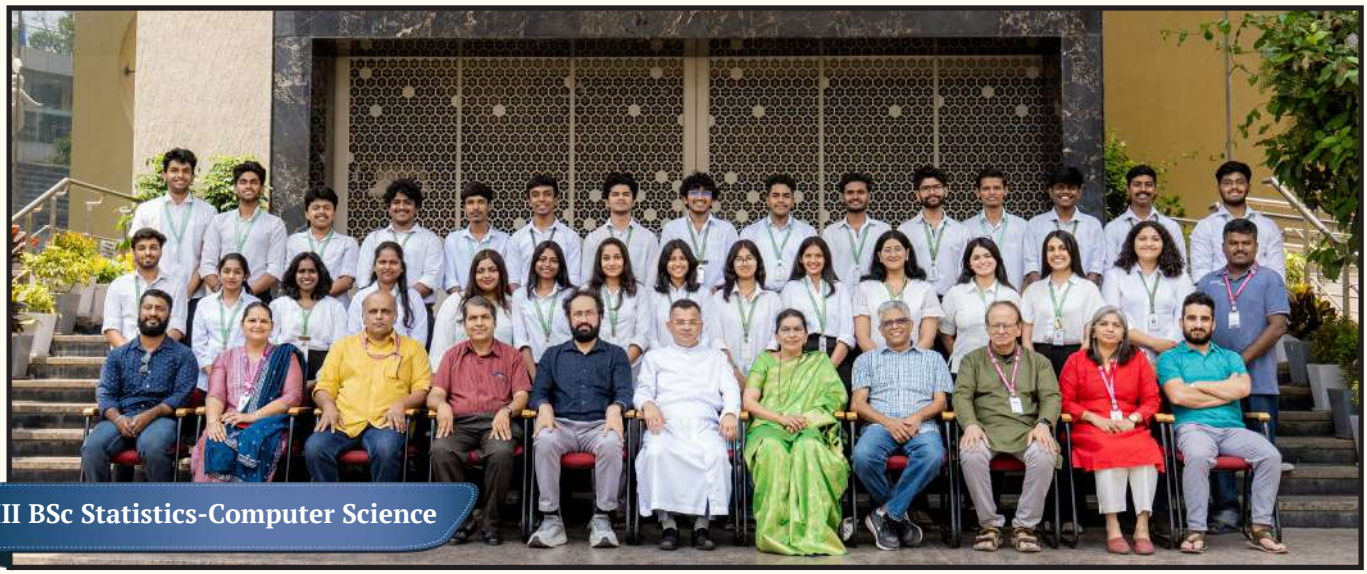
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III BSc Physics-Mathematics (Shift I)



III BSc Physics-Mathematics (Shift II)



III BSc Statistics-Computer Science



III BSc Statistics-Mathematics



II MSc Computer Science



II MSc Mathematics



II MSc Physics



II MSc Statistics



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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



III BSW



II MSW



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SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES



III BA Visual Communication



III BVoc Digital Media & Animation



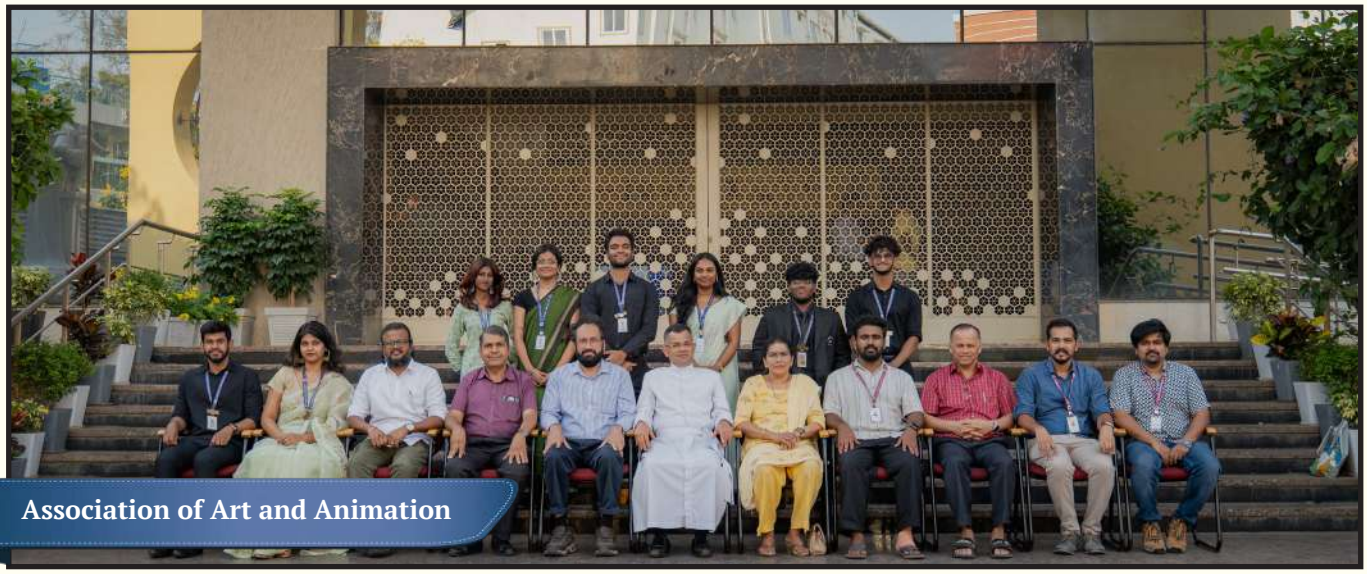
III BVoc Visual Media & Filmmaking



II MA Advertising & PR



II MA Mass Communication & Journalism



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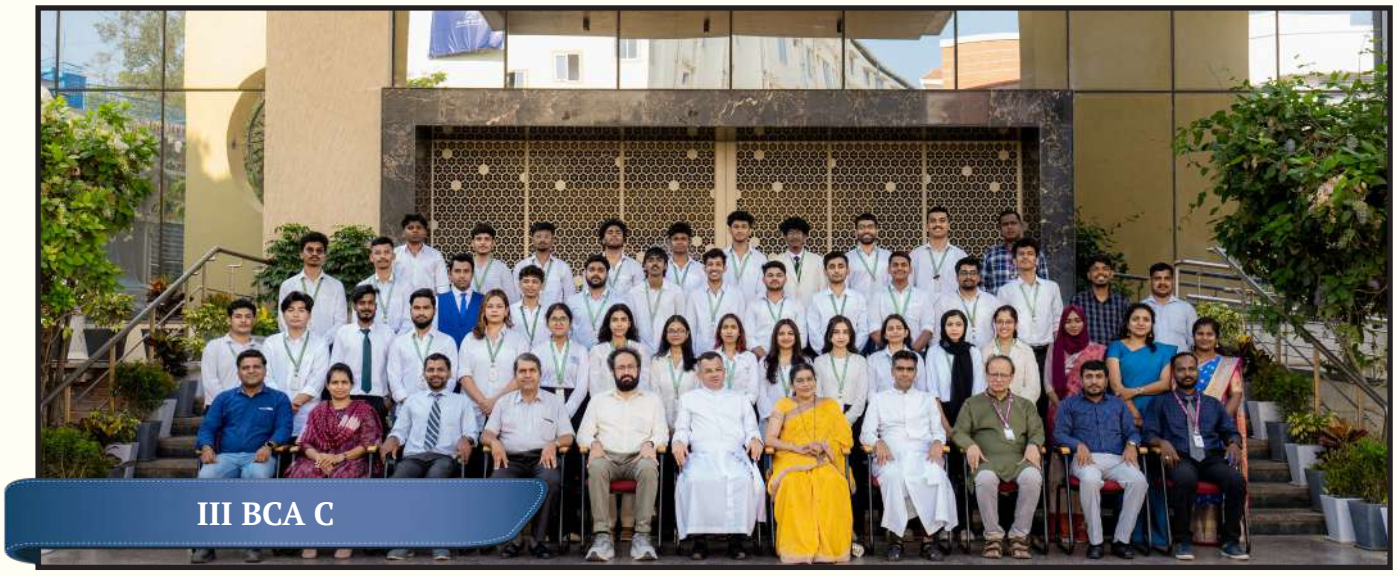
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



III BCA A



III BCA B



III BCA C



BCA Data Analytics



Cybernetics



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Campus Ministry



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Christian Student Association



AICUF



Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat



Faculty Development Programme



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Youth Red Cross



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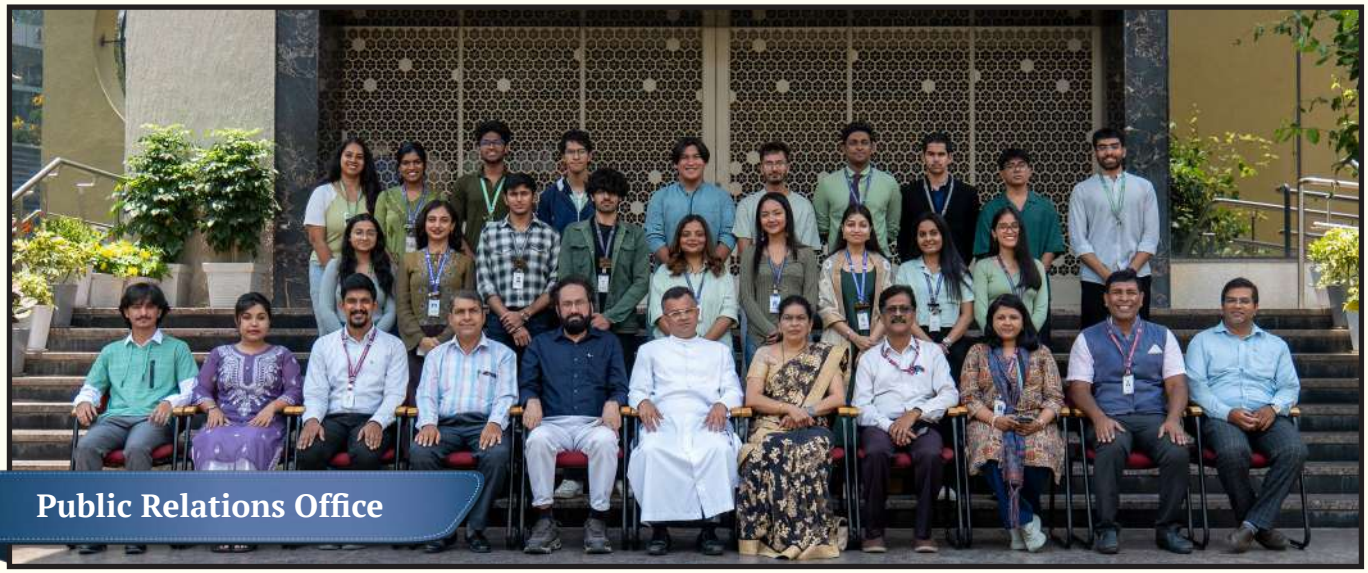
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North East & Tibetan Students Forum



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Public Relations Office



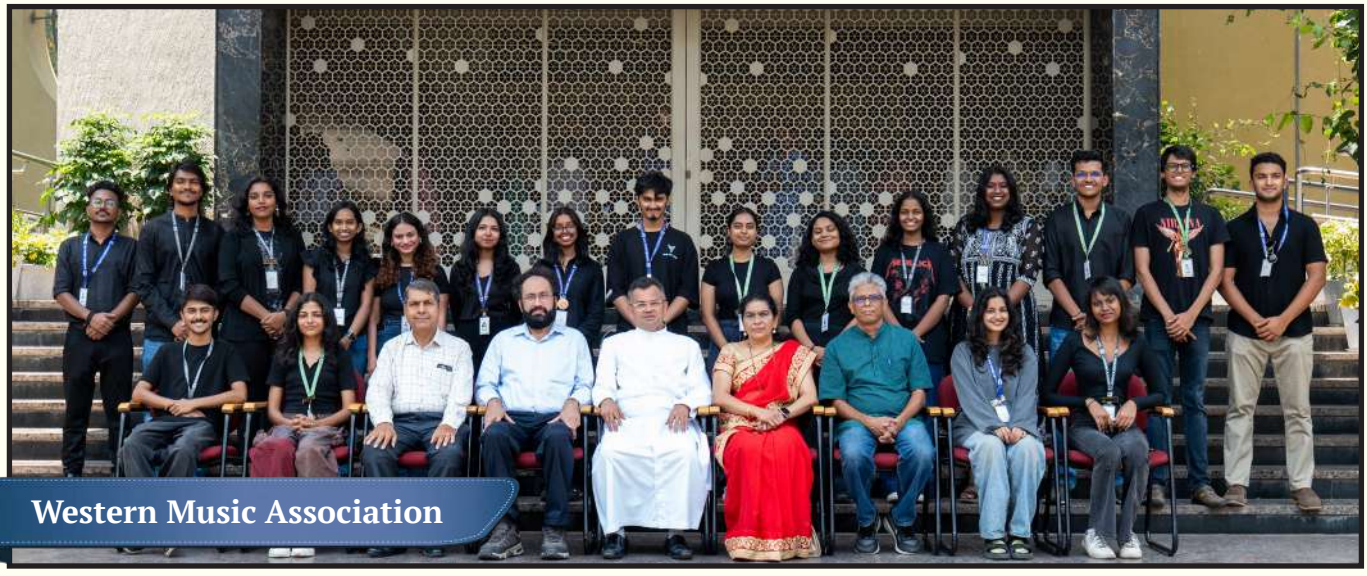
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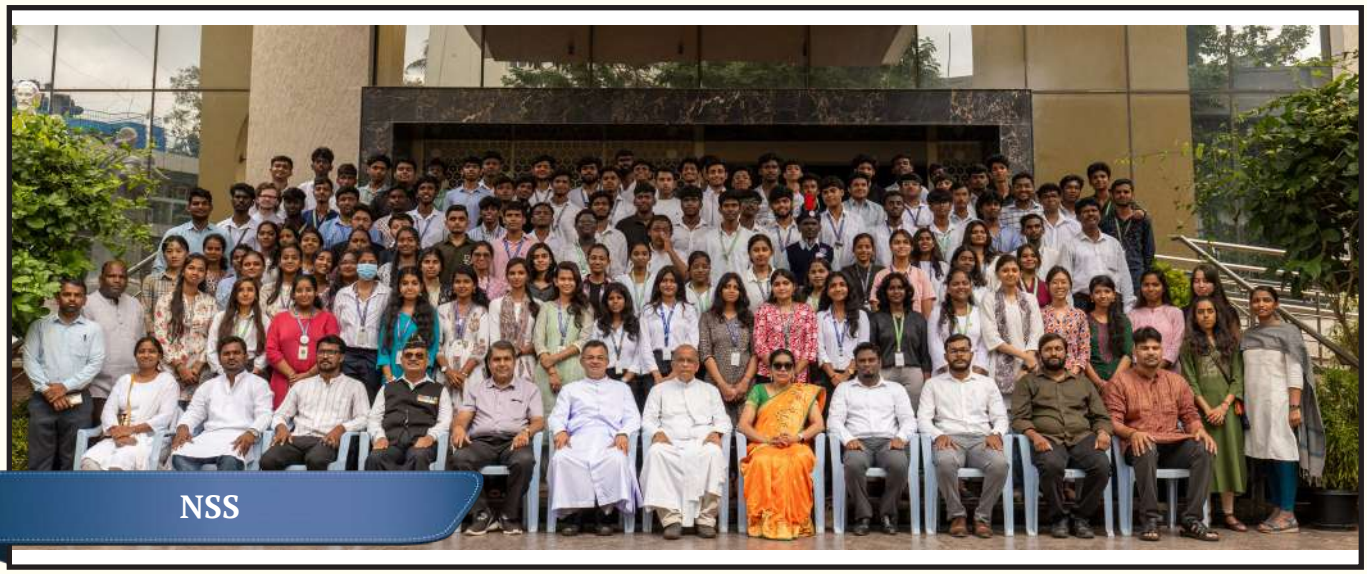
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Basketball



Carrom and Chess



Cricket



Football



Handball



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Throwball



Volleyball

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Blue and White Annual Magazine

Working on a magazine as storied as Blue & White is as much a challenge as it is a privilege. As we feel the growing pains of transitioning into a University, SJU bid goodbye to our annual College Day, which marked an important milestone every year, in the form of the Principal's Report. We now have the Annual Report, which was compiled by Dr Gerard Rozario, Ms Sushmita Vincent Chemmannoor, Dr Valeen Pereira, and Dr Jincy George. They also collected reports from various departments and committees.

The magazine effort this year received valuable support from Ms Melissa Rodrigues, Dr Maria Wajid, Dr Puneeth Kumar B S, Dr Dyna Thomas, Mr Anuplal Gopalan, Dr Madappa M B, and Ms Prithvi. Dr Rajul, Dr Sujoy Chakravarthi, and Dr Sabbah Qamri stepped in at the last minute and assisted the editing team with essential proofreading and a thorough quality check.

The backbone of the Blue & White committee this year is our student editing team, with students from both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. They worked through exam season and vacations, to help us work through all the data we received. These champions are: Ananya Noone (II JNOE), Rahul P (II CBT), Sandrell Tabitha P (II HPS), Poojitha B V (II JPY), Naveen Kumar J (I MSc ESS), Emma Rose Boby (II JIN), Anya Keturah Barnabas (I TEP), Suhotra Das (II BCBT), Lincy Veronica Mathias (II JPY), Rachna Kamal (I CPE), Shravan Kumar (I HPS), Adithi Dharmaraj Shinde (III ECSO), Caroline Judi Benhur (III ECSO), Challa Rohan Naidu (III ECPS), and Palak Kothari (I EJP). We continue to be amazed by their unwavering grit and dedication.

The magazine was designed almost single handedly by Mr Ricky, who is a part of SJU MediaCell, with some assistance from a team of student volunteers who helped conceptualise the design. This team includes Asmita Deb (I EJP), Abha Aniruddha Karkal (I TEP), Shivadhi Shekar (II ECPS), Anita C (II BVC), Arihant Jain (II CST), K S Ila Sagara (II INPP), and Shweta Bhowmick (I EMS). The wonderful back cover was illustrated by Anita C.

Dr Achuth A and Dr Revathi Suresh have now worked on three editions of Blue & White, overseeing its transition from a college magazine to a university magazine. A good editing team is essential to the integrity of a magazine.

The team would not have been able to function without the advice and crucial support of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, the Registrar, Dr Melwin Colaço, and the Dean of Languages and Literatures, Dr Arul Mani. We thank them for their continued guidance. The Blue & White team is indebted to the Pro-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, and the administration for their encouragement and support.

We would also like to thank the Deans, Heads of Departments, and Documentation In-Charge members in the University for sending us reports that allow us to highlight the University's ethos. Here's looking forward to a bigger and brighter future for St Joseph's University.

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