

## 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Athletic Meet

St Joseph's University recently hosted its 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Athletic Meet on 11 January 2025, a grand celebration of athleticism and sportsmanship, organised by the Department of Physical Education. This milestone event witnessed remarkable participation and showcased exceptional talent across undergraduate and postgraduate categories for men and women. The presence of Mr Karunakara Raj, an International Soccer Player and an alumnus of St Joseph's Boys High School, added prestige to the occasion and inspired all participants.

**In the undergraduate men's category,** Nagul Krishna S. emerged as the fastest sprinter, clocking 10.81 seconds in the 100 m dash, closely followed by Siddarth and Ajay Krishna. Dhananjay displayed a stellar performance, winning the 200 m with a time of 23.33 seconds and the 400 m in 51.01 seconds. In middle-distance events, Shivananada T. S. claimed victory in the 800 m (2:06.81), while Jonah K. triumphed in the 1500 m (4:18.53). Field events saw outstanding results, with Vivek Kumar Parekh achieving a 1.72 m high jump, Shreyas R. excelling in the long jump with a distance of 5.97 m, and Ajay Krishna dominating the triple jump with a leap of 13.40 m. Discus throw champion Mithil achieved a distance of 21.76 m, Tejas S. P. excelled in javelin throw with 35.70 m, and Bharath C. K. led the shot-put with a throw of 10.56 m. The UG men's relay team secured first place with an impressive time of 47.04 seconds.

**In the Undergraduate Women's category,** Michelle Agnes S. stood out in the UG women's events, winning both the 100 m (13.55 s) and 200 m (29.39 s) races. Vanshika B. topped the 400 m with a time of 1:12.07, while Anchal Bojamma T. R. dominated the middle-distance races, claiming first in both the 800 m and 1500 m. The high jump event saw a tie between Roshni and Sinchana V., both achieving a height of 1.16 m, while Angelina Joyce topped the long jump with a distance of 4.00 m. The women's relay team, led by Michelle, secured victory with a time of 1:01.92.

**In the Postgraduate men's category,** Raul Royan B. emerged victorious in the 100 m (11.39 s) and long jump (5.45 m), as well as the javelin throw (28.79 m). Vinay B. claimed first in the 200 m (26.13 s), while Bharath A. won the 400 m in 56.11 seconds. The shot-put event was led by Noel Kenny Malag, with a winning throw of 8.28 m.

**Among the Postgraduate women,** P. S. Ancy dominated the 100 m (13.89 s) and 200 m (29.78 s) races. Harshini A. excelled in the long jump (3.49 m), while Prabha Haavanur and Vimithra J. Reddy led the javelin throw (10.08 m) and shot put (6.65 m), respectively.

**In the Special Competitions category,** the Department of Chemistry won first place in the poster-making competition, and the MA Economics team triumphed in the march-past. In the

staff relay events, the School of Business secured first place for men, while MSc Food Science & Technology received recognition for the best flag. Dhananjay (UG Men) and Michelle Agnes S. (UG Women) were crowned individual champions, scoring 1552 and 1290 points, respectively. Torchbearers included national adventure bike racing champion Sardar Shahan Khan and international rower Medha Rajeev, who brought honour to the event.

**The staff relay** races also added enthusiasm, with the Department of Business and the School of Languages and Literatures winning the women's and men's events, respectively.

The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Athletic Meet was a testament to the University's commitment to fostering sportsmanship, teamwork, and excellence among its students and staff, marking yet another successful chapter in its rich legacy of athletic achievements.

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