

## **Ph.D. inaugural function on Saturday, 03 August 2024**

The inauguration of the PhD programme July 2024 session was held on Saturday, 03 August 2024.

Fr Prashanth Madtha, noted writer and lexicographer in Kannada and Konkani languages, compiler of thesaurus in Kannada graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, the dean of St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council invited the gathering and gave details of the current Phd session. "This session, 26 students have joined across 12 subjects. There were over 100 applications received, out of which 66 were shortlisted for interview. The percentage of women in the batch is 65 and 14 scholars (53%) are full time. That makes the total number of scholars 81 across 16 subjects" he said.

Fr Prashanth Madtha SJ, the chief guest spoke about what does a Ph.D entail. He said, all that we do as scholars is based on an underlying ideology. Ph.D is basically a training to uncover ideology. As scholars, he urged the new students to search of truth in right earnest.

Rev. Dr Victor Lobo SJ, the vice chancellor, urged the new students to focus on their passion. Research is not confined only to sciences but spans all across the human endeavors. He wished the students a fruitful academic stay.

For the Images of the Ph.D. inaugural function, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery:  
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