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2 Corinthians 9:8 - And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

The University collectively grieves the profound loss of a cherished former faculty member, Ms Satarupa Anderson, who tragically passed away in March 2025. This serves as a stark reminder of how incredibly fragile life is and should lead us to value people and treat one another in ways that leave no regrets.

Dear Josephite students and staff from various corners of this country and the world, I extend my sincerest gratitude for your unwavering contributions to St Joseph's. Your dedication, expertise, resilience, and sacrifices—both overt and understated—are the backbone of our institution. I take great pride in our beloved Josephite students who excel in various domains, including competitive exams like GATE, JAM, and NET, research paper presentations, international events, activities associated with NCC, NSS, AICUF, and Bembala, alongside athletic accomplishments and participation in inter-institutional festivals. The list just goes on. What is particularly admirable is that you also invigorate every campus activity, often driven not by awards or credits but by the happiness derived from the process itself, inner fulfilment rather than external validation and genuine service. This collective effort significantly enhances the University's growth and sustainability within the competitive and dynamic landscape of higher education.

Our faculty members continually adapt to the dynamic Indian education system as well as the demands of the global landscape. Concurrently, our students' parents provide steadfast support, which significantly contributes to the institution's accomplishments. Thank you, dear Josephites. This commendation is a recognition of your efforts and dedication. Together, we shall continue to scale new heights. May you all be blessed, along with your families.

**Blessings and regards
Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ**



UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Student Council

Prathibha

The first major event was Prathibha 2024, the annual intra-collegiate fest, which showcased the incredible talent of students across various fields such as dance, music, fashion, and more. The preliminary rounds began on September 23, leading up to the grand finale on September 28, 2024. This was the Student Council's first large-scale event, and they worked tirelessly to ensure its success.

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 event would not have been possible without the dedication of over 300 students who joined the organising committee, contributing to various departments such as art and décor, logistics, security, and technical support. Their relentless efforts ensured that every aspect of the fest, from stage setup to event coordination, was executed smoothly.

Despite meticulous planning, a minor issue with time management arose, which unfortunately led to the cancellation of the much-anticipated DJ session. However, staying true to the spirit and purpose of Prathibha, all cultural events were conducted seamlessly, giving students a platform to express their passion and artistry. The festival

was a true testament to the talent, teamwork, and unity within the university.

Prathibha 2024 concluded on a high note, with the School of Business emerging as the overall winner. Their outstanding performances across various events secured them the top position, making them the champions of this year's fest.

Peer-to-Peer Learning Initiative

Another impactful initiative undertaken by the Student Council was Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Learning, introduced during the 2024 odd semester examinations. To facilitate academic support, a WhatsApp link was circulated, inviting students to volunteer as tutors and assist those in need of guidance. The initiative began on October 26, 2024, weeks before the exams, and saw an overwhelming response with over 30 tutors and more than 200 learners actively participating.

To enhance accessibility, over 20 WhatsApp groups were created, where students shared notes, study materials, and exam-related discussions. The initiative received highly positive feedback, with students appreciating the opportunity to learn and revise collaboratively.



Student Reviews

"P2P tutoring was a learning experience for me as well as a revision of what I had previously studied. I was able to help multiple students from different sections, and this experience taught me how to guide students with different levels of understanding."



“P2P learning was a great opportunity for both me and my friends. After writing our exams, I felt good knowing that they were able to answer questions we had studied together. I hope we can continue this practice so that my peers and I can improve academically together.”

This initiative not only helped students academically but also fostered a strong sense of collaboration and mutual support within the university.

Under 25

The Student Council collaborated with Under 25 (U25), the world’s leading youth festival, to organise a summit on December 18, 2024, in the university auditorium. This event brought together students, creators, performers, and thought leaders to celebrate the infinite potential of young minds.

With an audience of around 500 students, the summit provided a platform for students to engage with prominent creators like Anto Philip, Reshi Magada, and many more. It was an enriching experience, allowing students to interact with industry leaders, gain insights, and be inspired to explore their creative potential.



Women’s Week Programme

The NSS Unit 3 conducted a Women’s Week programme, and the ladies of the Student Council actively supported their activities. As part of the initiative, Student Council members joined the NSS team for their flash mobs and performed on March 11, 2025, to spread awareness and celebrate women’s empowerment. Their participation added energy and enthusiasm to the event, making it a memorable and impactful celebration.

Visages 2025 – The Grand Intercollegiate Fest

The biggest event of the year, Visages 2025, was successfully organised by the Student Council on February 21 and 22, 2025. For the inauguration ceremony, the council had the honour of hosting Goa’s first woman rapper, Sharlaine Menezes, as the Chief Guest, and Dr Devika as the Guest of Honour. They were accompanied by university management officials, marking the beginning of an incredible two-day celebration of talent, creativity, and festivity.

The much-awaited intercollegiate fest witnessed participation from seven contingent teams, with St Joseph’s College of Commerce bagging the overall trophy. The fest received amazing reviews from students, as Josephites came together to be part of the organising teams, contributing to the event’s grand success.

Leading up to the fest, a Pre-Visages Week was hosted, engaging students with flash mobs and fun activities like hand imprinting during break time, building excitement and enthusiasm across campus. The fest featured two electrifying DJ nights—an in-house DJ on the first day and a Sunburn Campus performance on the second, making it a truly unforgettable experience.



Public Relations Office

OpenHeart Investiture Ceremony

On August 30, 2024, OpenHeart, under the Public Relations Office (PRO) of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised its investiture ceremony in the staff seminar room. The event commenced with a welcome address by the co-convenor, who introduced the PRO and the esteemed chief guest, Mr Arun Chakravarthi, IPS officer and Additional Director General of Police of Karnataka.

Following the introduction, Mr Venugopal, faculty coordinator and PRO, delivered a brief speech welcoming the chief guest and Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communications. The investiture then proceeded with the badging ceremony, where all office bearers received their badges. Mr Arun Chakravarthi led a Q&A session, during which he shared his experiences in Yugoslavia as part of the UN Peacekeeping Forces and his insights from studying sociology and observing it in practice. He captivated the audience with stories about life's unpredictability, emphasised the importance of women's safety in the RG Kar Medical College incident, and further addressed how he manages professional burnout.

The event concluded with a congratulatory speech by Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, and a vote of thanks delivered by the Convenor. The ceremony ended with a performance by Kalah.



The OpenHeart student committee, with dignitaries from the investiture.

Visit of 90 Tibetan Students to SJU Campus

Over 90 Tibetan students from science streams, accompanied by their faculty members from Bylakuppe Campus, Kushalnagar, Karnataka, visited St Joseph's University on September 25, 2024 for a campus visit. During their campus tour, the Tibetan students and their faculty members

interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and faculty members from science streams. They also interacted with St Joseph's University students.

Start-Up Mela 4.0

St Joseph's University hosted Start-Up Mela 4.0 on October 28, 2024. Themed 'Seeds to Success,' the programme focused on fostering innovation and sustainability. The event featured 100+ startups, 20+ investors, and partnerships with Startup Karnataka, NSRCEL, Wadhvani Foundation, and others.

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 event provided a platform for entrepreneurs to connect, pitch ideas, and gain industry exposure. University leaders engaged with startups, reinforcing their commitment to fostering entrepreneurship. Each startup received recognition for their efforts and organisers were praised for their contributions.

With the establishment of 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, strengthening India's startup ecosystem, and inspiring future changemakers.

Visit of 100+ Students from Sambhota Tibetan School, Mundgod to SJU

Over 100 students from Sambhota Tibetan School, Mundgod, Karnataka, accompanied by their faculty members visited St Joseph's University on November 19, 2024 for a campus tour. During their visit, the Tibetan students met and interacted with university leaders and students. A tour was arranged for the benefit of these students.



Over 90 Tibetan students gathered with their faculty as well as the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University.

OpenHeart 25: Inspiring Conversations on Education and Social Change

The seventh edition of OpenHeart, the premier speaker series of St Joseph's University, was successfully held on February 4, 2025. 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 Aisshwarya DKS Hegde, who spoke on the transformative power of education, in a session moderated by Mr Shabin PK, Assistant Professor, School of Communication & Media Studies. She emphasised lifelong learning, calling education a fundamental right, not a privilege. Highlighting Catalyst Labs' role in fostering innovation, she stated, "An entrepreneur can't be without a learner." She applauded the Open Heart team for making education more engaging and relevant.

The second session, moderated by Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, featured Samyuktha Hornad, who shared insights on career choices, philanthropy, and social impact. She discussed her work with an NGO recognised as the Best Animal Welfare NGO. She also spoke about her efforts in adopting a government school, hiring an English teacher through social media advocacy. Additionally, she highlighted her 24/7 animal rescue helpline for reporting cases of animal abuse.

With the motto "They Were. We Are. You Will Be." Open Heart continues its mission of spreading knowledge across generations. As Open Heart 25 concluded, it reaffirmed that education, engagement, and social responsibility are the pillars of meaningful change, leaving a lasting impact on students and the community.

Martyrs' Day Memorial Lecture

The Public Relations Office of St Joseph's University in association with the Karnataka Chapter of Sarvodaya International Trust, organised a Martyrs' Memorial Lecture on January 30, 2025, at De Nobili Hall. The lecture on Gandhi's Vital Contribution to Women's Emancipation and Empowerment was delivered by Ms Margaret Alva, Former Union Minister, Governor, and Distinguished Public Intellectual. Dr (Fr) Victor

Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, St Joseph's University, presided over the programme. Padma Shri Ms Anita Reddy and Prof Jeevan Kumar, Managing Trustee of Sarvodaya International Trust were also present during the occasion.

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

On 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 in the Auditorium. 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.

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.

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



Open Heart 25 successfully inspired attendees through conversations on education and social change.

Office of International Affairs

Visit of Students and Faculty Coordinators from ECEMA School of Business, College de Paris, France

On March 26, 2025, the Office for International Affairs hosted a delegation of students and faculty coordinators from ECEMA School of Business, College de Paris, France. This event was a significant academic collaboration fostering cross-cultural understanding and exploring potential avenues for the exchange of ideas. The delegation was welcomed by university officials, including Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Director of the Office for International Affairs; Dr Christo Selvan V, Dean of the School of Business; and Mr P Venugopal, Associate Director of the Office for International Affairs. During their discussions, the delegation engaged in meaningful conversations with university representatives, focusing on academics, cultural exchange, potential partnerships, and an in-depth understanding of Indian culture and education systems.



A delegation from ECEMA School of Business, College de Paris, France, was hosted by St Joseph's University.

Following the formal interaction, the PR interns guided the visiting students on a campus tour, offering them an opportunity to explore various facilities the university provides. This tour also included engaging interactions with students learning French, fostering linguistic and cultural connections between both groups. The visitors were given insights into the vibrant student life on campus and shown academic spaces, libraries, and other key infrastructure. The delegation then proceeded to the university canteen, where they experienced Indian hospitality and cuisine.

The visit concluded with a memorable cultural

performance by the university students. The vibrant display of talent and rich heritage served as a fitting end to the day, leaving the visiting delegation with lasting impressions of the university's diverse and inclusive atmosphere.

Visit of HE Fleming Duarte, Ambassador of Paraguay to India

On April 5, 2025, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, 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. The dignitaries were warmly received at the university campus by the Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ; the Dean of Information Technology, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ; Associate Director of the Office for International Affairs, Mr P Venugopal; and an enthusiastic gathering of faculty and students.

The visit was marked by a fruitful meeting that explored various dimensions of international cooperation, particularly in the context of South-South partnerships. Ambassador Duarte spoke with passion about Paraguay's developmental journey, highlighting the nation's political stability, economic potential, and ongoing efforts in education and sustainable growth. He drew parallels between the shared cultural richness of India and Paraguay, acknowledging the common values of hospitality, diversity, and a deep sense of community.

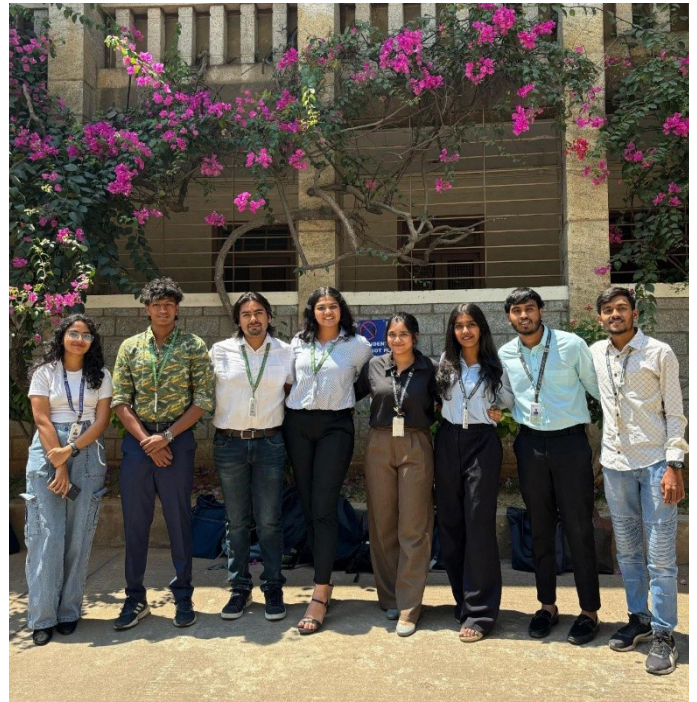
Discussions during the meeting underscored the significance of fostering stronger ties between India and Paraguay, particularly through academic exchange, cultural diplomacy, and institutional collaboration. Both parties expressed interest in exploring partnerships between Paraguayan ministries and St Joseph's University, envisioning opportunities in research, student mobility, and joint projects in various areas.

The meeting also touched upon the broader importance of solidarity among Global South nations. South-South cooperation presents a valuable platform for equitable growth and shared innovation. The dignitaries emphasised the need for academic institutions to play a central role in shaping a more inclusive international dialogue through educational diplomacy.

The event concluded with a token of appreciation presented to the guests, followed by an interactive session with students, where Ambassador Duarte answered questions on diplomacy, regional affairs in Latin America, and Paraguay's foreign policy outlook.

The Office for International Affairs recognises the visit as a meaningful step towards deepening the university's engagement with Latin America and strengthening its role in the global academic community. It reaffirms our commitment to building bridges across borders and fostering dialogue that transcends geographical boundaries.

worked on initiatives spanning sustainability, human rights, and societal innovation.



Cohort leaders Sooraj and Anusha worked with their team to advance UN Sustainable Development Goals through the Millennium Fellowship.

Millennium Fellowship 2024

St Joseph's University was selected for the prestigious Millennium Fellowship 2024, a global leadership program advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. With an acceptance rate of just 5 per cent, the Fellowship recognises exceptional student leaders driving social impact. Campus Directors Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ and Anusha N from III MST led the cohort, organising seminars, activities, and brainstorming sessions. Fellows included Dev Sinha and Chaitanya Santosh from III MST, Sanjana Vinod from III JPY, and Anika Ann Anand, Bhoomika Satish Shet, Piyush Basavaraj Galagi, and Chirayu R Jain from III BCOMD, who

Internship Abroad

Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ has been selected as one of 75 scholars nationwide for the prestigious fully funded Khorana Program for Scholars. This programme, established by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (ISSTF) and WINStep Forward, provides top Indian students with research opportunities at leading US institutions. As a Khorana Scholar, Mr Nair will conduct a three-month cancer research internship at the Whitehead Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). This opportunity will allow Mr Nair to engage in cutting-edge oncology research, contribute to scientific advancements, and gain invaluable experience in an elite research environment.



St Joseph's University discussed Global South partnerships with HE Duarte, Ambassador of the Republic of Paraguay to India.

Campus Ministry

Christmas Eucharistic Celebration

Christmas Eucharistic celebration was held on December 20, 2024, in the St Joseph's University Auditorium. The programme was attended by 2500 Catholic students and staff of the university. The main celebrant was Fr Arokia Raj Satis Kumar, Auxiliary Bishop, and the con-celebrants were all Jesuit priests on campus. The Eucharistic celebration concluded the week-long Christmas celebration events hosted by AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) for all students on campus. The main celebrant, Fr Kumar, was felicitated by Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

Campus ministry coordinated the Eucharistic celebration, which was followed by a fellowship lunch for all university staff and snacks for students.

Christmas Celebration

The annual university Christmas programme was organised by the Campus Ministry on December 21, 2024. This year differed from previous celebrations as it was organised for the staff as well as the students.

The Campus Ministry officials spearheaded the student programme under the guidance of Ms Litty Joseph, Department of Commerce, and Dr Lora Rita Goveas, Head of the Department of Physics. St Joseph's University has a collective strength of 2500 catholic students, but the programme catered to the heterogeneous crowd of students that attended and participated in the cultural events that were organised, including games, dance and song performances, and carols. Snacks and cake were shared with all attending students. Immediately after, the staff programme was held in the University Auditorium. All staff members gathered for cultural events. A formal Christmas message was shared at the celebration. The programme, coordinated and emceed by Dr Alan Godfrey, Department of Social Work, and Mr Nigel George, Department of English, ensured a flow of good spirits. The afternoon ended with a fellowship lunch for the staff.



The Christmas Eucharistic Celebration was attended by all Catholic staff and students at the university.

Dubai Visit

From November 8-13, 2024, Dr Madappa MB and Ms Poonam R Ahuja represented St Joseph's University (SJU) at key educational events in Dubai. The primary purpose of the visit was to raise awareness about the university and engage with prospective students, particularly 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 Grades 10 and 11. At the fair, SJU showcased its academic programs and facilities. The representatives engaged with over 200 visitors, providing information about the university's offerings and the admission process for international students.

On November 12, Dr Madappa and Ms Ahuja 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 Biotechnology and met high school counsellors to discuss future partnership possibilities.

On November 13, 2024, Dr Madappa and Ms Ahuja spoke to Mr Christopher Goodbourn, Director of

University Partnerships at GEMS. Together they explored the potential for collaboration through the GEMS for Life Program which aimed at providing SJU with greater exposure and outreach within the region.



Dr Madappa and Ms Ahuja represented the university at key educational events in Dubai from November 8-14, 2024.



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IQAC

St Joseph's University is proud to share a series of significant achievements and initiatives driven by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), reflecting the institution's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and institutional development. A major highlight was being awarded the prestigious title of "Best University" by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI). Established in 1951, XBHEI is the sole association of Catholic higher education institutions in the country. The IQAC office had submitted the application for this award, and receiving this recognition stands as a testament to the collective efforts of the university community. Congratulations are extended to all stakeholders for this remarkable achievement.

In alignment with the university's goal of enhancing academic quality, the IQAC initiated outcome-based education (OBE) measures, particularly the integration of Bloom's Taxonomy concepts into assessment practices. Departments were instructed to complete the Bloom's mapping for the October 2024 exams, resulting in 92 papers being successfully mapped to specific cognitive levels. This initiative has helped strengthen the connection between learning objectives and assessment strategies, promoting higher-order thinking skills among students. The findings were shared with Heads of Departments to encourage informed discussions on improving evaluation frameworks.

Furthering institutional development, key members of the IQAC team, including Dr Madappa MB, Director of the IQAC; Dr W Jothy, NAAC Coordinator; Criteria Coordinators Dr Padma Nandan Karioth, Dr Paramesha Mallegowda, Dr Jayshankar M, Mr Cyril, Ms Poonam R Ahuja, Dr Vaishnavi M, Dr Prashanthi, Dr A Mohan, Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Dr Priya S; and Ms Swathi Narayan, Secretary, participated in a one-day National Level Program on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions. The program covered UGC guidelines for IDPs and featured a keynote address on 'Institutional Development Plan - National and Global Perspectives.' It also included discussions on restructuring higher education frameworks through outcome-based education and showcased best practices from institutions such as BITS

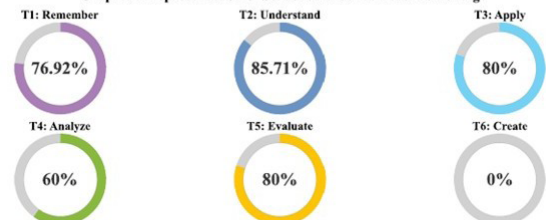
Pilani, RV College of Engineering, IIM Lucknow, JSS AHER, and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The workshop emphasised the importance of IDP enablers—including financial, human resource, academic, and digital components—and their influence on NIRF rankings and NAAC accreditation. Following this, the university has commenced the planning and development of its own IDP.

In assessment and evaluations, the IQAC conducted a detailed teacher evaluation process for the October 2024 odd semester, completed in January 2024. This student-led evaluation introduced new parameters to enrich the quality and scope of feedback. The evaluation results were disseminated to the faculty, and constructive feedback sessions were organised by the Deans' office. These reports are now accessible via the Linways portal. Additionally, the academic audit for the year was completed successfully by the IQAC team.

A key student engagement initiative took place during the IQAC Class Representatives' meeting held on March 10, 2025, where the Student Satisfaction Survey results were presented. Class representatives voiced concerns raised by their peers, and the IQAC committed to addressing them with an Action Taken Report to be submitted by the semester's end.

COURSE					
ASSESSMENT	END SEMESTER EXAM WITH DIGITAL EVALUATION, REGULAR_EXAM WITH DIGITAL EVALUATION PG ESE OCTOBER 2024				
STUDENT NAME	REG. NO.				
BLOOMS LEVEL REPORT					
T1: Remember	T2: Understand	T3: Apply	T4: Analyze	T5: Evaluate	T6: Create
76.92	85.71	80	60	80	0

Graphical Representation of Student's Bloom's Level Percentage



Overall Bloom's Level Contribution Percentage from the Question Paper

Blooms Taxonomy Level	Marks In Each Division			Total Marks For Each BTL	% Of Distribution
	Part A	Part B	Part C		
Remember (1)	8	5	*	15	20.83 %
Understand (2)	6	*	8	19	26.39 %
Apply (3)	2	*	8	10	13.89 %
Analyze (4)	*	15	*	23	31.94 %
Evaluate (5)	*	5	*	5	6.94 %
Create (6)	*	*	*	*	0 %

Results of the assessment of papers through Bloom's Taxonomy, in an initiative undertaken by the IQAC at St Joseph's University.

The university has also submitted its application for the NIRF 2025 ranking, highlighting substantial accomplishments. In 2024, 1,549 undergraduate and 712 postgraduate students successfully graduated, while 81 students continued their academic journey through PhD programs. Reflecting a strong investment in educational infrastructure and quality, the university allocated 1,39,15,698 rupees to the library, 2,41,56,709 rupees for equipment, 4,32,32,075 rupees for various academic-related expenses, 42,34,26,073 rupees for staff salaries, 12,13,36,151 rupees for infrastructure maintenance, and 99,22,689 rupees towards student activities, workshops, and seminars. These figures demonstrate the university's dedication to enhancing learning environments and student experiences.

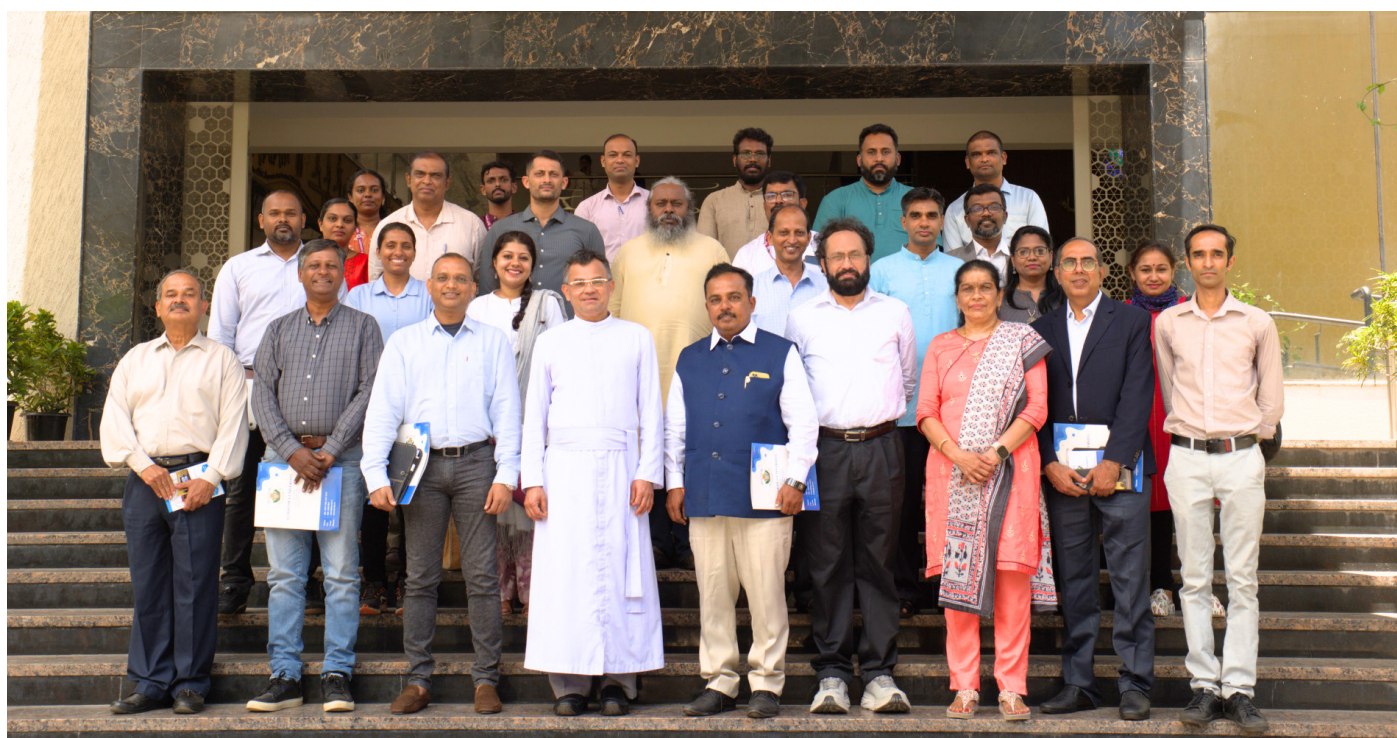
The IQAC office made commendable progress in documentation, application processes, and data collection. The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for 2023–2024 was compiled successfully. Applications for the India Today and The Week rankings for 2025 were also submitted. Department-level documentation, including physical files and digital data, was efficiently organised with the collaboration of all departments. Student progression data for the 2024 graduating batch was collected, revealing that 923 undergraduate students opted for higher education and 553 secured placements. Among postgraduate students, 567 graduated, with 127

pursuing further studies.

Several initiatives were undertaken to enhance the university's digital and social outreach. Interactive website files were completed to showcase support for Divyangjan students, green campus and nature initiatives, water conservation programs, and various student-led social activities. A historical archive project led to the successful compilation of alumni files from 1979 to 1997, including photographs and memorabilia, which were presented during the Coorg Chapter alumni event on October 17, 2024. The presentation was well-received and appreciated for evoking a deep sense of nostalgia.

Strengthening its international presence, St Joseph's University was represented at the India Education Fair 2024 held in Dubai on November 9 and 10, 2024, organised by The Hindu Group. Dr Madappa and Ms Poonam Ahuja effectively highlighted the university's academic strengths and global opportunities, opening avenues for international collaborations and student exchange programs.

In conclusion, the dedicated efforts of the IQAC team have significantly contributed to the sustained growth and academic excellence of St Joseph's University. With NAAC preparations actively underway, the IQAC continues to prioritise quality enhancement, strategic planning, and comprehensive documentation to ensure continued institutional success and recognition.



Members of the IQAC core committee.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Department of Commerce

Departmental Events

Business Espresso 4.0

On December 12, 2024, the Department of Commerce at St Joseph's University organised Business Espresso 4.0. 450 students actively participated in the event, which was held at the University auditorium. Organised by Dr Sayantani Banerjee and Ms Grace Prerana, the event encompassed open discussions in the field of commerce and finance.

Guest speaker Ms Priyanka Bonick Bhatnagar, a Chartered Accountant and Director of KBrands Hospitality Pvt Ltd, provided insights on management and other areas. She explained the impact of education, debated topics such as surrogate advertising, and emphasised the importance of setting aside ego in decision-making. She also shared her point of view as a consumer and an entrepreneur, along with her perspective on business operations.

In conclusion, this event provided practical experience, enabling students to gain knowledge in the field of business through real-world application of their creative ideas.

Orientation - Tata Consultancy Service

The Department of Commerce organised a Corporate Connect session for TCS orientation on January 22, 2025. 85 students from I BCOM Industry Integrated actively participated in the event. The programme was led by Sunil Muralidharan, Vice President of TCS, Bangalore.

The session commenced with an introduction to TCS, including various operations of the company. Mr Sunil outlined his experiences at TCS, highlighting other roles that improved his expertise and led to earning a black belt in Six Sigma. He explained the importance of Six Sigma and how it plays a crucial role in increasing productivity and performance. Mr Sunil also highlighted the significance of learning, flexibility, and creative thinking in today's challenging business environment.

The session concluded with valuable insights about the corporate world, leadership and how career advancement is integral to professional life. Mr Sunil inspired and encouraged students to develop a passion for their future careers.

Guruyan Chapter - 2

On March 3, 2025, the Department of Commerce organised Guruyan Chapter-2, a session that focused on Carbon Accounting. Approximately 50 students from II MCOM attended the seminar, coordinated by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business.

Invited speaker Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor and PG coordinator, Department of Environmental Science, began by explaining that carbon accounting focuses on measuring, tracking, and reporting greenhouse gas emissions. He highlighted the significance of sustainability, using real-world case studies to demonstrate how sustainability can be successfully implemented and practiced in day-to-day activities. Dr Kumar also discussed issues related to data collection and standardisation, further elucidating carbon pricing and net-zero targets.

The seminar successfully enhanced participants' understanding of how sustainability can be applied in the field of accounting and finance through the lens of carbon accounting.

Industrial Visit to Welcome Hotel by ITC

The Department of Commerce organised an industrial visit to Welcome Hotel by ITC, Bengaluru, on March 10 and 11, 2025. 66 students from III BCOM Shift 1 and 2 were led by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Business, Dr Fathima Farzana, and Ms Maha Shriesha V. The goal of this industrial visit was to educate the students about luxury hospitality and services.

The visit started with a brief introduction to the functioning of the hotel, which was followed by a tour of the premises. Students gained insights into sanitation and hygiene factors by observing the bottle-cleaning process, followed by a kitchen tour. Next, they visited K by Kaya Kalp Spa, a wellness treatment centre; the Fitness Centre, a gym with modern equipment; and a luxury pool. At Welcome Café Jacaranda and Mahjong, students

explored cultural and fine-dining themes. Finally, students visited the Cubbon Suite, where they learned about premium accommodation. In a Q&A session with the Assistance Finance Manager, ideas on budgeting and other financial concepts were shared and assessed.

In conclusion, the industrial visit to Welcome Hotel by ITC successfully exposed students to the field of hospitality and management, covering its various facets.



ITC visit- Students from BCOM visited the Welcome Hotel by ITC led by faculty from the Department of Commerce.

Industrial Visit to HAL Aerospace Museum, Income Tax Office, and Bangalore Palace

The Department of Commerce organised an industrial visit to the HAL Aerospace Museum, Income Tax Office, and Bangalore Palace, on January 31, 2025. 15 students from MCOM participated in this visit, supervised by Dr Sayantani Banerjee.

At the HAL Aerospace Museum, students learned about India's aerospace advancements and their contributions to defence and other sectors, further exploring various aircraft models such as the Marut and Dhruv, engines, and simulators. Next, students visited the Income Tax Office, where they gained knowledge about the role of the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Central, who works under the Central Board of Direct Taxes and handles tax compliance, fraud prevention, search and seizure operations, and confidentiality measures. Finally, they visited Bangalore Palace, taking note of the Tudor-style architecture and wooden carvings. The Palace also featured a collection of souvenirs, paintings, and photographs.

The visit successfully provided students with practical knowledge across various fields, encompassing both technological and historical exploration.

Association Events

Emporio

On January 20 and 21, 2025, the Commerce Association at St Joseph's University organised Emporio, an inter-collegiate fest. Themed 'Game of Thrones,' over 200 students from various colleges participated in the events. The fest was coordinated by Dr Hariharan, Ms Thejaswini B, and Ms Lakshmi from the Department of Commerce.

The event commenced with the inaugural ceremony, graced by the chief guest Mr Anand Raj BNS, founder of Eat Raja. The Association President then addressed the gathering about the two-day event. The fest featured seven events spread across two days – Best Manager, Marketing, Mock Stock Finance, Entrepreneurial Development, HR+PR, and the Corporate Fashion Walk – that tested the skills of the participants. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony on the second day, during which Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of the School of Business, awarded Christ University Central campus as overall champion and Christ University Kengeri campus as runner-up.

Emporio 2025 was successful due to the coordination of the organisers, staff, and volunteers. The Department of Commerce endeavours to conduct further such events to inculcate knowledge of commerce and finance.



Emporio- Students from various institutions participated in Emporio 25.

Tharang

From September 23-24, 2024, the Commerce Association organised their intra-collegiate fest, Tharang. Approximately 400 students participated

in the events, which were co-organised by Ms Thejashwini Balaji and Dr Hariharan R, Teacher Coordinators (Shift 1 and 2), and Ms Lakshimi S, Teacher Coordinator (Shift 3).

The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony, led by Ms Srividya Puppala, CEO of ENSCONCE. Following this, the Commerce Association's council took an oath ensuring fairness, integrity, and teamwork. The fest included nine events: Best Manager, Marketing, Mock Stock Finance, Entrepreneurial Development, HR+PR, Group Singing, Group Dance, Corporate Fashion Walk, and Josephites Got Talent. These competitions helped students gain experience in finance, marketing, HR, and entrepreneurship. III BPS was declared the overall winners for their exceptional performance.

Tharang was organised successfully, offering students a platform to gain insights into different fields of commerce while also encouraging their creativity and teamwork.



Tharang- The Commerce Association's council took an oath, commencing activities with Tharang.



Guruyan- Dr Kumar's talk on carbon accounting was received with gratitude.

Staff Achievements

Dr Christo Selvan (Associate Professor and Dean, School of Business)

Served as co-researcher-cum-data analyst in the international project titled "Scaling Decarbonisation Interventions in Malaysian Hospitals: Towards Revenue Enhancement through Carbon Savings Project" worth RM 25,000, funded by UCSI REIG, Malaysia.

Participated in 'the Miles Public Accounting GCC Conclave,' organised by Miles Education, Bengaluru, on December 7, 2024.

Engaged in a seminar at 'Guthli AS Fest – Ed Work Pedagogy in Action,' organised by the School of Branding and Advertising (SOBA), Mumbai.

Completed a three-day Faculty Development Programme on ACCA Financial Reporting, conducted by ISDC, UK, with a focus on advanced financial reporting concepts and effective instructional strategies aligned with the ACCA curriculum.

Participated in the 5th International Conference on 'Scientific Research and Practical Applications,' organised by the University of Lodz, Poland.

Served as a panel speaker at 'Shimandhar Education's GCC Talent Connect: Bridging India's Skill Future,' on December 7, 2024.

Invited as a guest speaker at St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College, to address the students on career guidance and pathways after Pre-University, on August 17, 2024.

Served as chief guest and speaker at NPR College of Arts and Science on August 29, 2024, delivering a session titled 'SWOT Analysis of Emerging Innovation & Technology in Business.'

Served as a panel speaker at St Joseph's College of Commerce, in a session titled 'Role of Future Accountants in the Era of Digital Transformation,' on January 16, 2025.

Invited as a guest speaker for a session titled 'Research Methodology' at Bishop Cotton Girls' Degree College, on February 8, 2025.

Invited as chief guest for the Mega International School Sports Day – Epiclathon 2024, on December 21, 2024.

Served as a guest speaker at a career guidance programme organised by the Karnataka Central Diocese at Holy Trinity Church, Bengaluru, on March 2, 2025.

Received the International Award for 'Excellence in Academia' by Miles Education, Mumbai.

Received the Puraskara Award 2024 for his outstanding contributions to academia.

Served as a member of the Board of Examiners for various prestigious institutions, including T John College (Bengaluru), Mount Carmel College (Bengaluru), and Kongu Arts and Science College (Autonomous, Erode).

Served as a member of the Recruitment Board at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru.

Actively served as a Board of Studies member for 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).

Appointed as a Doctoral Committee Member at Karunya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore.

Appointed as a member of the Scientific and Program Council for 'the 5th International Scientific-Research-Practical Conference,' jointly organised by the University of Lodz, Poland; the Centre for Scientific and Research Cooperation: Poland-Ukraine; and the Association of Polish Scientists of Lithuania, on November 19, 2024.

Participated in 'the Accounting Conclave,' a one-day national-level conference organised by Miles Education, Bengaluru, on December 7, 2025.

Mr Aravind Nandakumar (Assistant Professor)

Participated in "JESCOL I," a programme designed to introduce faculty to the core values and mission of Jesuit institutions, in November, 2024.

Attended the induction program organised by SJU-HRDC (FDP) from June 29 to July 6, 2024.

Dr Shankar R (Assistant Professor)

Co-authored a book titled Business Environment, published by Skyward Publishers on November 15, 2024.

Presented a paper titled "A Paper on a Comprehensive Approach to Financial Control: The Role of Value for Money Audits in the Public Sector" at the international conference 'Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship and Sustainability,' organised by BMS College of Commerce and Management in association with Primax Foundation, Bengaluru, on December 5 and 6, 2024.

Ms Raj Kiran (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Unveiling Green Supply Chain Practices: A Bibliometric Analysis and Unfolding Emerging Trends" in the international journal Organizations and Markets in Emerging Economies, on November 4, 2024.

Ms Thejaswini Balaji (Assistant Professor)

Registered a patent for "AI-Powered Data Encryption Device (Class 14-02)" on August 22, 2024; certificate issued on November 4, 2024.

Dr Sayatani Banerjee (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a one-day national-level training program titled 'Transformative Teaching Techniques,' organised by ACCA, Bengaluru, on September 19, 2024.

Participated in an eight-day national-level orientation program titled 'NEP Orientation and Sensitization Program,' organised by UGC-MMTTC, Mizoram University, from September 10 to 18, 2024.

Dr Usha Priyadarshini S (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a seven-day national-level workshop titled 'Essential Statistical Tests for Research Using SPSS,' organised by Bala's VV Academy (registered under MSME, Government of India), Tamil Nadu, from September 16 to 22, 2024.

Ms Gisa George (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a one-month national-level online HRDC orientation titled 'Guru-Dakshta Faculty Induction Programme (FIP),' organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission

(UGC), MM-TTC: Ramanujan College, Delhi, from December 16, 2024, to January 14, 2025.

Participated in a one-month national-level online HRDC orientation titled 'NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme,' organised by MM-TTC: Ramanujan College, Delhi, in collaboration with Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Delhi, from November 13 to 22, 2025.

Participated in a national-level FDP titled 'Research Methodology,' organised by Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur, from July 22 to 27, 2024.

Ms Maha Shriesha V (Assistant Professor)

Participated in an online FDP titled 'Viksit Bharat: Envisioning Higher Education in 2047 – Equity, Excellence & Empowerment,' organised by the Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa (CSST) group of institutions in collaboration with the College Development Council and School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, from November 4 to 12, 2024.

Participated in an international-level FDP titled 'PRAYAAS-2024,' organised by SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Faculty of Management-MBA, Vadapalani, Chennai, from November 28 to December 5, 2024.

Student Achievements

Arvin Shibu from I BCOM D won first place in the event BGX at Xactitude, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Kristu Jayanti College from January 30-31, 2025.

Dhanushree from II BCOM D won second place in the Face Painting event at Anikethana, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Mount Carmel College on January 30, 2025.

Aikyatha and Ekanth from II BCOM D won second place in the Group Dance event at Kalarava, an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on January 30, 2025.

Dhanushree and Chaitra from II BCOM D won first place in the Face Painting event at Kalarava, an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on January 30, 2025.

Dhanush M and Ankita Daisy Dais from I BCOM A won third place in the Fashion Walk event at Elements 7, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Krupa Nidhi from January 24-25, 2025.

Kennez Jeffrith from III BCOM B won first place in The Resonance event at Celosia 2025, an intra-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's University on January 22, 2025.

Sania Maria from II BCOM D won first place in a national level Western solo singing event at Inbloom, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ (deemed to be university) from March 14-16, 2025.

Samantha Maria D'silva, Taha Mustafa Dahodwala and Nirve Samrat Ghogke from I BBA A won third place in the event Treasure Hunt at INCOGNITO, an inter-collegiate fest organised by SJU from February, 24-25 2025.

Varsha P Nayak from I BBA A won third place in the event Grandino Quest at The Echrlon, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College from February, 18-19 2025.

Nishitha R from I BCOM D won first place in the event Group Singing at Aniketa, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Mount Carmel College on March 1, 2025.

Robert Rodingliana from I BCOM D won first place in the event Battle of Bands in an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jain University on March 4, 2025.

Anushka from II BCOM D won second place in the event Face Painting at Bahurupi Fest, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College on February 16, 2025.

Anushka from II BCOM D won second place in the event Canvas Painting at Manifest-25, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College on March 4, 2025.

Sirishya, Samaira, Nobin, Achuth, and Sophia from II BCOM D won first place in the event Fashion Walk at Chathurarchy, an inter-collegiate fest organised by MES College on from February 27-28, 2025.

Sirishya (232BCOMD041) from II BCOM D won

first place in the event Fashion Walk at Paulakala, an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Paul College on March 7, 2025.

Roopa M from I BCOM IFA won second place in the event Cultural at PRERANA, an inter-collegiate fest organised from February 1-2, 2025.

Mischale Saldanha from I BCOM A won first place in the event Fashion Walk at Paulakala, an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Paul College on March 7, 2025.

Shreeshma Bollamma from I BCOM IFA secured the runner-up position in the Hockey event at Muddanada Hockey Tournament, an inter-collegiate competition organised by Lakeview Paradise Hockey on January 5, 2025.

Shreyas, Bennett, and Ken from III BCOM D won first place in the relay (4×100M) event at the Annual Athletic Meet, an inter-collegiate competition organised by St Joseph's University on January 11, 2025.

Harsha Vardhan from III BCOM D won third place in the 400 Meters event at the Annual Athletic Meet, an inter-collegiate competition organised by St Joseph's University on January 11, 2025.

Revanth from III BCOM D won second place in Shot Put and third place in Javelin at the Annual Athletic Meet, an inter-collegiate competition organised by St Joseph's University on January 11, 2025.

Shreyas from III BCOM D won first place in the 800 Meters and 1st place in Long Jump at the Annual Athletic Meet an inter-collegiate competition organised by St Joseph's University on January 11, 2025.

Srimanth P Swamy from II BCOM D won first place in the Udaan tournament organised by Presidency University from February 18-20, 2025.

Srimanth P Swamy from II BCOM D has secured second runner up in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 28 to March 1, 2025.

Srimanth P Swamy from II BCOM D won second place in the CPL tournament organised by Jain

CMS University from March 3-6, 2024.

Gaurav Gopal from II BCOM D won second place in the Spiel tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 10, 2025.

Ashwathi Paduvilan Chandroth from II BCOM D won second place in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Kavana from II BCOM D won second place in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Shreshta from II BCOM D won second place in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Kavyashree from II BCOM D won second place in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Roshini from II BCOM D won second place in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Roshini Philips from II BCOM D won second place in the Khel tournament organised by Mount Carmel College from February 3-5, 2025.

Roshini Philips from II BCOM D won second place in the Sphygmus tournament organised by Jyothi Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Rashmi A from I BCOM D was a runner-up in the Sphygmus tournament organised by Jyothi Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Rashmi A from I BCOM D was a runner-up in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Tejaswini KR from I BCOM D was a runner-up in the Sphygmus tournament organised by Jyothi Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Tejaswini KR from I BCOM D was a runner-up in the Sportstakes tournament organised by St Joseph's University from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Department of Management

Departmental Events

Alumni-Student Engagement Session

On September 14, 2024, the Department of Management hosted an Alumni-Student Engagement Session in Xavier Hall for 150 BBA students. Ms Greeshma Francis coordinated the event, featuring Ms Shreya Lakshmi, a Risk & Internal Controls Specialist and alumna, as the guest speaker.

The session focused on the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) programme, aiming to familiarise students with certification and its benefits. Ms Lakshmi shared her experiences, providing insights on the exam structure, study strategies, and career advantages offered by the CMA.

The session equipped students with valuable knowledge and a clearer vision for their professional paths, emphasising strategic preparation. The event successfully contributed to the students' professional development.

Faculty Enrichment Workshop on CMA Curriculum
From September 17 to October 3, 2024, the Department of Management hosted a Faculty Enrichment Workshop on the CMA Curriculum.

The sessions were held daily at St Joseph's University. The workshop was attended by 17 faculty members from the Department of Management.

The event was organised in collaboration with Miles Education, a well-known provider of CMA training in India. Resource persons, Mr Madan MG and Mr Ramadas GK, both CMAs, brought their expertise to the table, offering valuable insights on CMA subjects and pedagogy. The sessions thoroughly detailed the CMA curriculum, including financial planning, analysis, decision-making, and performance management.

The workshop successfully equipped the faculty with new strategies to teach CMA-related subjects more effectively, familiarising them with the CMA examination structure and preparation

techniques, so they can guide students better.

Excel Lens - "Excel through the Lens of Corporate" Programme

The IMA SJU Student Chapter of St Joseph's University successfully hosted the event Excel Lens - Excel through the Lens of Corporate, on October 19, 2024, at De Nobili Hall. The Department Activity, organised by Dr Amudhan S from the Department of Management and Faculty Coordinator of the IMA SJU Student Chapter, aimed to deepen students' understanding of Excel in the corporate world and its role in financial analysis.

The event started with a prayer, followed by a welcome address by the President of the IMA SJU Student Chapter. Mr Akshay Chopda, Director at Large of the IMA Bangalore Chapter, introduced the Institute of Management Accountants. Ms Esha from Talentera Partners introduced the speaker, Mr Sachin Tripathi, Investment Analyst at Jupiter Capital. Dr Sayantani Banerjee, Professional Studies Coordinator, felicitated the speakers. The event featured two interactive sessions. The first session introduced Excel, covering formulas, shortcuts, and financial functions using real-world examples. The second session focused on advanced applications, guiding participants through creating financial statements and scenario analysis.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Public Relations Head of the IMA SJU Student Chapter. Approximately 100 students from BBA SF participated, gaining valuable knowledge and enhancing their practical skills.

Professional Interface Forum – Seminar on the topic "Current Macroeconomic Indicators of the Indian Economy and the Business"

On October 9, 2024, the Department of Management's Professional Interface Forum hosted a Department Activity seminar at Xavier Hall, PG Block – Current Macroeconomic Indicators of the Indian Economy and the Business. Dr SR Keshava, Professor and Chairperson of the PG Department of Economics at Bangalore University, served as the resource person. The seminar drew 210 participants from the I BBA A, B and SF programmes.

The event commenced with a prayer, following which Dr Keshava was introduced. Dr Christo



Excel lens- Mr Tripathi and Mr Chopda, speakers at Excel Lens, being felicitated by Dr Banerjee.

Selvan, Dean of the School of Business, then delivered a brief address. Dr Keshava's presentation covered crucial macroeconomic indicators, emphasising their impact on economic growth and consumer spending. He also analysed India's economic health, discussing inflation, infrastructure, and job creation, advocating for quality education and financial inclusion to foster long-term economic stability. A Q&A session followed, where students engaged with Dr Keshava. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the faculty coordinator, Dr Amudhan.

The event was a success, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of India's macroeconomic dynamics and their implications for business.

Staff Achievements

Ms Sarah John (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled "Mediating Role of Sustainable Infrastructure and Government Policies in the Relationship between Environmental Awareness, Economic Incentives, and Sustainable Living Practices" at the 4th International Conference on Resilience and Progress: Pioneering Transformative Pathways to Sustainability (ICRPPTPS), organised by the Department of Professional Accounting and

Finance, Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru from February 21-22, 2025.

Dr S Amudhan (Assistant Professor)

Published a Scopus indexed book chapter titled "Causes of Rural-Urban Migration in India with Special Reference to Metropolitan Cities: Structural Equation Modelling Approach" in a book titled Anticipating Future Business Trends: Navigating Artificial Intelligence Innovations by Springer, on September 12, 2024.

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 a book titled Business Development via AI and Digitalisation by Springer, in September 2024.

Attended a national level two-week refresher course titled 'ICSSR Sponsored Two Weeks Capacity Building Programme on Academic Writing and Nuances of Research Publications for Faculty Members in Social Sciences,' organised by the Central University of Tamil Nadu at Nagakudi, Tamil Nadu from November 6-17, 2024.

Ms Greeshma Fransis (Assistant Professor)

Organised a Faculty Enrichment Workshop on the CMA Curriculum, in collaboration with Miles Education, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from September 17 to October 3, 2024.

Dr Samuel Mores Geddam (Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed a PhD in Management from Presidency University titled "Smart Human Augmentation through Artificial Intelligence Tools Using Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) – An Impact Analysis on Performance of IT Employees, Bengaluru," awarded in November, 2024.

Served as a resource person for a workshop – Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) and Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) Using IBM AMOS – organised by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu, on November 15, 2024.

Served as a resource person for a five-day national workshop on research methodology organised by Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh, from September 17-21, 2024.

Served as a resource person for a workshop on research paper writing organised by MSW – HR Forum, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on September 14, 2024.

Served as a resource person for a seven-day national level Professional Development Programme titled 'Harnessing AI and SPSS Integration for Advanced Research Writing' organised by the Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Vadapalani City Campus, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from September 9-17, 2024.

Completed a national level two-week refresher course/capacity building programme titled 'ICSSR Sponsored Two Weeks Capacity Building Programme on Academic Writing and Nuances of Research Publications for Faculty Members in Social Sciences,' organised by the Central University of Tamil Nadu at Nagakudi, Tamil Nadu, from November 6 -17, 2024.

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Published a paper titled "Emotional Intelligence on Psychological Wellness of Women IT Professionals, Bengaluru: A Structural Equation Modelling Approach" in the Journal of Informatics Education and Research in 2024.

Presented a paper titled "Emotional Resonance in Marketing: Impact of Emotional Appeals on Gen Z Ads" at an international conference on 'Industry 5.0 Contemporary Issues in ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) and Net-Zero Carbon,' organised by the International Institute of Business Studies, Bengaluru, on December 13, 2024.

Attended a 13-day Faculty Development Program titled 'Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Curriculum' conducted by Miles Education at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from September 17 to October 3, 2024.

Attended a Faculty Development Program titled 'Data Mining and Data Analytics' organised by Electronics and ICT Academy, IIT Roorkee, in

association with GNIOT Institute of Professional Studies, Greater Noida, held from January 27 to February 5, 2025.

Acted as a resource person for a session – Systematic Reviews and Bibliometric Techniques in Research – held on Feb 4, 2025, at a six-day Faculty Development Program titled ‘Elevating Research Excellence: Methods, Tools and Ethics,’ organised by the R&D cell in association with IQAC, Nagarjuna College of Management Studies from February 3-8, 2025.

Reviewed three papers for an international conference titled ‘Smart and Sustainable Development(2024)’organised by the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Vishnu Institute of Technology, Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh, held from February 16-17, 2025.

Dr Shakila P (Assistant Professor)

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 a book titled Business Development via AI and Digitalisation by Springer in September, 2024.

Mr Ebenezer K (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “The Development of Network Management System Design for the Upgraded Optimization of 5G Network” in an international conference titled ‘4th International Conference on Advance Computing and Innovative Technologies in Engineering (ICACITE),’ Greater Noida, India, 2024.

Published a paper titled “Fostering Entrepreneurship: A Study on Retail Start-Ups in Bangalore” in Library Progress International.

Published a paper titled “A Study on Financial Support System for Start-ups in Bangalore City” in Library Progress International.

Published a paper titled “A Study On The Mounting Trend Of Social Entrepreneurship In Indian Economy” in Educational Administration: Theory and Practice.

Acted as a resource person for a session titled ‘Forming Men and Women for and with others’ at

SJIM on July 24, 2024.

Dr Kanishka K (Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed a PhD in Management for a thesis titled “Impact of Digital Marketing on Consumer Buying Behaviour: A Study on Durable and Non-Durable Products in Bangalore” from Kuvempu University, Shimoga, awarded on October 24, 2024.

Invited as a resource person by Intuition’s Innovation Council and the Department of Commerce, St Pauls College, Bengaluru, to facilitate a seminar – Personality Matters: Shaping Your Future with Employability Skills – to BBA and BCom students, on September 3, 2024.

Invited as resource person by the Post-Graduate Department of Commerce, Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian College, Bengaluru, to deliver a talk titled ‘Impact of FINTECH on Leveraging Business Outcomes’ for MCom students, on January 15, 2025.

Invited as resource person by the Department of Commerce, Christ College, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu to deliver talk on Fintech and AI and moderate a panel discussion as a part of a national conference conducted on January 6, 2025.

Invited as Academic External Expert by IQAC, St. Pauls College, Bengaluru, to offer inputs on NAAC, AQAR and NIR, on August 1, 2024.

Dr T Mahesh Babu (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a resource person for a workshop on research methodology organised by Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh, from September 17-21, 2024.

Published a book chapter titled “Mapping the Knowledge Domain of Machine Learning Methods in Performance Evaluation,” IGI Global Publishing House.

Dr Rizwana Khanum (Assistant Professor)

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,” which was presented at a conference titled ‘Silver Jubilee International Conference SJIC2024 2,’ in November 2024.

Attended a two-week refresher course in Business Studies organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Central University of Kerala, held from December 2-14, 2024.

Student Achievements

Daksh Felix Noronha from I BBA B was a runner-up in Business Plan, an event in the intra-collegiate fest Regalia 4.0.

Daksh Felix Noronha from I BBA B was a runner-up in Business Plan, an event at the inter-collegiate fest Magnovite, organised by Christ University, Kengeri, on December 7, 2024.

Tejas Varma G from I BBA B won the gold medal in the 16th sub junior, junior and senior state kickboxing championship 2024 held at the Mysore Maharaj indoor stadium.

Yashaswini P from I BBA B won the bronze medal at the 10th Asian ITF Taekwon-do Championship, held at Koramangala Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru, from August 19-25, 2024.

Mishael Elizabeth John from I BBA B won the first prize in Indian Group Dance competition at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha, organised on September 28, 2024.

D Gurumithran from I BBA B was a runner-up in Business Development, an event in the intra-collegiate fest Regalia 4.0.

D Gurumithran from I BBA B won the second prize in Entrepreneurship Development at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha.

D Gurumithran from I BBA B was a runner-up in Business Plan, an event at the inter-collegiate fest Magnovite, organised by Christ University, Kengeri on December 7, 2024.

D Gurumithran from I BBA B was a runner-up in Business Plan, an event at the inter-collegiate fest Cresindho, organised by Sindhi College on November 22, 2024.

Pranav B from I BBA B was the winner in Men's Singles at the Manipal Institute of Technology.

Spurthi V, Merysbell S Jose and Tara Clare from I BBA B presented a research paper on climate change and its impacts on marine ecosystem in a national online student seminar by Polinexus on December 20, 2024.

Gagan Rao S from I BBA B represented Karnataka U-19 cricket in the Tour of Nepal from November 13 to December 21, 2024.

Gareth Moras from II BBA A won second place in Battle of the Bands at Artemis, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College, Bengaluru, on August 30, 2024.

Gareth Moras from II BBA A won first place at Battle of the Bands at Mediatron, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College, Bengaluru, on December 6, 2024.

Gareth Moras from II BBA A won first place at Battle of the Bands at Magnovite, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ University, Kengeri, Bengaluru, on December 7, 2024.

Shanthakumar S and Sachin V from II BBA A won fourth place at Scintillation, a group dance competition at Magnovite, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ University, Kengeri, Bengaluru, on December 7, 2024.

Shanthakumar S, Mathew T, and Sachin V from II BBA A won first place in a group dance event at Antharagni, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Surana College, Peenya campus, Bengaluru, on September 21, 2024.

Shanthakumar S, Mathew T, and Sachin V from II BBA A won second place in the Indian group dance event at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha, organised on September 28, 2024.

Shanthakumar S, Mathew T, and Sachin V from II BBA A won first place in the Mock Rock event at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha, organised on October 3, 2024.

Shanthakumar S, Mathew T, and Sachin V from II BBA A won first place at Sanchalana-2025, an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on January 10, 2025.

Shanthakumar S and Sachin V from II BBA A won

first place in the group dance event at Senmozhi, an intra-collegiate fest, on December 17, 2024.

Akshya Shri D from II BBA A won first place in the Indian group dance event at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha, organised on September 28, 2024.

Basudev Anusmrithy from II BBA A won first place in Pratibimb 25 Director's Cut, a short film festival organised by the Department of Media Studies, Christ University, Bengaluru.

Shivangi Praveen and Sayee from II BBA B won first place in badminton at JEET '25, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by RV University, Bengaluru, from March 1-2, 2025.

Areebah Wasim, Preethi Maurya, Niveditha R, Serina Anthony Rex Dsouza, K R Ashish Gowda, and Zuhaib Khan from II BBA B won first place in Fashion Walk, an event in the intra-collegiate fest Regalia 4.0, held on August 23, 2024.

Purvi Soni and Inchara Bheemiah from II BBA B won first place in Marketing, an event in the intra-collegiate fest Tharang '25, held from September 23-24, 2024.

John Denzil from II BBA B won first place in Council Wars, an event in the inter-collegiate fest Dhvani '25, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru, on February 1, 2025.

KR Ashish Gowda from II BBA B won first place in Fashion Walk at Anikethana, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on March 1, 2025.

Arjun Kris Saksena, Aswim Kumar R, Shivanee S G from III BBA SF cleared CMA Part 1 and Part 2.

Anjali Anil Kumar, Naman Saboo, Rakshitha A Gedam from III BBA SF cleared CMA Part 1.

Nivedya Muralikrishnan and Anjali Anil Kumar from BBA SF won first place in Enviro 24, an event organised by the Seasons Nature Club, St Joseph's University.

Nivedya Muralikrishnan and Anjali Anil Kumar from III BBA SF won first place in the group dance event at the intra-collegiate fest Prathibha.

Jai Kinger from III BBA C has been selected as a Sales Associate at Pazcare with a CTC of 6.5 Lpa. Mithil from III BBA C won second place in Solo Dance at Inblossoms Fest 2025, an inter-collegiate event organised by Christ University, Bengaluru.

Mithil from III BBA C won second place in Duet dance at an inter-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru.

Arman from III BBA D was a runner up at the CPL Tournament.

Prithvi from III BBA C won first place in the best management team event at an inter-collegiate fest organised by KJC.

Mohammed Hussain from III BBA won first place in IPL Auction, an event in an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ University.

Akash from III BBA C and Roshan Thomas from I BBA won the overall trophy for Utchrista 25, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ University. Srinivas Prasad and John Matthew from III BBA D won second place in a business quiz organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

Jai P Kinger from III BBA C won first place in Best Manager event, organised by Primus Business School, Bengaluru.

Tarush, Shanjit, and Krithika G from I BBA SF won third place in an HR event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

Akash Sharma B from I BBA C won first place in Kabaddi, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

Akash Sharma B from I BBA C won third place in Kabaddi, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

Jai P Kinger and Jia Dutta from III BBA C won first place in an HR event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

Akshay from I BBA C was a runner up in the CPL Tournament.

Kavin Bastin Dev J from II BBA D won first place in Veiled Maze, an event organised by Jyoti Nivas

College, Bengaluru.

Hassan from I BBA won first place in fashion Walk, organised by St. Anne's First Grade College for Women, Bengaluru.

Hassan from I BBA won first place in fashion Walk, organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

Jai P Kinger from III BBA C and Purnika from III BBA D won second place in the HR event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Farhan from III BBA C and Chethna from III BBA D won third place in a marketing event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Devesh from III BBA D won first place in Football at Sportstake, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by St Joseph's University.

Varun Ganapathy from II BBA D won second place in Hockey at Sportstake, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by St Joseph's University.

Shivang Tyagi from II BBA SF won second place in Hand Ballat Sportstake, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by St Joseph's University.

Arockia Sprentzia from II BBA SF won third place in the Marketing event, organised by Christ University, Bengaluru.

Victor from III BBA C won second place in Hoopsters Basketball Tournament, conducted at Symbiosis Center for Management Studies.

Akshay Kamath from I BBA C secured 'Man of the Match' at Presidency University.

Syed Alhan from II BBA C and Syeda Noorain from II BBA D won second place in event management at Adroit, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru.

Meghna from II BBA SF was a part of Global Conversation.

Syed Alhan from II BBA C, and Syeda Noorain and Mohammed Aqib from II BBA D won first place in an event titled Cooking Without Fire, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru.

Sakshi K Munoth from II BBA D and Radhika Maheshwari from III BBA C won second place in Nrithya Katha Fest, organised by SDMIMD, Mysuru.

Sakshi K Munoth from II BBA D and Radhika Maheshwari from III BBA C won second place in Naissance, organised by SDMIMD, Mysuru.

Shrawik, Anurag, Prashanth, Apurv and Harsh Bajoria from II BBA C won the overall trophy for Naksatra - 2025 organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru.



Visit to HAL- The students of MCOM visited the Heritage Centre and HAL Aerospace Museum.



SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCE

Department of Biochemistry

Departmental Events

Invited Lecture on PAH

Dr Joel James, a Post Doctoral Research Associate from the department of Medicine, University of Indiana, USA, gave a talk on pulmonary arterial hypertension, a rare disease of the cardiovascular system, on September 12, 2024. The talk was organised at the Staff Seminar Hall, St Joseph's University, with 60 participants.

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) is a progressive and often fatal condition that ultimately leads to right ventricular failure and death. It results from the narrowing and thickening of pulmonary arteries, restricting blood flow, and impairing oxygen exchange. PAH can arise from genetic mutations, heart or lung conditions, and other contributing factors. Dr James presented the novel populations of lung cells that he discovered.

He also showed the ameliorating effect of synthetic peptides, which he has patented. He emphasised that further research is needed to elucidate the molecular mechanisms underlying PAH and develop more effective targeted therapies.

Dr Joel James interacted with several enthusiastic students who were spell-bound by his cutting-edge research and gave them pointers to build their future career in the field of biochemistry.

Three Day International Webinar on "Recent Advances in Biochemistry"

The Department of Biochemistry successfully organised a series of virtual talks via Zoom, bringing together esteemed speakers from across the world. Six distinguished speakers shared their life experiences, research journeys, and perspectives. The talk series spanned across three days, from February 28 to March 2, 2025.

On the first day, Dr Hemalatha Balaram, Professor, JNCASR, Bengaluru, delivered her talk on protein structure and dynamics. The next talk of the day was delivered by Dr Maria Corazon deUngría, Professor, from the Philippines on forensic science

and its application in the legal system.

Talks on the second day were led by Dr Joel James, Indiana University, who discussed pulmonary arterial hypertension, after which the famous Dr Johan Wouters, Professor, from Belgium spoke on drug development to block mycobacterial phosphoserine phosphatase.

The final day featured talks by two university alumni – Dr Harpreet Singh and Dr Romila Mascarenhas. Dr Singh delivered a talk on ion channels in mitochondrial inner membrane. Dr Mascarenhas gave an insightful talk on vitamin B12 loading onto B12 containing proteins.

Each session had 150 participants across all days, reflecting the immense interest and engagement from students and faculty alike. Close to 330 participants registered from 33 institutions all over India and other countries. The participants gave overwhelmingly positive feedback on the programme.



The Biochemical Society organised a dumb charades event centred around biochemistry.

Association Events

Art Therapy Workshop

The Biochemical Society at St Joseph's University invited Ms Ketaki Bali, NH Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center, Bengaluru, to lead a workshop on art therapy on August 13, 2024. 50 participants from various departments attended the event.

Ms Bali is an art therapist who has treated several children and adults with cancer and depression.

She has used art therapy to improve their lives. She shared insights on how art therapy can heal people by allowing them freedom to express themselves. Doodling, colouring, and other activities were demonstrated to the faculty and students. Ms Bali encouraged the participants to freely express themselves without fear of being judged or misunderstood.

The session received positive feedback from participants. Students from biochemistry, biotechnology, as well as faculty members from the biochemistry department found the event to be useful and fun. To conclude the session, Dr Shraddha, Faculty Coordinator of the Biochemical Society, presented a memento to Ms Bali.

Journal Club Meeting

The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University hosted its first journal club session for the academic year 2024-2025 on September 20, 2024. 30 students attended the talk, which was led by Mr Sooraj Nair, a student of the Department of Biochemistry.

The speaker discussed HSF1 (Heat Shock Factor 1), which is a transcription factor that regulates the heat shock response, helping cells survive stress. In cancer, HSF1 is hijacked to promote tumor growth, enhancing survival of cancer cells and metastasis. Targeting HSF1 is being explored as a potential strategy for cancer treatment.

Mr Nair also shared a few insights on HSPs and other molecular chaperones, and their roles in protein folding, misfolded protein refolding and unfolded protein response. His talk was attended by students of biochemistry, biotechnology, microbiology, and zoology departments, along with faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry. Attendees participated in the Q&A session that followed, turning the talk into an interactive space to discuss findings in biochemistry.

Flash Mob for Molecool

As part of the promotional activities for Molecool, the intra-collegiate fest organised by the Biochemical Society, a Halloween-themed flash mob was organized on September 25, 2024, at Arrupe Atrium. The event took place at three different time slots, covering each shift.

The flash mob featured a series of energetic performances by students from the association and the Department of Biochemistry. The acts captivated the audience, setting an electrifying atmosphere for the upcoming fest. The highlight of the flash mob was the banner drop, officially announcing the fest to the university. The event was a success, drawing in huge crowds across time slots.

The main aim of the programme was to decrease stress in students and to promote mental well-being. The organising association received overwhelmingly positive feedback, motivating them to host more such events.

Molecool: Intra-Collegiate Fest

The Biochemical Society successfully organised its inaugural intra-collegiate fest, Molecool, on October 3, 2024. The event was graced by Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, and Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Science. The event, held at Xavier Hall (PG Block), was a platform for creativity, teamwork, and intellectual engagement, attracting enthusiastic participation from 50 students across the university.

The fest comprised four unique and engaging events: Helix Hunt – a campus-wide treasure hunt; The Arena – a dynamic team-based challenge where participants worked together to overcome various obstacles; Bio Buzz – a knowledge-based quiz on biochemistry and chemistry; and Molecular Palette – an art competition that invited participants to express their creativity and emotions through themed artwork.

The event fostered a spirit of collaboration, creativity, and healthy competition while inciting interest in the field of biochemistry.



Several students across campus participated in MOLECOOL.

Journal Club meeting

On October 22, 2024, the Biochemical Society organised the second Journal Club meeting at the Department of Biochemistry. 50 participants attended the talks, which were conducted in two sessions.

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon, Assistant Professor, discussed the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, which was awarded to the key scientists who used AlphaFold to solve protein structures in 2024. He shared the principle of AlphaFold, emphasising the importance of protein structures in drug discovery and for obtaining solutions for many diseases. Dr Daniel discussed the contributions of AI innovations and Demis Hassabis and John Jumper, Google DeepMind, and David Baker, in the creation of AlphaFold.

The Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine, 2024, was awarded to Victor Ambrose and Gary Ruvkun for their discovery of microRNA and their role in health and disease. A student from the Department of Biochemistry shared the principle and methods involved in microRNA discovery by the Nobel laureates.

The Journal Club meeting discussed these fundamental discoveries in biochemistry that received the Nobel Prize, celebrating the successes of biochemistry.

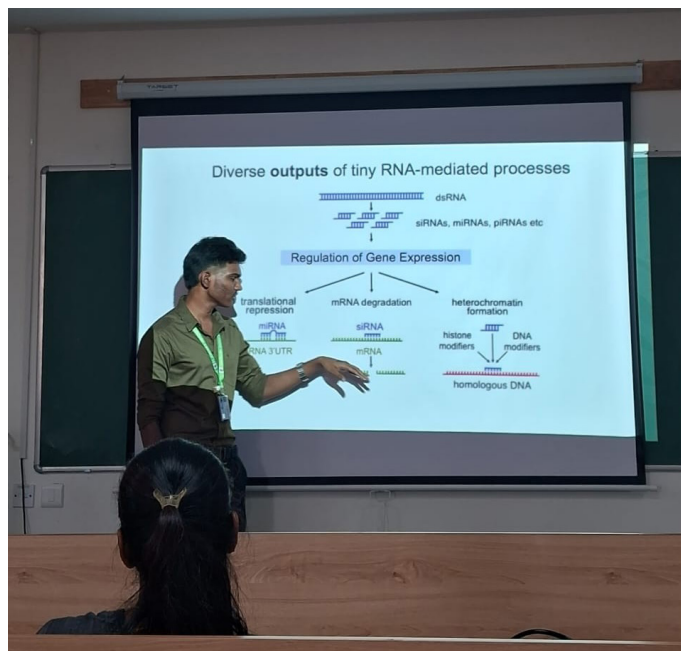
Pictionary

On December 19, 2024, the Biochemical Society organised a Pictionary competition, bringing together 50 students for an interactive and engaging session. Faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry also participated in the event. The event encouraged creativity, communication, and teamwork, as participants raced against time to guess words based on artistic sketches. Further, two new First-Year representatives were formally inducted into the association alongside the competition. The competition was met with enthusiasm and high energy, making it a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved.

Dumb Charades

The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University coordinated a Dumb Charades competition on January 23, 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 students across various disciplines, making it a highly engaging and

entertaining experience. Participants showcased 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 great success, fostering teamwork and a sense of fun among all attendees.



The journal club meeting was centred around Nobel Prize winners in 2024.

Flash Mob – Promotional Event for Zyme'25

To build excitement for Zyme'25, the inter-collegiate fest hosted by the Biochemical Society, a flash mob was conducted at Arrupe Atrium on February 24, 2025, at three different time slots. The event featured a series of dance performances by students from the core committee and Department of Biochemistry.

The participants put on a vibrant and high-energy show, attracting a large audience at each time slot. A banner drop at the end of the performance marked the grand promotion of Zyme, grabbing the attention of students and faculty alike. The dynamic atmosphere helped spread excitement about the fest, ensuring a high turnout of participants from various colleges. This flash mob not only served as a promotional activity but also showcased the unity, talent, and enthusiasm of the Biochemical Society, making it a memorable pre-fest event.

Zyme'25: Inter-Collegiate Fest

The Biochemical Society successfully hosted its annual inter-collegiate biochemistry fest, Zyme, on March 3, 2025. The events saw enthusiastic

participation from five different universities – the highest number of participants came from Jyoti Nivas College and Mount Carmel College – to compete in both technical and non-technical events, fostering scientific curiosity, creativity, and teamwork.

The fest commenced with an inauguration ceremony 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, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Science; Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry; and Dr Shraddha, Faculty Coordinator for the Biochemical Society, along with other faculty members from the department.

Zyme featured a total of eight events, namely Trivia, Art, Meme Making, Treasure Hunt, Escape Room, Games, and Debate. Events were conducted throughout the day, engaging participants in various intellectual and creative challenges. The fest concluded with the valedictory ceremony in Xavier Hall, where the winners of each event were awarded prizes by Dr Thomas and Dr Misquith. The overall championship trophy was won by Mount Carmel College, marking a triumphant end to the day.



The Biochemical Society promoted their inter-collegiate fest, ZYME.



Mount Carmel College won the overall championship during ZYME.

Staff achievements

Dr Sangita Das (Assistant Professor)

Achieved over 1800 citations on Google Scholar.

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon (Assistant Professor)

Served as a special Guest Editor for a Springer journal – Discover Molecules.

Served as Associate Editor for a submission in Frontiers in Endocrinology.

Completed over 50 review reports for Elsevier, Springer, Frontiers and RSC journals between September 2024 and March 2025.

Published a book chapter in Handbook of Proteases in Cancer, CRC Press, Taylor & Francis, UK.

Joined the Editorial Board of Nature Scientific Reports under the Biotechnology (Life Sciences) division in September 2024, after invitation from the Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

Appointed as Editor-in-Chief for a new Biochemistry journal titled -Biochemical and Biological Nexus Journal (Viswam Publications) which has a US-ISSN number and is indexed with Google Scholar.

Student Achievements

Aarav Saraiya, Chaitanya Bhat, Kesia Evangelin, Neeha Subair, and Shamita R from I BCMZ participated in 'National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Biosciences,' held at IISER Tirupati, to present their findings titled "Hypothesis on Infants' Mood Changes During Their Growth."

Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ was awarded the Millennium Fellowship in collaboration with UNAI (United Nations Academic Impact).

Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ was invited to Armenia as a grand finalist for the International Natural Science Tournament for Undergraduates. Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ was among the Top 20 Global Finalists for the 10th Millennium Oceans Prize.

Mary Sharon, Glory Pertricia, Juwayria M, Neha

Gupta, and Roshan Emmanuel J from II BCMB participated in the national conference 'Nano for Young.'

Juwayria M from II BCMB successfully completed an internship at the Bombay Natural History Society (BHNS).

Neha Gupta from II BCMB won second place in the chess competition at Pegasus, the intramural sports event organised by St Joseph's University.

Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ was awarded the Har Gobind Khorana Fellowship, a highly competitive, fully funded research internship at leading US universities, jointly supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), and WINStep Forward.

Juwayria M from II BCMB won first place for Debate at Prathibha, an intra-collegiate fest organised by St Joseph's University, Bangalore.

Krisa Ros Prince from II BCMB won third prize in dance through a group dance organized in Celosia, an event organised by the Department of Botany. Juwayria M from II BCMB won first place in an inter-collegiate debate Jeevotstav, organised by Christ University.

Deboshree Datta from II BCZ won first place in the Closed Case competition, organised under Sequentia, an inter-collegiate fest conducted at St Joseph's University.

Celesta Annabelle Mascarinhas, Aishi Mandal, and Vidhi Soni from III BCBT cleared IIT JAM Biotechnology in 2025.

Celesta Annabelle Mascarinhas from III BCBT cleared GATE Biotechnology in 2025.

Gowri Krishna from III BCZ achieved a rank of 173 in GATE in 2025.

Samprathi Rao from III BCMB cleared IIT JAM Chemistry in 2025.



Department of Chemistry

Departmental Events

National conference on 'Chemicals Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions, CSSTSS 2025'

The Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, organised a two-day national conference titled 'Chemicals Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' on February 19 and 20, 2025.

The conference had five themes: cutting edge materials, nanotechnology, computational chemistry, chemical biology, and environmental stewardship. The core committee of the conference consisted of Prof Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Prof Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences; Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry; and Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, Department of Chemistry.

The chief guest of the conference was Dr Suresh Das, Honorary Professor, IISER Trivandrum, and the guest of honour was Mr Ajit Sharma, Managing Director India and South Asia, Royal Society of Chemistry. There were five plenary talks by eminent researchers, including Dr Tapas Kumar Maji, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru; Dr Sabu Thomas, Director, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala; Dr Abhishek Singh, Professor, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; Dr Sarit S Agasti, Associate Professor, JNCASR, Bengaluru; and Prof Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram.



The Department of Chemistry successfully organised a national conference titled 'Chemicals Sciences for a sustainable tomorrow: synergy and solutions (CSSTSS 2025).'

The conference also hosted 10 invited speakers from institutions such as Jadavpur University, CSIR-NAL, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, SABIC Research & Technology Centre, CeNS, St Berchmans College, Biotech Park, Bengaluru, Syngene International Limited, and the Indian Institute of Science. A total of 25 different institutions and 250 scholars participated in this conference from all over India. The Department of Chemistry places on record gratitude for their main sponsors ANRF, RSC, and Jagdale for their support.



The UG Chemical Society organised Reactions Revelry, an interactive event with a wide array of chemical experiments for all to see.

Association Events

Elemental Exchange Student Research Seminar

Elemental Exchange, a student-led research series, was successfully conducted on October 24, 2024, at Faber Hall, with 50 participants. Organised by the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS), the sessions provided students a platform to present the topics of their interest. The event was inaugurated by Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, St Joseph's University, who emphasised the importance of research and interdisciplinary learning. Students delivered compelling presentations on topics such as the newly discovered single-electron carbon-carbon sigma bond, and the process of crystallization, explaining complex concepts in an accessible manner.

Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco the Registrar, Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, and other esteemed faculty members with extensive research experience were actively involved throughout the event with their probing questions and constructive feedback, enhancing the quality of the discussions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the President of UGCS.

Reactions Revelry

On October 25, 2024, the UGCS 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. Around 50 students interacted with the exhibits. The highlight of the event was the wide array of chemical experiments presented by the UGCS members. The activities were carefully curated to be both educational and enjoyable for all students, whether they were majoring in the sciences or not. Two particularly popular activities that captivated the attendees were the Colour Changing Ink and Fake Blood demonstrations. The atmosphere at the event was one with enthusiasm as students actively participated in the activities and learned new aspects of chemistry.

Elementia 2024

Elementia 2024, the inter-collegiate Pre-University fest hosted by the UGCS, Department of Chemistry, was held on December 9, 2024, bringing together 150 PU students from various institutions to celebrate innovation, scientific exploration, and creativity. 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 extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. Following this, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, inspired the audience with motivating speeches. The fest was officially declared open by Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, followed by spirited cultural performances by the UGCS office bearers, adding an energetic start to the day.



PU students from various institutions across Bangalore attended Elementia 2024, participating in a diverse array of contests centred around chemistry.

The President of UGCS concluded the opening session with a sincere vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of everyone involved in organising the event. Elementia 2024 featured a diverse array of events designed to challenge participants across scientific problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork.

Elemental Exchange Student Research Seminar - Second Session

The UGCS successfully hosted the second session of Elemental Exchange, a student-led research seminar, on December 17, 2024. The session featured two thought-provoking presentations on innovative topics: artificial photosynthesis for sustainable energy production and next-generation rocket fuels for efficient and environment-friendly propellants. Both presentations were well-received and sparked engaging discussions among the audience and faculty. 40 students and faculty attended the event.



Elemental Exchange was a series of student research seminars coordinated by the UG Chemical Society and the Department of Chemistry to foster interest in research.

Invited Lecture on Quantum Dots: Revolutionizing the World of Materials

The UGCS, St Joseph's University, successfully organised an invited lecture titled 'Quantum Dots: Revolutionizing the World of Materials' on January 17, 2025. The event aimed to provide students with insights on cutting-edge advancements in material science and nanotechnology. The lecture was graced by the presence of Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, and Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and coordinated by Dr Anchal Singhal, Dr Vinutha Salian, and Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi.

The session featured Dr Ranjani Vishwanatha, Professor, New Chemistry Unit, Jawaharlal Nehru

Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), as the esteemed guest speaker. Dr Vishwanatha delivered an engaging talk on the science behind quantum dots, their unique optical and electronic properties, and their transformative applications in fields such as electronics, medicine, and engineering.

The talk was followed by an interactive Q&A session where students and faculty engaged in discussions about the future potential of quantum dots in sustainable technology and biomedical applications. The UGCS continues to foster academic curiosity by organising such enriching sessions, promoting scientific dialogue and interdisciplinary research among students.

Elemental Exchange Student Research Seminar - Third Session

The third session of Elemental Exchange was held on February 5, 2025. The session commenced with a welcome address by the Research Head of UGCS, who highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary research and student-led initiatives. The seminar featured two sets of presentations, one on radiative cooling sunscreens and the other on the basics of maintaining a drosophila culture. The Peer Mentoring Head concluded the session with a vote of thanks. Elemental Exchange continues to inspire scientific inquiry and collaboration beyond the classroom. 25 students and faculty attended the event, where they discussed the significance of the findings presented in each session.

Elemental Exchange Student Research Seminar - Final Session

The final session of Elemental Exchange was held on March 14, 2025. The event provided a platform for students to present research proposals, showcase papers, and engage in scientific discussions. UGCS office bearers, chemistry students, and faculty, including the Head of the Department of Chemistry and the Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, attended the session. The event commenced with a prayer led by the President of UGCS, followed by research presentations titled 'Cyclooxygenase is a Murzyme!' and 'DAPHNETIN: DNA's Oxidative Defence.' The session concluded with a vote of thanks by the Research Head, acknowledging the faculty, presenters, and participants. Elemental Exchange successfully fostered research

enthusiasm, collaboration, and intellectual growth.

Heisenberg's Housie

The UGCS brought an exciting twist to classic bingo with Heisenberg's Housie, held on March 6, 2025. The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 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. Heisenberg's Housie was a perfect blend of fun and learning, reinforcing scientific concepts in an engaging way.

Talk on 'Sunlight-driven Green H₂: The Pathway Towards Cleaner Future'

The talk titled 'Sunlight-driven Green H₂: The Pathway Towards a Cleaner Future' was organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) on October 18, 2024. 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 event saw enthusiastic participation from 120 students and faculty.

Ms Sujana's talk focused on the potential of sunlight-driven green hydrogen as a sustainable energy source for a cleaner future. She highlighted the role of hydrogen in combating climate change, reducing carbon emissions, and transitioning to a cleaner energy future. The session attracted a diverse audience of students, researchers, and faculty members who actively participated in the discussion, raising thought-provoking questions about renewable energy technologies and their real-world applications.

The speaker's expertise and enthusiasm inspired attendees to consider innovative approaches to sustainability. The Department of Chemistry expressed gratitude to Ms Sujana 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 PGCS organised an online talk titled 'Evolution in Action: The Story

of How New Species Arise.' The event drew 130 participants, including students, faculty, and research scholars from various departments. Guest speaker Ms Prachitha, a PhD scholar from the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), 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 - Exploring the Universe of Chocolate

'Cocoa Cosmos - Exploring the Universe of Chocolate' was organised by the PGCS on October 29, 2024. The program was creatively designed and conducted by I and II MSc Chemistry students. The event offered participants a delightful journey into the world of chocolate. The event attracted 120 participants, including students and faculty. Dr Sunita Rajamani and Dr Cisy Abraham oversaw the session.



Dr Vishwanatha engaged participants in a session about quantum dots, offering a deep dive into its properties and applications.

The students presented the history behind the innovation of chocolate, and the making of chocolate was explained. It was followed by an exciting memory game designed to foster

participant interaction and teamwork. The fun and lively atmosphere encouraged collaboration and built connections between the participants.

Chemistry in Crimes

The PGCS organised Chemistry in Crimes on December 6, 2024, in Aloysius Hall. The intriguing program 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, including students and faculty members.

The presentation was based on four crimes: The Devil's Breath, the Jolly Joseph case, 2 out of 4, and the Golden State Killer. Dr Ancila Urumese and Dr Pramod KM were the chief guests of the event. Four students from I and II MSc Chemistry presented the cases, after which they conducted simple activities, including 2 games, murder mystery and Pictionary. The group opened the floor for reviews and feedback as the event concluded.

Neurochemistry

'What if It's Possible to Use 100% of Our Brain?' was organised by I and II PG Chemistry students, in collaboration with the PGCS, on December 13, 2024, in De-Nobili Hall. The group delved into the intriguing concept of unlocking the full potential of the human brain, blending scientific curiosity with imaginative exploration, attracting 120 participants.



The PG Chemical Society at St Joseph's University hosted Ms Sujana Chandrappa for a talk on sustainable fuels and, in particular, hydrogen.

The event commenced with an introductory quiz game, with clues in the Pictionary format. This was followed by the team explaining concepts of neurochemistry and how it is portrayed in famous movies. They also discussed various types of drugs and their effects on the human body with different ingredients, mechanisms, and interesting

facts. 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 VS and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, Department of Chemistry, 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,' where other groups participated individually and team-wise.

Chemistry Outreach at St. Michael's School

On December 20, 2024, 25 students from the MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry programmes organised a Chemistry Outreach programme at St Michael's School, Shantinagar. The event commenced under the guidance of Fr Marian Selvan, the school's principal. Students were accompanied by faculty members from the Department of Chemistry, 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. The activities included Chalk Chromatography and colour separation; Turmeric as an Indicator, showcasing its pH sensitivity; and the intriguing Invisible Ink Experiment. Students were captivated by the Self-Inflating Yellow, Density of Liquids, and Lava Lamp experiments, among others.

The programme concluded with an interactive quiz, encouraging students to participate and reinforce their understanding of the experiments actively. The outreach event was an enriching experience for both parties, fostering enthusiasm for chemistry through hands-on learning. The warm hospitality of St Michael's School contributed to making the event a memorable success.

Industrial Visit to Syngene International Limited, Semicon Park, Bengaluru

On January 8, 2025, 25 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 walkthroughs explored small and large molecule bioanalytical labs, showcasing HPLC, mass spectrometry, and biologics research. Key technologies like Watson LIMS, robotic assays, and industrial freezers enhance efficiency and compliance. The visit provided invaluable practical exposure, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

Industrial Visit to Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (CCAMP), Bengaluru

On January 8, 2025, students from I MSc Analytical Chemistry, 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 the 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 tour showcased high-end analytical instruments, including HRMS, GC and Next-Generation Sequencers (NGS). Each group of students was led by an expert who provided insights into the practical applications of these technologies in biopharmaceuticals, molecular diagnostics, and agricultural biotechnology. The visit concluded with an interactive discussion over lunch, allowing students to reflect on the technological advancements witnessed and engage with researchers and entrepreneurs at CCAMP.

Alchemy 2025

The inter-collegiate chemistry fest, Alchemy, organised by the PGCS, was held 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 nine institutions in and around Bangalore registered for the fest.

The fest began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolising the start of the celebrations. Prof Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and Prof Melwin Colaco, Registrar, addressed the gathering. Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, then declared the start of activities in Alchemy 2025. 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 fest concluded with a cultural programme.



The PGCS successfully organised ALCHEMY 2025, an intercollegiate chemistry fest.

Talk on 'Hydrogen: A Buzz Molecule for Sustainable Future'

The talk titled 'Hydrogen: A Buzz Molecule for Sustainable Future' was an insightful activity organised by the PGCS under Dr Shanty Mathew, Convener. Held on January 24, 2025, the session was handled online by Dr Naresh Nalajala, Assistant Professor, Department of Materials Sciences and Catalysis, Poorna Prajna Institute of Scientific Research (PPISR), Bengaluru. Dr Nalajala delivered an engaging presentation on the growing importance of hydrogen in the energy sector.

The talk covered the properties of hydrogen that make it a promising alternative to fossil fuels, as well as advances in hydrogen production technologies, including electrolysis and photocatalysis. Dr Nalajala also discussed challenges in hydrogen storage and transportation, the role of hydrogen in achieving carbon neutrality and reducing

greenhouse gas emissions, concluding with current research trends and prospects in hydrogen-based energy systems. The organisers expressed gratitude to the speaker and attendees for their active engagement, making the session a great success.



Students from the I MSc Organic Chemistry programme visited Syngene International Limited, exploring various tools and techniques in drug synthesis.

Workshop on CV writing

A workshop on CV writing was organised by the PGCS on January 24, 2025. 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 walked participants through 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.

Farewell Programme

I MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry students of St Joseph's University hosted a farewell for the II MSc students on January 28, 2025. The theme for the event was 'Cinema'. 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 with the students, and wishing them success as they embark on their new chapter in life. Highlights included the Fashion Show and video montage, showcasing memories and milestones. The farewell successfully celebrated the students' achievements at St Joseph's University.

Valedictory of the Post-Graduate Chemical Society

The Valedictory Ceremony of the Postgraduate Chemical Society was held on March 15, 2025, with 70 members in attendance. The event commenced with an insightful talk by Dr Debashis Ghosh titled, "From a Research Scholar to an Assistant Professor: A Journey through Post Doctoral Research in Chemistry." Dr Ghosh 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 an address by Dr. Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences. Thereafter, the president of the PGCS, presented the PGCS activities for the year 2024-2025, which covered all the events conducted. This was followed by a video montage created by the students of I MSc 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.

The event successfully commemorated the activities conducted by the PGCS, inspiring further such endeavours in future years.



I PG Chemistry students organised a farewell for the outgoing II PG Chemistry batch to commemorate their achievements at the university.

Staff Achievements

Dr Libi Thomas (Dean, School of Chemical Science) Attended a workshop on Advanced Facility for Microscopy and Microanalysis (AFMM), at IISc, Bangalore, on February 24, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Published a paper titled 'Investigating the electrochemical properties of α -cobalt hydroxide, and its composites with PANI and CNTs for supercapacitor electrode applications,' in Inorganic Chemistry Communications, 2025.

Dr Shobha SV (Associate Professor)

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Dr Shanty Mathew (Associate Professor)

Attended a workshop on Advanced Facility for Microscopy and Microanalysis (AFMM), at IISc, Bangalore, on February 24, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow:

Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram (Associate Professor)

Invited to do a podcast with the Royal Society of Chemistry for the World Science Day themed 'Chemistry for Development.'

Invited to a select committee of the Royal Society of Chemistry's roundtable discussion titled 'From Lab to Market: The Journey of Scientific Entrepreneurship' on February 4, 2025, at Taj Land's End, Mumbai, presided by Dr Helen Pain MBE, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Published a paper titled 'Bi₂WO₆ as sensors for low concentration CO sensing: Experimental and computational studies' in Materials Science and Engineering: B, 2024.

Published a paper titled 'Smart sensors can help deliver India's net zero targets' in Chemistry World on November 8, 2024.

Dr Joyce D'Souza (Assistant Professor)

Attended Exploring Leadership Potential (ELP), an intensive residential programme designed to develop dynamic academic leaders through engaging sessions, practical exercises, and expert-led discussions to unlock leadership potential and drive impactful change in higher education at Christ (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru, from November 21-23, 2024.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of

St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended Faculty Development Programme on 'Microsoft Power BI Data Analyst Associator' at Canara Engineering College, Mangalore, in association with ICT Academy from February 24 to March 1, 2025.

Completed 'the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme' under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) organised by UGC - MMTTC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, from February 3-13, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Ms Christine Nigli (Assistant Professor)

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) organised by UGC - MMTTC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, from February 3-13, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Suhas D (Assistant Professor)

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Published a paper titled 'ATP-driven hierarchical self-assembly of luminescent nanostructures from a cationic Pt(II) complex' in the Journal of Molecular Structure, 2025.

Dr Anchal Singhal (Assistant Professor)

Attended a workshop on Advanced Facility for Microscopy and Microanalysis (AFMM), IISc, Bangalore, on February 24, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Sunita Rajamani (Assistant Professor)

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira (Assistant Professor)

Completed a 12-week course on Chemical

Crystallography conducted by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali, through NPTEL.

Completed a 4-week course on Stress Management conducted by Indian Institute of Kharagpur, through NPTEL.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Debashis Ghosh (Assistant Professor)

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Published a paper titled 'CO₂ and asymmetry: reviewing the advances in enantioselective catalytic strategies' in *Catalysis Science and Technology*, 2024.

Published a paper titled 'Electrochemical CO₂ Reduction Using a New Ru-NAD Type Bis Carbonyl Complex' in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry*, 2024.

Dr Rita Pal (Assistant Professor)

Attended a Faculty Development Programme titled 'NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization programme,' organised by UGC- Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (GAD-MMTTC) at SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, from January 7-17, 2025.

Chaired a session at the National Conference on 'Next Generation and Emerging Materials,' organised by the Department of Physics at St Joseph's University, from February 27-28, 2025.

Coordinated the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi (Assistant Professor)

Completed a 21-day online Faculty Induction Programme under the MMTTP of UGC, held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, from January 27 to February 22, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online

Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Published a paper titled 'ATP-driven hierarchical self-assembly of luminescent nanostructures from a cationic Pt(II) complex' in the Journal of Molecular Structure, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Multi-component forms of the 2nd generation H1 receptor antagonist drug, Bilastine and its enhanced physicochemical characteristics" in Bioorganic Chemistry, 2024.

Dr Vinutha V Salian (Assistant Professor)

Served as an external member of the Board of Examiner for Chemistry for BSc BEd, at NMKRV College for Women, (Autonomous) Bangalore.

Served as an external valuer for MSc Industrial Chemistry answer scripts at Mangalore University, Mangalore.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Presented a poster titled "Thienyl chalcone derivatives: Synthesis, characterization, single crystal, computational studies and in-vitro anti-inflammatory activity' at the National Conference on Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS-2025),' St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from February 19-20, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Spectroscopic characterizations, RDG and docking study of 2-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(propane-2-yl)phenyl)-4, 5-dihydro-1H pyrozol-1-yl]-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1, 3-thiazole" in Z. Phys. Chem – the International Journal of Research in Physical Chemistry, 2024.

Mr Tobin Varkey Simson (Assistant Professor)

Served as the Subject Expert during the three-day Resource Generation Camp (RGC) for the International Junior Science Olympiad (INJSO) 2025, held from October 4-6, 2024, and January 24-25, 2025, at the IAPT JSO Vidyavardhaka Sangha Center, Mangaladhama.

Invited as an external reviewer on the BOE panel board to review the UG Chemistry Question Bank of the paper General Chemistry I on January 20, 2025, at Garden City University.

Presented a paper titled "Exploring the non-covalent interactions of drugs using theoretical tools," at the three-day international conference on Frontiers in Physics at the Albertian Knowledge Summit 2025, organised by the Department of Physics and Space Science, St Albert's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam, Kerala, from February 10-12, 2025.

Served as the judge for the science exhibition organised by the Department of Chemistry at Christ Deemed to be University, evaluating models presented by Undergraduate and Postgraduate students on February 28, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Pramod KM (Assistant Professor)

Attended the IPR awareness/training program under the special initiative, 'National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM),' conducted by the Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of

Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, on January 9, 2025.

Participated in Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by UGC-MMTTC, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Kakryal-Katra, Jammu and Kashmir from February 9-19, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Attended 'National Level Awareness Program on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions' organised by the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), and Institute for Academic Excellence (IAE), Hyderabad, on March 6, 2025.

Dr Cisy Abraham (Assistant Professor)

Served as an external valuer for MSc Spectroscopy-1004Ac and MSc Environmental and Bio analytical 1002Ac answer scripts at NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on November 27, 2025.

Served as a judge for the science exhibition 2024-2025, held on February 28, 2025, at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

Presented a poster titled "Facile synthesis of curcumin/potassium curcuminato loaded W/N codoped TiO₂ for enhanced photocatalytic

activity" at a two-day international conference on 'Transcending frontiers in chemical and material sciences (TFCMS 2025)' organised by PG Department of Chemistry & Research Centre, NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on January 23 and 24, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Dr Reena Saritha Serrao (Assistant Professor)

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) organised by UGC - MMTTC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, from February 3-13, 2025.

Participated in Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from

February 19-20, 2025.

Dr Ancila Urumese (Assistant Professor)

Participated in Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended the 'Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers' under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM Education (iRISE) Programme, held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and IISER Pune from January 29-31, 2025.

Participated in the National Conference on 'Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS 2025)' organised by the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from February 19-20, 2025.

Dr Laveena Mariet Veigas (Assistant Professor)

Successfully defended her PhD thesis titled "Modified Multiwalled Carbon Nanotube Based Systems for Catalytic and Transparent Conducting Electrode Applications," on January 9, 2025, at CHRIST University, under the supervision of Dr Mothi Krishna Mohan.

Secured the copyright for the work titled "A New Technique for Producing Aesthetic PCB Antennas with Less Expense and Effort" on November 5, 2024.

Student Achievements

Nandini Gotgi received the best poster award in 'the International Conference on Carbon Capture and Utilization-24 (ICCCU24)' by NCCCU at JNCASR, held from December 9-13, 2024.

V Sai Subramanian and Ramitha DK from II PG Chemistry received a grant for their work titled "Enhancing the soil health and nutrient efficiency using control release urea fertilizer coated with biocompatible nanomaterials," supervised by Dr Nalini G Sundaram, under the Student Project Programme (SPP) by Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology.

Anna Kuriakose from II MSc Organic Chemistry cleared the GATE exam in February 2025.

Pranava Shastri and Shivani Shukla from III CHZ, and Debsaboni from III CHBT have successfully cleared the IIT JAM Chemistry Exam in 2025.

Sargam Datta, Suryan Isaac, and Vibha V Gaddankeri from II UG Chemistry presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

Prathika Natarajhan, Nafisa Banu Z, Mahima Rodrigues, Hemanth K Dharmapuri, Preemal N Rodrigues, and Vandana D Prabhu from PG Chemistry presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

Preemal N Rodrigues, a PG Chemistry student supervised by Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a research paper titled "Bio-Waste-Derived Activated Carbon-Based Sensor for the Electrochemical Analysis of Hesperetin and Co-existing Flavonoids in the Presence of Triton X-100" at the International Conference on 'Electrochemistry for Industry, Health, and Environment (EIHE-2025),' held at the DAE Convention Centre, BARC, from January 21-25, 2025, and 'the International Conference on Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability,' conducted by The Oxford College of Science, Bangalore, in association with the Core Facility Center for Photochemistry and Nanomaterials, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea, from March 5-6, 2025.

PhD scholars Swetha M, Nivedita Ghosh, Bhavani CN, Nandini M Gotgi, Geethanjali M, and J Saurabh Jain presented their work in the two-day National Conference CSSTSS 2025.

PhD scholars Geethanjali, Bhavani CN, Nivedita Ghosh, and Hannah Harshini Joseph, and PG students, Sam Daniel, Meghana Prasad, Bindu BS, Jaseentha A, Aparna Arun, Hema A, Deeranaga PA, Vandana D Prabhu, Ananya US, Vinaayaka S Kittur, and Tarun P, attended a workshop on Advanced Facility for Microscopy and Microanalysis (AFMM), IISc, Bangalore on February 24, 2025.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

Departmental Events

Journalism @Digital Crossroads

The conclave Journalism@Digital Crossroads was co-organised by the Editors Guild of India (EGI) and the School of Communication & Media Studies, St Joseph's University. The event was held on December 7, 2024, and was attended by 1500 participants at the University Auditorium.

The event explored the challenges of journalism in the digital era. Krishna Byre Gowda, Minister of Revenue, Government of Karnataka, spoke on the impact of misinformation on democracy. Dr Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, introduced Karnataka's Information Disorder Tackling Unit (IDTU) initiative for fact-checking. Anant Nath, President of the EGI, discussed AI's disruption of journalism and EGI's role in defending press freedom. Students from 15 institutions participated in the conclave.



EGI conclave- The conclave featured panels with eminent dignitaries who shared their insights on journalistic integrity.

Bengaluru Academia Conclave, by SJU SCMS and PRCAI

The PRCAI Conclave on February 25, 2025, was hosted by Ms Purvi Patel and Mr Rakshith Bopanna. The event was organised at Xavier Hall, and was attended by 180 participants. Mr Girish Balachandran, Founder of On Purpose, introduced the event, followed by an insightful panel discussion featuring industry veterans. Ms Aanandita Bhatnagar shared her PR journey, discussing AI's role in PR. The conclave concluded with a career-focused session led by Ms Sudipta Gupta, providing valuable insights into breaking into the PR industry.

Educational Trip - Belur

As part of the History of Visual Art programme, the School of Communication & Media Studies

organised an educational visit to Shravanabelagola, Halebidu, and Belur on February 25, 2025. 40 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.



BVC trip- Students visited Melkote, where they explored Dravidian architecture.

Architectural and Historical Study of Melkote

The educational excursion to Melkote on March 1, 2025, provided 33 students from III BVC with first-hand exposure to Dravidian architecture of 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.

MOU with Deccan Herald

On December 10, 2024, the School of Communication & Media Studies, St Joseph's University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deccan Herald, offering MCJ students a discounted subscription for the next two semesters. Following this, Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication & Media Studies, welcomed the Deccan Herald team, who engaged with I and II MCJ 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. The collaboration aims to enhance students' learning experiences by providing access to quality journalism.



PRCAI- Students were elucidated on the PR industry by experts through a panel discussion.

MOU with Udayavani

On December 17, 2024, the School of Communication & Media Studies, St Joseph's University, 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, Content Head and Social Head, and Ms Usha Rani, Manager, HR, Digital Head, 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.

Publications with Udayavani

Since the School of Communication & Media Studies, St. Joseph's University, has partnered with the Udayavani newspaper through an MoU, students from I and II MCJ have been provided a platform to showcase their writing skills. From 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.

A Deep Dive into Art in Advertising

On December 14, 2024, the School of Communication and Media Studies organised a talk on advertising art, led by Mr Sujai Chandran, Creative Director of International Grape Worldwide. The session was attended by 85

students in Faber Hall, St Joseph's University.

Mr Chandran provided valuable insights on 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.



Data Journalism- Students participated in activities to understand data-driven reporting.

Illustrating Your Way into a Career in Art

Ms Ritoparna Hazra, Deputy Art Director at Amar Chitra Katha, inspired 52 students from II BVC during her talk on March 7, 2025. She emphasised on 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.

Guest Lecture

Mr Kaushik Chakrapani, an expert in video production, guided III 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 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.

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 Dec 19, 2024, gaining insights into PR, digital transformation, and industry perspectives from a leading corporate communicator.

Artificial Intelligence

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) workshop, organised by the School of Communication & Media Studies on September 18 and 20, 2024, provided an in-depth understanding of AI, machine learning, and their role in journalism. The session was led by Ms Kanchan Kaur, Former Dean, Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media, and was attended by 28 students.

Ms Kaur elucidated on how AI generates content, the significance of quality data, and the ethical considerations of AI in media. The session highlighted the overlap between AI and journalism, emphasising data-driven storytelling and fine-tuning AI for journalistic use. Interactive discussions and hands-on activities deepened students' awareness of AI's potential and challenges in modern journalism.



BVC film showcase- Mr Ambrose and Mr Surya screened their film, H2WOAH, explaining its production.

Data Journalism

On September 21, 2024, the School of Communication & Media Studies organised a workshop on Data Journalism. 28 students attended the session, where they were introduced to the process of writing a data story. Resource person Mr Tanay Sukumar, Data Journalist, The Mint, provided valuable insights into data collection, analysis, and its role in storytelling.

Students learned how to critically assess and interpret data, apply feedback to refine their assignments, and explore complex topics like defining the middle class. The interactive session emphasised the importance of accuracy, source credibility, and effective data visualisation in journalism. Hands-on learning, guided discussions, and mentorship helped students develop practical skills essential for data-driven reporting.

Financial Literacy

The financial literacy workshop by Ms Swati Saxena, CEO, 4Thought Finance, provided essential insights into managing personal finances as students prepare for professional life. The session was held on September 19, 2024, and was attended by 28 students.

Key learnings included the importance of saving, investing wisely, and understanding financial instruments like stocks, real estate, gold, and crypto currency. Ms Saxena also emphasised financial planning, risk management, and insurance. Students gained practical knowledge on making informed financial decisions, ensuring long-term stability. The interactive discussions helped clarify doubts, fostering a deeper understanding of financial responsibility and smart investing.

Ideation and Creativity: Delivering Customer Expectations

On September 21, 2024, a session titled 'Ideation and Creativity: Delivering Customer Expectations,' was conducted by Mr Manoj Kumar, Founder/CEO of BUD Creative Ad Agency. The talk was attended by 48 students of I MCJ. Mr Kumar focused on how to sell an idea to a customer and create an appealing ad with the idea in an interactive session. He illustrated his points by comparing the novelty of old and modern ads. Following this, Mr Kumar conducted an activity where he asked the students to come up with an idea to create an advertisement. The session emphasised the strong role of ideation in creating effective advertisements.

The Art of Long- Form Feature Writing

The long-form article writing workshop by Chethan Kumar, Senior Assistant Editor of the Times of India, emphasised clarity and newsworthiness in journalistic writing. Organised on September 28, 2024, the event was attended by 48 students.

Students learned how to structure in-depth articles on social issues, tackle challenges in research and writing, and develop a compelling narrative. The session highlighted the importance of factual accuracy, engaging yet concise storytelling, and maintaining journalistic integrity. Mr Kumar's guidance helped students refine their approach, ensuring their articles were impactful and well-researched. The workshop strengthened their ability to write meaningful, thought-provoking journalism.

Photojournalism

The workshop led by Mr Gopinathan K, a retired photojournalist with over 40 years of experience working with The Hindu, focused on how personal experiences shape powerful photography. The event was attended by 48 students of I MCJ on September 25, 2024. Participants learned about composition, lighting, and the importance of emotional connection in capturing compelling images. Mr Gopinathan shared impactful stories from his career, illustrating the balance between artistry and ethics in photojournalism. Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights into photography as a storytelling medium, inspiring each student in the workshop.

Book & Film Review Writing

On September 14, 2024, resource person Mr Sujay BM, Staff Reporter, Political Bureau, Deccan Herald, led a workshop - Book and Film Review Writing. 48 students of I MCJ attended the event. Mr Sujay directed the students to write a film review of one of five films – Priscilla, 12th Fail, Laughing Buddha, Napoleon, or Ullozhzku – as well as a book review of chapters 9 and 14 of Makers of Modern Society before attending the workshop. During the workshop, he analysed each review and gave suggestions on how to improve the pieces. The workshop was successful in elucidating the nuances of writing book and film reviews through its practical approach.

BVC Alumni - Film Showcase

On October 22, 2024, the School of Communication & Media Studies organised a film screening session of H2WOAH, offering 50 BVC students insights into filmmaking. Students interacted with Mr Johnny Ambrose and Mr Surya, the Director and Producer of the film, respectively. The discussion 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.

Association Events

Mediacon 2025

Mediacon, the ninth edition of St Joseph's University's international media conference, themed 'Cinematic Crossroads and Digital Frontiers,' was held from 30-31 January, 2025. Filmmaker Krishna Hebbale's keynote address discussed cinema's evolving role, while journalist Anjana George moderated a panel with Miriam Joseph, WCC member, Shruti Hariharan, actress, and Nandini Chandrashekar, Editor-in-Chief of the News Minute, on the Hema Committee report. Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean of the School of Communication & Media Studies, led discussions on AI in filmmaking. The event also featured paper presentations, where scholars shared insights on media ethics, storytelling, and technological advancements.



Mediacon- Scholars and experts shared their insights at Mediacon 2025.

MediaFluent 2025

MediaFluent – themed Engage, Evolve, Connect – was 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, an eminent filmmaker. Vinci Raj, a creative professional in advertising and filmmaking, conducted a master class on advertising.

On January 31, 2025, a panel discussion on brand communication with was held, featuring four industry pioneers: Prasad Karat, Vice President of The Practice, Arthi Ponnuswamy, Vice President of Brand Solutions at Zen Sciences, Varghese

John, Vice President of MacCann, and Aashish Washikar, Director of Corporate Communications at Amagi Corporations. Events like Scene Zone, Brand It, MadAds, Pitch Perfect, and Best Manager showcased creativity and strategy.



Mediafluent- Comprised of events and panels, MediaFluent 2025 fulfilled its theme: Engage, Evolve, Connect.

Allura 2025

The Images Association under the School of Communication & Media Studies hosted Allura: The Musical, from January 29-30, 2025, celebrating cinema and music. Held at St Joseph's University, the fest featured Operetta, a fashion show, Pixel Perfect, a poster-making event, and Reel Side Story, a reel-making challenge. Operetta brought musicals to life with elaborate performances, while Pixel Perfect, judged by Mr Phani Srivatsa, Cofounder, Dripada Studios, challenged participants to design futuristic musical posters. Alongside major events like Mediacon 2025, Allura fostered creativity, innovation, and artistic expression, making it a memorable academic highlight.

Artistica 2025

Artistica 2025, hosted by the Association of Art and Animation, was held from January 29-31, 2025, 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.

RNFF 2025

On 29-30 January, 2025, Rushes National Film Festival 2025, organised by the School of Communication & Media Studies and the Rushes Film Society at St Joseph University, featured insightful sessions on filmmaking. 500 students attended the events, which were held at the Auditorium Block and Xavier Hall.

Events included a movie screening and panel discussion with director Suhel Banerjee, a master class on music direction by Nikhil Kumar, an editing workshop by Gautham, a cinematography master class by Suneil, and a student film screening competition. The festival provided a dynamic platform for aspiring filmmakers to learn, network, and showcase their creativity.

Workshop on Parliamentary and Legislative affairs

On January 9, 2025, the School of Communication & Media Studies, St Joseph's University, organised



Allura- Allura 2025 celebrated cinema and music through various events.

a workshop on Parliamentary and Legislative affairs for 60 I and II MCJ students. Mr Chakshu Roy, Head of Legislative and Civic Engagement at PRS Legislative Research, 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 & Media Studies, hosted a guest lecture on business journalism by Mr Tyagraj Sharma, journalist, 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. Mr 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, the School of Communication & Media Studies invited guest lecturer Mr BS Satish Kumar, Deputy Chief Bureau, The Hindu, for a talk titled 'Beyond the headlines: Understanding Political Journalism.' 60 students from I and II MCJ attended the event, where they explored the intricacies of political journalism in the Indian context.

Mr 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. Mr Kumar further 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

On February 3, 2025, 49 students from I MCJ, St Joseph's University, participated in a workshop - Pitching Data Journalism Stories to the Editor - led by Mr Vignesh Radhakrishnan, Principal Correspondent (Data), The Hindu.

Students from each 'Beacon' batch presented their story ideas, which had been pre-circulated to him. He provided insights on refining pitches, improving data analysis, and visualising data through graphs, guiding them toward impactful storytelling. Mr Radhakrishnan also elucidated on finding compelling angles, verifying data, and ensuring clarity in data interpretation. The session allowed students to clarify doubts and led them to understand how data can be transformed into meaningful journalistic narratives.

Staff Achievements

Dr Ravinandan BB (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a resource person 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) on March 13, 2025.

Invited to lead a workshop on creating custom GPTs for teachers, organised by the Assembly of Religious Brothers of India, on November 17, 2024.

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.

Invited as a resource person to conduct a data journalism workshop for postgraduate mass communication students at St. Paul's College, Bangalore, held on February 15, 2025.

Invited as a resource person to conduct a workshop on AI hacks for journalists at the Journalism and Communication Department, University of Mysore, on January 2, 2025.

Dr Thulasi Kumar Marella (Assistant Professor & Technical Faculty)

Invited as a resource person to conduct a workshop - The Future of Video: Learn to Create It - organised at the Department of Electronic Media and Mass Communication, Pondicherry University, on November 18, 2024.

Invited as a resource person to conduct a workshop for the French Institute of Pondicherry on November 11, 2024.

Student Achievements

Riya Mathew from I MA APR teamed up with Rudi Doughty, Leeds University, UK, and Matilde Gil, Portugal, in the final round of an international PR competition, EUPRERA (European PR Education & Research Association) International Student PR competition where she emerged as the highest individual scorer, the only student to score above 90%.

Shreyas, Digital Media and Animation student from the 2022 batch, won second place in the National Kalaripayattu Championship.

Vivian from I BVoc Visual Media and Film-making won first place at Sportstake as part of the badminton team.

Medha Rajeev from III BVC conducted a photography exhibition of her works titled 'Mosaic of Lives,' on March 8, 2025.

Andrea Pinheiro won third place in RJ HUNT in an intercollegiate event titled 'Mediatron,' organised by Jyoti Nivas College, on December 5, 2024.

Visiting Hours, a short film by III BVC students Gautham, Sainyuktha, Divya, Durga, Kevin and Nikhil, won first place at the short film competition conducted by Ramaiah College of Law.

IBVoc Visual Media and Film-making students won first prize in a short film contest for their project titled Adichaya, at Inbloom, an inter-collegiate fest organised by Christ University. Namadevan K won Best Director, Arjun Balagopal won Best Cinematographer, and Nandakishore R won Best Editor for their work.



RNFF- The festival featured panel discussions, workshops and screenings.



Artistica- Held across three days, Artistica 2025 hosted faculty and professionals as judges.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Counselling

Departmental Events

Team Building Workshop on Identity Vs Role confusion and Boundaries

On February 3, 2025, with the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, St Joseph's University, counsellors Ms Muskan Mehta and Mr Ryan Peter facilitated a workshop for the Department of Zoology titled "Identity vs Role: Confusion and Boundaries," with 13 participants. 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. The interactive workshop created a space for open discussions, mutual understanding, and support, encouraging faculty members to communicate effectively, express themselves authentically, and foster a sense of teamwork while respecting individual differences.



The Department of Counselling successfully organised a workshop for the Department of Zoology titled "Identity vs Role: Confusion and Boundaries."

Relationship Dynamics

The Department of Counselling, St Joseph's University, coordinated with welfare officers to organise a workshop on Relationship Dynamics on February 27, 2025. Dr Sangeeta Saksena, Co-founder, Enfold Proactive Health Trust, led the session, which was organised at Aloysius Hall and attended by about 200 students.

Dr Saksena introduced core concepts like understanding different relationship dynamics,

communication styles, and emotional management. The session also highlighted the importance of setting boundaries and respecting personal space. Interactive discussions and real-life case studies encouraged active participation. A self-reflection activity allowed students to assess their relationship patterns and identify growth areas.

The workshop emphasised active listening, empathy, and self-awareness as essential for building meaningful connections and resolving conflicts. Participants appreciated the interactive format and real-world applicability, expressing a desire for future workshops. The session successfully equipped students with valuable skills to navigate relationships effectively. Future workshops could delve deeper into topics like managing toxic relationships.

Department of Economics

Departmental Events

Eskillate - Lecture Series

The Department of Economics and the Economics Forum at St Joseph's University organised Eskillate 24, a guest lecture series. The sessions were held on October 24, 2024, with nearly 90 attendees. 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 economics' role in various fields.



TURNCOAT - "Quick thinking, sharp speeches, and a boost for public speaking and critical skills!"

National Level Conference

The Department of Economics, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, successfully hosted a two-day national conference titled 'Bridging the Gap: Gender Inequality, Education, and the Pursuits of Sustainability in Emerging Economies.' The event, held from March 17-18, 2025, at Xavier Hall, brought together leading academics, policymakers, and professionals to discuss critical issues related to gender disparities, education, and sustainability.

The inaugural session was graced by Ms Uma Mahadevan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj, Government of Karnataka, as the Chief Guest. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr Krishna Raj, ISEC, Bengaluru. The conference featured Dr Regina Mathais, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr Keshavamurthy, Head of the Department of Economics; Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean, School of Humanities, and other dignitaries.

The conference saw active participation from over 200 scholars and students from various states, making it a significant platform for knowledge exchange and policy discussions. 45 research papers were presented over the two days, along with 10 panel discussions, and speeches by eminent scholars. Experts emphasised the need for policy-driven interventions to enhance women's participation in education and the workforce.

The Valedictory Session on March 18, 2025, at De Nobili Hall was presided over by Fr Arun D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer, St Joseph's University, and Mr Ajithkumar Hegde S, Additional Commissioner (Finance). The university looks forward to furthering these important conversations through future academic initiatives.

Association events

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. 30 participants attended the event, which was organised at the AV Room, Arrupe Block.

Participants had 8 minutes to 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 success, fostering skill development and highlighting the importance of economics in everyday life.

Trail of Secrets

On December 17, 2024, the Economics Forum at St Joseph's University hosted Trail of Secrets, a treasure hunt combining intellectual engagement with entertainment. 20 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.



TRAIL OF SECRETS - "A treasure hunt where economics meets adventure, teamwork, and fun!"

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 SR, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Economics, Bangalore University, and Dr Regina Mathais, Pro-Vice-Chancellor. The event had three contingents and various competitions, including

Departmental Events

National Conference in Collaboration with the Department of History, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru

On January 22, 2025, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore, hosted a national conference on 'Conserving Heritage: Integrating Culture, Community, and Sustainability'. The conference was attended by over 250 participants, held at the University Auditorium.

Dr Selvakumar V, Head of the Department of Maritime History and Maritime Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur, presided over the conference. It featured distinguished resource persons including Ms Yashaswini Sharma, Founder Architect of Estetique Architects, who spoke on architectural heritage conservation 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, reflecting a strong commitment to heritage preservation.

The conference aimed to raise awareness about the significance of conservation through community participation, emphasising local engagement, sustainable practices, and eco-friendly conservation methods. The event was a success, driven by the enthusiasm and dedication of students in advocating for the protection of cultural heritage.

Inter-Class Quiz on the Occasion of the 76th Republic Day

On January 28, 2025, an inter-class written quiz competition was organised to celebrate the 76th Republic Day. The team-based event featured 11 participating teams with a total of 35 participants. Covering topics from the Indian Constitution and the freedom struggle, the quiz provided an informative and engaging platform for students to assess and enhance their constitutional knowledge while showcasing their historical awareness.

Vyapar Verse, a sales pitch event; Battle of Wits, a debate; Policy Grid, a Model United Nations event; Mad-ads, an advertising contest; and Code-Breakers, an escape room. About 100 students showcased skills in economics, marketing, and problem-solving throughout the day's activities.



ECOLIBRIUM - "A dynamic day of debate, creativity, and competition, where economics meets innovation!"

Macro Madness

The Economics Forum at St Joseph's University aims to enhance students' understanding of economics through practical experience and academic growth. On February 28, 2025, the forum organised Macro Madness, featuring a quiz with two rounds.

The rounds tested the 100 participants' knowledge of economic principles and complex theories, with bonus questions introduced at the end of each round, open to all teams for additional points. This format encouraged competition, quick thinking, and strategy. The quiz fostered engagement and excitement while ensuring equal opportunities for all teams.



The Department of Economics successfully organised a national level conference exploring the role of gender, education and sustainability in economics.

Study Trip to Nandi Hills

As part of the certificate course titled 'Leadership Skills Through Ancient Board Games,' the Department of History organised a study trip to Nandi Hills, Bangalore, on February 16, 2025, with 34 participants. The trip explored the region's historical significance while engaging in traditional board games to enhance strategic thinking and leadership skills.

The visit began at Tipu's Summer Palace, where students played the Goat and Tiger game, reinforcing decision-making strategies. The trek to the hilltop provided an adventurous and immersive experience enriched by local folk songs shared by the community. A major highlight was Ima Recreation, an initiative reviving over 150 ancient board games. Under Ms Immaculate's guidance, students engaged in hands-on learning. They later shared their knowledge by teaching visitors, fostering a cultural exchange. Key historical sites included Yoga Nandishwara Temple, where students learned about Tipu Sultan's protective efforts, and the Armoury, where Dr Gita connected historical warfare with contemporary conflicts. Students also learned of the Tipu Drop Point's historical significance beyond its role as a scenic viewpoint.

This enriching and interactive trip blended history, cultural immersion, and leadership training, deepening students' appreciation for Bengaluru's heritage while highlighting the relevance of traditional knowledge in modern education.



Mr Babu helped students connect with indigenous art forms through his pottery workshop.

Guest Lecture – 'Foraging into the Past, Building a Future: Career Paths in Archaeology'

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.' Ms Riddhi Joshi, a research scholar from the University of Mysore's PGDA (ASI) programme, delivered the session, which had about 80 participants.

The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of career opportunities in archaeology. Ms Joshi emphasised the evolving scope of archaeology, outlining various specialisations and essential skills required for success in the field. She highlighted the importance of academic training and practical fieldwork. Furthermore, Ms Joshi discussed modern archaeological methodologies and the increasing role of technology in the field, particularly within the Indian context. Ms Joshi also addressed the challenges faced by contemporary archaeologists, including ethical concerns, site preservation, and the impact of urbanisation on heritage sites.

The session was highly interactive, allowing students to actively engage with the speaker, seek clarification on educational pathways, and explore professional opportunities in archaeology. Through this discourse, participants gained a deeper understanding of the discipline's significance and evolving role in historical research and preservation.

Beyond Borders - Navigating International Education and Opportunities

On March 3, 2025, the Department of History hosted a motivational talk featuring Bhoomika Sesharaj and Madhura Mahesh, alumnae of St Joseph's College, with 80 participants. Having recently completed their Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Bristol, UK, they shared their experiences and insights on pursuing higher education abroad.

The session covered the advantages and challenges of international education, the importance of professional qualifications, student life overseas, and the opportunities available with an international Master's degree. The discussion was interactive, with students posing queries related to academic experiences, career prospects, and adapting to life in a foreign country, all of which were addressed by the speakers.

The session proved to be highly engaging and insightful. It offered students a practical

perspective on international education and career growth and provided valuable guidance for those aspiring to pursue higher studies abroad.



Together in Vision raised awareness for visually impaired students through talks and cultural performances.

Emperor Ashoka Speaks - 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.' The session, conducted by Mr Gautam Jantakal, a Numismatic Consultant and trustee of the Centre of Indian Numismatic Studies, Bengaluru, saw the enthusiastic participation of 33 students from various streams.

The workshop began with exploring the differences between language, script, and writing systems, further examining various writing systems. Students were elucidated on the cultural heritage of scripts and the need for their preservation. Key terminologies like paleographer, epigraphist, and historian were also introduced. Mr Gautam provided valuable insights into Brahmi's historical legacy, covering its origin, period of use, the Ashokan Rock and Pillar Edicts, and their significance. Students received worksheets with Brahmi letters and exercises, making the learning process interactive and intellectually stimulating. Mr Gautam also taught them to write their names in Brahmi, an enjoyable activity that fostered a greater interest in the script.

The workshop offered an engaging and enriching learning experience, deepening students' appreciation for the cultural heritage of ancient scripts.

Association events

Promotion of Indigenous Knowledge System by Organising a Workshop on Pottery Making

On September 23, 2024, the Department of History collaborated with Parishodhana to organise a pottery workshop. The event, led by resource person Mr Babu, was attended by 125 students and faculty at the Arrupe Atrium, St Joseph's University.

Aimed at reviving and promoting indigenous art forms through pottery, the workshop provided participants a hands-on experience in crafting unique designs. Many participants engaged with clay for the first time, guided step-by-step by Mr Babu. The beautifully crafted pots became cherished keepsakes, symbolising the participants' creativity and learning.

The event was marked by active involvement from members of Parishodhana, the history association, ensuring its success, and was a memorable day filled with excitement, joy, and artistic exploration.



The exhibition showcased over 100 objects that articulated Bangalore's history through the ages.

Together in Vision: A Celebration of Unity

On September 28, 2024, Parishodhana organised an event titled Together in Vision: A Celebration of Unity. With 33 attendees, the programme aimed to raise awareness for the welfare of visually impaired and physically disabled students. Held in the AV Room, Arrupe Block, the event fostered community and empowerment among participants.

The occasion was graced by two distinguished St Joseph's University alumni, Ms Nandini, Assistant Manager at the State Bank of India, and Mr Shreyas

Reddy, an Advocate, who served as the chief guests. They shared their experiences, offering motivational insights and guidance to students and their parents. The event also highlighted the students' talents through dance, singing, and public speaking performances, exemplifying resilience and pursuing excellence despite challenges.

The day concluded with a fellowship lunch hosted by Fr Arun D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer. The day ended with an atmosphere of joy and inspiration, reinforcing the values of inclusivity and perseverance.

Visual Documentation and Exhibition titled 'Bangalore Through Ages'

The Department of History, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Southern Region, Bengaluru, organised a visual documentation and exhibition titled 'Bangalore Through Ages' at St Joseph's University on February 21, 2025. 200 participants attended the event.

Dr Githa Badikillaya, founder and trustee of Destination Heritage, inaugurated the exhibition and delivered an insightful talk on 'Bangalore's forgotten timelines and historical discoveries.' Featuring over 100 rare photographs, maps, and artifacts, the exhibition traced Bengaluru's transformation from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's era to British colonial rule. It highlighted key infrastructure, governance, and urban planning developments, showcasing the interplay between indigenous traditions and colonial influences in shaping the city's modern identity. Additionally, the exhibition highlighted iconic structures like Bangalore Palace, Mayo Hall, and St Mark's Cathedral, along with depictions of colonial social life and military installations.

Overall, the exhibition provided a scholarly and immersive experience, encouraging visitors to engage with historical visual sources and documents while deepening their understanding of Bengaluru's urban transformation and colonial legacy.

Historia 2025 – Inter-Collegiate Fest

The inter-collegiate history fest, Historia 2025, was organised by the Department of History and Parishodhana, the History Association of St Joseph's University, on March 12, 2025. Themed 'Legends and Legacies,' the fest aimed to honour

historical figures and their lasting impact. Multiple colleges across Bengaluru actively participated, with a total of 150 students attending the fest.

The fest commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by chief guest Dr Narasingaraja Naidu, Retired Professor, Bangalore University. In his keynote address, he delivered an insightful lecture on Jesuit legacy, which was well received for its historical depth and scholarly perspective. A key highlight of the event was the release of Dr Naidu's book, *Education and Social Change in Mysore (1840–1920)*, dedicated to Fr Clarence D'Souza, SJ, Retired Professor of History, St Joseph's College. The fest featured a diverse range of events: a fashion show, treasure hunting, a quiz, dumb charades, a live action and role-play event, and a solo classical dance competition. Beyond the competitions, the fest encouraged intellectual discourse, creativity, and historical appreciation. The event concluded on a high note, leaving a lasting impact and reinforcing St Joseph's University's commitment to academic and cultural enrichment.



Historia 2025 featured recreations of historical events through plays.

Staff achievements

Ms Jane D'Souza (Head of the Department)

Presented a research paper titled "Jesuits in Nagaland: Pioneers of Education and Social Transformation, 1970-1995" at the 42nd Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, held at University College, Thiruvananthapuram, from October 28-30, 2023. The paper was published in the Proceedings of the South Indian History Congress 42 in November 2024.

Published a research paper titled "Service Beyond Boundaries: The Jesuits in Pannur Manvi among the Downtrodden" in *ROOTS International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (RIJMR)* in the

August 2024 edition.

Dr Paul Newman (Professor)

Promoted to Professor by the Government of Karnataka on March 3rd, 2025.

Actively contributed as an assessor for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in DNR Autonomous College, Bhimavaram from November 27-29, 2024 and PVKN Government College (Autonomous), Chittoor, from February 13-14, 2025.

Published an article titled "Tamils and the new President of Sri Lanka," in the Deccan Herald on October 4, 2024.

Published an article titled "Myanmar – A forgotten war and massive displacement of women and children," in Freedom and Refugees, October 2024.

Published an article titled "Youth and the future challenges in the age of AI," in Pax Lumina, November 2024.

Published an article titled "In Myanmar, a war no one watches," in the Deccan Herald on December 7, 2024.

Published an article titled "A step forward: Democratizing India's reservation policy," in the International Policy Digest on December 19, 2024.

Published an article titled "New UGC guidelines ignore ground realities, undermine HEI autonomy," in the Deccan Herald on January 22, 2025.

Published an article titled "Myanmar's four-year nightmare: A call for Global Justice and Action," in the International Policy Digest on January 29, 2025.

Published an article titled "Why We Need the Rohith Act in Educational Institutions of India," on a website called Mooknayak.com on January 30, 2025.

Published an article titled "Myanmar: a distress call on hold" in the Deccan Herald on February 26, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on the minimum qualification for appointment and promotion of teachers in

universities and colleges, draft UGC regulations 2025, in the Jesuit Higher Education Commission, Loyola College, Chennai, on February 4, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on Creativity in Teaching at the UGC Madan Mohan Malaviya Teacher Training Centre, Bangalore University, on February 10, 2025.

Delivered a lecture on leadership at the UGC Madan Mohan Malaviya Teacher Training Centre, Bangalore University, on March 24, 2025.

Delivered a keynote address at an international sociology conference titled 'International Conference on Marginalized Communities and Inclusive Development Challenges and Perspectives,' on October 26, 2024.

Department of Industrial Relations

Departmental Events

International Conference (Interdisciplinary)

The Department of Industrial Relations in association with the Department of Sociology, ably assisted by the Student Body of the Department-Industrial Relations Forum, conducted a two-day international conference on the theme 'Marginalized Communities And Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspective,' on October 25 and 26, 2024.

Dr Rathnayake M Abeyrathne, Professor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; Dr Vivek Kumar, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University; British Sociologist John Holmwood; Mr Ashiq Kabir, Bangladeshi social activist and distinguished alumnus; Dr Paul Newman, well-published researcher and Faculty Squadron Leader; and Fr Arun D'Souza, SJ Finance Officer of St Joseph's University, served as speakers.

The two-day conference saw the presentation of many highly informative papers from academicians and students across India, on themes from a sociological and industrial relations perspective.

Logo Redesigning Competition

The Industrial Relations Forum conducted a well participated Logo Redesigning Competition on

January 21, 2025. Senjanthung Y Kikon of II B.A. Eco-IR won the first prize. The Annual Industrial Relations Lecture Competition and Annual Quiz Competition will be held during the last week of March 2025 and First Week of April 2025 followed by the Valedictory and Prize Distribution.

Faculty Achievements

Mr G Anuplal (Head of the Department)

Invited as a keynote speaker and resource person at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association of Loyola Composite Pre-University College, Bengaluru.

Presented a paper titled "Indian Labour Laws and Marginalization of Workers," at the international conference on 'Marginalized Communities and Inclusive Development,' on October 25, 2024.

Ms Sandhya Catherine (Adjunct Faculty)

Completed a 10-week MOOC titled 'Facilitating Gender Transformative Evaluation,' from the Indian Social Studies Trust.

Presented a paper titled "A Study on NGOs Approaches to Rehabilitating Human Trafficking Victims in Sunderbans," at an international conference on 'Marginalized Communities and Inclusive Development,' on October 25, 2024.

Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy

Department Events

Panel Discussion Marks 79th United Nations Day

On October 24, 2024, second- and third-year students from the Department of International Relations, Peace, and Public Policy organised a panel discussion to mark the 79th United Nations Day. Around 120 students and faculty members attended the event.

The discussion focused on the United Nations' role in global conflicts, particularly the Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine crises. A student from III JIN moderated the panel featuring Mr Abdul Rehman, PhD Scholar, St Joseph's University, alongside other III JIN students.

The panellists discussed the UN's humanitarian interventions, the crisis in Gaza, and the contentious veto power of the P5 nations. They explored ideas such as suspending voting rights for conflict-involved nations and introducing a randomised membership system for the UN Security Council. The discussion also examined the aspirations of the G4 nations and the regional challenges confronting their bid for permanent membership.

The session offered valuable insights on the evolving role of the United Nations in global governance.

Screening of The White Helmets to Observe International Human Rights Day

On December 14, 2024, students screened the Netflix documentary The White Helmets at De Nobili Hall to commemorate International Human Rights Day. The screening brought together 21 participants and sparked meaningful conversations on war, humanity, and the role of first responders in conflict zones.

Directed by Orlando von Einsiedel, the film follows the Syrian Civil Defence volunteers risking their lives to save civilians amidst Syria's crisis. The screening connected with the 2024 Human Rights Day theme, 'Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now,' inspiring participants to reflect deeply on the importance of human rights.

Debate on the Objectification of Women in Indian Cinema Sparks Dialogue

On March 10, 2025, the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy hosted a debate on The Objectification of Women in Indian Cinema, to commemorate International Women's Day. Dr Godwin J D'Souza moderated the debate.

The proposition argued that Indian cinema objectifies women through male gaze and limiting stereotypes, while the opposition highlighted cinema's evolution with stronger female leads and diverse narratives.

Association Events

Students Discuss Editorial Pieces from The Deccan Herald

On January 18, 2025, the Department of

International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy, along with ASPIRE, conducted an editorial discussion. Dr Anitha V presided over the session. A student from III JIN led the discussion, focusing on fact-checking in social media and the government's involvement in central universities. Students engaged in conversations about the monetisation of fake news, challenges in media education, and the practicality of implementing Western education models in India. Faculty members concluded the session by summarising key takeaways on media literacy and governance.

Book Review Explores Challenging Destiny: A Biography

On January 25, 2025, students from the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy reviewed *Challenging Destiny: A Biography* by Medha Bhaskaran. Organised in collaboration with ASPIRE, the session took place in Arrupe Block, under the guidance of Dr Anitha V.

A student from II INPP presented the review, highlighting Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's leadership, governance systems, military strategies, and diplomacy. The discussion connected Shivaji's practices to contemporary governance models and international relations. Students engaged in an interactive Q&A session, reflecting on Shivaji's diplomacy and administration.

Alumni Connect Facilitates Student Mentorship

The Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy, along with ASPIRE, hosted an Alumni Connect session, creating a platform for students to interact with alumni.

The session featured Vikram Singh Jamwal, Varsha Sekhar, Atiya Firdos, Bommi Varshini, Abhishek Kadiyala, and Alka Bala, who shared their experiences in higher education, scholarships, government careers, and international relations.

Students engaged in interactive conversations, seeking guidance on placements, university applications, and skill development. The session strengthened the department's community spirit and encouraged students to plan their academic and professional paths.

Book Review Engages with Original Sin: Israel, Palestine, and the Revenge of Old West Asia

On February 24, 2025, students from the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy, along with ASPIRE, reviewed *Original Sin: Israel, Palestine, and the Revenge of Old West Asia* by Dr Stanly Johny, International Affairs Editor at The Hindu.

As part of the Global Politics Unravelling initiative, students presented chapter reviews covering territorial disputes, regional resistance, and global interventions. Dr Johny delivered a keynote address, engaging students in discussions on media narratives, policy decisions, and historical perspectives on the conflict. The session concluded with a Q&A and book signing, fostering deeper academic engagement.

Young Scholars Seminar 2024 Showcases Student Research

On September 30, 2024, the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy, in collaboration with ASPIRE, hosted the fourth edition of the National Young Scholars Seminar.

Students from across India participated in discussions on border disputes, sustainable development, and foreign policy. The seminar featured stimulating discussions on China's aggressive foreign policy, India's sustainability challenges, and the United States' foreign policy stance.

Dr Clement D' Souza presided over the valedictory session, recognising the contributions of participants, and concluded the seminar on a high note.

Staff Achievements

Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar (Head of the Department)

Published "Rise of India Through Economic Corridors" in *Modern Diplomacy*, 2025.

Published "Surge in Dropouts Among Dalit Students in HEI" in *Mainstream Weekly*, 2024.

Published "How India is Failing its Farmers" in *Deccan Herald*, 2024.

Published “Modi Faces Backlash as Farmer Discontent Grows” in International Policy Digest, 2024.

Published “Decoding China-South Korea Talks” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “Weaponizing Water and Water Conflict” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “Beijing’s Double Standards” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “Boko Haram Kidnappings in Nigeria” in Mainstream Weekly, 2024.

Published “Will the World Ever Know the Full Truth About Sednaya Prison?” in The Dialectics, 2024.

Published “Middle East Matters” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “EU’s Tariffs on Chinese EVs: Will It Curb China or Spark a Trade War?” in The Dialectics, 2024.

Published “War and Games” in Deccan Herald, 2024.

Published “Africa’s Bid for the UNSC Permanent Membership” in Modern Ghana, 2024.

Published “Nepal Between India and China” in Modern Diplomacy, 2024.

Published “India’s Geostrategic Counter to China” in Deccan Herald, 2024.

Published “Modern Warfare and Tower 22” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “Fighting Hunger with Hope: Food Security of the Philippines” in The Dialectics, 2024.

Published “Oil Spills: A Recurring Tragedy of Oceans” in Modern Ghana, 2024.

Published “75 Years of NATO: A Critical Analysis” in Modern Diplomacy, 2024.

Published “The Palk Bay Conflict: Sustainable Solutions to India-Sri Lanka Fishermen Dispute”

in The Rise, 2024.

Published “EU’s Tightrope Diplomacy” in Telangana Today, 2024.

Published “Coaching Centres and Rising Student Distress” in Economic and Political Weekly, 2024.

Published “Locating Caste in SDG” in Mainstream Weekly, 2024.

Published “The Israel-Iran Conflict: Implications on Global Energy Sector” in Modern Ghana, 2024.

Published “Enhance Mid-Day Meal Programme” in Deccan Herald, 2024.

Published “Learning from the Conflicts: Taiwan’s Stance on Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine Conflicts” in Modern Diplomacy, 2024.

Published “How India Uses Surnames to Perpetuate Caste Discrimination” in International Policy Digest, 2024.

Published “Rise of BRICS: How Russia’s Strategic Gambit Could Reshape the Global Order” in The Dialectics, 2024.

Dr Anitha V (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled “Scheduled but Not Secure: Adivasis, Infringements and Policy Failures” at the international seminar ‘Marginalized Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives,’ organised by the Departments of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph’s University, on October 25, 2024.

Published an article titled “Air Quality Crisis in Bengaluru” in Metro Times on February 14, 2025.

Ms Neha Gaikwad (Assistant Professor)

Served as the judge of the intra-college debate conducted by the debating society of St Joseph’s College of Law, in 2024.

Served as a Discussant for the Young Scholar Seminar conducted by ASPIRE and St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, in 2024.

Student Achievements

Tahreem Asim from I JIP presented a paper on Turkey’s struggle for regional dominance and

Hazelnut farming in Turkey.

Tahreem Asim from I JIP published an article on US Unilateralist policy in Modern Diplomacy.

Joanna Dnold from I JIP presented a paper at YSS 2.0, titled "Kuril Island Conflict in the Modern Geopolitical Arena."

Adwitiyo Das from I JIP presented a paper at YSS 2.0, titled "A Conflicted Triangle- The Halayeb Triangle and its significance to Global Geopolitics."

Lochana Hariharan from I JIP presented a paper at the Young Scholar Conference held by Madras Christian College, Chennai, on September 30, 2024.

Glynnis Winona B from I JIP presented a paper titled "Shadows of the Korean war," during the Young Scholars Seminar 2024, organised by St Joseph's University.

Aryagayathri R from I JIP won second place in the Period parliament event for Consilium, a public policy competition conducted by Christ University (Central campus), Bengaluru.

Ceana Mahima from I JIP presented a paper in an international conference on 'Marginalisation Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives,' held at St Joseph's University on October 25 and 26, 2024

Ananya Baruwa from I JIP secured the Runner-up position at the inter-college tournament organised by JAIN CMS, on October 21, 2024.

Dheivamathi Sri Sambavi V from I JIP presented a paper titled "Shadows of the Korean, The DMZ" during the Young Scholar's Seminar 2024, organised by St Joseph's University.

Teena Chacko from I JIP participated in the Surana & Surana and Vinayaka Mission's Law School Public Policy Competition 2024 on the theme 'India as a Global Drone Hub by 2030,' held at Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Paiyanur, on September 21, 2024.

Teena Chacko from I JIP secured second place in Pot Pourri, at Christ (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus.

Teena Chacko from I JIP secured first place in Pot Pourri at Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, on December 12, 2024.

Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy from II JIN 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 from II JIN 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 on 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 and Hanan Salim from II JIN 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 of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)' organised by the Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18 and 19, 2024.

Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy from II JIN participated in the Mission Dakshin Sagar, NCC cycle expedition from Bengaluru to Kanyakumari.

Hanan Salim from II JIN presented a paper titled "Thevara: From Ancient Arts to Digital Frontiers: Transforming Indian Tourism" in the two-day national seminar '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 and 25, 2024.

Hanan Salim from II JIN published a paper titled "Tug of War: India's Soft Power versus China's Economic Power in Maldivé" in Metro Times on November 14, 2024.

PJ Karthik Mukundh from II JIN presented a paper titled "Press Freedom in India: Critical Analysis on the Feasibility of SDG 16" at a three-day international conference on 'Sustainable

Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions,' held at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from January 15-17, 2025.

Hanan Salim from II JIN presented a paper titled "The Human Impact on the Arctic Circle: Global Implications of Environmental Degradation and Resource Exploitation" at a three-day international conference on 'Sustainable Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions,' held at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from January 15-17, 2025.

Samita Sajeevan from II JIN published an article titled "Switzerland's New Foreign Policy in Strategy for 2024-2027" in Modern Diplomacy, on October 16, 2024.

Samita Sajeevan from II JIN presented a paper in the Young Scholar Seminar 2024 at St Joseph's University.

Emma Rose from II JIN presented a paper titled "Chinese Investments in Gwadar: CPEC's Geopolitical Setbacks and Local Resistance" in the second 'NIAS-CEAP Young Scholar's workshop on China in South Asia: Beijing's Long Shadow,' held from October 3-4, 2024.

Emma Rose from II JIN presented a paper titled "New Media and Contemporary Conflicts: Reportage and Censorship in Israel-Palestine War" in the fourth annual IPRI Young Scholars' residential workshop on Contemporary Conflicts' held at Pondicherry University, from October 4-6, 2024.

Alex Allen from II JIN won first place in the Battle of the Bands at El Shaddai, an intercollegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College.

Alex Allen from II JIN won first place in Western Group Singing at El Shaddai, an intercollegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College.

Alex Allen from II JIN won second place in Vernacular Solo Singing at El Shaddai, an intercollegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College.

Alex Allen from II JIN won first place in the Battle of the Bands at Rophe, an intercollegiate fest organised by Christ Central Campus.

Aaron Nair from II JIN presented a paper titled "The Re-emergence of Quad: Analyzing the Politics of Balance of Power Between BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA at the '61st All India Political Science Conference and international seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047 of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)' organised by the Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18 and 19, 2024.

Aaron Nair from II JIN published an opinion article titled "Beijing's double standards" in Telangana Today on October 30, 2024.

Aaron Nair from II JIN published an article titled "Surge in dropout of Dalit students" in Hei-Mainstream Weekly on September 14, 2024.

Aaron Nair from II JIN published an article titled "Israel-Iran conflict: implications on the global economic sector" in Modern Ghana on October 29, 2024.

Anketh D Raj from II JIN presented a paper titled "Beyond The Vote: Analyzing the Challenges for Women's Political Representation in Kerala" at the '61st All India Political Science Conference and international seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047 of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)' organised by the Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18 and 19, 2024.

Tejas Harish from II JIN presented a paper titled "Equitable Technology Access in India: Policy Alignment with the SDGs" at a three-day international conference on 'Sustainable Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions,' held at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from January 15-17, 2025.

Hanan Salim, Poonima Sograwal, Archika Motwani, and Aaron Nair from II JIN presented a paper titled "Challenges and Contributions: Role of Indian Students in Strengthening India-Australia Relations" at an international conference on 'Multiculturalism and Democracy: Australian and Indian Contexts,' organised by the Australian Studies (Department of English and Cultural Studies), The University of Burdwan, in association with the Australian Consulate-General, Kolkata, held at The University of Burdwan from January 8-9, 2025.

Ankith D Raj from II JIN presented a paper titled

“The Human Impact on the Arctic Circle: Global Implications of Environmental Degradation and Resource Exploitation” at a three-day international conference on ‘Sustainable Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions,’ held at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from January 15-17, 2025.

Poornima Sograwal presented a paper titled “Empowering Voices: How Local Journalism Upholds Gandhi’s vision of Media” at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.

Archika Motwani presented a paper titled “The Impact of Amphibian Extinction on Human Well-being and Ecological Balance” at an international conference held at Mount Carmel College.

Devika Kudajadri from II INPP published an article titled “China’s Rising Influence in Arab Nations: Implications for India” in Chintan on November 26, 2024.

Devika Kudajadri from II INPP placed second in Sportstakes 2024, held at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, 2024.

Devika K, Aahana Devraj, and Souparnika Suresh from II INPP participated in the ‘11TH Asian Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention’ presented by The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme by Fourth Wave Foundation, conducted from September 16-20, 2024, in Kochi.

Anush Joseph and Akshint Joseph from II INPP won first place in the Crisis Simulation event at Consilium, a public policy competition organised by Christ University (Central Campus), Bengaluru.

Souparnika Suresh and Elijah R Biji from II INPP won first place in the Convergence event at Consilium, a public policy competition organised by Christ University (Central Campus), Bengaluru.

Devika K from II INPP secured first place in the Turncoat debate event organised by the Economics Forum, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, St Joseph’s University, on September 30, 2024.

Safura Khan and Anush Joseph from II INPP published an article titled “Donald Trump’s 2024 Campaign: Neo-Isolation Strategy of America” in Modern Ghana on October 30, 2024.

R Tharrani from II INPP published an article titled “Oils Spills: A Recurring Tragedy of Oceans” in Modern Ghana on October 22, 2024.

Souparnika Suresh from II INPP published an article titled “The Palk Bay Conflict: Sustainable Solutions to India-Sri Lanka Fishermen Dispute” in The Rise on December 5, 2024.

R Tharrani, Anushka Sarda, and Safura Khan from II INPP presented a paper titled “Violence and Unpredictability: Defining the Contemporary World” at ‘the 61st All India Political Science Conference and international seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047 of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)’ organised by the Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18 and 19, 2024.

KS Ila Sagara and Daryl Elijah from II INPP presented a paper titled “A Larger Price to Pay: Investigating the Intersection between the Belt & Road Initiative & the Uyghur Muslims” during the Young Scholar’s Seminar, 2024.

Nia Parihar from II INPP presented a paper titled “Transforming Diplomacy-influence of feminist ideals on India’s Foreign Policy” at the Young Scholars’ Seminar 2024 organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Devika K from II INPP was declared the Runner-Up of Triad Forum at Consilium 24, the annual public policy fest, held at Christ (deemed to be university), Bangalore, on November 28 and 29, 2024.

Abhishiktha S Kumar and KS Ila Sagar from II INPP presented a paper titled “Constitutional validity of marital rape exemptions: an analysis of gender equality and bodily autonomy rights” at the international conference on ‘Working of the Constitution of india:1950-2025’ organised by the Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG) at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, on November 26, 2024.

Shristy Bhattacharjee and Anvitha Jagadish from II INPP presented a paper titled “Balancing Act-Policy Intervention and India’s Gig Economy” at ‘the 61st All India Political Science Conference and international seminar on Vikas Bharat@2047

of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)' organised by the Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, on October 18 and 19, 2024.

Sreemaya Nair from II INPP presented a paper titled "Exploring colonial legacies impact on border conflicts: the Bakassi peninsula dispute" at the Young Scholars' Seminar 2024 organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Sofia Matthew from II INPP presented a paper titled "Gandhi's Journalism and its Relevance in the Contemporary World (MANUU)" at the Young Scholars' Seminar 2024 organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Sofia Matthew from II INPP published an article titled "The Virtual Battlefield: Social Media's Pivotal Role in Israel-Gaza conflict" in the International Policy Digest on November 11, 2024.

Rampalli Namratha from II INPP presented a paper titled "Bamboo Drip Irrigation: The Need for Inclusion in the National Bamboo Mission 2018" at the 'Young Scholars Conference 2.0 on World Today through the lens of Political Science(s)' organised by the Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College, on September 30, 2024.

Shreyas Sudip Mitra from II INPP secured first place in the NCC Republic Day Camp - Best Cadet Competition 2025, earning the title of All India Best Cadet SD Air.

Shreyas Sudip Mitra from II INPP secured first place in the Glass Bridge Pitch (JAM) event, organised by Tecnologia, Department of Computer Science, at St Joseph's University.

Shreyas Sudip Mitra from II INPP secured second place in the Mind Sneak event at MANIFEST 2025 by Manasi - The Psychology Association, held at Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, on March 4, 2025.

Shreyas Sudip Mitra from II INPP secured third place in the Turn Coat (Senior) - University event at SARGAM-24, a national level inter-collegiate cultural fest, organised at New Horizon Knowledge Park, Bengaluru, from November 29-30, 2024.

Abhishiktha S Kumar and Rampalli Namratha from II INPP presented a paper titled "Guardians of the Indian Ocean: Analysing the Strategic Importance of the Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands" at the ICSSR-sponsored one-day national seminar on 'Advancing Border Security through Technological Innovation: A Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047,' organised by the Department of Humanities, Presidency College, Bangalore.

Abhishiktha S Kumar from II INPP won the Best Presenter Award in the ICSSR-sponsored one-day national seminar on 'Advancing Border Security through Technological Innovation: A Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.'

Abhishiktha S Kumar presented a paper titled "The Price of Expression: Media Censorship and Safety Concerns in Pakistan" at the Pakistan Conclave 2024, organised by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and the Centre for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, held at Pondicherry University, from December 12-15, 2024.

Abhishiktha S Kumar presented a paper titled "The Strategic Importance of the Strait of Malacca in China-India Relations" at the international conference on 'Asia's Maritime History and Identity at Cultural Crossroads,' held from January 23-24, 2025.

Shayna Cedric and K V Niveditha from III JIN presented a paper titled "The Paradox of Hemi: Acceptance Amid Disputed Boundaries" during the Young Scholars' Seminar 2024, organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Shreya Jagadeesan from III JIN published an opinion article titled "The Conflict between Democracy and Despotism in Bangladesh" in MetroTimes on September 16, 2024.

Prajwal TV from III JIN presented a paper titled "Sino-Indian Trade Relations: Balancing Economic Dependency Amidst Strategic Tensions" in 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, held from October 3-4,

2024.

Prajwal TV from III JIN presented a paper titled “The Migration Crisis in Venezuela: Economic Sanctions, Political Instability and the Humanitarian Problem” in the ‘Fourth Annual IPRI Young Scholars’ Residential Workshop on Contemporary Conflicts,’ organised by the International Peace Research Initiative, NIAS & Centre for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, held from October 4-6, 2024.

Prajwal TV from III JIN presented a paper titled “Globalisation of Caste: Analysing the Role of United Nations in Annihilation of Caste-based Discrimination” at the two-day international conference titled ‘Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives’ organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, from October 25-26, 2024. Prajwal TV from III JIN, published an article titled “Locating Caste in SDG,” co-authored with Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, in Mainstream Weekly on November 16, 2024.

Govind Anoop from III JIN presented a paper titled “EU’s Migration Debacle: A Tale of Two Faces,” in the two-day international conference titled ‘Marginalised Communities and Inclusive Development: Challenges and Perspectives’ organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, from October 25-26, 2024.

Govind Anoop from III JIN presented a paper titled “The Russia-Ukraine Conflict and Its Maritime Repercussions” at the Young Scholars’ Seminar 2024, organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Cris Fernando from III JIN published an article titled “Decoding Bangalore’s Traffic Quagmire” in Metro Times on September 28, 2024.

Anamica Vinod from III JIN presented a paper titled “Understanding Women’s Perspectives in National Disasters” at ‘the 61st All India Political Science Conference and International Seminar on ViksitBharat@2047 in the Indian Political Science Association’ organised by Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, from October 18-

19, 2024.

Cris Leonardo Pérez from III JIN presented a paper titled “Her Story Unfolded: Narrating Liberals through the Lens of Oppressed Communities—A Focus on Brazil and Colombia” at the CLAS International Conference 2024 on ‘Partners in Progress: Enhancing Synergies and Complementarities between India and Latin America,’ organised by the Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS), Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, from December 18-21, 2024.

Department of Political Science

Association events

Significance of Reading and UPSC Career Guidance

On September 18, 2024, Spectrum, the association of the Department of Political Science, organised a lecture on the significance of reading in Xavier Hall. Spectrum collaborated with The Hindu and Shankar IAS academy to help students of political science at St Joseph’s University gain perspective on UPSC preparation. The session effectively gave students a deep dive on the UPSC test format, as well as strategies to prepare for the examination.



Lecture on the Power of Narratives in Gender Research

Spectrum invited Dr Debangana Chatterjee for a lecture on the power of narratives in gender research on September 30, 2024. The session was organised in the AV Room, PG Block, St Joseph’s University. Dr Chatterjee explained how narratives can aid gender research, offering her perspectives on the matter. The talk offered students insights into gender research as a viable field of study, while also covering the technical aspects of

exploring gender.

Lecture cum Workshop on the theme Working of Police Department: A Reality Check

On September 21, 2024, the Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a session on the working of the police department. Resource person Ms Anu Chengappa, Advocate, High Court of Karnataka, gave attendees insights into the police department. Ms Chengappa fact-checked many misconceptions the common public has of the workings of law enforcement authorities. The session successfully highlighted the realities of how the police force functions, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of the police department.

Pledge for a Green and Clean Bengaluru

On October 2, 2024, Spectrum collaborated with the Government of Karnataka and BBMP to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti through a pledge. As one of the Gandhian ideals goes, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," the pledge centred around creating a clean Bengaluru. The pledge successfully highlighted the importance of contributing to a sustainable city, while commemorating the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi on his 155th birth anniversary.

Lecture on 'Understanding Youth in India'

Spectrum hosted Dr Vivek Kumar, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on October 26, 2024, for a session titled 'Understanding Youth in India.' The talk was held at the AV Room, Arrupe Block, St Joseph's University. Dr Kumar explained the nuances of studying youth, especially in India. His session highlighted the various facets of one's formative years, particularly in context of political science. The lecture gave attendees insights into Indian youth, encouraging self-reflection to be conscientious citizens.

Staff Achievements

Dr PE Somaiah (Associate Professor)

Co-edited a book with Dr NC Sumathi titled Democracy and International Peace in an Open World: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives, and published a chapter titled "Terrorism: History, Traits, Types and Trends," in Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024.

Co-edited a book with Dr Gurubasavaraj Panditha titled Globalization and the New World: Multi-

disciplinary Perspectives, and published a chapter titled "Impact of Globalization on law and order and Crime in Bangalore City," in Rajendra Publishers, Mysore, 2024.

Published a book chapter titled "Governance and Development in Kodagu District," in Governance and Development in Karnataka, published by Writers Choice Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 2024.

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

Presented a paper titled "One Nation One Election" at a national conference organised by the Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Association and Tumkur University Political Science Teachers Academy, held on December 23, 2024 at Tumkur University, Tumkuru.

Dr Shreejita Biswas (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled, "Gendered Waiting and India's Foreign Policy: The Biopolitics of Humanitarian Response in Gaza", for the In-person Workshop on 'the Politics of Waiting and an Expanding Gender Horizon: The Social, Political and Legal Discourses in India,' at National Law School India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, on December 14, 2024.

Chaired a session titled, "Populist Politics in South Asia," for the conference 'Modernities Re-defined: Perspectives from South Asia,' organised by GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSHS), Gitam University, Bengaluru, on February 22 and 23, 2024.

Member of Board of Examination (Political Science), Department of Humanities, Presidency College, Bengaluru.

Served as the resource person for an online talk-session titled, "Understanding the Role of the State in International Politics" for the certificate course on Fundamentals of International Politics, organised by CeRSSE, Jain University, on September 20, 2024.

Served as a judge for the debate titled "Censorship

or Free Speech? What is the Right Way Ahead of Democracy?" organised by Debate Society, St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL), on November 7, 2024.

Dr Ance Teresa Varghese (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a discussant at Young Scholar Seminar 2024, organised by the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St Joseph's University, on September 30, 2024.

Served as a resource person at Indian Institute of Spirituality on the overview of the governance machinery in India on October 14, 2024.

Presented a research paper titled "Rethinking Ecologism and Sustainability through Decentralized Planning Mechanisms in Kerala," as a resource person at a National Seminar organised by the Department of Economics at St Stephens College, Pathanapuram, Kerala.

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

Served as a Programme Officer in the National Integration Camp of NSS, hosted by St Joseph's University, from February 20-26, 2025.

Dr Roshni Sharma (Assistant Professor)

Invited to take classes on Foundational Courses for I and II year students by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), from September 12-16, 2024, November 26 to December 3, 2024, and January 3-10, 2025.

Invited as a resource person to conduct a masterclass on 'Debating the Theories of Democracy' for MA students, by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, on December 6, 2024. Published a paper titled "Motherhood on the Move: Embarking on Data Collection as a New Mom" in Economic and Political Weekly, in December 2024. Presented a paper titled "Pushed at the Margins - Rohingya in the Silicon Valley of South India" at 'the International Conference IASFM 20: Forced Displacement in an Urbanizing World,' on January 21, 2025.

Invited as a panellist to speak on the Myanmarese

Rohingyas in India as part of 'the First NIAS Annual Myanmar Conclave – Myanmar' in 2025, organised by STR Programme, National Institute of Advance Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, and the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), in collaboration with Department of International Relations, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore, and Centre for South Asian Studies Pondicherry University, on January 30, 2025.

Invited as a resource person to deliver 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, on February 1, 2025.

Mr Bhanuprakash R (Assistant Professor)

Served as a member of the organising committee for a one-day seminar on 'One Nation and One Election,' in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Chapter, on September 28, 2024.

Delivered special lectures on constitutional values and India and Indian Constitution at St Joseph's Commerce College.

Delivered a guest lecture at Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies on 'the Role of Political Science in understanding Law and Governance' on September 24, 2024.

Invited as a member of the Board of Studies at BMS College for Women.

Invited as a member of the Board of Examination to finalise question papers for India and Indian Constitution and Constitutional Values Board of Studies at BMS College for Women and St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Mr Linto Antony (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled "Analyse Legal and Social Inclusivity for Transgender Community in Argentina, Sweden, and Denmark: Reviewing the Effectiveness and Availability of Protections in India" at the national conference organised by the Department of Studies and Research in Political Science, Tumkur University, in association with Karnataka State Political Science Teachers' Association, on December 24, 2024.

Department of Psychology

Departmental Events

Team Building Workshop

On October 30, 2025, the Department of Psychology conducted a team-building workshop for faculty members at Aloysius Hall. Led by Dr Baiju Gopal, the workshop brought together 21 participants for an engaging afternoon focused on collaboration and interpersonal connection. Through a series of experiential activities, the session encouraged reflection, cooperation, and group synergy.

The workshop opened with the energising 'Legacy Walk', which involved alternating between walking and running, helping participants warm up and connect. Activities such as 'How Many People, How Many People' and 'Rabbit Home Hurricane' added elements of playfulness and friendly competition, while reinforcing group trust and coordination.

A key highlight was the 'Conflict Role Play', where participants presented real-life conflicts and examined them from different perspectives, fostering empathy and active listening. The day concluded with 'Sociogram', offering insights into interpersonal dynamics within the group.

The workshop proved both refreshing and meaningful, helping faculty members build stronger working relationships and gain deeper awareness of team processes.



A cheerful group photo capturing the spirit of unity and collaboration.

Guest Talk on Positive Psychology Impact on Healthcare

The Department of Psychology hosted a guest talk on November 27, 2024. Held at PESUIMSR Lecture Hall 2, PESU Institute of Nursing, Bangalore, the session drew 200 participants.

Dr Stephen Babu, Assistant Professor, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, spoke on the theme 'The Impact of Positive Psychology on Healthcare.' He highlighted how cultivating resilience helps healthcare professionals manage stress and maintain emotional balance. The session emphasised the importance of fostering a positive mindset, not just for personal well-being but also for sustaining compassionate, patient-centred care. Dr Babu shared practical techniques that can be integrated into daily routines to improve psychological stamina, including reframing negative thoughts and practising gratitude. He also addressed the challenges faced by healthcare workers, encouraging a shift towards proactive coping strategies.

The talk was well-received for its clarity, relevance, and insight. It reminded participants of the vital role mental well-being plays in the healthcare profession and offered constructive approaches to enhance both provider and patient outcomes.

A Two-Day International Conference on Re-envisioning Higher Education in India: Excellence, Equity & Sustainability – RHEES 25
From February 20 to 21, 2025, faculty from the Department of Psychology participated in the international conference titled 'Re-envisioning Higher Education in India: Excellence, Equity & Sustainability – RHEES 25.'

Organised at Bertram Hall, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, the two-day event marked a key part of the institution's centenary celebrations. The conference brought together around 1,000 participants from across India and abroad. Dr Lokesh A, Department of Economics, and Dr Stephen Babu, Department of Psychology, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, represented the university at this academic gathering. With 15 sessions and 17 distinguished speakers, the conference explored a range of critical issues facing Indian higher education, including access, equity, and innovation. Participants discussed strategies for improving institutional effectiveness while

sustaining values of inclusivity and excellence.

Through dialogue and scholarly exchange, the event reaffirmed the importance of rethinking education in a rapidly evolving social and technological landscape. It was an enriching platform for learning and collaboration.



Speaker delivering insights on positive psychology to an attentive audience.

Introduction to Psychodrama

On December 10, 2024, the Department of Psychology organised a guest lecture for I MSc Counselling Psychology students. The session, attended by 45 students, was facilitated by Ms Anjana Kothamachu, a psychologist and expressive arts therapist trained in psychodrama. She introduced students to the fundamentals of psychodrama, a therapeutic technique that uses action and role-play to help individuals process emotions, understand relationships, and navigate personal experiences.

Through engaging discussions and demonstrations, Ms Anjana illustrated how psychodrama offers an experiential path to self-exploration and insight. Students had the opportunity to observe the application of psychodramatic methods in therapeutic settings, and reflect on how these methods can complement more conventional approaches to mental health.

The session provided a valuable introduction to this creative and interactive modality, encouraging students to consider its potential within their developing counselling practice.

Orientation Workshop for MBA and MCA Students

On December 10, 2024, East Point College of Higher Education hosted a student welfare workshop as part of the MBA and MCA orientation. Conducted by Ms Thushara Mariyam Thomas, the session was attended by 130 students.

The workshop aimed to support students in

adjusting to college life by promoting realistic expectations and self-awareness. Ms Thushara created a supportive space where students could reflect on their assumptions about college and recognise the importance of managing expectations. Through thoughtfully designed activities, she encouraged students to consider how unrealistic goals can affect well-being. The session also introduced practical self-care strategies to help them navigate academic and personal challenges.

By fostering early awareness and encouraging proactive mental health habits, the session played a crucial role in preparing students for a more balanced and mindful educational experience.

Building Resilient Family Systems: Preventive Community Interventions and the Ecological Approach to Mental Health

The Department of Psychology held a guest session on March 13, 2025, attended by 45 students. The session was led by Ms Deeksha Suresh, Clinical Counsellor and Family Interventionist at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ms Suresh's talk, titled 'Building Resilient Family Systems,' focused on how early, strengths-based community interventions can play a key role in transforming family dynamics and promoting long-term mental health. Emphasising the value of prevention over crisis intervention, she discussed how working within an ecological framework can support families by addressing their needs in context. She explored the impact of intergenerational trauma and offered practical insights into how early support systems can help break such cycles.

The session highlighted the counsellor's role in advocating for accessible mental health resources at the community level and inspired students to think about preventive strategies within family and social systems.



Global experts gather to reimagine the future of higher education in India with a focus on excellence and equity.

Webinar: Therapy in Action: Opportunities and Challenges for New Counsellors in Marriage and Family Therapy

On March 6, 2025, the Department of Psychology hosted a webinar titled Therapy in Action: Opportunities and Challenges for New Counsellors in Marriage and Family Therapy. The webinar was held online, featuring Dr Rathna Issac, psychotherapist, as the keynote speaker. Attended by 60 participants, the session explored the unique challenges that novice counsellors face as they enter the specialised field of marriage and family therapy.

Dr Rathna provided valuable insights into working across different therapeutic settings and elaborated on emerging opportunities for growth within the profession. She also introduced a variety of courses and resources available for those seeking to enhance their skills in this domain. The discussion encouraged participants to reflect on their career paths and consider the evolving demands of the profession, while also offering practical advice on how to navigate the early years of clinical practice.

The webinar was well-received and contributed meaningfully to the professional development of aspiring therapists.

Association Events

Quiz Competition

The Postgraduate Psychology Forum, Sumana, organised a quiz competition on January 17, 2025. The event was coordinated by Dr Anila MM and Dr Stephen Babu, Department of Psychology. A total of 20 students took part in the competition, showcasing their knowledge in psychology and engaging in an intellectually stimulating environment.

The quiz featured two rounds. The first round assessed participants' knowledge, quick-thinking skills, and the ability to recall and apply key psychological concepts. The second round promoted teamwork, encouraging students to work together and share their insights in a group setting. This format allowed participants to work effectively with their peers in a competitive yet supportive atmosphere.

The event aimed to build curiosity, promote

healthy competition, and create opportunities for students to apply their academic learning in a practical context. The organisers extended their appreciation to both the participants and those who helped bring the event to life, strengthening the bond between students and faculty.

Photography Competition

The Sumana Association held an online Photography Competition for MSc Psychology students on January 17, 2025. The event was organised by Dr Anila MM and Dr Stephen Babu from the Department of Psychology. 16 students took part in the competition.

The competition focused on capturing emotions through photography. Each participant submitted a photo with a caption that represented an emotion. The entries were judged by Ms Kodhai B Narayanan, Department of Psychology. She looked at three aspects of each submission: creativity, adherence to the theme, and the quality of the caption. After reviewing all the entries, the top three photographs were chosen for recognition.

The event gave students a chance to show their creativity and express emotions visually. It also encouraged them to think deeply about how emotions can be captured and communicated through photography. This competition was a great way for students to explore their artistic skills and reflect on emotional expression through photography.

Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Guest Lecture

On January 16, 2025, the Sumana Association organised a guest lecture on psychoanalytic psychotherapy in the AV room. The session was coordinated by Dr Anila MM and Dr Stephen Babu from the Department of Psychology, who invited Dr Biju Gopal, Professor, Department of Psychology, Christ University, as the resource person. The session was attended by 45 students.

Dr Gopal explained how psychoanalysis helps bring unconscious thoughts and emotions to the surface, allowing individuals to recognise suppressed feelings and behaviour patterns. He introduced free association as an important technique for encouraging self-expression and openness during therapy. He also discussed the approach where therapists position themselves behind clients, creating a comfortable environment. This method

encourages clients to speak more freely and explore their deeper emotions.

Dr Gopal's lecture provided valuable insights into psychoanalytic theory and its applications in therapy, offering participants a better understanding of the whole process. The session was a fruitful one, enhancing participants' awareness of psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

Murder Mystery Event at Visages

On February 21, 2025, the Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Student Council, hosted a murder mystery event as part of the intercollegiate fest, Visages. The event took place in two sessions with a total of 100 students in attendance. It aimed to test the problem-solving and teamwork abilities of participants through activities such as mystery solving, a treasure hunt, and a grand finale.

The participants formed teams and engaged in various challenges, requiring critical thinking and coordination. These activities allowed students to demonstrate their problem-solving skills in a competitive yet enjoyable environment. The event concluded with three winning teams representing Mount Carmel College, CMR College, and St Joseph's College of Commerce.

The event was successful in building synergy among its participants and providing a fun learning experience. Participants left with valuable memories of the event, which highlighted the importance of working together to achieve common goals.

Platonic Valentine Event

On February 18, 2025, the Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, hosted a Platonic Valentine event at St Joseph's University. Held at the Main Gate with vendor stalls, the event aimed to celebrate the importance of platonic friendships and encourage students to reflect on non-romantic relationships. The event, coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash, had approximately 20 participants.

A variety of interactive activities were organised to engage students and highlight the value of platonic bonds. The stalls created a welcoming environment where students could connect, share experiences, and appreciate the significance

of friendships that are not based on romance. Platonic Valentine provided students with an opportunity to build stronger social connections while promoting the importance of non-romantic relationships in their lives.

The event successfully fostered a sense of community and allowed students to appreciate the value of platonic relationships. It offered an engaging experience and left participants with lasting memories.

Apherodi-tea - Yap and Scrap

The Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, hosted Apherodi-tea with a 'Yap and Scrap' session on March 5, 2025. The event was held in honour of International Women's Day and aimed to promote creativity and mental well-being among students. Attendees were encouraged to wear pink as a symbol of unity and empowerment. The 'Yap and Scrap' session offered participants a chance to reflect on their emotions and experiences in a safe and supportive environment. It encouraged creative expression and allowed students to engage in open conversations about their thoughts and feelings. The event was coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Department of Psychology, who ensured that the session ran smoothly and created an inclusive space for students. With 20 students in attendance, the event provided an opportunity for self-reflection and personal growth.

The session successfully created a space for students to connect, share, and express themselves creatively. It fostered a sense of community and highlighted the importance of mental well-being. Apherodi-tea was a meaningful event that left participants with valuable insights on mental health and personal expression, reinforcing the power of unity and empowerment.

Apherodi-tea - Compliments Day

On March 6, 2025, the Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, hosted Compliments Day. The event, coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Department of Psychology, aimed to spread positivity and kindness within the student community.

A large whiteboard, colourful markers, and

sticky notes were set up in a central location for participants. Students were encouraged to write compliments, either directed to specific individuals or as general affirmations. This simple activity allowed everyone to express gratitude and spread positivity in a creative way.

The event saw participation from 20 students, who actively engaged in writing and sharing compliments. The positive and supportive atmosphere created by the activity helped strengthen connections among students. Compliments Day successfully achieved its goal of promoting kindness and appreciation, leaving participants with a renewed sense of community and positivity.

From Theory to Application

The Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, organized the “From Theory to Application” event from March to April, 2025. The event, coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Department of Psychology, took place in all psychology labs.

The event saw participation from 2,000 students, divided into 60 batches. Students created zines and pamphlets on various psychological topics. They conducted surveys, analysed data, and presented their findings through public demonstrations. The focus of the event was on mental health and emotional intelligence, allowing students to link theoretical knowledge with practical application. The event encouraged creativity, teamwork, and collaboration across different disciplines. It provided an opportunity for students to engage with psychological concepts in a meaningful way and gain a deeper understanding of their real-world relevance. The interactive formats used during the event promoted a sense of community and learning among the participants.

Purple Day: Epilepsy Awareness Campaign

On March 11, 2025, the Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, hosted an event titled Purple Day – Epilepsy Awareness. The event aimed to raise awareness about epilepsy and support those affected by it, in line with the internationally recognised Purple Day. The event was coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Department of Psychology, with 20 students participating.

A desk was set up at the venue, where students received purple ribbons. Members of the Consilium Association explained epilepsy, its impact on individuals, and provided essential first aid information for seizures. The initiative aimed to educate the student body on the importance of recognizing epilepsy and assisting those in need during a seizure.

This initiative played an important role in spreading awareness and fostering a supportive environment for those with epilepsy. The event was successful in creating a space for students to learn, engage, and contribute to a cause that affects many people worldwide.

EEPY Haven: A World Sleep Day Initiative

The Consilium Association, Department of Psychology, organised EEPY Haven on March 11, 2025. Held in observance of World Sleep Day, the event aimed to create a space for students to discuss their sleep habits, experiences, and concerns. The event was coordinated by Ms Sonia Patwardhan and Mr Reghunath Prakash and saw the participation of 20 students.

Participants engaged in conversations about various sleep-related topics, including insomnia, sleep paralysis, and the significance of dreams. They shared personal experiences, recalled memorable dreams, and explored possible reasons why certain dreams stood out. These discussions encouraged self-reflection and increased awareness about the importance of sleep for mental and physical well-being.

The interactive discussions provided a supportive environment for students to learn from one another's experiences. Through open dialogue, EEPY Haven successfully highlighted the need for better sleep practices and created an engaging platform for students to express their thoughts and concerns regarding sleep.

Staff Achievements

Ms Grace Maria Jochan (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Exploring the Intersectionality of Cisgender Queer Women in Non-WEIRD Contexts” in Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities, on December 28, 2024.

Mr Yudhajit Roychowdhury (Assistant Professor)

Secured 99.9 percentile in the UGC NET, qualifying for the Junior Research Fellowship in 2025.

Student Achievements

Aditi Chawla from MSc Counselling Psychology published a paper titled "Exploring the Intersectionality of Cisgender Queer Women in Non-Weird Contexts" in Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities guided by Ms Grace Maria Jochan, on December 28, 2024.

Ms Sherin Raju from II MSc Counselling Psychology cleared the UGC NET with a strong percentile of 97.25.

Department of Sociology

Department Events

Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

Under the guidance of Dr Maria, on July 25, 2024, Social Zest association for the academic year 2024-25 was inaugurated with an investiture ceremony of the core committee. Chief Guest Mr Dushyant Dubey, Founder, BROSEPH Volunteering Organisation, a social worker himself helping millions of people in Bangalore, presided over the programme. The event was held at Xavier Hall.

The event proceeded with an introduction of the Social Zest association by a committee member, following which Dr Maria bestowed badges to the core committee. The new members took an oath of service to the association, promising their best in all activities. The Gusto Magazine for the year was released.

The investiture ceremony also included a cultural program by the students of Sociology, with mesmerizing group dances and a melodious group song. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph.

The International Conference

The Department of Sociology and the Department of Industrial Relations at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted a two-day international conference titled 'Marginalized Communities and

Inclusive Development' on October 25-26, 2024. The programme was coordinated by Dr Maria A, Department of Sociology, and Mr G Anuplal, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Industrial Relations.

The event featured esteemed speakers, including Dr Vivek Kumar, Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, and Dr Abey Rathnayake, Professor in Sociology, University of Peradeniya, who discussed social justice, globalization, and grassroots movements.

Twelve sessions were conducted, and they covered research on inclusion, identity, and social change. Rev Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer and Library Director, St Joseph's University, 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 to promote social equity and justice.

Career Guidance Talk

On March 10, 2025, the Department of Sociology invited Miss Anna Mary, India Foundation for the Arts, and Miss Nisha Anil, Gallagher company, Bengaluru, for a career guidance session. 100 final year students participated in the event, which was held at the AV Room. The speakers were insightful and engaged with the audience. The sessions received positive feedback after the event concluded.

Association Events

Confession Booth

The event was organised by the members of Social Zest, Department of Sociology, on August 1, 2024, in the Arrupe Atrium. The event was organised by Dr Maria, the Faculty Coordinator of Social Zest, and the President and core committee members of Social Zest. The event was kickstarted by the committee members as they wrote down their confessions and pinned them to the board. Students from various departments also participated in the event. Over 200 confessions were received. The event was deemed a success by both the organisers and participants.

Awareness Campaign and Candlelight Vigil for Women's Safety

In light of the RG Kar Medical College case, St Joseph's University organised an awareness campaign and candlelight vigil for the departed victim and sought to raise their voices for improvement in women's safety. Under the Department of Sociology, the Social Zest Association also participated in this campaign.

The campaign began with the students, dressed in black, holding up slogan inscribed placards, following which there was a moment of silent prayer. The Student Council held a series of Nukar Nataks depicting the harsh reality of being a woman. Later a candlelight vigil was held as students paid their respects to the memory of the victim and many others who had lost their lives to violence. Overall, the occasion was a sombre yet meaningful event and saw the participation of students from all walks of life.

Webinar Workshop on Research Paper Writing

The Social Zest Association organised a Webinar Workshop on Research Paper Writing featuring Dr Reetika Syal, a faculty member from the Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ University. The Webinar was hosted on September 25, 2024, on Google Meet and saw over 100 participants in attendance. Dr Syal walked students through the various facets of research paper writing, providing a comprehensive overview of the paper writing process and outcomes.

Movie Screening – Laapataa Ladies

The Social Zest Association coordinated the movie screening of Laapataa Ladies on January 17, 2025, in the AV Room. Over 100 students attended the screening, following the journeys of swapped brides and the deep rooted cultural and religious norms which women must abide by. The film emphasised the importance of women education and empowerment.

Christmas Flashmob

Under the guidance of Dr Maria, Faculty Coordinator of the Social Zest association, a Christmas themed flashmob was organised on December 12, 2024, in Arrupe Atrium. Students performed dances, sang carols in English and regional languages, and engaged with the audience, embodying the spirit of Christmas Cheer. The event was well received by over 150 students from all batches around the campus.



Christmas themed Flashmob

Cinematic Sociology

The Social Zest Association held a five-day movie screening from February 24-28, 2025. The movies screened were La Haine (1995) which explored themes of urban marginalization and systemic inequality; Devi (2016) which depicted religious dogma and patriarchy; Rashomon (1950) which showcased the complex relationship between subjective truth and perception; and Aligarh (2015) which portrayed the themes of LGBTQ+ rights and societal prejudice in Indian Context.

Each screening had an audience of over 100 students, and was a considerable success. The screening concluded with feedback sessions, with many students giving insightful remarks on the choice of the movies, the themes, messages and their impact on the young adults in the audience.

Inter Religious Harmony Flashmob

The Social Zest Association organised an Inter Religious Harmony themed flashmob on March 20, 2025, in Arrupe Atrium. It included cultural performances by the final year students of Economics and Sociology which paid homage to India's unique cultural and social diversity. The event was well received by over 300 students gathered outside to watch the performances.

Staff Achievements

Dr Maria A (Associate Professor)

Invited as Chief Guest at the 78th Independence Day celebration at Little Angel's School, K R Puram, Bengaluru, on August 15, 2024.

Coordinated the PANA exhibit at Elixir, St Joseph's University's annual open day, on August 19, 2024. Completed a six-day State Level Faculty Development Programme organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, B.M.S. College for

Women, Autonomous, Bengaluru, from August 19-24, 2024.

Received an award from the Archbishop of the Karnataka Krista Alpasankyata Jagruti Vedike (R) for completing her PhD in Sociology (Cultural Studies), setting an example to pursue higher education for minority communities, on January 11, 2024.

Chaired a session at the two-day International Conference organised by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Industrial Relations, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, on October 26, 2024.

Appointed as an academic member of the Board of Studies at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore, and St Claret College, Bangalore, where she serves as an academic expert for the Department of Sociology.

Invited as Chief Guest for the graduation ceremony at Auxilium School, Bandapura, Bangalore, on February 10, 2025.

Ms Melissa C Remedios (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a resource person at KLE College, Bangalore, to deliver a talk titled "Law as a powerful Mechanism of Social Control," on August 29, 2024.

Presented a paper titled "A Sociological Analysis on the impact of Social Media and Digital Activism in Feminist Consciousness" in a conference titled "Interrogating Sociology Feminist Re imagination," organised by the Indian Sociological Society on September 20, 2024.

Attended a workshop on Teaching Learning Evaluation on April 15, 2024.

Attended a three-day workshop organised by the Human Resource Development at Ashirwad (JESCOL II) in July 2024.

Attended a workshop on Digital Tools and AI, organised by St Joseph's University in January 2025.

Dr Chandni Bhambhani (Assistant Professor)

Awarded M N Srinivas Memorial Prize in Sociology by Institute for Social and Economic Change,

Bengaluru, for her thesis titled "Delaying or Rejecting Parenthood: Decision-making Process by Couples," which was recognised as the best in the discipline of Sociology from 2019-2024.

Acknowledged in the fieldwork report of the staff and undergraduate students from Seisen University, Tokyo, Japan, for organising interactions with students of St Joseph's University during their visit to Bangalore in September 2024.

Peer reviewed a manuscript titled, "Shouldn't I know if I want to have kids or not?: Reproductive Decision Making in Child Free Established Adults," upon invitation by the Journal of Adult Development in January 2025.

Student achievements

Subeisha S from I HPS presented a paper in the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology, St Joseph's University, from October 25-26, 2024.

Bhoomika C from I HPS presented a paper in the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology, St Joseph's University, from October 25-26, 2024.

A Harshini from I HPS presented a paper in the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology, St Joseph's University, from October 25-26, 2024.

Abhigyan Chanda from III ECSO presented a paper in the international conference hosted by the Department of Sociology, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, from October 25-26, 2024.

A Harshini from I HPS presented a paper in the National Student Seminar, organised by Jain University, Bangalore, from January 30-31, 2025.

Shravan from I HPS presented a paper in the National Student Seminar, organised by Jain University, Bangalore, from January 30-31, 2025.

Abhigyan Chanda from III ECSO presented a paper at the National Conference, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

Dimpi Deka from II HSO presented a paper at the National Conference, organised by Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

Sharunya from III HSO cleared the GATE exam in Sociology with an All India Rank of 24.

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Department of Advanced Computing

Datagram 7.0

Datagram 7.0, an intercollegiate fest conducted by the Sigma Squared Association at the Department of Advanced Computing and School of Information Technology, was a grand success. The two-day programme, held on February 17-18, 2025, at Xavier Hall, saw 205 participants from nine colleges come together to create a competitive and intellectually demanding environment.

The fest was kicked off with an inauguration ceremony under the leadership of Mr Pramod Dsouza, Cofounder of Eagle10 Ventures, and presided over by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology. Their motivating words gave the cue to an interesting and competitive event. The fest included eight technical and non-technical events: Enigma Odyssey, Data Detective, Data Shark, Fireball, Quick Fire Quest, Data Vision, Back Door Breakout, and Young Data Scientist. The fest not only evaluated the technical capabilities of participants, but it also promoted critical thinking and creativity by means of interactive problem-solving exercises.

Following two days of competition, Christ University was declared overall champions, grabbing the highly desired trophy for a third time. The competition successfully created room for knowledge transfer, networking, and cooperation amongst future data enthusiasts.



Participants and organisers of Datagram 7.0 celebrate a successful intercollegiate fest.

Incognito

The Analytica 2025 inauguration ceremony took place on February 24, 2025. The event marked the beginning of the annual Analytica fest, which brings together students and universities from various regions to showcase their talents and innovations in the field of data analytics. A total of eight competitive events (technical and non-technical) were conducted on February 24-25, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The valedictory ceremony of Incognito marked the grand conclusion of the fest, celebrating two days of exciting events and competitions.

The event commenced with an address to the audience, acknowledging the hard work and enthusiasm of all participants, organisers, and volunteers. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr Sajani Anand, Chief Architect, Cognitive Network Solution, TCS, and Dr Shivali Agarwal, Senior Technical Staff Member, IBM Research, as the chief guests. This was followed by the much-awaited prize distribution ceremony, recognising winners from various events, including Bid Wars, Code Hunters, Mobile Gaming, Meme-a-Thon, EDA, HR, Tech Tank, and Treasure Hunt. The chief guests personally handed out the certificates and awards, congratulating the winners for their achievements.



Dr Sajani Anand addresses the audience at the inauguration of Analytica 2025.

Staff Achievements

Dr Sivakannan S (Assistant Professor)

Edited a book titled Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia Information Processing: Tools and Applications, published by Taylor & Francis Group, 2024.

Published a paper titled “A Novel CNN-RNN-LSTM Framework for Predictive Cardiovascular Diagnostics of Aortic Stenosis in a Large Scale 12-Lead ECG Dataset” in Communications on Applied Nonlinear Analysis, 2025.

Published a paper titled “Utilizing AI: Early Diagnosis and Risk Assessment of Cardiovascular Diseases: The Emphasis on Machine Learning and Deep Learning” in the ‘First International Conference on Software, Systems and Information Technology (SSITCON),’ IEEE, 2024.

Published a paper titled “Deep ECG Net: A Novel Architecture for Aortic Stenosis Detection using optimized Temporal Convolutional Network (TCN) with Attention Mechanism” in Frontiers in Health Informatics, 2024.

Organised an Internal Hackathon on September 11, 2024, at St Joseph’s University, which was graced by the presence of Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology; Dr B G Prasanthi, Associate Dean, School of Information Technology; and Dr B Nithya, Assistant Professor; Dr Sivakannan served as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the Smart India Hackathon-24 and provided a comprehensive overview of the programme’s objectives and significance.

Mr Francis Densil Raj V (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “A Novel CNN-RNN-LSTM Framework for Predictive Cardiovascular Diagnostics of Aortic Stenosis in a Large Scale 12-Lead ECG Dataset” in Communications on Applied Nonlinear Analysis, 2025.

Published a paper titled “Utilizing AI: Early Diagnosis and Risk Assessment of Cardiovascular Diseases: The Emphasis on Machine Learning and Deep Learning” in the ‘First International Conference on Software, Systems and Information Technology (SSITCON),’ IEEE, 2024.

Published a paper titled “Deep ECG Net: A Novel

Architecture for Aortic Stenosis Detection using optimized Temporal Convolutional Network (TCN) with Attention Mechanism” in Frontiers in Health Informatics, 2024.

Published a paper titled “Ear image classification using picture augmentation and Relu” in AIP Conference Proceedings, March 2025.

Dr Asha K (Assistant Professor)

Published a book chapter titled “Detection of Fake News on Elections Using a Machine Learning Approach” in Text and Social Media Analytics for Fake News and Hate Speech Detection, published by Chapman and Hall/CRC.

Published a paper titled “Novel and Comprehensive Performance Metric for Identifying Sports Talent in IPL T20 Cricket Match” in Recent Trends in Sports Engineering, March 2025, at Springer, Singapore.

Published a paper titled “Ear image classification using picture augmentation and Relu” in the Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Intelligent Computing (IConIC2K23) in AIP Conference Proceedings, March 2025.

Invited as a reviewer for the ‘Sixth International Conference on Advances in Distributed Computing and Machine Learning (ICADCML 2025),’ January 9-10, 2025, organised by NTUST, Taiwan.

Dr Sanjay Dutta (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Networks under deep uncertainty concerning food security” at the New Economic Association, 2024.

Reviewer for OPSEARCH, Springer, India, WoS, Scopus indexed.

Delivered an online talk on the topic ‘Decision Making under Uncertainty’ held on January 7, 2025, College of Natural and Computational Science, Hawassa University, Ethiopia.

Ms Jeshma Nishitha Dsouza (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Forecasting Total Dissolved Solids to Predict Ground Water Quality Using Machine Learning Techniques” in ‘IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing, VLSI, Electrical Circuits and Robotics

(DISCOVER), 2024.

Student Achievements

Harshid M of II BCADA won a gold medal in Taekwondo and silver in Poomase at Vifa Open National Championship held at Malleswaram Rotary Club, Bangalore on January 26, 2025.

S Agarwal, L A R M and S Dutta presented a paper titled "Improvising Language Conversation – Hindi & Urdu," at the '2025 IEEE International Students' Conference on Electrical, Electronics and Computer Science (SCEECS)', Bhopal, India, 2025.

Caroline Judy A and Syed Hammad won the Best Paper Award at 'International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology 2025 (ICCTIT-2025)' for their work titled "Remote Sensing for Flood Mapping with Sentinel-1 SAR Imagery."

Department of Computer Science

Departmental Events

International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology

The School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, successfully hosted a two-day conference titled 'International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology (ICCTIT-2025)'. The conference witnessed the participation of nearly 150 scholars on March 10 and 11, 2025.

The inaugural session featured a welcome address by Dr Annie Syrien, Convenor of the International Conference. Pro-Vice-Chancellors Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias underscored the importance of computer science in academic contexts. Subsequently, Chief Guest Mr Thandava Popuri, Senior Director at Dell Technologies, delivered a keynote on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and industry trends. Dr BG Prasanthi, Head of the Department of Computer Science, concluded the inaugural session.

The first day featured a keynote on 'Current Trends in IT and AI in Healthcare.' A technical session on 'Next generation trends on Cybersecurity'

was led by Dr K Gopalakrishnan, Professor at LICET, followed by research presentations. On the second day, Dr Ruban from St Aloysius University, Mangalore, delivered a talk on 'Advances in Healthcare Technology – Research and Reality Insights into AI,' while Dr Dileep Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Hansard University, Nigeria, spoke on 'Industrial Revolution and Technology Advancements.'

The conference concluded with a valedictory session featuring prominent speakers including Fr Denzil Lobo, Director, School of Information Technology, Dr Srinivas Katharguppe, Chief Guest, and Mr Terrence Andrade, Senior Production Operations at AMD. ICCTIT-2025 served as a crucial platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and industry-academia collaboration, offering valuable insights into the future of technology.



The Department of Computer Science successfully coordinated the International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology, featuring recent advances and eminent scholars from the field.

Guest Talk: Colors of Astronomy, On Campus Bangalore

The Department of Computer Science – Shift III – collaborated with the Department of Physics to organise a guest lecture on Colours of Astronomy. 70 students from II BCA attended the talk, which was held at Conference Hall 2, Magis Block, St Joseph's University, on March 5, 2025.

The resource person for the talk, Dr Margarita Safonova is a passionate scientist with a deep love for comets. She has captured images of comets and has studied its course. Dr Safonova explained how celestial bodies are studied by various telescopes under various imaging techniques and how images are processed through softwares like Aladdin. Additionally, she shared links to various sites which would help students explore more

about astronomy.

Students benefitted from the talk as colour-related concepts are used extensively in multimedia applications. Further Dr Safonova's expert perspective was immensely informative and inspiring.

Guest Talk: Music to the Ears, On Campus Bangalore

The Department of Computer Science – Shift III – organised a guest lecture titled Music to the Ears on February 18, 2025. Guest speaker Fr Robin engaged 100 II BCA students. The talk commenced with Fr Robin introducing the concept of generalism. He elaborated on its significance, emphasising the importance of having a broad knowledge base across multiple disciplines rather than specialising in just one area.

A key segment of the workshop was the explanation of ADDA (Analog-to-Digital and Digital-to-Analog) Conversion, with a deep dive into the principles and applications of these conversions, particularly in technological fields. Fr Robin then mesmerised the audience by beatboxing and playing a variety of instruments, showcasing how rhythm and coordination can enhance cognitive skills and creative expression.

Additionally, he shared valuable points with the students, encouraging them to broaden their intellectual horizons. The workshop was a resounding success, leaving the students enriched with new knowledge, skills, and inspiration.



Technophite and Cybernetics organised Synatxia 2025, an inter-collegiate fest featuring a variety of events.

Seminar on Demystifying Generative AI: From Text to Images and Beyond

On February 27, 2025, the Department of Computer Science at St Joseph's University organised a seminar titled 'Demystifying Generative AI: From Text to Images and Beyond,' featuring Mr Gourav Sharma, an AWS Technical Account Manager, as the resource person. 72 participants attended the session, which was held at the Conference Hall, Magis Block.

Mr Sharma began by explaining the definition of Machine Learning and the key drivers of AI. He elaborated on essential Generative AI terms, focusing on the importance of choosing appropriate models for ethical and efficient AI deployment. Mr Sharma also informed students of job titles in Generative AI, offering insights into potential career paths.

The session concluded with an interactive debate session, where students engaged in meaningful discussions, gaining deeper insights into the subject. Mr Sharma also encouraged students to stay curious, adaptable, and open to learning in the rapidly evolving field of AI. The seminar was an enriching experience, equipping attendees with a strong foundational understanding of Generative AI and its vast potential.

Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights & Patents and Design Filing

The Department of Computer Science – Shift III – coordinated an online workshop on intellectual property rights and patents and design filing on January 9, 2025, with 140 participants. The session commenced with a welcome address by Ms Junaida Muneer, Department of Computer Science, St Joseph's University. She introduced the resource person, Dr Bharat N Suryawanshi, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, RGNIIPM, Nagpur. Dr. Suryawanshi began his presentation with a detailed explanation of Intellectual Property (IP) and its significance. He then elucidated the steps involved in filing patents and designs, highlighting key legal procedures and best practices to ensure successful filings. The interactive session concluded with a Q&A segment where Dr Suryawanshi addressed participants' queries. Ms Sruthi Surendaran, Department of Computer Science, delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop successfully raised awareness about the significance of intellectual property

protection and equipped participants with practical knowledge of the patent and design registration process.

Talk on Indian Startup Ecosystem

On January 15, 2025, St Joseph's University hosted an enriching seminar aimed at fostering entrepreneurial spirit among students. The event was graced by two eminent speakers, Mr Sathvik Narayan, Founder, MD @Blue Ticks Innovations Pvt Ltd, and Ms Chitra, who shared their valuable insights into startup ideas and the significance of entrepreneurship in today's dynamic economy.

Mr Narayan delivered an inspiring talk about the government schemes designed to support young entrepreneurs and began the session by emphasising the importance of taking calculated risks when venturing into entrepreneurship. He provided a detailed overview of various funding programmes, subsidies, and mentorship opportunities, empowering students to turn their business ideas into reality. An engaging Q&A session followed, where students posed questions about navigating entrepreneurial challenges and leveraging government resources effectively.

The insights shared by Mr 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.



Fr Robin enraptured the audience with his musical talents.

Visit to SAP

The Industrial visit to SAP on September 26, 2024, aimed to expose students to the work environment and become aware of the latest trends in the market. The 40 students were enlightened especially about Joule SAP's Business AI tool and how AI is revolutionising business.

Mr Abishek, Director, REACH SAP, guided students throughout the visit. A demonstration was made to showcase the ease with which an application can be built. The students were made aware that the machines could be automated to do repetitive work while programmers could focus on developing business logic based on customers' needs.

This visit also emphasised the importance of being strong with fundamental concepts and programming ability, which are essential skills for industry-readiness.



Students from the Department of Computer Science participated in an industrial visit to SAP, guided by Mr Abhishek.

Infosys Springboard Official Visit to SJU Campus

On September 30, 2024, Infosys Springboard officials visited St Joseph's University to discuss the benefits of the online courses provided by their platform with students, the Registrar, and the Director, School of Information Technology. The session for students focused on the benefits of the various skill-based courses on the platform, particularly in the context of industry readiness. The Infosys officials also interacted with the Registrar and the Director to discuss ongoing and potential collaborations, as well as to review benefits of the students using online courses relevant to specific areas. The visit successfully opened doors to further such initiatives between the university and Infosys Springboard.

Hands-On workshop on Big Data Processing with Hadoop, Pig, and Hive

On October 7, 2024, the Department of Computer Science, St Joseph's University hosted a workshop on Big Data, Hadoop, Hive, and Pig. The event, attended by 24 participants, aimed to discuss the evolving landscape of big data, its applications, and the associated challenges, and was held at the Conference Room. The session was moderated by

Dr Annie Syrien, Department of Computer Science. Mr Puneeth, Lead Software Engineer, Databricks, led the session. He discussed topics ranging from data engineering to image clarity, demonstrating the role of big data processing through various examples. Mr Puneeth also walked participants through the origin of big data and the applications used. An interactive session followed, including hands-on practice with tools like Hive, Pig, and Sqoop.

The seminar concluded with a heartfelt note of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speakers, organisers, and participants for their valuable contributions. Participants gained a deeper understanding of how big data impacts various sectors and the innovations it can drive.

College to Corporate Transition

The Department of Computer Science hosted Mr Harsha Vardhan Singh, Talent Incubation, Wipro, on September 23, 2024, to deliver a talk on college to corporate transition. The seminar provided 70 students with valuable insights on transitioning from academic life to the corporate world, and was held at Conference Room 2, Magis Block, St Joseph's University. Ms Saranya, Department of Computer Science, coordinated the event.

Mr Singh shared practical advice on how students can prepare for the professional challenges ahead, addressing challenges to youth in the present-day corporate context. He focused on the importance of accountability and personal responsibility to build trust with colleagues and superiors. SAP was emphasised as an essential tool to maintain competitive advantage, following which Mr Singh discussed Enterprise Resource Planning and its role in business productivity.

A Q&A session followed, where students asked various questions about industry trends, skills required in corporate environments, and how they can better prepare for the transition from college to work life. The seminar was a resounding success, providing attendees with critical knowledge about bridging the gap between academia and industry.

Internship Talk

On December 4, 2024, Mr Ram Kumar, Rubixe, visited the Department of Computer Science to speak about internship opportunities at Rubixe. The session was attended by 72 students in

the Conference Hall, and coordinated by Dr Puneeth Kumar and Ms Sara Kutty, Department of Computer Science. Mr Kumar discussed the internship offer for final-year BCA students in the fields of AI and Cyber Security. He introduced Rubixe and its mission statement, followed by a description of internship-specifics. Mr Kumar assured students of guidance throughout the internship by mentors, with assessments to test their learning. The session successfully exposed students to new opportunities to work in the field of computer science and enhance their skills.

Introduction to AWS certifications and AWS Academy Learner Lab course

AWS Academy conducted an online webinar aimed at enhancing students' knowledge about AWS Certifications and the AWS Learner Lab. The session was led by Ms Akansha Rai Sharma, Technical Programme Manager AWS Academy, on September 16, 2024, with 64 attendees.

The webinar began with a brief introduction to AWS, outlining its formation and evolution. The speaker emphasised the growing significance of AWS certifications for students, with a detailed overview of the different AWS certification levels. Ms Sharma also shared an extensive list of learning resources to help students prepare for their certification exams, as well as preparation strategies. The session also included example questions for hands-on practice. The latter part of the webinar was dedicated to the AWS Learner Lab, detailing technical aspects and describing how to best use the platform.

The session concluded with a Q&A segment, where students had the opportunity to ask questions related to AWS certifications and the Learner Lab. Overall, the webinar was highly informative and engaging, offering valuable insights on how to pursue AWS certifications and gain practical, hands-on experience with AWS technologies.



Officials from Infosys interacted with students, the Registrar, and the Director of the School of Information Technology.

Association Events

Syntaxia

Cybernetics and Technophite, the associations from the Department of Computer Science, hosted Syntaxia 2025, an inter-college fest, on January 16 and 17, 2025, celebrating innovation, collaboration, and talent. The event was inaugurated by chief guest Mr Ashok Pereira, a renowned technologist, along with dignitaries including Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology; Dr BG Prashanti, Head of the Department of Computer Science; and Dr Nithya B, Dr Shashikala D, and Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya, Department of Computer Science.

The programme commenced with a welcome speech by the organising committee, followed by the introduction of guests and their achievements. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp involved all dignitaries, the Cybernetics President, and the Technophite Vice-President.

Mr Pereira delivered an inspiring keynote on focusing on product development and technologies that connect people and grow businesses, resonating strongly with students. Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, emphasised ethical responsibility in technology and artificial intelligence.

The event concluded with the National Anthem. A heartfelt vote of thanks acknowledged the efforts of the organisers and esteemed guests. The grand inauguration set the stage for a celebration filled with creativity, intellect, and collaboration.

Syntaxia's Valedictory Ceremony

The valedictory ceremony of the inter-college event, Syntaxia, was conducted with grandeur by the Cybernetics and Technophite associations on January 17, 2025. 228 students from across India participated in the undergraduate competitions. Fr Denzil Lobo, Dr BG Prashanthi, Dr Shashikala D, Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya, and Dr Nithya graced the occasion.

A recap video showcasing event highlights was presented by both associations. The association presidents delivered speeches and invited the core committee on stage for recognition. Students excelled in various technical and non-technical events, promoting creativity and teamwork. Competitions included coding challenges, quizzes, and project presentations.

Kristu Jayanti College emerged as the overall champions with consistent excellence. The event fostered a spirit of healthy competition and knowledge sharing. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks. Syntaxia reinforced the importance of teamwork, innovation, and continuous learning.

Faculty Achievements

Dr BG Prasanthi (Associate Dean)

Chaired a session at a national conference titled 'Emerging trends in information technology,' organised by DSCASC on March 14, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO based competent levy flight scheduling algorithm for cloud (EHPSOLF)," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a book titled Cryptography and network security-Principles and practices in IGI Publishing House in September 2024.

Felicitated by Mr Manjunath, Member of Parliament at Oxford Medical College and Research Centre at a white coat ceremony for a talk titled "Importance and responsibilities of white coat."

Delivered a guest lecture titled "Cyber security in E-commerce," at Surana College, on November 4, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Web enabled air quality monitoring system," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published an Indian Patent for Block Chain Based Security Chip.

Published a paper titled "Enhancing IoT Quality of Service using Dynamic Framework and Streamlined Algorithm," in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, on August 7, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Evolutionary trends in digital marketing: The impact of social media strategies," in Business, Management and Economics Engineering, on January 11, 2025.

Published a paper titled "A Survey of Generative Artificial Intelligence and its Applications," in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, on August 7,

2024.

Dr B Nithya (Assistant Professor)

Published a book titled Cryptography and network security-Principles and practices in IGI Publishing House in September 2024.

Published an Indian Patent for Block Chain Based Security Chip.

Published a paper titled "Block chain espoused adaptive multiscale dual attention network with quadrennium fractional order meixemer moments encryption for cyber security in wireless communication networks," in Springer, on February 21, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Web enabled air quality monitoring system" in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO based competent levy flight scheduling algorithm for cloud (EHPSOLF)," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "A Lexical Model for Automated Essay Evaluation System Using Ensemble Learning Techniques," in IEEE Explorer, in October 2024.

Delivered a talk on Swarm Intelligence at HKBK Degree College, on November 6, 2024.

Participated in a five-day online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Satellite Image Analysis-Matlab & Python Perspective,' conducted by the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, CMR Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, from November 25-29, 2024.

Ms Banu M (Assistant Professor)

Keynote speaker for an international webinar titled 'Impact of Information Technology on Disabilities in the Era of Artificial Intelligence,' organised by Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysore, on December 8, 2024.

Participated in a one-day national level workshop

on Outcome Based Education organised by NMKRV Women's College, Bangalore, on January 28, 2025. Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare' held at St Joseph's University from November 4-9, 2024.

Invited as Guest of Honour for an international webinar organised by Voice of Differently Abled Persons, Afghanistan, and Saraswathi Law College, Chitradurga, India, on February 23, 2025.

Ms Sandhya N (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Web enabled air quality monitoring system," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO based competent levy flight scheduling algorithm for cloud (EHPSOLF)," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence as a copilot in bridging the gap between Academia and Industry,' at Surana College Autonomous, held from November 25-30, 2024.

Dr Shashikala D (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Detection of COVID 19 using lung Xray images by seeded region growing method a machine learning approach," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Detection of skin cancer using LBP-GLCM and machine learning approach," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Dr AM Bojamma (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Novel Deep Learning Approaches for Automated Taxonomic Identification of Plant Species of the Western Ghats Region," in IEEE Xplore, in October 2024.

Published a paper titled "A Lexical Model for Automated Essay Evaluation System Using Ensemble Learning Techniques," in IEEE Xplore, in October 2024.

Published a paper titled "Detection of skin cancer using LBP-GLCM and machine learning approach,"

in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.
Published a paper titled "Detection of COVID 19 using lung Xray images by seeded region growing method a machine learning approach," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Participated in an online NPTEL workshop titled 'Developing leadership and Employability through Soft Skills in a Digital Age,' on December 7 and 8, 2024.

Participated in a five-day online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Satellite Image Analysis-Matlab & Python Perspective,' conducted by the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, CMR Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, from November 25-29, 2024.

Mr Selwyn Paul J (Assistant Professor)

Attended a five-day online FDP titled 'Empowering Cybersecurity Through Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning,' organised by OP Jindal University, from December 16-20, 2024.

Dr Puneeth Kumar BS (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Detection of skin cancer using LBP-GLCM and machine learning approach," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Detection of COVID 19 using lung Xray images by seeded region growing method a machine learning approach," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,' at St Joseph's University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Ms Sara Kutty (Assistant Professor)

Invited as resource person for a workshop on Power BI, organised by MSW – HR Forum, St. Joseph's University, on February 3, 2025.

Delivered a talk titled "The Impact of AI on Employability & Workforce," at VET First Grade College, on December 16, 2024.

Delivered a seminar on AWS at HKBK Degree College, on December 5, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Web enabled air quality monitoring system," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Enhanced PSO based competent levy flight scheduling algorithm for cloud (EHPSOLF)," in AIP Conference Proceedings, on March 10, 2025.

Participated in a five-day Faculty Development Programme titled 'Generative AI & The Future of Network Security: Emerging Trends,' organised by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Guru Nanak Institutions Technical Campus (Autonomous), Hyderabad, from March 24-28, 2025

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence as a copilot in bridging the gap between Academia and Industry,' at Surana College Autonomous, held from November 25-30, 2024.

Dr Periyasamy P (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "A Rule-Generative Predictive Clustering Model For Thyroid Prediction Using Learning Approaches," in the International Journal of Electrical Systems (JES), in 2024.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,' at St Joseph's University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Published a paper titled "A Review on the Analysis of the Effectiveness of Permission-Based Security Models in Android Apps," in the Proceedings of the International Conference on Circuit Power and Computing Technologies (ICCPCT), 2025.

Dr Deepa Nagalavi (Assistant Professor)

Published an Indian patent for the work titled "Device for detection of diabetic neuropathy," on September 23, 2024.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,' at St Joseph's University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Dr Annie Syrien (Assistant Professor)

Received Puraskara-2024 on successful

completion of her PhD.

Mr Timothy Paul (Assistant Professor)

Delivered a talk at the orientation programme organised by Indian Academy Degree College.

Delivered a talk titled “AI in teaching process,” at St Joseph’s Pre-University College, on October 22, 2024.

Attended a training programme titled ‘National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission,’ organised by the Department of Computer Science, St Joseph’s University, on January 9, 2025.

Presented a paper titled “Enhancing Pulmonary Edema Detection in Chest X-ray,” at the ‘International Conference on Computational Intelligence (ICCI 2025),’ organised on February 27, 2025.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled ‘Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,’ at St Joseph’s University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “Integrating Deep Learning and Multimodal Data for Enhanced ADHD Prediction and Management,” at ‘the National conference on Viksit Bharat @2047: Innovative Revolution & Reshaping the future on Global Business landscape in Multidisciplinary sectors,’ organised by Kristu Jayanti College, on January 28, 2025.

Presented a paper titled “Prediction of Pulmonary Edema using Deep Learning model,” at ‘the National conference on Viksit Bharat @2047: Innovative Revolution & Reshaping the future on Global Business landscape in Multidisciplinary sectors,’ organised by Kristu Jayanti College, on January 28, 2025.

Participated in a national workshop on capacity building for the early career researchers organised by iRISE, IISER, from January 29-31, 2025.

Mr Melwyn Amrithraj (Assistant Professor)

Delivered a talk titled “Code Collab: Team Building,” at St Pauls College, on September 3, 2024.

Ms Shalini S (Assistant Professor)

Cleared the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) in 2025.

Attended a three-day seminar on Jesuit Lay Collaboration, organised by JESCOL, from November 4-6, 2024.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled ‘Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,’ at St Joseph’s University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Mr Mohammed Mueen Pasha M (Assistant Professor)

Was granted an Indian patent for the work titled “IOT BASED AGRICULTURE FARM ANALYZING ROBOTIC VEHICLE.”

Dr Mithun D’Souza (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Proactive Energy Management for Renewable-Integrated Smart Grids with Real-Time Optimization using a Novel Hybrid PSO-GA Algorithm,” in IEEE Xplore, 2024.

Published a paper titled “Enhancing Tuberculosis Diagnosis and Treatment Outcomes: A Stacked Loopy Decision Tree Approach Empowered by Moth Search Algorithm Optimization,” in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (IJACSA), 2024.

Published a paper titled “Multiclass Osteoporosis Detection: Enhancing Accuracy with Woodpecker-Optimized CNN XGBoost,” in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (IJACSA), 2024.

Granted an Indian patent for the work titled “Device for detection of diabetic neuropathy,” on September 23, 2024.

Published a book titled Cloud Computing Unveiled: A Detailed Exploration of Paradigms, Services, And Industry Solutions, in Inspiring Spoorthi Publisher.

Published a paper titled “Hybrid Deep Learning Framework for Dynamic and Energy-Efficient Workload Migration in Cloud Computing Environments,” in ‘2024 International Conference on Communication, Control, and Intelligent

Systems (CCIS), Mathura, India, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Optimized Virtual Machine Scheduling for Green Cloud Computing Using MLP-LSTM with Sheep Flock Optimization," in '2024 International Conference on Communication, Control, and Intelligent Systems (CCIS), Mathura, India, 2024.

Delivered a talk titled "Insights of Big Data Analytics: An Introduction to NoSQL, MapReduce, Hadoop, Pig, and Hive," at NIE First Grade College, Mysore, on September 12, 2024.

Participated in IP Awareness/Training programme under National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission, on January 09, 2025, organised by Intellectual Property Office, India.

Completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme titled 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions in Healthcare,' at St Joseph's University, from November 4-9, 2024.

Reviewer in the 'International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Health Care (ICAIHC - 2025),' organised by the School of Information Science and Technology, AIMIT, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, Karnataka, India on March 20, 2025.

Dr Manivannan T (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "A Survey of Generative Artificial Intelligence and its Applications," in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, on August 7, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Enhancing IoT Quality of Service using Dynamic Framework and Streamlined Algorithm," in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, on August 7, 2024.

Granted an Indian patent for the work titled "Device for detection of diabetic neuropathy," on September 23, 2024.

Delivered a talk at a Hands-on Workshop on Arduino and Sensors, at Jain University, on October 9, 2024.

Chaired a session at the 'National Conference on Data Science and Machine Learning,' at St Joseph College of Arts and Science for Women, on

September 24, 2024.

Participated in the 'International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare,' organised by St Aloysius College, on March 20, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme titled "Digital Teaching Tools," organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee, St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Chaired a session at the 'International conference on current trends in information technology,' organised by the School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, on March 10, 2025.

Attended the Board of Studies meeting for Vocational Education Courses at Don Bosco College, on January 16, 2025.

Attended the Board of Studies meeting for Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence at Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), on October 16, 2024.

Ms Pooja A (Assistant Professor)

Cleared the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) in 2025.

Was awarded a gold medal for her academic record.

Attended a three-day seminar on Jesuit Lay Collaboration, organised by JESCOL, from November 4-6, 2024.

Participated in a national seminar titled 'Role of Technology and Media for a Smart and Sustainable Future,' organised by Presidency College (Autonomous), on March 15, 2025.

Dr Selvaperumal P (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Enhancing IOT Quality of service using Dynamic Framework and Streamlined algorithm," in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, on August 7, 2024.

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“Device for detection of diabetic neuropathy,” on September 23, 2024.

Published a book titled Fundamentals of IOT, in Scientific International Publishing House.

Completed ‘NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme,’ under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC), held from February 10-19, 2025, organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph’s University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Attended a three-day seminar on Jesuit Lay Collaboration, organised by JESCOL, from November 4-6, 2024.

Ms Junaida Nallakkandy (Assistant Professor)

Attended a training programme titled ‘National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission,’ organised by the Department of Computer Science, St Joseph’s University, on January 9, 2025.

Attended a five-day online FDP titled ‘Empowering Cybersecurity Through Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning,’ organised by OP Jindal University, from December 16-20, 2024.

Participated in a national level webinar titled ‘NIRF Rankings: Understanding Parameters & Strategies for Improvement,’ organised by IQAC, St Joseph’s Degree & PG College, on November 19, 2024.



The College-to-Corporate seminar, led by Mr Harsha Vardhan Singh, enlightened students about potential challenges and technical requirements.



Mr Ram Kumar, Rubixe Technologies, offered internship opportunities to final-year BCA students from St Joseph’s University.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Department of English

Department events

Featuring with Aisiri Amin

In October 2024, journalist and writer Aisiri Amin visited St Joseph's University 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 second- and third-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 Department of English in conversation with Reuters journalist, Rohit R. Check Yourself was a workshop centred on 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 R was also in conversation with III JPY students about business journalism, and the perils and panache that come with being a business journalist. The session was two 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 participants.

A collaboration with Oorvani Foundation

In 2024, the Department of English signed a Memorandum of Understanding 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 continued till April 2025. The cohort of 15 students produced 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.

Association events

Reading Room (Sandbox Collective)

Reading Room was conducted at Studio 345, a creative space by Sandbox Collective in Cooke Town, September 23, 2024. Ms Vijeta Kumar, Department of English, led the session, speaking about the book All Fours by Miranda July. The session began with a short introduction to the work. Ms Kumar then 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. The session ended with encouragement to read the book, and to explore the Feminist Library by Sandbox Collective, in the same space.

Writing Desk (Ms Cynthia)

The first writing desk of the even semester was organised on December 9, 2024, in A314. Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah, Department of English, 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.' Ms Cynthia spoke about her experiences with insomnia and shared songs describing the same. The event had an attendance of approximately 30 students, who were given about 20 minutes to expand on the prompts. After writing, participants shared their entries while everyone listened keenly. The event provided students a platform to explore writing in new arenas.

Dear X

On January 13, 2025, 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, Department of English. The event centred 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 15 minutes to write their letters in 350 words. The event fostered creative writing among the participants, who wrote letters to Tun Tun Mausi, Naruto, and Andrea Jeremiah, among others. The participants addressed classic heroes as well as contemporary favourites, and the range of choices showcased the participants' diverse tastes.

Reading Room (Ken Liu)

Mr Pranava VS conducted a Reading Room session on January 20, 2025, where he focused on Ken Liu's piece, *The Paper Menagerie*. He began by introducing the piece and how he 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 anecdote, emphasising 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)

In the Reading Room session on January 27, 2025, organised by the Literary Society and the Linguistics Society, a student from III PSCE described her experience with *Ella Minnow Pea*. To draw the audience into Mark Dunn's strange island of disappearing letters, the speaker 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 explained how this has parallels with the divine source theory of language. The speaker said the book made her ask many questions about a language she otherwise takes for granted, such as "What would you do if you had to rethink every letter before you use it?"

Reading Room (George Saunders)

Ms Nikhita Thomas led the Reading Room February 3, 2025. She began by introducing her disinterest in science fiction, with one exception:

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. She talked about George Saunders, his love for his students, and the growing dispassion she observed in his work. 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. Ms Thomas expressed her opinions about how, when writers grow older, they stop having fun. "They think they have to be serious now." The session inspired participants to think about what it means to grow old with writing while still having fun.

Writing Desk and Trading Tuesday

A Writing Desk session was conducted in collaboration with the Linguistics Society on March 11, 2025. 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 St Joseph's University Essay Prize, 'Small Differences.' Students shared pet peeves that plagued their everyday friendships, and made them a little angrier at their close friends. The event effectively gave participants a platform to discuss the themes of the essay contests.

META 2025

The 13th edition of Meta – the Josephite festival of literature – was conducted between March 21 and 28, 2025, with the theme this year was 'Hands Up!', a nod to the spirit of students and student-volunteers who make teaching and learning fun. Meta 2025 featured interactions with writers Vanamala Vishwanatha, Praveen Kumar G, Srikar Raghavan, Shalini Srinivasan, Srinath Perur, and Peggy Mohan.

Filmmaker Suneel Raghavendra's 2016 film *Putta Tirugisi Nodu* was screened in the auditorium followed by a conversation between him and Mr Pranava VS, Department of English. The Bangalore-based Arts Collective, Sandbox, hosted an exhibition of *The Feminist Library* on the fourth day of Meta, where students were in conversation with the co-founder Shiva Pathak. 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.

This edition of Meta featured four flagship contests: the Fr Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution, the Prof TRH Peck Memorial Lecture, Just-a-Minute (JAM), and the annual SJU Prize for the Personal Essay. 'Dragonflies Move, Still' written by Delhi-based activist, researcher, and writer, Sakshi Nain Bishnoi, was the overall winner in the essay contest. 'The Law of Recognition' by Salini Johnson, a 1 year LLB (Hons) student from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru was awarded the college winner.

This week-long celebration was concluded with a surprise JAM event with faculty members as participants. Volunteers, office-bearers, and faculty members came together to coordinate this fest, raising the bar quite enthusiastically for the next edition.

Tiegrab

TieGrab, the annual quizzing festival organised by SJU Quizzers, 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.

Open and Collegiate Quizzes

SJU Quizzers hosted 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 Yearling,' 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. Several themed weekly in-house quizzes for students with themes ranging from 'Fast and Curious' to 'Quiz for the stars' were also organised, as well as short quizzes for the third shift like 'Street Play,' a quiz on gully games.

Practice Sessions

SJU Quizzers held practice sessions to inculcate interest in quizzing. For those who were already avid quizzers, the space served to make new team ups possible to represent the college in other, open and collegiate, quizzes. St Joseph's University also hosted several popular inter and intra-collegiate quizzes such as 'Spentagram' and 'Jaane Two' respectively. This 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 led to a collaboration between the quiz club and Sandbox Collective at their annual Gender Bender festival, where the faculty coordinators of the association hosted 'Queerabouts,' a quiz on Sridevi, Shah Rukh Khan, Silk Smitha, and Rekha.

Weekly Activities

The Linguistics Society organised puzzling events and cryptic code cracking on every Tuesday, under a session titled 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. These sessions helped students develop interest in linguistics concepts through engaging puzzles.

Lang Time No See

The Linguistics Society had their first 'Lang Time No See' for this semester on September 24, 2024, in A314, with about 25 students in attendance. This year's 'Lang Time No See' was in Urdu and its dialect, Dakhni, with speakers of the language serving as panellists. They described their relationship with Urdu and Dakhni, followed by the history and its variants. The event was filled with the insightful discussions on language identity and dialects.

The second 'Lang Time No See' session this semester was small gathering of 15 people on October 8, 2024. Three students spoke about their mother tongue Ladakhi. They concluded with a fun slide on playful insults. This event served to bring lesser discussed dialects under the spotlight.

First Ever Onde Ondu Idiom!

On December 10, 2024, the Linguistics Society introduced a new event 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. One partner read out the word class of the blanked-out words from each idiom while the other 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 7 teams participating. V2R1 requires teams to think on their feet, and make sentences with just one word per person at a time to 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. Ms Amritha, Department of English, was the judge for the event.

Skibidi Sonnets

Skibidi Sonnets was conducted by the Literary Society in collaboration with the Linguistics Society in A314, on December 16, 2024. Participants were given Sonnet 18 by Shakespeare and were asked to replace certain words in the sonnet with Gen Z slang. There was 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, Department of English, announcing the rules. The event attracted a turnout of around 60 participants. The prelims concluded with 10 qualifiers, who advanced to the finals scheduled for later in the day.

The Spelling Bee Finals took place in the Communicative English Lab. Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, adjudicated the finals with an overview of the rules and stakes, heightening the anticipation. The event was successful in turning spelling into a fun, rather than arduous, activity.

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.

Spellunked

Spellunked took place on February 18, 2025, 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 finals were hosted by Dr Arul Mani.

What's The Good Word?

'What's The Good Word?' took place on February 19, 2025. Fifteen teams gathered in A314 to put their vocabulary skills to the test. A fast-paced game where quick thinking and linguistic prowess were the keys to victory.

Punny Kutty

Punny Kutty was conducted on February 19, 2025, in A310. Ms Gayathri, Department of English, judged the event, which had nine members trying to pun their way to the top. The first round gave each participant prompts to base their puns on. For the second round, the participants were asked to speak about themselves or anything they had in mind.

Anaphora at SomeAntics

On February 20, 2025, in A314, Anaphora was held. Anaphora is a written event with teams of two. There were 17 teams in total who participated. The participants were asked 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.

Trigger Lee

Trigger Lee took place on February 23, 2025, online. 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 to either defend or abolish. In the second round, participants chose a number different from the one in the previous round; however, they had to do the opposite of what they did in the first round.

Saussure of Yourself?

Sassure of Yourself was a panel session organised by the Linguistics Society on February 24, 2025, and had Ms Sabbah Qamri, Department of English, as the moderator. A panellist said that a language and its dialect are indiscernible. For

example, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada all fall under the Dravidian language family and co-evolved to exist as they do at present. 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. The panellists also talked about how swear words, always targeting and directed towards the female population is an outcome of the same. Sambalpuri was shown to be a unique language as it does not have any gender-specific words or pronouns. The panel helped explain the evolution of languages as we know them, with a deep dive in context of gendered terms.

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 on March 16, 2025. Participants gathered at Bookworm to write for the Mother Tongue Essay Contest, and the SJU Personal Essay Prize.

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 from March 13-15, 2025, 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 Tejaswini.

This edition also saw the comeback of Newsroom, an event where participants imagined themselves in a fast-paced newsroom setting. 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, in Faber Hall. The event hosted teams from St Joseph's University, 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. St Joseph's College of Law won the best team award for their excellent performance.

Do Your Own Thing

The Performing Arts Society (PAS) conducted a second edition of Do Your Own Thing on December 13, 2024. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their diverse talents through the event.

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 second- and third-year students of Theatre Studies used the platform to showcase their talents and learnings.

Intramural

Intramural was organised on September 30 and October 1, 2024, by the Performing Arts Society. The first day of the festival began with Short Play, Mime, and Scenematic which took place in the auditorium. Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Languages and Literatures, inaugurated the event by sharing a few words of encouragement with the participants and audience. The judges for the Short Play category were Mr Sujoy, Ms Nikhita Thomas, and Mr Pranava. Anush Kannambath, an alumnus of the university, was the judge for Mime and Scenematic. 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.

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 TYP 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. The judge for this category was Naren, a folk artiste and the founder of Adavi Arts, and an alumnus of St Joseph's University. The judge for the Mime category was Ms Shweta Philip, Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College. She also went on to judge for Platform Performances. Mr Antony Mathew, University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, was the judge for Scenematic.

On the second day of Upstage, there were Short Play and Long Play (Proscenium) categories. Vibha Ghorpade, founder of YoMama Café, was the judge for the Short Play. Under Proscenium, teams were evaluated under several award categories, as well as the three best plays overall. C K Meena, journalist, novelist, newspaper columnist, and Chairperson, Toto Funds the Arts, adjudicated the event.

As part of Upstage, the Performing Arts Society in collaboration with the Quiz Club organised Propah 2025, a quiz on Theatre and Performing Arts, 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, where teams were presented with certificates.

Staff Achievements

Dr Arul Mani (Dean, School of Languages and Literatures)

Invited to moderate a panel discussion titled "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 titled "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 GR 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, titled "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 (Senior Research Faculty)

Published a chapter titled "Curious Case of Elena Ferrante in Chennattuserry," in Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century Singapore, 2024.

Rassendren, Etienne and Nayak, Vinaya

Published a paper titled "Recovering Memory, Choosing Forgetting: Reading My Family Partition and Me: India 1947: A Documentary" in Artha: A Journal of Social Sciences, 2024.

Ms Vijetha Kumar (Assistant Professor)

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 a panel titled, "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 titled 'Campus Conversations in Indian Shakespeares: Reading Lists, Classroom Teaching, and Student Productions' organised by The Department of English, St Stephen's College, Delhi, on April 26, 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 slurrrp.com, Hindustan Times, titled "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.

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

Served as an advisor and facilitator for the 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 (Assistant Professor)

Appointed as a member of the Board of Examiners at BMS College, Bangalore.

Ms Drishti Rakhra (Assistant Professor)

Published a feature article in Deccan Herald titled "Excursions of an Amateur Birder" under the Saturday Story section in September 2024.

Published a feature article in Deccan Herald titled "How I Built a Social Life Through Gaming" under the Saturday Story section in October 2024.

Published a feature article in Deccan Herald titled "I Gave Up Modelling to Become a Monk" under the Saturday Story section in January 2025.

Published a feature article in Deccan Herald titled "Same Sex, Together, Unmarried" under the Saturday Story section in February 2025.

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

Dr Achuth Ajit (Assistant Professor)

Delivered an 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 (Assistant Professor)

Published a book titled Mavialarude Pattukal (Oral Songs of Mavilar) by The State Institute of Languages, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, in 2024.

Chaired a session titled 'Social Sciences Pedagogy' and was a panellist 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 and 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 and 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 (Assistant Professor)

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 (Assistant Professor)

Received a grant from the India Foundation for the Arts (IFA), along with Mr Pranav VS.

Published a short story 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 Cynthia Nirmala Rajah (Assistant Professor)

Invited as co-quizmaster for the ‘What’s In A Name’ college quiz, National Law School of India University.

Invited as keynote speaker for a conference titled ‘Rebooting Books Beyond Literature,’ conducted by Chevalier T Thomas Elizabeth College for Women, Chennai.

Invited as juror for the Older Writers Grant

2025, organised by the Speculative Literature Foundation.

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

Mr Jaswanth Arthimalla (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Deceivers and Believers: Punishment of Trickster Deities as a Form of Intellectual Oppression,” in Singularities Journal.

Dr Devapriya Sanyal (Assistant Professor)

Awarded the ICSSR research grant for minor project 2024-25.

Dr Shiny KG (Assistant Professor)

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 VS (Assistant Professor)

Published a short story titled ‘Aaya Kathe or The Story of a Burial’ in the 16th Issue of the 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 Project 560 by the India Foundation for the Arts.

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

Ms D Jenifer (Assistant Professor)

Published a research paper titled “English-only policy as a difficult circumstance” in Fortell, July 2024.

Published a book chapter titled “Unofficial bilingualism in English-only policy context” in a volume of Language Education, Policy and Technology in South Asia, published in Routledge.

Conducted a workshop on ‘Curriculum Planning’ at the Humanitas Scholars Conclave organised by Christ University, Central campus, Bengaluru.

Ms Irfaana Fatima Shahed (Assistant Professor)

Cleared NET to receive the PhD eligibility norm.

Ms Gayathri Lakshmi (Assistant Professor)

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.'

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

Student Achievements

Deepika Dalal, I MA English, achieved the 99.6th percentile in the NET 2024 Winter Cycle.

Fr Aravind Royce and Fr Cyril Lakra from I MA English cleared NET in the 2024 Winter Cycle.

Meghana L, Pooja Mohanan, Aleena Mariya, Sirisha Manoharan, and Denzel Joyson from II MA English cleared NET in the 2024 Winter Cycle.

Denzel Joyson AJ and Meghana L from II MA English cleared KSET in 2024.

Ananya Mehta from III PSCE and Angel Kolady from III OEPY cleared GATE in 2025.

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

Ananya Mehta from III PSCE presented a paper titled "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,' organised by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) in February 2025.

Ananya Mehta from III PSCE published an article titled "Adavi Arts Collective thrums with the sound of the parai," in The Hindu in August 2024.

Ananya Mehta from III PSCE published an article titled "Sakhi Ri: A confluence of classical dance and menstrual awareness," in The Hindu in July 2024.

Ananya Mehta from III PSCE published an article titled "Mixed reactions to new park timings; many parks remain shut," in The Hindu in July 2024.

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

Sanjana Vinod from III JNPY was published in Pulse, a journal by the Museum of Art and Photography.

Sanjana Vinod from III JNPY was published in SagarSquare, a magazine run by Sultan's Creative Writing Club (EFLU).

Sanjana Vinod from III JNPY received the Millennium Fellowship, associated with the United Nations Academic Impact.

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

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

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

Sai Rakshitha from II JNOE published 18 bylines in two months at Indulge, a cultural magazine at The Indian Express.

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

Agamdeep Kaur from I EJP, published a poetry book titled L.O.V.E. - Letting Our Vulnerability Emerge.

Agamdeep Kaur from I EJP received the Emily Dickinson Award by BookLeaf Publishing.

Department of French

Departmental Events

French Movie Screening

A screening of Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis, a French comedy directed by Danny Boon, French Film director, screenwriter, and producer, was held on February 18, 2025. 70 students and faculty attended the event, which was held at the AV Room, Arrupe Block, St Joseph's University. The humour and portrayal of the suburban

French life, dialects, and misunderstandings that ensue, kept the attention of the audience. The English subtitles with this French film provided a memorable experience to the non-French speaking attendees. The screening was a perfect blend of entertainment and cultural exploration for the students and faculty who attended it.



Students were engrossed during a screening of Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis.

Association events

Charity Drive - Echos of the Unheard

On December 10, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted a meaningful and vibrant charity fundraiser, Echos of the Unheard, for the children at Sneha Nilaya, a project run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Society. The fundraiser was organised by the Department of French, Rendez-Vous, the French Association, and AICUF (All India Catholic University Association).

There were eight stalls set up for the fundraiser, offering a delightful variety of food, books, and jewellery. Six of the eight stalls were managed by the Department of French, and two were handled by the AICUF. As a result of the enthusiastic participation of students and faculty, the event raised a total of 36,400 rupees, all of which was donated to support the girls at Sneha Nilaya. The success of this charity drive was a result of the tireless work and effort put in by the faculty and students of the Department of French and AICUF.

Lumière - An Inter-collegiate Fest

On January 18, 2025, the Department of French and Rendez-Vous, the French Association, hosted an inter-collegiate pre-university fest, Lumière, for the first time. The fest was attended by 40 students

from both the university and pre-university levels, with events spread across St Joseph's University's campus.

The events featured a range of exciting competitions welcoming audiences and colleges from across Bengaluru. The fest began by lighting the lamp, followed by an inter-religious prayer. Dr Jyothi Venkatesh, Chairperson, Centre of Global Languages, Bengaluru City University, was the chief guest; and Dr Santhana Krishnan KG, Centre of Global Languages, Bengaluru City University was the resource person. Dr Littykutty Abraham, Associate Dean, School of Languages & Literatures, St Joseph's University was the Guest of Honour.

Seven events were organised throughout the duration of Lumière- Mélanger (salad making) and Jeux d'Esprit (quiz) were the highlights of the fest. The winner of the first edition of Lumière was Cathedral Pre-University College, who received the overall-trophy for the event.



Dignitaries lit the Lumière, officially commencing the first edition of its namesake fest.

Valedictory Ceremony 2025

On March 5, 2025, Rendez-Vous, the French Association of St Joseph's University bid farewell to its student body. 50 students and faculty gathered for the event, which was held at the AV Room. The valedictory started with stories of Elixir 2024. The event welcomed the President of Rendez-Vous for the next session, who expressed his gratitude and preparedness to carry forward the legacy of Rendez-Vous. The new team promised to continue the spirit of Rendez-Vous with the same energy and charm.

Department of German

Association events

Der Fliederbusch – A play inspired by the youth resistance to Nazism

On December 12, 2024, Treffpunkt, the German Language Association at St Joseph's University, coordinated Der Fliederbusch, a play centred on youth resistance to Nazism. The event, held at Xavier Hall, attracted 250 attendees. Ms Sri Vidhya, Coordinator, Department of German, organised the event. The play served to remind the audience of the dangers of extremism, while also showcasing the importance of using their voices to stand against injustice. The programme inspired the youth present to utilise their power to resist authoritarian governance, especially when it comes at the cost of freedom of a single community of people.



The Department of German organised a play inspired by youth resistance to Nazism.

Lernt Trotzdem

Treffpunkt organised Lernt Trotzdem, a workshop to accelerate German language learning, on February 3, 2025. The workshop was coordinated by Ms Gayatri Krishnan, Department of German, and Ms Sri Vidhya, Coordinator, Department of German, with 95 students attending the event at Loyola Hall.

Participants were taught the colloquial equivalents of certain textbook phrases, as well as slang from various parts of the German-speaking countries. Students practiced the usage of newly-learned phrases. Further, an overview of grammar topics applicable in day-to-day conversations was discussed. The workshop also covered tongue

twisters and long words. Fun activities involving translation from German to local Indian languages emphasised the peculiar similarities between the two. Finally, participants translated famous Bollywood dialogues to German.

The workshop gave participants a glimpse of real-life scenarios in German-speaking countries through a variety of engaging activities. The event successfully bridged the gap between textbook-centric learning and practical usage of the language.

Die Sie beflügen – German Universities

On March 10, 2025, Treffpunkt conducted a unique programme to brief 250 students about the German education system and the admission process into prestigious German universities. Ms Sri Vidhya, Coordinator, Department of German, led the session regarding the study opportunities in Germany, which was held at the Auditorium Basement.

Ms Sri Vidhya discussed the German education system, beginning from preschool to high school, continuing to the higher education system comprising university, diploma, and technical training programmes. Subsequently, she presented a brief overview of the prerequisites of admission in various universities and streams, as well as language level requirements. Skill development programmes and fee structures were also described. Additionally, the session covered details on job opportunities after receiving a degree, and a cost-of-living breakdown in each part of Germany.

A Q&A session was also conducted to discuss doubts regarding German-language requirements, as well as scholarship opportunities for foreign students. The event helped students understand the requirements for pursuing higher-education in German universities, gaining clarity on the education system and job practices.



Lernt Trotzdem walked students through colloquial German usage, exposing them to more practical aspects of the language.

Department of Hindi

Association events

Farewell to Lt. Nagarajan EM

On December 19, 2024, the Hindi Department and the Hindi Parishad organised a farewell programme in the AV Room to honour Lt. Nagarajan EM on his retirement. The event celebrated his dedicated service and contributions to the department and the university. Colleagues and students gathered to express their gratitude and share fond memories. The programme included speeches highlighting his impact and a presentation acknowledging his achievements.

The atmosphere was filled with warmth and appreciation for his years of commitment. The department extended its best wishes for his future endeavours, marking a memorable conclusion to his tenure.

ELIXIR 2024

On August 19, 2024, the Hindi Parishad participated in the second edition of ELIXIR, St Joseph's University's open day. This yearly event is held to cherish the talents and skills of students across various domains, with the display of models and exhibits being key components. The event, held in A310, was graced by the presence of chief guest Mr LK Ateeq, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka and ACS of the Finance Department, Government of Karnataka.

ELIXIR 2024 began with a welcome address and felicitation of chief guests, after which the exhibition commenced. Students from various schools visited the university and acknowledged the exhibits. In terms of historical development, Hindi literature is classified into broadly five genres: Adi kal (poems extolling brave warriors), Bhakti kal (poems of devotion), Riti kal (poems of romance), Adhunik kal (modern literature), and Navyottar kal (postmodern literature). The Department of Hindi displayed the contribution of writers and poets across these five genres with posters and pictorial stories. 500 participants attended the event.

Garba

The Hindi Parishad, the official association of the

Department of Hindi, organised a Garba event on October 8, 2024, at Loyola Hall. The Parishad is renowned for organising a range of cultural and literary events to enhance student engagement and provide a platform for showcasing their talents. The Parishad continuously encourages students to express their creativity, from essay writing competitions to Garba evenings. Dr Pathan Hasan, Head of the Department of Hindi, presided over the event. Six hundred participants attended the event.



The Department of Hindi displayed works of writers from the five broad genres in Elixir 2024.

Mehfil-e-Ghazal

The Hindi Parishad, the well-known association of the Department of Hindi, recently hosted Mehfil-e-Ghazal, a magical evening filled with beautiful ghazals, heartfelt poetry, and lovely performances. The event, held on February 6, 2025, in Xavier Hall, received a lot of love and excitement, bringing together students, teachers, and guests who enjoyed a night of music, rhythm, and poetry. Dr Sujoy Chakravarthy, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St Joseph's University, was the chief guest. 500 participants attended the event.



Mehfil-e-Ghazal brought together students, teachers, and guests who enjoy ghazal music and poetry.

Hindi Diwas

As part of its annual celebrations, the Hindi Parishad, the official association of the Department of Hindi, organised Hindi Diwas, a literary event celebrating the significance of the Hindi language and culture. The event was held on September 14, 2024, in Xavier Hall. The Parishad is renowned for organising a range of cultural and literary events to enhance student engagement and provide a platform for showcasing their talents, continuously encouraging students to express their creativity from essay writing competitions to Garba evenings. Ms Riya Kulshrestha, Industry Specialist and Entrepreneur, was the chief guest. Five hundred participants attended the event.



Ms Riya Kulshrestha presided over the Hindi Diwas celebrations, organised by the Department of Hindi and the Hindi Parishad.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Pathan Hasan (Head of the Department of Hindi)

Edited a book titled Gadya Sangam (for BCA I Semester under State Education Policy), published in August 2024.

Edited a book titled Kavya Sangam (for BA II Semester under State Education Policy), published in August 2024.

Delivered an invited talk on “Raashtrabhaasha: Svaroop Chunautiyanaur Sambhavanaen” at the Central Silk Board (Ministry of Textiles - Government of India), Bengaluru, on December 20, 2024.

Delivered an invited talk on “Raashtrabhaasha: Svaroop, Chunautiyaan Aur Sambhavanaen” at Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd., Bengaluru, on November 21, 2024.

Delivered an invited talk on “Anuvaad ke vividha Aayaam” at the Hindi Department, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), on October 10, 2024.

Delivered an invited talk on “The Inter House Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition” at Rashtriya Military School, Bengaluru, on September 4, 2024. Delivered an invited talk on “The Book Review Competition” at Bank of Baroda and Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samithi (Bank and Insurance), Bengaluru, on March 5, 2025.

Translated “Anna Bhau Sathe” (Marathi to Hindi Translation) for Dakshinapatha Patrika, July-September, 2024.



The Hindi Parishad organised a Garba event to offer students an opportunity to showcase their talent.

Investiture Ceremony

The Hindi Parishad, the official association of the Department of Hindi, organised an Investiture Ceremony on August 10, 2024, in Loyola Hall. The Parishad is known for giving opportunities to students to showcase their talent and bring out the best version of themselves, organising many cultural and literary events such as essay writing competitions, news reading competitions, Garba night, Bollywood night, and Antarang.

The Investiture Ceremony was conducted for the badge distribution to the new core committee. Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Director, Shift-3, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was the chief guest, alongside Dr Pathan Hasan, Head of the Department, Dr Gurudutta, and Mr Sathish. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and Ganesh Vandana. All the respected dignitaries presented their valuable words of wisdom and wished new success and achievements to the new committee, followed by the distribution of certificates to the former council members of Hindi Parishad and other literary events. Two hundred participants attended the ceremony.

Translated “Khoon Ka Teeka by Anna Bhau Sathe” (Marathi to Hindi Translation) for Dakshinapatha Patrika, April-June 2024.

Translated “Bhomakya by Anna Bhau Sathe” (Marathi to Hindi Translation) for Dakshinapatha Patrika, October - December 2024.

Dr Dake Kiran Dashrath (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled “Indian Knowledge Tradition and the Relevance of Gautam Buddha” at ‘the International Seminar on Leadership and Importance of Indian Knowledge Tradition in the Context of Developed India 2027,’ organised by St Joseph’s College of Commerce from February 28 to March 1, 2025.

Published an article titled “Sanyukt Rashtra Sangh Mein Hindi ki Bhumika,” in Vidyawarta, 2025.

Published an article on Dalit characters in Marathi cinema in Dakshinapatha Patrika, 2024.

Mr Satish (Assistant Professor)

Attended a national-level FDP on ‘Dalit Literature’ organised by Kristu Jayanti College(autonomous), Bengaluru, from September 23-28, 2024.

Attended a 10-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on ‘NEP 2020’ organised by Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program from April 18-29, 2024.

Attended JESCOL-1, organised by St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, from November 4-6, 2024.

Attended a one-day workshop on ‘Teaching, Learning and Evaluation,’ Organised by St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, on May 4, 2024.

Department of Kannada

Departmental Events

Pampavana Nalbara Matugatte – Coffee jothe Kavithe

On September 14, 2024, the Department of Kannada inaugurated Pampavana Nalbara Matugatte, a new literature forum, with its first event, Coffee with Kavithe. Dr T Yallappa, poet, critic, and Kannada professor, was the Chief Guest. He was joined by Dr Eriah Hampapur, Head of the

Department of Kannada; Dr Hanumantarayappa SB, Kannada Sangha Coordinator; and faculty members Dr Poornima BN, Dr Poornima S, and Dr Kumaraswamy. Dr Pramod KM, Department of Chemistry, St Joseph’s University also graced the event.

Around 20 student participants composed and presented poems on themes such as love, nature, and the challenges faced by women. Faculty members from the Department of Kannada also shared their own poems. Dr Yallappa addressed the gathering, commending the Kannada Association and the university for fostering literary talent. He offered insights on poetic composition, appreciated each student’s poem, and conducted an interactive Q&A session. He concluded by sharing some of his own poems and spoke about the inspirations behind them. The programme encouraged creative expression and literary appreciation among budding poets in the university.



Coffee with Kavithe was the first event organised by literature forum Pampavana Nalbara Matugatte.

Kannada Rajyotsava

On November 1, 2024, the Kannada Sangha at St Joseph’s University proudly celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava, commemorating the 69th formation anniversary of the state of Karnataka. The event began with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony, where the Karnataka state flag was unfurled by dignitaries, accompanied by the rendition of Nada Geete, the state anthem. The event was presided over by Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor; Dr Regina Mathais, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Rev Fr Swebert De’ Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor; Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; and Mr Sharan Krishna, an actor. The event was inaugurated by Dr Eriah Hampapura, Head of the Department of Kannada. A video exhibition showcased the Department’s

achievements, highlighting its contributions to promoting Kannada language and culture. The highlight of the session was the felicitation of Dr (Fr) Prashanth Madtha, Guest of Honour, who also released his book PadaNidhi. He concluded the event with valuable thoughts on Kannada culture, stressing its richness and diversity.



The Department of Kannada's Rajyotsava celebrations hosted the university's statutory, as well as eminent actor Mr Sharan Krishna.

Kannada Rajyotsava – Kannada Sangha (Shift III)

Kannada Sangha (Shift III) celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on December 12, 2024, at the University Auditorium. The event aimed to honour the state's cultural legacy and was coordinated by Dr Poornima S, Faculty Coordinator of Kannada Sangha (Shift III), in collaboration with the Student Council. Famous Kannada film actor Virat presided over the event as the Chief Guest. His inspiring address elevated the energy of the gathering and motivated students to take pride in their linguistic and cultural heritage.

The programme featured traditional performances, including Veeragase, showcasing Karnataka's rich and diverse culture. Mr Prashant Kumar, Shift 3 Coordinator, attended the event and expressed appreciation to the organisers and volunteers for their efforts. His speech on Kannada culture and its significance encouraged students to embrace and promote regional traditions. The programme not only celebrated Karnataka's unification but also served as a reminder of the vibrant cultural roots shared by the university community.



Shift 3 Kannada students and staff collaborated with the Student Council to organise Rajyotsava celebrations.

Workshop on Anchoring

A workshop on anchoring was organised under Pampavana Nalbara Matugatte on October 10, 2025. Mr Harish, popularly known for his Nanna Mini Radio, served as a resource person for the programme. Dr Eriah Hampapura, Head of the Department of Kannada, Dr Hanumantarayappa, Coordinator of the Kannada Sangha, and Dr Poornima BN and Dr Poornima S, faculty members of the Department of Kannada, honoured the programme with their presence. Mr Harish explained the required techniques in presentation and anchoring, walking students through the nuances via demonstration. Dr Hanumantarayappa and Dr Eraiah addressed the audience to conclude the programme.

Constitution Reading and Kuvempu vicharakranthi The Department of Kannada, St. Joseph's University, organised an engaging discussion on the Constitution of India and the literary and philosophical contribution and the revolutionary ideologies of the Jnapeeth Awardee Kuvempu, on February 20, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The Chief guest and resource person for the event was Mr Raghunath CH, a well-recognised senior journalist, writer, and thinker.

The event commenced with the state anthem, followed by a short video introduction on the Indian Constitution and Dr BR Ambedkar's contributions. Dr Kumarasawamy Bejjihalli, Department of Kannada, shared his thoughts on the theme of discussion. Subsequently, the lamp was lit by the dignitaries to pay respect to Dr BR Ambedkar and Kuvempu.

Dr Hanumantharayappa, Department of Kannada, elucidated on the importance of the personalities chosen for the discussion. A student then took to the stage to discuss the speech that Kuvempu delivered 50 years ago in Bengaluru University, emphasising his revolutionary ideology. Finally, Mr Raghunath explained the existence of 'threat to pluralism and secularism.' He concluded with a mention of the alarming fate of Indian society due to westernisation. The session explored various facets of the Indian Constitution, as well as the revolutionaries spearheading Indian thought.

Book Release

Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Department of Kannada, St Joseph's University, published

Munganike and Tallana, books comprising of research articles that focus on the magnificent contribution and remarkable legacy of Christian missionaries in the Kannada literary domain, and a scholarly article on multiple fields respectively, in Sahitya Sambhrama Prakashana. The books were released on February 6, 2025, at St Joseph's University.

The chief guest of the day was Mr Tumbadi Ramaiah, renowned Kannada writer. He highlighted the great contributions of Christian missionaries. The books were released by Mr Kumar Indrabetta, Assistant Professor, St. Claret College, who wrote the introduction of the books and shed light on the contexts pertaining to them. The panel also hosted Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, and other faculty members of the Department of Kannada.



Chief guest Mr Raghunath CH led discussions on the Indian Constitution and Kuvempu's ideologies.

Association events

Kannada Sangha Inauguration

The inauguration of the Kannada Sangha for the year 2024-25 was held on August 21, 2024 at Faber Hall. Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Head of the Department of Kannada, Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Convener of Kannada Sangha, Dr Poornima S and Dr Poornima BN, Department of Kannada, graced the event. With passion in their hearts and a strong sense of purpose, the newly elected office bearers took an oath to discharge their duties faithfully, successfully commencing activities

Kannada Sangha III Inauguration

The Kannada Sangha – Shift III – community organised its inaugural ceremony on August 21, 2024, with Mr Lakshmana CV, a legendary Janapada singer, leading the festivities as chief guest. The distinguished guests included Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Director – Shift III; Mr Prashant

Kumar, Coordinator, Shift III; Dr Poornima S, Department of Kannada; Dr Eraiah Hampapur, Head of the Department of Kannada; and the President of the Kannada Sangha, 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.



The Kannada Sangha – Shift 3 –organised its inauguration for 2024-25, featuring Mr Lakshmana CV as chief guest.

Sanchalana

Kannada Sangha – Shifts I and II –organised an intra-collegiate fest on January 9 and 10, 2025. The event was opened with an introductory session conducted in Xavier Hall. Over 100 students participated in various competitions, including events like debate and singing contests. The fest offered students a vibrant platform to engage creatively and competitively, strengthening camaraderie and showcasing diverse talents within the Kannada-speaking student community. Sanchalana – Annual Intra-Collegiate Fest by Kannada Sangha (Shift III)

Kannada Sangha – Shift III – organised Sanchalana, an annual intra-collegiate fest, on January 7 and 8, 2025. Dr Poornima S, Department of Kannada, collaborated with the Kannada Sangha council, to organise the event for Shift III. The two-day fest featured traditional and contemporary events including lagori, kabaddi, cooking without fire, street play, and more.

The Shift III coordinator expressed appreciation for the organisers and volunteers, commending their commitment and effort. The event encouraged cultural expression and community building.

Isiri 2025

The Kannada Sangha, along with the Department of Kannada, organised a two-day state level inter-college fest on March 6 and 7, 2025. The event comprised many competitions like Treasure hunt, Love letter writing, debate, and Pick and Speak. Over 600 participants from various districts actively took part in the events. Famous Kannada soap actor, Mr Ashwin Yadav was present as the chief guest. He addressed the gathering and felicitated the winners. The event was successful in bringing together state-wide Kannada speakers and enthusiasts.



The two-day state-level intercollegiate fest featured a variety of competitions, attracting over 600 participants.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Head of the Department

Chaired a paper-presentation session in the national conference titled 'Kuvempu's literature: New Reading,' held on March 12, 2025, at St Clare College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Presented a paper titled "Vachana Sahithya matthu mahila samvedane" at a one-day national seminar titled '12th century vachanakartiyar vachnagalu; bahumukhi Ayamagalu,' organised by St Clare College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, in 2024.

Delivered a talk titled 'Research Challenges in Kannada Literature,' at a session organised by Samshodana Academy, Kengeri, in 2024.

Published a book chapter titled "Ta.ra. su. Avara samjika kadambari masanada hoovu ondu Nota," published by Sahithya Sambrama Publication, Bangalore, in 2024.

Dr Kumaraswamy BE, Assistant Professor

Participated as a resource person in Sahitya Utsav-2024, organised by Book Brahma from August 9-11, 2024, and gave a special lecture titled 'New Reading of Old Characters: Shakuntala.'

Delivered a lecture at the launch ceremony for Sira Taluk Sahitya Darshan by Dr Dyarankunte Lakman, organised by Nadoja, Dr Baraguru Ramachandrappa Balaga, Shira Nagar, Tumkur District on September 8, 2024.

Delivered a lecture in the Sri Valmiki Jayanthotsava programme organised jointly by Shira Taluk Administration, Social Welfare Department, Shira City Council, and other organisations on October 17, 2024.

Delivered a lecture titled "Basavanna and the Aspirations of Democracy" in the symposium titled 'Cultural Leader Basavanna,' organised jointly by Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Bangalore, and District Kannada Sahitya Parishad, Tumkur, on November 4, 2024.

Participated as a resource person for a two-day research workshop organised by the Centre for the Study of Saint Poet Kanakadasa and Philosophers, Bangalore, and KS Muddappa Memorial Trust, Krishnapuradoddi, on November 22 and 23, 2024. Participated as a resource person for the Constitution Day Celebration programme organised by St Joseph's Educational Institution, Anekal, Bangalore, on November 26, 2024, where he delivered a special lecture.

Delivered a lecture on Masti Venkatesh Iyengar at 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, Kolar District.

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

Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Assistant Professor

Edited a book titled Neergallu, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru, in 2023.

Published a chapter titled “Dharma Mattu Mahile” in a book titled Dalita Mattu Mahilaa Sahitya: Hosa Saadhyategalu, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru, in 2023.

Published a chapter titled “Mahilaa Kaadambarigalalli Streevaadi Vimarsheya Taatvika Swaroopa” in a book titled Nudi Thoorana, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru, in 2024.

Published a chapter titled “Mahadevi Akkana Vachanadalli Stree Samveedane” in a book titled Shivasharaneyara Vachanagalu: Bahumukhi Aayaamagalu, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru, in 2024.

Edited a book titled Sahitya Sammilana, published by Sahitya Sambrama Prakaashana, Bengaluru, in 2024.

Appointed to the Board of Studies, Department of Kannada, at St Claret College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, on August 28, 2024, from academic year 2024- 25 to 2026-27.

Appointed to the Board of Studies, Department of Kannada, at Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Autonomous, Bangalore, on April 22, 2024, from academic year 2024- 25 to 2026-27.

Presented a paper titled “Kaayaka Yogi Maadaara Dulayya” at a one-day national seminar, ‘Vachana Sahitya Mattu Chaluvali: Kaayaka Sharanaru’ and ‘Kaayaka Sharanaru mattu Dalita Sahitya Vimarshe’ held at Bengaluru University, Jnanabhaarathi Aavarana, Bengaluru, on February 29, 2024.

Department of Sanskrit

Felicitation ceremony

A felicitation ceremony for outgoing council members was organised by Samskruta Tarangini, the Sanskrit Association at St Joseph’s University, on March 5, 2025. 55 students attended the event, held at Aloysius Hall, St Joseph’s University.

The event began with a welcome speech by the Vice President, who expressed gratitude to the faculty and students present. The ceremony featured the felicitation of five distinguished students for their

academic excellence, dedication, and contributions to the Sanskrit Association, who shared heartfelt words of wisdom and encouragement. They reflected on their experiences with the Sanskrit Association, emphasising the value of teamwork, dedication, and learning. Following this, Mr Prasanna, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, delivered an insightful speech highlighting the importance of preserving the Sanskrit language and staying committed to lifelong learning. His words of encouragement deeply resonated with the audience. He was felicitated with a token of gratitude by the President of the Sanskrit Association.

In the closing remarks, the Vice President extended heartfelt gratitude to the faculty, association members, and volunteers for their efforts. The event concluded with applause, marking a memorable farewell for the seniors and celebrating their contributions.

Shakuntalam : a timeless tale of love and destiny

Samskruta Tarangini successfully hosted a screening of Shakuntalam on March 3, 2025, at Aloysius Hall, St Joseph’s University. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 students. The student coordinators of the association ensured the smooth execution of the event.

The movie portrayed Kalidasa’s timeless classic Abhijnana Shakuntalam, depicting themes of love, separation, and destiny. 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. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to experience Kalidasa’s work in a visual format, which deepened their understanding of Indian literary heritage.

The event concluded with positive feedback from participants, who expressed interest in more such cultural screenings. Overall, the screening of Shakuntalam proved to be an enriching experience that successfully blended entertainment with literary appreciation.

Tandava : Rhythms of Knowledge and Creation

In celebration of Maha Shivaratri, the Samskruta Tarangini association at St Joseph’s University

organised a special event – Tandava: Rhythms of Knowledge & Creation – on February 25, 2025. The event was held at Aloysius Hall, St Joseph's University, with 60 students in attendance.

The event began with the introduction of chief guest Mr Ramachandra NU, Assistant Professor, Department of Languages – Sanskrit Division, School of Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be) University. Mr Ramachandra spoke about Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and the importance of Sanskrit in preserving India's cultural wisdom. Cultural programmes included Rudra recitation and a dance performance, which beautifully depicted Lord Shiva's cosmic dance. Further, association members delivered an insightful talk on the Jyotirlingas, emphasising the importance of Sanskrit.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks appreciating the efforts of all participants and organisers. The event was a perfect blend of cultural expression and spiritual learning, leaving the audience enriched and inspired.

Department of Tamil

Elixir 2024

The Tamil Sangam put up showcases for Elixir 2024, an event organised by St Joseph's University which provides a platform for students to showcase their understanding and appreciation for different fields. The Tamil Sangam also took part to share their knowledge and admiration of Tamil Culture through innovative projects.

The showcase included projects like Aivagainilangal, which explored the diverse Tamil landscapes, and Alindhupona Nagarangal, which delved into the history of ancient Tamil cities. The project Tamilar Kattadakalai focused on Tamil architecture and placed second, appreciating the



Various innovative projects were showcased by students of Tamil at Elixir 2024.

students' insightful research and presentation. **Guest Lecture on Preserving Tamil as a Mother Tongue**

The Tamil Sangam organised an insightful guest lecture delivered by Mr M Karuppusamy, Assistant Professor, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology. The lecture focused on the critical importance of preserving Tamil as a mother tongue in contemporary society.

Mr Karuppusamy's address shed light on linguistic, cultural and social significance of mother tongue preservation, encouraging students to actively engage in maintaining and promoting the Tamil language in their daily lives. The lecture provided a valuable perspective and fostered a deeper understanding of the challenges and importance of linguistic heritage.

Tamil Sangam Inauguration

In September 2024, the Tamil Sangam association of St Joseph's University commenced its activities for the academic year 2024-25 with a vibrant Inauguration Ceremony. The event successfully set an enthusiastic tone for the upcoming academic year by showcasing the rich Tamil culture through encaptivating traditional Bharatanatyam dances, as well as speeches that highlighted the significance of the Tamil language and the association's objectives for the upcoming year. The inauguration ceremony served as a platform to welcome new members and outline the planned initiatives aimed at promoting Tamil heritage within the university community.

Pongal Celebration 2025

The Tamil Sangam concluded the academic year with a grand Pongal Celebration in March 2025. The celebration was filled with vibrant traditional music and dance performances, embodying the spirit of the harvest festival, Pongal. This celebration provided a joyous and culturally rich conclusion to the academic year, reinforcing the community's connection to Tamil traditions. The valedictory ceremony for Semmozhi was also held on the same day.

Semmozhi 1.0

Semmozhi 1.0 marked the first ever intra-collegiate fest organised by the Tamil Sangam dedicated to celebrating Tamil language and culture. The fest provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents and engage in

various competitions, including speech, dance, and creative writing. Semmozhi 1.0 successfully created an enthusiastic environment on campus, fostering a deeper appreciation for Tamil arts and literature among the student body and highlighting the diverse talents within the university.

Tamil-Kannada Unity Conference

The Tamil Association actively participated in a Tamil-Kannada Unity Conference held in Bangalore on October 20, 2024. This significant event aimed at promoting cultural integration and understanding between the two linguistic communities.

The Tamil Sangam association contributed by showcasing various Tamil traditions and cultural performances. St Joseph's University students also played a vital role as volunteers, demonstrating

their commitment towards fostering inter cultural harmony and enriching the overall experience of the conference. The event served as a valuable platform for cultural exchange and collaboration.

Women's Day Debate

In commemoration of the International Women's Day, the Tamil Sangam organised a thought-provoking debate focused on gender equality on March 8, 2025. The discussions engaged students in reflecting on prevailing societal norms and the progress made towards achieving women's rights. The debate provided a platform for critical thinking and the exchange of diverse perspectives on this social issue, demonstrating the association's commitment to addressing relevant societal themes through the lens of Tamil cultural awareness and social responsibility.



Students and faculty of the Tamil Sangam organised a Pongal celebration, concluding events for the year.



The winners of events at Semmozhi 1.0 gathered for a picture with the Dean of the School of Languages & Literatures.

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Department of Biology

Department Events

National Conference

The Department of Biology and the Department of Botany, St Joseph's University, organised a national conference on 'New Paradigms in Life Sciences for a Sustainable Future (NPLSSF - 2025)' on March 14 and 15, 2025. The conference saw the participation of 139 delegates. The event provided scholars and students an opportunity to present and discuss research in the field of life science.

Association Events

BioGen Investiture

The first-ever Investiture Ceremony of BioGen was conducted with great success on October 18, 2024. The event was graced by the presence of Dr Medha Sugara, Associate Professor of Surgical Oncology at St John's Oncology Center. The association hopes to organise events centred around biology and advances in the field.



Dr Sugara addressed the gathering at the first-ever investiture ceremony of BioGen.

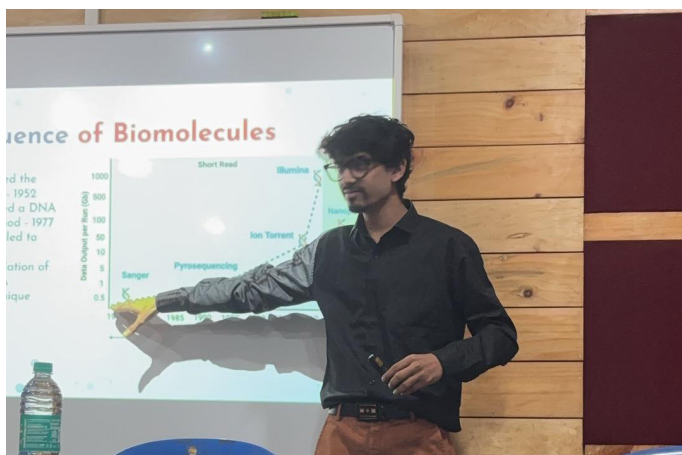
Guest Lecture - DNA Uncoiled: The Information Technology Revolution and Medicine

BioGen hosted its first major event following the inauguration, featuring a guest lecture by Mr Parth Sanghavi, an associate at 4Gen.Bio. Mr Sanghavi led an insightful session titled "DNA Uncoiled: The Information Technology Revolution and

Medicine," on January 18, 2025, in the PG block, AV room. The session enlightened participants on developments in the understanding of DNA considering the surge of information technology applications in biology.

Music of the Plants

In association with the Department of Botany and CMCB, BioGen successfully organised a captivating session titled Music of the Plants on February 3, 2025 at St Joseph's University. The event culminated with an intriguing presentation which analysed the concepts of plant biology and its creative potential in modern music and science.



Mr Sanghavi elucidated participants on advancements in the field of DNA research.

Faculty Achievements

Dr N Praveen Kumar (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Mushroom alkaloids as nutraceuticals, bioactive and medicinal properties: a preliminary review" in Plant Science Today, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Aeromycoflora of Urban Parks of Bangalore, Karnataka, India" in the Annals of Biology, 2024.

Ms Theresa Karra (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Uncovering the Role of Indian Medicinal Botanicals in COVID-19 Prevention and Management: A Review" in Cureus, 2024.

Department of Biotechnology

Department events

Two-day hands-on Workshop on Protein handling

A two-day hands-on workshop on protein handling was organised by the Department of Biotechnology, St Joseph's University on September 19 and 20, 2024. 32 students from I MSc Biotechnology attended the sessions, which covered large Scale protein purification from bacterial cell culture, in-vitro transcription, gel electrophoresis, and theory about type II toxin.

The resource persons were Ananya Chatterjee, Arnab Ghosh, Chandramouli Natarajan, Harshita Dutta, Manish Nag, Sainath Polepalli, PMRF fellows from the Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc. Students gained expertise in protein purification via Ni-affinity chromatography, visualization via SDS-PAGE, post culturing, sonication, and in-vitro transcription of proteins. The workshop effectively walked participants through the technical aspects of biotechnological experiments.



Workshop on Basic Techniques in Mammalian Cell Culture

The Department of Biotechnology organised a three-day hands-on workshop on 'Basic Techniques in Mammalian Cell Culture' for postgraduate students. The sessions were led by Sanchita Mishra and Anantika Chandra, PhD scholars from IISc, Bengaluru, who provided a comprehensive introduction to mammalian cell culture. 33 students participated in the sessions, held from October 3-5, 2024.

The workshop covered key techniques such as subculturing, freezing, thawing, and viability assessment, concluding with discussions on biological contamination issues and troubleshooting strategies. Additionally, participants received practical training in cell morphology assessment, sub-culturing/passaging, cell viability analysis, counting, and seeding, along with an introduction to transfection techniques, equipping them with essential hands-on skills in mammalian cell culture.

Guest Talk on 'The AI advantage: Breakthroughs in Health and Biotechnology'

On January 28, 2025, the Department of Biotechnology hosted Dr Momna Hejmadi, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Bath, UK. Dr Hejmadi delivered a talk titled "The AI advantage: Breakthroughs in Health and Biotechnology," attended by 70 II- and III-year BSc Biotechnology students in Aloysius Hall, St Joseph's University.

The talk highlighted the applications of AI in fields such as agriculture, veterinary sciences, and health. Dr Hejmadi emphasised that cancer research using AI could drive healthcare forward, paving the way for clinical advancements. Participants greatly benefitted as they were exposed to potential areas of research in the life sciences through the lens of AI.



Workshop on In vitro transcription of mRNA

On February 6, 2025, a one-day hands-on workshop on in vitro transcription of mRNA was organised by the Department of Biotechnology. Around 35 MSc Biotechnology students attended the sessions, which were led by Annanya Chatterjee, Harshita Dutta, Manish Nag and Sainath Polepalli, PMRF scholars from IISc, Bengaluru.

The resource persons 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 exposed students to theoretical and practical aspects of mRNA transcription, broadening their skillsets.

Departmental outreach activity

The Department of Biotechnology, in conjunction with current MSc Biotechnology students, initiated a departmental science outreach programme called 'Foldscope Initiative.' Foldscope Inc., California, collaborated with the department to contribute to the improvement of biological equipment at rural schools in Karnataka, as well as to encourage more female children of rural areas to take up science in schools.

125 Foldscopes were donated, free of cost. 50 of these Foldscopes have already been handed over to the Principal of Loyola School at Manvi, Raichur, as the first activity under the Foldscope Initiative. The department hopes to conduct a workshop at Loyola School to train students and teachers there to set up the Foldscope Library.



Educational trip for PG students

Students from MSc Biotechnology visited Coorg from March 19-21, 2025, for an educational trip. Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay, Department of Biotechnology, supervised students on the trip.

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. At Domaine Sula, students explored the fascinating world of winemaking.

Additionally, they visited the grape vineyards, gaining a deeper understanding of viticulture. 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, providing a hands-on learning experience that complements their theoretical studies. Overall, the educational trip to Coorg was a resounding success, providing students with a deeper understanding of biotechnology.

Association events

Career Talk on Pharmacovigilance - "Navigating career growth in pharmacovigilance and clinical trials: roles and responsibilities"

On January 25, 2025, the Green Gene Guild hosted Dr Nagagiresh Bojanala, an expert medical writer in pharmacovigilance, for a career talk titled "Navigating career growth in pharmacovigilance and clinical trials: roles and responsibilities." 70 participants attended the event, which was held at Faber Hall, St Joseph's University.

Dr Bojanala detailed drug classification under the ATC system and the functions of excipients and APIs. He also discussed industry growth, clinical trials, and pharmacovigilance, explaining potential job roles, skills, and career transitions. A Q&A session focused on job prospects, industry expectations, and the importance of adaptability. Dr Bojanala's talk effectively elucidated students on careers in pharmacovigilance.

Staff Achievements

Dr Anthony Johnson (Assistant Professor)

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.

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 Sneha Paul (Assistant Professor)

Department of Botany

Received the 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 and 4, 2025.

Dr Nishanth MJ (Assistant Professor)

Published a research article titled "Evolutionary Analysis of the hnRNP Interactomes and Their Functions in Eukaryotes." in Biochemical Genetics, 2024.

Dr Gnanaraj M (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Functional annotation of hypothetical proteins from *Ralstonia solanacearum* UW551, a bacterium that causes wilt disease, uncovers proteins involved in virulence and pathogenicity." in the Journal of Plant Diseases and Protection, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Optimization of conditions to achieve a high content of alizarin and purpurin in the adventitious roots of *Rubia cordifolia* L." in the Journal of Applied Biology & Biotechnology, 2024.

Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Influence of α -lipoic acid on longevity and stress resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* fed with a high-fat diet." in Biogerontology, 2024.

Dr Susan Philip (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Influence of α -lipoic acid on longevity and stress resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* fed with a high-fat diet." in Biogerontology, 2024.

Dr Grace Prabhakar (Associate Professor)

Published a paper titled "Influence of α -lipoic acid on longevity and stress resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* fed with a high-fat diet." in Biogerontology, 2024.

Dr Madappa MB (Associate Professor)

Published a paper titled "Influence of α -lipoic acid on longevity and stress resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* fed with a high-fat diet." in Biogerontology, 2024.

Association Events

The Botany of New Desire

The Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Botanical Society, hosted their inaugural event, titled 'The Botany of New Desire,' at DeNobili Hall on August 17, 2024. Coordinated by faculty members Dr Paramesha M and Dr A Stephen, the event hosted Rev Dr (Fr) Richard Rego, SJ, Dean, School of Communication & Media Studies, as the Guest of Honour; and guest speaker Prof Nagesh Hegde, an esteemed IIT alumni, science journalist, author, and visiting faculty member at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Prof Hegde delivered an engaging lecture on the intersection of botany and contemporary scientific desires, exploring emerging trends and new innovations. 60 participants attended the talk.



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World Environmental Education Day & International Day of Clean Energy

In celebration of World Environmental Education Day and the International Day of Clean Energy, the Botanical Society and the Department of Botany hosted an insightful event meticulously coordinated by faculty members Dr Paramesha M and Dr A Stephen on January 25, 2025. 60 participants attended the programme, which was held in the AV Room, PG Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

The session was graced by the presence of Guest of Honour Dr Balakrishna Gowda, a distinguished member of the Karnataka State Bioenergy

Development Board, Bengaluru. Dr Gowda discussed sustainable green options young India can practice. Guest speaker Dr Anusha Krishnan, science writer and editor and Associate Manager at MedInscribe (BioQuest Solutions), raised awareness among the attendees with her talk on environmental literacy, clean energy initiatives. The event successfully inculcated interest in environmentalism and clean energy solutions.

Music of the Plants

The Botanical Society, in collaboration with the Council of Molecular and Computational Biology, Biogen, and the Department of Biology, organised an insightful event titled Music of the Plants, on February 3, 2025. 60 participants attended the event, coordinated by Dr Paramesha M and Dr A Stephen, Department of Botany. Mr Tritone Crisantemo, a trailblazer in the field of plant music, captivated attendees with live demonstrations creating tasteful tunes. The event culminated with an intriguing presentation which analysed the concepts of plant biology and its creative potential in modern music and science.



Mr Crisantemo elucidated participants on the field of plant music.

World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day was observed on February 5, 2025 by the Botanical Society of the Department of Botany. The initiative was organised by faculty members Dr Paramesha M and Dr A Stephen, in collaboration with the Universal Apostolic Preferences – Caring for Our Common Home, accommodating 60 participants at the AV Room, PG Block at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The gathering was addressed by Dr Vidyadhar Atkore, a scientist from SACON (Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History), Coimbatore. Dr Atkore emphasised the importance of the

wetlands, restoration of wetlands, promoting awareness and action within the university community.

Aspire Path – Steps to Excellence: CV Building Workshop

On March 28, 2025, the Botanical Society conducted its final event for the academic year 2025. An instructive and educational CV Building workshop, 'Aspire Path – Steps to Excellence,' was held at the Digital Library, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Dr A Stephen and Dr Paramesha M, Department of Botany, coordinated and facilitated the workshop. The initiative educated 25 students on the key elements involved in crafting an impactful CV that not only stands out, but can be tailored to suit various career paths making it diverse in utility. This workshop also served to elevate their skills with practical hands-on exercises. The workshop succeeded in preparing students to present themselves confidently in a competitive professional environment.

Valedictory 2025

The Botanical Society initiated its concluding event, the Valedictory 2025 ceremony, on March 28, 2025. The event was coordinated by Dr A Stephen and Dr. Paramesha M, Department of Botany, in the presence of 25 attendees. Dr Jayarama Reddy, Professor, Department of Botany, addressed the gathering, formally concluding activities for the current academic year. The ceremony was closed with an expression of gratitude to the faculty members and students for their insightful, visionary, and invaluable contributions, which led to a successful year of events.



A valedictory ceremony concluded the Botanical Society's activities for the academic year 2024-25.

Department Events

Field Visit to Sir M Visvesvaraya Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park

A field visit to the Sir M Visvesvaraya Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park, organised by the Department of Environmental Science, was held on January 15, 2025. Dr Kumar M, Department of Environmental Science, was the key organiser for the event.

The visit provided valuable insights on the importance of rainwater harvesting, addressing water scarcity and shortage through sustainable use, practical ways to implement rainwater collection techniques at homes and institutions, and the environmental benefits of reducing dependency on conventional water sources.

The 40 participants benefitted greatly from this initiative, which comprehensively covered all aspects of rainwater harvesting. Students gained insights into the practical applications of environmental science, helping them engage better with their in-class learnings.

Industrial visit to Hosapete, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka

The Department of Environmental Science conducted a three-day industrial visit from September 14-16, 2024, to Vijayanagara District. The visit offered a profound perspective on environmental challenges and conservation strategies to 37 students, coordinated by Dr Kumar M and Dr Alaknanda J Adur, Head of the Department of Environmental Science.

The first day featured a visit to a local temple, blending cultural heritage with environmental adaptability. On the second day, participants explored Hampi's unique architecture, ancient water systems, and human-nature dynamics. Students visited MSPL's mining site on the final day, where they observed sustainable mining practices, as well as rehabilitation techniques.

The educational visit provided students exposure to various aspects of environmental science in a real-world context. The Department of

Environmental Science will conduct more such visits, which provide a set-up conducive to practical learning.

Industrial Visit to Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited (TKM)

The visit to Toyota Kirloskar Motor Ltd was conducted on October 4, 2024, to provide postgraduate students with practical insights on the sustainable industrial practices implemented by one of the leading automobile manufacturers in the world. The event was spearheaded by Dr Kumar M, Department of Environmental Science.

21 students were exposed to the production practices of various automobiles, as well as sustainable initiatives, including 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, and Sacred Grove Theme Parks.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor's various enterprises gave students insights into how industries can effectively incorporate sustainable practices into their production protocols.

Expert Talk- Pioneering Patented Wastewater Treatment Technology

On October 7, 2024 the Department of Environmental Science conducted an invited talk on patented wastewater treatment technology at the Seminar Room, St Joseph's University. Dr Hariharan S Shankar, a retired professor from IIT Bombay and a member of National Technical Advisory Committee, Jal Shakti Ministry, GOI, was invited as resource person.

Dr Shankar emphasised on incorporating innovative filtration, chemical processes, and biological treatments that significantly reduces contaminants and minimizes environmental impact. This breakthrough helps address global water scarcity while promoting environmental management.

The talk served to enlighten 21 participants about effective wastewater treatment, enabling them to develop sustainable solutions of their own.

Environmental Sustainability in Dairy industry

The Department of Environmental Science, in collaboration with Dairy Science College, Hebbal, organised a one-day workshop on Environmental Sustainability in the Dairy Industry on September 21, 2024. Dr Venkatesh Thuppil, the CEO and Director of the Foundation for Quality (FQI), Dr Harinivenugopal, and Dr BS Prabhakar, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, delivered their talk on sustainability in the dairy industry, which focuses on reducing environmental impact while maintaining economic and social viability. They described innovations like eco-friendly packaging and low-emission technologies, which further aim to balance productivity with environmental stewardship and ethical consumer demands. The session helped participants gain a deeper understanding of how sustainable practices can be employed in the dairy industry.

Association Events

Seasons Nature Club

Seasons Nature Club, the association from the Department of Environmental Science, St Joseph's University, organised weekly events from February to March, 2025. The events were organised every Thursday during the lunch break. The purpose of these events was to raise awareness and show concern towards the environment. The events conducted were Movie Marathon (a series of short films featuring nature to showcase her beauty), Mythology and Nature (a quiz), Debate and Leafy Painting, among others. The club also coordinated with Open Heart to organise an Escape Room.

Dr Alakandanda J Adur, Head of the Department of Environmental Science, supervised the sessions, which saw around 15 participants per event. This initiative successfully brought environmental knowledge to the forefront with weekly titbits.

International Day for Preservation of The Ozone

From September 22-28, 2024, the Department of Environmental Science at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, celebrated the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer under the theme 'Advancing Climate Action.' Dr Rajanna AH coordinated the series of events, which drew about 15 participants each.

The Earthlings Association 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.

The week-long events engaged students from various departments, drawing attention to the importance of the ozone layer as well as preservation tactics.

Staff Achievements

Dr Kumar M (Assistant Professor)

Served as a consultant for water neutrality studies for Sedam Solar Farm, Karnataka.

Served as a consultant for water neutrality studies for Gujarat Solar Farm.

Invited as a panelist at Academicia under Samrajya 2024-2025, an inter-collegiate academic fest at Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on December 7, 2024.

Delivered a talk titled "Understanding Environmental Laws and its Implementation in India" at Baduku – Centre for Livelihoods Learning, Bengaluru, on November 14, 2024.

Invited as a resource person for the orientation programme on Environmental Studies (Foundation Course) under the State Education Policy, 2024, at Soundarya Arts and Commerce Evening College, Bengaluru, on November 29 and December 3, 2024.

Student Achievements

Naveen Kumar, Boomika, Nithin Joshua, and Samuel from MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability were titled the Youth Climate Champions with a cash prize of 10,000 rupees for best proposals and arguments on climate change negotiations for the synthesis report titled "Climate Emergency: Call for Actions" at the National Youth Climate Conclave 2024, organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) at St Francis PU college.

Samruddhi R Nikose, Pujanjali U, Saniha K Vivek, Alankrita Bose, Monika N, and Lohith S from MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability

volunteered at the TiE Global Summit on December 10 and 11, 2024.

Students from the Department of Environmental Science who were interning with Ecomorphosys contributed to reducing emissions through shared transportation, waste management, and eco-friendly initiatives, gaining valuable hands-on experience in promoting sustainable practices at the Bengaluru Tech Summit, held from November 19-21, 2024.

Department of Food Science and Technology

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

Expert Talk by Dr Hari Niwas Mishra

The Department of Food Science and Technology hosted Dr Hari Niwas Mishra for an expert talk, on February 3, 2025. The event began with an enthusiastic introduction of Dr HN Mishra, Emeritus Professor from IIT Kharagpur, by Dr Anupriya Mazumder, Head of the Department.

Dr Mishra presented an engaging session on food technology innovations for nutrition and health security, highlighting advancements that address public health and nutrition challenges. 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. Dr Mishra also introduced innovations like high-energy Ready-to-Eat (RTE) foods, heart-healthy vegetable powders, and microencapsulation.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by a student, expressing gratitude to Dr Mishra for the insightful talk.



State-Level Hands On Workshop On Processing And Value Addition Of Millets

The State-Level Hands-On Workshop on Processing and Value Addition in Millets, organised by the Department of Food Science and 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, Head of the Department, 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. Participants appreciated the technical knowledge and practical experience, with certificates distributed to acknowledge their involvement. The workshop successfully promoted millet processing and innovation.



STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Anupriya Mazumder (Assistant Professor)

Reviewed a research article entitled “Effect of foliar application of biostimulants and micronutrients on Chlorophyll and Xanthophylls content of African Marigold cv. Pusa Narangi Gaiinda” submitted in The International Journal of Plant & Soil Science, 2024.

Delivered invited lecture on “Recent Trends in Food Science and Technology-An Industrial Talk Series,” organised by Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Adamas University, on March 19, 2025.

Dr Mohan Kumar S (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Functional food development using *Ulva fasciata* and its acute and chronic health benefits on *Drosophila melanogaster*.” in Nutrire, 2024.

Served as a resource person for the workshop titled ‘Principles of Food Processing and Preservation,’ organised by Department of Microbiology-Sukshmanika club in association with research and development, MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), on October 16, 2024.

Served as a resource person and judge for Poster Presentation in a pre-placement workshop ‘TEMA-2024’ on ‘Trace elements in Man and Animals,’ on November 6, 2024, at M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce- Autonomous, Bengaluru. Served as a resource person to deliver a talk and training on ‘Preplacement training on effective interview session for Students’ organised by Department of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Bangalore University, Bengaluru on November 16, 2024.

Served as a resource person and delivered a lecture on ‘Mushrooms: Nature’s Wonder with Potential Nutritional and Therapeutic Properties,’ organised by Kadekoppala Prathistana, Shivamogga, in association with IQAC SRNMN College of Applied Sciences, Shivamogga, on November 28, 2024.

Completed MOOCS on ‘NIeCer 103: Scientific Writing in Health Research,’ organised by ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology from November 1-30, 2024.

Completed MOOCS on ‘Food Packaging and Technology’ organised by NPTEL Swayam-IIT Madras, from August 19 to October 11, 2024.

Attended a weeklong National Integration Camp (NIC) -2025 as a faculty in-charge, jointly organised by St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, and State NSS Cell, Bengaluru, at Bembala, Nelamangala, from February 20-26, 2025.

Participated as an active member in ‘the Technology Showcasing and Networking Meet CSIR-CFTRI Food and Millet Technology,’ organised by CSIR-CFTRI, Unnat Bharath Abhiyan (UBA), CSIR NISPR in Mysuru, on September 19-20, 2024.

Attended a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organized by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph’s University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Dr Sunita Adak (Assistant Professor)

Co-authored and presented a paper on “Utilization of yam flour for the preparation of nachos” at ‘the 30th ICFoST 2024’ held between December 19 and 21, 2024, Navi Mumbai, India.

Ms Anugraha Lalu (Teaching Assistant)

Presented a Research paper on “Utilization of yam flour for the preparation of nachos” at ‘the 30th ICFoST 2024’ held between December 19 and 21, 2024, at DY Patil Deemed to Be University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Participated in two-day FDP on “Role of Artificial intelligence in higher education” organised by IQAC St Joseph’s College of Commerce, in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHE), on February 20 and 21, 2025.

Ms Navya Siby (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a JESCOL I, organised by the FDP committee, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, from November 4-6, 2024.

Student achievements

Ashika NM, Deepthi J, and Anugraha Lalu from I FST 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

2024' held between December 19 and 21, 2024, at DY Patil Deemed to be University, 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, and Anugraha Lalu from I FST 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 2024' held between December 19 and 21, 2024, at DY Patil Deemed to be University, 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, and Anugraha Lalu from I FST participated and presented a research paper titled "Valorization of Citrus sinensis waste for the preparation of edible crackers and assessment of their nutritional and sensory properties" in 'the 30th ICFoST 2024' held between December 19 and 21, 2024, at DY Patil Deemed to be University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Deepthi J and Ashika NM from I FST participated and presented a poster on Low-Cost Nutritious Recipe (Savoury) Competition and secured first place on the eve of the celebration of World Food Day – 2024, organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on October 16, 2024, at Dr Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, UAS, GKV, Bangalore.

Shireen Fatima, Dabria Heleena Moniz and Megha R Ullal from I FST participated and presented a poster on Low-Cost Nutritious Recipe (Sweet) Competition and secured first place on the eve of the celebration of World Food Day – 2024, organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on October 16, 2024, at Dr Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, UAS, GKV, Bangalore.

Department of Microbiology

Department events

Scientific writing workshop

The Department of Microbiology hosted a Scientific Writing Workshop on September 6 and 9, 2024, led by Dr Saurabh, specialising in microbial genomics, evolution, and computational biology. Dr. Saurabh, a passionate educator and researcher, teaches at various universities and co-founded a drug discovery start-up. The workshop covered key topics over two days: literature searches, citations, writing methodology, results, and abstracts. The sessions were interactive and engaging and would help students for their research pursuits.



Industrial visit

II MSc Microbiology students from St Joseph's University, accompanied by three faculty members, visited Sami-Sabinsa Labs, Bangalore, on September 30, 2024, and Panduranga Coffee Roastery, Chikkamagaluru, on October 1, 2024.

At Sami Labs, students explored various R&D facilities, learning about phytochemistry, microbiology, and drug formulation. They observed advanced instruments like HPLC and ICP-MS and were introduced to plant material extraction processes. The visit to Panduranga Coffee Roastery in Chikkamagaluru focused on the coffee production process, from harvesting to roasting, and included a demonstration of coffee production and career opportunities in the industry.

PG Newsletter – Microlens

The latest edition of Microlens, released in December 2024, is a dynamic compilation of articles written by the postgraduate students of the Department of Microbiology, showcasing the vast scope and impact of microbiology. Creative elements such as student-clicked pictures, memes, and crosswords add an engaging, interactive dimension to the newsletter, ensuring it is not only educational but also enjoyable for readers of all 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 programme, following which Dr Raghunand R Tirumalai, CCMB, Hyderabad, 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 were 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.



Association events

World AIDS Day Awareness Programme

Microcosm, the Undergraduate Association, Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, hosted an engaging on-campus event for World AIDS Day on December 6, 2024, in the

Arrupe Atrium. The event began with an energetic flashmob that drew attention from many students across disciplines, creating excitement and curiosity.

This was followed by a speech on AIDS awareness and an introduction for the association, Microcosm. A banner was rolled for World Aids Day awareness by Microcosm. The event culminated in the formation of a symbolic human chain, representing solidarity among students from humanities and science streams and staff from the Department of Microbiology.

As part of this initiative, a Poster-Making Competition was organized, with cash prizes for the top three winners. Many students came together to harness the power of art for AIDS awareness and demonstrated solidarity in supporting those affected and ensuring adequate preventive measures. Throughout the day, students of the association distributed red bows to students and staff of the university, effectively raising awareness for AIDS prevention.

'Train to Busan'

On September 25, 2025, Microcosm hosted a screening of Train to Busan to highlight the dangers of uncontrolled pathogens. The film centred around a disease, reminiscent of the recent coronavirus pandemic. The screening highlighted the importance of microbiology and epidemiology while engaging students through a Halloween theme.



Staff Achievements

Dr Beatrice Maria Sequeira (Associate Professor)

Scored 100% in eQuiz on antimicrobial resistance in connection with World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness week conducted by Department of Biotechnology, The New College (Autonomous) Affiliated to Madras University, on November 30, 2024.

Honoured with Guru Kritajna award 2024 for immense contribution as a teacher by Amity Business School, Bangalore, on December 18, 2024.

Secured third position in the 4x100 meters relay women's event representing School of Life Sciences at the 141st Annual Athletic Meet held on January 11, 2025.

Served as chief convener and 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 and 4, 2025

Dr Popy Dutta (Assistant Professor)

Invited as external subject expert for DBT Star College Programme Advisory committee, SDM Degree college, Honavar.

Served as a BOS member at the Department of Microbiology, Shri Sakthikailash Women's College (Autonomous), Salem, Tamil Nadu.

Served as the convener and 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 and 4, 2025.

Dr Vanitha NM (Associate Professor)

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Dr Syed Wajeed (Associate Professor)

Attended the study-visit of the Department-related

Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports (EWCY&S) to Bengaluru from December 27-28, 2024, with the honourable Vice-Chancellor Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, where the discussion centred on the implementation of Article 15(5) of the Indian Constitution and the progress of NEP 2020 by St Joseph's University.

Served as an organising committee member of the international conference 'Immunocon -2024,' organised by the Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru from October 17-20, 2024.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Chaired a session presented by Dr Meetali Singh, IISc, Bengaluru on 'Small RNAs and their role in epigenetic inheritance' during '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 and 4, 2025.

Moderated the Industrial Conclave during '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 and 4, 2025.

Appointed as the Board of Governor by Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women (Autonomous), Vaniyambadi, Tamil Nadu.

Served as BOS member for the Department of Microbiology, BMS College for Women (Autonomous), Bengaluru, and Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women (Autonomous).

Dr W Jothy (Associate Professor)

Participated in the five-day national level Faculty Development Programme on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) held from February 18-22, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools organised by the Online

Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, Bangalore, on January 17, 2025.

Participated in an online National Level Awareness Program on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions, organised by Institute for Academic Excellence, Hyderabad, on March 6, 2025.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Ms Mamatha S (Assistant Professor)

Attended a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools, organized by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University, held from January 16-18, 2025.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Ms Shalmali Kamath Prabhu (Assistant Professor)
Published a book chapter titled "Microbiome and Hair Care Products: Opportunities and Challenges" in the book Hair Care Products Efficacy, Safety and Global Regulation, published by Springer Nature, Singapore.

Published a paper titled "Microbiome and Hair Care Products: Opportunities and Challenges." in Hair Care Products, Springer, 2024.

Served as co-convenor and 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 and 4, 2025.

Dr Debalina Chaudhuri (Assistant Professor)

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of

St Joseph's University, Bangalore, on January 17, 2025.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Organised the World AIDS Day Programme, funded by Government of Karnataka, as Staff Coordinator of Microcosm, the undergraduate association of the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, on December 6, 2025.

Organised an intra-collegiate fest, Microverse 2025, as Staff Coordinator of Microcosm, the undergraduate association of the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, on March 14 and 15, 2025.

Dr Mohanraj Gunasekaran (Assistant Professor)

Ms Chandini Sivaganga was admitted as the first PhD Research Scholar of the Department of Microbiology under the supervision of Dr Mohanraj.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Dr Geeta D (Assistant Professor)

Awarded 'Young Women Scientist Award' during 'International Conference on Agritech Intelligence And Beyond: Cutting Edge Innovations In Agriculture and Allied Sciences,' organised by the Division of Veterinary Biochemistry, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & AH, SKUAST-Kashmir, Srinagar, and the Agriculture Forum For Technical Education of Farming Society (AFTEFS), from October 15-17, 2024.

Attended 'International Online Certificate Course on Bio-Entrepreneurship,' organised by Microbiologists Society, India, from November 18-24, 2024.

Published a research article titled “Gene analysis and Molecular Characterization of low-density polyethylene degrading bacteria from Municipal dumpsite” in the African Journal of Biological Sciences, 2024.

Published a book chapter titled “The Evolution, Applications, and Environmental Impact of Thermoplastics.”

Participated in an online symposium titled ‘Reflections on the Teaching & Writing in STEM.’ Attended a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tool, organised by the Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph’s University, January 16-18, 2025.

Awarded certificate of excellence in reviewing by the International Journal of Pathogen Research.

Awarded certificate of excellence in reviewing by the Journal of Advances in Microbiology.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Ms Rakshitha MP (Assistant Professor)

Attended ‘JESCOL – Proactive Leadership (I)’ organised by St Joseph’s University, from November 4-6, 2024.

Attended a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tool, organised by the Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph’s University, January 16-18, 2025.

Attended ‘International Online Certificate Course on Bio-Entrepreneurship,’ organised by Microbiologists Society, India, from November 18-24, 2024.

Served as 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 and 4, 2025.

Student Achievements

Saniya Anjum from I MSc Microbiology presented a poster on “A study on the synergistic antimicrobial activity of Psidium guajava leaf extract and traditional Antibiotics” at ‘the National Conference New Paradigms in Life Sciences for a Sustainable Future,’ organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph’s University, on March 14 and 15, 2025.

Harshith J from III BSc Microbiology presented a poster on “Comparative analysis of green synthesized zinc oxide nanoparticles using precipitation and Microwave-assisted methods” at ‘the National Conference New Paradigms in Life Sciences for a Sustainable Future,’ organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph’s University, on March 14 and 15, 2025.

Susanna Martin Ananda, Subhanu SV, and Samprathi S Rao from III BCMB won the best poster award in 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 and 4, 2025.

Department of Zoology

Department Events

National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS)

The National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS), organised by the Department of Zoology at St Joseph’s University, was held on March 17 and 18, 2025. The event brought together experts, researchers, and students from different parts of India to discuss the recent trends in the zoological sciences, totalling 250 participants.

The conference featured insightful keynotes and plenary sessions by experts including: Dr Mahesh Patlapati, Dr BS 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 organisations like Life Science Education Trust, Illume Gene, Bannerghatta

Botanical Park, A Rocha India, Rajarajeshwari, and Study Abroad provided students with career insights, as well as awareness about wildlife and its care. Enthusiastic participation in oral and poster presentations, panel discussion and cultural program enriched the event.

The dedication of faculty and student volunteers allowed seamless execution of the event. With a blend of academic discourse and networking opportunities, NCTTZS 2025 was an inspiring platform for students wishing to pursue a career in the zoological sciences.



Student leaders and faculty coordinators of Zoologia, 2024-25.

Association Events

Zoologia Association - Investiture

Zoologia, the PG association from the Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University, conducted their investiture on August 23, 2024. 40 participants attended the event, which was graced by guest speaker Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Dean of Research, and Dr Beatrice Maria Sequeira, Dean, School of Life Sciences.

The ceremony commenced with a welcome speech, followed by a talk by the guest speaker which highlighted the scope of research and postgraduate opportunities. The speakers encouraged students to actively participate in different activities, which provide valuable opportunities for hands-on experience, research, and community outreach. The highlight of the event was the investiture ceremony, where the newly elected office bearers of the Zoologia Association were formally inducted by Ms Prathibha RD from the Department of Zoology. The Joint President then gave an opening speech, discussing activities for the upcoming year.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks

delivered by the Joint President of the Zoologia Association, successfully commencing activities for the present academic year.

Online Lecture Series

Zoologia organised an online lecture series from December 18-20, 2024, featuring insightful talks on wildlife conservation and biodiversity. 30 students attended the sessions, which were conducted on Google Meet.

The series included a session on 'Wetland Birds and Protection' by Mr Kiran Vati K, Assistant Professor, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, offering valuable knowledge on bird conservation. Dr Kalpana Jayaraman, Head of the Department of Zoology, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai, presented 'The Winged Wonders – An Introduction to Butterflies,' highlighting butterfly identification and conservation. Mr Glavin Thomas Rodrigues, Assistant Professor, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), delivered a lecture on 'Rivers of Life: Unveiling the Fish Diversity of the Western Ghats.'

The sessions were highly interactive, providing participants with a deeper understanding of biodiversity and conservation, and received positive feedback for their engaging discussions.

Field Visit to Aquarium

On January 22, 2025, Zoologia organised an exciting aquarium field visit. 19 participants visited the Namma Bengaluru Aquarium, where they witnessed a variety of fish species. They noted that aquarium was well-maintained, with a creative set-up that provided a natural habitat for the fishes. Overall, the experience aided students to understand aquatic lifestyle, furthering their interest in the fields of pisciculture and zoology.



Postgraduate students from the Department of Zoology at Namma Bengaluru Aquarium.

Wildlife Day Photography Competition

To celebrate World Wildlife Day, Zoologia organised a photography competition themed 'Animals Around Us' on March 2, 2025. 20 enthusiastic participants captured stunning images showcasing the beauty of wildlife in their surroundings. The best entries were shortlisted and uploaded on the Instagram handle.

After careful evaluation, three students were awarded certificates for their remarkable talent by Dr Pratibha RD, Association Coordinator. The event highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation and encouraged a deeper appreciation for the animals around us.

Women's Day

To celebrate Women's Day, an engaging interview session was organised on March 8, 2025. 25 students and faculty shared their favourite women scientists and explained why they admired them. The session served as a platform to recognise the contributions of pioneering women in science and highlight their impact on various fields. Participants expressed their thoughts, shedding light on the remarkable achievements of these scientists. The videos from the session were uploaded on the Instagram handle, allowing a wider audience to appreciate and learn about these inspiring figures.

The event fostered awareness and admiration for the invaluable role of women in science, inculcating respect for them in the field of zoology in particular.



Zoologia organised an interview session for Women's Day 2025, bringing light to women in science.

Zooventure

Zooventure 2025, an intercollegiate fest, was organised by Zoologia, the Postgraduate Student Association, Department of Zoology, St Joseph University. The fest was held on March 15, 2025, bringing together 60 students from various institutions.

The event offered an exciting platform for participants to showcase their skills, creativity, and teamwork through a series of engaging and competitive activities. This year's fest featured six events: Mad Ads, Escape Room, Ice Breakers, Stress Interviews, Photography, and Reel-Making. Designed to enhance problem-solving, collaboration, and stress management, the events also helped cultivate curiosity towards zoology.

With its dynamic atmosphere and spirited participation, Zooventure 2025 successfully fostered learning, fun, and camaraderie among students.



Zooventure featured several engaging activities for participants.

Career Counselling

A career counselling session was organised for final-year students, featuring guest speakers Mr Moshi Justus and Mr Praveen SK from Global Degrees. The talks were attended by 50 students on March 26, 2025.

The session provided valuable insights on international study opportunities, guiding students through the application process, scholarship options, qualification tests, and other essential requirements for pursuing education abroad. With expert advice and firsthand knowledge, the speakers helped students understand the pathways to global academic and career success. The interactive session encouraged students to explore international opportunities and plan their future with confidence.

Association Launch Event

The Natural Science Association (NSA), the undergraduate association from the Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University, held their official launch event on August 9, 2024. The programme

was held at Arrupe Atrium, with 70 students in attendance.

The event began with the two emcees introducing NSA to the audience. Following this, cultural performances, including a flash mob, rap song, and 'Weird Animal Facts', cultivated interest in the association and its activities. The event concluded with the unfurling of the NSA banner, marking a triumphant start to the year.

Natural Science Association Investiture

On August 8, 2024, an investiture ceremony was held to officially introduce the Natural Science Association team for the year 2024-25. The programme was attended by 75 students and faculty, held at De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University.

The event commenced with a welcome speech introducing the association. Following this, the lamp was lit by the Coordinators of the Natural Science Association, Dr Viyolla Mendonce and Dr V Varun Rajan, as well as Dr M Jayashankar and Dr Sarjan from the Department of Zoology. Mementos were presented to the faculty for their support and guidance. The council members were then presented with their badges by the faculty, successfully commencing activities for the present academic year.



The NSA's investiture formally inducted members for the year 2024-25.

Talk on 'Organoids in Bioengineering'

A talk titled 'Organoids in Bioengineering' was organised by the NSA and the Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University, on September 11, 2025, with 41 participants. Dr Santhosh Arul, Post Doctoral Fellow at University of California, San Francisco, and alumnus of St Joseph's University, was invited as the speaker for this event. Dr Arul shared insights on his research and

experience, from Bengaluru and California. He went on to speak about organoids, describing their applications in the medical field and the scope for scientific advancement in the area. Dr Arul encouraged interested students to research the topic on their own and discussed opportunities in the field.

The talk successfully highlighted the importance of organoids in bioengineering, further elucidating students on potential research topics in zoology.

Call Of The Wild 4.0

The fourth edition of Call of The Wild, an intra-collegiate fest organised by the Natural Science Association and the Department of Zoology at St Joseph's University on October 10, 2025. Events were spread across the university campus, with approximately 100 participants.

Activities included Air Crash, Debates, Bio-All-Means (a quiz), Treasure Hunt, Bizarre Animals (Facts and quiz) and Moody Mammals (a mood board making competition). All the events challenged the participants' creativity and ability to work in a team. The fest was successful in spreading awareness about animal conservation in an engaging and interactive manner.



Students across the university participated in Call of the Wild 4.0.

Ignatian Lecture Series 7.0

The Natural Science Association (NSA), Department of Zoology, hosted the seventh edition of the Ignatian Lecture Series in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society on October 10, 2024. The lecture series was conducted online via Microsoft Teams, and was attended by 40 students.

The theme for the seventh edition was 'Conservation Technology' and three noted

speakers were invited to discuss key aspects of conservation: Ms Parveen Shaikh, Dr Reshma Pitale, and Mr Deepak Rajanna. Ms Shaikh highlighted the importance of conserving Indian Skimmers, while Dr Pitale provided insights into intertidal habitats and the stressors they face. Mr Rajanna concluded the session with a talk on how AI and database technology are now being extensively used in bird ringing projects.

The lectures succeeded in informing participants about the advancements in conservation technology, covering both practical and theoretical aspects thoroughly.

IROC 5.0

The fifth edition of the Interaction with Researchers On Campus (IROC 5.0) was conducted on October 25, 2025 at St Joseph's University. The event was organised by the NSA in association with the Department of Zoology, and hosted 35 participants. Dr Sivakumar, Department of Statistics, St Joseph's University was invited for a talk on biostatistics, to introduce the students in attendance to this field that's still growing. The talk highlighted the importance of statistical approach and applications in the field of life sciences, amalgamating both statistics and life for a newer approach. The session conveyed the nuances of biostatistics, as well as opportunities in the field, encouraging students to pursue the subject in their future.

Nature Walk at Jigani Lake

The NSA, in association with the Department of Zoology, organised a nature walk at Jigani Lake for birding and herping on August 15, 2024. The event saw 30 participants, eager to engage with nature. This activity, aimed at enriching the participants with the knowledge and experience about nature and importance of conservation, showcased the practical aspect of theoretical concepts. The event was a success, highlighting the significance the wildlife and birds hold in nature.

Nature Walk at GKVK, Hebbal

A nature walk was coordinated by the field visit team under the Department of Zoology in association with the NSA on September 22, 2024. The walk, aimed at providing the 25 students with more hands-on and field experience, was organised at the GKVK Campus in Hebbal. Students observed the various species of reptiles,

birds, and amphibians present on the campus. They also discussed the intricate harmony these animals showcase when facing common challenges, focusing on the impact of habitat disruption. The walk successfully gave the participants practical experience on the field, highlighting the growing need for species conservation.

Zoocarniva 3.0

Zoocarniva 3.0, the intercollegiate fest organised by NSA under the Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University, was held on January 18, 2025. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 70 students of various institutions including Christ University, Mount Carmel College, Jyoti Nivas College, and Kristu Jayanti College.

The fest featured 6 competitive events, including Biohazard (Quiz), Murder Mystery, DIY Creatures, Lawyer Up, Zinetopia, and Treasure Hunt. The contests tested participants' creativity, logical thinking, and teamwork in a zoological context. Zoocarniva 3.0 provided a platform for young minds to interact, compete, and showcase their talents, making it a resounding success.



The NSA successfully organised Zoocarniva 3.0, cultivating interest in zoology through engaging events.

NSA Association Valedictory programme

The Department of Zoology hosted the valedictory program of the Nature Science Association (NSA), marking the conclusion of a successful academic year. Held on March 29, 2025, the event was attended by 25 participants.

The programme featured insightful speeches, student achievements, and reflections on various activities conducted under NSA, including seminars, field visits, and conservation initiatives. Faculty members commended the students for their dedication to zoological sciences and

environmental awareness. Awards and certificates were distributed to office bearers.

The program ended on a high note, inspiring students to continue their pursuit of knowledge and ecological stewardship. The event was a memorable celebration of learning and achievement.

Staff Achievements

Ms Rajini SV (Assistant Professor)

Delivered a special lecture titled “Under the auspices of Indian society for comparative endocrinology” at ‘International Conference On Endocrinology, Metabolism And Reproduction: Exploring New Frontiers,’ organised by the Department of Zoology, University of Jammu, Jammu (UT, J&K).

Published a paper titled “Ameliorative action of eugenol on nitrate induced reproductive toxicity in male rats” in Toxicology reports, December 2024.

Dr Samson S (Assistant Professor)

Invited as an examiner for postgraduate practical examination conducted at the Department of Studies in Zoology, University of Mysore on August 6 and 7, 2024.

Dr Kavya K (Assistant Professor)

Received the Best Paper Award for a paper titled “Assessing the Climate-Induced Variation in Water Quality of the Freshwater Ecosystem: A Comparative Analysis” at ‘International Conference on Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Sustainability,’ organised by Mount Carmel College Autonomous, Bengaluru, in collaboration with ICSSR from January 17-18, 2025.

Invited as a resource person for a one-week Faculty Development Programme, themed ‘Research Methodology and IPR,’ organised by DCTE at S.J.(Govt) Polytechnic, Bengaluru, conducted on March 21, 2025.

Student Achievements

Abhijith S presented a paper titled “Observation report on beak anomaly in *Nisaetus cirrhatus*” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Paul Antony Mangaly presented a paper titled “Mapping the impact of citizen science data in India through the lens of the ‘AntIndia’ iNaturalist project” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Shreenidhi V presented a paper titled “Estimating acetylcholinesterase activity in discrete brain regions of an animal model of depression” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Arun Jose P presented a paper titled “Assessing the density of Asian small clawed otters (*Aonyx cinereus*) in the selected streams of Kodagu, Karnataka - A baseline study” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Chandan R and Basilica Sherine A presented a paper titled “Diabetes mellitus: cause for concern” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Ms Ruqqaiya Khan was conferred Best Paper award for the paper titled “Assessing the Climate-Induced Variation in Water Quality of the Freshwater Ecosystem: A Comparative Analysis” at ‘International Conference on Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Sustainability,’ organised by Mount Carmel College Autonomous, Bengaluru, in collaboration with ICSSR from January 17-18, 2025.

Abhijith and Adithya from II BZ won second place in the Environment and Nature Quiz - 2024, organised by Apollo Tyres Ltd at St Joseph’s University, on September 12, 2024.

Abhijith Sethumadhavan co-authored a book titled “Birds, Lakes and Bengaluru,” published on February 1, 2025.

Atmaja Ghosh won first prize under poster presentation category at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

Rani won the Best Paper Award for the paper titled “A Behavioural study of the African giant snail -*Lissachatina fulica* (Mollusca, Gastropoda) in captivity: feed preferences and response towards repellents and light” at ‘National Conference on Trends and Transcends in Zoological Sciences (NCTTZS),’ held from March 17-18, 2025.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Department of Electronics

Departmental Events

Annual Flagship Fest - Shock Fest'25

The Electronics Shock Fest, held at St Joseph's University on February 6, 2025, served 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 fest attracted enthusiastic participation from 149 attendees, including 73 external participants from various institutions. Ms Sheron Maria, Branch Head, AECC Global, Bangalore, served as the resource person for the event.

The fest featured an extensive range of events and competitions, including technical quizzes, project presentations, circuit design competitions, robotics challenges, poster making, treasure hunt, and debate on emerging technologies, providing participants with ample opportunities to engage, learn, and compete.

Esteemed guests including Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, and Dr Godwin J D'Souza, Head of the Department of Electronics, along with other faculty members, attended the event. Under the guidance of Dr Neethu Joseph, Faculty Coordinator, the President of the JET Club, along with event heads, volunteers, and students, made the event a grand success.



The inauguration of the JET Club for 2024-25 included a formal induction of new members into the association.

Participation in Saadhana - by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Students from the Department of Electronics 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.

Association Events

Participation in Eureka'24 at Christ University

Students from the Department of Electronics participated in Eureka'2024, a tech fest organised by the Department of Physics and Electronics, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. 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. Students from Electronics combined with Physics as a team from St Joseph's University bagged the overall championship at the event.



St Joseph's University students emerged victorious at Eureka'24, organised by Christ University.

Participation in Prismatrix'25 at Kristu Jayanti College

Students from the JET Club enthusiastically participated in Prismatrix'25, the Physical Science Fest organised by the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Physics, and Electronics at Kristu Jayanti College, on January 22, 2025. Students of St. Joseph's University won second place in Mathematics, first place in Statistics, first and second places in Physics, and first place in Gaming, and were awarded the Overall

Championship. Their participation yielded remarkable achievements and prizes, bringing honour to the institution.

Participation in Robotic Seminar at BMS College of Engineering

The JET club association members 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 the students' perspective on the evolving world of robotics and its potential impact on various industries.



The Robotics Seminar at BMS College enlightened participants from St Joseph's University about various aspects of the subject.

Participation in Elekta'25 at Jyoti Nivas College

Students of the Department of Electronics and JET Club members at St Joseph's University participated in Elektra'25, a national-level 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 including First Place in Mad Ads, Circuit Debugging, and Escape Room, and second place in Treasure Hunt.

The competition provided a platform to showcase skills and engage with like-minded peers. It was an enriching and memorable experience for all participants. Their achievement demonstrates the University's dedication and expertise in cutting-edge technology and sustainability. 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.

Student Achievements

Yukta Noela Karamchand received the Best Paper Award for a paper titled "AI Enabling FemTech for Women's Health Optimization" at 'the International Conference on Advances in Intelligent Systems, Cloud Computing, and Security,' hosted by Christ Academy Institute of Advanced Studies.

Yukta Noela Karamchand was awarded for third best solution pitched at the Innovation Think Tank Certification programme (ITTCP), organised by Siemens Healthineers, Bangalore and pitched innovative tech healthcare solutions to a panel of judges.

Yukta Noela Karamchand completed a two-month internship at First Source Solutions Ltd. as an Application Lead Intern (June - August 2024).

Alan George Sunny from III ELCS was placed as Tech Risk Analyst at Ernst & Young.

Sumit Bhasan from III ELCS was placed as Customer service associate at Federal Bank.

Sneha Manju from III ELCS student was placed for the role of graphic designer at TimelyAI.

Hari Om Tiwari from III ELCS interned as a full stack developer at Calanjiyam Technologies, Tamil Nadu.

Diya from III ELCS interned in the IT Department attached to the BA Team at Anklesaria.

Staff Achievements

Dr Neethu Joseph (Assistant Professor)

Successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled "Green Synthesis of Nano Carbon-Infused Polymer for the Detection of Toxic Heavy Metals" on August 10, 2024.

Published a paper titled "Development of Green Synthesized Novel Carbon Dots from Ruta Graveolens L. for Fluorescent and Intracellular Sensing of Mercury Ions in Pico-molar (pm) Concentration." in Particle & Particle Systems

Characterization in 2025.

Published a paper titled “Effect of functionalization on the optical properties of polymer-based nanostructure.” in Applied Nanoscience in 2024.

Published a paper titled “Titania Doped CDs as Effective CT-DNA Binders: A Novel Fluorescent Probe via Green Synthesis.” in Particle & Particle Systems Characterization in 2024.

Dr Naveen Kumar R (Assistant Professor)

Presented a research article titled “Diabetic Foot Ulcer Image Segmentation for Wound Detection Using Wavelet Transform” at ‘the International Conference on Computational Intelligence (ICCI)’ organised by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru in collaboration with St Mary’s University, Texas, USA, from February 27-28, 2025.

Department of Mathematics

Association events

Abacus Association Upshot Series

The Abacus Association launched its Upshot Series on September 29, 2024, in the presence of Dr Maria Ancy, Head of the Department of Mathematics, Dr Raisa D’Souza, PG Coordinator, and teacher coordinators.

The speaker for the first lecture series was Dr Sreekar Vadlamani, Associate Professor, TIFR-Centre for Applicable Mathematics. The lecture began with an introduction to integral geometry and how to solve Buffon’s needle problem and its connection to probability. It then moved on to uniform probability measure and estimation of pi from Buffon’s needle problem with the use of integrals from the Affine-Grasmanian of all straight lines in \mathbb{R}^2 . Dr Sreekar also gave a brief idea on Crafton’s formula, Minkowski functionals and Lipschitz-killing curvatures, and ended the session with Weyl’s tube formula. The second lecture series was conducted by Dr Hari Baskar, a pioneer in the field of AI and ML, who spoke on ML in content moderate systems.

The lecture series successfully conveyed complex mathematical concepts in an engaging manner, inciting interest in mathematics.

Quaternis Tournament

Quaternis is a bi-weekly mathematics tournament organised by the Abacus Association, beginning from the academic year 2024-25. The aim of the tournament was to showcase mathematics as an interdisciplinary subject by merging various common topics and themes with mathematics. Students formed teams of three to compete in the tournament, maintaining the same teams throughout as they fought for the top spot on the leaderboard. The point system was devised for each edition separately.

The first edition of the Quaternis Tournament focused on Mathematics and Music. The event was hosted by the General Secretary of Abacus Association. The second and fourth editions of the tournament were coordinated by the Associate General Secretary of the Abacus Association. The themes were a fusion of Mathematics, Art, and Philosophy, and Mathematics and Love, respectively. The third and fifth editions were hosted by the Vice President of Abacus Association. The third event involved the use of virtual buzzers and audio clips, and the fifth discussed famous scientists with morally ambiguous discoveries and inventions. The sixth and final edition of the Quaternis Tournament took place on March 20, 2025.



Quaternis was organised bi-weekly, with several participants competing in the events.

Et Ultra

Et Ultra, an intra-college fest organised by the Abacus Association, was held on October 19, 2024. 125 participants attended the programme, which was held at various locations across the university campus. The day-long event was successful at making mathematics accessible to students of various backgrounds with its engaging events. Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Department of Physics, distributed the prizes to winners.

Ad-infinitum

Ad-infinitum, the inter-collegiate fest organised by the Abacus Association of the Mathematics Department, featured six diverse events. The fest was inaugurated by Dr Maria Ancy, Head of the Department of Mathematics. 180 students from various institutions participated in the events. Students from Kristu Jayanti College emerged as the overall winners. Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Department of Physics, distributed the prizes to winners. The valedictory ceremony was celebrated with cultural performances.



Ad Infinitum was the inter-collegiate fest successfully organised by the Abacus Association.

Staff Achievements

Dr Grace Divya D'Souza (Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed her PhD Defence for her thesis titled "Topics on Codes, Designs and Graphs," under the guidance of Dr Medha Itagi Huilgol, Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, Bengaluru City University.

Secured 68th Rank in the KSET examination held on November 24, 2024 (results declared on January 4, 2025).

Dr Deepa Mathew (Assistant Professor)

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.

Dr Gerard Rozario J (Assistant Professor)

Published an article titled "Super Vertex Sum Labeling of subdivided graphs" in AIP Conference Proceedings in 2025.

Dr P Rock Ramesh

Published an article titled "D*-Local Functions in Ideal Spaces" in the International Journal of Analysis and Applications in 2025.

Student Achievements

The following alumni achieved outstanding ranks in the KSET examination held on November 24, 2024: Sai Sanathann Kethana (4th Rank), Sharang Thimmaiah (7th Rank), Roopesh C (34th Rank), Janice Caron Correya (39th Rank), Abhishek Vaibhav Pathal (66th Rank), and Giridhar S (188th Rank).

Ganti Narasimha from III MCS secured a rank of 190 in the Joint Admission Test for MSc, Joint MSc-PhD, Dual degrees, and other post graduate degrees at IITs, IISc and other top institutes in India, on March 18, 2025.

Niki Lama from III MST cleared the Joint Admission Test for MSc, Joint MSc-PhD, Dual degrees, and other post graduate degrees at IITs, IISc and other top institutes in India, on March 18, 2025.

Abhishek Vaibhav Pathak from II MAT successfully cleared the GATE exam (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering) on March 20, 2025.

Sai Sanathann Kethana from II MAT successfully cleared the GATE exam (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering) on March 20, 2025.

Department of Physics

Departmental Events

Guest Lecture: Nonlinear Dynamics and its Applications

On March 13, 2025, the Department of Physics at St Joseph's University organised a guest lecture titled 'Nonlinear Dynamics and its Applications.' The session was conducted online and screened in person at the Staff Seminar Hall, with 50 MSc Physics students and faculty in attendance. The session was led by Dr Asit Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Sikkim.

Dr (Fr) Roshan Castelino, SJ, Director of Research, St Joseph's Research Institute, presented the

welcome note. Dr Saha was introduced by the event organiser and co-ordinator for this lecture, Dr Allen Lobo, Department of Physics, who also presented the vote of thanks and the concluding talks. Dr Saha's lecture primarily focused on nonlinear plasma waves and their role in various physical systems. The discussion covered definition and characteristics of a dynamical system, including its behaviour, applications to other fields of physics, and scope for future research.

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. It provided an in-depth exploration of nonlinear plasma waves, emphasising their fundamental nature, theoretical modelling, and technological applications.



Mr Madhusudan explained the science of soap films and bubbles to students.

NCNGEM Conference

'The National Conference on Next-Generation and Emerging Materials (NCNGEM-2025),' organised by the Department of Physics, was held from February 27-28, 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. Over 100 students attended the conference, which was held at the University Auditorium.

The event featured eminent scientists in the field, including Dr Sriram K, Principal Scientist at GE India Ltd; Dr PS Anil Kumar, Professor, IISc, Bengaluru; Dr Tanusri Saha Dasgupta, Professor, SN Bose Centre for Basic Science, West Bengal; Dr Bivas Saha, Professor, JNCASR, Bengaluru; Dr Anshu Pandey, Professor, IISc; and Dr N

Gopalakrishnan, Professor, NIT Trichy.

The 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.



Students and scholars who participated in The National Conference on Next-Generation and Emerging Materials, 2025.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony of the Physics Student Association 2024

The Physics Student Association (PSA) was officially inaugurated on July 29, 2024. 50 students attended the event, which was conducted at Faber Hall, St Joseph's University. The newly appointed Vice President welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, as well as faculty members and students. Dr Lora Rita Goveas, Head of the Department of Physics, delivered a motivational speech and encouraged active participation from the newly formed council. The event proceeded with lighting of the lamp, followed by the oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected council members. The President of the association also presented a detailed plan of events for the academic year, concluding the event.



Students received Mr Madhusudan's talk on gravitational waves with enthusiasm.

Physics Quiz 2024

The first event organised by the PSA was a Physics Quiz, which saw enthusiastic participation from students of various departments. 26 students participated in the event, held on August 9, 2024. The quiz covered topics including renowned scientists, units, and fundamental physics concepts. Participants formed teams of two, making a total of 13 teams. The President of PSA also introduced the leadership goal initiative and encouraged broader participation in future events. The quiz was a resounding success, engaging students in an exciting and competitive learning experience.

Physics Crossword

On August 14, 2024, the PSA organised a crossword event, attended by 28 students. This competition blended the fun of word games with intellectual physics challenges. Participants formed teams of two and tackled physics-themed crossword puzzles. The first round had 14 teams, of which 10 advanced to a more difficult second round based on speed and accuracy. The event created an engaging atmosphere, emphasising the importance of mastering physics concepts in an enjoyable way.

Space Quiz

To celebrate International Space Day, the PSA organized a Space Quiz on August 23, 2024. The first round had 13 teams of two, out of which eight 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 astronomy and physics.

Lecture on the Science of Soap Films and Soap Bubbles

The PSA organised a talk titled 'The Science of Films and Soap Bubbles' on August 21, 2024. Led by Mr HR Madhusudan, former Deputy Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, 50 students attended the session, which was held offline at St Joseph's University.

Mr Madhusudan's lecture explored the scientific principles behind soap bubbles, beginning with a historical reference to a painting by Pierre Mignard. He 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 left attendees with a newfound appreciation for the physics of everyday phenomena, successfully conveying the principles that govern soap bubbles.

Special Lecture on Gravitational Waves: Prediction to Detection to the Present 2024

The Physics Student Association organised an insightful lecture by Mr HR Madhusudan, former Deputy Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, on August 28, 2024. The session was conducted at De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University, and was attended by 50 students.

In his talk, Mr Madhusudan elaborated on the significance of gravitational waves, Einstein's general theory of relativity, and the role of LIGO in modern astrophysics. He highlighted how gravitational wave detection could help predict supernova explosions and provide insights into the Big Bang relics. Mr Madhusudan also explained how theoretical and experimental physics go hand in hand, emphasising the importance of gravitational wave detectors placed across the globe. He further 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. Participants left the hall with a renewed enthusiasm for astrophysics, motivated to delve deeper into the mysteries of the universe.



Students emerged victorious at Eureka, Christ University's inter-collegiate fest.

Christ University Fest: Eureka 2024

Students of St Joseph's University participated in

Eureka 2024 at Christ University, competing in various academic and science-based competitions, on September 19, 2024. They emerged victorious in multiple events, showcasing teamwork, intellect, and enthusiasm. The highlight of the fest was the quiz competition, where our 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

The Physics Students Association organised Noesis 2024, a fest aimed at inspiring school students to explore careers in science, on October 28, 2024. Led by resource persons Dr B Gurumoorthy, Chief Executive of SID, IISc; Dr Satish Patil, Chair, Solid state and Structural Chemistry Unit, IISc; and Dr Venkitakrishnan PV, Director, ISRO, the sessions were attended by 200 students in the St Joseph's University Auditorium.

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.

Staff achievements

Dr G Vignesh (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "On the semiconductor to metal transition in a quantum wire: Influence of geometry and laser" in the journal Modern Physics Letters B in 2024.

Published a paper titled "The influence of screening function on exciton mott transition in an asymmetric double quantum well" in the journal Modern Physics Letters B in 2024.

Published a paper titled "Theoretical study of exciton Mott transition in quantum wells through interband transition energy of excitons" in the journal AIP Conference Proceedings, on January 12, 2024.

Dr Litty Thomas Manamel (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Unveiling Negative Differential Resistance and Superionic Conductivity: Water Anchored on Layered Materials" in The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, on August 2, 2024.

Published a paper titled "A triradical-containing trinuclear Pd(ii) complex: spin-polarized electronic transmission, analog resistive switching and neuromorphic advancements" in the journal Materials Horizons, on October 23, 2024.

Dr Madhu Kashyap J (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled "Extremophiles Ecophysiology study for Exoplanets" at 'Astrobiology and the Future of Life Meeting,' organised by USRA, Lunar and Planetary Institute, USA, in 2024.

Mr Ricky Wilfred (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled "Investigation of structural and optical properties of Metal-Sandwiched Zn-PC thin films" at 'the National Conference on Next-Generation and Emerging Materials,' organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from February 27-28, 2025.

Dr Mohan A (Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed all the experiments in the refresher course in Experimental Physics organised by the Department of Physics, Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women Autonomous, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, catalysed and supported by the Science Academies, in 2024.

Department of Statistics

Departmental Events

State-Level One-Day Workshop on Biostatistics

The Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University organised a state-level biostatistics workshop on October 1, 2024. The event hosted 70 participants, including 17 students from St Aloysius College, Mangalore. Dr J Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice-Chancellor, was the chief guest.

Resource person Mr Sebastian Thomas, Associate

Statistician at Novo Nordisk, led sessions on foundational concepts and practical applications of biostatistics. The workshop concluded with a valedictory program, feedback collection, and certificate distribution. The event successfully elucidated students on the various facets of biostatistics, inspiring them to pursue the subject further.



Dr Shetty's insights on Power BI were received with gratitude.

Weekly Facts Report: A Statistical Lens

The Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University successfully organised the ongoing Weekly Facts initiative, beginning from December 19, 2024. This initiative 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 the Department's notice board.

The primary objective of this initiative was to improve statistical literacy among university students, 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.

Workshop on Data Visualization with Power BI

The Department of Statistics at St Joseph's University, along with Frequentia, the Statistics Association, organised a workshop – Data Visualization through Power BI. Held on March 17, 2025, the workshop was attended by 50 students. Dr Jayaram Reddy, Professor, Department of Botany, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The event was coordinated by Ms Ayesha T and Dr Archana V, Head of the Department of Statistics.

The resource person for the session was Dr Dileep Kumar Shetty, Senior Analytics Trainer at the International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC). Dr Kumar guided participants through a hands-on session that enabled them to gain practical experience with Power BI's tools and features. Student feedback reflected high levels of satisfaction, with many appreciating the clarity, practical orientation, and industry relevance of the training.



Christ University (Central Campus) emerged as the winners of Tilasto 2025.

A Study Tour on Real-World Applications of Statistics at Kochi

A two-day industrial visit to Kochi, Kerala, was organised by the Department of Statistics, St Joseph's University, for 25 postgraduate students, from March 24-25, 2025. Industrial visits serve as a valuable educational tool by offering students exposure to real-world industry operations. The visit 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.

Association Events

Intra-College Fest: Vectra

Frequentia, the Statistics Association at St Joseph's University, hosted its first intra-collegiate fest, Vectra, on September 25, 2024. Dr Melwin Colaço, Registrar, inaugurated the event, highlighting the importance of statistics.

Six diverse events engaged over 100 participants throughout the day. A valedictory ceremony celebrated winners with cultural performances. Following this the Convenors of Frequentia gave a vote of thanks. Dr Archana V, Head of the Department of Statistics, concluded the fest with a speech, marking Vectra's successful debut and promising future editions.

Tilasto 2025: Inter-College Fest

Frequentia successfully hosted Tilasto 2025 on February 1, 2025. With the theme 'Made in Japan,' the fest drew 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, totalling 4 events that challenged 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 spirited vote of thanks

from the Convenors brought the day to a close, marking Tilasto 2025 as an exciting and insightful edition.

Staff Achievements

Dr D Victorseelan (Assistant Professor)

Completed a PhD in Statistics with a thesis titled "On the interface between statistical techniques and machine learning methods," from Bharathiar University.

Dr Kavitha N (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Inference on Stress-Strength Reliability for Lomax Exponential Distribution," Statistics and Applications.

Dr Archana V (Assistant Professor and Head of the Department)

Reviewed a chapter titled "Datalyse-Integrating Statistics and Computation for Streamlined Financial Data Analysis, Linear Model Building and Time Series Analysis." by IGI Global Publications, USA.

Dr Babitha N (Assistant Professor)

Published a book titled Foundations of Statistics: Theory and Applications for Engineers, REST publisher.

Mr Ebenezer R (Assistant Professor)

Qualified KSET 2024 for Assistant Professor in Mathematical Science.



Postgraduate students from the Department of Statistics explored statistical applications in an industrial visit to Kochi.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Departmental events

Student Exchange Programme: University of North Carolina Wilmington

The School of Social Work at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted a week-long student exchange programme with the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) from December 9-16, 2024. Coordinated by Ms Viola Maria Noronha, Department of Social Work, the programme facilitated cross-cultural learning and academic collaboration between students of both institutions.

The exchange featured interactive sessions aimed at understanding different social work methodologies. The UNCW team visited organisations such as CARE, VISTHAR, and Samajika Nyaaya Vedike (Social Justice Forum), where they engaged with grassroots-level social work. A key highlight of the programme was the discussion on global social work perspectives. Students from both universities exchanged ideas on policies, challenges, and innovative approaches to social welfare.

The exchange programme successfully fostered international academic ties, broadening students' understanding of global social issues. It concluded with a session reflecting on key learnings, where students expressed appreciation for the enriching experience. This initiative reinforced the importance of collaborative learning in social work education and strengthened institutional partnerships for future engagements.

International Symposium

On December 12, 2024, St Joseph's University hosted an international symposium on 'Human Rights in the Global World: Trends and Challenges' at Xavier's Hall. The event began with a formal introduction and prayer, followed by welcome addresses from Dr Augustin Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, and Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Department of Social Work, setting the stage for discussions on human rights issues.

Dr Arthur Franklin, chief guest, discussed the human rights crisis in the USA, covering topics such as diversity, health, immigration, and food insecurity. The symposium included speeches

from various panellists on diverse issues, including mental health, employee well-being, and workers' rights. The second half of the event featured poster presentations by students from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Discussions also touched upon the intersection of mental health, identity, and belonging, with an emphasis on the transformative power of art in community development.

The event concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where key speakers summarised the day's discussions. The ceremony celebrated the success of the symposium, emphasising the importance of collective efforts in addressing global human rights challenges. The day ended with a vote of thanks, recognising all participants, speakers, and organisers for their contributions.



The Department of Social Work organised International Symposium on Human rights with UNCW

Tribal Visit: Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu

From December 13 to 19, 2024, III BSW students, accompanied by faculty members Dr Premajyothi D and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Department of Social Work, participated in a five-day tribal camp in Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu. A total of 34 students took part in the visit, which was organised in collaboration with the Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA). The camp aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to the indigenous tribes of the region, offering insights into their unique lifestyles, traditions, and cultural heritage.

Throughout the camp, students engaged with tribal communities, observing traditional rituals and gaining an understanding of their ancient knowledge systems. Interactions with tribal

elders and community members provided valuable insights into social structures, healthcare practices, and sustainable living methods. The visit also highlighted the challenges faced by indigenous communities in adapting to modern societal changes while striving to preserve their cultural identity.

The camp fostered essential soft skills, leadership qualities, and teamwork among students, deepening their understanding of community welfare and reinforced their commitment to social work. The experience left a lasting impact, encouraging students to advocate for indigenous rights and contribute to sustainable community development.

Rural Camp Report – I MSW Field Engagement and Community Awareness at Hosahalli Thanda
From December 14 to 21, 2024, I MSW students participated in a rural camp at Hosahalli Thanda, Bengaluru Rural District. The camp offered an immersive experience of rural life, enabling students to apply social work principles through direct community engagement. Capt. Akshay Mandlik and Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Department of Social Work, coordinated the camp. Throughout the week, students conducted awareness sessions on Self Help Groups, healthcare, and women's empowerment, fostering dialogue and behavioural change. A comprehensive village survey was carried out using Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methods to identify socio-economic challenges, with the findings submitted to local authorities to support development planning.

In a significant initiative, students organised a free medical camp that included cancer screening for the villagers, enhancing access to early diagnosis and health education. Simultaneously, another team conducted an E-Shram and ABHA card registration drive, successfully generating around 60 cards, ensuring social security and healthcare access for unorganised workers.

This rural camp was a transformative experience, enriching students with essential social work skills. It deepened their understanding of grassroots realities and strengthened their commitment to social justice.

Rural Camp Report – II BSW Community Interaction and Development in Kammanahalli, Tumkur

II BSW students undertook their rural camp in Kammanahalli, located in the Tumkur region, from December 14 to 21, 2024. This week-long camp served as a practical platform for students to understand rural dynamics and engage with the social, economic, and health-related issues of marginalised communities. Dr Shari Tess Mathew and Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Department of Social Work, supervised the visit.

The camp's primary objective was to promote community awareness and foster student learning through direct interaction with villagers. Students conducted a range of awareness programs on topics such as health, education, sanitation, and social welfare schemes. A key component of the camp was the village survey, through which students gathered important data on the living conditions, employment patterns, education levels, and access to public services.

The rural camp was a significant learning milestone for BSW students. It enabled them to connect classroom knowledge with field realities, build rapport with community members, and understand the challenges of social work in a rural setting.

Study Tour: Exploring Social Work Practices in Hyderabad

As part of the academic curriculum, II MSW students embarked on a study tour to Hyderabad from December 12 to 21, 2024, with 64 students participating. The tour aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of social work practices across various sectors, enhancing students' practical knowledge and professional outlook. The event was coordinated by Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, and Ms Mariya Luyious.

During the visit, students engaged with NGOs, hospitals, government organisations, and corporate companies, gaining first-hand exposure to the diverse applications of social work. Through interactions with professionals in these fields, they developed insights into the roles, challenges, and impact of social workers in different settings. The tour also helped identify areas where social work services were well-established and those requiring further intervention.

This experience bridged theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, allowing students to critically analyse social issues and explore potential career paths. The study tour broadened their perspectives on the scope of social work and reinforced their commitment to meaningful community

Musical on Importance of Tree Plantation

On January 5, 2025, I BSW students, as part of the Green Spartans initiative, staged a vibrant musical at the UG Block. The performance creatively highlighted the importance of tree plantation, using an engaging storyline and expressive choreography to captivate the audience.

The musical featured beloved characters such as Simba, Timon, and Pumba, alongside trees, woodcutters, and dancers, who brought the environmental message to life. Through music, dialogue, and movement, the students conveyed the significance of afforestation and the consequences of deforestation, urging everyone to act in preserving nature. The audience, comprising faculty and students, was deeply moved by the performance.

The Green Spartans initiative, under which the musical was performed, focuses on spreading awareness about ecological sustainability through creative and interactive methods. The success of the musical was evident in the enthusiastic response from the audience, who appreciated the effort and the strong environmental message it carried.

Samskruthika Samvidhana Parishe

The School of Social Work, in collaboration with Karantakada Jeevapara Kalavidara Oggudiveyalli, organised 'Samskruthika Samvidhana Parishe' on January 25, 2025. This cultural initiative aimed to uphold constitutional values through various artistic expressions, including singing, dancing, storytelling, and some material exhibition. 200 students were part of the event, which was coordinated by Y J Rajendra and Dr Premajyothi D, Department of Social Work.

The event brought together artists, students, and social activists from across Karnataka. Performers used their art to depict themes of equality, justice, and democracy, reinforcing the relevance of constitutional principles in contemporary society. The event also included a discussion

panel and storytelling sessions highlighting real-life struggles for justice and equality. Traditional dance performances symbolised cultural unity and diversity. The materials showcased at the event visually represented themes of constitutional rights and responsibilities.

Samskruthika Samvidhana Parishe successfully created a space where culture and social consciousness merged, inspiring students and attendees to reflect on their role in upholding constitutional ideals. The festival not only celebrated India's rich cultural heritage but also encouraged critical engagement with issues of social justice, making it a memorable and impactful event.



The Department of Social Work hosted students from UNCW

Awareness Program: Water Conservation

On January 29, 2025, I MSW students conducted an awareness programme on water conservation, focusing on the causes and consequences of water pollution and the urgent need to protect water resources. The event aimed to educate and engage the audience through creative and impactful performances. 100 students attended the programme.

The programme commenced with a vibrant flash dance featuring the traditional Lambani dance, drawing attention and setting an energetic tone for

the session. Following this, a thought-provoking skit was staged, illustrating real-life scenarios of water wastage, pollution, and the long-term effects of depleting water resources. The skit also showcased practical water-saving techniques that individuals can incorporate into their daily lives, such as rainwater harvesting, reducing water wastage, and promoting sustainable usage practices.

The initiative successfully raised awareness among the attendees, sparking discussions on the importance of collective responsibility in conserving water. By blending cultural elements with social messages, the event left a lasting impression on the audience, reinforcing the need for conscious water conservation efforts in everyday life.

Orientation visit to the Karnataka State Unorganized Workers' Board

On February 19, 2025, II MSW-HR students of St Joseph's University undertook an orientation visit to the Labour Department to engage with the Karnataka State Unorganized Workers' Social Security Board. The session was led by Ms Meena Patil and Mr Devi Prasad, esteemed officials from the Board, who shared valuable insights on the current status, policies, and welfare measures concerning unorganised sector workers in Karnataka. Faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, and Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, coordinated the event.

The session began with an overview of the Board's objectives and functions, highlighting various social security schemes and registration processes for unorganised workers. The speakers elaborated on the unique challenges faced in implementing these schemes across diverse informal sectors. They also emphasised the crucial role that social work professionals and HR practitioners play in bridging gaps in access, awareness, and policy execution.

The visit offered students a practical perspective on labour administration and policy-making, aligning theoretical knowledge with grassroots realities. It fostered critical discussions on labour rights, social justice, and sustainable livelihoods.

SPARKS: International Conference

The SPARKS International Conference 2025

was held on March 4 and 5, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the University of Houston-Downtown, USA. The conference, themed 'Advancing Sustainability Transitions for People and Planet: The Road Ahead,' brought together scholars, experts, and students to discuss critical sustainability issues, environmental policies, and global social justice concerns. 400 scholars were part of the conference. The conveners for the event were Dr Premajyothi D and Dr Mary Princes Lavanaya.

The two-day event featured renowned keynote speakers, international experts, and research scholars from various institutions. In addition to academic presentations, the conference included a debate competition, where students deliberated on pressing environmental policies and their effectiveness. A cultural programme highlighted the intersection of sustainability and arts, offering a creative expression of environmental consciousness through performances.

The conference successfully facilitated academic exchanges, encouraged international collaborations, and contributed to the ongoing global dialogue on sustainability and social justice. It provided a valuable platform for participants to network, exchange ideas, and develop actionable strategies toward a more sustainable and equitable future.

Social Justice Lecture: Understanding Periyar's Legacy

The School of Social Work at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a Social Justice Lecture on March 26, 2025, in memory of Fr Luigi Taparelli, SJ. Titled 'Social Justice: Periyar's Perspectives and Contemporary Situation in India,' the session was delivered by Mr Muthumani Nannan, a senior journalist from Bengaluru. The event took place in Aloysius Hall, bringing together 120 participants, including students and faculty, for an insightful discussion on equality and reform.

Coordinated by faculty members YJ Rajendra and Dr Premajyothi D, under the guidance of Dr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean, Department of Social Work, and Dr Alan Godfrey A, Head of the Department of Social Work, the lecture provided a comprehensive understanding of Periyar's philosophy and its relevance in contemporary India. Mr Nannan emphasised Periyar's lifelong fight against caste discrimination,

gender inequality, and social injustice, drawing connections to present-day challenges. His thought-provoking insights sparked meaningful discussions, encouraging students to critically analyse ongoing struggles for social justice.

Students actively engaged in the session, reflecting on Periyar's ideology in today's context. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the speaker's powerful insights and the faculty's efforts in organising the session.

Ubuntu 2025 – A Celebration of Community, Empowerment and Expression

The School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted Ubuntu-2025 on April 5, 2025, at the University Auditorium. The event was a vibrant convergence of learning, cultural expression, and child empowerment, bringing together over 280 children aged 9 to 14 from various NGOs. The event was coordinated by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Department of Social Work.

The program began with a prayer dance by BSW and MSW students, followed by a welcome address by Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the Department of Social Work. Students from I MSW served as the Masters of Ceremonies, introducing chief guest Mr Arun Siva Ganesh, an alumnus, musician, and founder of GlobalKulture. The session included a thought-provoking talk by Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, on the philosophy of Ubuntu. Ms Ancita introduced the Metanoia Kleos Empowerment Foundation. Interactive and informative sessions, covered crucial topics such as good touch–bad touch, bullying, ragging, and self-expression.

The programme concluded with cultural performances by both the visiting children and the Social Work students. Participation certificates and mementos were distributed.

Valedictory Session for II MSW and III BSW

The Department of Social Work organised a Valedictory Session for the outgoing II MSW and III BSW students on April 9, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The programme commenced with a prayer song, followed by a welcome address and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The chief guest for the day was Ms Latha Paul, a former faculty member at the School of Social Work who has worked extensively with NGOs and community-based organisations. The celebration included cultural performances and interactive segments

by I MSW and I BSW students. A light-hearted yet meaningful part of the event recognised selected II MSW and III BSW students for their unique personalities and memorable moments in class. Dance performances and a farewell video added to the emotional spirit of the afternoon.

Faculty members including Dr Prema Jyothi D, Fr Simon D'Souza, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Dr Augustine Lordu, Dr Shari Tess Mathew, and Ms Latha Paul graced the occasion and shared their thoughts with the students. A short video dedicated to the SWSA core committee was also played, followed by an experience-sharing moment from the SWSA coordinator. The session with around 280 participants ended with a farewell video by III BSW.

MSW HR Forum Events

Workshop on Power BI

On February 3, 2025, the HR Forum of St Joseph's University organised an intensive workshop on Power BI at Xavier Hall, exclusively for MSW students. The session was led by Ms Sara Kutty, Department of Economics, St Joseph's University, who brought both technical knowledge and real-world application to the learning experience.

Ms Kutty began the session by explaining the core features of Power BI, including data modelling, visualization techniques, and dashboard creation. She emphasised the relevance of data-driven decision-making in the field of human resources and social work, making the session highly applicable to students' future roles. Participants were given opportunities to work on live datasets, enabling them to create dashboards, generate insights, and troubleshoot common errors.

The workshop was coordinated by faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Fr Simon D'Souza. It concluded with a Q&A session where students discussed the practical uses of Power BI in HR analytics and research. Overall, the workshop empowered students with essential technical skills relevant for both academic and professional growth.

HR Evolution Workshop

The MSW-HR Forum, School of Social Work, successfully organised a workshop titled 'HR Evolution: Growing Skills, Shaping Futures' on

March 25, 2025, at Faber Hall, Bengaluru. The event aimed to equip students with practical knowledge in the field of human resources. It featured two distinguished speakers from the industry: Ms Anushikha Abraham and Ms Nikita Mathew. 19 students from II MSW attended the session.

The first session, Ms Abraham, Senior Associate Lead at Infosys Limited, focused on conflict resolution in the workplace. She discussed different types of conflicts, the role of a grievance redressal body, and the detailed investigation process. Through interactive case studies, she enabled students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life scenarios, enhancing their problem-solving skills.

Ms Mathew, Talent Advisor at Intel Corporation, emphasised the transition from campus to corporate life. She highlighted the importance of effective communication, personal branding, and networking. Additionally, she shared practical tips on job interviews, helping students understand the expectations of the corporate world.

The workshop provided a valuable learning experience, offering insights directly applicable to HR practices. Both sessions encouraged student participation through Q&A and case study discussions, making the event engaging and informative.

Industry Connect- The Changing role of L&D in the Age of Digital Transformation

The MSW-HR Forum of St Joseph's University inaugurated its Industry Connect series on April 1, 2025, with an insightful session titled "The Changing Role of L&D in the Age of Digital Transformation." This initiative aims to bridge academic learning with industry practices by facilitating interactions between students and HR professionals. Faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, and Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, coordinated the event.

The session was led by Ms Sudeepta Banerjee, Learning and Development Head at Aquarelle India Pvt Ltd, who brought in-depth industry experience and knowledge to the discussion. She introduced students to the core concepts of Learning and Development (L&D), focusing on how digital transformation and artificial

intelligence are reshaping the L&D landscape. She emphasised how modern tools are enhancing employee training, engagement, and performance tracking in real time.

The session encouraged interactive discussions, with students actively engaging in conversations around the practical application of L&D strategies. Ms Banerjee addressed queries, making the session both informative and inspiring.

Industry Connect - 2: A Visit to BCE Global Technology

On April 2, 2025, II MSW-HR students of St Joseph's University had the enriching opportunity to visit BCE Global Technology, a cutting-edge division of Bell Canada. Known for its focus on next-generation telecommunications products and services, BCE Global Tech stands at the forefront of global innovation and digital connectivity.

This visit, part of the Industry Connect series, provided students with a deep dive into real-world HR practices. The session was led by Ms Priyanka, Vice President of HR and Branding, along with her HR team. They delivered informative sessions on talent acquisition and employer branding, highlighting recruitment trends, candidate engagement, and how branding shapes an organisation's image in the job market. An engaging bonus session by Mr Robinson focused on Interview Cracking Techniques, offering students practical tips and insights on how to approach interviews confidently and professionally.

A key takeaway from the visit was the opportunity for students to interact directly with industry HR professionals. These one-on-one interactions allowed students to clarify doubts, gain practical advice, and connect academic concepts with on-ground realities.

Industry Connect Report - "Payroll Management 101" Session.

The MSW-HR Forum conducted an insightful Industry Connect session titled 'Payroll Management 101' on April 5, 2025, at the Staff Seminar Room. The session was led by Mr Manjunatha D N, HR Business Partner (South) at DB Schenker, who currently manages HR operations across Karnataka, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. The event was coordinated by Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Fr Simon

Paul D'Souza, Department of Social Work.

Mr Manjunatha provided a comprehensive overview of payroll components such as salary structure, statutory deductions, compliance requirements, and pay cycles, emphasising the importance of accuracy, timeliness, and automation in payroll processes. Drawing from his industry experience, he discussed real-world scenarios that highlighted common challenges and best practices in payroll management.

The session was highly interactive, with students actively engaging and raising queries on CTC breakdowns, labour laws, and payroll budgeting, thereby gaining clarity on practical aspects often beyond classroom learning. With 20 participants in attendance, the session successfully bridged theoretical concepts with practical applications, adding great value to the students' academic and professional journey.



The Department of Social Work organised an industry connect session on payroll

Industry Connect Report – Corporate 101: Boundaries, Branding & Being Work-Ready

The MSW HR Forum organised an Industry Connect session on April 10, 2025, via Zoom. The session was led by Mr Sagar Uppara, Team Lead at State Street, who spoke on 'Corporate 101: Boundaries, Branding & Being Work-Ready.'

Mr Uppara shared valuable insights into the transition from campus to corporate life, emphasising the importance of time management, setting professional boundaries, and building a personal brand. He also addressed common challenges faced by fresh graduates and provided practical tips for becoming industry-ready. The session was highly interactive, with Mr Uppara clarifying doubts and encouraging students to approach corporate roles with a proactive and prepared mindset.

The session was coordinated by faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Fr

Simon Paul D'Souza. Their efforts ensured an engaging and smooth learning experience for all participants.

Industry Connect – The Role of HR Analytics in Enhancing Organizational Performance

On April 10, 2025, the HR Forum organised an Industry Connect session via Zoom. The session featured Mr Ramesh Rajan, Founder and CEO of the Global HR Community, who addressed the topic: 'The Role of HR Analytics in Enhancing Organizational Performance.'

Mr Rajan delivered a highly engaging and insightful session, emphasising how HR analytics can transform organisational strategies and boost efficiency. He shed light on real-time HR challenges and elaborated on how data-driven decision-making can align HR processes with broader business goals. His practical approach to using analytics tools to enhance employee performance, retention, and satisfaction helped bridge the gap between academic concepts and real-world corporate scenarios.

The session was organised by Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Fr Simon Paul D'souza, Department of Social Work, along with student coordinators. Their collective efforts ensured the smooth execution of the session and created an enriching learning experience for all attendees.

HR Forum Valedictory Ceremony

The HR Forum of the Department of Social Work, St Joseph's University, hosted its Valedictory Ceremony for the academic year 2024–2025 on April 12, 2025, at the Magis Conference Room. The event marked the conclusion of the forum's activities, highlighted by a guest lecture from Mr Sagar Uppara, Team Lead at State Street.

The ceremony began with a prayer song, followed by a welcome address by the Vice President of the HR Forum. The Cultural Secretary, briefly introduced the forum's vision and goals, and the Forum Report was presented by students from II MSW, reflecting on the year's achievements. Mr Uppara delivered an insightful session on the importance of communication in HR, sharing real-world experiences and practical applications.

Dr Premajyothi D delivered words of encouragement. Contributions of forum members

were acknowledged through a short appreciation segment, followed by a video montage highlighting the forum's activities over the past year. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the President of the HR Forum. Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, and Fr Simon D'Souza, Department of Social Work were present, marking a successful closure to the academic year.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Alan Godfrey A (Assistant Professor and Head of the Department)

Supervised III BSW students on a five-day tribal visit to Kotagiri from December 14 to 18, 2024.

Served as the Convenor for the Christmas Celebration for staff and students at St Joseph's University, held on December 21, 2024.

Performed a Bharatanatyam Dance Drama before the Governor of Tamil Nadu on December 23, 2024, as part of the Christmas celebrations.

Conducted a workshop on Data Analysis using SPSS, organised by the Department of Sociology, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on January 9, 2025.

Invited as a resource person 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.

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.'

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."

Moderated a session on 'Suicide and role of Media' in an international conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, on March 4 and 5, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Child Sexual Abuse and Wellbeing Among LGBTQ+ Individuals: The Role of Family in Healing." in LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 2024.

Published a paper titled "The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications for Social Work Practice." in Ageing International, 2024.

Dr Augustine Lourdu (Assistant Professor and Dean of School of Social Work)

Published a paper titled "'Enlightened Solidarity' in the Philosophies of Tirukkural and Simone Weil and its Emergent Pedagogy." in the Journal of Dharma Studies, 2025.

Capt. Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik (Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work)

Published research paper titled "The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications for Social Work Practice" in the Ageing International (2024).

Coordinated MSW Rural Camp at Hosahalli Thanda, Bengaluru Rural District from December 14 to 21, 2024.

Dr Mary Princess Lavanya (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled "Self - Realisation: A Tool for Optimal Living" in 'the National seminar on Mahatma Jyothi Rao Phule & Savitribai Phule's Contribution for the Promotion of Education & Empowerment of Women in India,' held at Mahatma Jyothirao Phule Centre, Acharya Nagarjuna University, on January 30 and 31, 2025. Served as a Co-Convener of the international conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, on March 4 and 5, 2025.

Participated in 'the National Conference on Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Employee Well-being' organised by the PG Department of Social Work, Human Resource Management, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, held on February 17, 2025.

Ms Viola Maria Noronha (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "The Long Road to Recovery: An Investigation into the Health and

Wellbeing of Older Adults in India who Survived Covid-19 and its Implications for Social Work Practice.” in Ageing International, 2024.

Invited as resource person along 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.

Served as convener of the one-week Student Exchange Program with the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Served as a Co-Convener of ‘the International Symposium on Human Rights in the Global World: Trends And Challenges,’ held on December 12, 2024, in collaboration with University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Served as moderator for paper presentations in the international conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph’s University in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, on March 4 and 5, 2025.

Fr Simon Paul D’Souza (Assistant Professor)

Coordinated an educational visit to Hyderabad from December 12-21, 2025.

Dr Shari Tess Mathew (Assistant Professor)

Coordinated 2nd BSW Rural Camp in Kammanahalli, located in the Tumkur region, from December 14 to 21, 2025.

Coordinated Medical and psychiatric students’ interaction with University of Houston -Downtown, USA during SPARKS International Conference Discussed cultural perspectives of Mental Health and Clinical Social Work.

Coordinated Medical and psychiatric Specialisation Forum.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan (Assistant Professor)

Published four papers in Web of Science and Scopus Indexed journals and had the highest number of Scopus and Web of Science Indexed Publications in 2024 in the Social Sciences as per the list released by the Research Director in April 2025.

Fr Francis Pinto, SJ (Assistant Professor)

Coordinated an educational visit to Hyderabad from December 12-21, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D (Assistant Professor)

Served as a moderator at ‘the International Symposium on Human Rights in the Global World Trends and Challenges’ organised by School of Social Work, St Joseph’s University, Bangalore, on December 12, 2024.

Served as a Chair at the UGC-sponsored ‘Two days National Seminar on Mahatma Jyothirao Phule & Savitribai Phule’s Contribution for the Promotion of Education & Empowerment for Women in India’ organized by School of Social Work, Mahatma Jyothirao Phule Centre, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Gunturu, Andhra Pradesh, and presented two research papers titled “The Phule’s Ideals in Modern HR Practices & Lessons for Workplace Equalities” and “Self-Realization: A Tool for optimal Living”, on January 30 and 31, 2025.

Served as a resource person at ‘the National Conference on Strengthening Inter-Generational Solidarity for Employee Well-Being’ on February 17, 2025, organized by PG Department of Social Work (HRM), Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur.

Invited as Chief Guest on International Women’s Day 2025, organised by DHASH Innovating Tomorrow, Bangalore, on March 8, 2025.

Organised 3 industrial visits and 7 workshops for MSW HR Students.

Ms Maria Sonia Louis (Assistant Professor)

Coordinated an educational visit to Hyderabad from December 12-21, 2025.

Served as Convener of the Regional Abilympics 2024 – South Zone.

Served as a Co-Convener of the international conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph’s University in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, on March 4 and 5, 2025.

Served as a moderator for paper presentations in the international conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph’s University

in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, on March 4 and 5, 2025.

Dr Rajendra Prasad Y J (Assistant Professor)

Organised Samskruthika Samvidhana Parishe on January 25, 2025.

Organised a Social Justice Lecture on March 26, 2025, in memory of Fr Luigi Taparelli SJ, titled "Social Justice: Periyar's Perspectives and Contemporary Situation in India."

Student Achievements

Anagha Rajesh published a book titled Traces of You and won the Prestigious Limited Edition 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award.

Vanditha secured third place in paper presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Shruthika secured first place for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Aishwarya M secured first place for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur.

Ancita Treasa Crasta secured fourth place for the poster presentation organised by the Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur. Adithi Anil, Aleena Treasa Lukose, Alvin Francis, Amalan Jerome, Anaina Tigi, Ancita Treasa Crasta, Anjal Francis, Archana S, Ashika Sajith Kumar, Avanteeka Sarma, Catherine Gloria Philips, Chaitanya NS, Chelsa Maria PA, Christina Sibichan, Deol Jude Simon, Danush Babu, Divya Darshini M, Donbosco Tomy, Gowri Nandana, Grace Joshi, Irene Elizabeth Cherian, Iris Joyce Morath Nuda, Aishwarya M, Jerin Joshi, Kaveetil Jenova John, Kripa Thomas, Leya Mariyam Joseph, Maria Antony, Meenakshi V, Misbah Kulsoom, Nevil Johnny, Piyali Mukherjee, Preethi D, Puthenchirakal Riya Chacko, Rachel Christine D'Sena, Raghavendra Holla, Rickson Oliver J, Ronjsenrenla Kichu, Rosemerin Joby, S Shruthika, Safa Febin, Seana Jai, Sharanya Nataraj, Sijimol KC, Sneha Sarkar, Sonia V, Sweeni Reshal Rodrigues, Taniya Rose Baby, Tanushree Sukumar, Tithi Banerjee, and Vanditha SS from I and II MSW presented papers at various national and international conferences in different colleges

and universities.

Jiya Srestha, Rone George Siby, Denil Roy, and Sreya C Sam from BSW 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.

Angel Santosh and Denil Roy from BSW presented papers at 'the National Conference on Social Work' organised by the Department of Psychology at Roshini Nilaya College, Mangaluru, on October 22, 2024.

Kesiya Yohannan and Sreya C Sam from BSW presented three papers at Loyola College, Chennai, Sri Rama Krishnan Mission, Coimbatore, and Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, on September 24, 2024 and March 25, 2025, respectively.

Aby John Mathew, Adam G Alexander, George Raiju, Anna Maria Varghese, Aaysha Mariyam, Elsa Maria Soni, Kopuri Sailaja, Jovan Boanergers F, Abishai Vijaykumar, Sufiyan Rehman, Aman Sharma, Merlin Lourdu I, Gowri Krishna Anil, Catherine Holy Prasanth, Saniya Dinesh, Allen Joseph, Ashal Renil Sebastian, Angelina Elza George, and Athul M Preeth from II BSW presented papers at 'the One-Day International Conference on Mental Health,' organised by the Department of Social Work, Ananda College, Devakottai, on October 22, 2024.

Athul M Preeth, Jovan Boanergers F, and Aaysha Mariyam from BSW presented papers at the National Conference organised by the School of Humanities, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Cricket

St Joseph's University staff were Runners-Up at the AMITY Inter Unit Staff Cricket tournament, organised by St Joseph's Boys High School on February 15, 2025. Mr Praveen Pedru Siddi was crowned the Man of the Match, while Dr Ranganath B received the title of Best All-rounder.

The Men's Cricket Team won UDAAN, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Presidency University from February 18-20, 2025. Gagan Rao from I BBAB was declared the Best Player of the event.

Kabaddi

The Men's Kabaddi Team won SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Hockey

Bollamma PM from I IFA participated in a Hockey Tournament organised by Lake View Paradise Hockey with the Muddanada Hockey team January 5, 2025. The team emerged as Runners-Up while Bollamma was crowned the Best Player of the Tournament.

The Men's Hockey Team of St Joseph's University emerged as Runners-Up in CHRISPO, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by Christ University from January 27-31, 2025.

The Men's Hockey Team won the Hockey tournament at RHAPSODY, an inter-collegiate fest organised by the Indian Institute of Science from February 21-23, 2025. Gyan Ganapathy from II BCADA received the title of Best Goal Keeper, and Godwin P from III BCOMC was crowned Top Scorer.

The Men's Hockey Team were Runners-Up at SPIEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce from February 8-14, 2025.

Table Tennis

The Men's and Women's Table Tennis Teams were Runners-Up at SPIEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce from February 8-14, 2025.

Basketball

The St Joseph's University Women's Basketball Team were crowned Runners-Up at the Fr Rebello SJ Inter-Collegiate Tournament, organised by St Joseph's Institute of Management from February 5-6, 2025.

The Men's Staff Team were Runners-Up at SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Throwball

The Women's Staff Team were Runners-Up at SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Kayaking and Dragon Boat

Medha Rajeev from III VC represented Bangalore District in the state games for Kayaking and Dragon Boat competition, held at Udupi from January 16-20, 2025, where she won two silver medals.

Taekwondo

Neha Jerry from III JPY represented Bangalore District in the state games for Taekwondo, held in Mangalore from January 17-23, 2025, where she won the gold medal.

Srikanth from I BCOMB represented Bangalore District in the state games for Taekwondo, held in Mangalore from January 17-23, 2025, where he won the gold medal.

Vasanth A from I BPS represented Bangalore District in the state games for Taekwondo, held in Mangalore from January 17-23, 2025, where he won the bronze medal.

Harshid M from I BCADA won gold in Fighting and silver in Poomase at the VIFA OPEN National Taekwondo Championship, held at the Malleswaram Rotary Club on January 26, 2025.

Tejas Varma G from I BBAB won the gold medal in Taekwondo in the 71kg category at the National Urban Games 2024-25, held in Goa from February 14-16, 2025.

Kalaripayattu

CS Shreyas Hariharan from III VOA won the silver medal in Kalaripayattu at the National Games in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, held from January 28-31, 2025.

Football

The St Joseph's University Women's Football Team represented the university in CHRISPO, an inter-collegiate sports fest organised by Christ University from January 27-31, 2025, where they emerged as the Runners-Up.

The Women's Football Team were the Runners-Up at KHEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Mount Carmel College on February 3 and 4, 2025.

The Men's Football Team won SPIEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce from February 8-14, 2025.

The Men's Football Team won CUBYC, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Christ Yeshwantpur Campus, from February 18-21, 2025. The Men's and Women's Football Teams were Runners-Up at SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Kho-kho

The Men's and Women's Kho-kho Teams of St Joseph's University were Runners-Up at SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Badminton

The Women's Badminton Team of St Joseph's University were the Runners-Up at SPIEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce from February 8-14, 2025.

Handball

Krithika CB from III BBAB, Drishti Dechamma from I BCOMB, and Hemavathi from III BTBY represented Bangalore District in the state games for Handball, in Mangalore from January 17-23, 2025, where they emerged as the second Runners-Up.

Rifle

Vanshka Lahoria from I EJP won two gold medals

at the Second Nagraj Rao Shooting Competition and Championship 2025, held at Karnataka State Rifle Association at Bengaluru University from January 16-24, 2025.

Tennis

Gnanesh KC from III BCAA won the Republic Day Cup-Tennis, held at BR Tennis Academy from January 25-26, 2025.

Volleyball

Staffmembers from St Joseph's University emerged as Runners-Up in the Volleyball Tournament for Teachers, organised by Samay Sports Academy & Junior Volleyball Academy at Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma Ground on February 9, 2025.

The Men's Volleyball Team of St Joseph's University were the Runners-Up at KHEL, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Mount Carmel College on February 3 and 4, 2025. Harsha Raj from I HPS was crowned Best Player at the event.

The Men's Volleyball Team were Runners-Up at SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.

Wushu

Poornima Boyapati from II ECPS won the gold medal in Wushu in the 56kg category at the Khelo India Women's State Wushu League 2024-25, organised in Vijayanagara from February 15-17, 2025.

Athletics

Tarushi Vikram from III BZ emerged victorious in the Indian National Rally Sprint Championship 2024 Finals conducted by MMSC at Madras International Circuit, Chennai on the January 19, 2024. She placed first in Ladies Open and Juniors Open, fourth in Sprint 3, and was the ninth fastest runner overall.

Neole Anna Cornelio from II JPY represented Bangalore District in the state games for Athletics, organised by Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Karnataka Olympic Association, Mangalore, from January 21-23, 2025, where she won the gold medal. She was also awarded the title of the Best Female Athlete.

Neole Anna Cornelio from II JPY participated in

the National Games 2025, held in Uttarakhand from February 8-12, 2025, where she won the gold medal in the 4x100 m Relay and fifth place in the 100 m sprint.

Overall

St Joseph's University's Men's Teams were declared the Overall Champion of SPHYGMUS, an inter-collegiate tournament organised by Jyoti Nivas College from February 20-21, 2025.



SHIFT III

Workshops & Guest Lectures

Discover

The Department of Commerce organised a one-day research workshop – Discover – to equip MCOM students with fundamental research skills. The workshop was attended by 40 participants at De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University, on October 14, 2024. Facilitated by Mr Samrat Das and Ms Sreelakshmi, the session covered literature reviews, topic selection, and research methodologies.

Guest speakers Dr Joshua Selvakumar and Dr Manikandan MKM, School of Business and Management, Christ University, provided key insights. Dr Selvakumar introduced research fundamentals, ethical considerations, and qualitative versus quantitative approaches. Dr Manikandan guided students on conducting systematic literature reviews, emphasizing research gaps. Mr Das led an interactive session on selecting relevant research topics aligned with industry trends, encouraging brainstorming exercises. Ms Sreelakshmi explained qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methodologies, illustrating their applications in commerce research.

The workshop saw enthusiastic student participation in Q&A sessions, group discussions, and idea presentations. Discover successfully met its objectives, enhancing students' research literacy and preparing them for future academic and professional research endeavours. The engaging discussions and expert insights made it a valuable learning experience for all participants.

Guest Lecture on The Research Paper Writing Process

The Department of Commerce – Shift III, St Joseph's University organised a guest lecture by Dr C Nagadeepa, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, on January 29, 2025. 37 MCom students attended the talk titled 'The Research Paper Writing Process.'

The event commenced with an introduction to the guest speaker, following which Dr Nagadeepa explained the topic in detail. He

provided an overview of the process, listing key aspects of research paper writing: title, abstract, introduction, literature review, methods, results, conclusion, and references. Following this, a Q&A session was conducted for the students. The session was closed with a vote of thanks. Dr Nagadeepa was felicitated by Mr Manoj Prabhakar, Staff Coordinator for the event.

The event was successful in providing students a comprehensive understanding of the process of writing research papers and projects.



The research paper writing process- Dr Nagadeepa walked participants through the process of writing research articles.

Guest Lecture on Feminist Criminological Scholarship in India

The guest lecture titled 'Feminist Criminological Scholarship in India' was an insightful and engaging event, organised by Dr Chandni Bhambhani, Department of Sociology, St Joseph's University, on March 6, 2025. 100 II and III BA students of Shift III attended the event. Ms Shreejata Niyogi, Research Officer at the Public Affairs Centre in Bengaluru, led the session.

Ms Niyogi began by tracing the evolution of feminist criminology as a critique of traditional male-centric perspectives. She emphasised the importance of intersectionality, exploring how overlapping identities – such as gender, caste, class, and sexuality – influence women's interactions with crime and justice. The lecture also addressed the challenges of conducting empirical research in this sensitive field, including ethical considerations and methodological complexities. During the subsequent Q&A session, students posed questions ranging from the absence of laws addressing violence against men to the need for policy reforms in Indian prisons.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks,

following which Ms Niyogi was felicitated by Mr Prashanth Kumar, Shift III coordinator. The talk successfully illuminated the various nuances of feminist criminology.



Feminist criminological scholarship- Ms Niyogi shared her insights on feminist criminology.

Guest Lecture on Fundamentals of Research

On December 12, 2024, School of Humanities & Social Sciences – Shift III, St Joseph's University, organised a talk titled 'Fundamentals of Research.' The session was led by esteemed guest speaker Dr Balaji BR, Assessment and Evaluation Specialist, CMR University. The session was attended by II BA students from Shift III.

The event commenced with the introduction of the guest speaker, after which Dr Balaji delivered an in-depth presentation on the research process. He discussed key aspects including formulating research questions, developing methodologies, and ethical considerations in research. His clear explanations and practical examples provided a deeper understanding of the subject matter. Following this, a Q&A session was held, wherein students had the opportunity to clarify their doubts and ask questions related to the research process.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the significant contributions of Dr Balaji and faculty volunteers Mr Linto and Ms Alisha CA. Dr Balaji was felicitated by Mr Prashanth Kumar, Shift III Coordinator, who expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Dr Balaji for sharing his expertise with the students.

Guest Session on Making of the Indian Constitution – Role of the Constituent Assembly

A guest lecture titled 'Making of the Indian

Constitution – Role of the Constituent Assembly' was organised by Mr Linto Antony, Department of Political Science, on March 18, 2025. The guest lecture was attended by 82 I and II BA Political Science students from the School of Humanities & Social Sciences – Shift III.

The event commenced with the introduction of the esteemed guest speaker, Mr Bhaskar Simha L N, Assistant Professor, St Joseph's College of Law. Mr Simha delivered a lecture on the making of the Indian Constitution, highlighting the stages of its drafting as well as the contributions of the Constituent Assembly. He elaborated on the historical background that led to the formation of the Constituent Assembly, including its composition and key members. Following the lecture, an interactive Q&A session was held, where students actively engaged with the speaker. The event concluded with the felicitation of the guest speaker by Mr Prashanth Kumar, Shift III coordinator, and Dr Chandni Bhambhani, Humanities Coordinator of Shift III. Mr Antony delivered a vote of thanks. The event successfully enlightened students about the construction of the Indian Constitution and its lasting significance.

Guest Lecture on Music to the Ears

On February 18, 2025, the Department of Computer Science, Shift III, organised a guest lecture by Fr Robin, Instrumentalist, titled 'Music to the Ears.' The event was attended by 100 students, and was held at Faber Hall, St Joseph's University.

The session commenced with Fr Robin introducing the concept of generalism, emphasising the importance of having a broad knowledge base across multiple disciplines. A key segment of the workshop was the explanation of ADDA (Analog-to-Digital and Digital-to-Analog) conversion. Fr Robin detailed the principles and applications of these conversions, highlighting their importance in various technological fields. Following this, Fr Robin showcased his musical talents through beatboxing and playing various instruments, including the Jew's harp, thumb piano, flute, recorder, mouth organ, guitar, keyboard, and saxophone.

The session concluded with an inspiring message from Fr Robin, motivating everyone to remain open to new knowledge and to cultivate a mindset that embraces challenges as opportunities for

growth. This talk successfully provided students with a fresh perspective on the value of versatility in their learning journey.

HR Conclave

The Department of Management at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised the first edition of the HR Conclave on October 10, 2024. The event was attended by 850 participants and was held at the University Auditorium. The conclave focused on the theme 'Navigating HR Dynamics in the Age of AI,' and featured 18 esteemed resource persons representing a diverse range of industries.

The HR Conclave was inaugurated in the presence of Mr Prabhakar, Chair; Dr Kanishka K, Convenor; Mr Surya Prakash, Head of Talent Skilling at Wipro Enterprise Futuring; Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice Chancellor, St Joseph's University; and Dr Christo Selvan V, Dean of the School of Business at St Joseph's University.

The technical sessions focused on the theoretical aspects of AI, as well as its practical impact on the workforce. Practical workshops and competitions provided hands-on learning opportunities, and two panel discussions addressed the grave issues of AI. The event concluded with a valedictory session, graced by Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Dr Christo Selvan V, Mr Alok Kumar Dwivedi, Mr Prabhakar, and Dr Kanishka K. The first edition of the HR Conclave was a success, offering participants valuable insights into the evolving landscape of HR in the age of AI.

Industry Academia Talk Series-1

On December 18, 2024, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted an insightful event titled 'Industry-Academia Talk Series,' organised by Ms Jhanavi N, Department of Management. The talk was attended by 160 students from Shift III. The session aimed to provide students with practical insights into the world of production and operations, focusing on the rapid growth and evolving dynamics of the field. The invited speaker, Dr P Mohan Kumar, Associate Professor, REVA Business School, REVA University, shared his expertise on the production and operations industry. The session was successful in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry insights, offering students valuable insights into the real-world applications of their academic learning.

Online Webinars by Infosys-Springboard

As part of the student learning process, the Department of Computer Science, Shift III, provided a platform for students to access online webinars by Infosys-Springboard – Daily Expert Knowledge Sessions. The event was conducted on January 27, 29 and 30, 2025. I and III BCA students attended the webinar over the three days. These sessions proved to be highly beneficial, aiding students in preparing for corporate environments while also enhancing their interpersonal skills.

Professional Interface Forum on Orientation of CMA Certification and its Global Recognition

The Professional Interface Forum titled 'Orientation of CMA Certification and its Global Recognition' was successfully organised by Ms Jhanavi N from the Department of Management at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on March 17, 2025. The event was conducted in association with Miles Education and was attended by 70 students from I and II BBA SF. The session was led by invited speaker Mr Madan MG, a dynamic financial professional with US CPA and CMA certifications, specializing in tax, audit, and academic training.

The session provided students with a clear understanding of the CMA certification process, its global recognition, and career opportunities, motivating them to pursue CMA. Participants also gained insights into effective strategies for CMA exam preparation, including structured study plans. The discussion highlighted key financial and managerial skills essential for success in the field. Additionally, students were encouraged to build professional networks by connecting with industry experts and CMA alumni.

Overall, the session empowered participants with the knowledge and confidence to advance their careers through CMA certification.

Professional Interface Forum – HR Conclave Workshop: Branding Oneself For Excellence In Interview

On October 10, 2024, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted an insightful event titled "Branding Oneself for Excellence in Interviews." Organised by Ms Jhanavi N, Department of Management, as part of the Professional Interface Forum's HR Conclave Workshop, the event was aimed at preparing students for interview success. The workshop was attended by 410 students from

I, II and III BBA and I and II Year BBA SF programs. Five distinguished resource persons conducted the sessions: Dr Komal Dave, Coordinator, PG Commerce Department, St Joseph's College of Commerce; Dr Lucas, Professor and Training and Development Expert, Bangalore; Mr KL Chavan, Chief Manager, SBI, and Secretary General of the National Federation of SC/ST Employees Welfare Association; Dr Sheebha Thomas, Founder and Executive Director, Glocon Training and Research Centre, Bangalore; Dr Lodhi MK, Adjunct Professor, CMS Business School, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).

The primary objective of the workshop was to help students develop essential skills to build a strong personal brand, including communication, personal presentation, and confidence-building. Through live demonstrations, mock interviews, and expert feedback, students gained a deeper understanding of the hiring process and learned how to effectively position themselves for success.



Branding oneself- Five resource persons helped students develop a personal brand for interviews.

Professional Interface Forum – Time Value of Money & NPV Industry Session

The Professional Interface Forum titled 'Time Value of Money & NPV Industry Session' was successfully organised by Ms Jhanavi N at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on January 28, 2025. The event was conducted in association with Miles Education and was attended by 50 students from I and II BBA SF. The session was led by Ms Alka Kothari, CPA.

The session focused on the fundamental principles of the Time Value of Money (TVM) and Net Present Value (NPV), crucial concepts in financial decision-making. Ms Kothari shared practical insights on financial valuation techniques, highlighting how companies assess investment projects using NPV, discounted cash flow analysis, and risk-adjusted discount rates. She also elaborated on the importance of time in financial decision-making

and how businesses optimize financial strategies using TVM principles.

Students gained insights into how these concepts play a vital role in investment appraisals, capital budgeting, and strategic financial planning. The forum effectively provided an industry-oriented approach, bridging academic learning with practical financial applications.

Interactive Session with Japanese Delegates from Sophia, Seisen, and Ferris University

On January 20, 2025, the St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC) at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted an insightful session featuring delegates from three esteemed Japanese institutions: Sophia University, Seisen University, and Ferris University. The event was held at the Board Room and was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and the Registrar, as well as 40 PhD scholars and undergraduate students from various departments.

Prof Kathy R Matsui from Sophia University, shared insights from her peacebuilding journey and emphasised the vital role of dialogue in conflict resolution. Dr Tatsuya Hikichi from Ferris University, discussed media literacy for individuals with disabilities, highlighting technology's role in fostering inclusive education. Mr Hirakita Kotaro, a postgraduate student from Sophia University, explored universities' contributions to global governance and the integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in higher education. Ms Yoshitake Nozomi, a graduate scholar from Sophia University, presented her research on social media literacy among youth, advocating for regulatory measures to protect users.

Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, concluded the session by connecting the discussed themes to Jesuit principles, underscoring a shared commitment to global peace and inclusivity. The event concluded with a group photo, symbolizing unity in addressing global challenges.

Workshop on "Intellectual Property Rights & Patents and Design Filing"

On January 9, 2025, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIIPM) organised a workshop

titled – Intellectual Property Rights & Patents and Design Filing. 130 participants attended the workshop online through Cisco-Webex. The event aimed to provide insights into the importance of securing intellectual property rights and the procedures involved in filing patents and design registrations in India.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Ms Junaida Muneer, Department of Computer Science, St Joseph's University, who introduced the esteemed resource person, Dr Bharat N Suryawanshi, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, RGNIPM, Nagpur. Dr Suryawanshi discussed the importance of Intellectual Property (IP) rights, the patent and design filing process, and key legal procedures. He emphasised the necessity of obtaining rights over intellectual property to protect innovations and creations in the competitive global market. The interactive session concluded with a Q&A segment, addressing participants' queries. Ms Sruthi Surendaran, Department of Computer Science, delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop successfully raised awareness about the significance of intellectual property protection and equipped participants with practical knowledge of the patent and design registration process.



Session with Japanese delegates- In a session with Japanese delegates from three universities, dignitaries discussed peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Industrial Visits

Industrial Visit to KMF/Nandini Mega Dairy

On October 9, 2024, the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University, organised an industrial visit to KMF/Nandini Mega Dairy in Malavalli, Kanakapura Road. A total of 48 students – led by Dr Senthil B and Mr Shashank S – and accompanied by Mr Samrat Das, participated in this insightful experience.

The visit began with an introductory session on Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) and its operations. Students toured key areas, including the milk reception and testing area, processing and packaging units, quality control laboratory, and cold storage units. They observed automated processes and learned about supply chain management and quality control measures. Additionally, students actively interacted with dairy staff, discussing production logistics and technological advancements. A traditional meal featuring dairy-based dishes further connected theory with practice. Before departure, students received goodie bags with Nandini products, adding a personal touch to the experience.

The visit concluded successfully, leaving students with valuable industry insights relevant to their academics and careers. The Department of Commerce aims to organise more such visits, fostering practical learning beyond the classroom. Industrial Visit to KMF/ Nandini Mega Dairy and Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory

On February 24, 2025, 40 students from St Joseph's University visited the KMF/Nandini Mega Dairy and Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory in Malavalli, Kanakapura Road, Shivana Halli, organised by Ms Jayalakshmi KU. The visit aimed to provide practical insights into dairy production, quality control, and supply chain management.

At Nandini Mega Dairy, students explored key areas, including milk reception and testing, processing and packaging, quality control, and cold storage. They learned about automated systems, hygiene standards, and the role of technology in ensuring high-quality dairy products. At Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory, students observed the ice cream manufacturing process, covering raw material testing, production automation, quality control, and deep-freezing storage at -25°C. The visit highlighted rigorous quality checks, advanced machinery, and the importance of cold chain logistics in maintaining product integrity.

Students engaged in interactive discussions with experts, gaining valuable industry insights. The visit concluded with a traditional meal featuring dairy-based dishes and goodie bags filled with Nandini products. This educational experience helped students connect theoretical concepts with real-world industry practices, enhancing

their understanding of food production, quality assurance, and supply chain operations.

Industrial Visit to KMF/ Nandini Mega Dairy and Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory

On February 25, 2025, Dr Senthil B and Mr Shashank S from the Department of Commerce, St Joseph's University, organised an industrial visit to KMF/Nandini Mega Dairy and Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory located in Malavalli, Kanakapura Road, Shivana Halli. A total of 52 students, accompanied by Mr Shashank S and Ms Lakshmi, participated in this enriching experience. The visit aimed to provide students with practical insights into the functioning of Karnataka's leading dairy industries.

The students visited the Nandini Mega Dairy first, where they were welcomed with a snack. They were introduced to the operational processes of the dairy, which plays a vital role in Karnataka's milk production and distribution. Following this, the students were escorted to the Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory, where they were introduced to the various tools and techniques used in ice-cream production. The students were also introduced to quality control measures during the visit.

The visit successfully provided students with valuable insights into the dairy industry, along with the complexities of supply chain management, food production technologies, and the importance of stringent quality control measures.

Industrial Visit to Bench Mark Tea Factory and a Chocolate Factory

On September 29-30, 2024, 33 students from St Joseph's University visited the Bench Mark Tea Factory and Chocolate Factory in Ooty, Tamil Nadu, to gain practical insights into the tea and chocolate manufacturing processes. The students were supervised by Ms Jayalakhmi KU and Mr Leyander Lobo from the Department of Commerce.

At the tea factory, students explored the various stages of tea manufacturing, from plucking and withering to rolling, oxidation, drying, and grading. They learned how climatic conditions, traditional and modern techniques, and quality control measures influence tea production, and discussed challenges such as climate change and market competition. The visit concluded with a tea tasting session, where students experienced the distinct flavours of Nilgiri tea.

At the chocolate factory, students observed the

transformation of cocoa beans into chocolate bars, covering steps like roasting, winnowing, grinding, conching, tempering, and moulding. Factory staff highlighted advanced machinery and supply chain issues, alongside industry challenges such as market competition and consumer awareness. The visit also showcased the economic impact of the chocolate industry.

Both visits provided students with valuable industry insights, bridging theory with practical experience and deepening their understanding of food production, quality control, and market dynamics.

Industrial visit to Rishi FIBC

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an Industrial Visit to Rishi FIBC, Mysuru, on September 18, 2024. 48 students from II BBA C, D and SF were led by Dr T Mahesh Babu from the Department of Management.

At the beginning of the visit, the industry expert provided a brief overview of the process pattern followed in the industry. Students were also introduced to the manufacturing, production, and processing products, with the opportunity to witness the processing of premium products manufactured by Rishi FIBC. The importance of demand and supply patterns was highlighted as a factor that must be maintained in the mass production process.

The visit to Rishi FIBC Solutions Pvt. Ltd. provided a unique opportunity to observe the inner workings of a leading packaging manufacturer, understand the technical processes involved, and explore the broader impact of FIBC Solutions on global supply chains. The experience successfully deepened the students' appreciation of the packaging industry, motivating students to explore roles in manufacturing, logistics, and quality control.

Visit to Indian Institute of Science for the Open Day

On March 1, 2025, I and II BCA students had the opportunity to visit the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, as part of its annual Open Day. The visit aimed to provide students with exposure to cutting-edge research, emerging technologies, and the academic environment at IISc. A total of 105 students were supervised by Dr

Selvaperumal, Dr Manivannan, Mr Timothy Paul, Ms Junaida Nallakkandy, and Ms Shalini from the Department of Computer Science, Shift III.

The Open Day featured exhibitions, demonstrations, and interactive sessions across various departments. Students explored advancements in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Robotics, and Computational Sciences through engaging presentations and live experiments conducted by IISc researchers and scholars. During the visit, students explored multiple laboratories, gaining firsthand experience of ongoing projects and innovations. The interactive sessions offered deeper insights into research opportunities and career prospects in the field of Computer Science.

Students also participated in various quizzes and games organised as part of the Open Day. The interactive and competitive nature of these events made learning more engaging and enjoyable. Many students showcased their knowledge and enthusiasm, winning prizes that boosted their enthusiasm for learning and research.

Association Events

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 session was attended by 90 students at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University. The event began with a warm welcome and an introduction highlighting the significance of awareness around women's health issues. This session aimed to empower women with essential knowledge on preventive health and hygiene.

The guest speaker, Dr Namrata Sugandhi, 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. Dr Sugandhi stressed 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 tips on maintaining health during menstruation, including 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. The session ended with a heartfelt vote of thanks. Overall, the session was a great success, achieving its goal of promoting women's health awareness.

AICUF Annual Rural Camp 2025

The All India Catholic University Federation Association (AICUF) – Shift III of St Joseph's University organised its Annual Rural Camp from February 24-27, 2025. 32 participants embarked on this transformative journey in Harobele, Karnataka, guided by resource persons Mr Pradeep P from the Department of Commerce and Ms Junaida Muneer from the Department of Computer Science.

The camp provided a unique opportunity for students to engage with rural communities, understand their lifestyles, and contribute to village welfare. Through immersive experiences, community interaction, and meaningful engagement, students gained insights into rural realities and developed empathy-driven solutions to address local challenges.

The AICUF Annual Rural Camp 2025 was an enriching experience that fostered both personal growth and social responsibility. It successfully broadened students' perspectives on rural society.

AICUF National Conference 2024

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) – Shift III, St Joseph's University, participated in the AICUF National Conference 2024, held from December 13-15, 2024. A delegation of 18 students attended the conference at St Aloysius University, Mangalore. The sessions focused on themes of nation-building, reconciliation, and peace.

The event commenced with an inspiring lecture by Mr Manoj Lewis, Associate Professor at Government First-Grade College, Kavoar, on 'The Role of AICUF in Nation Building.' Fr Melvin Pinto, SJ, delivered a compelling keynote address titled 'Marching Towards Reconciliation and Peace.' He highlighted the importance of global citizenship, peace, and reconciliation, urging students to actively contribute to building a more harmonious and inclusive society. A thought-provoking session on emotional intelligence and reconciliation explored how emotional awareness

is vital for fostering stronger relationships and promoting peace. In addition to the discussions, the conference featured a debate and a skit, providing students with opportunities to express their perspectives creatively.

The conference concluded with an in-depth discussion on the three pillars of AICUF: Reconciliation, Peace, and Youth Conduct. Students were urged to become ambassadors of peace and social justice, striving to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

Synergy 2024



AICUF national conference- Students participated in activities centred around Reconciliation, Peace, and Youth Conduct.

Synergy, a fest organised by the Business Association of St Joseph's University, was held from October 3-9, 2024. 350 participants took part in eight competitive events, of which four were open to students from all departments, while the remaining four were exclusive to BBA students. The fest was launched on September 30, 2024.

The open-to-all events included Echoes of Knowledge, a quiz competition; Executive Elegance, a fashion contest; Ad Frenzy, a creative Mad Ads event; and Green Gala which focused on corporate sustainability. Events for BBA students included HR Evolution, a human resources challenge; Marketing Momentum, a marketing-focused event; Future Founders, an entrepreneurship contest; and Manager of the Year, the coveted Best Manager event. Each event was scheduled from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm over the five days. The fest concluded with the Synergy Valedictory Ceremony, held on October, 2024, where the winners of each event were felicitated with prizes.

This diverse array of events fostered an environment of healthy competition, creativity, and leadership development, culminating in a

memorable week for all participants.

Tejas 2025

Tejas 2025, the flagship interclass cultural fest of Shift III, was held from March 7-20, 2025. The event featured 27 competitions, engaging all 27 classes of Shift III. The fest commenced with an inauguration that included the unveiling of the banner and the trophy, followed by a flash mob performance by the Dance Association and faculty, setting a vibrant tone for the fest. The competitions spanned performing arts, literary, creative, and cultural categories, offering students a platform to showcase their diverse talents.

The fest was concluded on March 19, 2025, with a grand finale. The valedictory ceremony was held on March 20, 2025, graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor; Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor; Fr Denzel Lobo, SJ, Dean, Institute of Information Technology; and Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Director, Shift III, adding prestige to the event. III BBA C emerged as the overall champions, securing the championship title.

A notable highlight of the fest was the launch of 'CuttheQ,' a digital app designed by final-year BCA students, showcasing their technical prowess. Tejas 2025 celebrated creativity, collaboration, and healthy competition, leaving a lasting impression and reinforcing the spirit of unity and innovation within Shift III.

Donation Drive in Association with Centre for Social Concern

Faculty coordinators Ms Jayalakshmi KU and Mr Manoj Prabhakar from the Department of Commerce, along with 12 volunteers from the Centre for Social Concern organised a Stationary Donation Drive on January 27, 2025, at Sneha Nilaya, Langford Gardens, Bengaluru. Sneha Nilaya is an organisation that oversees the welfare of 30 girls. Volunteers distributed various stationary items as well as sport equipment for badminton and football. The initiative reflected the volunteers' strong commitment to social responsibility and community service.



Donation Drive with the center for social concern- Enthusiastic participation in the stationary donation drive showcased the students' charitable spirit.

Staff Achievements

Dr Senthil Bhaskar (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a resource person for a session titled 'The evolving skill set required for future analytics professionals' at a national conference organised by Vellalar College for Women, Erode, on September 19, 2024.

Invited as a subject expert for the BOS meeting by Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode, on December 21, 2024.

Mr Manoj Prabhakar M (Assistant Professor)

Awarded a patent by the Government of India for 'FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING DEVICE' in 2024.

Participated in "the 7 Days Online Workshop on Research Methodology and Publication Ethics," organised by Star International Foundation for Research and Education from March 5-11, 2025.

Participated in a five-day international online workshop on Research Methodology with AI from February 1-5, 2025.

Ms Ashitha (Assistant Professor)

Awarded Best YRC programme officer award 2024 by the Indian Red Cross Society and Mangaluru University.

Invited as the resource person for a session on personality development and youth empowerment at NSS annual special camp 2024-25 organised by Shree Gokarnantheswara College, Mangaluru, at Dakshina Kannada Higher Primary School, Maddur, Koteekar on March 3, 2025.

Ms Jayalakshmi (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Sustainable Architecture as a Catalyst for Eco Tourism: Analyzing Tourist Behavior and Perceptions" in IGI Global, December 2024.

Awarded a patent titled "AI-Enabled Remote Locking System with Dual Access Control for Godowns" in 2024.

Awarded a patent titled "Autonomous Governance Enhancement System (AGES): Leveraging AI for Comprehensive Board Governance Optimization." Presented a paper titled "Mindfulness Moderation: navigating the interplay between intention and Behaviour in university - industry collaboration" in November 2024.

Presented a paper titled "Sectoral Dynamics of ESG Ratings In Corporate Sectors And Its Impact On Financial Success" on January 16 and 17, 2025.

Presented a paper titled "The Impact of Market Volatility, Risk Tolerance, and Return Expectations on Cryptocurrency Investment Intentions" on March 5 and 6, 2025.

Invited as a BOE member for the papers titled 'Elements of Cost Accounting' and 'Corporate Law' by T John College.

Invited as a BOE member for the papers titled 'Corporate Accounting', 'GST', 'Income Tax', and 'International Business Environment' by Presidency College.

Invited as a reviewer of answer scripts by Presidency College.

Mr Pradeep (Assistant Professor)

Published a book chapter titled "Bridging Human and Machine Intelligence: Cobots in The Era Of Industry 5.0" in Digital Alchemy - Turning Ideas into Innovation, December 2024.

Mr Samrat Das (Assistant Professor)

Peer reviewed two papers for the Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, titled "Enhancing social enterprise coffee marketability through sensory packaging: consumer impressions, willingness to buy, and gender differences" and "Consumer willingness to buy and pay for dog-human companionship: a combination of SEM and NCA approaches."

Invited as a judge at Darpan 2024, for western singing solo and battle of bands, organised by Christ University - Bannerghatta campus.

Mr Shashank (Assistant Professor)

Invited as a judge at Stratagem, organised by St Joseph's Pre-University College on October 3, 2024, for the best manager event.

Invited as a judge at Equinox, organised by St Joseph's Pre-University College on November 23, 2024 for the best manager event.

Invited as a judge at Cross Events, organised by Mount Carmel College Autonomous on February 14, 2025.

Presented a paper titled "A Study on the Awareness of CBDT Issued by RBI" at the ICSSR-sponsored national conference, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 18, 2025.

Mr Leyander Lobo (Assistant Professor)

Participated in "the NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme" under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), University of Calicut, from August 19-28, 2024.

Participated in the Jesuit Lay Collaboration from November 4-6, 2024.

Ms Reshma Vijayan (Assistant Professor)

Participated in "the NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme" under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), University of Calicut, from August 5-14, 2024.

Participated in the Jesuit Lay Collaboration from November 4-6, 2024.

Mr Karthick R V (Assistant Professor)

Served as a judge for Stratagem, a commerce competition held at St Joseph's Pre University College, on October 3 and 4, 2024.

Served as a judge for the Crisis Management event at Equinox, organised by St Joseph's Pre-University

College on November 23, 2024.

Served as a judge for Cross Currents 2025 at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore, on February 14, 2025. Participated in an online international workshop on research methodology with AI, hosted by the Global Research and Training Centre, from February 1-5, 2025.

Presented a paper titled "A Study on the Awareness of CBDT Issued by RBI" at the ICSSR-sponsored national conference, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 18, 2025.

Ms Lakshmi S (Assistant Professor)

Invited as judge for the Finance Event at Vaibhava – Perceptions 2025, organised by M S Ramaiah Institute of Management on February 4, 2025.

Dr Josphin (Assistant Professor)

Served as judge for collage competition held at Baldwin Methodist College for Women, Bangalore, on September 11, 2024.

Participated in a national-level workshop titled 'SPSS-Statistical Package for Data Analysis' organised by ESSGEE DIGISKILLS Learning Centre on February 7, 2025.

Participated in an international session on 'Purpose Driven Business for Sustainable Development-The role of Small Business' organised by the Indian Academy School of Management Studies on September 19, 2024.

Presented at a session on HR-Flexible Work Arrangement, conducted by the Indian Academy of Management Studies, Bangalore on September 19, 2024.

Invited as a paper setter for 'Elements of Cost Accounting' by T John College, Autonomous, Bangalore, on November 28, 2024.

Invited as a paper setter for 'Corporate Law' by T John College, Autonomous, Bangalore, on November 24, 2024.

Mr Ebenezer K (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "The Development of Network Management System Design for the Upgraded Optimization of 5G Network" in 2024. Published a paper titled "FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP: A STUDY ON RETAIL

STARTUPS IN BANGALORE” in Library Progress International, 2024.

Published a paper titled “A Study on Financial Support System for Start-ups in Bangalore City” in Library Progress International, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “FACTORS INFLUENCING THE ADOPTION ON CLOUD COMPUTING IN MSMEs” in the international conference on ‘Digital Technology in Business Processes’ organised by Nanda Arts and Science College (Autonomous).

Dr Kanishka K (Assistant Professor)

Awarded PhD in Management for the thesis titled “Impact of Digital Marketing on Consumer Buying Behaviour: A Study on Durable and Non-Durable Products in Bangalore” on October 24, 2024.

Invited as resource person by Post-Graduation Department of Commerce, Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian College, on January 15, 2025 to deliver a talk titled “Impact of FINTECH on Leveraging Business Outcomes.”

Invited as resource person by Department of Commerce, Christ College, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu to deliver talk on Fintech and AI and Moderate Panel Discussion Session as a part of National Conference conducted on January 6, 2025.

Dr T Mahesh Babu (Assistant Professor)

Invited as resource person and compere at workshop on research methodology held from September 17-21, 2024, by Himalayan University. Published a book chapter titled “Mapping the knowledge domain of machine learning methods in performance evaluation” at IGI global publishing house.

Dr Rizwana Khanum (Assistant Professor)

Published a chapter titled “‘Impact of Financial Literacy, Financial Well-Being and Financial Experience on Online Stock Trading Investment Behaviour’—An Empirical Study’ in the book Harnessing AI, Machine Learning, and IoT for Intelligent Business. Studies in Systems, on November 1, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “Exploring the Product-as-a-Service (Paas) Circular Business Model: Opportunities and Challenges” at ‘UTKARSH 2025 – International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and Governance: Creating Shared

Value,’ organised by SJIM in association with Regis University, Colorado, US, from February 21-22, 2025.

Ms Jhanavi N (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled “Exploring the Product-as-a-Service (Paas) Circular Business Model: Opportunities and Challenges” at ‘UTKARSH 2025 – International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and Governance: Creating Shared Value,’ organised by SJIM in association with Regis University, Colorado, US, from February 21-22, 2025.

Ms Davita Sananda (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled “Exploring the Product-as-a-Service (Paas) Circular Business Model: Opportunities and Challenges” at ‘UTKARSH 2025 – International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and Governance: Creating Shared Value,’ organised by SJIM in association with Regis University, Colorado, US, from February 21-22, 2025.

Ms Archana A (Assistant Professor)

Cleared UGC NET – Assistant Professor and Admission to PhD in 2025.

Student Achievements

Hitesh D Yadav from III BCOMF won the Volleyball competition at St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences and Manipal Institute of Technology in 2024.

Hitesh D Yadav and Prithviraj K from III BCOMF participated in South Zone Volleyball, conducted in Kerala in 2024.

Salomon AR from II BCOMG participated in Mime Performance at an intercollegiate fest in Christ Deemed to be University, Kengeri, in 2024.

Sinchana Kowshik from III BCOMF won first place in the Business Fest organised by RA Podar, Mumbai, in 2025.

Piyush Ojha from II BCOMG won first place in the Finance Event organised by T John Autonomous College in 2024.

Aishwarya E from II BCOMG was awarded NSS Best Female Camper.

Benny Joseph S from II BCOMG was awarded NSS Best Male Camper in Nagasandra, Kunigal Taluk, in 2024.

Arnav Bhatnagar from III BCOMF presented a research paper at “the Third International Conference on Sustainable, Innovative Practices in Business and Academia.”

Himanshu Das from III BCOMF won first place in Business quiz, organised by Kristu Jayanti College. Mohammed Hussain from III BBAC won first place at the IPL Auction Event in Utchrista, a national level management fest, organised by Christ University.

Mohammed Hussain from III BBAC won second place in chess at Sportsstakes, an intercollegiate fest organised by St Joseph’s University.

Arman Kumar Sah from III BBAD won the cricket tournament organised by Manipal Institute of Technology.

Arman Kumar Sah from III BBAD participated in South Zone Cricket, conducted in Tamil Nadu.

Arockia Sprenzia from II BBASF was a delegate at the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR), Harvard University.

Arockia Sprenzia from II BBASF achieved a top ten rank at Precipice, an international level fest organised by CMS Jain University.

Roshan Thomas from I BBAC participated in Mock Stock Runners at Utchrista, a national level event. Prajwal Tenginkal from III BBAD visited Vietnam and met Mr Sandeep Arya, the Ambassador of India at the Indian Embassy, following which he visited the Communist Youth Union of Vietnam, on August 7, 2024.

Prajwal Tenginkal from III BBAD was felicitated by the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka on June 19, 2024.

Jai Kinger from III BBAC has been selected as a Sales Associate at Pazcare.

Mithil from III BBAC won second place in Solo Dance at Inblossoms 2025, organised by Christ Deemed to be University.

Mithil from III BBAC won second place in Duet Dance, organised by St Joseph’s College of Commerce.

Arman from III BBAD was runner-up in the CPL Tournament.

Prithvi from III BBAC won first prize in Best Management Team, organised by Kristu Jayanti College.

Mohammed Hussain won first prize in IPL Auction, organised by Christ (Deemed to be University) – Central Campus.

Akash from III BBAC won the Overall Trophy at Utchrista 2025.

Roshan Thomas from I BBAC won the Overall Trophy at Utchrista 2025.

Srinivas Prasad from III BBAD won second place in Business Quiz, organised by Jyoti Nivas College. John Matthew from III BBAD won second place in Business Quiz, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Jai P Kinger from III BBAC won first place in Best Manager, organised by Primus Business School. Tarush from I BBASF won third place in HR Event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Akash Sharma B from I BBAC won first place in Kabaddi, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Jai P Kinger from III BBAC won first place in HR Event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Jia Dutta from III BBAC won first place in HR Event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Sanjit from I BBASF won third place in Tourism and Logistics, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Krithika G and Tarush from I BBASF won third place in HR Event, organised by Jyoti Nivas College. Akshay from I BBAC was runner-up in the CPL Tournament.

Kavin Bastin Dev J from II BBAD won first place in Veiled Maze, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Hassan from I BBAC won first place in Fashion Walk, organised by St. Anne’s First Grade College for Women.

Hassan from I BBAC won first place in Fashion Walk, organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

Jai P Kinger from III BBAC won second place in HR Event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Purnika from III BBAD won second place in HR Event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Farhan from III BBAC won third place in Marketing Event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Chethna from III BBAD won third place in Marketing Event, organised by Mount Carmel College.

Devesh from III BBAD won first place in Football at Sportstake, an intercollegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's University.

Varun Ganapathy from II BBAD won second place in Hockey at Sportstake, an intercollegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's University.

Shivang Tyagi from II BBASF won second place in Handball at Sportstake, an intercollegiate tournament organised by St Joseph's University.

Shivang Tyagi from II BBASF participated in Best Manager at Arbitrium 2025, organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Shivang Tyagi from II BBASF won second place in Fashion Walk at Prodigy 2025, organised by Kristu Jayanti College.

Arockia Sprenzia from II BBASF won third place in Marketing Event, organised by Christ University.

Victor from III BBAC won second place in Hoopsters Basketball Tournament, conducted at Symbiosis Center for Management Studies.

Akshay Kamath from I BBAC was awarded Man of the Match by Presidency University.

Syed Alhan from II BBAC won second place in Event Management at Adroit, organised by Kristu Jayanti College.

Syeda Noorain from II BBAD won second place in Event Management at Adroit, organised by Kristu Jayanti College.

Syed Alhan from II BBAC won first place in Cooking Without Fire, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Syeda Noorain and Mohammed Aqib from II BBAD won first place in Cooking Without Fire, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Sakshi K Munoth from II BBAD won second place in Nrithya Katha Fest, organised by SDMIMD.

Sakshi K Munoth from II BBAD won second place in Naissance, organised by SDMIMD.

Radhika Maheshwari from III BBAC won second place in Nrithya Katha Fest, organised by SDMIMD. Radhika Maheshwari from III BBAC won second place in Naissance, organised by SDMIMD.

Shrawik, Prashanth, Anurag, Apurv, and Harsh Bajoria from II BBAC won the Overall Trophy at Nakshatra 2025, organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.



Synergy 2024- The Business Association coordinated a week-long fest, Synergy 2024.

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC

Army Day

On January 15, 2025, 109 cadets (71SDs, 24SWs, 11JDs, 5JWs) along with 1 officer, 1 JCO, 2 PI Staff, and 3 ANO's of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC GP-B initiated Army Day 2025. The event commenced at 9:00 am, in front of the NCC office.

The day commenced with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony attended by cadets, officers, and PI staff. The highlight of the celebration was the rally organised by the cadets to the War Memorial, carrying placards spreading awareness about the sacrifices of the armed forces. The rally evoked a sense of pride among the participants and spectators alike. After the drive, refreshments were arranged for all cadets. The event ended at 12:00 noon, successfully, thanks to everyone's hard work and coordination.



The ITC Flag Area involved creative displays by each troop in the NCC, St Joseph's University.

141st Athletic Meet

On January 11, 2025, 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP -3 GP - B initiated commando march for the year 2024-25. The first, second, and third years reported in combats.

The cadets had fall-in at 07:00 am, and applied paint on the faces. Contingent formation took place and marched towards the ground, on the account of the 141st athletic meet. As they marched towards the stage, respect was shown to the guests with eyes right and the flat foot march continued. The event successfully ended at 11:00

am, as the cadets marched towards the NCC office. ITC Flag Area

On January 17, 2025, 39 cadets (21SDs, 18SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC GP-B initiated the ITC Flag Area for the year 2024-2025. The event commenced at 06:30 am, at the Hostel Block.

All the troops were in the fall-in at 06:20 am, and the event commenced at 06:30 am, on the topic Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defence. All the troops inculcated their creative ideas and put them in the flag area using rangoli and other creative ideas. The event ended at 07:30 am, and all the ideas were judged by Capt. Akshay D Mandlik. The briefing for all the troops was completed and winners were announced.

ITC Cricket

On January 12, 2025, 36 Cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the Intra-troop competition that was conducted by the admin team. All four troops—Troop Arjuna, Troop Bhishma, Troop Karna, and Troop Vijayantha—took part in the cricket match. The event started at 09:00 am, all the troops had fall-in in front of the university ground and the event continued till 01:00 pm.

The troops were combined in two and played against each other. Each team consisted of both amateurs and pros, all united together to play for their own. Troop Bhishma and Troop Vijayantha were team A and Troop Arjuna and Troop Karna were team B. Team B won the toss and chose to bowl. In the end team A won the ITC cricket match. An enthusiastic play was showcased and showed true sportsmanship.



Team A, comprising Troops Bhishma and Vijayantha, won the ITC cricket match.

ITC Volleyball

On December 10, 2024, 39 cadets (22 SDs & 17 SWs) from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, competed against each other in the Intra-troop competition which was held on the St Joseph's University grounds.

The event was a volleyball competition. The event commenced at 04:00 pm and continued till 07:30 pm. The competition commenced with one sergeant each from each troop – Arjuna, Karna, Bhishma, and Vijayanta – reporting to the CSUO in charge of ITC. The event then commenced with the volleyball match, where each troop competed against each other. Troop Vijayantha won the Volleyball Match.

ITC Armoured's Got Talent

On January 20, 2025, 40 cadets from 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 took part in the Intra-troop competition - 'Armoured's Got Talent'. The judging panel consisted of one Alumnus of the unit – EX CQMS SHARATH SHAJI THOMAS (2019) – the CSUO and the CJUO. The competition unfurled at 04:30 pm and ended at 06:30 pm, in the St Joseph's University Auditorium basement.

Cadets of all troops assembled for a fall-in at 04:30 pm, in front of the auditorium. Reports were submitted by all respective troop sergeants to the CSUO. Then, cadets were directed into the venue. All cadets took their seats after the judges settled in. A first year instituted the afternoon sweepstakes by announcing performers to conquer the stage accordingly. Troop Bhishma, Troop Vijayanta, Troop Arjuna, and Troop Karna performed.

Troop Vijayanta performed a classical dance using mud pots and fire. Troop Karna put forward a creative task of solving the rubix cube, dancing and singing. Troop Arjuna performed a mono act with dance. Troop Bhishma earmarked effectuated solo art, songs and freestyle nunchucks. Special performances by CDT Meghana S and CDT Nandita Sharma marked the end of the programme. The honourable alumnus, Ex CQMS Sharath Shaji Thomas, spoke a few words about the event.

ITC Quiz Competition

On December 24, 2025, the ITC Quiz Competition commenced with 39 cadets (20 SDs and 19 SWs) of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B. Under the

guidance and supervision of the CSUO and the CJUO's, the event started with a troop-wise fall-in at 04:45 pm.

The quiz started with three cadets from each troop taking part in the quiz. The final part of the quiz was open to the audience with everyone participating enthusiastically. The judges were CSUO Chandan H, CJUO Garv Bhararia, and CJUO Syed Faisal Ahmed. The quiz ended with Troop Vijayantha being declared the winner of ITC Quiz Competition, 2025.

Republic Day

On January 26, 2025, the cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 GP-B proudly initiated the Republic Day celebrations with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event commenced at 09:00 am. The day's proceedings began with the flag hoisting ceremony, where the national flag was unfurled, the Guard of Honour command was given by CDT Nandita Sharma and the first piloting from first years was done by CDT Yashwanth S and CDT Venkatesh G. The cadets paid tribute to the nation and its constitution, reinforcing their commitment to duty and service.

The Republic Day contingent drill followed a highly disciplined and synchronised sequence, showcasing the precision and coordination of various troops. The competition reflected the squadron's dedication to excellence, discipline, and the proud traditions.

Following the flag hoisting, Chakravyuh and Mission Yudh was conducted, where cadets actively participated in various challenges, donning their combat uniforms. The competition tested their skills, teamwork, and perseverance. After an engaging morning the cadets proceeded for lunch.

Post lunch, the cadets participated in intra-troop cultural performances, showcasing their talents through various artistic and cultural expressions. The day concluded with an intense Tug of War. After an exhilarating match, Troop Arjuna was announced as the winner for ITC 2025. The Republic Day celebrations were a grand success, leaving all cadets with a deep sense of pride, unity, and motivation.

National Integration Camp

The National Integration Camp (NIC) 2025, organised by the NSS Cell of St Joseph's University in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, NSS State Cell, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, was successfully held from February 20-26, 2025, at Bembala Outreach Centre, Nelamangala. The week-long camp united 130 youth from states like Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, promoting national unity, cultural exchange, and social responsibility. The camp was inaugurated by Mr Pratap Lingaiah, State NSS Officer, and Mr D Carthigueane, Regional Director, NSS Bengaluru. Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator, St Joseph's University, presided over the event.

Participants engaged in leadership training, cultural immersion, and interactive sessions on topics such as responsibilities of citizens, environmental sustainability, mental health, fundamental rights and duties, cyber safety, and cultural heritage. An educational field

trip to Janapada Loka and Talakadu enriched their understanding. A major highlight was the Integration Walk on February 25 at St Joseph's University, where participants showcased India's cultural diversity. The camp successfully fostered leadership, civic responsibility, and unity.

Human Rights Day - Valedictory Ceremony

On December 10, 2024, the NSS Cell of St Joseph's University organised an enlightening event to commemorate International Human Rights Day. NSS volunteers from all units, teacher coordinators, and CARE Foundation representatives participated.

Distinguished guest speakers, Mr Maruo Katsumasa, former Deputy Consul General of Japan, and Mr Harsh Vardhan Umre, IRS, were felicitated. Mr Katsumasa addressed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), emphasising its role in global equality and dignity. Mr Umre discussed practical application of human rights principles, drawing from Mahatma Gandhi and Eleanor Roosevelt. An interactive Q&A session enriched understanding and inspired commitment to social justice and civic engagement.



The National Integration Camp (NIC) 2025 was successfully organised by the NSS Cell of St Joseph's University in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, NSS State Cell, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

NSS Unit 1

Donation Drive: Devastating Floods in Wayanad

From August 5-10, 2024, NSS Unit 1 of St Joseph's University organised a highly impactful donation drive to support the victims of devastating floods in Wayanad. This initiative demonstrated the university community's strong commitment to humanitarian aid and social responsibility.

The drive aimed to provide immediate relief, identifying pressing needs and setting up collection points across campus for essential supplies like non-perishable food, clothing, bedding, and toiletries. Volunteers launched awareness campaigns, tirelessly managed collection points, sorted donations, and encouraged contributors. Monetary donations were also accepted.

By August 10, all collected items were meticulously sorted, packed, and transported, marking the successful conclusion of a collective effort that mobilised strong solidarity and compassion within the university.

World Peace Day Awareness Campaign

The World Peace Day Awareness Campaign was successfully conducted on campus on September 21, 2024, across five key locations. The primary goal was to spread awareness about World Peace Day and its significance, cultivating a culture of peace, understanding, and unity.

20 dedicated volunteers, divided into five groups, assisted in organising and executing the event. Activities included symbolic ribbon distribution, an awareness campaign with volunteers engaging students in discussions about global significance, and feedback collection to assess impact.

The event created a positive and engaging atmosphere, with students actively participating and wearing white ribbon badges as a mark of solidarity. The campaign proceeded smoothly, fostering newfound awareness and appreciation for peace.

World Environment Day

The World Environment Day event was held on June 5, 2025. The chief guest delivered an insightful session on environmental concepts,

pollution, and sustainability initiatives, covering topics like plastic impact, global warming, and conservation efforts.

A poster-making activity followed, where volunteers showcased creativity and teamwork. Two outstanding volunteers were recognised as Best Male and Best Female Volunteer, respectively. The event fostered environmental awareness and a sense of accomplishment among participants.



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NSS Day

The NSS Day event was organised on September 24, 2024. The Joint Secretary delivered an inspiring speech highlighting NSS's legacy of selfless service, unity, and community development. The entire group then participated in the NSS pledge, a powerful moment of collective affirmation.

A lively game of musical chairs fostered team spirit. A brief session followed to discuss upcoming events, encouraging volunteers to take leadership roles. The event concluded with heartfelt smiles and shared purpose, captured in group photos, and an enthusiastic NSS clap. The celebration successfully strengthened bonds and reignited passion for service.

YMCA Off-Grid

The YMCA event on September 28, 2024, began with a welcome speech and a lamp-lighting ceremony. Esteemed guests included Mr Shekar Veeraswamy, a renowned wheelchair tennis

player and Assistant Coach at KSLTA, along with Dr S Philip Lewis, President of YMCA, Bangalore. Mr Veeraswamy shared his inspiring journey of overcoming adversity, motivating participants to embrace determination. Participants were then divided into six groups for various activities designed to enhance teamwork, problem-solving, and physical fitness, including a treasure hunt, fitness tests, football, lawn tennis, and ball challenges. These activities encouraged camaraderie and enthusiasm.

A photo session, vote of thanks, and feedback session concluded the activities, followed by lunch. The event successfully promoted a healthier lifestyle and reinforced resilience.

Swachh Bharat Initiative

The Swachh Bharat initiative saw enthusiastic participation across three locations. At the Public Park, a team led by Devadharsh worked from 12:20 pm to 1:53 pm, clearing litter with support from local residents. At Tamil Government School, a team led by Sanjana and guided by Vikram efficiently cleaned classrooms and tidied pathways from 12:55 pm to 2:37 pm, with teachers also contributing. At Richmond Park, a third team led by Chayadevi meticulously cleaned every section, segregating waste and engaging onlookers. The combined efforts of all three teams exemplified the power of collective action, reinforcing cleanliness and community service, and inspiring others to contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.



The World Peace Day Awareness Campaign was hosted by NSS Unit 1.

Walkathon on Commemoration of Gandhi Jayanthi

The Gandhi Jayanthi event, held on October 2, 2024, at Gandhi Bhavan in Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore, honoured Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence, truth, and social justice. Organised under the leadership of Devadharsh, this government-driven initiative aimed to unite the youth.

Volunteers from various NSS units gathered by 7:10 am. The event commenced with a solemn garland ceremony. Volunteers participated in a march from Gandhi Bhavan to Vidhana Soudha, chanting powerful slogans. At Vidhana Soudha, they engaged with an ongoing event. Refreshments fostered camaraderie.

The event concluded at 1:30 pm, with group photographs. As they departed, they carried a renewed sense of purpose, inspired to uphold Gandhi's ideals and contribute to society.

Blood Donation and Blood Grouping Camp

The Blood Donation and Blood Grouping Camp was held on October 3, 2024, at St Joseph's University, Bangalore. Organised collaboratively by the NSS, NCC, Youth Red Cross, and Narayana Hospital, the event aimed to encourage blood donation and raise awareness about its importance.

The basketball court was transformed into a structured donation centre. The camp saw enthusiastic participation from students, NSS volunteers, lecturers, and other university members. Volunteers from the NSS, NCC, and Youth Red Cross played a vital role in managing the event. The medical team from Narayana Hospital efficiently conducted blood grouping tests and supervised blood collection. Strict hygiene protocols were followed.

By the end of the event, a significant number of blood units were collected, fostering a strong sense of social responsibility within the university community.

World Mental Health Day Celebration

The World Mental Health Day event, led by Vamshitha, commenced at 1:00 pm on October 10, 2024, focusing on interactive activities. The first game, Chinese Whisper, engaged two teams, fostering laughter and discipline. This was followed by Mime, where five groups showcased

creativity through silent gestures and expressions. The third game was Knee Up, an energetic activity. Vikram then introduced the final game at 2:33 pm. He shared an inspiring quote on mental well-being. The interactive format fostered a sense of togetherness, leaving volunteers with cherished memories and a strengthened commitment to mental well-being.

Cleanliness Drive at MARGA NGO

The Cleanliness Drive commenced as volunteers gathered at the campus. Vikram addressed the group, providing clear instructions. Volunteers then departed for MARGA, an NGO in Austin Town. After a brief rest, they began cleaning the premises with dedication and teamwork, ensuring every corner was thoroughly attended to.

Refreshments were provided after the session. Council members managed the remaining tasks. The General Secretary circulated a Google feedback form. The volunteers returned to campus with a sense of accomplishment, reflecting on their meaningful contribution and renewed spirit of service, teamwork, and social responsibility.

collected refreshments, and departed. The event successfully raised awareness about tobacco dangers and encouraged youth participation in fostering a healthier society.

NSS Talent Day

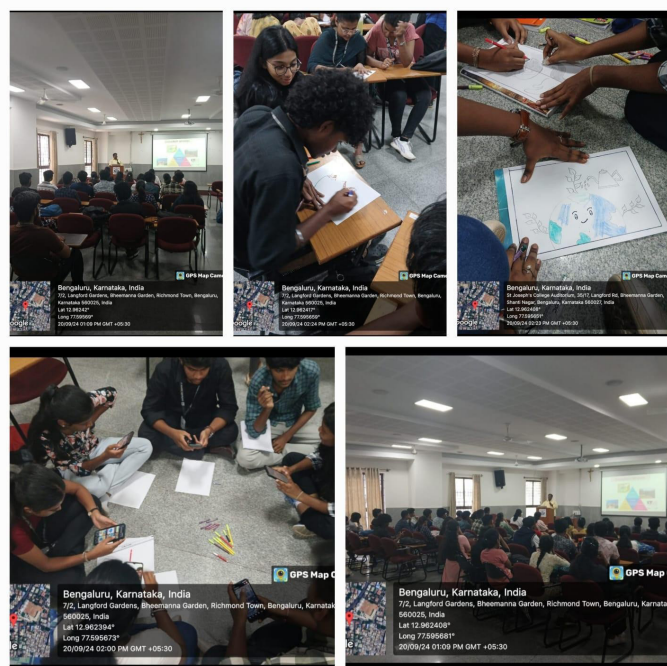
The NSS Talent Day began with volunteers gathering at Aloysius Hall, eager to showcase their talents. Vikram, the President of NSS, commenced the event with instructions. Volunteers then prepared diverse creative performances, including dancing, drawing, and singing.

The official talent showcase featured a variety of acts, each receiving enthusiastic applause. A brief feedback session was conducted, where two volunteers shared insights. Attendance was taken, and participants filled out a feedback form. The event concluded with a collective sense of achievement and appreciation for creativity within the community, fostering unity in future events.

First Aid Awareness Day

The First Aid Awareness event at St Joseph's University commenced with an introduction of chief guest Dr Issac CB, who delivered an insightful speech on health, malnutrition, nutrition, hygiene, and pollution. He engaged volunteers in a warm-up. Dr Issac received a sapling from Dr Asha as appreciation.

The second session featured Dr Kavya Shree, who introduced basic life support techniques, focusing on CPR, with engaging presentations and live demonstrations. A volunteer assisted in a live CPR demonstration. NSS faculty collected feedback. Dr Kavya Shree was presented with a sapling as a token of gratitude. A vote of thanks concluded the event, leaving participants with a renewed commitment to first-aid knowledge and community health.



The World Environment Day event was successfully organised by Unit 1 volunteers.

Tobacco Free Youth Campaign

On October 15, 2024, the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 was organised with 23 volunteers. Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah addressed the gathering with an important speech on creating a tobacco-free environment for youth, highlighting health risks and the role of young people. After his speech, volunteers gathered for a group photo,

Road Safety Day

On Road Safety Day, volunteers gathered as Johnson provided instructions and distributed reflective jackets and placards. The group left campus, committed to spreading road safety awareness.

At Nanjappa Circle, the event head offered final guidance. Volunteers engaged the public at the busy traffic signal, using placards to emphasise

traffic rules, helmets, seat belts, and safe driving. Their presence caught attention, bringing essential awareness. Johnson distributed glass mugs as prizes. The day concluded with a sense of achievement, knowing they had contributed to making roads safer.



NSS Unit I organised a walkathon on account of Gandhi Jayanti.

Vigilance Awareness Week

The Vigilance Awareness Event, led by the Joint Secretary, brought together all five NSS units, totalling 60 enthusiastic volunteers. The event aimed to instil awareness and promote vigilance through educational and interactive activities.

Dr Samuel Mores delivered a powerful speech on the importance of vigilance and social responsibilities. Ms Maha Shriesha led the volunteers in a pledge, reinforcing integrity. Cultural performances, including a group song and dance, highlighted unity. Mr Vikram introduced a debate competition for thoughtful discussions. Devadharsh provided instructions for a creative writing activity, encouraging critical thinking and self-reflection.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by certificate and prize distribution by Dr Samuel Mores and Ms Maha Shriesha. Overall, the event fostered active participation and reinforced the importance of integrity, leaving a lasting impact.

National Unity Day

The Unity Day event began with an introduction elaborating on its significance and objectives.

Volunteers were divided into groups, each assigned a unique team name and leader, to create charts on the theme of unity, aptly named “Unity Wall.” A lively ‘Unity Balloon Pop’ game promoted coordination. Volunteers then participated in a spirited walk, carrying posters to the Arrupe Atrium, spreading the message of unity. The event concluded with an energetic NSS clap, celebrating dedication and efforts. The combination of collaborative activities, creativity, and impactful execution made Unity Day a memorable and successful occasion, reinforcing togetherness and community spirit.



NSS Talent Day invoked a sense of achievement and appreciation for the creativity within the community.

Gender Equality Day

The Gender Equality Day event commenced with volunteers arriving, creating an enthusiastic atmosphere. Devadharsh, the event head, provided instructions for the debate.

Teams debated thought-provoking topics on gender equality, with an individual debate in Kannada adding linguistic diversity. Following debates, Devadharsh introduced skit presentations. Three teams performed skits on gender equality, using storytelling and drama to convey powerful messages, showcasing creativity and teamwork. Volunteers enthusiastically supported performances.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, formal closing remarks, and attendance recording. The well-structured event ensured smooth execution and meaningful engagement, fostering a deeper understanding of gender equality through debates and skits.



The First-Aid Awareness Day event left participants with a renewed commitment to first-aid knowledge and community health.

Voters Awareness Day

The Voters Awareness Day event began with the event head addressing volunteers, emphasising punctuality and participation, and introducing the activity. Volunteers were divided into four teams, each preparing speeches for interactive discussions.

Teams were instructed to sketch party logos and prepare short speeches by group leaders, encouraging creativity and leadership. A Q&A segment fostered open exchange. The event culminated in a voting process, with participants selecting a winning team. The winning leader delivered a speech and took a pledge, reinforcing leadership and responsibility.

The meticulously planned event ensured seamless execution and engagement. It concluded with a vote of thanks, feedback form distribution, and attendance check, leaving participants with a greater understanding of leadership, teamwork, and voting significance.

World Cancer Day

The Cancer Day Event commenced with volunteers and chief guests arriving. Ms Shreelakshmi felicitated guests with a sapling.

Dr Immanuel Krishnan spoke on Cancer Day's significance, emphasising awareness and early detection. Dr Vinay Kumar discussed cancer prevention and treatment. An interactive session

followed, with volunteers researching and presenting. Mr Melwin delivered an informative speech. Dr Varun Kumar, an oncologist, provided insights into high-precision cancer treatment.

Mr Deepak delivered the vote of thanks. A feedback form was shared. The event concluded successfully, leaving volunteers with greater understanding of cancer awareness and early detection.

Pledge on Women's Day

The Women's Day event commenced with volunteers gathering to introduce the schedule and an introductory speech emphasising the day's significance. The first activity, poster making, allowed creative expression on women's empowerment.

Participants shared stories about inspiring women. An esteemed chief guest delivered an insightful speech on women's empowerment and equality. The session concluded with a collective pledge to uphold gender equality. Mr Vikram introduced an interactive game, fostering camaraderie.

A vote of thanks was delivered, feedback forms were circulated, and attendance was taken. The event concluded on a positive note, marking a meaningful and inspiring celebration of Women's Day.



The Vigilance Awareness Event programme brought together all five units of the NSS to promote vigilance through interactive activities.

Social Justice Day

The Social Justice Day meeting, initiated by Mr Vikram, provided an overview of planned

activities. In the first half, attendees were divided into teams, each assigned a topic to prepare and present, fostering teamwork and analytical thinking.

After presentations, Mr Vikram conducted a voting session to assess audience views. He then introduced another set of activities, including an engaging debate where participants challenged viewpoints and critically analysed arguments, enhancing public speaking and critical thinking. The session concluded with attendance marking and a feedback session.

Overall, the structured and well-managed session provided an enriching experience, fostering collaboration and intellectual growth, and gaining valuable skills in communication, critical thinking, and teamwork.



Cancer-specialists delivered insightful lectures on the occasion of World Cancer Day.

Adoption of Slum: Rajendra Nagar, Bangalore

Bangalore's Rajendra Nagar slum faces critical issues: makeshift housing, poor sanitation, and narrow, flood-prone streets. Residents struggle with inconsistent, contaminated water, leading to frequent waterborne diseases. Lack of waste disposal results in littered streets and open drains, worsening hygiene. Overcrowding, poor sanitation, and limited healthcare contribute to widespread health issues. Children face educational barriers due to overcrowded schools and economic constraints. Many work in informal sectors with low wages. Social issues include crime and substance abuse. Residents fear

eviction due to redevelopment. Adopting slums like Rajendra Nagar can significantly improve living conditions through regular waste collection, access to clean water, better health and nutrition, enhanced educational opportunities, economic empowerment, and stronger social cohesion, fostering long-term development.

Slum Activity -1

Slum Activity 1 volunteers gathered before proceeding to the slum. They conducted a detailed survey, engaging residents with questions about family structure, livelihood, housing, and pressing issues, focusing on education. Volunteers tirelessly compiled responses, shedding light on daily difficulties.

The activity culminated in a group photo with the MARGA association, capturing collective effort. This initiative provided valuable data and forged stronger connections between volunteers and residents, reinforcing the importance of social outreach and community support in addressing issues faced by underserved areas, and reminding of the ongoing need for collective action for meaningful change.



Unit 1 hosted Gender Equality Day celebrations with debates and skits on gender equality.

First Aid Awareness

On October 19, 2024, a First Aid Awareness session was conducted by the National Service Scheme to equip volunteers with health knowledge and life-saving skills. Volunteers representing Unit 2 delivered the welcome speech. Dr Isaac gave a health-focused talk on hygiene, nutrition, stress management, and spirituality. He engaged volunteers in a warm-up. Dr Isaac received a sapling from Dr Asha.

Dr Kavya Shree introduced Basic Life Support (BLS) and CPR with live demonstrations, assisted by a volunteer. She also introduced Atrial Ectopic Beats (AEB). NSS faculty collected feedback. Another faculty member presented Dr Kavya Shree with a sapling. A vote of thanks concluded the event, empowering participants to respond to medical emergencies.



NSS Unit 2 hosted Dr Gulbadin, who spoke about road safety and engaged volunteers in a series of activities.

Safe Streets Bright Futures - Road Safety Awareness Program

NSS Unit 2 organised a Road Safety Awareness Program on September 18, 2024, to educate students on traffic rules and responsible road behaviour. The event began with a welcome by and an introductory address by the President.

A detailed presentation on road safety followed, coordinated by Varshita and Patricia Prakash, with valuable insights from Dr Gulbadin. Volunteers, divided into five groups, created charts on "Viral Accidents in the Past" and performed skits showcasing consequences of traffic violations.

Council members evaluated presentations, and the most impactful team was rewarded. The event concluded with a group photograph, successfully instilling road safety awareness and promoting

responsibility.

Cleanliness Drive

On September 25, 2024, NSS Unit 2 organised a Cleanliness Drive Program to foster environmental awareness and promote a clean, sustainable campus. Volunteers assembled near the main gate, divided into groups, and received instructions from Jesintha Devaraj, Safa Manhal, and Agilesvar. They diligently collected waste from roads and campus, bagging and depositing it responsibly. This hands-on initiative contributed to a cleaner environment and instilled teamwork and responsibility. The event successfully highlighted the importance of individual and collective action in maintaining public cleanliness and preserving the environment.

Mental Health Day

NSS Unit-2 of St Joseph's University organised a Mental Health Day event at the Audi Basement. Counselling psychologist Ms Estelle D'Souza shared insights on mental health and emotional well-being, emphasising understanding thoughts, managing challenges, and developing a healthy perspective.

Through interactive discussions, Ms Estelle encouraged students to reflect, share, and learn coping strategies for stress and anxiety. The event was well-organised by Mr R Ebenezer and Safa Manhal, with strong institutional support. Students actively participated, appreciating the safe space for open dialogue. The session provided practical tools for building emotional resilience, reflecting NSS's commitment to holistic development and student well-being.



Volunteers participated in a cleanliness drive to promote a clean and sustainable campus environment.

Slum Survey

The Slum Survey Initiative, conducted by NSS Unit-2 in the Tamil Government School neighbourhood, aimed to understand residents' living conditions, challenges, and aspirations through a structured questionnaire.

Guided by Jesintha Devraj and Safa Manhal, the survey gathered insights on education, healthcare, sanitation, and employment. Volunteers engaged with residents sensitively, fostering trust and encouraging open sharing of experiences. The collected data will inform future initiatives.

Volunteers demonstrated empathy, reaffirming the university's commitment to social outreach and inclusive development, highlighting grassroots engagement's importance in promoting equity and informed action.

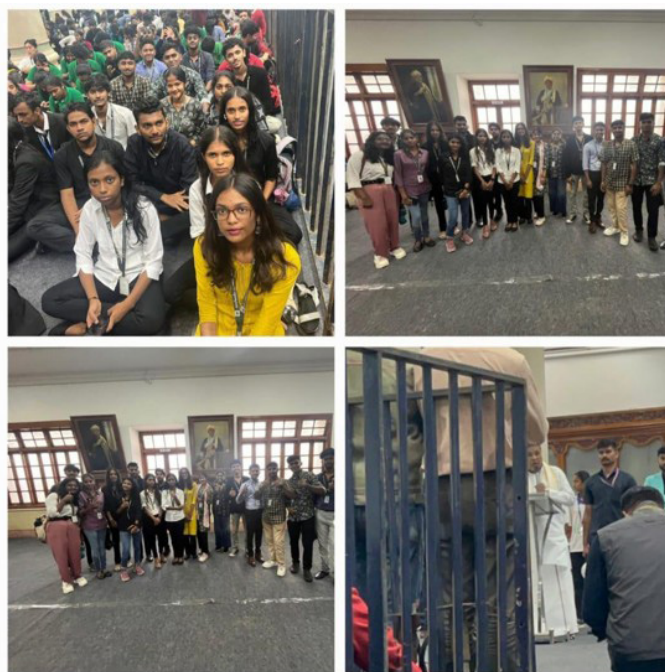


NSS Units 2 and 3 organised the Leadership Workshop Series, which exposed volunteers to leadership strategies.



Leadership Workshop Series 2 (Units 2 & 3)

A leadership training workshop, "Skills for Effective Leadership and Personal Growth," was organised by NSS Units 2 and 3 on September 28, 2024, in Loyola Hall. It brought together council members from all five units, programme officers, and the Programme Coordinator. The objective was to instil effective leadership qualities and emphasise physical and mental well-being, focusing on harmony and collective growth. Eminent resource persons conducted interactive sessions on time and stress management, and self-awareness, equipping members with practical tools. This second session marked a significant step in developing a capable council, fostering teamwork, ethical decision-making, and inclusivity.



NSS Unit 3

International Literacy Day

The International Literacy Day event, organised by NSS Unit-3 of St Joseph's University, highlighted literacy's significance. The event began with an introduction to the theme, emphasising literacy as a fundamental human right. Mr Vinay, the judge, was introduced. An engaging icebreaker set an interactive tone.

Volunteers were briefed on the debate topic: "Traditional vs. Digital Literacy," exploring education's evolving nature. The teams presented perspectives, demonstrating critical thinking. The debate highlighted both traditional and digital literacy's importance. The winning team received tokens of appreciation from Mr Vinay. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, fostering learning, collaboration, and reflection on literacy as a tool for empowerment.

International Peace Day

International Peace Day was observed at St Joseph's University with two impactful sessions promoting peace and unity. The day began with a poster-making session where volunteers expressed visions of peace through creative artwork, featuring messages of harmony and coexistence. This hands-on activity fostered engagement and reflection. In the evening, a candlelight vigil was held in front of the NSS office, offering a serene and reflective atmosphere. Attendees lit candles and observed moments of silence, sharing a collective commitment to peace and honouring victims of conflict. Both sessions fostered community and solidarity, heightening awareness about individual roles in creating a peaceful environment and leaving participants with a renewed commitment to promoting peace locally and globally.

Swachhata Hi Seva: Cleanliness Drive at Government Tamil Higher Primary School

On September 21, 2024, NSS Unit-3 organised a cleanliness drive at the Government Tamil Higher Primary School to promote hygiene and sanitation. Student volunteers gathered with enthusiasm, receiving instructions on tasks and the importance of cleanliness. Armed with supplies, they thoroughly cleaned the school premises, including classrooms and playgrounds,

aiming to remove litter and instil responsibility.

The collective effort fostered teamwork and community involvement. This initiative improved the physical condition of the school and raised awareness about cleanliness, encouraging sustainable practices. The event successfully reinforced hygiene and cleanliness, leaving a lasting impact on volunteers and the school community, inspiring continuous efforts toward a clean environment.

NSS Day

On September 24, 2024, NSS Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, honouring the National Service Scheme and its dedicated volunteers. The NSS Office was beautifully decorated, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

The cultural programme highlighted social service and community involvement, with inspiring speeches emphasising selfless service and its societal impact. Attendees reflected on experiences, shared stories, and fostered deeper connections. The celebration created a strong sense of belonging and pride, recognising hard work and motivating others to volunteer. It reinforced that small efforts create meaningful change.

The event strengthened camaraderie and deepened commitment to community service, inspiring attendees to promote social welfare and a brighter future.



The International Literacy Day event highlighted the significance of education.

Leadership Workshop -2

A Leadership Workshop was organised for all council members of the National Service Scheme on September 28, 2024, in Loyola Hall, to enhance their understanding of advanced leadership skills and responsibilities.

The workshop, designed to equip members for effective leadership, consisted of four engaging sessions covering vision, ethical decision-making, stress management, adaptability, and fostering diversity and inclusion. Through interactive discussions and exercises, volunteers gained insights into inspiring peers while maintaining integrity.

Collaboration and shared experiences built a strong support network. The workshop enhanced individual leadership and contributed to a collective understanding of effective leadership, empowering members to fulfil their roles and strengthen the council's success.

Tobacco Free Youth Campaign

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National Constitution Day

The National Constitution Day event was organised to raise awareness about the Constitution, emphasising fundamental rights and duties. Volunteers gathered near the NSS unit office for a briefing before dividing into groups to spread awareness.

All groups united near Nanjappa Circle at the Ambedkar Statue. Local community members inaugurated the event, and together with volunteers, read the preamble. Volunteers engaged with the public, explaining the Constitution's relevance and encouraging reflection on rights and responsibilities.

The event reached a diverse audience, effectively spreading awareness and leaving a lasting impact, reminding citizens of their role in upholding constitutional principles.

Human Rights Celebration Week

Human Rights Week was a vibrant event fostering awareness and action on critical global and local

issues. Activities included an escape room, ribbon distribution, symbol formation, and an online quiz for health awareness. The inauguration featured discussions on human rights. A guest talk by the founder of Helping Hands for Disabled provided insights into challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Discussions on war and peace encouraged dialogue. Poster-making and school visits emphasised child welfare and adolescent rights. A panel discussion, skit, and online quiz focused on health and hygiene. Debates and skits raised awareness about gender equality. Activities on immigration issues, talks on corruption, and a valedictory ceremony reinforced child rights and social justice.

Civic Discussion

The public discussion titled 'Misplaced Priorities of BBMP's Projects' was organised by CIVIC Bangalore at Gandhi Bhavan. Dr A Ravindra, IAS (Retd), presided over the event. Dr Ashish Verma, Professor, IISc, highlighted the inefficiency and high costs of controversial BBMP infrastructure projects like tunnel roads and sky decks.

Panellists from Bangalore Environment Trust, Citizens for Citizens, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, and CIVIC Bangalore criticised expensive, ineffective projects, advocating for better planning and sustainable urban development. Slogans like "Tunnel Vision BEDA" and "Planning Authority BEKU" reflected demands for thoughtful, people-centric urban governance.

The discussion successfully highlighted flaws in BBMP's planning and reinforced the need for a well-structured planning authority for sustainable growth and better quality of life.

Talent Show

The Talent Show at Aloysius Hall showcased volunteers' hidden abilities. The event began with a ceremonial preamble and the NSS song, setting a tone of unity. Volunteers performed diverse talents, including singing and dancing, met with enthusiastic applause. Volunteers from other units were invited, adding diversity and broadening appeal. The core objective of celebrating latent potential was achieved. The energetic atmosphere strengthened bonds. The event left volunteers with renewed purpose, joy, and a strengthened collective spirit, proving a memorable occasion for all.

Slum Activity-1

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The activity culminated in a group photo with the MARGA association, capturing collective effort. This initiative provided valuable data and forged stronger connections between volunteers and residents, reinforcing the importance of social outreach and community support in addressing issues faced by underserved areas, and reminding of the ongoing need for collective action for meaningful change.

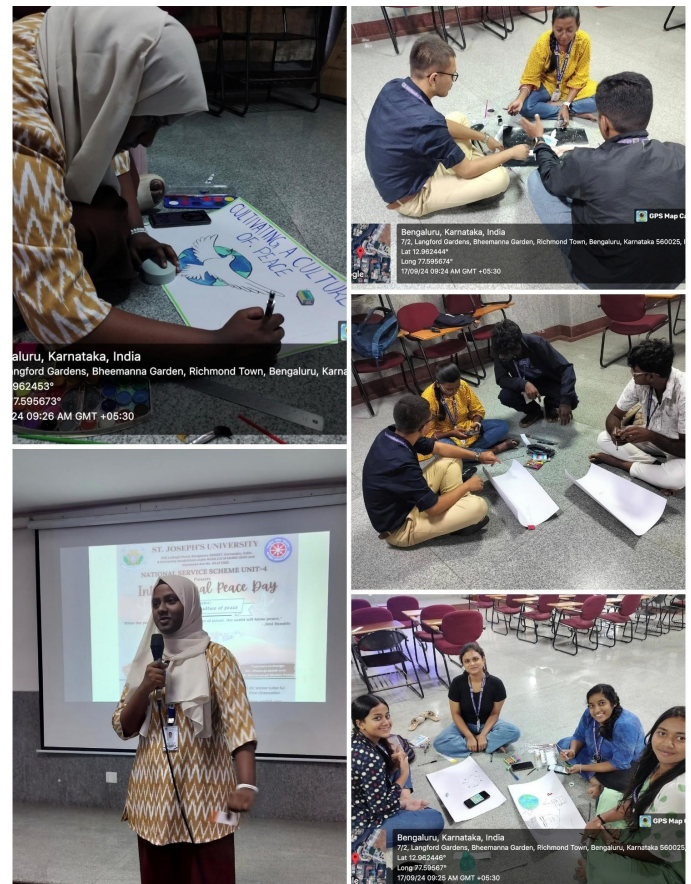
World Braille Day

World Braille Day was celebrated with sessions raising awareness about braille's significance for visually impaired individuals. The morning session introduced volunteers to braille's technical aspects through a hands-on activity, where they learned to create characters, words, and sentences, understanding its functionality and application as a crucial tool for communication and independence. In the afternoon, volunteers interacted with Tara, a visually impaired student, who shared challenges and how braille helps him. A documentary on braille's creation highlighted Louis Braille's innovative work and its impact on accessibility. The event concluded with reflections on braille promoting inclusivity and enabling full participation for visually impaired individuals.

Food for the Needy (Units 3 & 4)

NSS Unit 4, in collaboration with NSS Unit 3, successfully organised "Food for the Needy," an initiative to support underprivileged individuals. Enthusiastic volunteers prepared nutritious meals through collaborative cooking, packing, and organising, symbolising unity and shared purpose. Meals were thoughtfully distributed in nearby neighbourhoods with kindness and respect, extending care and solidarity beyond immediate hunger. This initiative instilled a deeper sense of social responsibility, allowing volunteers to reflect on the importance of giving and the impact of small acts of kindness. "Food for the Needy" demonstrated the power of collective action,

building a compassionate and inclusive society.



International Peace Day was organised by the NSS Cell at St Joseph's University, with two impactful sessions promoting peace and unity.



NSS Units 3 and 4 organised 'Food for the Needy,' an initiative that engaged volunteers in activities of food packaging and delivery.

NSS Unit 4

Meal Packaging

On September 28, 2024, volunteers gathered at the Rise Against Hunger India warehouse in Raghavendra Nagar, Kalkere, for a meal packaging event. This initiative supports Rise Against Hunger's mission to create a hunger-free world by providing packaged food to orphanages, NGOs, and shelters. NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University sent volunteers and council members. A preparatory meeting ensured participants were well-prepared. Volunteers actively packaged food with precision and enthusiasm, contributing to the initiative's success. This collaboration exemplified collective effort in addressing hunger.

Plantation Drive (Swachhata Hi Seva)

To promote wildlife conservation and environmental protection, the Forest Ministry of Karnataka organised a Wildlife Walkathon from the High Court to Lalbagh on October 2, 2024. NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University participated alongside Governor Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, and Forest Minister Shri Eshwar Khandre.

The walkathon raised awareness about protecting wildlife and green spaces amidst urbanisation. The presence of government officials, environmentalists, and youth volunteers underlined the importance of collective responsibility. Volunteers received T-shirts, caps, and certificates. The event inspired action, strengthening the bond between people and nature, and fostering a more informed and environmentally conscious society.

National Youth Day

National Youth Day was celebrated with enthusiasm, honouring Swami Vivekananda's teachings. The event aimed to inspire students to embrace his values of dedication, discipline, and self-reliance. It began with an introduction to Swami Vivekananda's life and contributions.

Volunteers were divided into four groups for interactive games like 'Do What Simon Says' and Pictionary, fostering camaraderie. Teams researched Swami Vivekananda's milestones and achievements, including his 1893 Chicago address. Each group presented findings, reflecting

on his teachings' relevance. The event concluded with a discussion on embodying his ideals, inspiring everyone to strive for personal and social excellence.



NSS volunteers participated in Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging drive at their Kalkere warehouse.

International Peace Day

On September 17, 2024, NSS Unit 4 celebrated International Peace Day to inspire volunteers to promote peace. The event began with a welcome speech, NSS anthem, and pledge. The main highlight was a poster-making activity where volunteers created artwork on non-violence, harmony, and global unity. Volunteers also wrote and presented peace-related quotes, fostering deeper reflection.

The 'Hands of Hope' donation drive was launched to collect stationery, books, and non-perishable food for underprivileged communities. The event successfully promoted peace through creative activities, encouraged meaningful conversations, and strengthened community among volunteers, leaving a lasting impact on their views on peace and unity.

Hands of Hope (Collection Drive)

NSS Unit 4 conducted a donation drive for

orphanage children from September 17-30, 2024, at various locations within St Joseph's University, including the Science Block, Quadrangle, Magis Block, Arrupe Block, Stationery, and Admin Block. Donation boxes were also placed in academic departments with deans' permission. Online and offline promotions maximised reach. Volunteers accepted only in-kind donations like food, stationery, first aid kits, and sanitary pads; monetary contributions were prohibited. The drive's purpose was effectively communicated. It was highly successful, collecting substantial essential items. Beyond social awareness, it developed volunteers' persuasion, promotion, and resilience skills.

Peace Walk

NSS Unit 4 organised a Peace Walk around the university campus on September 18, 2024, to promote unity and non-violence. Volunteers enthusiastically participated, carrying placards and posters with powerful slogans.

The walk commenced from the NSS office, proceeded through various blocks, including the PG block, and concluded back at the NSS office. Volunteers maintained a peaceful atmosphere, reinforcing non-violence. The Peace Walk successfully raised awareness among university students and staff about peace and harmony, providing a platform to advocate for non-violence. Posters and placards left a lasting visual impact, strengthening unity among volunteers and highlighting collective efforts in promoting peace.

NSS Day

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit 4 of St Joseph's University celebrated NSS Day on September 24, 2024, marking its 55th anniversary. The event commenced at 8:15 am with chief guests Dr Gurudutta and Mr Mueen Pasha, followed by the NSS flag hoisting and anthem. Guests delivered motivational insights reinforcing the motto, "Not Me But You," emphasising service and leadership. A pledge-taking ceremony reinforced values of sportsmanship and dedication. The event successfully instilled the spirit, objectives, and vision of NSS in volunteers, ensuring the legacy continues with individuals motivated and committed to inclusivity and service.

Wildlife Walkathon and Plantation Drive (Swachhata Hi Seva)

On October 2, 2024, the Karnataka Forest Department organised a Wildlife Walkathon from the High Court to Lalbagh, promoting wildlife conservation and environmental protection. NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University participated alongside Governor Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, and Forest Minister Shri Eshwar Khandre. Volunteers received T-shirts, caps, and certificates. The walkathon raised awareness about protecting wildlife and green spaces amidst urbanisation. The presence of government officials, environmentalists, and youth volunteers underlined collective responsibility. The event inspired action, strengthening the bond between people and nature, fostering a more informed and environmentally conscious society.



The Karnataka Forest Department organised a Wildlife Walkathon, where NSS volunteers supported the event with a plantation drive.

Cleanliness Drive (Swachhata Hi Seva)

In line with the Swachh Bharat Mission and its 10th anniversary, NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University conducted a cleanliness drive around the university premises. This initiative aimed to spread awareness about daily cleanliness, engage volunteers in cleaning public spaces, and reinforce Swachh Bharat's core values.

The drive began with a pledge led by Dr Pooja. Volunteers enthusiastically cleaned surroundings, collecting and segregating waste. The activity reminded citizens of their role in public hygiene, demonstrating collective action.

The drive instilled civic and moral responsibility, emphasised rigorous volunteer-ship and community involvement, and enhanced political and social consciousness, contributing to a cleaner, more aware, and responsible society.

Social Media Awareness (Swachhata Hi Seva)

NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University organised a social media awareness campaign, "Small Steps, Big Impact," focusing on waste segregation. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about waste segregation's role in improving environmental and public health and inspire sustainable waste management practices.

NSS volunteers interviewed students across campus about waste segregation's importance, implementation, and effects. These interviews prompted reflections on how categorising waste reduces pollution and protects resources. Campaign content was shared on social media, reaching a wider audience. Students engaged with posts, amplifying the message.

The campaign developed civic responsibility, making students more conscious of their environmental contributions.

Communal Harmony Day

On October 8, 2024, NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University organised a creative dumb charades activity in the Audio Visual Room, Arrupe Block, promoting communal and social harmony. NSS volunteers, council members, and faculty, including Dr Divith, Dr Pooja, and guest speaker Dr Clement D'Souza, Professor, participated.

Dr D'Souza delivered a thought-provoking address on inner harmony. The dumb charades activity, where volunteers enacted themes of social harmony, fostered energy and camaraderie, reinforcing togetherness. The event successfully blended learning with enjoyment, leaving participants with a renewed sense of responsibility toward fostering communal harmony and building stronger social connections.

Hands of Hope (Distribution Drive)

Under the compassionate initiative 'Hands of Hope,' NSS Unit 4 organised a meaningful donation drive to bring joy and support to local government school students. Volunteers engaged children in fun activities like musical chairs and memory challenges, promoting teamwork and confidence, and creating an atmosphere of joy.

The highlight was the distribution of thoughtfully curated stationery items, ensuring materials were given with care and dignity to encourage learning. The drive strengthened the connection between the NSS Unit and the community.

The event was a heartwarming success, reflecting the true essence of giving and leaving a lasting impression on all involved.



Unit 4 organised International Peace Day Celebrations, where they launched 'Hands of Hope.'

Universal Children's Day

NSS Unit-4, in collaboration with CARE (Centre for Amenities, Rehabilitation, and Education), organised a vibrant event to commemorate Universal Children's Day. The initiative focused on empowering young minds of the KS Garden slum community by creating awareness about their fundamental rights.

The event began with an introduction to children's rights, followed by an interactive session explaining six fundamental rights through fun examples. Children actively brainstormed, popping balloons with rights-related prompts. A group activity promoted creativity and teamwork, with children creating drawings and narrating stories. Painted thumbprints on a collective chart symbolised unity.

The program concluded with refreshments, leaving children joyful and with a deeper understanding

of their rights, strengthening the bond between volunteers and the community.

Human Rights Day - Day Against War and for Peace
As part of Human Rights Day celebrations, NSS Unit-4 observed the Day Against War and for Peace, emphasising global harmony and critically reflecting on war's consequences. The event featured engaging activities: collage-making, essay writing, and a debate competition, all centred on war and peace.

Collage making involved visual expression of war's devastation and hopes for peace. The essay-writing competition provided a platform for deeper exploration of global harmony, offering insightful perspectives. The debate competition brought spirited discussions on war ethics, militarisation, and diplomacy, encouraging critical thinking.

Overall, the event successfully encouraged dialogue, creativity, and reflection, aligning with core values of peace, unity, and human dignity.

Human Rights Day - Day for Immigrants

As part of Human Rights Day, NSS Unit-4 observed the Day for Immigrants on December 8, 2024, honouring their struggles, achievements, and contributions.

Four impactful activities were organised: a Collage Making Competition visually represented immigrant hardships and triumphs, highlighting diversity and resilience. An Essay Writing Competition provided a platform for reflection on immigrant roles in nation-building and inclusivity. An Awareness Campaign at Cubbon Park saw NSS volunteers interacting with the public, shedding light on challenges faced by immigrants. An online Photography Contest encouraged visuals depicting immigrant experiences and unity.

The observance served as a powerful reminder for compassion, understanding, and collective action to promote an inclusive and equitable world.

Rise Against Hunger 2 - Food Packaging Drive

On December 14, 2024, Rise Against Hunger India conducted its monthly food packing drive at their warehouse to support vulnerable communities. 11 volunteers from NSS Unit 4 of St Joseph's University actively participated, packing essential

food supplies for distribution.

This experience provided a deeper understanding of community service and food insecurity challenges. By contributing to the logistics, volunteers gained hands-on exposure to impactful initiatives. The drive fostered teamwork and solidarity, encouraging young individuals to actively participate in combating hunger and malnutrition, representing a powerful step towards building an empathetic and action-oriented community.

Joy of Giving - Flashmob

NSS Unit 4 organised an engaging and impactful flashmob under the Joy of Giving initiative at the Arrupe Atrium. The event aimed to raise awareness about children's education and inspire student participation in a donation drive for educational supplies.

A powerful skit portrayed the struggles of underprivileged children in accessing quality education, highlighting how small acts of kindness, like stationery donations, can have a transformative impact. Volunteers then explained the campaign's purpose, encouraging donations of essential stationery.

This initiative served as a call to action, fostering compassion and collective responsibility, and leaving the audience with a meaningful message about empathy and community-driven efforts.

Tobacco Free Youth Campaign

On October 15, 2024, the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 was organised with twenty-three volunteers. Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah delivered a speech emphasising the necessity of a tobacco-free environment for youth, highlighting health risks and the role of young people. The event successfully raised awareness about tobacco dangers and encouraged youth participation in fostering a healthier society.

NSS Unit 5

Cancer Awareness

NSS Unit 5, in collaboration with the Student Council, NCC Air SQN, YRC, NCC Armed SQN, Bambala SJU, Eco Club, Sammppradha Hospital, and Lions International-317A, organised a Cancer Awareness Walkathon. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about cancer, early detection, prevention, and timely treatment. Volunteers from other NSS units also contributed.

The Vice Chancellor and Program Officer of NSS Unit 5 delivered insightful talks on cancer awareness and healthy lifestyle choices. Participants carried placards with impactful messages. The walk from the university to Kanteerava Stadium and back captured public attention. Volunteers engaged with the public, distributing pamphlets. The event concluded with a group photo, symbolising unity in fighting cancer.

Vigilance Awareness

The Vigilance Awareness Event, organised by NSS Unit 5, saw active participation from all five NSS units of St Joseph's University. It aimed to foster awareness and promote vigilance through educational discussions and engaging activities.

Dr Samuel Mores delivered an inspiring speech on vigilance and social responsibilities. Ms Maha Shriesha led a pledge, reinforcing honesty and accountability. Cultural performances, including a group song and dance, symbolised unity and civic duty. A debate competition promoted critical thinking, followed by a creative writing activity.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and certificate/prize distribution by Dr Samuel Mores and Ms Maha Shriesha, fostering active participation and reinforcing integrity.



NSS Unit 5 hosted Dr Samuel Mores and Ms Maha Shriesha during Vigilance Awareness Week.

General NSS

Republic Day Camp 2025: Trisha P's Journey

Trisha P, a dedicated NSS volunteer and BCom student at St Joseph's University, successfully navigated the rigorous selection process for the prestigious Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025, culminating in her marching down Kartavya Path on January 26, 2025. Her journey began with inter-university selection on September 10, 2024, followed by pre-RDC selection camps in Hassan (October 15-16, 2024) and Davangere (November 4-13, 2024). Through outstanding performance in marching, physical fitness, cultural activities, discipline, and NSS contributions, Trisha secured a place among the final twelve volunteers selected for the National RDC.

The intensive training involved covering over twenty kilometres daily. RDC was a platform for cultural exchange, embodying unity in diversity. Trisha also interacted with esteemed dignitaries including Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, President Smt Droupadi Murmu, and Vice President Sri Jagdeep Dhankar. Her participation exemplifies perseverance, leadership, and national service, serving as an inspiration to her peers.



Trisha P, a dedicated NSS volunteer successfully navigated the rigorous selection process for the prestigious Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025.

State Youth Festival Mysuru

The State Youth Festival, held in Mysuru from March 17-21, 2025, brought together passionate young volunteers for cultural, academic, and leadership activities. The event provided a

platform for youth to showcase talents, engage in discussions, and contribute to community service. The festival began with team registrations and an introductory session. An insightful session on National Service Scheme (NSS) and rural camps highlighted community service and leadership. The evening featured a vibrant cultural programme with diverse artistic performances.

Subsequent days included flag-hoisting, exercise, Shramadhana (community service), Youth Leadership sessions by Mr GB Shivaraj; solo and group singing competitions, a visit to Mysuru University, an essay writing competition, a session on National Integration by Dr Kalachennegowda, former Professor, Mysore University; the Amit competition, solo dance and skit performances, and a debate competition. The grand Shibira Jyothi event created a mesmerising spiritual atmosphere. The valedictory event marked the end of a transformative journey, leaving participants with valuable lessons, cherished memories, and lifelong friendships.



The State Youth Festival, held in Mysuru, brought together passionate young volunteers for various activities.

State Youth Festival Mangalore

The State Youth Festival in Mangalore, held from March 4-8, 2025, gathered enthusiastic youth for a dynamic series of cultural, academic, and leadership activities. The camp began with registrations, an introductory session, and a street walk. The inaugural ceremony was followed by vibrant cultural performances.

Subsequent days included flag-hoisting, exercise, Shramadhana, academic sessions on “Youth Leadership” and “Future Skills” by Mr Jagan Pawar, solo and group singing and dance competitions, elocution and debate competitions, fun games, and a skill competition. An educational programme on Tulu folk culture at Rani Abbakka Museum led by Dr Tukaram Poojari, Professor, essay writing, quiz competitions, and a cultural session led by State Officer Mr Pratap Lingaiah were also highlights. The grand “Shibira Jyothi” created a spiritual atmosphere. The final day concluded with a valedictory event, reflecting on the transformative journey and lasting impact of the festival.



NSS volunteers from St Joseph's University participated in the State Youth Festival in Mangalore.

Valedictory of Third Mini Olympics

The valedictory ceremony of the Third Mini Olympics at Kanteerava Stadium marked the grand conclusion of a successful and well-organised event. Volunteers played a crucial role in ensuring its smooth execution, contributing to the overall success.

The event celebrated athletes' dedication and outstanding performances, with their triumphs and sportsmanship recognised. The contributions of volunteers were also acknowledged for assisting athletes and managing logistics. The chief guest delivered an inspiring speech, commending perseverance.

The ceremony served as a moment of reflection on participants' achievements and the positive impact on the community, concluding with applause and excitement.

YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association)

On September 28, 2024, YMCA organised an engaging event promoting resilience, teamwork, and personal growth. It began with motivational

sessions featuring inspiring stories of overcoming physical challenges.

Participants engaged in interactive activities challenging physical and mental abilities, including group challenges and problem-solving tasks, fostering communication and creative thinking. Team-based games encouraged collaboration and friendly competition, testing agility and strategy.

The supportive atmosphere boosted morale. The event successfully provided an enriching experience, building strong relationships and reinforcing teamwork, leadership, and personal growth through inclusive programmes.

Gandhian Bhavan Procession- Commemoration of Gandhi Jayanthi

On October 2, 2024, the Government of Karnataka organised a procession from Gandhi Bhavan to Vidhan Soudha to honour Mahatma Gandhi and his principles of unity, peace, harmony, truth, and fearlessness. Volunteers from all NSS units of St Joseph's University actively participated, demonstrating commitment through teamwork and service. The procession allowed volunteers to engage with Gandhi's legacy and reflect on his teachings. Strict guidelines ensured punctuality and discipline. Council members ensured smooth coordination. The volunteers, walking in unity, symbolised collective responsibility and national pride, reinforcing NSS ideals. The event was a living example of youth upholding foundational values for a just and peaceful society.

Kannada Guru Workshop

A two-day Kannada learning session was organised by the Kannada Guru Organisation on October 9-10, 2024, to equip non-Kannada speaking NSS volunteers with basic language skills for service activities.

Volunteers actively learned common words and phrases through verbal exercises, group activities, vocabulary building, quizzes, role-plays, and team competitions. The workshop emphasised practical application in simulated scenarios, improving communication and cultural understanding. Study materials were distributed. Alumni Ms Praneetha Prakash and Mrs Tanmaya Prakash were presented with saplings, and volunteers received badges.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks,

reinforcing language's importance in fostering connection and inclusivity.

Karnataka State Olympic Program

The Karnataka State Olympics 2024, held on November 14, 2024, was a spectacular showcase of athletic talent and cultural vibrancy, organised by the Government of Karnataka. Students from across the state participated.

The Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka graced the event as chief guest, delivering an inspiring address and presenting awards to emerging sports stars. The celebration began with a vibrant cultural dance performance, followed by a grand assembly of students, educators, and dignitaries.

The Chief Minister highlighted sports' vital role in education and personal development, reaffirming government dedication to nurturing young athletes. The award ceremony honoured outstanding young athletes, serving as an inspiration and a proud moment for the state.



Volunteers from all NSS units of St Joseph's University actively participated in the procession from Gandhi Bhavan to Vidhan Soudha.

Talent Show

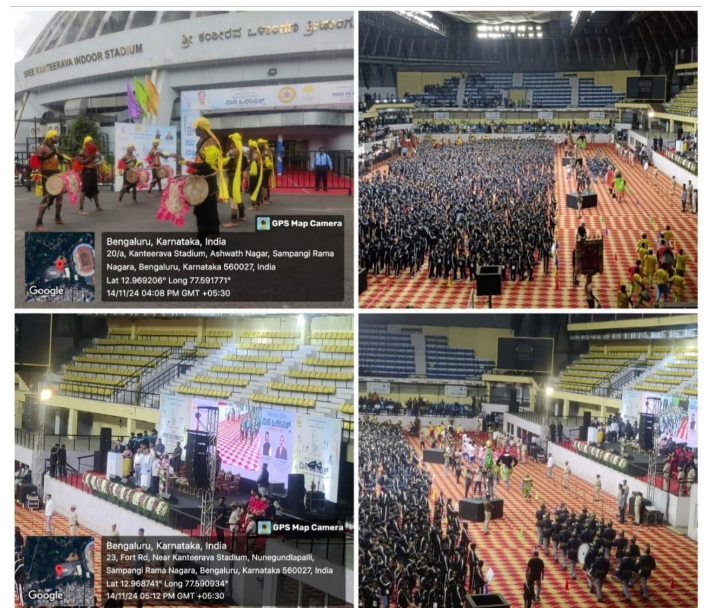
The Talent Show at Aloysius Hall showcased volunteers' hidden abilities. The event began with a ceremonial preamble and the NSS song, setting a tone of unity. Volunteers performed diverse talents, including singing and dancing, met with enthusiastic applause. Volunteers from other units were invited, adding diversity and broadening appeal. The core objective of celebrating latent potential was achieved. The energetic atmosphere strengthened bonds. The event left volunteers with renewed purpose, joy, and a strengthened

collective spirit, proving a memorable occasion for all.

World Braille Day

World Braille Day was celebrated with sessions raising awareness about braille's significance for visually impaired individuals. The morning session introduced volunteers to braille's technical aspects through a hands-on activity, where they learned to create characters, words, and sentences, understanding its functionality and application as a crucial tool for communication and independence.

In the afternoon, volunteers interacted with Tara, a visually impaired student, who shared challenges and how braille helps him. A documentary on braille's creation highlighted Louis Braille's innovative work and its impact on accessibility. The event concluded with reflections on braille promoting inclusivity and enabling full participation for visually impaired individuals.



The Karnataka State Olympic programme 2024 saw the participation of outstanding athletes from across the state.

NSS Participation

University Convocation

St Joseph's University hosted its first convocation for postgraduate students on September 27, 2024, a proud moment celebrating academic achievement and institutional growth. The procession was led by Pro-Visitor Dr MC Sudhakar and Dr Thimappa Hegde, who delivered an inspiring address.

694 students received postgraduate degrees, with 499 distinctions. 23 gold medals, 23 silver medals, and 11 Best Outgoing Student Awards were presented. NSS volunteers played a key role, assisting guests and ensuring smooth proceedings, contributing significantly to the event's success.

AICUF

AICUF Orientation

An orientation was organised for new AICUF members in the Auditorium Basement to enlighten them of the association's mission and vision on September 21, 2024. Over 30 participants attended the event. The chief guests for the day were Mr Ranjith and Mr Terance, alumni of AICUF. The event started 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 the current AICUF members along with the council members. The event concluded with an expression of gratitude to the resource persons and participants.

Christ Kengeri Campus Gospel Fest- ROPHE

The AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) of St Joseph's University, Bangalore, delivered an outstanding performance at the gospel fest, ROPHE, organised by Christ University, Kengeri Campus, Bangalore, on October 2, 2024. This event witnessed participation from numerous colleges, creating a competitive and spiritually enriching environment for the students.

Out of the 10 events held during the fest, 30 AICUF team members participated in 9 events and emerged victorious in 6 events, showcasing their talents in a wide range of categories. As a result of their consistent excellence, the university's AICUF delegation was crowned as the runners-up of the entire fest. In recognition of their achievements, the team was awarded a cash prize of 15,000 rupees.

MCC Fest (Servitium)

Volunteers participated in Servitium Fest, organised by Madras Christian College, Chennai, from September 24-25, 2024. A team travelled from Bengaluru, engaging in a variety of competitions. Students from St Joseph's University showcased talents in Stress Interview, Potpourri, Creative Writing (English and Tamil), and Face Painting, demonstrating strong performance and sportsmanship. Our university secured notable positions, including second place in Stress Interview, and third in Creative Writing (Tamil) and Face Painting. The event concluded with a valedictory ceremony acknowledging all participants.



The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University (SJU) organised an orientation session for new members in the year 2024-25.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor Outreach

The All-India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), St Joseph's University, organised a donation drive to help the elderly and abandoned children sheltered by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The AICUF successfully ran the drive with immense positive response. A sense of service was built through the orientation programme conducted for AICUF members. Donation boxes were placed around the campus and students were encouraged to donate generously. Students, driven by AICUF's spirit of kindness and compassion, philanthropically donated various items that find their use in daily life. The drive was a remarkable event, reminding everyone that "being rich is not about how much you have but how much you give."



AICUF SJU was crowned as runners-up of ROPHE, Christ University's gospel fest.

AICUFERS Got Talent

AICUFer's Got Talent, a three-day event organised by the AICUF of St Joseph's University, was held on October 18, 19, and 21, 2024. This programme aimed to showcase the unique and creative talents of AICUF members, with over 30 participants. The competitions were conducted during the lunch break 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 university's AICUF members. The valedictory ceremony was conducted on December 19, 2024.

AICUF State Convention

The AICUF State Convention marked a momentous occasion as the organisation celebrated 100 years of serving people across the country. On November 16, 2024, 10 representatives from St Joseph's University joined the event, which brought together AICUF units from 21 colleges to gather for this significant milestone. The event began with icebreaker activities, fostering enthusiasm and unity among participants. Distinguished speakers shared their insightful experiences based on gender equality, justice to the vulnerable, serving the marginal communities, and perspectives on societal issues, inspiring attendees to strengthen their commitment to the AICUF mission.

A key highlight of the event was the interactive question-and-answer sessions held after each speaker's address. These sessions allowed AICUF members to engage directly with the speakers, seek clarifications, and share their thoughts. The speakers responded with thoughtful and comprehensive answers, enriching the participants' understandings and perspectives. Group photographs were taken to conclude this special gathering, symbolising the unity and dedication of all participants. The AICUF State Convention was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired to continue their journey of service and leadership.



AICUF members organised a donation drive for the elderly and abandoned children sheltered by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Tea-Talk

The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University organised Tea-Talk 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. Over 15 participants attended the event, which was held at De Nobili Hall.

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 values and inspiration aligned with AICUF's objectives. The honourable chief guest was warmly welcomed, following which they addressed the gathering, sharing insightful thoughts and experiences that set the stage for further successful council initiatives. Gratitude was expressed by presenting the chief guest with a token of appreciation.

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



AICUFers Got Talent showcased members' talents across three days.

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 talent, enthusiasm, and healthy competition. 25 AICUF members 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, making the institution proud. The success at El-Shaddai 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.

Mangalore AICUF State Convention

The AICUF State Convention on December 13, 2024, marked a momentous occasion as the organization celebrated 100 years of serving people across the country. Representatives from St Joseph's University joined the event which brought together AICUF units from more than 21 colleges to gather this significant milestone, which was organised in Mangalore.

The event began with icebreaker activities, fostering enthusiasm and unity among participants. Distinguished speakers shared their insightful experiences based on gender equality, justice to the vulnerable, serving the marginal community and perspectives on societal issues, inspiring attendees to strengthen their commitment to the AICUF mission.

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Report on Jassica Santhmayor's Appointment as The National Convenor of AICUF

Jassica Santhmayor, the Vice President of the All-India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) at St Joseph's University, was elected as the National Convenor of AICUF. This achievement is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to social justice and inclusion. Jassica 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 more inclusive society.



AICUF SJU received the title of overall champions during El Shaddai, an intercollegiate fest organised by Jyothi Nivas College.

Christmas Unfolded

The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University conducted a week-long Christmas celebration from December 5, 2024. The event aimed to create awareness about the advent of love, peace, and joy. A series of engaging activities, designed to foster a sense of community and Christmas spirit among students and staff, were organised for over 50 participants. The events included Carol Singing Competition, Crib Making Contest, and Tree of Joy, where students and faculty wrote personal reflections on Christmas and shared them as stickers. Students from various departments participated in the activities, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

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 in and contributed to the success of the celebrations. The Christmas Week Celebration by AICUF successfully brought the university community together to reflect on the core values of Christmas, simultaneously fostering creativity, collaboration,

and a sense of unity among students and staff.

CHRONICLES - Gospel Fest

The Chronicle Fest, the annual inter-college event organised by the AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University, was held successfully from January 13-15, 2025. The theme revolved around Egyptian Culture while embracing gospel values and practices. The event invited participation from various Jesuit colleges associated with AICUF across Bengaluru.

The inaugural ceremony hosted Dr MG Devasahayam, the former IAS officer, as the chief guest. Other dignitaries present included Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor; Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; Mr Paul Newman, Professor, Department of History; Rev Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer; and the AICUF Coordinators. The guests shared inspiring life experiences of serving the marginalised and officially unveiled the festival poster, marking the beginning of the celebration.

100 students from different AICUF units actively participated in the variety competitions that were organised by AICUF SJU. On January 15, 2025, the valedictory ceremony honoured the winners and runners-up of each event. Christ University (Kengeri) was declared the overall runners-up, while Mount Carmel College emerged as the overall winner, making the Chronicle Fest 2025 one of the most successful editions in its history. The awards were presented by chief guest Mr Bharath, Department of Economics.



Members from the AICUF Unit participated in the AICUF State Convention, which was organised in Mangalore.

Republic Day Celebration – Government School Visit

The AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University organised Republic Day 2025 celebrations at Tamil Medium Government School, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru. The

event began with the hoisting of the national flag by the headmaster, accompanied by the recitation of the Preamble and patriotic songs that created an inspiring atmosphere.

Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural events, including patriotic dances, melodious songs, and impactful speeches, all emphasising the significance of the Republic Day. To engage the students further, the 20 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 Programme

The Cancer Awareness Day session, organised by the AICUF Unit of St Joseph's University on February 4, 2025, was a significant initiative aimed at spreading awareness and breaking misconceptions surrounding cancer. The programme, which was held in the AV Room, 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. AICUF members actively took part in clarifying the myths and misconceptions with the help of facts. 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.

Overall, the session was impactful, fostering awareness, breaking stigma and inspiring AICUF members to contribute toward cancer support initiatives. The AICUF Unit remains committed to advocating for health awareness and community well-being through these meaningful engagements.

Christ Bannerghatta Campus - Yirah Fest

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. 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.

Trailblazing Women: Self-defence Workshop

A self-defence workshop was organised by the AICUF unit of St Joseph's University on March 15, 2025. The event was a significant initiative aimed at spreading awareness and meaningfully celebrating International Women's Day 2025.

The event commenced with an interactive and interesting puzzle activity that featured great achievements of women in different fields. An inspiring speech was delivered by invited speaker Mr Sam D Simon, a renowned 3rd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. He 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 sessions on 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.



The AICUF SJU actively participated in YIRAH, an intercollegiate fest organised by Christ College.

The Josephite Choir

Christmas Season

The Josephite Choir brought festive cheer to the community with their captivating performances during the Christmas season. The Christmas season performances featured a repertoire of traditional carols, contemporary holiday songs, and sacred hymns, arranged to captivate audiences of all ages. The setlist included 'Gloria' by Jason Gray, 'Prepare Him Room' by Sovereign Grace Music, a Christmas Carol Medley, as well as an original composition, 'Celebrate'.

The Josephite Choir performed at various events this Christmas season such as Magnificat, organised by Christ (Deemed to be) University at their Central and Kengeri campuses, at 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 second place at VR mall's Annual Christmas Carol Competition. The choir closed the Christmas Season with a set at UB City.

The Josephite Choir's Christmas performances were not just musical events but heartfelt expressions of joy, hope, and community spirit, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege to attend.

Resound 2025

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.

With their signature harmonies and powerful stage presence, the Josephite Choir mesmerised the audience with a thoughtfully curated setlist that embodied the event's theme. The performance featured a mix of contemporary and traditional choral arrangements, blending acapella, and modern vocal styles.

The event saw an overwhelming response from the audience, with The Josephite Choir receiving high praise for their dynamic and soul-stirring performance. The participation in Resound

once again showcased the members' talents and commitment to using music as a force for connection and celebration, leaving a lasting impression on all those in attendance.



The Josephite Choir performed at various Christmas events in and around the state of Karnataka.



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PANEX-2025: Silver Jubilee Exhibition of the Philatelists And Numismatists Association of SJU and Silver Jubilee Celebrations

On September 11, 2024, a special meeting was held for current and honorary members to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Philatelists And Numismatists Association (PANA), one of the smallest professional associations of St Joseph's University.

Visit to Grand Philately Exhibition

On October 5 and 6, 2024, a few members of PANA visited the Grand Philately Exhibition that marked the 170th anniversary of Indian Postal Stamps, organised at the Indian Institute of World Culture. Senior members won prizes in a Philately event.

National Philately Day - Participation

A PANA student delegation representing the university attended the National Philately Day Celebrations conducted at Bangalore GPO, and received mementos from the organisers.

Annual Exhibition of Philatelists And Numismatists Association - Participation

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 comprised of 186 postage stamps, 36 postal stationeries, 327 coins, and 95 currency notes. The jury consisted of Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar; Mr. Clement D'Souza, former Dean, School of Humanities; Mr G Anuplal, Head of the Department of Industrial Relations; Dr Maria, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology; and Mr Anil D'Souza, Manager.

Centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's Visit to Belgaum

To mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Belgaum, a special display of postal stationeries, currency notes, and coins with depictions of the Father of the Nation was featured as part of PANEX-25. Hundreds of students and faculty members of all schools, as well as parents and children of faculty members, visited and appreciated the exhibition.

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